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Reparations and Economic Independence

by Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

In the process of building the Reparations Movement, it is crucial to take note of an important aspect of our work that Brother Chinweizu pointed out in a paper read at the second plenary session of the First Pan African Conference on Reparations, held in Abuja, Nigeria, on April 27, 1993. Chinweizu observed that one of the most important aspects of the Reparations Movement "is our self-repair, the change it will bring about in our understanding of our destiny, the change it will bring about in the world."

Chinweizu further observes in his paper, "So, reparations, like charity, must begin with ourselves, with the making of the new Black person, with the making of a new Black world."

With this in mind, in our work in the Reparations Movement, we must direct our attention to our external demands at the same time we work on our internal repair. We must do both at the same time.

It is especially obvious that at this time of the year millions of African people get caught up in the European holiday season by participating in helping the European economic order remain strong by purchasing their products promoted in the name of the holiday season. Let us reflect for a moment on this problem.

Since being captured from Africa and introduced into the United States as property and commodity, over four hundred years ago, African people in America have become subjects of one

of the world's greatest tragedies. This is the tragedy of being completely taken over by the Euro-ethnic order of America, in almost every area of our lives, at the detriment of our own self-interest. This tragedy manifests itself today most vividly in the area of economic development in the African-in-America Community.

If you observe the African Community in America throughout the United States today, you will observe that we do not control the economics of our own communities. We have allowed other ethnic groups to become the major benefactor of the economies of our communities. This problem has major impact on many of the problems we face, such as: the African Family Crisis, African on African (Black on Black) crime, drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancy, HIV and AIDS, cultural domination, educational genocide, and lack of real political power, et al.

All African people in America need to stop and think for a minute and ask the question, why do we so easily and willingly spend our money with other people and these same people do not spend their money with us? In fact, the White community will not even allow African-in-American businesses and enterprises, for the most part, to open in their communities.

One of the most devastating outcomes of this capturing process of African people in America is the fact that too often we look to other people to solve problems for us instead of solving them ourselves. It should be crystal clear that the problems we face

as a people will not fundamentally change until we decide to make these changes and correct the habits that keep us in an oppressive state. Continuing to spend our money with other people at the expense of our own communities will continue to keep us in a state of begging other people to do for us what we should do for ourselves.

In America, most ethnic groups tend to have control of items they consume as part of their cultural heritage and characteristics. For example, the Chinese dominate the rice

industry and the Greeks dominate the fruit and vegetable industry. African people eat greens as a part of our regular cultural eating habits, but we do not control greens. Just think, if we controlled the production, processing, wholesaling, retailing and distribution of greens in America, we would considerably advance our own economic situation.

During this season of super propaganda and economic rip-offs, let us recommit ourselves to at least become a part of the MATAH Network, which

is the only African owned and controlled channel of distribution featuring hundreds of Black manufactured products.

Let us stop the cycle of economic dependence and struggle harder to build the Reparations Movement.

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Chronology of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 1929
- January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr. is born to Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. (former Alberta Christine Williams) in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1935 - 1944
Dr. King attends David T. Howard Elementary School, Atlanta University Laboratory School, and Booker T. Washington High School. He passes the entrance examination to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia without graduating from high school.
- 1947
Dr. King is licensed to preach.
- 1948
February 25
Dr. King is ordained to the Baptist ministry and appointed associate pastor at Ebenezer.
- June 8
Dr. King graduates from Morehouse College with a BA degree in Sociology.
- September
Dr. King enters Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. After hearing Dr. A. J. Muste and Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson preach on the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, he begins to study Gandhi seriously.
- 1951
May 6-8
Dr. King graduates from Crozer with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.
- 1953
June 18
Dr. King marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Alabama.
- 1954
May 17
The Supreme Court of the United States rules unanimously in Brown vs. Board of Education that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.
- October 31
Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. appoints Dr. King as the twentieth pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.
- 1955
June 5
Dr. King receives a Ph.D. degree in Systematic Theology from Boston University.
- November 17
The Kings' first child, Yolanda Denise, is born in Montgomery, Alabama.
- December 1
Mrs. Rosa Parks, a forty-two year old Montgomery seamstress, refuses to relinquish her bus seat to a white man and is arrested.
- December 5
The first day of the Montgomery bus boycott and the trial date of Mrs. Parks. A meeting of movement leaders is held. Dr. King is unanimously elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association.
- December 10
The Montgomery Bus Company suspends service in black neighborhoods.
- 1956
January 26
Dr. King is arrested on a charge of traveling thirty miles per hour in a twenty-five miles per hour zone in Montgomery. He is released on his own recognizance.
- January 30
A bomb is thrown onto the porch of Dr. King's Montgomery home. Mrs. King and Mrs. Roscoe Williams, wife of a church member, are in the house with baby Yolanda Denise. No one is injured.

Biographical Outline of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a vital figure of the modern era. His lectures and dialogues stirred the concern and sparked the conscience of a generation. The movements and marches he led brought significant changes in the fabric of American life through his courage and selfless devotion. This devotion gave direction to thirteen years of civil rights activities. His charismatic leadership inspired men and women, young and old, in this nation and around the world.

Dr. King's concept of "somebodiness," which symbolized the celebration of human worth and the conquest of subjugation, gave black and poor people hope and a sense of dignity. His philosophy of nonviolent direct action, and his strategies for rational and non-destructive social change, galvanized the conscience of this nation and reordered its priorities. His wisdom, his words, his actions, his commitment, and his dream for a new way of life are intertwined with the American experience.

Birth and Family
Martin Luther King, Jr. was born at noon on Tuesday, January 15, 1929 at the family home, 501 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Charles Johnson was the attending physician. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the first son and second child born to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King. Also born to the Kings were Christine, now Mrs. Isaac Farris, Sr., and the Reverend Alfred Daniel Williams King. The Reverend A.D. King is now deceased.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s maternal grandparents were the Reverend Adam Daniel Williams, second pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Jenny Parks Williams. His paternal grandparents were James Albert and Delia King, sharecroppers on a farm in Stockbridge, Georgia. He married Coretta Scott, the younger daughter of Obadiah and Bernice McMurry Scott of Marion, Alabama, on June 18, 1953. The marriage ceremony took place on the lawn of the Scott's home in Marion, Alabama. The Rev. King, Sr. performed the service, with Mrs. Edythe Bagley, the sister of Coretta Scott King as maid of honor, and the Rev. A.D. King, the brother of Martin Luther King, Jr., as best man.

Four children were born to Dr. and Mrs. King:
Yolanda Denise (November 17, 1955, Montgomery, Alabama)
Martin Luther III (October 23, 1957, Montgomery, Alabama)
Dexter Scott (January 30, 1961, Atlanta, Georgia)
Bernice Albertine (March 28, 1963, Atlanta, Georgia)

Education
At the age of five, Martin Luther King, Jr. began school, before reaching the legal age of six, at the Yonge Street Elementary School in Atlanta. When his age was discovered, he was not permitted to continue in school and did not resume his education until he was six. Following Yonge School, he was enrolled in David T. Howard Elementary School. He also attended the Atlanta University Laboratory School and Booker T. Washington High School. Because of his high scores on the college entrance examinations in his junior year of high school, he advanced to Morehouse College without formal graduation from Booker T. Washington. Having skipped both the ninth and twelfth grades, Dr.

King entered Morehouse at the age of fifteen. In 1948, he graduated from Morehouse College with a B.A. degree in Sociology. That fall he enrolled in Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. While attending Crozer, he also studied at the University of Pennsylvania. He was elected President of the Senior Class and delivered the valedictory address.

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RUN MELVIN RUN... Top photo Melvin McLawhorn is pictured with his family as he announces his bid for the now vacant seat on the Board of Commissioners. Bottom photo-Bishop Royal gives his endorsement and prayers to Bro Melvin. photo by William Clark

Dick Gregory charges racism against Alabama Securities Commission

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (NNPA)—Here we go again 40 years later. An interracial group of leaders recently joined civil rights activist Dick Gregory at the Alabama State Capitol to bring an array of serious unethical and "conspiracy" charges against investigators of the Alabama Securities Commission.

Securities Commission Director Joseph Borg and Agent Rubin Redd were repeatedly accused of violating the civil rights of Terry Harris, founder of Wealth Builders International (WBI) and Networker 2000.com, both Birmingham-based companies.

"I'm calling for a (U.S.) Justice Department investigation of the Alabama Securities Commission and their trickery and diabolical tactics that were used 40 years ago here in Alabama to shut down legitimate Black businesses," Mr. Gregory said. He accused the commission of releasing damaging press and media reports to the public "to undermine investor confidence" designed and orchestrated "to do irreparable harm to a legitimate thriving Black-owned business."

Mr. Harris, 44, began Networker 2000 in 1997. Today, the company has more than 28,000 independent representatives in all 50 states. It is

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a network marketing company that led to his teaching of "stock-option trading" to the poor of America. "Wall Street is our street," said Mr. Harris, who hails from the ghettos of Bessemer, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham.

Lauded by many as a "financial empowerment genius," Mr. Harris developed seminars about stock-option trading, which is what eventually led to what some have called "the malicious and vindictive investigation" of Networker2000 and Mr. Harris' investment club, Wealth Builders International.

"He (Harris) is a threat to the system," Mr. Gregory said. "They know that if Terry Harris continues teaching poor and Black people (about stock options) and financial independence, they'll be able to lift themselves up by their own economic bootstraps."

Mr. Harris said he is willing to take a lie-detector test to prove he has done nothing wrong or illegal. He added, "I would like for Securities Director Borg to take a lie-detector test, too, to prove that this investigation of my company is not predicated on race."

Who is Terry Harris? Many of the 28,000 independent representatives who work in his company liken him to A.G. Gaston, a legendary self-made Alabama millionaire.

Realizing he had a knack for business, he started building businesses: An income tax service, resume service, car dealership, publishing company, mail order service, and a consulting service were a few. He eventually began investing in the stock market.

In 1997, he launched a Birmingham-based business named Networker2000.com (NZK) which has grown and developed into an almost 30,000 member nationwide Web hosting business with optional member benefits, such as stock option training education. The training was primarily to educate the poor to provide a means to escape poverty and realize their potential for wealth.

—Franklin Tate
The Birmingham Times

More Thurmond Kin Found

More Thurmond Kin



Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Dixiecrat Presidential nominee, is related to a number of colored persons besides Robert Thurmond of Morristown, N.J., half-cousin, who disclosed his relationship to the Governor in the AFRO last week. Above, right, is the late Thomas Thurmond of Edgefield, S.C., half-brother of James E. Thurmond, father of the Governor. He had "good" hair, blue eyes, and a light complexion, according to reports. At left, above, is Thomas Thurmond, a half first-cousin, and at right, below, is the Rev. James R. Thurmond, a half second cousin. Another first cousin, Mrs. Eva Thurmond Smith, lives in Augusta.



Strom Thurmond avoids AFRO reporter in the August 28, 1948 article below.

Thurmond In, Then 'Out' to AFRO Man

By DOUGLAS HALL

COLUMBIA, S.C.— Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, Presidential candidate of the Southern Dixiecrats, "stepped out" on me Friday. I telephoned the governor's office and talked with his secretary who stated that he was new on the job. He talked in a co-operative tone of voice, at first anyway, saying that he thought a conference could be arranged as the governor was in his office at that very moment.

Governor Is In
A former secretary told me that when the governor was in the city he always set aside the morning for "folk who wanted to talk with him."

The following conversation took place:
"What paper do you work for?"
"Where are you from?"
"Augusta, Ga."
"Is that paper published there?"
"We do have an edition that covers that area."
"Is the AFRO printed in Augusta?"
"The AFRO is printed in Baltimore, Md."
"I thought so!"
Stating that this was my third attempt, I insisted upon talking with the Governor about a very important matter. The secretary then stated that he would go and see him.

"Just Stepped Out"
A few minutes later he returned to the phone and told me that I could not see the Governor because he had "just stepped out." "Does that mean that I cannot see him at all?"
"Yes, you cannot see him."
"When?"
"Later."
"Thank you, I will call again tomorrow."
"We are convinced you will not be able to see him then. I don't know when he will be able to see you."

Three in Augusta, Ga. own S.C. governor

August 17, 1948
By Douglass Hall

Augusta, Ga. - Three more Thurmonds, a housewife, a presser, and a minister told the AFRO this week that they are cousins of South Carolina's Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, Dixie nominee for president.

They are Mrs. Eva (Thurmond) Smith, half first cousin; Thomas Thurmond, half first cousin; and the Rev. James R. Thurmond, half second cousin.

Supporting the contention of Robert Thurmond, Morristown, N.J., the three stated that, not only do they have names spelled the same as the governor's, but that they are blood relatives to him.

Pastor's Statement
"Not only that," asserted the Rev. Mr. Thurmond, who has eight little Thurmonds (half third cousins), "if you really want to see the Thurmonds, you should go up into McCormick County (joining Edgefield County)."

"It seems like everybody up there are Thurmonds. They are of all colors. Some are so white that you cannot tell them from the original Thurmonds."

"Sometime ago I preached up there and after I had finished, it seems like everybody in the church came up and told me that they were Thurmonds. They may not be blood Thurmonds but they have the name."

Matron Gives Proof
To support her belief that she was a blood Thurmond, and not just someone who picked up the name, Mrs. Smith pointed out a picture of her blue-eyed father, Thomas Thurmond, who was the half brother of James Thurmond, the governor's father.

"Why, I remember well when Gov. Thurmond's father used to visit my grandfather," the Rev. Mr. Thurmond added, "and they used to sit and eat, and talk for hours."

"I remember asking my grandfather why did that 'white' man always visit our home. My grandfather told me that they were brothers."

Plenty Relatives
There are several hundreds persons, colored and white, in this city and surrounding communities who claim relation to the governor of South Carolina.

"When I came back to Augusta in 1941," said Thomas Thurmond, "I went to the employment office to get a job. They asked me my name and I told them. Then they asked me to spell it. I did."

"The man, who was also named Thurmond, asked me did my folk come from over in Edgefield. I told him that they did. He then told the folk in the office that we were all related."

The only thing that surprises colored Thurmonds is, why is it so important that they are related to the white Thurmonds. It is an old story and "everybody in these parts knows it."

THE AFRO REPORTED AUGUST 1948...

A. In the heat of the summer and the height of the presidential campaign in 1948 the AFRO reported that Strom Thurmond the presidential nominee of the segregationist Dixiecrat party indeed had a

Black cousin, Robert G. Thurmond of Morristown, New Jersey.
B. Later that month AFRO reporter Douglas Hall ventured down to the South Carolina, Georgia border and uncovered

three more members of Thurmond's Colored clan.
C. Hall actually was bad enough to step to then South Carolina Governor Thurmond's offices in Columbia, South Carolina. First Hall was told Thurmond was in, but once Thurmond got wise to what Hall wanted the governor checked out.

Cousin of Dixiecrat Nominee tells all

August 17, 1948

Morristown N.J. - The reason that Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Dixiecrat presidential nominee, does not resemble his half-cousin, Robert G. Thurmond, Morristown post office labor department worker, is that Robert G. is not of the Caucasian race.

There is, however, resemblance in their political aspirations as it was pointed out by Mr. Thurmond here in an AFRO interview on Wednesday. Both men are political leaders.

Their kinship was disclosed by Mr. Thurmond, who stated that Gov. Thurmond's father, James E. (Snip) Thurmond, a prosecutor in Edgefield, S.C. and his father, the late Thomas Thurmond, were half brothers, which makes them half first cousins.

Says Relationship Well-Known

Asked whether he knew Governor Thurmond personally, and whether the South Carolina State head recognized him as a relative, Mr. Thurmond said:

"I certainly do know Strom and he knows me and he knows of our relationship because we were the only Thurmonds in Edgefield. He was a youngster when I left home."

Mr. Thurmond, who is 63 years old, also explained that his brother was named after Gov. Thurmond's father.

Before coming to Morristown, Mr. Thurmond lived in New York City where he operated a barber shop. He then moved to Newark where he continued in the barber trade.

He came to Morristown in 1926, opened and operated a cafe here, popularly known as the Maple-Leaf Restaurant. Most of his customers he said were from Newark and New York City.

It was during the period he was a bistro operator that he was drafted as Morristown's first colored Democratic leader.

Responsible for Job Openings

When I accepted that post 15 years ago," he asserted, "there were no colored persons in any of the better jobs here, not even a cuspidor cleaner in the town's municipal buildings."

Although Morristown is predominantly Republican, he, a Democratic leader, figured in the employment of six other persons in the post office, of whom five are working at present.

Mr. Thurmond said he was the first colored person to gain employment in the Morristown post office, a job he has held for the past 11 years.

Looking at least 15 years younger than his actual age, Mr. Thurmond has been married twice and is the father of four children, and though he was unable to name the number of grandchildren, he did name four great-grandchildren.

Believes Cousin Made Mistake

On the subject of Governor Thurmond, to whom he voluntarily referred as "my cousin," Mr. Thurmond said that he believed that the South Carolina Governor made the worst mistake of his life in accepting the nomination for U.S. President on the Dixiecrat-State's Rights Party since the Democratic Party in the State is no longer a "franchised club" and colored persons are permitted to vote.

As a matter of fact, he had planned to write Governor Thurmond to explain his views.

Mr. Thurmond said he never had corresponded with the Governor but he kept close tab on him through the newspaper reports.

Mr. Thurmond stated that he believed that the Governor of South Carolina would be one of the more liberal leaders in that State if he "had his own way about things."

Black press almost excluded

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try deserves the right to know what is going on and needs to hear what the president has to say, and that a photograph should be taken by the Black press.

Her supervisor came out and again, I was informed that for security reasons, only the Sun would be allowed to take pictures and I could get a photo from them.

Never one to be refused when there is neither justice nor logic attached to the issue, I suggested she call the White House and inform them that the Baltimore AFRO represents all of Black America and that an exception should be made to the hard-and-fast rule.

Two prominent African-American business leaders were near the security desk, overheard the conversation and intervened on my behalf. Garland Williamson, president of the President's Roundtable, and Wayne Frazier, president of the Maryland/Washington Minority Contractors Association, prevailed on the

woman in charge of media and convinced her to call the White House to assure that the Black press would be able to fully participate in the media coverage.

Also, Boyd Rutherford, secretary of Maryland Department of General Services, asked the press office to call the White House and vouched for the character of the two African-American businessmen, and for my character as a journalist.

After a 20-minute delay, the woman returned, the matter was resolved and I was given permission to photograph the event.



Photos by Roderick C. Willis

Wayne Frazier, president of Maryland/Washington Minority Contractors Association (left), and Garland Williamson, president of President's Roundtable, intervened in argument with White House over policy on news photography.

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On December 21, 2003, Youth Today Community Resource celebrated its ribbon-cutting and open house. The community center located at 400 Mumford Road is open to youth and families of Eastern North Carolina. It currently offers a computer public access center fully-equipped with Internet services, community reading groups, 4-H youth development, basic needs assistance, boys basketball, afterschool tutoring, storytime, movie night & more. They are currently seeking volunteers to assist in the community center. A special thanks to my family for their countless hours of support during the inception of Youth Today, also Phase II Heaven, (next picture) and the many volunteers that were there to support this grassroots agency from the ground up.

Youth Today needs your help as a provider of basic needs and feeding the hunger. \$1.00 buys 10 lbs. of food. Send your tax-deductible donations to Youth Today Inc., P.O. Box 632, Greenville, NC 27835 or call us at (252) 752-5637 for more information about how we can serve your community. Again, thank you for your continued support.

4H Allstars Pictured next are the 4H Allstars: Back row left to right, Logan Council, Johnathan Fields, Valencia Speight, Front left to right, Montel Shamble, Akeem Savage, Shandell Jones, Megan, Melanie, and Melinda Fields. 4H Allstars brought Holiday Cheer to the senior citizens at Senior Towers in December through the 4H group and Phase II Heaven a new rising group of singers in the Greenville, NC community. In addition, they also picked a mess of sweet potatoes for the seniors in the home and the community. A recipe book was released to the seniors which compiled their original recipes. *photo by Bro Jim Rouse*

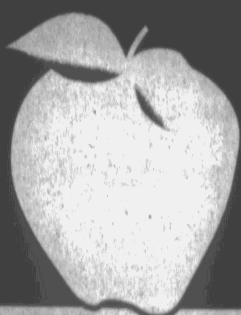
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From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Ms. Beatrice May

To the editor,

Why have a family altar? This question would never enter the minds of those already having a family altar, but those who do not have one or those who are not sold on the idea may raise the question.

God expects us to have family worship as indicated in the first part of Proverbs 22:6. Matthew Henry says of this verse - "Here is first a great duty enjoined, particularly to those that are the parents and instructors,

in order to the propagating of wisdom. Train up a child to keep him from snares of sin. Catechise them, initiate them, keep them under discipline, train them as soldiers who are taught to handle their arms, keep rank and observe the word of command".

The Sunday school and church cannot in any wise replace the vital need for a daily diet of God's Word. Too many parents rely upon the Sunday school to make angels or saints of their children. The home is the greatest educational institution on earth. Here the child gets his first lessons in walking, eating, talking, etc. How much more should he receive Christian training and learn the importance of worship.

Family altar binds the family together. "The family that prays together stays together" is a familiar slogan. How true those words are. The family altar makes an impression on children that lives long in their minds.

More family altars would mean fewer juvenile delinquents. J. Edgar Hoover (F.B.I.

Chief) said the answer to youth's criminality is the home. He further stated, "If there is hope for the future of America, we must as a nation return to God and to the practice of daily family prayer".

The future of our nation my depend on the number of family altars. "As the home goes so goes the nation". The nation is no stronger than her homes. Everything we love or we have depends on family altars. Why have a family altar? How can we survive without it? The question should be reversed, why not have a family altar?

- Beatrice Maye

Your Child's Friends

As parents, we need to be completely aware of the friends who have gravitated toward our children, and vice versa, and take proactive involvement in these friendships.

Your child is going to be strongly influenced by peers, perhaps more than birthdays. Parents should direct their chil-

dren to peers who will be a good influence upon them. Do not be misled. "Bad Company corrupts good character".

What are some characteristics of the "Right" friends?

1. A love of God. Look actively for other Christian children to play with our children.
2. Good relations with their own parents.
3. Kindhearted not mean spirited
4. Be sure that Dad (not just Mom) leads spiritually.
5. Strive to make your children proud of you.
6. "Parents are the pride of their children" (Proverbs 17:6)
7. Love your spouse above your children. Parents should not argue in front of their children but should take their disagreements to the privacy of their room.
8. Show affection. This does not mean sexual embraces; it does include hugs and kisses appropriate for public viewing. As children routinely see great love expressed between their parents, they are filled with confi-

dence that the household is in good order, that all is well at the top.

9. Do the children know that Dad's first priority is Mom (not me) and that Mom's first priority is Dad (not me)? When a parent shows more love for a child than that for a spouse, this actually increases the child's insecurity and self-centeredness. Put the spouse before the child, without anything in between: a job, career, and hobbies. Therefore, the correct order is God, your spouse, your child and then everything else.

Frederick Douglass: "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men".

Some of the many ways in which we worship God include:

1. Singing in church
2. Reading the Bible
3. Singing alone
4. Meditating on Scriptures
5. Memorizing Scriptures
6. Singing spontaneous praise
7. Physical posturing (kneeling, dancing, etc.)

8. Praying in thanksgiving
 9. Interceding
 10. Celebrating communion
- From: Raising Children to Adore God; Instilling a Lifelong Passion for Worship by Patrick Kavanaugh

English philosopher John Locke remarked: "Parents wonder why streams are bitter when they themselves have poisoned the fountain".

Dennis Rainey, an expert writes on Christian families, "The breakup of the family isn't due to a deterioration in or legislator's values, but rather to a deterioration in fathers values".

Respect Authority
- Remember that a child's basic instinct is to imitate his parents. Let your walk be equal to your talk.
- Give your children an illustration of "clean hands and a pure heart" (Psalms 24:4)
- Strive to make your children proud of you.
- Love your spouse above your children.

PRESIDENTS, SOLDIERS and LIES

Presidents, Soldiers and Lies

DefenseWatch

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For The Truth (SFTT), a grass-roots educational organization started by a small group of concerned veterans and citizens to inform the public, the Congress, and the media on the decline in readiness of our armed forces.

Inspired by the outspoken idealism of retired Colonel David Hackworth, SFTT aims to give our service people, veterans, and retirees a clear voice with the media, Congress, the public and their service

By George S. Kulas

When then-President Bill Clinton told the nation, "I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again: I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky," many of us listened and believed him. Unfortunately, the president of the United States was looking right into our eyes and lying through his teeth.

Many presidents have lied. While some lies have been found out, many more have sailed right over the heads of the American people.

President Harry Truman on Aug. 6, 1945 said, "The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, a military base. That was because we wished in this first attack to avoid, in so far as possible the killing of civilians." The fact was that Hiroshima was primarily a ci-

vilian city where 140,000 people, most of them civilians, died as a result of the bombing.

President Lyndon Johnson on Aug. 5, 1964 said, "As president and commander-in-chief, it is my duty to the American people to report that renewed hostile actions against United States ships on the high seas in the Gulf of Tonkin have today required me to order the military forces of the United States to take action in reply." As we later learned, there was unprovoked attack and Johnson's lie opened the door under the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution for the United States to expand the Vietnam War. More than 58,000 Americans would eventually die and 304,000 young Americans would be wounded in over a decade of fighting. What adds insult to injury is the fact that during the early years of the war and just before he sent in additional troops, President Johnson stated to then-Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, "I don't see any way of winning" in Vietnam. But our president still sent American boys off to die! The lies go on and on: John F. Kennedy with the Bay of Pigs in 1961; Nixon with Watergate during 1972-74; Ronald Reagan with the Iran-Contra affair in 1986-87; Clinton with Bosnia (no more than a year) during 1995-2000.

So in regards to Iraq today, is our president lying to us? It may take years before we really know whether in fact President Bush was really told by the CIA that Iraq was not trying to buy fissionable material (the Niger connection)

even though stated in his State of the Union address that it was a fact and a reason to invade. It may take years before we are told whether or not Saddam Hussein did in fact possess Weapons of Mass Destruction that were so detrimental to the security of the United States that we had to immediately conduct a preemptive strike. It is interesting that some truths are already emerging from the tight-lipped Bush administration. The continual public rhetoric by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld that all was and is fine in Iraq appears to be quite the opposite of what he has been saying privately.

In a leaked internal Defense Department memorandum of Oct 16, Rumsfeld asked, "Is our current situation such that the harder we work, the behinder we get?" He went on to say, "It is pretty clear that

the coalition can win in Afghanistan and Iraq in one way or another, but it will be a long, hard slog." That's certainly not the "get in, win and get out" philosophy he was preaching about before during and just after the war.

President Kennedy argued, as do a large number of political scientists, that senior government officials have the right to lie; that deception is vital if national interests are to be best served in the face of powerful obstacles; that a politically ignorant electorate simply cannot comprehend complex matters; that lies are necessary to protect lives or national security.

Yes, we have been lied to often by senior government officials, including many of our Presidents. The anti-war movement of the 1960s would likely have been much more widespread and emotional if the American people and the sol-

diers fighting and dying in Vietnam would have known their president and their secretary of defense escalated the conflict even though they already did not believe the war was winnable.

Now in Iraq, we are being led to believe by our president and his secretary of defense that the war was just, and our young men and women in uniform will continue to die for reasons that are absolutely necessary.

Hopefully we won't find out in 25 years or so that we were deceived, and our soldiers were once again sacrificed unnecessarily for political purposes. Even though it has happened before, I sincerely hope that it hasn't come to that again. I hope that any lies they are telling us - the "ignorant electorate" - today are only little white ones.

George S. Kulas served in Vietnam during 1967-68 with

the 3rd Marine Division, and later enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he retired as a sergeant major in 1990 following 20 years of total service. He can be reached at geokulas@charter.net. ©2003 DefenseWatch. All opinions expressed in this article are the author's and do not necessarily reflect those of Military.com.

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Listed in Who's Who in America, 1957.
The Spingarn Medal from the NAACP, 1957.
The Russwurm Award from the National Newspaper Publishers, 1957.
The Second Annual Achievement Award from The Guardian Association of the Police Department of New York, 1958.
Selected as one of the sixteen world leaders who had contributed most to the advancement of freedom during 1959 by Ling Magazine of New Delhi, India.
Named "Man of the Year," by Time Magazine, 1963.
Named "American of the Decade," by the Laundry, Dry Cleaning, and Die Workers, International Union, 1963.
The John Dewey Award, from the United Federation of Teachers, 1964.
The John F. Kennedy Award, from the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago, 1964.
The Nobel Peace Prize, at age 35, the youngest man, second American, and the third black man to be so honored, 1964.
The Marcus Garvey Prize for Human Rights, presented by the Jamaican Government, posthumously, 1968.
The Rosa L. Parks award, presented by The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, posthumously, 1968.
The Aims Field-Wolf Award for his book, Stride Toward Freedom. The above awards and others, along with numerous citations, are in the Archives of The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia

Pictured to the left is the President of the Pitt County Branch of the NAACP Mr Calvin Henderson and wife Beatrice

Head of Catholic Bishops Says Efforts Made to Distance Abusive Priests

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Roman Catholic church insisted that it was doing everything possible to keep sexual predator priests away from children, but the efforts outlined in a church audit were condemned by abuse victims.

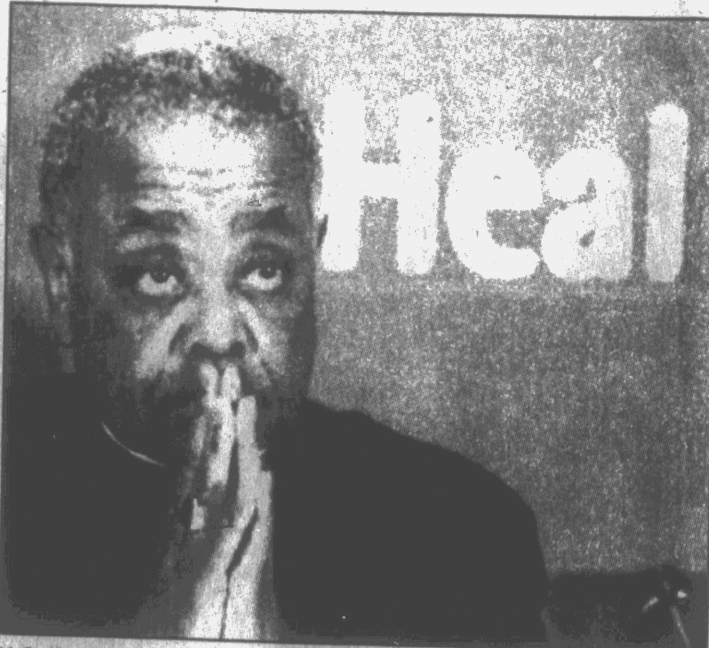
A report on efforts to purge sexual predators from church ranks said abusers had been removed from possible contact with children, but did not say how many or what had happened to them.

"How many? Where are they? Is there a backlog? Is there? — I don't know," Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said at the release of the audit in Washington.

The 288 U.S. bishops and cardinals mandated the study in June 2002 in response to hundreds of multimillion-dollar claims by victims of predatory priests over the past 40 years.

"We have done everything we can to remove anyone that we know of who has been accused and has a credible accusation against them," Gregory said.

"So the priests that are serving and the deacons are men of



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops President Bishop Wilton Gregory pauses before releasing the first of three major reports promised by the Catholics after a child sexual abuse scandal erupted in the United States two years ago at a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington. The U.S. Catholic Church claimed major progress in combating sexual abuse in the report, but victims dismissed the results as largely 'glorified,' voluntary self-reporting.

integrity."

The report said 157 of the 191 U.S. dioceses were in compliance

with the U.S. Bishops' 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, meant to prevent

abuse.

The auditors were largely former law enforcement officials hired by the bishops' conference.

"Essentially, bishops have defined the rules of the game, decided who plays, paid the umpires and are now declaring themselves the winners," Barbara Blaine, president of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, told AFP.

The charter mandated that churches create a safe environment for children, provide healing and reconciliation for victims, respond effectively to allegations, cooperate with civil authorities and discipline offenders.

"It would be far better to put up a data base of perpetrators," Blaine said.

Bishops held the conference after abuse victims claimed the church hierarchy covered up accusations and

moved priests with multiple accusations to new parishes where the abuse sometimes continued, in some cases, for decades.

However, the report did not track the number or the locations of clerics removed from parishes where they

with the bishops' charter.

"It should be a part of an annual report that comes to this office, that each diocese provide those numbers ... to us so that we can in turn provide that to the public," said McChesney, who once headed the FBI offices in Chicago and Seattle.

"What we did in that regard was not to review any personnel files at all, whether it be a priest or whether it be backgrounds of victims or whatnot," said Bill Gavin, a former FBI official who headed the committee.

"Some have said that we were harsh in being so strong and exact (by) taking people out of the ministry with an allegation," Gregory said in apparent reference to Pope John Paul II, who asked parishioners to have faith in the healing power of God.

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could have contact with children.

"I was quite surprised ... to find that there were no numbers that exist like that," said Kathleen McChesney, executive director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, set up by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002 to monitor compliance

Gulf War Vet Sues Home Depot Tuesday for Racial Harassment

A Gulf War veteran from Pasadena sued Home Depot Tuesday, claiming he and other black and Latino employees were subject to racial harassment at the Atlanta-based chain's Woodland Hills store.

A media representative for the home remodeling chain did not immediately return a call for comment on the allegations.

Plaintiff Kamau Barr seeks un-

specified monetary damages in his Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit.

Barr served in the Gulf War with the U.S. Army until 1993. He says he later was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

He spent time on disability until Home Depot hired him to work in the loading department of the Woodland Hills store on Nov. 30, 2002, the suit states.

But a few months later, Barr said he became aware of "a constant barrage of racist harassment" that was directed at "African-American and Latino employees" of Home Depot.

Barr claims he heard references about blacks eating fried chicken and watermelon, and heard co-workers and supervisors refer to Latinos as illegal immigrants, according to the suit.

Barr also alleges that white Home Depot employees dressed in Ku Klux Klan hoods and "accosted and intimidated African-American employees."

Barr claims "this outrageous and offensive racial harassment" on April 17, 2003 left him "so traumatized and depressed he was not able to go to work the following night."

A few weeks after the alleged Ku Klux Klan episode, Barr claims other black employees discovered a noose hanging in the hardware section of the store that he says was "left there for African-American employees ... to observe."

Barr claims Home Depot has condoned the activity and failed to protect its employees.

He says the harassment "reac-

tivated" his Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms and that he has suffered "substantial emotional

distress," including loss of appetite and sleep, depression, anxiety, headaches and irritability.



March On Washington Stop the Violence, Racial Profilin is a hot issue in the Black community and shown at The March on Washington from left to right is Martin Luther King, Kanyon (Pip) Williams and his mother, Sister Kay W. Rouse stopping to pose for our camera as they talk to Bro Martin about the issues affecting young African Americans in Eastern NC. Keep the Dream alive by helping a young person in young person in your community today, not tomorrow.

photo by Jim Rouse

Honoring the Legacy of Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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In September of 1951, Martin Luther King, Jr. began doctoral studies in Systematic Theology at Boston University. He also studied at Harvard University. His dissertation, "A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson

Wieman," was completed in 1955, and the Ph.D. degree was awarded on June 5, 1955. Dr. King was awarded honorary degrees from various colleges and universities in the United States and several foreign countries. They include:

Doctor of Humane Letters, Morehouse College
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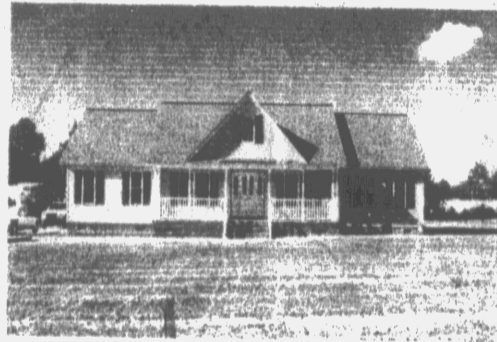
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Washington. Having skipped both the ninth and twelfth grades, Dr. King entered Morehouse at the age of fifteen.

In 1948, he graduated from Morehouse College with a B.A. degree in Sociology. That fall he enrolled in Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. While attending Crozer, he also studied at the University of Pennsylvania.



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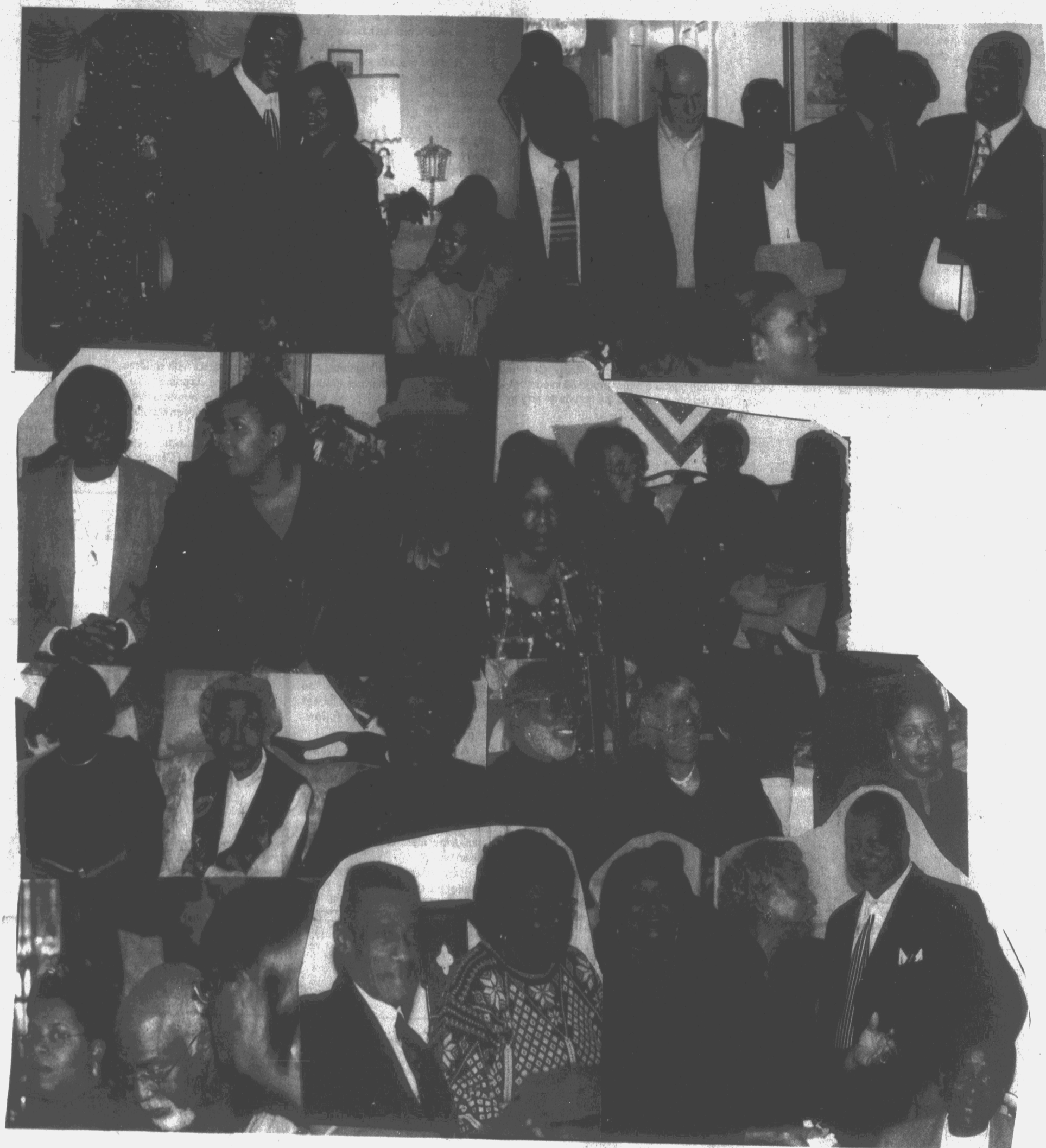
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THE MINORITY VOICE NEWSPAPER ENTERTAINMENT PAGE



Freddie Jackson & Ginuwine Hang Out In Greenville at the Local Hot Spot to Close Out the Year 2003. The Minority Voice Newspaper was There to Capture the Moment of These Entertainers in Town. Photo by GPI Promotions

Winning Combination:

"We have a triple punch," says Def Jam President Kevin Liles. "Russell is the visionary. I'm managing the process and Lyor is holding down." In 2003 their corporate trifecta definitely paid off, only not as big as they have in previous years. Sales of the Cradle 2 The Grave and 2 Fast 2 Furious soundtracks plus releases from DMX and Joe Budden helped them sell over 3.5 million units to date. But their biggest releases came out of their joint ventures with Murder Inc. and Roc-A-Fella. Hammered with a \$60 million loss at the hands aTVT Records lawsuit, reports of widespread unhappiness thru their artist roster (evidenced in part thru Def Jam's severing ties with lyrical pugilist Keith Murray and Foxy Brown unceremoniously jumping. Ship), and a bottom line that simply is not near what it was in Def Jam's heyday, there is a good likelihood there may be some major overhauls looming at the oncedominant empire. **SECURITY CODE:** "We don't flex power, we flex purpose," says Kevin Liles

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Shown here in the picture above is Vocal Don aka Gutta Man On the road as usual doing what he does best creating new music. He will be putting out a Full Metal mix tape this spring. He also has an entertainment page in the Minority Voice Newspaper. He also is working on a hip hop show on 1340 am. WOW! This guy has big plans for 2004. Photo by: THE STAFF.

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I've seen ministers of the Gospel compel people to get into an "offering line." They use tactics such as: "The Lord says there are 30 people here that can give 51 dollars today...." but often they have to

wait before they can get their expected number of constituents. Ever notice how there is a refutation when they don't get the expected number? If the Lord did ask for a certain number, wouldn't He get what He asked for? He prepared animals to come to Noah in order to keep alive in a flood. Surely man, to whom God has given the ability to reason, should be able to exercise his own reasoning without coercion or compulsion.

It is a deception for you to think that every time the Lord blesses you, that it has to be in the form of money. It is bad to imagine that He wants to make you a millionaire and that you will accomplish it by standing in an "offering line". Jesus gave this parable to the first disciples: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15-21 speaks of the parable of a rich man who was so blessed with material things, that he had no more room to receive it all. (You know the rest of the story). Jesus rebuked the disciples when they misunderstood the purpose of the ointment that was poured on His head. They saw it as a waste and began to think on the poor (Matthew 26:6-13). He also rebuked Martha when she worked to please Him by serving (most likely kitchen work) instead of resting in His word. (Luke 10:38-42).

My prayer is that I be able to put things in the proper perspective..... everything from studying the word to giving an offering. What I don't want to do is to be so busy in the Church trying to please the

Lord that I remain unfruitful. If your mind is always giving to the local church your time, money, and other resources, you may end up not fulfilling the call of the Lord in your marriage or in parenthood. Learn to hear God for yourselves. Every offering is not from the Lord. Every word is not from God. Patience and reasoning are what is needed. Ye have the poor always with you" which means: Put things in proper perspective. Seek a balance in your life so that you will not be thrown overboard by "religiosity". And by no means, allow the someone to control your conscience. The conscience is how the Lord judges you. Even without His word.

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Martin Luther King Jailed

Dr. Martin Luther King is shown here behind bars in the St. John's County jail in St. Augustine, Florida, after being arrested at a motel restaurant for trespassing during a sit-in protesting racial segregation

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR at age 5
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Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr**



"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with the little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today."

Martin Luther King Jr

"...And they were telling me, now it doesn't matter now. It really doesn't matter what happens now. I left Atlanta this morning, and as we got started on the plane, there were six of us, the pilot said over the public address system. 'We are sorry for the delay, but we have Dr. Martin Luther King on the plane. And to be sure that all of the bags were checked, and to be sure that nothing would be wrong on the plane, we had to check out everything carefully. And we've had the plane protected and guarded all night.'"

"And then I got into Memphis. And some began to say the threats, or talk about the threats that were out. What would happen to me from some of our sick white brothers?"

"Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop and I don't mind. Like anybody,

I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will, and He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight, that we as a people will get to the Promised Land. And I'm happy tonight; I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

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From I've been to the Mountain Top: Martin Luther King Jr

"Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God once more for allowing me to be here with you."

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**Chronology of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

1929
January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr. is born to Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. (former Alberta Christine Williams) in Atlanta, Georgia.
1935 - 1944

Dr. King attends David T. Howard Elementary School, Atlanta University Laboratory School, and Booker T. Washington High School. He passes the entrance examination to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia without graduating from high school.

1947
Dr. King is licensed to preach.
1948
February 25
Dr. King is ordained to the Baptist ministry and appointed associate pastor at Ebenezer.
June 8
Dr. King graduates from Morehouse College with a BA degree in Sociology.
September
Dr. King enters Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. After hearing Dr. A. J. Muste and Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson preach on the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, he begins to study Gandhi seriously.
1951
May 6-8
Dr. King graduates from Crozer with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.
1953
June 18
Dr. King marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Alabama.
1954
May 17
The Supreme Court of the United States rules unanimously in Brown vs. Board of Education that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.
October 31
Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. appoints Dr. King as the twentieth pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.
1955
June 5
Dr. King receives a Ph.D. degree in Systematic Theology from Boston University.



Mr King E. Gardner
Sunrise Mar. 8, 1938
Sunset Jul. 22, 2003

November 17
The Kings' first child, Yolanda Denise, is born in Montgomery, Alabama.
December 1
Mrs. Rosa Parks, a forty-two year old Montgomery seamstress, refuses to relinquish her bus seat to a white man and is arrested.
December 5
The first day of the Montgomery bus boycott and the trial date of Mrs. Parks. A meeting of movement leaders is held. Dr. King is unanimously elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association.

Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



Suejette Jones

Credit Cards Fill Church Coffers

These days, it seems almost everybody takes credit cards. Even God, Or at least God's people do. While you won't find credit card terminals in many churches and synagogues, a growing number are accepting donations by automatic billing to credit cards. This approach allows people to donate to religious groups in the same way they pay their utilities or other monthly bills. Some pastors have been reluctant to sign up for the program because of the

impersonal nature of giving electronically — a fear it will become less an act of worship and simply another bill to pay. Other pastors have a concern about accepting credit cards saying that the last thing they want to do is have someone go into debt in order to give to the church. One rector uses a system called Parish Pay. To use the service, people use an envelope, similar to collection envelopes found in many congregations. Instead of putting cash or a check in the envelope, a parishioner fills out his credit card number or account information and sends it to the company which enters it into their system. No one from the church sees the account numbers which helps make the system secure. If you have credit card numbers lying around a church office, God knows what will happen. Even those congregations that will not accept credit cards can benefit from electronic giving. Some people prefer to have their donations electronically debited from a checking account. In Canada, a number of churches have installed a credit/debit machine, which takes only debit

cards, though the church may decide in the future to accept credit cards. It looks like an ordinary machine you would find in a Wal-Mart. Members of the church swipe their cards, enter a pin number and the amount they wish to donate. The machine prints out two receipts — one for the donor and the other for the church. The church gets no record of card numbers. Using the debit machine also helps limit the cash on hand, making it less likely someone could steal money from it. At the end of the day, the church treasurer swipes his master card and collects the data and all the funds are transmitted to the church bank account. One pastor said that by offering the card machine, his church is just keeping up with the move to a "cashless society" He added, "We use the debit card everywhere else, so why not church?"

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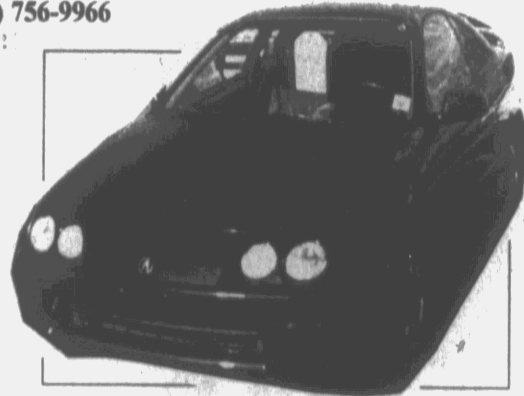
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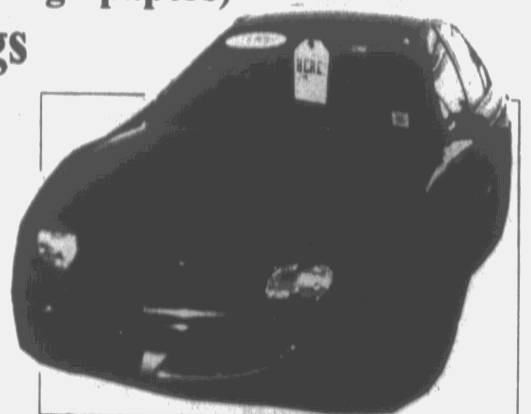
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