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Where are billions due Blacks from tobacco settlements?

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 by: William Reed

Black neighborhoods continue to be shortchanged billions of dollars from the tobacco settlement. The question now is: How long will local and elected Black leaders allow this injustice against our communities to continue?

Although much of the Master Agreement Settlement (MSA) monies gained from the tobacco industry were based on factual reports of Blacks having higher incidences of smoking and greater needs for group specific health provisions, Black oriented groups and programs are not in the loop.

The MSA freed cigarette makers from claims for reimbursement to the states for the cost of treating sick smokers. As part of the agreement, cigarette companies agreed to lay to

rest Joe Camel and any other cartoon masochists, end outdoor advertising, pay for youth anti-smoking campaigns, limit industry lobbying and disband tobacco trade associations.

Three years since cigarette makers landmark settlement with the states over costs associated with treating sick smokers, less than 10% of the money is earmarked for anti-smoking programs, meaning the nation's 47 millions smokers who are financing the agreement are not getting help to break their habits. Meanwhile, tobacco companies' earnings are up; lawyers are collecting billions in fees, growers are getting half the settlement proceeds in tobacco growing states and settlement funds are being used for everything from tax rebates to water projects.

The vast majority of states are not spending even the minimum

amount needed to put in place effective and comprehensive tobacco prevention programs. Chief law enforcement officers from 46 states signed the agreement with the major manufacturers of cigarettes in 1998. The \$246 billion is to reimburse the states for past costs associated with taking care of sick smokers under Medicaid. Over the past three years, state legislatures have debated how best to use the settlement. Thus far, over \$8.2 billion of the \$246 billion settlement has been appropriated by 44 states.

In 2000, legislators introduced more than 558 bills and enacted 91 relating to allocation of funds. Forty-one states have earmarked \$3.5 billion, or 43.2% of the total, on health care services, the settlement monies' top recipient. The second-leading category is "other uses," with \$1.4 billion, or 16.7%. Tobacco prevention programs are third, with 35

states planning to spend \$754 million, or 9.2%, in the category. Tobacco growers are slated to receive the fourth highest amount, as farmers in seven states share \$537 million, or 6.6% of the total.

If leaders of Black communities across America checked to see how many millions of dollars they are currently due, they'd be at stateshouses tomorrow demanding to know: "What happened to our money from the tobacco settlement?"

To add insult to injury, a number of states have enacted new cigarette excise tax legislation. To gain justice for our communities, shouldn't local leaders be concerned about our share of both the old and new monies? When Congress debated the original bill, the Congressional Black Caucus' working group on tobacco, said, "We must position the minority community so it benefits proportionately from a tobacco bill."

At the same time, Jeanette Noltenius of the Latino Council on Alcohol said: "Every tax dollar that is raised in the minority community should go back to minority communities." Not enough of MSA monies are coming to our neighborhoods. The issue of how tobacco settlement funds should, and can, be helping us is one we should be pursuing with vigor at every level of our communities.



Frank Ballance and his committee stops door to door showing at home touch of hospitality to community while on his busy schedule.
 photo by Jim Rouse



Committee to Elect Janice Coles above top photo in Williamston below center Cliton Davis arrives at benefit for Janice Coles, while the M'Voice camera catches Mrs. Coles in the midst of smiles
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Senate District #3 nominee Patricia Ferguson and Mother stopped for the M'Voice camera while she visited Philippi Church Of Christ in Greenville.
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The Mayor of Snow Hill far right, stands with Vickie Keel for Court of Clerk in Snow Hill while her Mother and Father look on.
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Bro Jim Rouse CEO of Jim Rouse Communications has fellowship with mothers and supporters as always never forgetting his heritage and the people who has loved him for years.
 Minority Voice staff photo

An answer to poor schools

What do you do when your child's school lacks good equipment and has poor teachers?

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. has proposed a seven-step program to use in the interim as fights are mounted to get better schools.

His plan requires parents — educated or not — to take an interest in their children as parents did in the old days when segregated Black schools had hand-me-down textbooks, run-down buildings and few resources.

1. Take your children to the first day of school.
2. Meet your children's teachers.
3. Exchange home and work numbers with your children's teachers.
4. Turn off the television for three hours on every weeknight.

5. Pick up your child's report card.
6. Read to your child every night, or have your child read to you.

7. Take your child to the religious services of your choice.

This program works. Dr. Ben Carson, the noted Johns Hopkins University surgeon, is proof it does. He relates in his biography that his mother, who insisted on his reading and who paid attention to his education, is the reason he was able to achieve his lifetime goals. His story is just one of many which attest to the success of good parenting.

There is one question every parent should ask: What do I want for my child as school begins this year? If the answer is success, then it is not just up to the school, but up to you to set the goals.

A good 'beat-the-heat' plan

As cities around the country struggle to cope with the heat and humidity that has turned lawns brown and killed residents, the District of Columbia should be proud of its beat-the-heat plan that went into effect after the heat index reached 95 degrees F.

In the nation's capital, the plan is simple:

1. Street showers are activated in selected locations.
2. Cooling centers are opened in senior

citizens facilities, District government buildings and other locations.

3. Public swimming pool hours are extended.

4. Fans are distributed to special needs population.

Other jurisdictions looking to save lives might want to contact Mayor Anthony William's office for more information. His beat-the-heat plan is a good plan that works.

Cleaning House in Georgia

Voters in Georgia ousted two incumbent members of Congress in that state's Aug. 20 primary, an angry White male and an outspoken Black female.

Democrat Cynthia McKinney is the outspoken Black female. We'll miss her. A five-term incumbent who once survived a court-ordered realignment of her district, McKinney was not afraid to criticize the president, even in time of war. This outspokenness eventually cost her. She enraged Republicans and embarrassed some members of her own party when she suggested last fall that President Bush may have had advance knowledge about the terrorist attacks on September 11. It turns out that the allegation was not as farfetched as it seemed at the time as we have seen from the memos and briefing documents and urgent warnings from the field that apparently bombarded Washington during the weeks leading up to the attack. But there are some things, we guess, that you just don't say out loud.

McKinney also alienated Jewish voters in her district by making impolitic remarks about Israel and by appearing to solicit money from a Saudi prince who had criticized America after the terrorist attack. In any event, large numbers of Republicans crossed party lines in Georgia's open primary for the specific pleasure of voting against her. McKinney will be replaced by newcomer Denise Majette, a former state court judge who distinguished herself by

running a positive campaign despite the passions swirling around her.

The angry White male — perhaps the angriest White male in Congress — is Republican Robert L. Barr, who was forced by redistricting to run against a political colleague, John Linder. The nation is well rid of Barr. Good riddance to him.

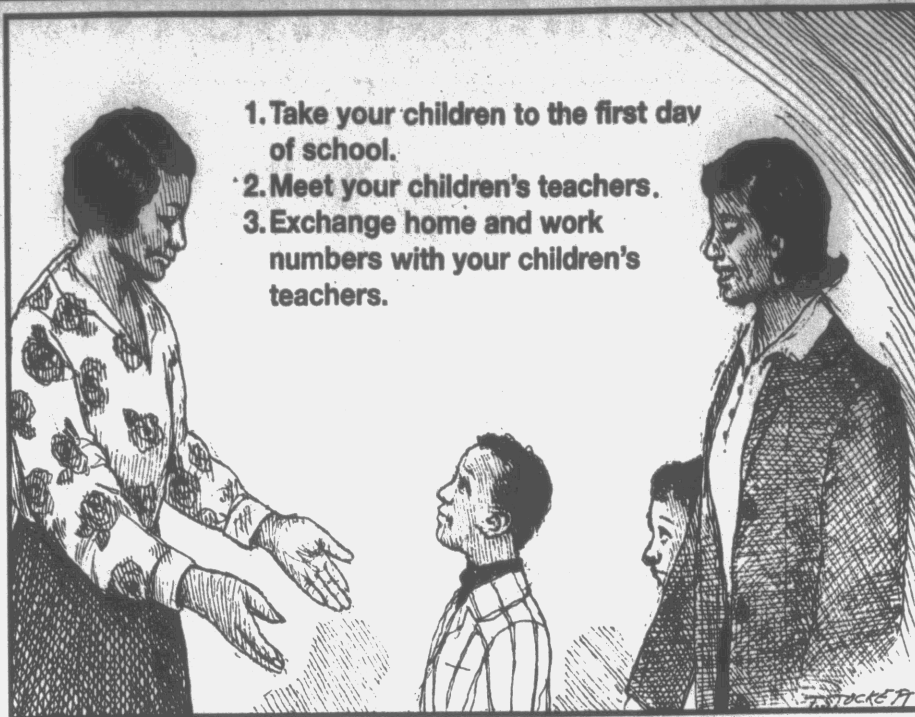
Vituperative and vitriolic, a master of the politics of red meat whose personal beliefs put him slightly to the right of Attila, the Hun, Barr became a national hero in Republican circles for his passionate, relentless pursuit of Bill and Hilary Clinton, dating almost from the moment the Clintons entered the White House. Some of the things Barr had to say about the Clintons were, quite frankly, irresponsible. But despite this, or perhaps because of this, Barr became a frequent figure on the Sunday afternoon talk show circuit. His distorted worldview warped public policy. His deep enmity toward the president eventually led to a specious impeachment hearing that would rate as one of the most embarrassing spectacles of the 20th century if Barr and his ilk were capable of shame.

We would like to report that Barr's constituents eventually became tired of his antics, but such is not the case. Georgia's Democratic-controlled legislature redrew his district last year in such a way as to pit two Republican conservatives against each other. So be it. We are thankful that in this case, politics prevailed where reason failed.

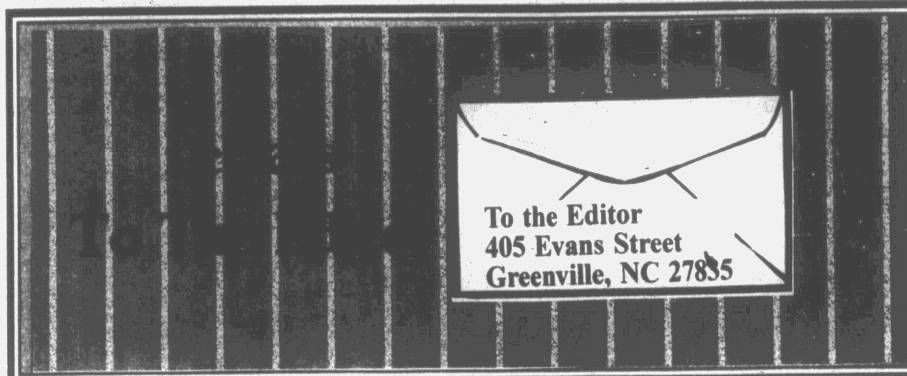
What's behind redistricting?

Every 10 years, redistricting is required by the Constitution to equalize voting populations based on the decennial census. And because the Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution to require that each U.S. House district have an equal number of people, any state with more than one district must usually adjust its district lines. State legislators and governors redraw the boundaries of the House districts, although Congress has the right to regulate and modify state plans. But, we wonder, what's behind this "law?" In this week's *Washington Afro-American*, we have a report about Ward 6 residents being shuffled off to

Ward 8. Some charge that it is another racist way to dilute the African-American vote by splitting it, and in so doing, create so-called White wards as voting blocs. Is this really by design? The law stipulates that the area must be redistricted, but what alarms us is that this was done so quietly, possibly to avert any of the outrage we would expect. Should we have had the opportunity to reject or oppose the new boundaries? Are African Americans being herded into certain districts, and we're not upset? It reminds us of when the European countries divided up the African continent and failed to recognize tribal boundaries.



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The other drug war

An army of more than 600 lobbyists for the pharmaceutical industry can be credited with the defeat of the latest attempt to pass a drug benefit bill for Medicare recipients.

Their soldiers, armed with more than \$78 million, were well selected and included 23 former members of Congress (13 Republicans and 10 Democrats) and 340 (54 percent of the total) with revolving door connections or who had previously worked for Uncle Sam.

Worried that if any legislation is passed to allow Medicare to buy in bulk, it would lead to discounted prices in the lucrative senior citizen market, the pharmaceutical industry launched an unprecedented barrage of lobbying campaign contributions and so-called issue "ads."

The drug industry spent \$20.1 million in direct contributions to candidates and party committees in the 1999-2000 election cycle with 67 percent going to Republican candidates.

The pharmaceutical industry is filling the coffers of would-be senators and representatives right now for the November 2002 mid-term election of one-third of the Senate and all of the House of Representatives. Now is the time to act, don't wait

until November.

Unless, you, the American public checks out your congressional candidate, there will be no help for our seniors. If you want Medicare drug benefit legislation to ever pass Congress, you must check on where the candidate of your choice is getting the money to support his or her campaign. More than checking, let your congressional candidate know you don't want the pharmaceutical companies deciding the criteria for any kind of prescription benefits.

As director of Meds-Assist and author of *Free Meds: The Drug Companies' Best Kept Secret*, I can't stress how important it is that our seniors be protected. When they are forced to pay as much as \$1,200 a month on medication, it leaves very little money for necessities. I see and hear horror stories each day from our elderly citizens taking such drastic measures as eating cat food so they can afford their medications or reducing dosages or just not taking their life-saving, life-sustaining medications at all. We cannot let them down because we will all be there ourselves one day.

TRACEY BROWN, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Meds-Assist

Tiger Woods

The Ron Walters column, "Tiger Woods retards civil rights" (*AFRO*, Aug. 3-9), is specious. Walters takes Woods to task for the "negation of his Blackness" and "Cablonasian" that recognizes his Caucasian, Black and Asian ancestry, as well as Woods' belief "that private clubs that discriminate against women" are "entitled" to set up their own rules.

Indeed, purely private clubs that receive no public aid or special exemption do have the right to discriminate with respect to membership and use of their facilities. The civil rights statutes do not reach purely private discrimination that is unsupported by government. Thus fraternities and sororities and churches and religious societies are free to discriminate on any basis. The Congressional Black Caucus routinely discriminates against Black Republican members of Congress and White members representing predominantly Black districts.

To challenge Woods' courage or his unwillingness to take up the cause of women in sports — and the

remaining struggle of Blacks in golf, tennis, hockey and other sports where Blacks and women have met grudging acceptance or rejection" is surreal.

To demand that Tiger Woods should put Blackness ahead of his pocketbook is unreasonable. To expect a millionaire athlete to give up millions of dollars in income from product and other commercial endorsements, which would be withdrawn if he took a stand for the cause of primarily White women seeking golf club privileges, is preposterous.

In the last census, many Blacks, like Woods, for the first time, indicated that they were Caucasian, Black, Indian and Asian by checking more than one box on the census form. And Hispanics and Asians overwhelmingly checked the box "White" simply because White means inclusion in the American society. The facts of life required it.

Sincerely,

CHARLES WILLIAMS
Washington, D.C.

Africa needs more than attention

For 10 days beginning Aug. 26, leaders from around the globe will assemble in Johannesburg for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, one of the largest-ever gatherings of its kind.

This is another example of the increased attention Africa has received in recent months. But Africa needs more than high-profile attention. It needs implementation of a concrete, long-term growth strategy like the one that the Johannesburg Summit hopes to produce.

The G-8 leaders from the world's richest nations recently produced an Africa aid plan that, unfortunately, is richer in promise than in fact. It is notable that the \$6 billion Africa might receive from the G-8, beginning in 2006, is considerably less than the \$10 billion committed to the former Soviet states — in another form of foreign assistance — to dismantle nuclear weapons.

At the G-8 meeting, President Bush promised little new aid to Africa beyond what was previously announced. With some fanfare, he pledged a 50 percent increase in international economic assistance in March. Fifty percent is significant, and the president's welcomed decision could cast the terms of the debate in a more realistic and positive light.

The U.S. increase, which would take effect between 2004 and 2006, would require congressional approval and continued White House backing, two factors that are not guaranteed.

But even if that relatively big increase becomes reality, the U.S. still would be a piker among the donor nations. With the proposed increase, the Center for Global Development and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities report that U.S. foreign assistance would rise to represent only 0.13 percent of our nation's gross domestic product in 2006. That level of spending would keep the U.S. at the bottom of the list of donor nations when foreign assistance is compared to national wealth. The U.S. wouldn't even look good compared to itself. The projected 2006 level of foreign aid would be less than that provided by Washington in almost every year since 1945, according to the two centers.

Of course, Africa should not wait for the U.S. or any other rich nation to provide assistance that may or may not come in the amount and form needed to substantially raise its standard of living. Last month, African leaders did take the initiative by launching the African Union.

With its focus on good governance, the AU is positioned to make important advances in African stability and democracy, two essential elements in the elimination of poverty.

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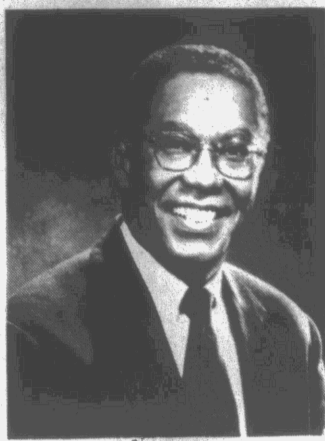
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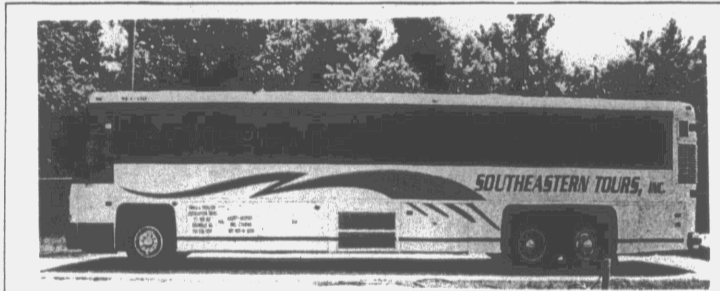
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Cleanliness is next to Godliness Pastor Payton, (pastor of Dilda's Chapel Church), along with one of the deacons of the church stop for only a minute during a car wash at a locale Trade Mart . The car wash was a benefit for the church.
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From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Beatrice Maye

To the Editor,

Church etiquette . . . worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (I Chronicles 16:29).

The apostle Paul told the young preacher Timothy, "These things write I unto thee . . . that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God." (I Tim. 3:14-15). He was setting forth the qualifications for bishops and deacons so that the affairs of the church would be carried out in an orderly manner. When he used the phrase "house of God," he was of course referring to the local assembly, not to a hall or a building. Although the passage relates primarily to the "living stones" which comprise the Body of Christ, I believe we can safely say that our conduct in the building itself is also important. The church sanctuary is a special place that is set aside for the worship of God, and, therefore, it should not be desecrated by careless conduct. Reverence is a vital part of true wor-

ship.

In many services, it is common to hear the hum of whispering and to observe people "doodling" with a pencil on the bulletin or trimming their fingernails. Instead of engaging in silent meditation and prayer for the pastor and those around them, they do a great deal of rustling and stirring. Latecomers disturb the meeting even more. Beloved, "these things ought not so to be!" If we really believed that Christ is present where "two or three are gathered together" in His name, we would be punctual, reverent, and worshipful. What we get out of a service depends to a great extent upon our preparation for it.

Let's give more serious thought to our behavior in "the House of God."

9 Tips for Raising Healthy Children

1. Make sure your child eats a balanced and healthy diet at home and at school. Decrease junk food and add more fruits and vegetables. Take the time to prepare more healthful foods for dinner and snacks, and make sure that if your child eats at school, the meals there are healthful, too. "Kids are eating what they want to eat, and not necessarily what's nutritious and good for them." Dr. Daniels says, "They're becoming future couch potatoes."
2. Know your child's pater-

nal and maternal family history. Both sides of the family history are essential to raising a healthy child.

3. Move more. You and your child should take the time to exercise together. Clayton says, "What's important to you becomes important to your child."
4. "Introduce your children to an outdoor activity, something they can carry through their adult years," says Clayton. Find out what each child's interests are.
5. "Take your child for a checkup at least once a year, depending on his or her age," says Dr. Sherald Leonard, a Chicago pediatrician. That general recommendation is made based on the American Academy of Pediatrics. Many insurance carriers prefer preventive health measures and will provide for that service.
6. Limit TV, video game, and computer time for the whole family, and don't eat in front of the TV. If you treat eating as an after-thought instead of as an important part of your everyday life, you may be helping your child form unhealthy eating habits.
7. Set specific times for meals and snacks, limiting sugary, high-fat foods that leave little room for nutritious meals.
8. Encourage your child to drink plenty of water.
9. Don't use food as a control mechanism or to fix emotional or physical hurts.

Wicked Men in the Old Testament

Cain, murderer of his righteous brother, Abel. (Gen. 4:8). **Bera**, king of the perverted city of Sodom. (Gen. 14:2,21). **Esau**, materialistic and fornicating son of Isaac and brother of Jacob. (Gen. 27:41; Heb. 12:16). **Pharaoh Thutmose I**, Egyptian king who enslaved Israel. (Ex. 1:8). **Pharaoh Thutmose III**, Egyptian king who attempted to kill Moses. (Ex. 2:15). **Amenhotep II**, Egyptian king during the ten plagues. (Ex. 5-14). **Korah**, Israelite who organized a revolt against Moses. (Num. 16:1). **Abimelech**, bloody son of Gideon who murdered 70 of his brothers in an attempt to become king. (Judg. 9:1-6). **Nahash**, cruel Ammonite king who threatened to destroy the right eye of all Israelites living in Jabesh-Gilead. (I Sam. 11:2). **Saul**, Israel's first king, who attempted to kill David and ordered the slaughter of 85 godly priests at Nob. (I Sam. 13:13-14). **Doeg**, Edomite soldier who carried out Saul's blood order to slay 85 priests at Nob. (I Sam. 22:18). **Absalom**, David's favorite son who led a revolt against his own father. (II Sam. 15-18). **Shimei**, descendant of Saul who cursed David during the revolt led by Absalom. (II Sam. 16:5-8). **Joab**, David's army commander who killed Abner, Absalom, and others in cold blood. (I Kings 2:5)

Rehoboam, Solomon's son whose insensitivity triggered the Israelite civil war. (I Kings 12:8-11). **Jeroboam**, first king of northern Israel who led the ten tribes astray by constructing idols. (I Kings 12:20,25-33). **Ahab**, weak and greedy husband of Jezebel who allowed Nahab to be murdered to possess his vineyard. (I Kings 16:33; 20:15-16). **Manahem**, Israel's brutal ruler who ripped open the wombs of pregnant women belonging to his enemies. (II Kings 15:14-22). **Ahaz**, king of Judah who sacrificed his own children to idols. (II Chron. 28:1-4). **Manasseh**, Israel's most wicked king, later repentant in captivity. (II Chron. 33:1-9). **Pashhur**, ungodly priest who persecuted the prophet Jeremiah. (Jer. 20:1-6). **Jehoiakim**, king of Judah who burned the scroll written by Jeremiah. (Jer. 36). **Sannacherib**, vicious Assyrian king who surrounded Jerusalem only to have his troops destroyed by the death angel. (II Kings 19:16-37). **Belshazzar**, arrogant Babylonian king who ridiculed God and was condemned by God through the handwriting on the wall. (Dan. 5). **Haman**, Persian prime minister who attempted to carry out history's first holocaust during the time of Esther. (Esther 3). **Sanballat**, Nehemiah's enemy who did everything possible to prevent the walls

of Jerusalem from being rebuilt. (Neh. 4:1-3, 7-8).

Wicked Women in the Old and New Testaments

Lot's wife, destroyed by God as she looked back toward Sodom. (Gen. 19:26). **Potiphar's wife**, who falsely accused Joseph of rape when he refused her sexual advances. (Gen. 37:7-20). **Delilah**, Philistine woman who betrayed Samson into the hands of his enemies. (Judg. 16:4-20). **Witch of Endor**, medium who brought up Samuel's spirit from the dead. (I Sam. 28). **Maachah**, idol-worshipping mother of King Asa. (I Kings 15:13). **Jezebel**, wicked and bloody Baal-worshipping wife of Ahab. (I Kings 16:31; 21:25). **Athaliah**, cruel daughter of Ahab and Jezebel who instituted a blood purge to obtain the throne of Judah. (II Chron. 22:10). **Gomer**, sexually impure wife of Hosea the prophet. (Hos. 1-2). **Zeresh**, heartless wife of Haman in the book of Esther. (Esther 5:14). **Herodias**, cruel queen who demanded and received the head of John the Baptist out of revenge. (Matt. 14:1-11). **Mary Magdalene**, woman out of whom Jesus cast seven demons. (Mk. 16:9; Lk. 8:2). **Jezebel**, false prophetess in the church at Thyatira who encouraged its members to commit fornication. (Rev. 2:20-21).

Beating case change of venue angers Blacks

By Charlene Muhammad
The Final Call

INGLEWOOD, Calif. A change of venue from the mostly Black city of Inglewood to Torrance, Calif., which has a large White population, for two white officers charged with brutally assaulting a Black minor has caused community outrage and concern over whether the boy will receive justice.

At an Aug. 13 pre-trial hearing, Judge Rodney G. Forriest ordered the venue change following defense arguments and prosecution objections made to assign to hear the case.

Although both cities are located within the same district for court trials, activists argued a jury pool from Torrance would adversely impact a just and fair outcome, as opposed to the heavy Latino and Black population in Inglewood.

Activists fear that, as with police brutality cases nationwide, such as in New York, New Jersey, and right at home in L.A., the officers' White brethren absolve them of all guilt, despite videotaped evidence.

During an Aug. 13 press conference, the National Alliance for Positive Action publicly released a letter to District Attorney Steve Cooley, urging him to vigorously oppose any request for a change of venue in the trial of accused Officers Jeremy Morse and Bijan Darvish.

"This more often than not results in legal disaster. This is what happened in the Simi Valley verdict in the trial of the LAPD officers that beat Rodney King. We want no repeat of that legal tragedy," stated civil rights attorney Leo Terrell.

"A change of venue request is a legal maneuver to find a pro-defense jury," said Earl Ofari Hutchinson, president of The National Alliance for Positive Action. His organization will have a monitor in the court during the trial to observe proceedings, he stated. Several times, Attorney John Barnett, who represents Officer Morse, was disrupted from speaking to reporters by angry protesters chanting "no justice, no peace." When able, he told reporters that that type of emotion necessitated the change of venue to afford his client a fair trial.

In other developments, a judge barred the Inglewood Police Department from terminating Officer Morse, suspending Officer Darvish, and disciplining Officer Antoine Crook, a third officer involved, for their actions during a July 6 incident during which Officer Morse is captured on video slamming Donovan Jackson-Chavis' face down on the trunk of a patrol car while the boy was handcuffed.

Officer Darvish has been charged with filing a false police report. The Inglewood Police Department has not yet released their findings on Officer Crook's role in the incident.

Officers Morse and Darvish are next due in court Aug. 21. Hearings on the police department's disciplinary action are scheduled for Aug. 28-29.

Meanwhile, on Aug. 24, the Donovan Jackson-Chavis Justice Committee is set to trek from L.A. to Oakland for a mass Demonstration Against Police Brutality and Racial Profiling.



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Education: BA, MA,ED, Ed D.
Employment: Asst. Prof. ECU (16 1/2 yrs.)

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Wilson County Board of Education (12 1/2 yrs.)
NC School Boards Association (10 yrs. - Board of Directors - Immediate Past Pres. (2 yrs), Pres. 2nd VP, Treasurer)
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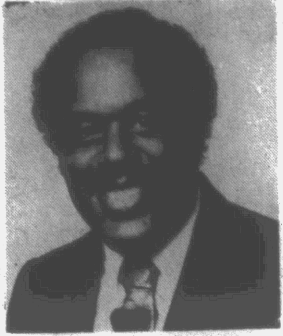
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Dr. George Hawkins

Spirits of Delusions Released to Attack the Church

Greetings,

The major strategy Satan is going to use in his Counterattack against the Church today is Deception. He has amassed his forces and has sent forth and commissioned legions of spirits to infiltrate and attack the Body of Christ. The deception and delusion that is coming upon earth in this end time harvest and in his counterattack is not limited to the unbelievers or weak, carnal Christians. Satan, even now has released spirits of deception, delusions, as well as lying and seducing spirits that are attacking the Spirit-filled, on-

fire, sold-out Christians! Many Christians today have the delusion that it is not possible for them to ever be deceived by Satan. They feel they have been serving God to long or that they have acquired too much knowledge of the Word of God to ever be deceived or led astray.

There are those who have been deceived into thinking that as long as they are faithful and true to God they will be protected and delivered from deception and that God will not allow them to be deceived. Our protection and deliverance from Satan's deception is not automatic! Our protection and deliverance from Satan's deception is not automatic! There are millions of "sincere" Christians who have been deceived and led astray by a spirit of error.

One of the biggest lies of Satan is "It doesn't really matter what you believe as long as you're sincere. After all, we are all serving the same God." Have you ever heard that before? Don't believe it. It doesn't matter what you believe! The people in other "religious cults" are sincere, dedicated and faithful to what they believe is truth, but they have been deceived into believing lies.

Satan wants you to be lulled into a false sense of security thinking it is not possible that you could ever be deceived. I must warn you that this is one of the most dangerous positions, spiritually, that a Christian can possibly be in. If you fail to recognize the truth that there is the possibility of you being deceived and guard against it, you will become a "sitting duck" for Satan and his demons.

Your protection and deliverance from Satan's strategy of DELUSION and deception is not automatic. There is no guarantee in the Word that simply because you are a child of God that God will shield or protect you automatically from being deceived. God will not do for you what he has already made possible for you to do by His Spirit within you. There are specific conditions that you must meet to protect yourself and defeat Satan and the spirits of deception and the lying, seducing spirits that are attacking you. By studying the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit will reveal to you what these conditions are and how the spirits of delusions and deception operate and how to confront and defeat them.



Suetje Jones

A GOOD NAME IS RATHER TO BE CHOSEN...

It doesn't take much to destroy a person's reputation. All you need is a pen and paper and people foolish enough to believe anything you say. You don't need credentials or the ability to write well. Just write a few lines about a famous person's sex life and people will break their necks to read what you have to say.

One book-writer claims that her book is fiction, but then goes about the business of exposing some of the most prominent black leaders in a particular city, the state, and the U.S. Congress. The names in the book are like a who's who list. Those mentioned include city councilmen, a Superior Court judge, business leaders, and a minister. The good news is that the publisher pulled the book off the shelf after discovering that the people mentioned in the book are real. Someone in the legal department advised that it would be best to pull this piece of garbage before someone decided to file a lawsuit. The book is no more than an expose into the personal sexual lives of those mentioned. Those who read the book weren't interested in the plot. They read the book to

learn about the secrets lives of those mentioned. Even though the author says it is fiction didn't stop people from believing it is true. The sad thing is the harm done to those who are mentioned in the book. People are talking about the book. The good news is no one can buy it. If the book was available for purchase, things could get ugly.

Anyone in a position of power should take into account: When you're in the public eye, people assume the worst first. People seek ways to attack your credibility, and no one needs to hear the other side of the story. If someone said it, it must be true. The sad thing is good people's lives are often destroyed because of some writers. The real question is why people feel the need to read such garbage. Why are people so passionate about digging up dirt on other people? Why this fascination with the famous? It seems that the only thing that matters is the life of those who are in the public eye. Some may argue that it comes with the territory. If you take on a position of visibility you must be prepared to swallow the intrusion that comes with that decision. There is some truth to that statement. One needs to be accountable to the large public.

Condensed from a commentary by Carl Kenney II

Note: The name of the book, its author, and the city and state has purposely been omitted.

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U.S. Congress

The 1st and 3rd Congressional Districts divide Pitt and neighboring counties jigsaw fashion. Four Democrats in the 1st District are vying for a chance

to take on a Republican and a Libertarian in the November general election. In the 3rd District, incumbent Walter B. Jones Jr., a Farmville Repub-

lican, is the only candidate from any party. He will not appear on the primary ballot and will face no formal opposition in the general election.

DISTRICT 1

Four Democrats are vying for the 1st Congressional District seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton. Frank Ballance Jr., Janice M. Cole, Samuel Davis III and Christine Fitch hope to win the majority of votes during the Sept. 10 primary. The winner will face Republican Greg Dority and Libertarian Mike Ruff on Nov. 5. The candidates will have to sway voters who live in 22 counties from Granville County in the northwest to Pasquotank in the northeast and south to Craven, Jones, Pitt and Wilson counties.

The district was drawn as a minority-majority district. Its total population is about 619,000, with about 281,000 whites, 314,000 blacks and 19,000 people with varying ethnic backgrounds. Three of the candidates, Ballance, Cole and Fitch, are black. Davis is white. All of the candidates are experienced public officials with varying backgrounds.

JANICE MCKENZIE COLE

- **Age:** 55
- **Address:** 271 Halsey Bay Road, Hertford
- **Education:** law degree from Fordham University; bachelor's and master's degrees from John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- **Occupation:** Attorney specializing in mediation and arbitration work
- **Political, civic highlights:** Served as U.S. attorney, eastern district of North Carolina, from 1994 to 2001; District Court Judge with the First Judicial District from 1990-94; member of the N.C. Progress Board; member of the Elizabeth City State University Foundation Board; current member of the N.C. Child Care Commission



■ **Qualifications:** "My experience, my familiarity with the issues that are important to the residents of the First District and my commitment." Cole said she has had a diversity of experience ranging from being a beat cop in New York City to a private attorney in eastern North Carolina to serving as a district court judge then as the U.S. Attorney. She has also served on numerous boards and commissions that have addressed the needs of children.

■ **Goals for office:** Education, access to affordable health care and economic security for families. She wants to make prescription drugs more affordable, especially for senior citizens. In education, she wants the federal government to live up to its promise to fund 40 percent of educational costs for students with disabilities. She'd also like to see federal funding available to help states and local school systems build facilities. She would like to see a federal initiative similar to the Appalachian Regional Commission to create jobs and business opportunity in eastern North Carolina.

■ **Family:** Husband, the Honorable J.C. Cole, District Court judge; stepdaughters, Monique and Kimberly

FRANK BALLANCE JR.

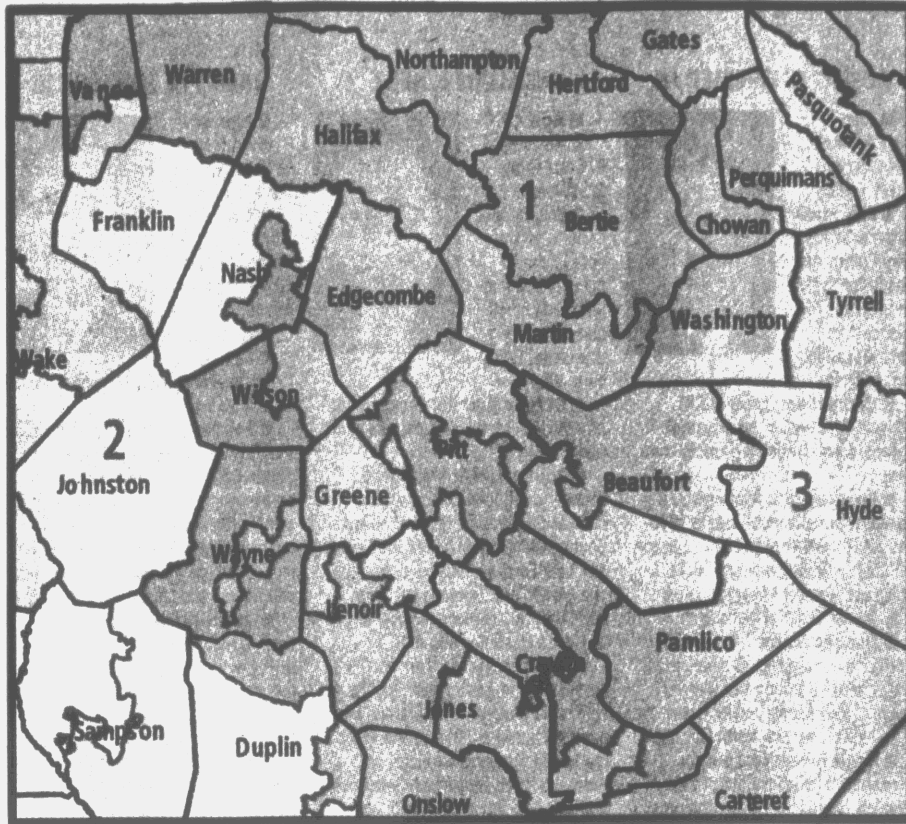
- **Age:** 60
- **Address:** P.O. Box 616, Martin Luther King Road (Hwy 1001), Warrenton
- **Education:** Undergraduate and law degrees from North Carolina Central University
- **Occupation:** Attorney, state senator
- **Political, civic highlights:** State representative for four years, state senator for 14 years, served five years as Senate deputy president pro tem; state House four years; N.C. Low Income Housing Coalition's 2001 Legislator of the Year award; AFL-CIO's 2000 Friend of the Working Man award; American Civil Liberties Union's 1998 Frank Porter Graham award; N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers's 1996 lawyer of the year; chairman of Greenwood Baptist Church's board of deacons



■ **Qualifications:** "You have to have a comfort level with the person who represents you." Ballance said he shares the religious values, compassion and family values of people in this region. "If you look at the whole box Frank Ballance brings to the table you'll say there is a guy who I feel comfortable representing me. He's got a good head on his shoulders," he said.

■ **Goals for office:** Improved education and economic development;

■ **Family:** Wife, Bernadine Ballance; children, Garey M. Ballance, Angela Ballance Mebane and Valerie M. Ballance; two grandchildren.



CHRISTINE L. FITCH

- **Age:** 52
- **Address:** 516 S. Lodge St., Wilson
- **Education:** Bachelor of arts from Bennett College, Greensboro; master of education from George Washington University, Washington D.C.; doctorate of education from University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- **Occupation:** Assistant professor of special education, East Carolina University department of curriculum and instruction



■ **Political, civic highlights:** Wilson County Board of Education member for 12 years, three as chairwoman; North Carolina School Boards Association member for 10 years, former president; various committee assignments with the National School Boards Association; Jackson chapel First Missionary Baptist Church; Wilson Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

■ **Qualifications:** "My commitment to service, my compassion for people, my understanding of the education issues." Serving as board of education chairwoman and on state education committee has given her the leadership skills needed on national level.

■ **Goals for office:** Improve the region's education, economic and infrastructure development and safety and security "Too long these issues have been looked at in isolation," she said. Improved infrastructure is needed to give businesses an incentive to locate in the region. An educated, trainable workforce is also needed for job creation. Finally, people need to feel safe and secured, not only from criminal activity but in knowing health care is available to them, she said.

■ **Family:** Four siblings, Dr. Jerome H. Fitch, former state representative and Judge Milton F. "Toby" Fitch, Patricia Fitch and Dr. Ernestine Fitch

SAMUEL S. DAVIS III

- **Age:** 49
- **Address:** 618 Small Drive, Elizabeth City
- **Education:** Bachelor of science degree in business administration from Elizabeth City State University; attended University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in early 1970s.
- **Occupation:** Partner in Davis Hardware



■ **Political, civic highlights:** Pasquotank County commissioner; member of First United Methodist Church, Elizabeth City; past president of Elizabeth City Jaycees and former regional director for organization; current member and past president of Elizabeth City Rotary; Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary

■ **Qualifications:** "I feel like I can give a business prospective and let people know there is more than one way to fund government," he said.

■ **Goals for office:** Has a six-point plan for improving region's economic security which includes expanding educational tax breaks and further development of the region's highways and other infrastructure systems. He believes more should be done to promote the state's agri-businesses internationally and to protect it from foreign competition.

■ **Family:** Wife, Patty; twin sons, Sam and Sy

SENATE 3

A new state Senate district that stretches across six counties from Edgecombe to Tyrrell has produced a Sept. 10 primary race among four Democrats. The District 3 contest offers a choice of Bertie County Commissioner Patricia Ferguson, Tarboro businessman and state Board of Transportation member Clark Jenkins, Plymouth textile manager Ann Slocumb and Tarboro truck driver Henry Williams. The district includes northern Pitt County and all of Edgecombe, Martin, Bertie, Washington and Tyrrell counties.

The area includes portions of old districts held by Pitt County Sens. Bob Martin and Ed Warren, neither of whom is seeking re-election.

The district was drawn to give minorities a voting majority. Out of about 94,700 voters as of July, 45,492 are white, 50,690 are black and the remainder are other minority voters. The winner of the Sept. 10 primary will face Republican Don Carson of Bethel and Libertarian Henry Boschen of Roxobel in the November general election.

HOUSE DISTRICT 8

A Greenville businessman and a veteran lawmaker face off a second time Sept. 10 for the state House District 8 seat. Jim Rouse, owner of WOOW radio and the Minority Voice newspaper, is taking on Edith Warren, a Farmville resident and two-term legislator, former county commissioner, school principal and teacher. The district has been redrawn since Rouse lost to Warren in 2000. It now includes Greene County and parts of Pitt and Martin counties. A total of 33,028 voters were registered in the district as of July, most of them in Pitt County. About 17,195 of them were black, and 15,505 were white. No Republican filed for the seat.

CLARK JENKINS

- **Age:** 54
- **Address:** P.O. Box 310, Tarboro, N.C. 27886
- **Education:** Bachelor of arts in business administration from Campbell University
- **Occupation:** Owner of W.S. Clark Farms, president-CEO of Royster-Clark Fertilizer Co.



■ **Political, civic highlights:** 10 years on the state Board of Transportation; president of the Tarboro Chamber of Commerce and the city's economic development board

■ **Qualifications:** Contacts and experience with the state Department of Transportation, business experience W.S. Clark Farms and Royster-Clark

■ **Goals for office:** plans to find ways to improve development of roads, gas lines and sewer lines to encourage industrial development. "I want to improve the quality of life in eastern North Carolina to the best of my ability," he said.

■ **Family:** Wife, Mary Jane; children, Louise, 28; Emily, 26; Eliza, 25; and Clark Jr., 2; one 5-month-old granddaughter

HENRY WILLIAMS

- **Address:** Tarboro
- **Occupation:** Truck driver
- **Political, civic highlights:** Former Republican, worked for Spiro Agnew in Maryland; ran twice for state Senate seat held by Bob Martin, D-Pitt



■ **Goals for office:** Young people in the district need a better education, and senior citizens need more financial assistance, he said. He also wants to see more jobs in eastern North Carolina and better highways and sewer systems.

Editor's note: Full biographical information not available

PATRICIA FERGUSON

- **Age:** 44
- **Address:** 116 Luther Brown Road, Colerain
- **Education:** Lincoln University, 1981; Kent State University, masters in education, 1989
- **Occupation:** Bertie County commissioner



■ **Political, civic highlights:** Chairwoman of the Rural Internet Access Authority, the first black and the first female elected to the Bertie County commission

■ **Qualifications:** With her skills and experience in forming coalitions, Ferguson said she can craft programs "so that the influence of leadership occurs across the district in concert with local leaders."

■ **Goals for office:** Improve technological infrastructure; establish development of centers to serve as a clearing-house for resources for small businesses; create an entrepreneurial environment in the district; form partnerships among local governments and nonprofit organizations to help achieve the goals of economic prosperity and self-reliance.

■ **Family:** Husband, Steven Ferguson; sons, Daniel, 19; Joshua, 18

ANN SLOCUMB

- **Age:** 60
- **Address:** Plymouth
- **Education:** Associate degree in nursing, Presbyterian School of Nursing, Charlotte
- **Occupation:** Operations manager and business partner at Plymouth Garment Co.



■ **Political, civic highlights:** Involved in public school system in Washington County; board member on son's Boy Scout troop.

■ **Qualifications:** Living in rural eastern North Carolina and helping operate a textile business for 30 years has given Slocumb a unique view, she said. The state Senate needs a fresh voice with a willingness to listen to people of every background, she said.

■ **Goals for office:** to be a voice for former textile workers; increase safety and law enforcement efforts in her district; protect aid for Hurricane Floyd victims; restore research funding and explore foundation funds and grants for East Carolina University and the Brody School of Medicine; honor state employees with job security and incentive raises.

■ **Family:** Daughter, Kathryn Carroll; sons, Patrick and Andrew Slocumb; 8-month-old grandchild

JIM ROUSE

- **Age:** 59
- **Address:** 405 Evans St., Greenville (business)
- **Education:** Attended Fiske University, New York City School of Broadcasting; American Institute of Banking
- **Occupation:** Owns, operates and serves as an on-air voice for WOOW 1340 AM in Greenville and publishes the Minority Voice newspaper.



■ **Political, civic, highlights:** Member of the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship board, executive board of the N.C. Association of Broadcasters and the state diabetes board, former candidate for state and local office.

■ **Qualifications:** Experience as a business owner, civic leader and advocate for minority issues

■ **Goals for office:** Establish a race relations council to improve understanding of minority issues; help reduce rate of blacks being incarcerated; improve access to housing; reduce prices for prescription medicines; advance economic development

EDITH WARREN

- **Age:** 65
- **Address:** 208 Hillcrest Drive, Farmville
- **Education:** Bethel High School; East Carolina University School of Education Class of '60; graduate degree in school administration, ECU, 1976
- **Occupation:** Educator for 33 years



■ **Political, civic highlights:** Teacher and school administrator; Pitt County Principal of the Year in 1990; first woman to serve on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners; in her second term as the District 8 representative

■ **Qualifications:** Experience as an educator, county commissioner and state representative.

■ **Goals for office:** Ensuring education funding is in place; referendum on a state lottery; economic development, including helping localities pay for water and sewer infrastructure; improving access to prescription drugs for seniors and low-income residents

■ **Family:** Husband, Billy Warren; children, son, Steve, and daughters, Cathy and Lynn.

WHERE TO VOTE

Following is a list of Pitt County polling places. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Voter registration cards from the Pitt County Board of Elections tell voters where to cast ballots.

- **Annex:** Elections Workshop, 1800 N. Greene St. (Vote here if you did not report an address change to the Board of Elections)
- **Arthur:** Arthur Fire Station, 2634 Firehouse Road, Bell Arthur.
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- **Ayden B:** Ayden Community Building, 548 Second St.
- **Belvoir:** Belvoir Fire Station, 4189 N.C. 33 West, Greenville
- **Bethel:** Public Service Building, 122 S. James St.
- **Carolina:** Stokes Community Building, 2873 N.C. 903 North, Stokes
- **Chicod:** Chicod School, 7557 N.C. 43 South
- **Falkland:** Falkland Community Center, 5901 S. Main St.
- **Farmville A:** Farmville Community Center, 417 S. Main St.
- **Farmville B:** Farmville Presbyterian Church, 310 Grimmersburg Road
- **Fountain:** Fountain Library, 6740 Wilson St.
- **Greenville No. 1:** VFW Hut No. 7032, 1108 E. Mumford Road
- **Greenville No. 3:** West Greenville Recreation Center, 304 Nash St.
- **Greenville No. 4:** American Legion Post 160, 1710 Chestnut St.
- **Greenville No. 5 A:** Victory Christian Church, 120 Laughinghouse Drive
- **Greenville No. 5 B:** American Legion Post 39, 403 St. Andrews Drive
- **Greenville No. 6:** First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 204 Brinkley Road
- **Greenville No. 7 A:** St. James United Methodist Church, 2000 E. Sixth St.
- **Greenville No. 7 B:** Elm Street Park Gym, 1058 Elm St.
- **Greenville No. 7 C:** Marantha Free Will Baptist Church, 1407 E. 14th St.
- **Greenville No. 8 A:** Willis Building, 300 E. First St.
- **Greenville No. 8 B:** Cypress Glenn Auditorium, 100 Hickory St.
- **Greenville No. 9:** Hooker Memorial Church Fellowship Hall, 1111 Greenville Blvd.
- **Greenville No. 10 A:** Oakmont Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1100 Red Banks Road
- **Greenville No. 10 B:** Unity Free Will Baptist Church, 2725 E. 14th St.
- **Greenville No. 11 A:** Temple Free Will Baptist Church, 130 W. Fire Tower Road
- **Greenville No. 11 B:** First Free Will Baptist Church, 2426 S. Charles Blvd.
- **Greenville No. 12 A:** Red Oak Christian Church, 1827 Greenville Blvd.
- **Greenville No. 12 B:** Faith & Victory Christian Church, 3950 Victory Lane
- **Grifton:** Fire-Police Building, 106 S. Highland Ave.
- **Grimesland:** Grimesland Town Hall, 113 S. Pitt St.
- **Pactolus:** Pactolus Fire Station, 5858 U.S. 264 East, Greenville
- **Simpson A:** Congregation Bayt Shalom, 4351 E. Tenth St.
- **Simpson B:** Simpson Fire Station, 205 Virginia St.
- **Swift Creek:** Gardnerville Fire Station, 9521 County Home Road
- **Winterville Central A:** Kwanis International, 188 W. Forlines Road
- **Winterville Central B:** Winterville Fire Station, 105 Railroad St.
- **Winterville East:** Faith Pentecostal Church, 2600 Fire Tower Road, Winterville

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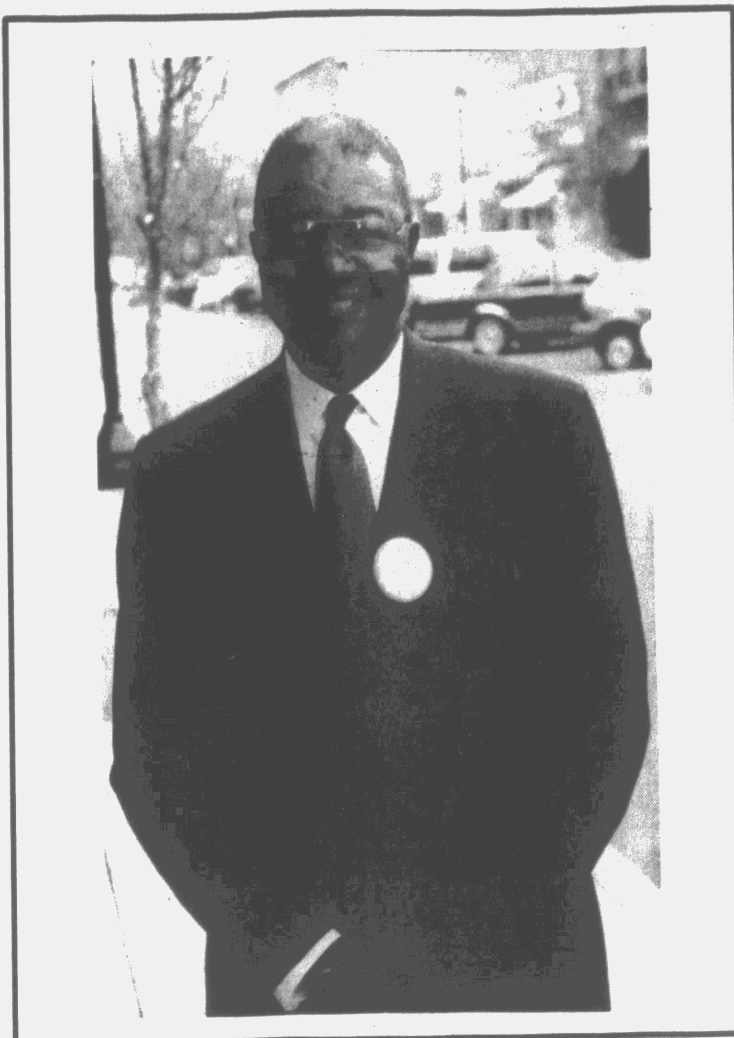
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On Friday, March 1, 2002, Greenville businessman, Jim Rouse, announced his second attempt to unseat the incumbent for the North Carolina 8th District House of Representatives. The 8th District comprises, in part, Pitt, Edgecombe, Martin, and Greene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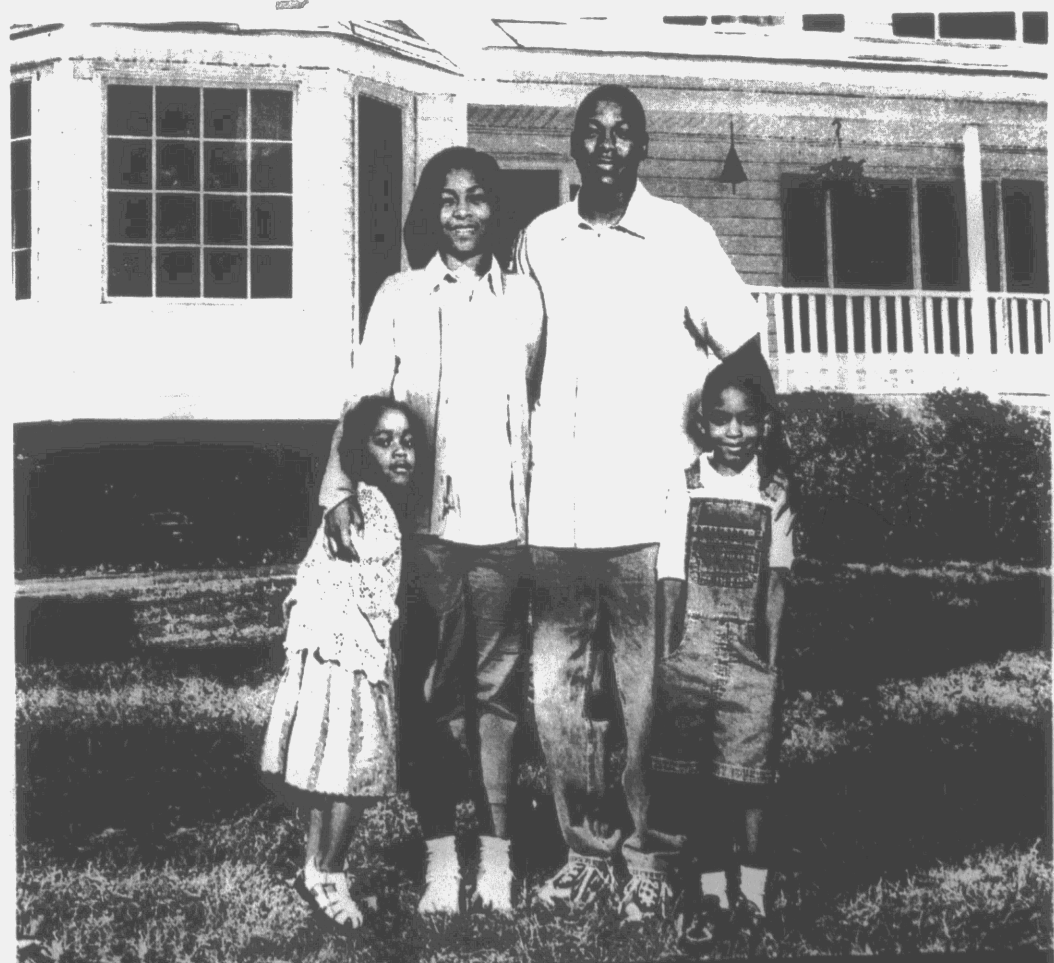


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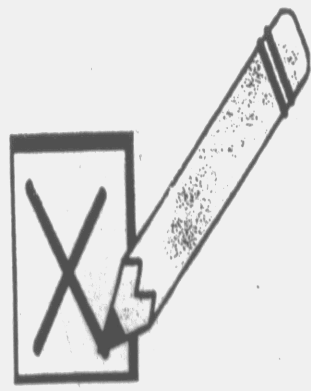
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Hunger forcing women to unsafe sex in Zambia

By Penny Dale
Shimbala, Zambia (IPS)
- Eunice Mulenga trades sex for food.

The 38-year old is one of a growing number of Zambian women who say they have little choice but to have sex with men for money so they can feed themselves and hungry mouths at home.

The single mother of three is caught up in the double emergency faced by Southern African countries: Not on is famine stalking at least 13 million people, but the region is also the epicenter of the global AIDS epidemic.

In Botswana, the infection rate of the HIV virus that causes AIDS is 38.8 percent; Swaziland, 33.4 percent; Lesotho, 31 percent; Namibia, 22.5 percent; and South Africa, 20.1 percent.

Out of these seven countries, only South Africa is free from this year's devastating drought, which is endangering the lives of millions, with up to 20 percent of them infected with HIV/AIDS, according to the United Nations' World Food Program (WFP).

The high HIV/AIDS infection rate is exacerbating the food crisis, according to a recent Food and Agricultural Organization report. Subsistence farmers, who make up the bulk of most countries' populations, are struggling to produce enough food to survive.

AIDS is no longer a health problem alone, but is having a measurable impact on food production, household food security and rural people's ability to make a living, the report said.

According to WFP's representative to Zambia, Richard Ragan, for the families of people living with HIV/AIDS, food is also a primary concern. When the family's breadwinner becomes ill, families are often forced to sell off productive assets, spend their savings on food and medicine, and withdraw children from school to

put them to work or to care for sick adults. Food consumption has been shown to drop by as much as 40 percent in households affected by HIV/AIDS.

Female-headed households are the most vulnerable. Women who have their own children often have the added burden of looking after the children of dead relatives and friends.

But a problem that is only just coming to light is the impact the food crisis is having on the already high incidence of HIV/AIDS.

According to the most recent U.N. AIDS report, "The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic," published ahead of the Barcelona conference in July, mass migration, economic upheaval and other social factors, including not having enough food to eat, have increased the number of people at risk of acquiring HIV. More and more women are resorting to bartering sex for food, often without the use of a condom, therefore putting themselves and others at risk. Where food is most scarce, the report warns, HIV prevalence is correspondingly high.

Like other countries in the region, Zambia is faced with its worst food crisis in 10 years.

Close to 3 million people, out of a population of 10 million, are in dire need of food relief after two years of erratic weather. Floods last year and severe drought this year wiped out harvests in traditional food-producing areas in the south of the country.

Urban people like Mulenga are also feeling hardship as shortages push up food prices. Mulenga said she rarely uses condoms and knows she is putting herself at risk. She said she has little choice.

"The problem is that men refuse to wear a condom. I'm aware of the dangers, but I need the money, and so I'm willing to risk infection so that I can feed my family," she told IPS. "I feel bad, and I feel

unhappy, but I need the money," she said, adding, "I've been left with small children who wouldn't go to school if I didn't have sex with men."

The disturbing trend is neither restricted to Zambia nor Mulenga. More women in Shimbala village are having sex for money this year because there is not enough food, Mulenga said.

The village provides fertile ground for sex work. About 30 kilometers from the capital Lusaka, Shimbala sprawls alongside the main road south from Lusaka, Shimbala sprawls alongside the main road south from Lusaka to Livingstone on the Zimbabwe border.

In recent years, the population has exploded, reaching about 1,000 people, and it is a hive of activity, full of bars and hotels. It is a resting place for truck drivers transporting goods from South Africa to Lusaka, and close by is semipermanent camp for road contractors, many of whom Mulenga said have the money to pay for sex.

Caro Tembo is another Shimbala resident who has also resorted to selling her body. The emotional burden is intense, she said.

"I feel ashamed; people are starting to talk about me, but I have no education, so I don't have any other way of earning money," the 32-year-old single mother of two told IPS. "If I had a husband, I wouldn't have to go with other men," Tembo said. "My husband would at least be able to give me some money to pay for the food." Tembo complained that even the money she earns by having sex with men, on average a dollar a customer, feeds her family with the staple food maize and vegetable for only a couple of days.

The price for women like Mulenga and Tembo, and future generations, could be much higher.

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HERTFORD, NC (August 6, 2002) -- The North Carolina Police Benevolent Association has endorsed Janice McKenzie Cole for the US House of Representatives Dist. 1 Congressional seat. This campaign is Cole's first run for a congressional office. A resident of rural Perquimans County for over 20 years, Cole is a former police officer and a former US Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. She was also the first African American and first woman to serve as a judge on the 1st Judicial District Court bench. In 2001, Governor Mike Easley presented Cole with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest civilian award, for her distinguished service. Currently in private practice in Hertford, Cole is married to J.C. Cole, a District Court Judge for North Carolina's 1st Judicial District.

The North Carolina Police Benevolent Association is a professional organization that provides legal, disciplinary, and other representation to officers who are members. The PBA represents law enforcement officers by providing legal services and advocating changes to improve the quality of work life for people employed in all aspects of criminal justice.

To schedule an interview with Janice McKenzie Cole or obtain more information about the Cole for Congress campaign, please contact Emily W. Faulkner at 252-355-8181 or visit www.coleforcongress.org.



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WHY TEENS REBEL

Respect is simply gone. And the problem that creates fill our homes, our schools, our streets. Let's take a good look at today's parents of teens and see just how their being who they are has made teens who they are.



Faith May

Consider this. In the U.S., statistically, if 100 children born today, 17 will be born out of wedlock. A full 48 will be born of parents who divorce before the child is 18, and 16 more will be born to parents who separate. Six will be born to parents whom one will die before the child reaches 18.

That leaves 13 kids out of 100 who will reach age 18 having two parents with their marriage intact.

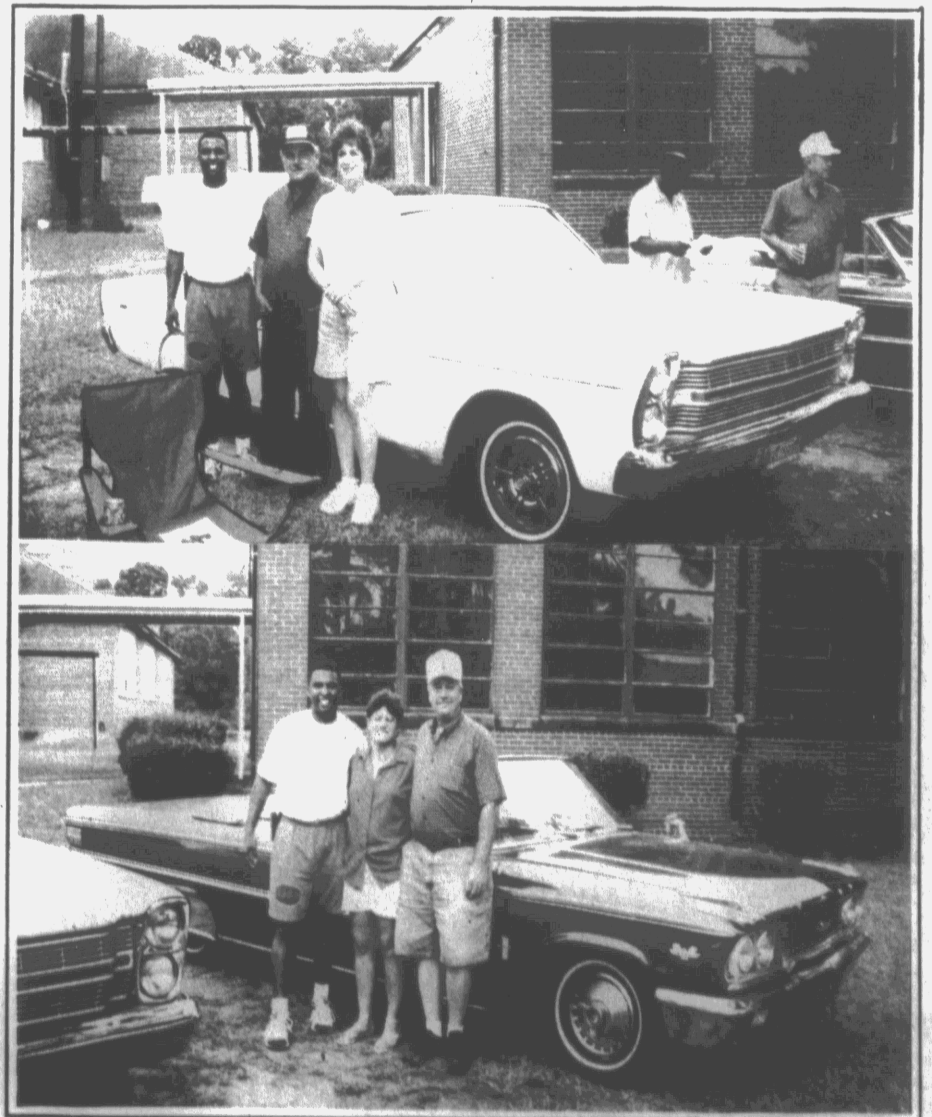
So what about those other 87 teens? They spend an average of about five years in a single-parent household. These kids' concept of family is being shaped in an environment once common, one that used to be considered unnatural. Single-parent homes, in the numbers we see today, are a distinctly modern phenomenon.

So what kind of parents do they make? Regardless of other factors, they are alone, solely saddled with the responsibility for being the family's breadwinner, homemaker, caretaker, and plinarian. They tread a hard and lonely road. Quality family discipline is at a premium. Some make valiant effort to maintain high involvement with their kids; many surrender in the face of demands, and the teens virtually raise themselves.

Another fact about single parents: Only 10 percent of them are dads. That's a lot of kids with no adult male influence or example in their homes; and a lot with a mom who may be openly bitter about men.

Weighed down by responsibility single parents are very needy for companionship. "Because more that 75 percent of divorced parents remarry, the majority of youngsters whose parents separate also experience living in a stepfamily at some time. What is God's perspective on divorce? Malachi 2:15-16 says, "Take heed to yourselves, and let none prove unfaithful to the wife of your youth, for I detest divorce and cruelty to a wife, the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, declares. "Take heed to yourselves, never be faithless" (Moffatt translation). "Children learn the meaning of morality, religion and respect for law from the habitual fidelity of their parents to one another." These words have never been more poignant than they are today.

Excerpts from The Philadelphia Trumpet /July 2002
Why Teens Rebel is a five-part series. See next issue for The Vanishing Homemaker. Please feel free to write comments or questions and address to me in c/o The Minority Voice Newspaper. I look forward to hearing from our youth.



Mayor Don Davis pictured above far left is Mayor Don Davis of Snow Hill along with participants at Annual festival displaying Vintage Cars. What a Car Show *photo by Jim Rouse*

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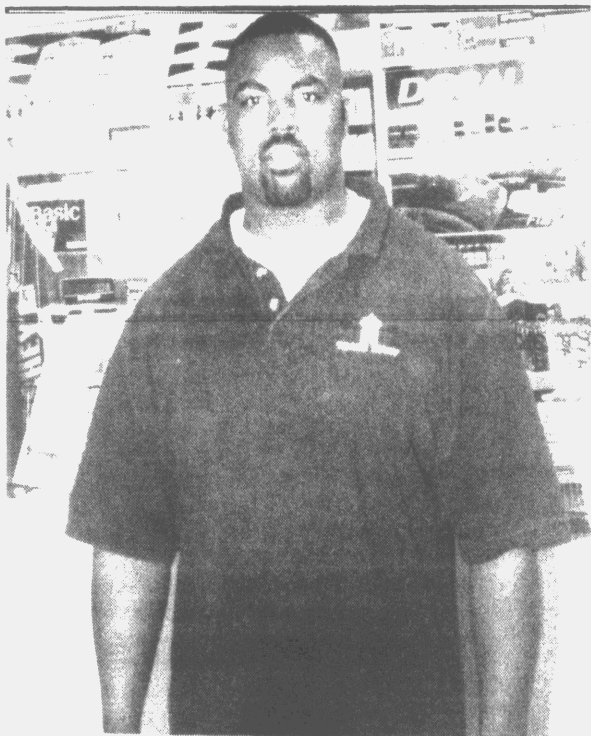
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Letter to the Editor

Dear citizens of Greenville, Pitt County, Robersonville, Oak City, Hamilton, Hassell, Snow Hill, and Greene Cty: On September 10, I encourage you to go and vote for Bro. Jim Rouse for the House of Representatives. Mr. Rouse would make an excellent legislator. He is a former Airborne Paratrooper and Wall St. Banker. He has spent most of his life as a broadcaster. Mr. Rouse is the owner of WOOW JOY 1340 AM and publisher of the *Minority Voice Newspaper*. This newspaper provides information for Black, White, and Hispanic citizens that they would not ordinarily receive. This is the kind of pertinent information that is relevant to those who live in Eastern North Carolina. As a small businessman, Mr. Rouse has demonstrated that he understands the needs of young people like myself. I am a senior at East Carolina University and member of the Anointed Ones Church in Ayden. Mr. Rouse has been a role model and mentor for me. For this reason, I am writing to encourage all citizens who are registered voters. This year we are going to put Rouse in the House!

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Cynethia Griffin



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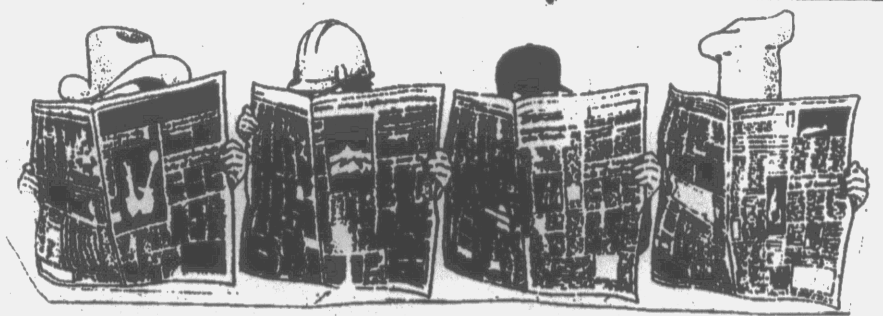
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