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House Passes bill to limit illegal immigration...

## Illegal immigration reaches five-year high, report says...

By Claudio E. Cabrera,  
Special to the AmNews

A new report released by the Center for Immigration Studies found that close to eight million people moved to the United States in the past five years.

The report comes as the House passed a bill to limit illegal immigration by increasing border security and requiring workplace enforcement of immigration laws. Legislators left the issue of what to do with the 11 million undocumented workers in this country until next year.

The House legislation, billed as a border-protection, anti-terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act, includes such measures as enlisting military and local law enforcement help in stopping illegal entrants and requiring employers to verify the legal status of their workers. It authorizes the building of a fence along parts of the U.S.-Mexico border. The bill will also charge illegal immigrants with a felony.

Democrats said changing the law to make illegal presence in the United States a felony

instead of a civil offense would turn all illegal immigrants including nearly 2 million children into felons.

Representative Brad Miller, a Democrat opposed the bill, labeling it as unfair.

"This bill does more to push the people who are here into the shadows than solve the immigration problem," Miller said.

Representative Howard Coble, a Republican, supported the bill, but like Miller, believes more needs to be done to deal with the needs of immigrants already here.

We need to ensure that the workers who are here and are interested in jobs are alright," Coble said. "My farmers tell me that the immigrants are doing jobs that they can't get Americans to do."

Mexico's Foreign Relations Secretary, Luis Ernesto Derbez, labeled the bill "wrong," and called for protests against it from U.S. groups.

"This type of law that builds walls, puts more people on border patrols, or hardens the

sanctions against those who hire an undocumented person, don't lead to adequate solutions," Derbez said.

There are currently 35.2 million foreign-born people living in the United States, according to the Census Bureau's "Current Population Survey." An estimated nine to 13 million people are here illegally.

"The 35.2 million immigrants living in the country in March 2005 is the highest number ever recorded. It is two-and-a-half times the 13.5 million during the peak of the last great immigration wave in 1910," said the report by Steven Camarota, Director of Research for the Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates tougher policies on illegal immigration and favors attracting immigrants with needed job skills.

About 12.1 percent of the current U.S. population was born in another country, the highest percentage since 1920, according to Census figures.

But Angela Kelley, Deputy Director of the National Immigration Forum, said it's impossible to deport 11 million illegal immigrants, who make up about

five percent of the U.S. work force.

"There isn't fair dust that is going to make the 11 million people go away," Kelley said. "It would be far more sensible to give them a chance to join the American family on a permanent basis."

A recent study by the Pew Hispanic Center found that immigration levels peaked around 2000, and dropped in 2002 and 2003. Nevertheless, immigration levels remained high.

Audrey Singer, an immigration fellow at the Brookings Institution, said, "There's no doubt that we are at a high in

immigration to the United States." Singer said immigrants are attracted by economic opportunities and social ties to people living here.

President Bush has proposed a guest worker program that would allow immigrants to stay in the country temporarily to fill jobs unwanted by Americans.

The guest worker provision is not part of the House Bill.

The main arguments on immigration center around national security from possible terrorist immigrants, while others argue that the economy would collapse without the cheap labor

provided by undocumented workers.

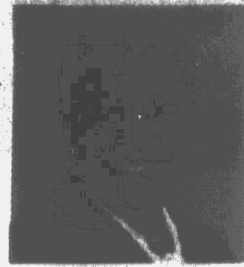
The Center for Immigration Studies report says that immigrants, on average, are less educated and more likely to live in poverty than people born in the United States.

The Pew Hispanic Center, however, says that education levels are improving among recent immigrants.

Mexico is the largest supplier of immigrants to the United States, followed by East Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, Central America and South America, according to the report.

## BLACK AMERICAN FIRSTS

Carol Moseley-Braun



Attorney and former U.S. Senator  
Born: 8/16/1947  
Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois

Moseley-Braun made history in 1992 when she was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first black woman to do so. She upset two-term incumbent Alan Dixon in the Democratic primary and went on to defeat Republican candidate Richard Williamson. As a senator, she sponsored several progressive education bills and championed strong gun control laws. She served on the judiciary, banking, housing and urban affairs, and

small business committees. Her career suffered when it was revealed that she used campaign money to cover personal expenses, helped to loosen legal restrictions to facilitate the sale of two broadcasting companies, and promoted legislation that favored a corporate donor. She lost her 1998 reelection bid. In 1999 she was confirmed as ambassador to New Zealand.

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## Derek K. Brown announces bid for House seat



The Daily Reflector

An assistant district attorney living in Pitt County is seeking the Democratic nomination for the state House 8th District seat.

Derek K. Brown, who once served as legislative counsel for former U.S. Rep. Frank W. Ballance Jr., cited his strong ties to the community and region as one of the reasons for his bid.

"Times are changing. Therefore, as a community we need to change," Brown said. "We must plan aggressively and act

decisively in order to secure a growing and prosperous future for our community. It is time to bring some innovative solutions to the Legislature with a home-grown flavor."

Farmville resident and retired educator Edith Warren currently holds the seat, which represent northwestern Pitt County and all of Martin County. She was first elected in 1998. Efforts to reach her for comment were unsuccessful.

"I'm not running against (Warren), I'm running for myself. I believe there are things we need to accomplish that have been overlooked," Brown said.

Brown left Farmville Central High School in 1989 to attend and graduate from the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics.

He attended N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University and went on to graduate from Campbell University's law school.

He practiced law with his father, Earl T. Brown of Greenville, for eight years. His mother, Dr.

Hazel J. Brown of Greenville, has practiced dentistry for more than 25 years.

Brown is currently the assistant district attorney for Prosecutorial District 6B's domestic violence unit.

The district includes Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties.

"My utmost goals include maintaining an educated work force, continuing job creation, economic development, access to affordable health care, and building safer communities for the citizens of Pitt and Martin counties," Brown said.

In a news release announcing his candidacy, Brown cites his experience working in Ballance's congressional office.

Ballance is currently serving a four-year prison sentence after pleading guilty in October 2004 to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and money laundering.

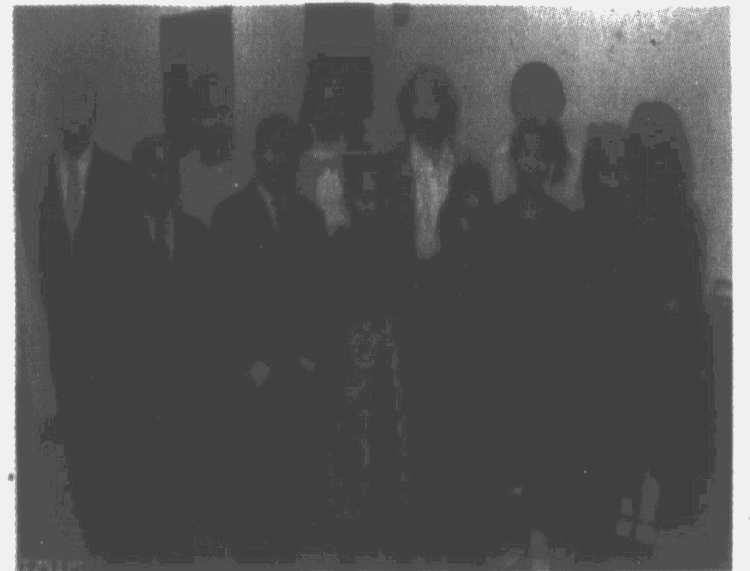
Ballance had resigned his congressional office before being indicted. He cited poor

health as the reason for his resignation, but the federal investigation that led to his indictment was going on at the time.

Brown said that working on Ballance's staff gave him the opportunity to develop strong relationships with state, county and local officials throughout the 23 counties in the 1st Congressional District of North Carolina, including Pitt and Martin counties.

"The best solutions will require the cooperation at the local, county, state and federal levels," Brown said.

"My experience in Congress increased my ability to discover creative solutions that exist at various levels and learn how to integrate them



Left to Right First Row: Kevin Bizzell, Solomon Banks, Danielle Wilder, Nylah Singleton and Briana Brown Second Row: Reginald Watson, Anthony Rook, Tywana Franklin, Dedra Garner, and Catherine Wills (Photo Submitted by Gloria Hines)

### An Evening of Music

Family and friends gathered for an evening of music recently as piano students of Gloria Hines were presented in an annual piano recital. The recital was held in the Cornerstone Family Life Center. Students in grades 3 through 8 were featured playing classical music, hymns and Christmas carols.

A reception was held following the recital in the Choir room of the Family Life Center where family and

friends convened to congratulate the young artists on their outstanding performance.

Student performers included: Solomon Banks, Kevin Bizzell, Briana Brown, Victoria Corey, Tywana Franklin, Dedra Gamer, Anthony Rook, Nikhaule Singleton, Nyla Singleton, Reginald Watson, Danielle Wilder and Catherine Wills.

## Editorials/Opinions

### Freeing Morgan Freeman: Reaffirming Black History

by Maulana Kauranga

rance, insensitivity and willingness to be used.

So, when 60 Minutes touted last Sunday's edition with the academy award winning actor Morgan Freeman by airing his contrived controversial position on Black History Month, some of us braced for the song and sound of "racial"/ethnic suicide which whites religiously request and urge from those whom they advertise and give the opportunity. Thus, the hype and feigned horror around Freeman's statement of no race and no Black History Month, should be seen not only as an attempt to increase their Black audience, but also, as is the custom, a move to strike an ever-ready blow against Afrocentric thinking, to promote an idea while pretending to question it and to put the attack on Black History Month in the mouth of a Black celebrity. This unavoidably calls to mind how the established order pays young Black men and women millions

to self-mutilate in public, to sing and say degrading things about themselves and their people which whites could not say without being condemned and opposed as racists.

Let me rush to say I see no conspiracy in this. My assumptions are more concretely focused. What I see is a system of racism which set in motion in 1776 in this country and even before, continues to operate unless and until it is stopped. It is a system which denies and deforms peoples' history and humanity and assigns them a level of human worth and social status based on how close they look or act like white folks.

Thus, you have self-mutilation by peoples of color, i.e., the yellowing of hair, blue contacts, chopped-off cheeks, narrowed noses and the relining of lips, in order to look like and please the people who cause the pathology of self-hate in them in the first place.

Indeed, the denial of one's identity and one's history is a

part of the toxic and terrible effect of racism. Thus, I wondered if Freeman's statement that he was against the Mississippi flag and its confederate logo because "it excludes Jews, N— and homosexuals" and then, for no apparent reason, walking toward Mike Wallace mocking a flamboyant homosexual, wasn't in part an attempt to hide or minimize Blackness and Black maleness which are so threatening to Whites. His inclusion of other excluded groups— though not others of color, his use of the "N" word to refer to us and not the "K" word for Jews or the "F" word for homosexuals and his mockery of homosexual flamboyance, all speak to a pattern well-established in the white media. For the initiative was not to present one of the most accomplished and skillful actors of our time in dignity-affirming ways. Rather it was, as racial protocol demands, to present him as a problematic personality, a denier of the value of Black, and a defector from the people who brought him into being and informs the artful way he acts on screen. It was said that Freeman took this stand because his money has moved him beyond race. But even

money—ask Oprah who has more—may improve social status, but not racial status, and it won't until we eliminate racism.

But regardless of 60 Minutes' motives and Freeman's conscious or unconscious collaboration in them, this provides us with an opportunity to critique the media's racial (racist) protocol in presentation of Africans and other peoples of color. And it also provides an opening to revisit and reaffirm the meaning and message of Black History Month and Black history as a whole. Black History Month is a special time of focus, but Black history is everyday. And since, as our ancestors in Egypt taught us, we are not just in history, we are history, we already discuss ourselves, our thoughts and actions, everyday and all year.

No one seriously complains about only one day for Christmas and Hanukkah, or one month for Ramadan. For they know there is a need for a special time to mark messages and meanings that should enrich and guide our daily lives. It is the same with King Day, Malcolm Day, Fannie Lou Hamer Day, Kwanzaa week and Black History Month.

So we have a special time when we, as a national and world community of African people, focus on the ancient and ongoing record and struggle of our people in their awesome march through human history. We pause and

pay homage to those who paved the paths down which we now walk, absorb their spirit of struggle and possibility, extract and emulate their models of human excellence and achievement, and study the lessons of our history that lie as a rich resource for our self-understanding and self-assertion in the world.

Yes, Morgan, we are African-Americans and thus an indispensable and central part of American or rather U.S. history, like Native Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans and Euro-Americans. But each of us has our own history and it is this combination of histories that make U.S. history, just like the combination of peoples make up the country.

Thus, to deny and eliminate these histories, intertwined as they are, is in a real sense, to deny and eliminate the existence of the peoples who make and are these histories.

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## Searching for the Black insult.. level...

was roundly rejected. The head of VEP, a person who is now one of the most politically connected Blacks in the United States, told me personally that the voting rights legislation would not allow Blacks to exercise political power. This revelation threw me for a loop. Blacks would become political pawns.

Two years ago, I wrote, in this column, that Blacks in New York City should first seek to control the City Council. Although whites are a distinct minority (30%) in New York City, they still control the City Council by a slim margin of one councilperson. Twenty-six whites sit on the City Council.

The remaining twenty-five councilpersons are either Black, Latino or Asian with Blacks employing the balance of power. In reality, Black elected officials are pawns of the Democratic Party with deep roots in Dixie. Black voters are being used to endorse white power. White councilpersons feel comfortable running for the post of City Council speaker knowing that Black, Latino and Asian elected officials will not upset the applecart. Stated another way, Black, Latino and Asian councilmembers are wedded to maintaining white power in municipal government and not upsetting the status quo. Before Rev. Al Sharpton simultaneously discarded his jumpsuit and his medallion of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., he hit

the nail on the head. According to Sharpton, Blacks are "addicted to crackers." Thus, the insistence of Blacks to worship a white Jesus is only symptomatic of the virulent disease of Negro inferiority and the belief in the divine rights of whites. Malcolm X summed it up this way: "We sick boss." Dr. King, Malcolm X, Fannie Lou Hamer, Medgar Evers, Kwame Ture, Jamal Abdullah Al-Amin, and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., among others, shared a common trait. They were political dissenters. Today, all Black dissenters of white supremacy are either dead, on punishment or in exile and Blacks are warmly embracing political pacifists and racial accommodationists.

Municipal government in New York is based on minority rule. To enjoy standing in formulating public policy, the policy maker must be male and pale. Only the mayor and the City Council speaker can make policy decisions and dispense patronage. Council members receive bribes to keep quiet and to monitor political dissidents. This comes mostly in the form of committee assignments. Thus, the next speaker will be white—Christine Quinn—and for the next four years, Blacks will continue to be voiceless politically and in the courts.

State government operates the same way except it is a trium-

virate—governor, majority leader of the New York Senate and speaker of the New York Assembly. Only whites can campaign for policy-making positions. The Black vote has as much value as a three-dollar bill with Little Richard's face on it. Representation is the sine qua non of a republican form of government. It was the issue for colonized whites in the eighteenth century. It is the challenge for colonized Blacks today. Unfortunately, we are hooked on Black faces in high places. This is pacifism. Elected officials and prominent Black spokespersons, for example, are unable to lift one finger for my reinstatement to practice law because they have already received consideration to help keep Blacks politically impotent and as sitting ducks in kangaroo proceedings. The mere fact that a person is in possession of a ballot is not prima facie evidence that this person is a "political" holder in due course.

The essence of citizenship is political and legal representation. If you need any further proof, of our lack of representation, study the biographies of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. or the Scottsboro Boys. When Powell cried, "Black Power!" his political career was done. See also, the assassination of NYC Councilman James Davis. My illegal suspension will continue as long as Blacks are colonized in New York and

are forbidden from exercising political power. Because colonization is mostly mental, it has been difficult, if not impossible for activists to connect the dots. Mental paralysis only exists in a colony. Speaking of mental paralysis, Blacks are poised to overwhelmingly support New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's bid to become New York's next governor even though he has argued in court that Black children are only entitled to an eighth grade education under Cummings v. Richmond Co. Bd. of Educ., decided by the Supreme Court in 1899. He favors the death penalty. He has not only destroyed BUFNY and the Hale House but he is also refusing to disclose exculpatory materials in the Tawana Brawley case and is vigorously opposing my reinstatement to practice law in a civil rights lawsuit I initiated in Brooklyn Federal Court. Sharpton is Spitzer's main cheerleader in the Black colony. This unwavering support demonstrates the absence of an insult level. On the other hand, Republicans are calling for Spitzer's impeachment for a single threat. Whites not only have an insult level but they also behave like a community. An attack on one is an attack on all. Former Goldman Sachs Chairmah and Lower Manhattan Development Corp.

Chairman John Whitehead claimed that Spitzer threatened him after he criticized Spitzer in a Wall Street Journal article. Spitzer allegedly asserted, "Mr. Whitehead, it's now a war between us and you've fired the first shot. ... I will be coming after you. You will pay the price." In the same retaliatory vein, Spitzer is behind the decision to evict my family from an apartment of more than thirty years. His office has jurisdiction over the apartment complex and is able to bully the owners. Before Blacks put Spitzer in office, I had no landlord-tenant problems. On January 19, I must appear in Part A on the 5th Fl. of the Manhattan Housing Court, 111 Centre Street at 9:30 a.m. to fight a rigged eviction proceeding. My only crime is standing up for colonized Blacks and, unlike many Black activists, I have refused to betray my people. If I had buried my head in the sand while injustices were running amuck in New York, I would still be practicing law. The life of Denmark Vesey will give you some historical perspective on my legal plight. When a people is unable to overcome a false consciousness, anyone fighting for them is in big trouble. Hopefully, the traditional Watch Night services will live up to rational expectations and we collectively make resolutions to end our status as colonized Blacks. See: [www.reinstatementmaddox.com](http://www.reinstatementmaddox.com)

Somehow, I can never get used to White people asking Black actors, athletes and entertainers what they think on issues beyond the range and reality of their intellectual competence. They do not ask Barbra Streisand to explain Israel's occupation of Palestine or Richard Dreyfuss to explain the Jewish concept of "chosenness" in a multicultural world which stresses the equal dignity and divinity of every person and people. They ask the appropriate persons who are grounded in the topic or area. Surely, anybody can say anything within the framework of respect for others' rights; but one does develop a healthy suspicion of white motives when Blacks are trotted out to condemn people and things Black, distort or deny their own history and humanity and display an embarrassing degree of igno-

Soon after the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the publication of "Black Power" by Stokely Carmichael and Dr. Charles Hamilton, I prepared a proposal for funding Blacks to secure political control over Black Belt counties in Georgia extending from Columbus to Albany. I submitted the proposal to the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council. The first clue was its name. It was not the "Political Education Project." Blacks still need a political education. We stepped off on the wrong foot in 1965. President Lyndon Johnson knew plantation politics.

Political ignorance, CIA-controlled Black radio and state-controlled religions are killing Blacks. As Steven Biko stated, "The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor are the minds of the oppressed." This is an ideal recipe for colonizing a people. To my surprise, the proposal



# Community News

From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

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"Whatever happens in America, Happens in America First."

## Editorials/Opinions



### Everyday Oranges

Worn down by the daily grind? Try the daily rind. Oranges and other citrus fruits contain complex carbohydrates that can keep your energy levels constant. They are rich in fiber, which helps you feel full—a key to keeping your weight under control and of course, they are high in Vitamin C, which is essential for healthy skin and strong bones.

Slice a pink grapefruit with the kids' breakfast or pour a glass of the juice. Pack an orange for lunch. Keep a fruit bowl on the dining room table and aim for a citrus fruit every day, on top of other fruit and vegetable consumption.

### Some Truths

Sport activities pull families away from the pews into the bleachers.

Clergy (preachers) complete for slots on Sunday schedules.

Praise - little children cry for it, grown ones die for it.

Great leaders, successful business people and excellent parents are all good at praising.

Rudyard Kipling's poem...honest, serving men (they taught me all I knew); their names are what and why and when and how and where and who.

Never criticize, condemn or complain. Be positive and cheerful. Keep your problems to yourself.

Love is the cure for the most of our problems.

The greatest robber of human happiness is, and always has been, fear of some kind - fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of criticism, fear of losing someone's love or respect, fear

of ill health, fear of not measuring up to other people's expectations of us and a generalized fear of not being good enough.

Whenever you feel negative or angry for any reason, you can immediately cancel the thought by saying very firmly, "I am responsible!"

Whatever the difficulty or problem, you probably got yourself into it.

Don't blame someone or something for a hurt you have suffered.

Our lives are punctuated by events such as marriage, divorce, illness, the birth or death of loved ones, unexpected trauma or good fortune, advancement or failure in work, retirement, war, flourishing times. We use the term "marker event" to identify an occasion of this kind, which has a notable impact upon a person's life.

### Some Tips For Living Longer

Stop smoking — quitting for five years adds two years to the average life expectancy.

Exercise — 90 minutes a day for more than three years adds three years, 20 minutes a day for that long adds one year.

Cut fat — if less than 20 percent of total calories, adds two years.

Reduce blood pressure — below 120/80 adds three years

Cut bad cholesterol — below 100 adds one year.

Boost good cholesterol — above 55 adds a year.

Prevent diabetes — adult onset diabetes cuts a year.

Eat fruit and vegetables - five servings a day adds one year.

Mate well - a happy marriage adds two years for a man and one for a woman.

Socialize - seeing three social groups once a month adds two years.

Use seat belts and child car seats.

Protect kids — immunize, eliminate household hazards, teach swimming, avoid gangs.

Practice safe sex.

Drink in moderation.

Get tested - between 40 and 45, begin routine tests for prostate, breast and colon cancer.

### The Most Important Thing

Being there for the family is the best way to show love and loyalty. The most important thing to a person is their family. People have told us three reasons why family is so important to them; source of strength for each other, supporting each other no matter what, and encouraging each other.

First, family is the source of strength for each other, and their love for each other will live forever. For a person to know that his family is for him strengthens him fully. They also motivate a person to do their best in any situation - good or bad. When necessary, they may even discipline them. Also, family members listen to each other and help each other make the right decisions. Therefore, if a person is looking for strengthening, tell that person to go home to his family.

Next, family members always stick together no matter what. They support each other fully. A person's family will support them no matter what because they love them. If a person is

on the ropes, the one thing that would help them is their family. When a person goes off to college or out into the world, they know that when times get bad their family will catch them when they fall. When everything has left a person and there is nothing to live for, the family will help them breathe again.

Finally, family encourages, comforts, understands, and teaches each other to love everybody - even the people in the world who don't make the right choices. Family encourages a person to do well in every aspect of their lives. When a person is down and needs someone to comfort them, call the person's family. Everyone can count on them in that situation. Family also understands you, even if others don't. Family teaches how to love and care for each other because family is the only thing a person always has.

Supporting each other no matter what, a source of strength for each other, and encouraging each other are the perfect reasons family is so important thing to anyone. Family shows their loyalty by loving and care for each other; and ultimately, they will live together in heaven.

## Reflections, Expressions, & Views

by Suzette Jones



### How to Honor Dr. King

Not that I see one on the horizon, but if y'all ever deign to make my birthday a national holiday, please celebrate it by going to work and sending your children to school.

"But Big Papa," you say, "your birthday is in the middle of the summer, when schools are closed." Don't care, make 'em go anyway.

Watching kids hang out at the mall, in video arcades, while their parents look for bargains each King Day makes me wonder "How in the hell are they honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?"

The answer is, "They are not."

Dr. King's birthday didn't become a holiday until 1986, by which time I'd been out of school and out in the world for nearly a decade. As an uninspired student, I'd have welcomed any respite from school—but still would have questioned what my hanging out on the basketball court had to do with honoring the dude.

You know all of those interfaith religious services, parades and speeches commemorating King? Great stuff; just do it on the weekend or after school. Taking King's birthday off—from work, from school—is akin to a mountain climber's nearly conquering his highest peak and then lying down to take a nap instead of reveling in

the accomplishment, girding his loins for the final push.

Despite the unimaginable progress we've made over the past 40 years, no one would say we've reached that mythical mountaintop of which King dreamed. Now is not the time for napping, or taking off.

Playing hooky from work or school, even if it is officially sanctioned, is not the way to honor his memory. Those of us who hold jobs and positions to which we couldn't even have aspired 40 years ago should make it a point to go to work and make our children take advantage of educational opportunities to which previous generations didn't have access.

Alas, too many of our children are not doing that. That is evidenced by the woeful performance of way too many black kids on standardized tests, where their scores lag behind almost every other group's.

You want to honor Dr. King? Here's a good start. Make your children go to school and learn something. It's presumptuous to think you know what a man who's been dead for 35 years would think, but I'd bet my "Al Sharpton for President" lapel button — I found it — that King would feel more honored by your kids learning to conjugate verbs than hanging out at the food court. Or even attending a service in his name. Tuskegee Institute founder, Booker T. Washington, who favored vocational training over book learning, wrote, "No race can prosper until it learns there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem."

That may have been true 100 years ago in an agrarian society, Booker T., but the only thing tilling a field will make you today, is irrelevant.

By this time next year, black parents should be lobbying their kids' school district and de-

manding that school be in on King's birthday. If not, they may find their kids still living at home 10 years from now — looking for a field to till.

(Note: this witty and humorous article was written by Barry Saunders and submitted to you for your evaluation.)

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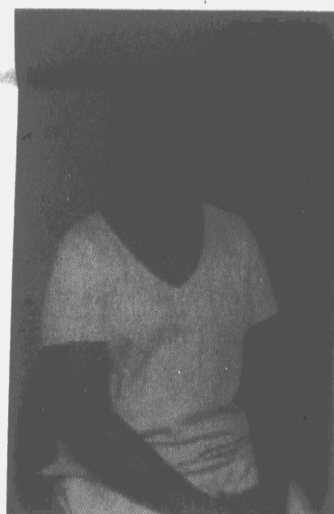
## Why Virtues — Still Matter

by Faith May

From a young age, our parents teach us the difference between right and wrong. As we grow up and our perspective broadens, we naturally question those early lessons. We observe the all-too-human shortcomings of our parents and wonder whether there truly exist moral absolutes to come into our lives. For a teenager feeling those first twangs of shortcoming in his parents, the world can seem like a meaningless universe.

For the better part of 2,000 years, religion helped fill the void. Still, every once in a

while, the elevated primate makes a power play and places himself at the center of the universe. Because we have that kind of luck, we happen to inhabit such an era. It started with the industrial age. At the turn of the century, technological advancement empowered man as never before to exert his will upon nature. As that mechanical engine purred along, man realized he could create the world he wanted—complete with skyscrapers and micro-



computers. He began to use up the world around him. There was consequently, a tendency for man to place himself at the center of the world that was rapidly reconstructing.

All else quickly became relaxed. We want to know the result? It's plain to see: crime is rampant. Drug dealers occupy entire blocks, stalking through the streets with their guns. Criminals are glorified symbols of empowerment in the popular culture. Wealthy neighborhoods suffer from the same affliction. It is no real surprise that school shootings, like what we witnessed at Columbine, occur in neighborhoods by wealth, where materialism increasingly reigns as the most desirable goal in life. In environments where mean personal vanity reigns supreme, spirituality twists inward and horrible violence erupts. Of course, it's not uncommon for adolescents to test the extremes of their existence. And so they drift from one whim to another, unable to curve their moral indifference. God helps provide a foundation to arbitrate our decisions. Without this foundation we are condemned to live essentially formless lives. In other words we move beyond our own vain rituals in order to discover the truly spiritual possibilities and blessings of life.

## No "CommUNITY Unity" in Greenville

by staff writer



### The SCLC, NAACP and CAR lead the march to the MLK march to the Pitt County courthouse

photo by Jim Rouse

An annual event sponsored by Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce, The Office of Mayor and the City of Greenville organized to observe the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and bring our community together is being boycotted by Bennie Rountree, State SCLC President made the announcement on WOOW 1340 Thursday, January 12, 2006 to boycott the Community Unity Breakfast. Rufus Huggins, President-elect of the Pitt County SCLC and Calvin

Henderson, President of the Pitt County Chapter of NAACP united to express discontentment with the lack of urgency given to issues important to the African American community, which have been neglected by city officials. All three leaders were passionate and solidified in their decision that Greenville is in need of change. Former Pitt County Commissioner, Jeff Savage, hearing of the boycott, called to cancel his RSVP to the event, saying, "boycotting the break-

fast is a symbolic gesture to inform city officials, it won't be business as usual this year." At Minority Voice Newspaper press time, city officials were unavailable for comment.

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"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carry them away as with a flood. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. "Psalms 90:4, 5 & 12

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Yes, I was a charming lad and became a humble servant of the LORD. I was saved at the early age of 16 and started preaching at 19. My favorite scripture became, "I believe that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."...

I graduated in 1971 from North Eastern High School in Elizabeth City, and I acquired an avid thirst for knowledge and matriculated at various institutions of higher learning including the following: University (B.S., Business Education, (1974) and New Covenant Bible College, Grifton, N.C. 4 (B.S., Theology Certificate, 1996)...

It was on August 30, 1980, that I was united in holy matrimony to the late Annette Joyner Sutton, and to this union one son was reared. Annette and I shared many happy and wonderful memories.

As a teen, I developed my talents and used them to the glory of God. These skills were demonstrated and utilized in human services in the following capacities: Department of Community Institute and Hygiene — Occupancy Control; Belk's Department Store — Retail/Sales; Sheraton Inn — Night Auditor; Neuse Mental Health Center — Performing Arts Coordinator; Lutheran Family Services — Co-manager; Pride in North Carolina — Therapeutic Counselor; NOVA — Theater Arts Teacher; and Gateway Community Outreach Center — Founder, CEO. ... Many nights I would be awakened and inspired to write. "Everything Must Change, ... "Happy Mother's Day," and award-winning and soul-saving drama, "My Lord What a Morning."...

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Cemetery. Survivors are his wife, Mildred Suggs Chamberlain of the home; three sons, Charles Curtis Chamberlain of Daysville Ct., Cleveland Chamberlain of Hookerton, and Phillip Chamberlain of Goldsboro; two daughters, Linda Fay Cason and Kathie C. Pierce, both of Raleigh; one sister Mildred Dixon of Snow Hill, Walk-in Wake, 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday,

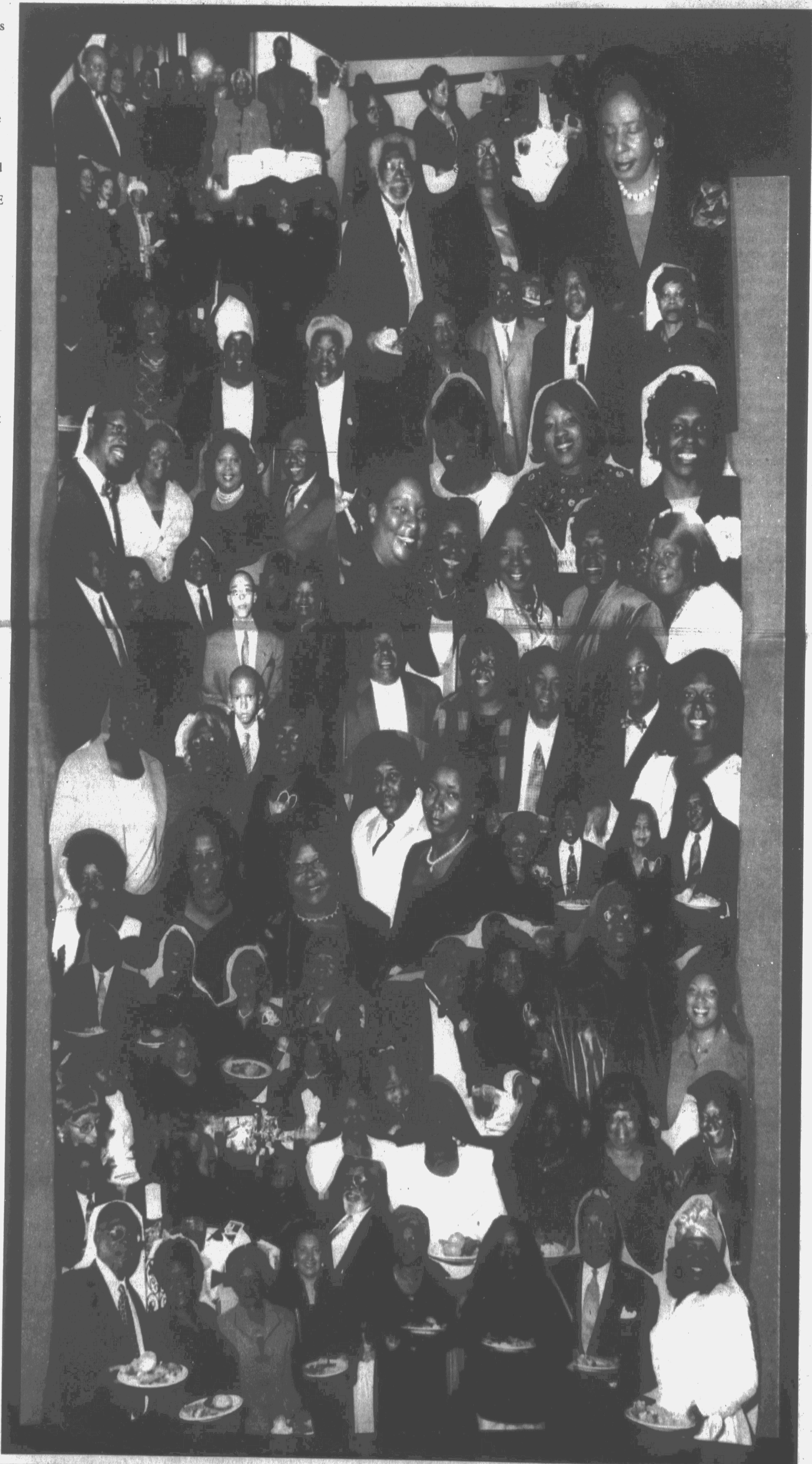
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Adam Clayton Powell & Dr James E. Sheppard

The first years of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua were characterized by a high degree of social interest. Despite a paucity of funding, the school's enrollment and capitalization increased dramatically. Whereas the school listed four building in 1910, the number had reportedly increased to twelve by

1912. Throughout the early years, student fees and private donations funded the school.

The institution's tuition and fees reflected the 109 students demography and family income. Tuition was \$1.00 per month and room and board totaled \$7.00 per month. The 21 faculty members received a

salary of \$500 to \$1,000 per month. Their pay was indexed to their degree and teaching experience.

Although the automobile was in vogue in 1910, most, if not all, of the approximately 109 students arrived in the "horse" powered vehicles. The 1910 catalog listed courses on religion, ethics, pedagogy, geography, and math. A Literary Department was a priority. Also, the catalog listed "Demerits" for "profanity, loud talk, and social intenningling." That was then.

Today, NCCU's campus has more than 106 acres, 62 building, nearly 1,000 full-time employees and 8,000 students. The state of North Carolina provides about \$53 million annually to NCCU; however, the University's overall budget totals \$81 million.

The median family income for a NCCU student is about \$27,546 and half of the students own personal vehicles.

NCCU Chancellor James H. Ammons asserted that "times have changed." He referenced the new west campus and "our newest initiative," the Bio

Manufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise. He noted that the new facility and science complex will generate new curriculums and programs for our students. Also, NCCU has been designated a "Focus" institution because...it is one of the fastest growing institutions in the University of North Carolina system. Chancellor Ammons believes that NCCU students are well prepared academically for careers and challenges within the new Millenium.

The 2000 Bond Program has led to the construction of three new buildings and the renovation of existing structures on campus. NCCU is moving into uncharted territory developing innovative ways to close the achievement gap while continuing to teach students the importance of serving the community. This year, with Nathan Simms as chair of the 95th Anniversary Planning Committee, NCCU will celebrate its legacy and achievements using the year of events to prepare for an even larger milestone — the 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2010.

It is often said that an academic institution is the lengthening shadow of one man. Dr. James E. Shepard was one of the quintessential leaders of the 20th century. He founded and guided North Carolina Central University for almost 37 years.

The university will celebrate its 95th anniversary is an excellent time to reflect upon Shepard's vision, the first year, the first commencement, and the university's history.

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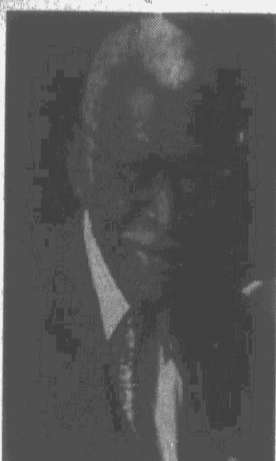
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## Timeline Of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-68, American clergyman and civil-rights leader, born Atlanta, Ga., graduated Morehouse College (B.A., 1948), Crozer Theological Seminary (B.D., 1951), Boston Univ. (Ph.D., 1955). The son of the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, King became (1954) minister of the Dexter Ave. Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. He led the black boycott (1955-56) of segregated city bus lines and in 1956 gained a major victory and prestige as a civil-rights leader when Montgomery buses began to operate on a desegregated basis.

# Coretta Scott King dead at 78...

Coretta Scott King was born April 27, 1927, on a farm in Heiberger, in Perry County, Alabama to Obadiah (Obie) and Bernice McMurry Scott. Though her family owned the land, it was often a hard life. All the children had to pick cotton during the Depression to help the family make ends meet. Graduating from Lincoln Normal School in Marion, Alabama at the top of her class in 1945, Scott went to Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. After graduation she moved to Boston, Massachusetts where she met Martin Luther King Jr

King and Scott had four children: Yolanda Denise King,

Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King and Bernice Albertine King. The four children have all followed their father's footsteps as civil rights activists. Mrs. King was vocal in her opposition to capital punishment and the 2003 invasion of Iraq, thus drawing criticism from conservative groups. She was also an advocate of women's rights, lesbian and gay rights and AIDS/HIV prevention. Her support for gay and lesbian rights, including same-sex marriage, sometimes put her in conflict with some members of her family including her daughter Bernice and her niece Alveda King.

Over the years, she was active

in preserving the memory of her husband, and in other political issues. Braving death threats and surviving the bombing of their home by white supremacists, Coretta Scott King stood by the cause and her husband, from the Birmingham jail to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, from the March on Washington, to a stage in Oslo, Norway where he accepted the Nobel Prize for Peace. After his assassination, she inspired the world with her courage, dignity and tireless devotion to preserving Dr. King's legacy.

As founding President, Chair, and Chief Executive Officer of **The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change**, she saw that tens of thousands of activists from all

over the world were trained in the philosophy and practice of nonviolence. She has served as an advisor to freedom and democracy movements all over the world; and as a consultant to world leaders including President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines, President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, and President Nelson Mandela of South Africa. One of the world's most admired women, she remained an outspoken champion of justice and human

dignity to the end of her days. On August 16, 2005, Mrs. King was hospitalized after suffering a stroke and a mild heart attack. Initially, she was unable to speak or move her right side. She was released from Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta on September 22, 2005, after regaining some of her speech and continued physiotherapy at home. Because of complications from the stroke, she was apparently unable to make her wishes known regarding the

ongoing debate as to whether her late husband's birthplace should continue to be maintained by the city of Atlanta or the National Park Service. On January 14, 2006, Mrs. King made her last public appearance in Atlanta at a dinner honoring her husband's memory. She died in her sleep at approximately 8:30 PM local time (11:30 PM EST) on January 30, 2006 in a Mexican rehabilitation center where she was undergoing holistic therapy for her stroke. Her body will be returned to Atlanta and buried next to her husband at The King Center.



MLK Celebration . . . . pictured above is The pastor of the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, (Rev. Sydney Lockes) and the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King celebration held at Cornerstone. photo Jim Rouse

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# A New Civil Rights Movement

by Bob Herbert  
(New York Times)

One of the cruelest aspects of slavery was the way it wrenched apart black families, separating husbands from wives and children from their parents.

It is ironic, to say the least, that now, nearly a century and a half after the Emancipation Proclamation, much of the most devastating damage to black families, and especially black children, is self-inflicted.

You don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to know that some of the most serious problems facing blacks in the United States-- from poverty to incarceration rates to death at an early age - are linked in varying degrees to behavioral issues and the corrosion of black family life, especially the absence of fathers.

Another devastating aspect of slavery was the numbing ignorance that often resulted from the prohibition against the education of slaves. It was against the law in most instances for slaves to even learn to read. Now, with education widely (though imperfectly) available, we have entire legions of black youngsters turning their backs on school, choosing instead to wallow in a self-imposed ignorance that in the long run, is as destructive as a bullet to the brain.

### Healing black America, from within.

I remember interviewing a 17-year-old dropout in Brooklyn who had already fathered two children by two different girls. He wasn't working and he wasn't helping to support either child. I asked if he had considered going back to school. He looked at me, puzzled. "For what?" he said.

Most black people are not poor. Most are not criminals. Most are leading productive lives. The black middle class is larger and more successful than ever. But there are millions who are still out in the cold, caught in a cycle of poverty, ignorance, illness and violence that is taking a horrendous toll.

Nearly a third of black men in their 20s have criminal records, and 8 percent of all black men between the ages of 25 and 29 are behind bars.

HIV and AIDS have literally become the black plague. Although blacks are just 13 percent of the over-all population, they account for more than half of all new HIV infections. Black women account for an astonishing 72 percent of all new cases among women. This is frightening.

Black children routinely get a rough start in life. Two-thirds of them are born out of wedlock, and nearly half of all black children brought up in a single-parent household are poor. Those kids are much more likely to drop out of school, struggle economically, be initiators or victims of violence, and endure a variety of serious health problems.

We can pretend that these terrible things are not happening, but they are. There's a crisis in the black community, and it won't do to place all of the blame on society and government.

I've spent years writing about unfairness and appalling injustices. Society is unfair and racism is still a rampant evil. But much of the suffering in black America could be alleviated by changes in behavior. What's more, those behavioral changes would empower the community in ways that would make it easier to successfully confront opponents in government and push the society in a more equitable direction.

The problems facing black people today are comparable in magnitude to those of the Jim Crow era of the 20th century. There were leaders in those days who were equal to the challenge:

I believe that nothing short of a new movement, comparable in scope and dedication to that of the civil rights era, is required to

bring about the changes in values and behavior needed to halt the self destruction that is consuming so many black lives. The crucial question is whether the leadership exists to mount such an effort.

A good first step would be a summit meeting of wise and dedicated men and women willing to think about creative new ways to approach such problems as crime and violence, out-of-wedlock births, drug and alcohol abuse, irresponsible sexual behavior, misogyny, and so on.

Addressing issues of values and behavior within the black community should not in any way imply a lessening of the pressure on the broader society to meet its legal and ethical obligations. It should be seen as an essential counterpoint to that pressure.

Most important, it should be seen as a crucial component of the obligation that black adults have to create a broadly nurturing environment in which succeeding generations of black children can survive and thrive. Despite the sometimes valiant efforts of individuals and organizations across the country, we are not meeting that obligation now. And that's because there's a vacuum where our leadership should be.



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## Chapter Celebrates Founders' Day



### Iota Kappa Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

January 15 marked the 98th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. with 16 members. The Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of the AKA Sorority, Inc. was chartered on October 28, 1972 in Greenville with the late Addie R. Gore as its first president. Among those who gave constant more and financial support were the late Andrew A. Besr and the late Deacon Monty Frizzell.

girls in The Fashionetta Scholarship Program since 1974. Since May 1977 Iota Kappa Omega chapter has sponsored a luncheon/reception salute to senior citizens.

Consistent throughout the years has been an emphasis of uplifting membership standards of high scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character. Iota Kappa Omega members serve as mentors to the undergraduates of the Theta Alpha Chapter of East Carolina University. Theta Alpha chapter was chartered on November 11, 1973. With membership approaching 200,000 the singular determination to be "supreme in service to all mankind" reverberates throughout the United States, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean.

The 16 charter members chose as its umbrella theme "Communication through Service." Since chartering the chapter has established itself as a community leader in programs of social action and service. Among special projects of the chapter are the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) distribution of 20,000 books to area elementary schools, the Ronald McDonald House room dedication and refurbishing and contributions to United Cerebral Palsy of Pitt County, the Jackie Robinson Baseball League, New Directions, and PICASO. Sorority members have sponsored middle school aged young

Delilah Jackson serve as president of Iota Kappa Omega chapter and Sharon Mallette serves as Vice President. Dionne Dockery serves as graduate advisor to Theta Alpha (ECU).

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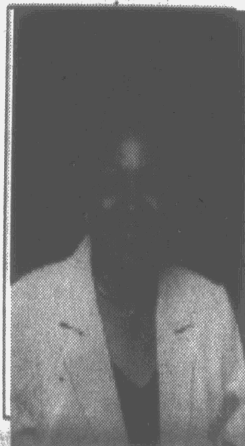
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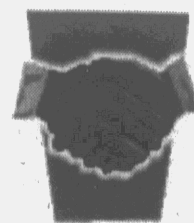
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DVD shoppers get offensive referrals

By Ylan Q. Mui

The Washington Post

Wal-Mart apologized yesterday after its retail Web site directed potential buyers of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Planet of the Apes" DVDs to also consider purchasing DVDs with African American themes.

The world's largest retailer said in a statement that it was "heartsick" over the racially offensive grouping and that the site was linking "seemingly random combinations of titles."

"It's just simply not working correctly," said Mona Williams, vice president of corporate communications for Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

The company said it was alerted to the problem early yesterday afternoon after word began spreading among bloggers. When visitors to Walmart.com requested "Planet of the Apes: The Complete TV Series" on DVD, four other movies were recommended under the heading "Similar Items." Those films included "Martin Luther King: I Have A Dream/Assassination of MLK" and "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson."

Williams said similar titles were called up when the DVD of the movie "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" was requested. There were three such combinations involving those two movies and African Americans films, she said.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart said in a written statement that it removed the combinations at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. By last evening, "Planet of the Apes" was linked to DVDs of the fifth season of the CBS comedy "Everybody Loves Raymond" and the 10th season of the NBC hit "Friends." The company said it planned to shut down its entire cross-selling system overnight.

Like most other major retail sites, including Amazon.com, Wal-Mart's site directs users searching for movies to other titles that might interest them; Wal-Mart calls the process "mapping." Wal-Mart said last night that the system was malfunctioning but did not explain why or how.

Williams said the company has "absolutely no evidence" that the problem was intentional. A company statement said that the site had also linked African American films to the movies "Home Alone" and "The Powerpuff Girls." Marty Hires, a spokesman, said the company is investigating.

Williams said news of the problem was first posted on a blog. The company then learned about the offensive combinations when a reporter called to ask about it.

The blog Firedoglake, run by Jane Hamsher in Oregon, posted news of the combination yesterday afternoon under the heading "So Wrong."

The incident illustrated how quickly a firestorm can build on the Internet. Two minutes after the post appeared on Hamsher's blog, it was up on the Crooks and Liars site. Within hours, more than 100 comments were posted to that site, questioning such things as Wal-Mart's agenda and the technicalities of mapping.

Wal-Mart has been in a public relations battle over the past year. In May, the company apologized for a newspaper advertisement in Arizona that equated a proposed state

zoning ordinance with Nazi book-burning. Then came the Robert Greenwald documentary "The High Cost of Low Price," which criticized Wal-Mart's treatment of employees.

The company fought back by hiring former political operatives to polish its image and has joined in founding a group called "Working Families for Wal-Mart" that helps promote positive stories. Yesterday, Wal-

Mart repeatedly apologized for the offensive material on its website.

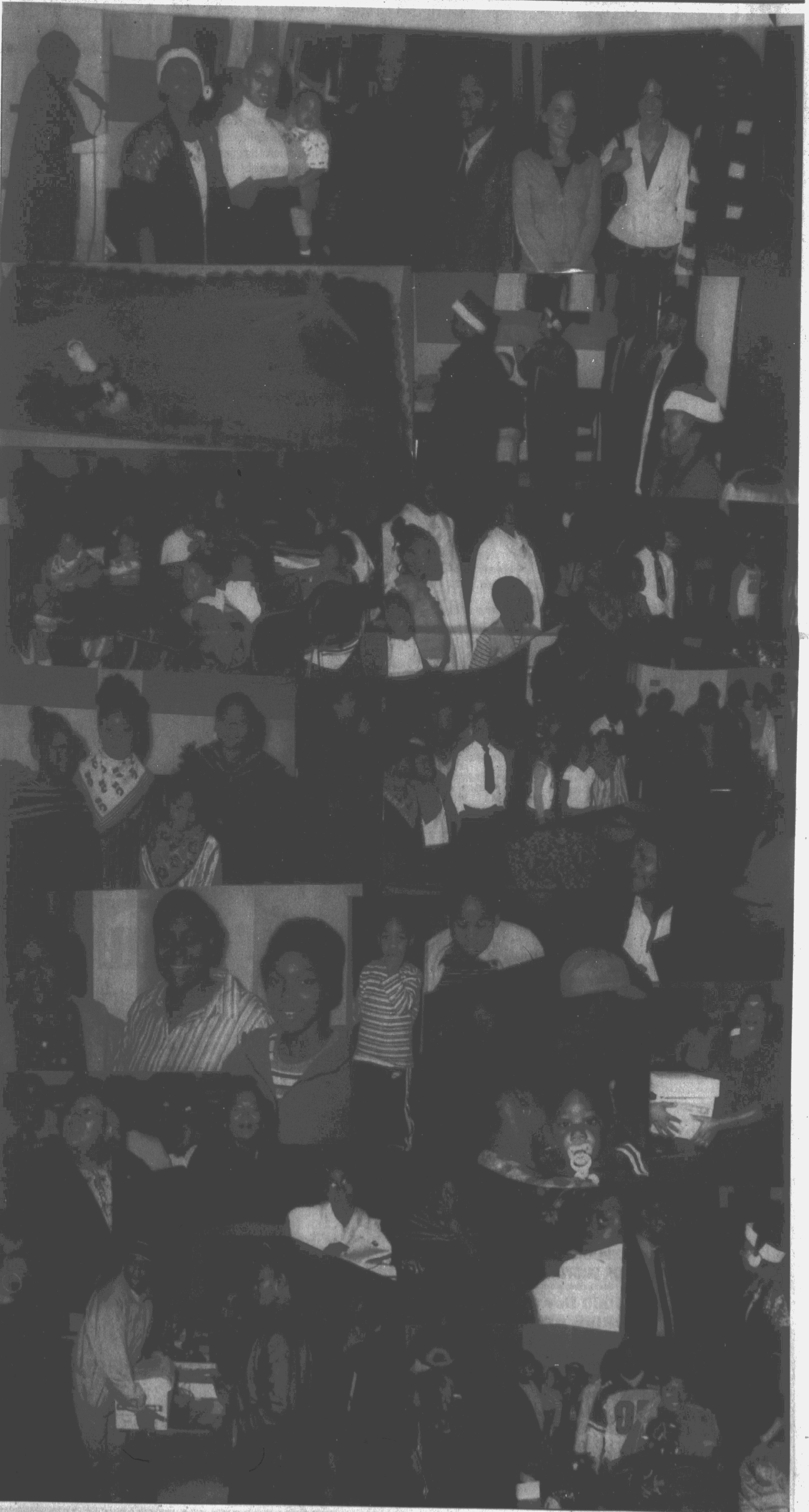
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## Martin Luther King Jr. Quotes



We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

—“Letter from Birmingham Jail,” April 16, 1963



Naomi Tutu

By **Corey G. Johnson, The Daily Reflector**

Thursday, January 12, 2006

The United States can move forward once it embraces the pride and the shame of its racial history, Naomi Tutu said during a Wednesday night speech at East Carolina University.

Speaking before nearly 130 at a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., Tutu, daughter of South African apartheid activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu, encouraged the Hendrix Theater audience to consider using truth as a steppingstone to achieving that progress.

“Tell the truth of slavery. Tell the truth of race and racism today. Tell the truth of dispossession of the Native Americans,” Tutu said. “If you don’t do it, you’ll never fully heal from the exploitation. You’ll never fully learn, and you’ll never fully move forward.”

And she should know.

Born in Krugersdorp, South Africa, Tutu assisted her father in fighting for the rights of black South Africans under apartheid throughout the 1980s and early 1990s. In 1984, Bishop Tutu received international acclaim when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

After the country’s first ever democratic election in 1994, the father and daughter worked again – this time on South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The purpose of the Commission was to bring unity to white and black South Africa by holding hearings to air truth about atrocities of the apartheid era.

Victims were granted reparations for their suffering.

## Apartheid activist’s daughter speaks of hope...

“One of the leaders of a torture farm said he played with his child during the day and at night gave people electric shock. He said in order to survive he had to split himself,” Tutu said.

“It dawned on me, what if we, as a nation, had taken those minds and instead of asking them to think of ways to torture, we asked them to think of ways to better South Africa? Where as a country would we have been today?”

Tutu said she was encouraged that many of the country’s poorest victims refused huge cash payouts and asked instead for clinics, schools and

community centers to be built.

“If those who suffered the worst continued to think of what’s best for the country; it made me say, ‘There is still hope,’” Tutu said.

Tutu works as associate director in the office of International Programs for Tennessee State University in Nashville.

Corey G. Johnson can be reached at [cjohnson@coxnc.com](mailto:cjohnson@coxnc.com) or 329-9565.

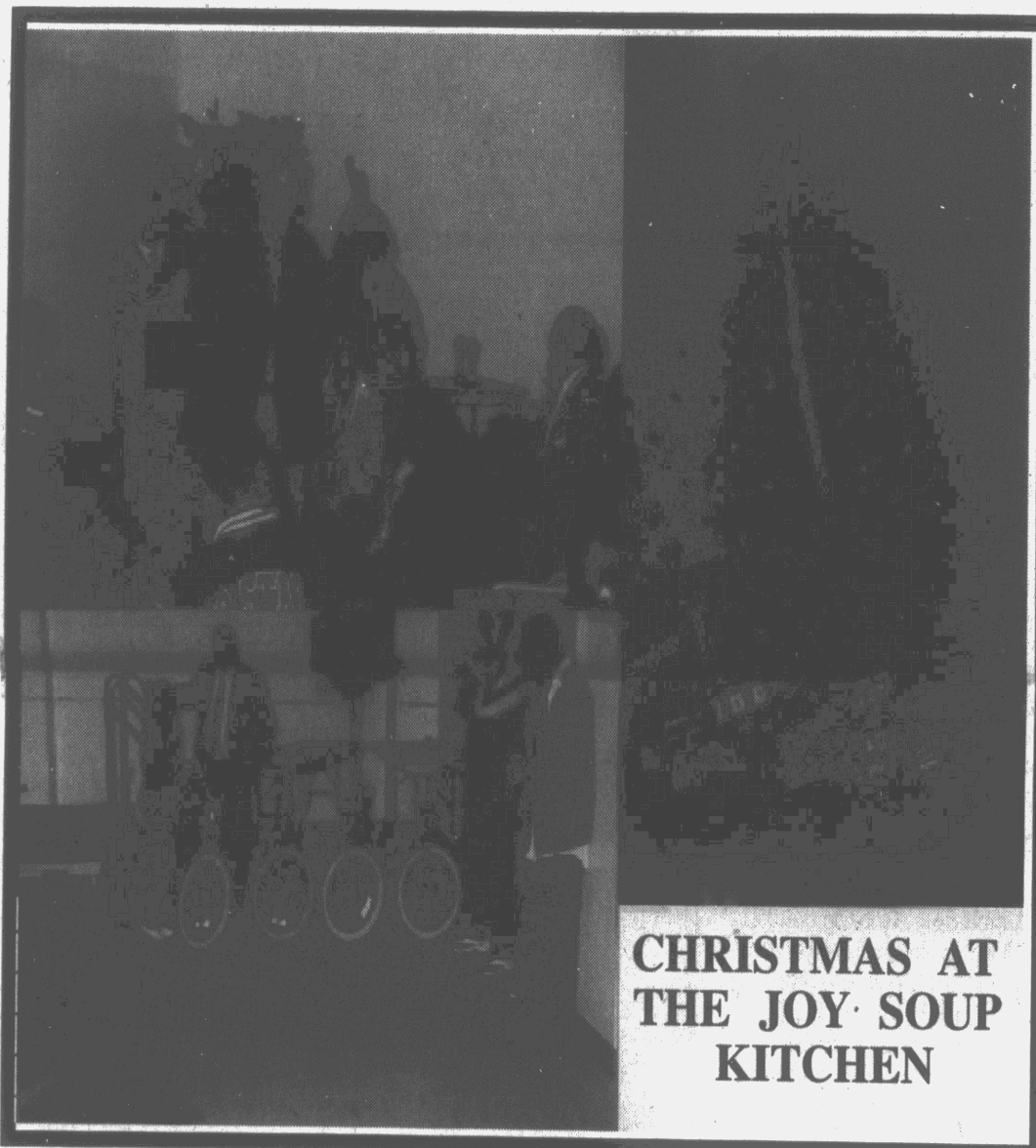
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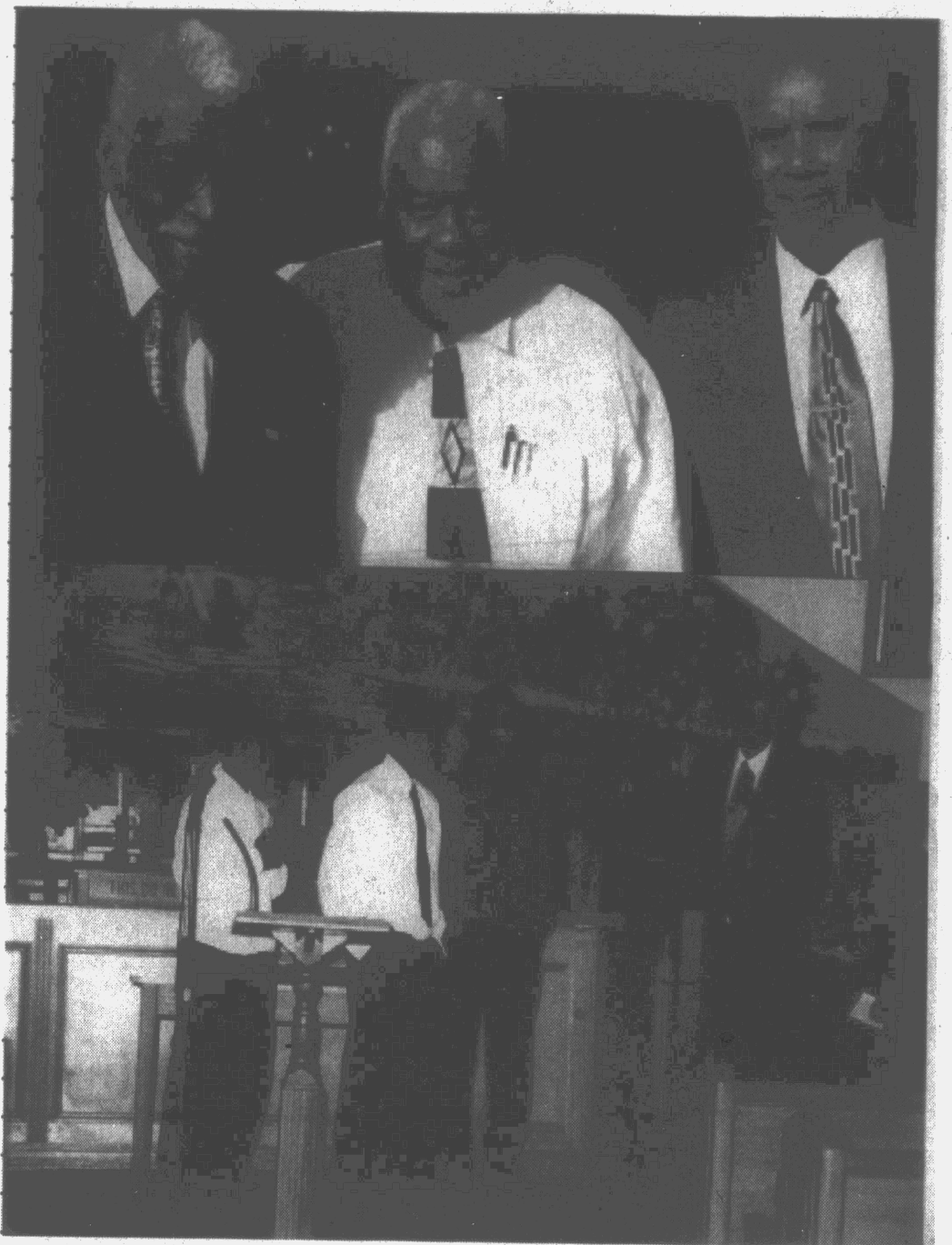
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The agreement by now-bankrupt club owner Dwain Kyles and business partner Calvin Hollins Jr. would settle 21 wrongful death and 95 injury claims, said Robert Phillips, an attorney representing more than 100 plaintiffs.

Phillips said the money "is not nearly enough to begin to compensate the families of the victims, but under the circumstances, we want to see them get some type of recovery." The agreement still requires a judge's approval.

Cook County Judge Kathy M. Flanagan said Wednesday she would review the agreement. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for March 8.

Kyles, Hollins, party promoter Marco Flores and Hollins' son, Calvin Hollins III, a club manager, also face criminal charges in the Feb. 17, 2003, stampede.

The grand jury indictment said the owners willfully packed the club with about 1,200 people that night, roughly five times its capacity of 240. They have pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

Hollins Jr. and Kyles, a former lawyer for the city, also have pleaded not guilty to contempt of court charges in a separate Housing Court case accusing them of violating an order to close E2 because of building code violations.

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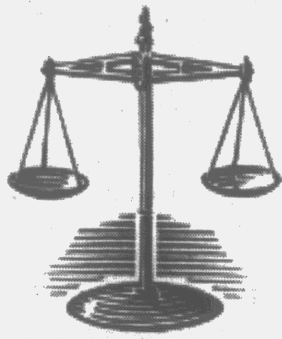
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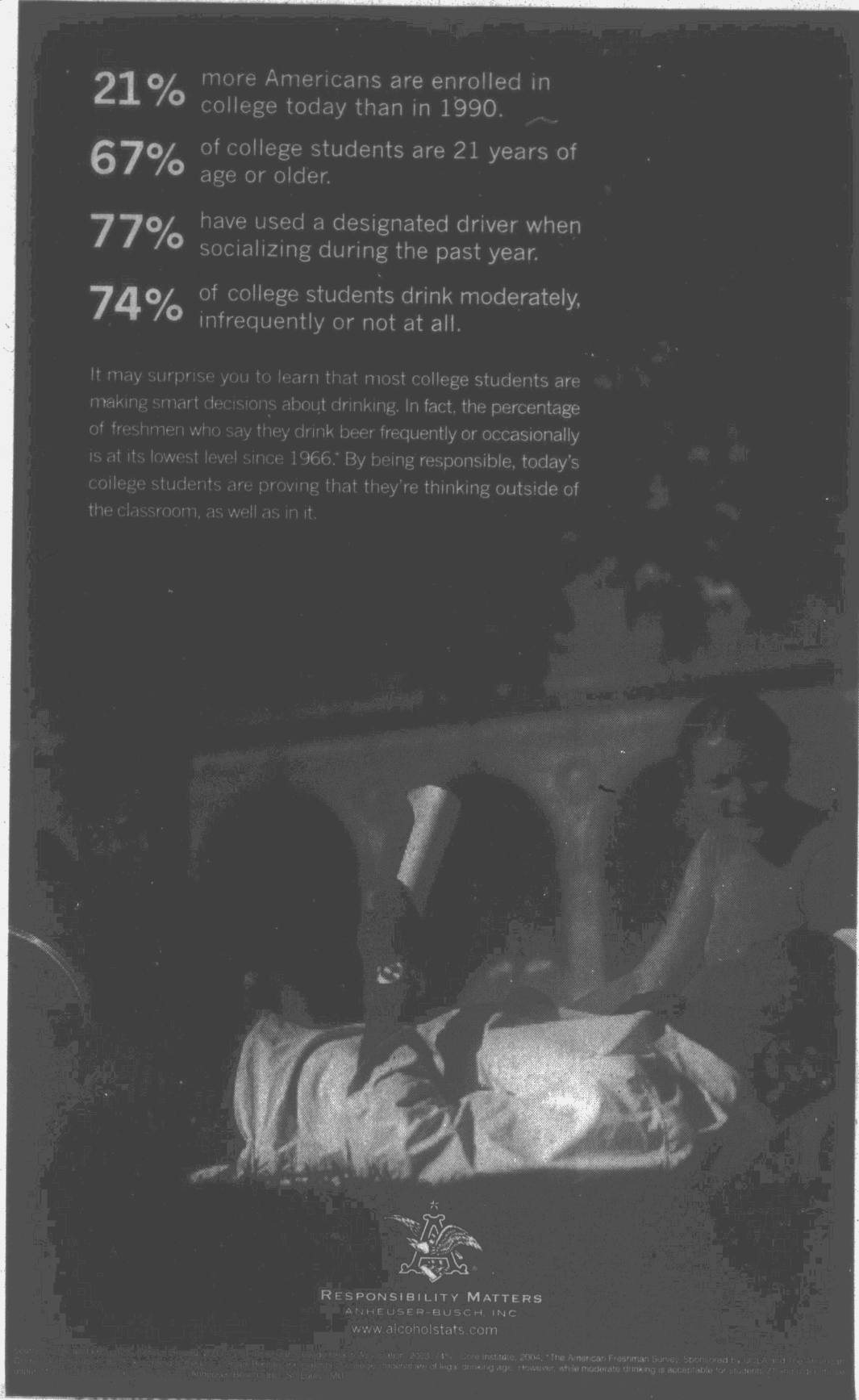
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Williams, Daniel Hale, 1858-1931, American surgeon, b. Hollidaysburg, Pa., M.D. Northwestern Univ., 1883. As surgeon of the South Side Dispensary in Chicago (1884-91), he became keenly aware of the lack of facilities for training African Americans like himself as doctors and nurses. As a result he organized the Provident Hospital, the first black hospital in the United States. In 1893, Williams performed the first successful closure of a wound of the heart and pericardium. In the same year President Cleveland appointed him surgeon in chief of Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C., and during his five-year tenure there he reorganized the hospital and provided a training school for African American nurses. From 1899 until his death he was professor of clinical surgery at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

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Cole, Nat "King," 1919-65, American musician and composer, b. Montgomery, Ala., as Nathaniel Adams Coles. A jazz pianist, he played Los Angeles nightclubs and in 1938 formed the original King Cole Trio. Later he turned to singing and became internationally popular for his smooth, velvety voice and broodingly romantic hits, such as "Unforgettable" and "Mona Lisa." He was one of the first African-American artists to star in a radio show (1948-49), and in 1956 he became the first African American to host a network television show.

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