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## Who was Marcus Garvey?

*Special to the WASHINGTON AFRO-AMERICAN NEWS*  
Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association formed a critical link in Black America's centuries-long struggle for freedom, justice and equality. As the leader of the largest organized mass movement in Black history and progenitor of the modern "Black is beautiful" ideal, Garvey is now best remembered as a champion of the back-to-Africa movement. In his own time, he was hailed as a redeemer, a "Black Moses." Though he failed to realize all his objectives, his movement still represents a liberation from the psychological bondage of racial inferiority. Garvey was born on Aug. 17, 1887, in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica. He left school at 14, worked as a printer, joined Jamaican nationalist organizations, toured Central America and spent time in London, England. Content at first with accommodation, on his return to Jamaica, he aspired to open a Tuskegee type industrial training school. In 1916 he came to America at Booker T. Washington's invitation, but arrived just after Washington died. Garvey arrived in America at the dawn of the "New Negro" era. Black discontent, punctuated by East St. Louis, bloody race riots in 1917 and intensified by Postwar disillusionment, peaked in 1919's "Red Summer." Shortly after arriving, Garvey embarked upon a period of travel and

lecturing. When he settled in New York City, he organized a chapter of the UNIA, which he had earlier founded in Jamaica as a fraternal organization. Drawing on a gift for oratory, he melded Jamaican peasant aspirations for economic and cultural independence with the American gospel of success to create a new gospel of racial pride. "Garveyism" eventually evolved into a religion of success, inspiring millions of Black People worldwide who sought relief from racism and colonialism. To enrich and strengthen his movement, Garvey envisioned a great shipping line to foster Black trade, to transport passengers between America, the Caribbean and Africa, and to serve as a symbol of Black grandeur and enterprise: The UNIA incorporated the Black Star Line in 1919. The line's flagship, the S.S. Yarmouth, made its maiden voyage in November and two other ships joined the line in 1920. The Black Star Line became a powerful recruiting tool for the UNIA, but it was ultimately sunk by expensive repairs, discontented crews and top-level mismanagement and corruption. By 1920 the UNIA had hundreds of chapters worldwide. It hosted elaborate international conventions and published the *Negro World*, a widely disseminated weekly that was soon banned in many parts of Africa and the Caribbean. Over the

next few years, however, the movement began to unravel under the strains of internal dissension, opposition from Black critics, and government harassment. In 1922, the federal government indicted Garvey on mail-fraud charges stemming from Black Star Line promotional claims and he suspended all its operations. (Two years later, the UNIA created another line, the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Co., but it, too, failed.) Garvey was sentenced to prison. The government later commuted his sentence, only to deport him back to Jamaica in November 1927. He never returned to America. In Jamaica, Garvey reconstituted the UNIA and held conventions there and in Canada, but the heart of his movement stumbled on in America without him. While he dabbled in local politics, he remained a keen observer of world events, writing voluminously in his own papers. His final move was to London, in 1935. He settled there shortly before fascist Italy invaded Ethiopia and his public criticisms of Haile Selassie's behavior after the invasion alienated many of his own remaining followers. In his last years, he slid into such obscurity that he suffered the indignity of reading his own obituaries a month before his death on June 10, 1940.



Get Out To Vote Rally.....At the Get Out To Vote Rally Mrs Eva Clayton who retired from her seat in the 3rd Congressional District giving her support for hopeful nominees. To the left of her is the president of GOTV Campaign committee Bishop Randy Royal, President of the Pitt County Black Caucus Rev Michael Dixon and Pastor Tyrone Turnage. All are long time advocates for the rights of all people in the voting process.  
photo by Jim Rouse

### CONGRATULATIONS !!!



Christine Fitch happily congratulates her opponent for the 1st Congressional District seat, Frank Ballance at the conclusion of the Democratic Primary Race knowing that the race is only just beginning. In November we will all have a chance to support this well-deserving nominee who stands tall with 18yrs of legislative experience. An effective advocate for all people. Senator Frank Ballance.  
photo by Jim Rouse



African American Alzheimer's Conference..... Many distinguished guest were on hand for the 3rd Annual African American Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Conference. These lovely ladies greeted everyone with a wholesome smile. On hand (to the extreme left) is our very own Councilwoman Rose Glover and (second from the right Councilwoman Mildred Council). The goal of this conference was to address the needs of African-American caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other related memory. ( pictorial inside)  
photo by Jim Rouse

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Reverend David L. Moore, pastor of the Metropolitan A.M.E Zion Church of Washington North Carolina gave the keynote address at the 3rd African American Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Conference which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, NC . Pastor Moore who has started homes for the elderly and HIV patients spoke from on hand experiences.  
photo by Jim Rouse

## Born White / Raised Black

**Born White: N.C. Woman Raised Black Says color is 'a state of mind'**  
By Elizabeth Leland-The Charlotte Observer

Forest City, N.C.--Linda Fay McCord was raised in the 1950s as a Black child by adoptive Black parents. She rode in the back of the bus. She drank from "Colored" water fountains. When classmates taunted her as "high yellow" because of her light skin and hazel eyes, McCord yelled back, "I'm black!" Years later, when a co-worker at her new job confided he was glad the boss hadn't hired a "Colored girl," McCord scolded him. "I'm black," "No you're not." "Yes, I am." The last time she corrected anyone was four years ago, when a stranger telephoned, claiming to be her niece. McCord confronted her: "You can't be my niece," she remembers saying. "You sound like you're a white girl." "I am White," the caller said, "and so are you." Oh, my God. The caller mailed McCord a copy of a faded birth certificate from Surry County,

northwest of Winston-Salem. Linda Fay Alderman, it said in typed letters. **Place of birth: Toast, N.C. Date of birth: 18 November 1946. Color or race: White.** "I don't even know who I am," McCord now says. I'm caught in the middle of something. My mind says I'm black. Then I look at my skin, and it says I'm white. I've come to the conclusion that color is just a state of mind." McCord is 55, a big-boned woman, 5-foot-7, with freckles dotting high cheekbones, and curly hair turned gray. She talks with pride about raising six children as a single mom without welfare. She cooked, painted, cleaned White people's homes, worked as a nurse's aide in a convalescence center and inspected cloth at a mill. She now cooks at a nursing home. She's been married 6 1/2 years to Mac McCord, a Black man and retired engineer who says the first time he met her, he wondered if his friend had set him up with a White woman. McCord always felt her adoptive parents disliked her because of her light skin. She has a twin sister, Brenda Kay,

who has darker skin and seemed to fit in better. McCord says when freckles popped out on her face at age 6, her adoptive mother whipped her and tried to scrub them off with a Brillo pad. She was 12 when she and Brenda found out they were adopted. She says her mother told them that their real mother gave them away. As best as she now can figure out, McCord's biological mother was Dutch Irish, a fair-skinned woman who worked as a housekeeper in Mount Airy. Her father was half-German, half-Cherokee, an alcoholic who made his money--when he worked--digging wells and painting houses. He disappeared for days on drinking binges. Linda and Brenda were taken from the home when they were 3, maybe because he'd left on a binge and their mother couldn't provide for them. Somehow they ended up with a Black couple from the town of Ruth, in Rutherford County. There are no adoption records, no one who can sort out the truth. A second birth certificate is on file in Rutherford County

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### EDITORIALS

## Fire protection fees — one less reason to flee Memphis

Citizens living in unincorporated areas of Shelby County are in a dither about the increase in the fire protection fee they must pay in order to enjoy the same sense of safety Memphis residents take for granted. The recent fee hike imposed by the Shelby County Fire Department brings the amount those affected Shelby Countians must pay on an annual basis to \$288.

Fire protection fees for residents in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County have more than doubled over the past fifteen years. The increase, according to Shelby County Fire Department officials has been caused by the annexation of much of the incorporated territory to the City of Memphis. The officials point out that even though there has been a reduction in the number of unincorporated area residents resulting from the annexation, the territory the Shelby County Fire Department must cover has remained constant. With fewer residents paying into the pool, they say each resident must now pay more.

This situation simply illuminates the folly of families leaving Memphis in order to avoid city taxes. The fire protection fee

situation also points out the foolishness of operating dual fire departments. The Shelby County Fire Department will be constantly faced with the need to periodically raise their fees and residents of the non-incorporated areas might as well understand that as a given. The only alternative is an increase in the Shelby County property tax rate that all of us will be forced to assume.

City of Memphis residents, of course, do not pay extra fees for fire protection, private garbage pick up and other charges associated with the "I don't want to live in Memphis" philosophy.

In addition, if one would check crime statistics (particularly those that effect property such as burglary, robbery, etc.) it would be discovered there is no significant difference as can be found in so-called "inner-city" areas. Whatever other reasons might exist to justify leaving our wonderful city, economics (or crime either) is not one of them.

Sooner or later, our misguided friends will realize this. In the meanwhile, Mayors Wharton and Herenton would do well to take a hard look at merging these two fire protection agencies as a cost saving measure for all citizens involved.

## Two compelling reasons for us to vote this November 5

For two very key reasons, Blacks, other people of color and all true Americans should make it their business to go to the polls on Nov. 5.

There was a time, not too long ago, when Black folks, particularly many of us in the South, could not participate — through the dreaded poll tax, gerrymandering districts and just plain old intimidation and threats of violence — in the election of public officials who would duly represent them and their varied interests.

But thanks to the Civil Rights Movement and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, those days are a dark remnant of a shadowy past.

But there is another threat to the accumulating power at the polls in America for Black and other persons who do not vote — and it's called apathy.

America 2002 is saddled, temporarily with a president who did not win the popular vote, who did not come close to winning a majority, simply because many Americans did not bother to come out and cast their ballots.

In just about two months, we have a chance to try it again.

Blacks especially, have an opportunity to improve upon their increasingly great turnout numbers of 2001 at the polls.

On Nov. 5, we — all Americans, but especially Blacks, must exercise our franchise to the fullest and vote.

In a nation as great as America, we should not shirk our citizenship duties to elect our political representatives.

This then, is a call, most importantly in this time of national remembrance and mourning for 9/11/01, for all citizens to get registered, then vote.

It is our unity, our resolve to live in a democracy that sets us apart from those who would seek to destroy America and its great ideas of diversity and political destiny.

In the wake of 9/11/01 and in tribute to those who gave their lives for our precious rights as Americans on that fateful day, we must be registered to vote on 11/5/02 and then fully exercise that right.

It is our democracy and willingness to exercise that keeps us strong.

## Bush hell bent on attack — let Congress decide on Iraq

What if you gave a war ... and nobody wanted to help you wage it? The U.S. and President Bush face an analogous dilemma as Arabian and European allies have made it quite clear that America would stand virtually alone in any future beef it may have with Iraq strong-man Saddam Hussein.

Our allies seem to be abandoning, or at least not siding with the U.S., on a possible U.S. strike against Iraq — in stark comparison to last fall when the world, it seems, was lining up against the "axis of evil" mounted by mega-terrorist Osama bin Laden, the suspected architect behind horrific attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

German Chancellor Hosni Mubarak, considered a staunch ally of America, has said that, "striking Iraq is something that could have (far reaching) repercussions and post-strike developments. We fear chaos happening in the region."

We fear chaos and hysteria smothering the entire world if Hussein crazily unleashes

a "weapon of mass destruction" that the U.S. suspects him of having at his disposal.

"A preemptive strike would be wrong and (Germany) "under my leadership will not take part in that," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder said.

Even all of the president's men and women (including Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice) are split, dove/hawk on whether Hussein presents enough of a clear and present danger to world peace and stability to risk losing thousands, maybe millions of Americans, allies and Iraqis in a massive ground and/or nuclear war.

The answer to what the U.S. should do, must come from Congress, acting through the will of the American people.

"I think that the war to crush terrorism is going to be a unilateral American act," a defense analyst with the Bush-backed, Washington, D.C.-based Lexington Institute has said.

For the sake of society's world peace, safety and serenity, we certainly hope not.

Most of the people who have scaled the heights, who have climbed the mountains, who have gone through the valleys of their lives have not been people who were contented to just stand.

—C.L. Franklin

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### IF POVERTY CAUSES INCREASE IN CRIME—HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS INCREASE



### COMMENTS

## Bombs Over Baghdad or domestic policy for the people?

by Jesse L. Jackson Sr.

Following the stolen election of 2000, the United States economy was healthy and experiencing the greatest period of economic prosperity it has ever enjoyed. From 1992-2000, the federal government had a \$1.5 trillion surplus. It only took nine months for the surplus to be given to the rich (corporations that profit from war) at the expense of the poor.

On Aug. 29, 2002, The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities stated, The 5.6 trillion dollar surplus projected last January has declined by \$5.3 trillion, or 94 percent. The Center also notes that last year's tax cut is the largest single reason the ten-year surplus has shrunk since January 2001.

Although, the Bush administration claimed there was no money for election reform, expanded educational opportunities, civil rights enforcement or environmental cleanup, the federal government immediately found \$43 million to begin the war on terrorism after Sept. 1. Currently, the United States spends \$2 million a day in the war. Imagine the impact if America spent \$2 million more per day on our educational system.

Why not utilize the \$2 million a day for public policy benefiting the people? Such money could fund: Improvements for public school buildings; health care for working Americans; prescription drugs for senior citizens; capital for small- and mid-size

businesses; funding for public education; adequate funding for Head Start; and optical scan voting machines throughout the country.

Albeit, the national surplus is important, and there is a vital human need to eliminate terrorism from the world, there is also the need to support the least of these in our country.

The majority of the land troops in Afghanistan and possibly Iraq are African-Americans and Hispanics. Yet, the Bush administration will not provide adequate health care, education or housing for the most destitute populations in the United States, who are all too often African-American and Hispanic. If Blacks and Browns are American enough to die in war, are they not American enough to have the full benefit of a quality life in peace?

Presently, the historically rejected stones of American society are the cornerstones of the country. They (African-Americans and Hispanics) are promoting democracy worldwide. But, the families of these warriors are not protected from hate crimes in America, they are subjected to an unfair criminal justice system, and they are faced with inadequate educational systems. Yet, these soldiers continue to fight. Our modern day patriots will return to a country where they will continue to be discriminated against. Regrettably, in such circumstances, it takes more strength to hope than to despair.

Keep hope alive!

(Jackson is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow/Push Coalition.)

## Crack down on drugs trafficking, not civil rights

by Tony Allen & Leland Ware

The Northwest, Westside and Northeast neighborhoods of Wilmington Delaware, which are largely poor and many of whose residents are African American, have been beset by the scourge of drug-trafficking.

Certain street corners and blocks in these neighborhoods are well-known as the "transfer points" for illegal drugs from the hands of traffickers to individual users.

In the last three years these areas have endured 182 shooting incidents, resulting in 199 victims. African Americans made up 87 percent of the victims, and 80 percent of the suspects. Robbery was a motive for about one-quarter of these crimes; drugs were for at least one-third of them, although it's likely that the true percentage is much higher.

Residents, describe themselves as living under a state of siege from the traffickers, a description which is no surprise to us. Nor is their justifiable anger.

It's this emergency that has provoked Wilmington city officials to undertake a new effort to rid the areas of their known drug bazaars. Last June two special police squads began raiding street corners that are known areas of drug trafficking. The tactic of the squads, comprised of up to 20 officers in marked and unmarked cars and vans, is to rush to a location and detain all suspicious persons within reach. Those are lined up against a wall and searched for weapons and other contraband.

The police strategy is based on a 1968 Supreme Court ruling in Terry v. Ohio that police can stop, search and briefly detain individuals if an officer has "reasonable suspicion supported by articulate facts that criminal activity may be afoot". The court determined that reasonable suspicion is a standard above a hunch, but somewhere below, "probable cause".

The police action, which has sharply reduced drug trafficking in these areas, has drawn widespread support from residents of these beleaguered neighborhoods — with good reason. In Wilmington's poor and minority neighborhoods, as elsewhere, the scourge of drug trafficking is an "imported phenomenon". Drugs aren't grown in these communities, and, given that the overwhelming majority of America's drug users are White, the majority of "customers" for illegal drugs don't live in them. They've become the nation's drug bazaars precisely because they are poor and predominantly minority. Efforts to push the drug trade out are not only to be supported; they're to be demanded.

But we are troubled by the police squads' picture-taking of all those they initially stop and frisk in these roundups — even those

who are found not to be carrying contraband and are not arrested.

City officials say the photographs, with the individual's names and addresses, are being used to create a database of "potential suspects" to investigate "future crimes". This has provoked a vigorous debate in Wilmington about whether the taking and compiling of photographs of individuals based on the belief that they might commit a crime in the future violates the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures.

We think it does, and we say so without fear of being accused of being "soft on crime", which some like to use to silence questions about the constitutionality of some police tactics.

Why are pictures of individuals not arrested for any past or present crime being taken and stored? Is that justified by the assumption that they could possibly commit a crime at some point in the future — a reasoning of future-expected-guilt-by-present-association?

We have no doubt that some of the individuals frisked but not charged with any crimes in these routine roundups were at least thinking about being up to no good. That suspicion, however, isn't good enough.

It's also clear that many of the mostly minority men were completely innocent, they happened to be walking through the area on their way to and from home when they were stopped and photographed. Their pictures are on file now. When a future crime is committed, will they be called in, or visited by the police for questioning for no reason other than their photograph is on file?

Some, including some law-abiding neighborhood residents, have said we're quibbling over constitutional "niceties" when the emergency calls for tough action.

One answer to that is numerous other cities have found ways to attack drug trafficking in poor neighborhoods without trampling on the Constitution. Wilmington ought to tweak its, yes effective, program so that it does too.

A second answer is that raising questions about the constitutionality of government actions isn't "nuisance work". It's the very foundation of American democracy. The constitutional safeguards for the rights of individuals aren't "niceties", to be set aside whenever they prove inconvenient. They're to be adhered to always — especially in tough times, because they're all that stand between the individual citizen and an abusive government.

Our Constitution's Fourth Amendment still applies in the "hood" — drug crisis or no drug crisis.

(Allen and Ware are, respectively, president of the Metropolitan Wilmington, Del. Urban League and professor of law at the University of Delaware.)

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### There is a difference between terrorists of old and today

Dear Editor;

People are talking about terrorists more than ever. But it seems that they don't realize how long terrorists have been in America.

Years ago, it was White terrorists who brought Blacks to America as slaves. Blacks have been attacked ever since. The difference between the terrorists of years ago and some of them today is those of years ago only attacked Blacks. Terrorists today are attacking all races in America regardless of race creed or color.

For those who live to read about the terrorists of the past in America, read the One Hundred Years of Lynching or Without Sanctuary. You will see the pictures of some of the worst terrorist acts that have ever happened in the world.

Webb Evans

### Increased sales tax saves us but dooms us

Dear Editor;

I appreciate the recent action of the pro-income tax legislators who switched their votes in order to break the deadlock that was preventing the Legislature from providing the desperately needed funds for operating the state's programs. I was sorry that this was done by increasing the sales tax, but that was better than having a full state shutdown and it did provide necessary funding.

The added sales tax, however, further increases the unfairness of the state tax structure because it forces low income families to pay still higher fractions of their incomes to state taxes than do high income families.

An income tax package, which came close to getting majority support in the Legislature in the last few weeks, would have been much fairer. It would have ensured adequate and continuing support for schools and state parks and other needed programs. It would also have removed the Hall tax, taxes on food, clothing and non prescription drugs, and reduced the sales tax on other items. This would have lowered total sales taxes for many lower-income families. Although high income families would have paid more, the fractions of their incomes paid in taxes would still have been no more than those of low income families.

To achieve the advantages of an income tax package in the near future, we need to elect supporting candidates in the coming general election. Now is the time to ask candidates where they stand on state taxes. Would they continue with this new absurdly high and unfair sales tax? If not, would they adopt a suitable income tax plan, or would they just cut the budgets for the programs we all want and expect?

Fred Sweeton

### Is there a difference between Black leadership, personalities?

Dear Editor;

Ms. Chinta Strausberg mislabeled the Blacks commenting on the holiday issue as being Black leaders. All may be better called activists and habitual whiners. Black leaders have not called for Blacks to not participate in the Fourth of July national holiday.

There is a big difference between activists, protesters high-profile Black personalities and Black leadership. The want-to-be's will speak at the drop of a hat, about any and everything for they have no cause to be responsible for what they say.

We are blessed in that most Blacks do not listen to the comments made by the activists. While they may be against everything, they have nothing to offer in return.

As flawed as our nation may be it is still the crown jewel of the world's nations. Blacks have contributed greatly to our nation's greatness.

We do not own a grain of sand in Africa or any other place in the world. If the whiners are so unhappy in America, they are free to leave and go where life is better, yet they are still among us. Leaders they are not.

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15 year old KRISTLE D. HARRIS was in the intensive care unit for 27 (July 3rd - August 10 2002) days with a virus that has yet to be named. God has blessed me to see another day. For this I give out special thanks to those throughout the world for their prayers during my time of crisis.

*Krystle D. Harris*

Blessings to all from Krystle, Milton(Zeke-O) Harris, (father) Dianne Morgan (mother) Steven Ingram and their families. A special thank-you to Pitt Memorial Hospital, Doctors, Staff and Ministers.



**WE DO REMEMBER.....** Mrs. Beulah L. Whitfield Mebane (far right) was caught by the M' Voice camera on one of the many occasions giving service to the work of the Lord with fellow church members and her enduring husband. Mr. Francis Mebane seated in the rear.

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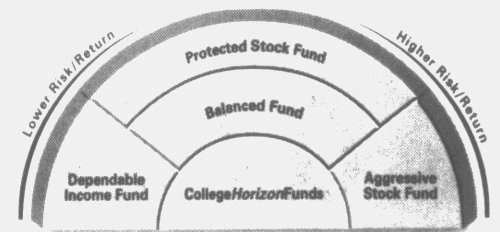
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# From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

collected though the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday - Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday - Cleaning Day

Lord, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday - Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday - Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday - The Lord's Day

## A Week Of Prayers

Monday - Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday - Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart as my honored guest so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.  
Author Unknown

## One -Sentence - Sermons

1. Be fishers of men ... you catch'em. He'll clean'em.
2. A family altar can alter a family.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. Don't put a question mark when God put a period.
5. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
6. Exercise daily, walk with the Lord.
7. Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

8. Give God what's right, not what's left.

9. Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.

10. God doesn't call the unqualified, He qualifies the called.

11. God grades on the cross, not the curve.

12. God loves everybody, but probably prefers "fruits of the Spirit over religious nuts.

13. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

14. Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

15. He who angers you, controls you.

16. He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

17. One's faultfinding is a sure sip of his own unhappiness.

18. Don't borrow trouble; the interest is too high.

19. Three ingredients for happiness: Have something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for.

## How Can I Be a Woman, If You Won't Be a Man?

Husbands love your wives ...  
Ephesians 5:25

When you stay out late at night And you treat it rather light. When you fail to talk to me And pretend that I don't see. When you act so unconcerned And think I can't discern I'm not in your plans...

How can I be a woman, if you won't be a man?

When the monthly bills are due And you seldom help me through. When you say that work is long And you sing the poor man's song. When you seldom take a stand And provide with able hands For your needy clan...

How can I be a woman, if you won't be a man?

When you drop me off at church And leave me in the lurch. When you will not take the time To renew and change your mind. When you never feed your soul And your heart grows hard and cold But you reach for my warin hand...

How can I be a woman, if you won't be a man?

# Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

Nobody's Perfect

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

It is common today for people to excuse their faults with the attitude, "Hey, nobody's perfect!" This is true enough. People can only be expected to be human-and that means fallible.

Unfortunately, though, few people take that reality seriously enough. Indeed, when it comes to their standing before God, all too many take a different stance: they may not be perfect, but they're "good enough." The question is, are they good

enough for God? Romans 3 says they are not. That's what Paul means when he writes, "all are under sin" (v.9) and then writes a number of Old Testament passages to back up his claim (vv. 10-18).

It is not that people are evil through and through, or that they never do any moral good, quite the contrary. People are capable of impressive acts of courage, compassion, and justice. But in light of God's holy (morally perfect) character, which is the ultimate standard against which people's goodness is measured, people are indeed far from perfect. Their good behavior turns out to be the exception rather than the rule. The good news that Paul writes about in Romans, however, is that God has reached out to humanity despite its imperfect ways. His attitude has not been one of rejection as if to say, "They're not good enough for me," but one of grace and compassion that says, in effect, "I will make them into good people--people as good as I AM--by means of Christ my Son."

# Sow A Seed



Joy R. Brown

Sow A Seed

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Gal. 6:9

I was thinking about an athlete who concentrates on running track. I can envision the athletes as they kneel and prepare themselves for the kick-off. As the sound of the gun alarms, the athletes dash toward the finish line. I can imagine each runner with a vivid picture of himself or herself, framed beautifully in the corridors of their minds, as a snapshot is taken of them being the first one to cross the finish line. Even though the athletes may get tired and weary during the race, they never stop or give up, because they know that there is victory at the end of the race.

As I was thinking about an athlete and the endurance that has been instilled in them, I began to meditate on Gal. 6:9. Paul was encouraging the believers concerning the promises of God. Paul said, "And let us (Joy) not be weary (to grow tired), to get discouraged, to give up) in well doing (that which is pleasing in the eyes of our

Father) for in due season (at the appropriate time ordained by God) we (Joy) shall (it must come to pass) reap (gain a harvest of blessings both natural and supernatural) if we (Joy) faint not (to lose heart; give in).

Just to encourage your hearts on today ... even when it seems as though the more you do and the harder you work, no results are being manifested. I suddenly began to realize, it's not what I see that should excite me, but it's what I don't see that should make me rejoice continually. If you walk in righteousness, which is simply being in right relationship with God, no good thing will He withhold from you.

The Harvest that is in store for you can not be totally seen with the human eyes. Just know that God wants to bless you and the blessings of God addeth no sorrow. He will give to you what you are capable of handling at that appointed time. Don't grow weary when nothing appears to be moving in your life. Just know that God is doing HIS best work behind the scenes.

In closing, seasons ... we all have a favorite season. My favorite season is due season. This season can last as long as I walk in obedience to God's word and plan for my life. My prayer for you is that you get locked into your due season and reap the bountiful blessings that are in waiting just for you.

Thought to meditate on :  
Don't conform to the seasons because seasons change; but let the seasons conform to you. If you are established in God's word, you will never change. Therefore your seasons shall remain the same.  
J. Renee Brown

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY  
OF THE NNPA

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Early attempts to ease the racial divide in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have apparently faded as White Americans have returned to a business-as-usual attitude toward racism, many grassroots and civil rights leaders say.

"Post 9-11 we still face the same inequities and even more because of the obvious freedoms that are now being challenged under the guise of terrorism," says the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP. "But the fact that we have known terror and there's still no legitimate move to address the domestic terror that's visited upon African Americans and people of color, i.e., racial profiling, hate crimes, the terror that goes with police abuse of their authority...the fact that there is no national sense of urgency to address those concerns still leaves a void among the races."

Anthony cites congressional bills drafted to fight racism that never move out of committee year after year, such as bills against racial profiling, outlawing the death penalty, protecting against hate crimes and ending disparate sentencing in the criminal justice system.

"They have been pushed to the back burner and Black folk have been challenged to assume the posture of patriotism," he says.

James H. Buford, president and chief executive of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, agrees. He says complaints of housing and employment discrimination handled by his office has increased by 15 percent to 20 percent in the past year.

"They've worsened. Nine-eleven has exacerbated race relations," he says. "And it has been consistent."

Buford says the St. Louis Urban League's human services caseload also has increased from 66,000 in all of last year to approximately 72,000 so far this year. "I think the stereotyping that the White community is doing is accelerating the situation in many ways."

The impact has been felt on the West coast, says the Rev. Asbury

Jones, director of faith-based relations for the Nehemiah Corporation, an urban housing and economic development agency based in Sacramento, Calif.

"Being way out here on the West Coast, we saw superficial improvement where everybody said, 'Oh wow brothers and sisters, we're all Americans.' I mean, we definitely felt that out here," he says. "But I think that was brief and short-lived and then on a deeper level, at a substantive level in this country, nothing has really changed. There's still a tremendous wealth gap between particularly Whites and Blacks...In terms of opportunity and the chance for upward mobility, there still is a correlation with race."

On the other hand, New York Times and CBS News poll report that a growing number of New Yorkers say they have seen a remarkable improvement in race relations since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. The poll said that people were not only more tolerant, but less likely to complain about perceived injustices or prejudices.

The poll found that 53 percent of African Americans, 56 percent of Hispanics and 69 percent of Whites believed that race relations are generally good. Just two years ago, only 16 percent of African-Americans believed race relations were good.

But a National League of Cities poll of 73 cities and towns last March revealed that 41 percent of citizens say that race relations have improved since Sept. 11 and 59 percent said race relations had either not changed or worsened.

"If I go to a different neighborhood or need a particular service or if I don't look a certain way that dictates how people think," says Damali Baxter, an African American finance student at Strayer University in Arlington, Va. "It hasn't gotten any better. I don't think it has changed. We're still fighting against racism and discrimination."

And civil rights advocates now have new battles.

Over the past year, Congress passed a string of new laws giving law enforcement agencies broad surveillance powers that

civil rights advocates believe could further exacerbate race relations.

"I do believe we can be patriotic and still question the wisdom of some of the policies being instituted by President Bush and Attorney General Ashcroft, who prior to 9-11 as we all know, were no friends of human rights and civil liberties," Anthony says. "So, what makes us think that after 9-11 there's going to be anything but what they've been prior to that?"

While African-Americans have long been victims of racial profiling and hate crimes, a surge of violent attacks were experienced by Arab-Americans immediately after Sept. 11. The 19 hijackers who crashed the three planes were all from the Middle East.

In direct response, right-wing extremist hate groups increased by 12 percent last year, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, based in Montgomery, Ala.

And some of that hate was directed at Arabs.

"The first month was frightening," says James Zogby, president of the Arab American Institute,

an advocacy group for Arab interests in political and social issues.

"Not just Arabs... Muslims who were Pakistani and Indian and African-American were getting targeted. People with beards were getting singled out for taunting. Cab drivers were getting harassed."

But the rash of attacks on Arabs were short-lived, Zogby says.

"It was a difficult situation. But the situation turned around and there was a significant outpouring of support when the leadership of the country became aware of how damaging this was."

Some see such harassment as commonplace in the Black community, while leadership says little or nothing about it.

Some see a positive to the negative behavior.

"As an African American who's been a victim of racial profiling, it's good that there are others who've been saying what we've been saying for many, many years," Anthony says. "And so, while I am very sympathetic to my Arab brothers and sisters, it's like welcome to the club now."



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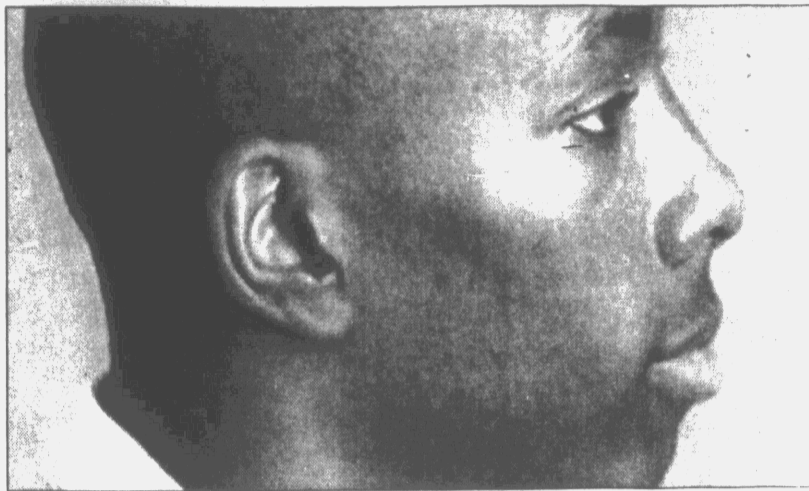
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### The Next Steps In The Reparations Movement



By Ron Walters

Coming off of the successful gathering in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 17, the reparations movement has a formidable task, but a show of support from everyday people who came to voice their belief that African Americans are owed a return on their unpaid labor during slavery and their oppression right up until this second. So, it is fair to ask the question: Now what?

To begin with, one must take the call for operational unity seriously, as voiced by Ron Daniels and Minister Louis Farrakhan. Having said that, it is impressive to see that all factions of the leadership of this movement were represented at the Millions for Reparations March. In fact, it can be said that despite the occasional bickering, there is already a rough operational unity among the groups making a level of communication possible. But perhaps the dream of Daniels and Farrakhan for a formal structure will be difficult to achieve,

given the different roles that the groups involved have adopted.

Second, there needs to be a web site which functions as a clearinghouse for information about the various activities involved. The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America has an excellent website and there are a few others such as Reparations Central that have the making of excellent sites, but which need to be maintained and constantly updated. The continued progress of the movement is defined by the ability of people to buy into the various activities, all of which presume that they know what the agenda of the various groups, both national and local, consist of.

Some of these activities do not lend themselves to

mass participation, such as the drafting of legal briefs; others do, such as the holding of panels, workshops, meetings and the like. NCOBRA, the Black United Front and the December 12th Movement all stand to benefit by an expanded membership and set of activities, provided that the organizing takes place to take advantage of the motion created by the gathering in Washington.

Third, the law suits need to come, but they also need some level of coordination because of the danger that random actions could prejudice the efforts of the various groups, by setting up precedents that make it easier for the courts to invalidate subsequent suits. So, this needs to be done carefully. It also needs to be done with the depth of research that might impress the legal system and at the same time, provide new information for those outside of the legal arena.

Part of the task of the reparations movement is to re-educate America about the

depth of the contribution of African peoples to the construction of this country. But the other aspect is to demonstrate the way in which oppression has worked to maintain blacks in a subordinate status. To this end, a research conference will be held this fall in New York by the African American Research Institute at Columbia University.

Daniels also is right that there needs to be a campaign to pass the bill by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), HR 40. Such a campaign should be pushed off this fall with the demand for 100 percent support of the bill by black members of Congress, some of whom have not signed on to it. Moreover, there is plenty work for the mass organizations: signing up local organizations and personalities to put pressure on local officials to support bills in city councils, state legislatures and the national Congress. As Conyers said at the march, this is an election year and it should be hard for a

politician, black or white, to ask for the black vote unless they hear the question, "Do you support African reparations, and how will you prove it?"

By the way, I was happy to see the NAACP represented at the March and speaking rally the night before. But where were the other civil rights organizations, including the Pastor Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, Dorothy Height, Joseph Lowery, Hugh Price, Kweisi Mfume, Wade Henderson, Bill Fletcher of TransAfrica and etc. Were they invited to speak? If not, this was a sorry show of unity by the organizers, but if they were, then the demand for accountability to this issue begins at home.

Ron Walters is Distinguished Leadership Scholar, director of the African American Leadership Institute and professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest book is "African American Leadership."

## The Cities

(A round-up of news shorts from cities across the country)

ATLANTA--"Don't ask, don't pour" is the new policy voted on by the City Council Sept. 5, asking restaurants not to serve water unless the customer asks for it. Several other cities in the state have also adopted the policy to regulate water usage. The vote is an effort to conserve the state's water supply, according to Councilwoman Clair Muller, who sponsored the resolution.

CHICAGO-The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 has settled an administrative complaint against Honeywell International for violation of federal laws on the reporting of hazardous chemical releases. The company has agreed to pay a \$36,000 fine, federal officials said. The complaint, which was filed March 29, 2002, is based on two separate incidents. EPA alleged that fires on February 5, 1998, and December 17, 1999, at Honeywell's tar plant at 1200 Zug Road, Detroit, Mich., resulted in the release of coal tar. After the incident, the company failed to immediately - notify the National Response Center and the Michigan State Emergency Response Commission, federal officials said. Honeywell also failed to provide written follow-up reports to the Michigan commission and the city of Detroit's local emergency planning committee after the second fire, they added. These reports are required as soon as practicable after such incidents, federal officials said.

PHOENIX-According to recently released Census 2000 data, urban Blacks and Asians in this southwest city have higher median household incomes than Whites in some of the city's suburbs. Statewide, the household income of Blacks grew 27.1 percent during the 1990s, twice the rate of Arizona as a whole. For Asians, their median income was \$5,000 above the state's \$40,558 median in 1999.

SIoux FALLS, S.D.-Now that the American Idol has been found, a nationwide talent search is underway for American Indians interested in stand-up comedy or writing scripts for TV and film. The search will stop in Vermillion, S.D. on Nov. 3. This search is an attempt to expand the roles of Native Americans beyond stereotypical images, a spokesman for the talent agency said.

STAMFORD, Conn.-Concern for improving student diets has motivated school officials to remove some snacks and soft drinks from menus at elementary and middle schools. High fat content snacks like potato chips will be replaced by reduced-fat potato chips, pretzels, popcorn and granola bars, officials said. Sodas will be replaced with bottled water, flavored seltzer water and juices in vending machines.

YPSILANTI, Mich.-Prisoners can no longer make collect calls home because of a new exclusive contract between Sprint and the Michigan Department of Corrections, according to one inmate. Robert C. Mitchell 111, an anti-police brutality activist and prisoner at Huron Valley Correctional Center, said the five-year contract between the two requires recipients of collect calls from Michigan prisoners to use Sprint as their sole long distance provider and have a bill of at least \$50 before they can receive a call.

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The Department has set a goal of 19% for Statewide Rural Planning Program, all of which is Race Neutral.

Your comments on these goals and the methodology used in establishing these goals are welcomed. All Comments should be submitted within 45 days (beginning August 21st through October 4th) to Mr. Delano R. Rackard, Director, Civil Rights & Business Development Section, North Carolina Department of Transportation, 1511 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1511 or (919)733-2300 between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

# "A BOOM GONE BUST"

## Blacks, Hispanics suffer in weak economy

-Eric T. Muhammad  
Final Call Newspaper

WASHINGTON - A comprehensive report of the U.S. economy released Sept. 1 reveals that Black and Hispanic families are disproportionately more affected by the loss of benefits and wages in the current recession than White families.

The "State of Working America 2002-2003," published by the D.C. based "State of Working America 2002-2003," published by the D.C. based Economic Policy Institute (EPI), suggests that in the last decade, the civil rights gains of Blacks and Hispanics that propelled them into a viable economic force, are receding.

The book, the eighth in a series published biennially since 1988, incorporates data through the first half of 2002 in a roadmap through the economy as U.S. working people and their families experience it. It examines the strong economy that persisted throughout the 1990s, when historically low national U.S. unemployment figures combined with faster productivity growth to lift economic fortunes of working families. It also examines the end of this period and the labor recession of 2001 that continues to the present.

"The tight labor markets of the late 1990s brought the first persistent, broad-based prosperity in decades," noted EPI President Lawrence Mishel, who also coauthored the report. "But now, with the boom gone bust, American workers are heading back to an economy marred by slow growth, no job growth, with wage and income disparities widening again."

According to EPI, since 2000, the recent two-percent jump in unemployment (from four to now six percent) has slowed wage growth to only one percent per year.

Described as a "jobless recovery," report co-author Jared Bernstein said for decades, economic progress for working families was stifled by an array of forces that included loss of quality jobs, union, key-industry deregulation, increasingly lopsided trade and the loss of the US manufacturing base.

Rising unemployment among Blacks was 10.7 percent for the second quarter of 2002. Overall, however, the pain of unemployment has been more widely shared across education groups in this recession than previous ones, the report said. Between the end of 2002, the increase in unemployment stayed fairly uniform among those who didn't finish high school, those with a high school diploma and those with some college (2.0, 2.1 and 2.3 percent, respectively).

"Even a college degree provided less protection in this recession than in the past," said the report.

The average household income of Black families between 1995-2000 rose by 17 percent and even faster for Hispanics (27 percent) during the same period.

As wages grew during the boom, so did the hours worked by parents, married or single. The average middle-income, two parent family now works 660 more hours per year --- or 16 more weeks --- than in 1979. However, mid-income Black, and Hispanic families worked many, more hours than White families to reach the same level according to the report.

On average, Black families worked 12 weeks more a year than Whites. Hispanics families worked 15 hours more, said the report.

Despite all the attention that has been focused on the stock market, the vast majority of American families still depend on their paychecks, not their portfolio," said the co-author Heather Boushey

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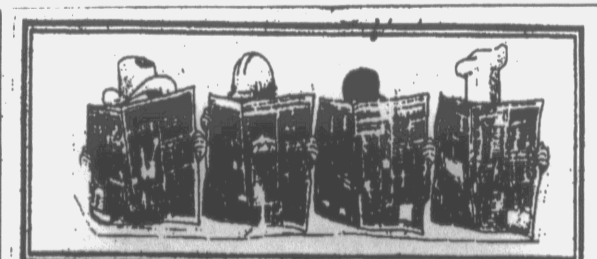
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**NCCU CHANCELLOR AMONG FIRST RECIPIENTS OF HARLEM WEEK AWARD**

DURHAM, N.C. North Carolina Central University Chancellor James H. Ammons was recognized recently as a recipient of the "2002 Guardian of Our Legacy Award" given at the first Annual Harlem Week National Black college fair and Expo.

Ammons was one of four leaders of historically black colleges and universities selected for the inaugural award. "This was a hard choice because a lot of university leaders have done exceptional things for their institutions," said Winston Majette, expo co-chair. "North Carolina Central University has jumped leaps and bounds under Dr. Ammons' leadership there."

He was one of the logical choices." Majette said the organization was aware of the local and national attention that NCCU had received since Dr. Ammons' arrival in June 2001. Additionally, several committee members were familiar with him not only as chancellor at NCCU, but also with his work while an administrator at Florida not A&M University.

Ammons received the "2002 Guardian of Our Legacy Award" along with fellow honorees: Mr. John Garland, president of Central State University; Dr. Algeania Freeman, president of Livingstone College; and Dr. Dorothy Crowder Yancy, president of Johnson C. Smith.

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NCCU PROFESSOR NAMED AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT-ELECT**

DURHAM, N.C. North Carolina Central University's Gwendolyn C. Chunn, criminal justice professor and executive director of the Juvenile Justice Institute, has been named the American Correctional Association president-elect.

Founded in 1870 as the National Prison Association, ACA is the oldest correctional profession and to advocate correctional effectiveness. Former president Rutherford B. Hayes was the first ACA president. The position of president of the ACA is so coveted that the election winner will serve as president-elect for two years before taking over the presidency. The president serves for a term of two years and each former president also serves as immediate past president for two years.

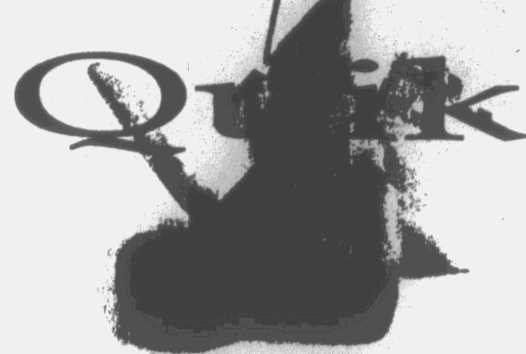
Chunn recently held the position of an ACA vice president. She graduated from North Carolina College at Durham in 1964 and received a master's degree in Spanish from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1971. In 1977, Chunn became a specialist for the North Carolina Division of Youth Services where she assisted in the design and training. She

continued up the ranks until she was named Division of Youth Services director in 1989. In addition to leading the state-funded Juvenile Justice Institute at NCCU, Chunn teaches a course on administration and management of criminal justice organizations.

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When their son graduated from high school this year, they couldn't afford to get him senior pictures. Now both, they couldn't afford to get him senior pictures. Now both, husband and wife are community college students trying to gain new skills that will once again make them employable, skills that will give them back their lives. He is taking welding, and she is in office systems technology. They have been out of high school for more than 20 years. That means they haven't been doing algebra or reading textbooks every day. That also means that their academic skills are rusty. Such is a classic example that I encountered as a faculty member and tutor at Pitt Community College.

The governor and legislature have proposed cuts to enrollment growth funding for community colleges. If this happens, many people who need to re-train for new jobs will be turned away. The open door of the community will close. This is unfair. Community colleges graduate taxpayers. The leaders are wrong to hamper North Carolina's main engine of economic recovery--that is a fair

chance to help displaced workers get their lives back. Let's hope that they see fit to re-think this proposal before taking definite action.

On November 7, we have the chance to keep open the doors of educational opportunity and fuel economic progress--without raising state taxes. By passing the community colleges and universities by voting FOR the Higher Education Bonds, we can help North Carolinians receive the education training and retraining they need to get and keep good jobs in the twenty-first century. The Daily Reflector noted that "recent statistics show that Pitt Community College's registration is up twelve percent from last year and financial aid requests more than double from last year. An economy in recession may be part of the reason for the student boom, but the pursuit of knowledge, whatever the reason, is a noble one, and those seeking academic enrichment should be proud."

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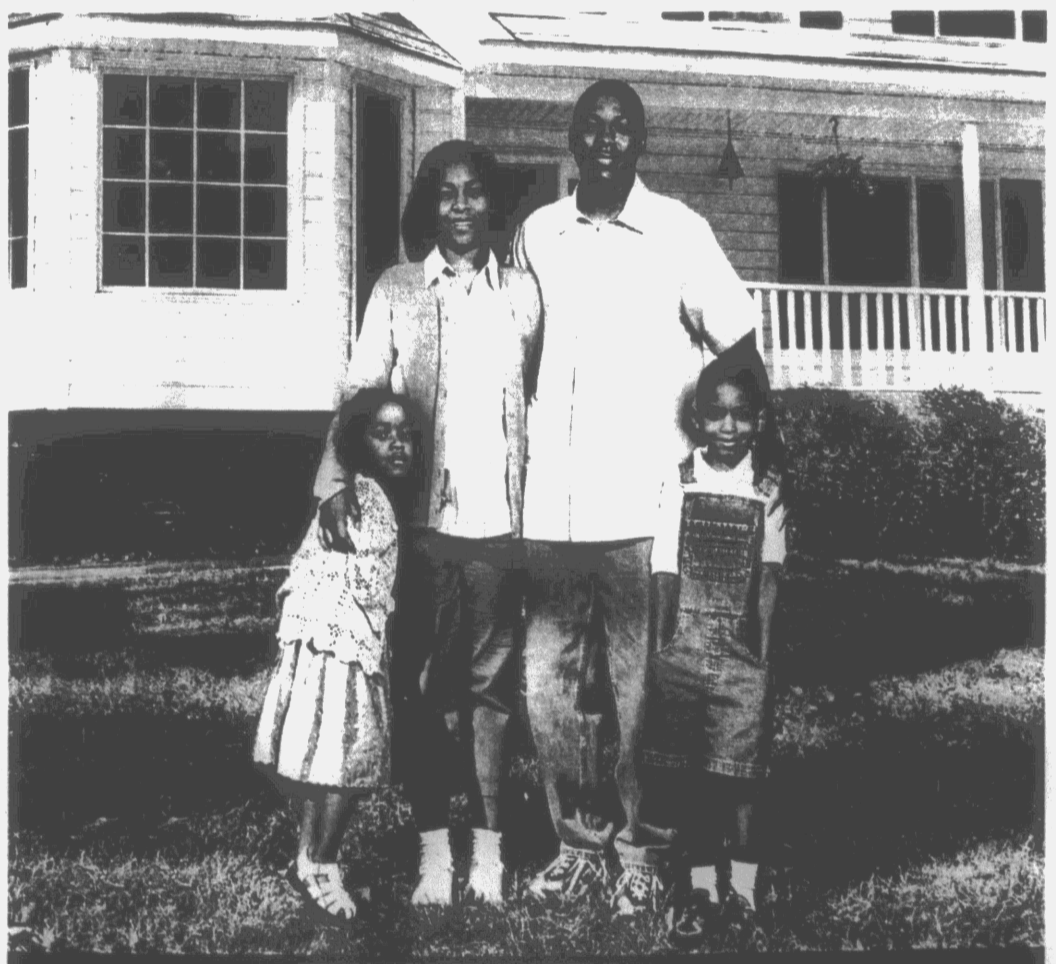
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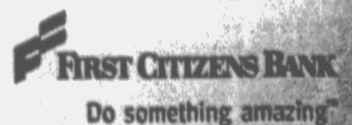
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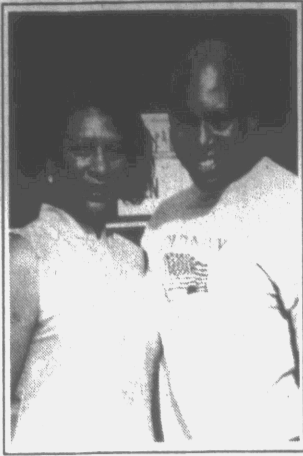
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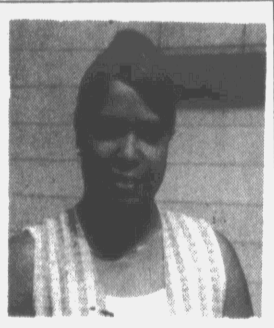
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Faith May

In 1955, 60 percent of U.S. households had a working father, a stay-at-home mom and two or more school-age kids. A "model family." Most 14-year-olds could expect mom (or their grandmother, or at least their neighbors) to be home during the day. These kids had full-time moms. Obviously there was a lot of parental involvement in their lives. In the U.S. of 100 children born today: 17 will be out of wedlock. 48 will be born of parents who divorce before the child is 18. 16 will be born to parents who separate. 6 will be born to parents of whom one will die before the child reaches 18. That leaves 13 kids who will reach age 18 having two parents with their marriage intact.

That was only 47 years ago. Such families virtually evaporated--within a single generation. By the 1970's both parents worked in 50 percent of families with school-age children. In 1986, 1955-family model made up only 7 percent of our homes. Today, three of four moms with school-age kids have left home to join the work force.

Sociologists studying this trend plainly state how this change has affected the lives of today's teens.

"The Carnegie Corporation points out that 30 percent of eighth graders are on their own after school, some as long as five hours a day, which gives them much more private, personal space than their postwar predecessors ever enjoyed. Seventy-five percent of sexually active teenagers cite their home (or their boyfriend's home) as their usual meeting place, since the coast is inevitably clear. 'Unsupervised time after school,' the Washington Post reported in 1992, 'is the most common occasion for adolescents to have sexual intercourse, often at a boy's house while his parents are at work' (Grace Pallidino, Teenagers: An American History).

When teenagers spend a full day at school packed in with other teenagers, and then spend most of their spare time either alone or in completely unsupervised social situations with other teenagers, there are bound to be problems. Again, God has given us plain instruction that largely goes unheeded: "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov.29:15). Later we'll go deeper into the instruction contained in that verse.

Parents have traditionally been very present in their children's daily lives. It hasn't been until recently that teens have been, in many cases and for a lot of the time cut loose. What unhappy results this self-governance has yielded.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

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# U. S. Baptists End Church Color Line

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# 'Didn't Shoot Ethel'

## See Church Bombing Acquittals Aiding Civil Rights Proposals

### Baptists vote end to color line

PHILADELPHIA

Two minds with but a single thought?

While northern Baptists were voting here last week to open the doors to all clergymen and laymen, their southern brethren voted in Chicago for an end of resistance to integration of the races.

The American Baptist Convention adopted unanimously here Friday a resolution that says "Each Baptist church shall choose its minister on the basis of character and ability without regard to racial background."

Continuing, the resolution adopted by the northern Baptists said:

"Our convictions demand that we speak because we believe that God has made all men in His image, and therefore all men have equal rights. Our history demands that we speak."

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### King and Nixon meet on June 13

WASHINGTON — Vice President Richard M. Nixon has mapped plans to discuss racial problems with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on June 13 in a conference here, Dr. King announced in Montgomery last week.

Arrangements have already been made for the confab between the noted Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott leader and the Vice President.

The Rev. Mr. King met Nixon in Africa last March during Ghana's independence day celebrations and suggested a discussion on violence against colored Americans in the South.

Nixon reportedly agreed to a discussion on June 13.

### Butler's vote helps cripple civil rights

By LOUIS LAUTIER  
WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Forgetting pledges to Maryland constituents, Sen. John M. Butler (R., Md.) Monday voted with Mississippi's Sen. James O. Eastland to saddle the civil rights bill with a crippling "right of jury trial" amendment.

The vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee was 7 to 3 to substitute the jury amendment for a "right to work" amendment offered earlier by Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas.

The vote of Sen. Butler and other members of the committee was interpreted to mean they did not believe in the right to vote provisions of the Eisenhower proposals.

THIS INTERPRETATION



CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines, national president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs by Mayor H. R. Nichols, of Longview, Washington, on the Association's community clean-up program. The competition, sponsored in conjunction with the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, was climaxed with a dinner at Association House, Saturday night. Others shown from left to right are Congressman Russell Mack and Harry N. Osgood, of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

### Johnson warns of 'bell amidst heaven, hell'

"We aren't going to know anything about the war until we get on the elevator and ring the bell between heaven and hell."

So warned Dr. Mardecal W. Johnson, president of Howard University, in the event of atomic war. He made the warning Sunday while delivering the baccalaureate address on the Howard campus.

"We won't know because our government doesn't tell us that we have put these weapons in such a place that we have no power to determine when they shall be used," Dr. Johnson said.

He spoke to 555 graduates and some 3,000 visitors in the open air before Frederick Douglass Memorial Hall.

"We have delivered ourselves into the hands of one man," he said by way of discussing any act of Congress.

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### 'Won't talk about the dead'—Grace

By EDWARD PEEKS  
"I don't talk about the dead. The dead can't harm you. A lot of people are dead, but they haven't been buried yet. See?"

The speaker was Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace in the Grace Family Home, No. 11 Logan Cir., NW, on Memorial Day, when asked about his statement that Father Divine is dead.

Daddy Grace was quoted last week as telling an audience in Greensboro, N.C.:

"In my opinion, Father Divine is dead and has been for several years."

He was further quoted as saying the Divine group at headquarters in Philadelphia "is using somebody else's voice" on tape at feasts and gatherings to conceal the death of the leader called God by his followers.

DADDY GRACE spoke Thursday over his dinner in the family dining room. He returned here from his Southern tour for a Memorial Day meeting at the House of Prayer, 1700 block Seventh St., NW.

An elaborate reception began for Daddy in the dining room. He was surrounded by nearly a dozen young girls and misses, half of them in blue and white uniforms. They helped him conduct the interview.

"Put it down like Daddy Grace says," a girl in a gray blouse urged the reporter.

"Don't twist it around," another said.

Daddy turned to them and winked, his gray hair flowing about his shoulders. "These newspaper people are a mess."

"Sweet Daddy Grace, it's the truth," the girls chorused.

THE TEASING look dissolved on Daddy's bronze-colored

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### Pleads guilty to embezzlement

Willie J. Smith, 25, pleaded guilty to embezzlement of \$952 on a three-count indictment before Judge Burnita S. Matthews in District Court Monday morning.

Smith of 1139 Oates St., NE, withdrew a plea of not guilty on three counts of an indictment which charged him with embezzlement, larceny after trust, and grand larceny, and entered a plea of guilty on the first count.

SMITH is accused of taking \$952 in checks and money which he was to deposit for the Professional Pharmacy while he was employed there last Feb. 1. His attorney, William S. Thompson, told the court that Smith had made plans of restitution with Dr. Henry R. Peters, president of the drug store on Georgia Ave.

The government accepted Smith's plea of guilty and dropped the charges of larceny after trust and grand larceny.

Smith, who is married and has one child, remains on \$2,000 bond pending his sentencing.

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### Dixie cry of jury right dealt blow

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON — Despite evidence supplied Memorial Day by two bombing suspects' acquittal in Montgomery, Ala., that no southern jury will convict white men for crimes committed against colored people, the Senate Judiciary Committee, Monday, amended the civil rights bill to guarantee the right of trial by jury to persons who have been charged with contempt of court in injunction cases involving interference with the right of all citizens to vote.

Formerly judges, without juries, had the right to issue such injunctions, a practice disregarding court orders to conform to the Supreme Court's ruling.

WASHINGTON — The acquittal by an all-white jury of two confessed bombers of a Montgomery church will definitely help Congressional advocates of civil rights legislation.

That was the opinion shared not only by NAACP Secretary Roy Wilkins, but many leaders of both parties in the House and Senate this week.

For one thing, the Alabama case snatches the rug from under Southern whites, who have been arguing the Eisenhower bill would deny the right of trial by jury.

The action of the Montgomery jury makes it fairly clear that Southern white juries find it impossible to be guided by the law and evidence in cases where the racial question is a factor.

"IF COLORED PEOPLE can't get justice in jury trials involving bombing and murder, they will not get justice in jury trials involving denials of the right to vote," Mr. Wilkins pointed out.

"It is this kind of justice,"

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### Bomb case jurors

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Following are the names and occupations of the jurors who freed two Klansmen on Memorial Day of charges of bombing the Hutchinson Street Baptist Church, Jan. 30.

Peter B. Mastin, 3rd, salesman, foreman; Jack C. Matthews, clerk; Peter Copley, machinist; Robert M. Dent, salesman; Ingram B. Comblion, service station operator; David B. Gorrie, lumber business officer; John H. Haardt, real estate dealer;

William B. Kessler, examiner state department of agriculture; Styles Murrell, farmer; Donald M. Parker, service station owner; L. C. Parker, merchant; and Robert W. Woolfolk, salesman.

### Pearson misquoted me, says Roosevelt

By LOUIS LAUTIER  
WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Rep. James Roosevelt (D., Calif.) Wednesday said Drew Pearson had misinterpreted his views on the trial by jury amendment which Southerners intend to offer to the civil rights bill in the House.

In a syndicated column written for Southern newspapers but sent to all subscribers to the Pearson column, distributed by the Bell Syndicate, Mr. Pearson said a letter Mr. Roosevelt wrote to Attorney General Herbert Brownell "in

Southern view regarding trial by jury."

The "Southern view" is that the proposed civil rights bill would deprive defendants of their right to a jury trial.

A KEY PROVISION in the Administration's bill is the proposal to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil suits to enjoin threatened deprivations of the right to vote and violations of other civil rights.

Vital to the effectiveness of such procedure, Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney

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REP. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL  
Suffers heart attack in pulpit

### Powell to leave hospital for rest

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

NEW YORK — Adam Clayton Powell Jr., has recovered sufficiently from his heart attack that he will leave the hospital Tuesday and spend several days of rest in seclusion.

The Rev. Mr. Powell will be in the pulpit Sunday, but will not preach. His condition is not serious," one of the minister-politician's top aides told the AFRO late Monday afternoon.

The 48-year-old Powell was stricken while delivering a sermon made famous by his father almost twenty years ago. According to plan Powell was to have spoken on "Some

### Man, 82, becomes 28th traffic death

An 82-year-old motorist who died at D.C. General Hospital Sunday morning, became the 28th District traffic fatality for the year.

Thomas Smith, of 26 L St., NW, collided with the garage of the new Women's Bureau in the rear of 1016 N. Capitol St., NW, on the morning of May 23.

He was admitted and treated for a lacerated left eye and a fractured right knee at D.C. General, and was pronounced dead early Sunday morning.

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### Hubby says slain wife shot him

George Ruth, gas station operator, accused of shooting to death his common-law wife last August 22, took the stand in his own defense, Monday, and shouted, "I didn't shoot Ethel. I didn't shoot myself."

With his left arm and fingers in a cast and braces, Ruth, 47, denied that he shot Mrs. Ethel Worlds and then attempted to take his own life with a 12-gauge shotgun in an early morning fracas.

The shooting of Mrs. Worlds allegedly took place at 612 T St., NW, shortly after Ruth closed his gas station at Fla. Ave. and T St., and went to bed in their joint living quarters.

THE GOVERNMENT is pressing charges of second degree murder, for which, if convicted, Ruth could get life imprisonment.

Ruth's defense is that the shooting of Mrs. Worlds was accidental and resulted from his trying to wrestle the gun from her after she shot him.

It was in the interest of this argument that Ruth took the stand Monday morning before Judge Burnita S. Matthews in District Court.

THIS WAS Ruth's glory: Ulysses Grant, husband of Mrs. Worlds before she and Ruth began their common-law relationship "close to three years ago," came to the rooming house at 612 T St., NW, shortly after Ruth closed the station for the night.

Grant, Ruth said, asked him and Mrs. Worlds to talk with him "in private."

He said Grant told him that he had heard that they were not getting along and that he wanted to help them get things straight.

RUTH REJECTED Grant's assistance, and went upstairs to bed without any argument. Mrs. Worlds followed him, and Grant left the house.

Upstairs, Ruth said, Mrs. Worlds asked him, "George, I want to ask you something. Did you pay any attention to Grant?"

"No," Ruth said he answered, then undressed and went to bed.

Mrs. Worlds did not undress

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### Gifts to NAACP still deductible

NEW YORK — Contributions made to the NAACP Educational and Legal Defense Fund Inc., are still deductible for tax purposes, Thurgood Marshall, its director-counsel, told the AFRO Saturday.

A pocket magazine last week erroneously reported from

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## Flash News In Brief

**The Happiest News Of The Week**  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas—Robert Samuel Hasson, 14, the son of a minister, reigned not only as class president at newly integrated Longfellow Junior High School here is Monique Elizabeth Adams, 12, who wants to be a singer. She won the school championship. The school has 19 other colored pupils besides Monique out of an enrollment of 500.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Four of the five bills designed to cripple the NAACP were buried in committee here as the legislature began adjournment. The only one passed extended the life of a special legislative investigating committee two years. It was this committee which framed the discarded proposals.

CHICAGO — Rep. William L. Dawson (D., Ill.) released from Bethesda Naval Hospital is now recuperating at his home here. He has been here since May 25 and plans here his Congressional duties for more than a month.

PHILADELPHIA — The American Baptist Convention voted unanimously Friday to end racial discrimination in its 4,300 member churches. Henceforth ministers and members will be chosen without regard to race or national origin.

SAN ANTONIO — The best speller at Emerson Junior High School here is Monique Elizabeth Adams, 12, who wants to be a singer. She won the school championship. The school has 19 other colored pupils besides Monique out of an enrollment of 500.

LINCOLN U., Pa. — Dr. James H. Robinson, pastor of New York's Church of the Master, is expected to accept the presidency of the church.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. —

Delegates also pledged "not to align" themselves with the Klan or White Citizens Councils.

NEW YORK — The NAACP Educational and Legal Fund Inc., has not lost its tax exemption status, as erroneously reported last week by a pocket magazine. Thurgood Marshall, its director-counsel, assured the AFRO Saturday.

Send, who is to resign. The announcement is to be made during commencement exercises on June 5.

BALTIMORE — Fresh from receiving the honorary doctor of humanities degree at Virginia State College, last week, Marian Anderson, the great contralto, was awarded the doctor of laws degree by Morgan State College Monday.