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Murder : Mother, community question nature of crime

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A New York lawyer told the AmNews that the charging this week, of four Harlem teens with murder in the fatal robbery/chase incident, may just be a political device to appease the baying critics looking to avenge the death of a young white NYU student.

"The D.A. is concerned about trying the case [on a lesser charge] in Family Court for political reasons, because it would appear like they were caught smoking in the school bathroom, rather than robbing a young man and setting this chain of events in motion," Atty. Ron Kuby told the AmNews on Tuesday afternoon.

He added that that the teens may instead be indicted on a lesser charge.

"Wolf Packs" and "Teen Thugs," proclaimed this week's tabloids, regarding the arrests of 13-year-olds Denzel Fell and Humberto Guzman, and 15-year-olds Hassan Mayfield and Andre Johnson, who are being treated as adults in the fatal robbery/chase case which happened on

April 1st, yet seemed to slip under the radar.

Taking flight after allegedly been accosted by four youths in a robbery attempt, Broderick Hehman, 20, was hit by Mercedes Benz on 125th Street. This weekend 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement called for the community to come forward with information, and a day later four boys were in custody to be charged with second-degree murder and robbery.

While saying that he was not a suspect on Tuesday, police interviewed a fifth teen.

Even though the story was slugged as a possible "bias crime" by the press, which stated that witnesses said that the teenagers yelled, "Get the white boy," Police Commissioner Ray Kelly declared on Monday that the NYPD was not treating the case as a hate crime because robbery, not race was the motive.

Apparently, Hehman was visiting a friend, when he was spotted talking on a cell phone by the teens as they stood outside a Popeye's Chicken restaurant on 125th Street. Fleeing, the NYU student ran into the path of a Mercedes Benz and died almost a week

later from his head injuries in an area hospital.

Under New York law there is a variety of different cases of conduct that can be classified as murder, said Kuby.

"It is a stretch in this case, but they could be charged with felony murder: where if a group of people intend to commit a felony, such as robbery, and somebody dies in the course of, or flight from the felony - than everyone is guilty of murder. But this is the first case in which it would be applied to somebody fleeing after being robbed - but that's not to say that it can't be applied. But it's a stretch," the lawyer said. "Then there is depraved indifference, which is if your conduct is so reckless that it constitutes a depraved indifference to human life - you can be held liable for a murder even if you didn't [intend] to kill someone; it means that your actions were such that you didn't care if somebody died or not. But in this case that's a stretch too."

The charge of murder in the second degree, (plus robbery) will be difficult to be sustained, said Kuby, "but not impossible."

Gang assault is an alternative charge that could be

considered, said Kuby, but "as angry as people are with this young man's death," he predicted that forces would push for the maximum. Plus, in New York, "when a 13 year old commits the ultimate crime and takes a life, the law says, we are going to treat this matter severely. This is the Willie Bosket law."

The case has sparked much debate from newsrooms to living rooms. Some people have referenced the Central Park jogger case, the subsequent media barrage and after many years of incarceration, the eventual overturning of the convictions of the five defendants who had been in prison since their teenage years.

Other observers are querying why the four teens from Harlem were not given bail; and also why the two 13 year-olds had to do the perp walk, and were brought out in handcuffs, in full view of the media cameras.

"They told me that the two 13-year-olds were not going to be taken out front," Pamela Fell, mother of Denzel Fell told the AmNews.

When the AmNews asked the NYPD why the latter happened, a spokesman replied, "They were arrested. It is a public street and they

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Gala honors life of Beatrice Maye

By Erin Rickert
The Daily Reflector



When Wilbert Garner lost his wife to an automobile accident nearly five years ago he was not sure he could go on living. "I had a very negative attitude," Garner said Sunday night. "I was lost ... I remember not wanting to go on." A call from a fellow Sycamore Hill Baptist Church member a day after his wife's funeral, assured him everything would be all right.

Garner said the voice helped to change his life and the life of his daughter, Dedra — counseling him and offering parenting tips.

"She came in and took over," Garner said, shaking his head as he looked at his teenage daughter. "I owe my life to her." Sunday Garner was one of more than 100 people at a "Reminiscent Gala" honoring the life of longtime Pitt County resident, Beatrice C. Jones Maye.

Maye was among the first educators to teach in a desegregated school in Pitt County in the 1960s.

She spent many years teaching at W.H. Robinson and E.B. Aycock. Her picture now hangs in the media center at E.B. Aycock after school officials recognized her as the facility's first librarian.

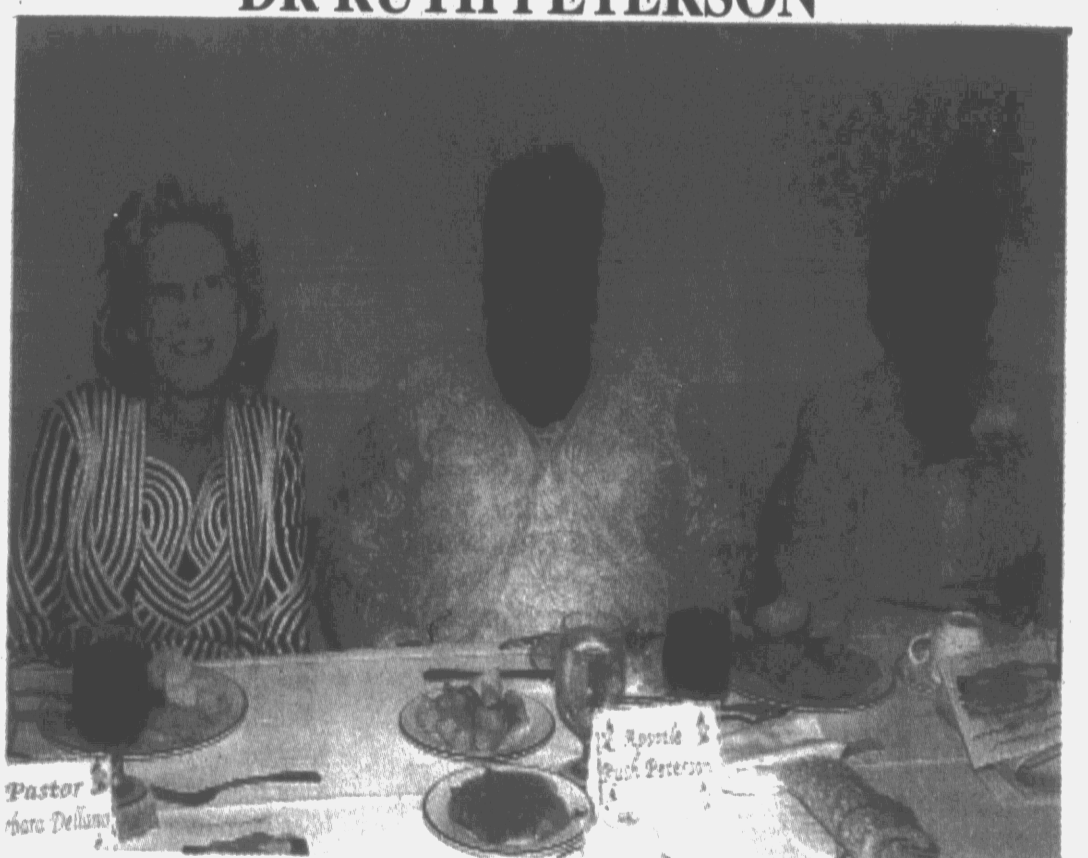
In 2003, a garden park on Farmville Boulevard in West Greenville was dedicated in honor.

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THE PASTORIAL ANNIVERSARY OF DR RUTH PETERSON



OPINION

FROM THE DESK OF RON WALTERS Priorities, Politics, and the Pastor



By: Ron Walters

Recent offers by Illinois State Sen. James Meeks to forge a new coalition of African Americans and white social conservatives is putting some African American voters in a bind. While African Americans strongly support the economic elements of a Democratic platform, and oppose Republican trickle-down economics, Democrats are not delivering jobs, education and health care in proportion to their vote. At the same time some in the African American religious community are opposed to the Democrat's social tenets of choice and gay marriage. Should African Americans

vote their economic interests or their religious convictions? In James Meeks they may find both. Sen. Meeks in appealing to their basic economic interests by demanding more money for education and jobs. But Rev. Meeks is also tapping into their religious and moral sensitives about abortion and gay marriage.

What Meeks is really doing is shedding light on the board economic agenda that Democrats have failed to adequately address, while making a political appeal to conservative white evangelicals and Roman Catholics who oppose abortion and gay marriage. If he runs and pulls it off, that's a significant political force. Two issues in Illinois reflect black voters' resentment toward a Democratic governor and Democratically-controlled House and Senate. First, Meeks has offered a comprehensive educational reform plan to improve opportunity for all Illinois' students, and he traveled around the state promoting it. What was the governor's and legislatures response? A Democratically-controlled legislature turned it down and

Gov. Blagojevich made automated calls across the state against it while publicly claiming to be the education governor.

Second is a public/private partnership using private money to build a long awaited third airport in the South suburbs at no cost to taxpayers. It would create 15,000 new jobs by 2009 in an area with a diverse but large African American population where, in some communities, there are 60 people for every job. At best, the current governor and the Democratic establishment have given it lip service. At worst, they tried to transfer control from the black communities that did the work, to the white communities that opposed it for three decades. Political promises run hard and fast, but broken promises have shot legs. Gov. Blagojevich can break ground and create jobs by simply signing a lease that transfers land set aside for an airport to the Abraham Lincoln National Airport Commission. With a simple signature, an unprecedented level of economic development will take place in the

region's greatest area of need. The history of Democrats and Republicans got us here. The traditional view is that Democrats are for workers and protect civil liberties, while Republicans are for business and the upper class. Polls show that Democrats get elected on bread-and-butter economic issues, and Republicans on defense and national security. Change came with the arrival of the civil rights movement in the 1960s and 70's, and the departure of the Cold War in the 80's. Increased, economic demands by African American for more jobs, equality in education, health care and housing and social demands of choice for women and rights for homosexuals drove some Democrats away from this liberal economic and civil liberties agenda and toward the more narrow interests of business and social conservatives.

With a weakened Democratic commitment to economic inclusion and less fear of communism and African Americans, white Republicans designed a new political strategy — a religious appeal around conservative "social issues" and traditional

"moral values". Who can be against moral values? And polling showed that political support for such issues as school prayer and the Ten Commandments in public places, and opposition to abortion and homosexuality are quite popular among some African American and Latino religious conservatives.

The political tactic was obvious. Such social issues will attract and unite a segment of the African American and Latino religious communities with white social conservatives around a "values" theme. At the same time, these "wedge issues" will weaken black economic liberals who are overwhelmingly Democratic.

At election time, economic and social liberals join forces to nominate Democrats that will challenge the Republican Parties' philosophy of weakening democratic government, their policy of tax cuts wasteful military spending.

But by not meeting their base constituent's economic needs, and by making choice and

gay rights a virtual litmus test for Democrats, the party has allowed these conservative social issues to entice some African Americans to vote Republican or to be cooler toward

Democrats.

If nothing is done to satisfy Sen. Meeks' appeal to meet the legitimate economic needs

of the black community, there could be big trouble for Democrats in November.

African Americans comprise of large percentage of Democrat voters in Illinois, with

more than 90% voting for Gov. Blagojevich in 2002. Historically, African Americans have been loyal even though Democrats failed to meet their economic needs. That sacrifice may be coming to an end. Democrats will be hard pressed to stay in office should this solid dependable vote disappear. Sen. Meeks' ability to offer a compelling alternative to black voters — combining social conservatism and economic liberalism — should not be taken lightly.

If White Men Ruled the World...Forever



By: Askia Muhammad

Permitted to write and rewrite history in their likeness forever, a xenophobic White supremacist mind like those which in fact rule America might conjecture a "history" in the 21st Century, of how things might look today, had the South won the Civil War in the 19th Century.

Funny. I've been arguing for a decade that The South had finally "won" the Civil War they've been re-fighting all along, when conservative, modern-day-segregationists from the South took over the leadership of both the House and Senate in 1996. The Southern Dixie-crats, from whatever party, dominated the White House through much of the 20th Century. But there's a new movie, some kind of staged documentary, in which the filmmaker reckons what life would be like today, if The South never lost. Of course we know that the South never truly "lost". The "40 acres and a mule" proposal was vetoed by the President. No land was forfeited by Whites. The Reconstruction period was shot down with the Hayes-Tilden Compromise, Federal troops were removed from the South, there was no protection for the newly freed slaves from the armed plantation owners—the Confederates, the Rebels, the ones who committed treason against the United States of America. The slaves were politically disenfranchised and violently forces into lives as sharecroppers and tenant farmers by the same ones who had been their slave masters. But I digress.

So this new film: "C.S.A. Confederate States of America," picks up as though there had never been that unconditional surrender at Appomattox. But the flaw in this, and other myopic, White supremacist viewpoints, is that Black folks are nothing more than objects

for measuring the greater humanity of White folks. The film is said to have modern day faux-TV-commercials for runaway slaves, using exaggerated, racist slang and stereotypes. Excuse me. Has anyone considered what the lowly slaves would have been doing during that 135 or so years from the Confederate military victory? Considering that slave rebellions took place in this country going back to the 17th Century, and considering that the Black population would have been even more concentrated and numerically superior, the Confederates today would have to be obsessed at all times with security. Let's remember that by 1962 in South Africa, the Sharpeville Massacre had already taken place, and armed rebellions were spreading through Africa against White colonial rule. There were Mau Maus in Kenya, fighting a war against The White Man. That same desire for freedom would have most certainly also infected the Blacks in the Confederate States of America, wouldn't it have? When then, would Black Confederate subjects have picked up the gun against their White masters?

What kind of Baptist preacher might Martin Luther King Jr. have been had he been born into the Confederate State of Georgia, instead of the United States of Georgia? Might the need and the circumstances have made of Martin Luther King, Jr., a preacher like Nat Turner, had

he grown up in the Confederate State of Georgia. And what would the people of Birmingham have been willing to face if they were living in the Confederate State of Alabama. Those seem to me, to be more realistic appraisals of contemporary history that might have been, had the outcome of the Civil War gone in favor of the slavers.

Which brings me to the contemporary American world view, and why I believe White people tend to go along with Pres. George W. Bush, even though he has bungled everything he's touched, and spent everyone's nest-egg doing it.

Mr. Bush has responded precisely the way practically every thinking White Man in America would have responded in his position. It's the "White" thing to do! Like the premise of the movie "C.S.A."

In order to feel more secure, whether it's Windsor Castle, Berlin, or on the West Bank in Palestine, or on the Texas-Mexico international frontier, the "White" thing to do when feeling insecure is to build a wall, a fence.

Attack and conquer more territory farther and farther from home. That will make the folks back home more secure. That's the Bush Doctrine. It's the White thing to do in order to increase homeland security. And that, I'm afraid is wrong, and out of sync with the tide of history.

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The Giant Killer Comes to Greenville

GREENVILLE, NC - "A mind is a terrible thing to waste" is the provocative longtime slogan of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). The non-profit group provides education scholarship to deserving students attending one of America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) like Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Shaw University Pitt County Alumni Association has launched its efforts to raise money for UNCF. The Pitt County Alumni chapter will host a banquet featuring keynote speaker Shaw University alumnus and famed defense attorney Willie E. Gary ('71) of Stuart, Florida. Attorney Gary, who as a child was a migrant seasonal farm worker, is legendary for his success in litigating numerous cases in which he amassed settlements totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for his clients. The June 12th banquet fundraiser will take place 7:00 PM at The Cornerstone Family Life Center located 1059 Allen Road in Greenville.

"We're very fortunate that Attorney Gary, a man of his accomplishments who is known all over the world, remains committed to educating young people," says chapter president and Greenville City Mayor Pro-Tem Mildred A. Council ('71.) We all are just so delighted and excited that he would adjust his schedule to come to Greenville and help us achieve our commitment to raise funds earmarked for students at our alma mater, Shaw University."

Council says she and her fellow alumni "believe everyone wanting a college education should have the opportunity and not be denied due to a lack of financial aid," and, she added, "the UNCF organization is consistently ranked at the top as it relates to responsibly distributing its scholarship funds which means people can feel confident that their donations will benefit some young person seeking an education."

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for those 17 and younger. They can be purchased by contacting Shaw University CAPE Extension, 2611 East Tenth Street, call 252-439-5339, and event co-chairs Mildred Council, 252-757-1037 or Vanish Green ('92) 252-321-1195.

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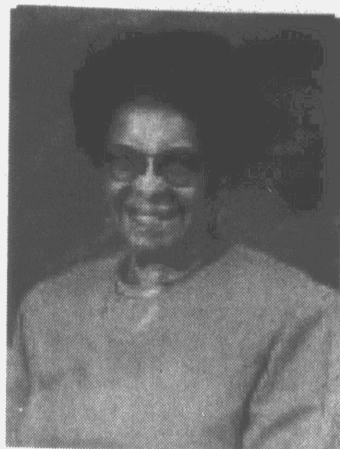
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COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY VOICES FROM THE DESK OF MRS BEATRICE MAYE



Mrs Beatrice Maye

The Editor —

A young man was being interviewed for a position in a small business firm. He had a neat appearance made a good impression owner. He had also prepared an excellent resume in which he listed his pastor, his Sunday School teacher, and a church deacon as references. The owner of the business studied the resume for several minutes, then said, "I appreciate these recommendations from your church friends, but what I would really like to hear from someone who knows you weekdays."

Sorry to say, there is a sharp contrast between the way some Christians act in church and how they behave in the

world. The principles they progress on Sunday should be practiced every day. We should not live by a double standard. Our daily conduct should be consistent with our spiritual values. Your walk in the world should be in harmony with your walk with God. Would our church friends be shocked if they observed our actions and heard our speech at our job or in our home? A good Sunday Christian will also be good weekday Christian!

"A hypocrite is a person who is not himself on Sunday."
Beatrice C. Maye

Time is a commodity we cannot borrow or steal. The richest among us cannot buy it, the poorest among us cannot sell it. We cannot hoard it as best we can. Night comes, Jesus says, time runs out, doors are closed, opportunities are gone. We run out of both time and opportunity, so any good you want to do with your life, any love you want to express to another, any services you want to render to God, friends, do it now. Do it now!

"In the journey of life, you don't have to carry everyone's baggage."

"Don't clutter your mind with unnecessary worry."

"Don't let possessions clutter your life."

"It takes courage to stay uninvolved in life."

Beware Wives!!

Every female who goes into the Pastor's Study Office is not going there for counsel or business. And don't blame the ladies, look at the fall of preachers today, the divorce rate!

Learn to love yourself, ladies, by complimenting yourself, smiling, standing tall, giving yourself a pep talk (I love you), expressing yourself, changing your negative voice to a positive voice, imagining your ideal you, fulfilling your dreams, making a wish list (eating smaller portions) and, above all, implementing the wish list.

Barbara Jordan, one of four inductees, National Women Hall of Famers 1990. August 26, is Women's Equality Day, marking the 70th anniversary of the ratification. Barbara Jorda, one of the first Black women from the South, elected to Congress. And let us not forget the older

folks. Our society and our churches, particularly, accent our youth for the most part. Advertisements are aimed at young people, products are sold to keep people looking young, and fashions have a youthful appeal. Churches promote and use the young regularly. All of that is not so terrible, if we don't overlook the older folk in our midst. Just give them a visit, give them a telephone call, a ride to Sunday school and church if there's no bus, let them make some telephone calls to remind members of some delinquent deed or give them the opportunity to serve on a committee. Worlds of wisdom and knowledge are trapped up in these older folk. You may do well to listen to them and they're so dependable. They have been where you are going. You are a bit too impatient with them. (Mrs. Maye is thinking of Mr. Matthew Lewis who is most careful in expressing himself. He gives few his voice but all a listening ear always. Mr. Julius Clemmons is another person with this same lifestyle as against others of us who are always talking.) When you talk you tell what you know; when you listen, you

learn something." Be a good listener.

Let's listen, be calm and avoid the loudness, the yelling, the music in the streets from young men carrying juke boxes (to be heard); instead, read the newspapers, listen to the news on radio & TV. Give your minds food to feast on. Then you'll have something to talk about other than people. "Small minds discuss people."

Five Reasons Why Single Parenting Is So Tough

1. There's not enough money. Paychecks for young people are small, jobs insecure, child support not very reliable.
2. There's not enough time. Between jobs, daycare and child trade-offs, the available parenting hours can disappear.
3. There's not enough outside support. War windows and soldiers wives got all sorts of community and extended family support, single moms these days do not.
4. Kids and parents get sick. It's hard enough being a good parent when we're well and our child is fine; it's a catastrophe trying to deal with illness on our own.
5. Nobody can be both mom and dad. Sometimes a kid

needs one, sometimes the other. Ultimately, any parent is just one person. Two is better.

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

The Home

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

Reflections



The Leonard Medical School at Shaw University

(A sequel to my previous article)

In 1881, a 34 room medical dormitory was completed. In 1882 the medical school was constructed adjacent to the Shaw campus. (This building has since been renovated and still stands today as Leonard Hall.) Tupper then secured the services of some of the leading white physicians of Raleigh to teach at the school and obtained partial support from drug manufacturers for establishment of a dispensary so "that our medical students may have the advantages of clinical instruction." Hence, the Leonard School of

Pharmacy was established. Thanks to the generosity of northern friends of Shaw, the lecture rooms and laboratories were soon stocked with supplies and anatomy models.

In January 1885, the 25-bed Leonard Hospital opened its doors to the sick and poor of the local black community and to the medical students of LMS. Clinical instructions, increasingly recognized as an essential component of good medical education, was now provided. Unfortunately for patients and students, for those months when school was out of session, the hospital closed. Again, as with all other aspects of LMS's development, private northern philanthropy and local black fund-raising through fairs and community appeals financed the school's program. The American Baptist Home Mission Society allocated to money.

The first LMS's graduation class was in 1886. Six students had successfully completed their studies and exams. Practically all secured their medical licenses with a high degree of expectancy, and were prepared to enter into practice. Dr. Lawson Scuggs was Valedictorian and main speaker of the class. He practiced medicine in Raleigh and assumed teaching responsibilities at LMS Dr Marcellus T. Pope also practiced in Raleigh. His home is now a historic preservation site operated by the State Archives. All of his personal papers, letters and medical

books from LMS are stored there. (I might mention here that one of his two daughters, Ruth, taught Home Economics in Kinston and resided at my home while there. Ruth passed away a few years ago at age 96.)

Dr. Savitt's article shows a picture of the first graduating class. Several have all-white features, as was the pattern of slaveholders who fathered children with their slaves.

Finally, LMS closed because of underfinancing, because no individual or organization was ever willing to step in and rescue it from its debts, deficits, and decline. LMS needed an endowment and operating capital to pay

professors, buy equipment, maintain teaching and clinical laboratories, and provide for the other usual expenses of a modern medical school. Instead, the school had to draw off funds from the rest of the university, reversing the growth of the larger University, Shaw University. So having satisfied a need for 36 years and producing a cadre of black doctors (some 400) LMS passed quietly from existence. Of the black medical colleges of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, only Meharry and Howard survive today.

Acknowledgment to Dr. Todd Savitt for permitting this article to be published (with my own personal interjections)
Respectfully submitted,
Suejette A. Jones



THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Jesus promised His followers, "Because I live, you shall live also." Not surprisingly, no one in the Bible speaks more about the resurrection than Jesus. In John 11:25-26, for example, He said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

Jesus was saying that although those who believe in Him may die physically, the real person, which is the soul and spirit, will never die. In John 5:24, Christ taught, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

Prior to the death, burial, resurrection of Jesus Christ, all people who died were taken to a place known as Sheol or Hades. This place

THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

had two compartments separated by a large chasm or gulf. The first section was known as "paradise" of the "place of comfort." This is where the Old Testament saints would go following death. On the other side of the great gulf was the "Place of torment" where those who died without faith were held (see Luke 16:26). Ever since Jesus' resurrection, believers have not gone to the "place of comfort" in Sheol, but rather have been instantly transported to heaven to be with the Lord (see Corinthians 5:8). Nonbelievers, on the other hand, are still taken to the "place of torment" in Sheol/Hades..

The word "heaven" appears nearly 600 times in the Bible. I can refer to three different places: 1). the atmospheric heaven or sky; 2). the planetary heaven where the sun, moon, and stars reside, or 3). the third heaven, which Paul speaks of in 11 Corinthians 12, where God dwells with His angels and His people. This is where believers who died are today.

Everything that is truly precious to us as Christians will be in this third heaven, including the triune God, our loved ones who are believers, our inheritance, our citizenship and our eternal rewards. In other words, everything of eternal value will be there.

When the rapture occurs, we who are believers will instantly receive our new, immortal, resurrected bodies. At the rapture, Christ will come to take us home to the Father's house in heaven (John 14:1-4). Many of us look forward to that glorious day when we see the unfathomable magnificence of heaven, be reunited with loved ones and come face to face with Jesus, our Savior.

There are many things that will take place following the rapture. We will explore them in the next issue. You don't want to miss it, it concerns you....

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Good Manners Begin at Home



By Susie Clemons

Just recently the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) ran the discussion fetching article, Teaching Americans to Behave Abroad. According to the non-profit entity, Business for Diplomatic Inc., who will be providing one day training seminars for American business travelers, this is not necessary but mandatory instruction. America must salvage its down trodden image currently held by foreigners. What with American military forces on the ground in Iraq, this is not good news.

At this article some big name companies, among them Lowe's and American Airlines, are signing up employees for classes aimed at improving the image of the "ugly American," which WSJ used to refer to anti-U.S. sentiments abroad.

It just so happens the Japanese think that Americans should know better than to hold eye contact for more than a second or two. Not to be out done, the Greeks think Americans should know that to them a wave hello or goodbye is an insult. It's conceivable that neither foreign country could care less that direct eye contact (stare-downs) or waving is about as apple pie and Chevrolet as they get—they just know they don't want any parts of it.

Before teaching Americans how to behave abroad one must, however, first tackle the congenital problem of

rudeness on the home front. Right many Americans are rude, spoiled and selfish. Sociologists have, as of late, documented research that shows rude American parents are to blame for their rude American children.

To think that in a time of war Americans are accused of flying thousands of miles from home, on business, to talk about American pride, brag about personal wealth or about Hussein's arrest, (albeit the point man, of no fewer than 7 feet tall, still very much has his liberty and possibly residence at the Watergate Hotel in Washington D.C), is unthinkable.

Either way, if the bad manners story made WJS, then perhaps foreigners have had enough of American bravado, gall and the arrogance of ultra important people who assault officers in uniform when asked to show identification.

That news worthy foul ups stream across the tube at every turn exposing a President out to prove that he's the decider, and too revealing how Exxon makes off with billions in price gauging profits—surely the Japanese and the Greeks understand the swell of American pride.

Then again, to rethink that posture, do they really care that some Americans who, dressed in Armani suits and ride around in chauffeured Benz's, with regularity steal pension funds from their employees? Surely they feel even less distress for the ugly Americans who blatantly betray the trust of people they've been elected to serve.

Furthermore, it's down right classist and egregious to think foreign governments have a problem with pedophiles in priest collars,

or elected officials who leave storm tossed tax paying citizens to bake in the sun or who force elderly citizens to trade food for medicine, visiting their country.

That aside, no doubt foreign heads of state are not concerned with travelers who say they're coming to visit for the weekend, yet end up staying forever with one goal in mind: change everything.

Could it be that our friends across the water are saying to the ugly American business class travelers: 1). We understand your place as 'Super Power', but when visiting our country you must treat our people with respect 2). you must have some idea about our culture – not everyone wants to speak English 3). leave your clanky-ti-clank apple pie Chevrolets at home and 4). please stop bragging about your oft times stolen wealth, lastly 5). use your stolen wealth to invest in real educational curriculums for the thousands of high school graduates unable to compete in an economy that the ugly American flaunts as "globalism"

No doubt some Americans have less than desirable manners, but for these home is about bragging rights, American pride and oft times ill-gotten wealth. In absence of the means to engage air seeps out of the puffery much like it seeps out of the chest cavity upon death.

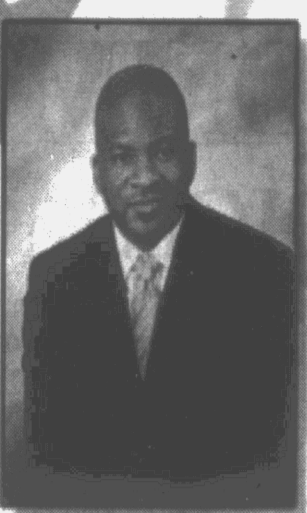
Overhauling ones ideology from time to time is to be expected. The question is will the overhaul make things worse or better for the ugly American or for foreigners fresh out of hospitality?

If you have an opinion you'd like to share send comments to opinionsandtalk@yahoo.com

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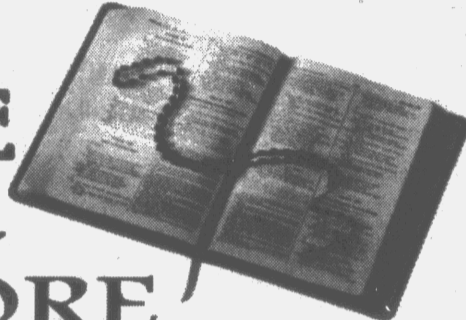
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Pitt County, NC

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- NC State Senator (Dem.), 3rd District
- NC State House Representative (Dem.), 8th District
- NC Supreme Court Associate Justice, Wainwright Seat
- NC Court of Appeals Judge, Hunter Seat
- NC Court of Appeals Judge, Stephens Seat
- County Commissioner (Dem.), 2nd District
- County Commissioner (Dem.), 3rd District
- County Commissioner (Dem.), 6th District

Voters registered as Democrat must reside within the district(s) above to be eligible to vote in said primary election. Voters registered as Republican may cast an Unaffiliated ballot which includes the NC Supreme Court and NC Court of Appeals races in said primary election. Voters registered as Unaffiliated may cast a Democrat or Unaffiliated ballot.

The following polling places will be open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM on election day, Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

- Arthur Precinct (Bell Arthur Fire Station, 2634 Firehouse Rd.)
- Ayden A Precinct (Ayden Christian Church, 462 2nd St.)
- Ayden B Precinct (Ayden Community Building, 548 2nd St.)
- Belvoir Precinct (Belvoir Fire Station, 4189 NC 33 W)
- Bethel Precinct (Bethel Fire Station, 3826 James St.)
- Carolina Precinct (Stokes Community Building, 2873 NC 903)
- Chicod Precinct (Black Jack FWB Gym, 2972 Black Jack-Simpson Road)
- Falkland Precinct (Falkland EMS Building, 5977 S. Main St.)
- Farmville A Precinct (Farmville Community Center, 417 S. Main St.)
- Farmville B Precinct (Presbyterian Church, 4138 Grimmersburg St.)
- Fountain Precinct (Fountain Library, 6740 Wilson St.)
- Grifton Precinct (Grifton Fire/Police Station, 106 S. Highland Ave.)
- Grimesland Precinct (Grimesland Town Hall, 113 S. Pitt St.)
- Simpson A Precinct (Congregation Bayt Shalom, 4351 E. 10th St (Hwy 33 E))
- Simpson B Precinct (Simpson Fire Station, 205 Virginia St.)
- Pactolus Precinct (Pactolus Fire Station, 5858 Hwy 264 E.)
- Swift Creek Precinct (Gardnersville Fire Station, 9521 County Home Rd.)
- Winterville East Precinct (H. Boyd Lee Park, 5184 Corey Rd.)
- Winterville Central A Precinct (Kiwanis Club Building, 188 W. Forlines Rd.)
- Winterville Central B Precinct (Winterville Fire Station, 2593 Railroad St.)
- Greenville #1 Precinct (VPW Building # 7032, 1108 Mumford Rd.)
- Greenville #3 Precinct (W. Greenville Recreation Center, 304 Nash St.)
- Greenville #4 Precinct (Mt. Calvary FWB Church, 411 Watauga Ave.)
- Greenville #5A Precinct (Victory Christian Church, 102 Laughinghouse Dr.)
- Greenville #5B Precinct (American Legion Post #39, 403 St. Andrews Dr.)
- Greenville #6 Precinct (First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 204 Brinkley Rd.)
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- Greenville #9 Precinct (Hocker Memorial Church, 1111 Greenville Blvd.)
- Greenville #10A Precinct (Oakmont Baptist Church, 1100 Red Banks Rd.)
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- Greenville #11A Precinct (Ch. of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 307 Martinsborough Rd.)
- Greenville #11B Precinct (First FWB Church, 2426 S. Charles Blvd.)
- Greenville #12A Precinct (Kolonia Christian Ch., 1405 SW Greenville Blvd.)
- Greenville #12B Precinct (Faith & Victory Church, 3950 Victory Ln.)

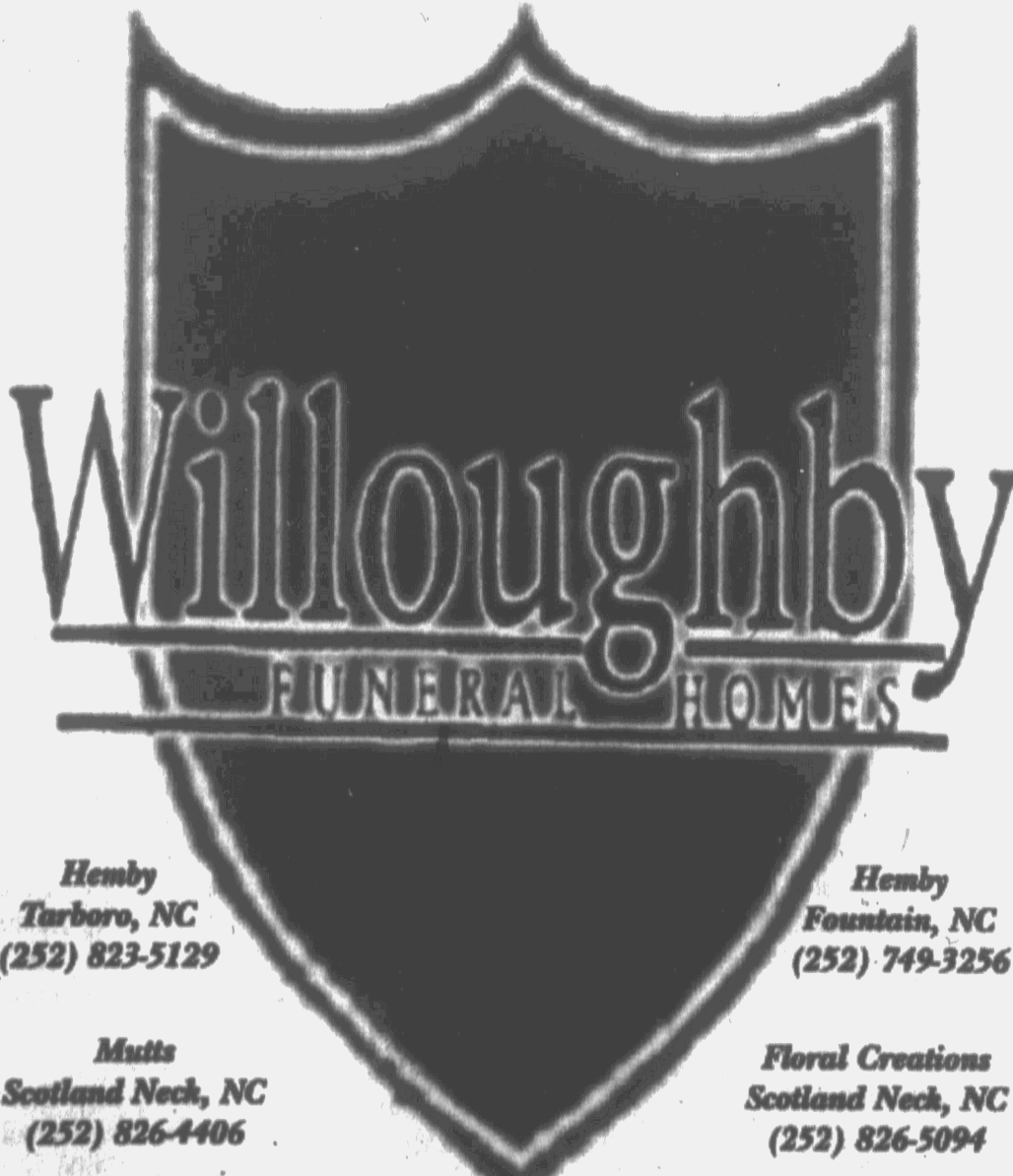
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You may apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed beginning Monday, March 13. The deadline for applying for absentee ballots to be mailed is Tuesday, April 25. Voters who become ill or disabled after Tuesday, April 25 at 5:00 pm may apply for absentee ballots until Monday, May 1 at 5:00 pm. All absentee ballots must be returned by Monday, May 1 at 5:00 pm in order to be counted pursuant to G. S. 163-234(1).

You may also vote early at either of the following One-Stop locations from Thursday, April 13 to Saturday, April 29. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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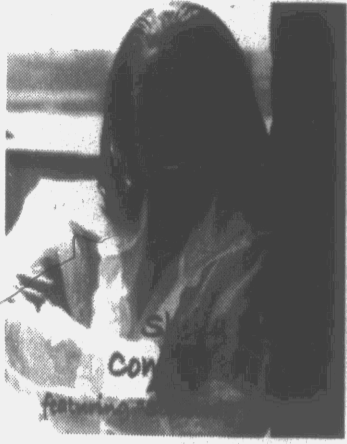


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Sheila Ingram

After relocating to Greenville N.C. from a world very different than the one I've come to know in the past 2 months, I realize although I wake up each morning to the birds chirping a melody that sounds light and fresh I continue to have a burning desire to share, impart and get connected to the mainline of sharing hope love and sincere concern for my sisters, those I know by name and those that my destiny will connect with. For so many years growing up in the heart of Harlem N.Y.C. I found myself challenged with opportunities, distractions and derailed dreams. As I found my way through a cycle of up's downs, turnarounds tragedies and triumphs here I am rerouted to a strange land called Greenville North Carolina A place I would have bet in my B.C. days (Before Christ) that I would never be in. But if you are one who continues to seek direction and success you will come to realize sooner or later hopefully sooner that your story has already been written by the master. It just somehow doesn't click for some of us until we come to the end of ourselves and finally surrender to the one

who has manufactured us. And because he holds the key to all of our dreams and aspirations it would only make sense to surrender to his will for our lives. One day I realize I had to stop running into myself and run into God. In doing so I was greatly challenged to change my lifestyle and thinking, separate myself from people, places and things.

Life's circumstances often result in a series of events that speak death to every vision and dream God has placed within you. Negative thoughts are strongholds assigned to smother and kill the divine purpose within. The natural carnal mind refuses to release you from past and present hurts.

Being a woman you can find yourself wearing so many hats in a day that one day you stop and realize you can't find yourself. People places and things have found a way to erase you and replace you with things that only pull on you finding yourself giving out and never receiving in. It's time to move on and deal with every thing that has held you captive. Being a prisoner in your own skin is not your purpose for life. There is nothing you have done that should bring you down within your own being. You who are victims of abuse and neglect can get back up again and regain the power you have over your life, as you allow God to repair and restore your brokenness.

You can make it. Just as I was challenged for years to fight for my peace you will be too. But the great thing is you will win.

Don't live in denial. Denial will choke the life out of you. Stop playing the blame game and get up again. There is always time to complete your life's purpose, no matter what your age, size, skin color education bank balance is. Regardless of your past, you can make it. If low self-esteem and poor self-perception have held you captive, I encourage you to look at what God says about and not what man thinks or says. Keep your eye on the prize. Learn to embrace yourself, weaknesses as well as strengths. Stop running into yourself and run into God. I use to run into myself all the time until I decided to run into God. How are you running into your self today, is it with anger, fear, or unforgiveness? Have you my sister been molested, divorced, and addicted to drugs? What is it that holds you captive?

Choose to be free today. Liberate yourself from those who have hurt and disappointed you. Running into yourself can only bring defeat. Running into God will bring you victory.

Author Sheila Ingram is a Pastoral Counselor, Pastor, Recording Artist and Worship Leader she lives in Greenville North Carolina and has a heart for women to move from pain to power WINPOP (Women In Pursuit of Purpose) is her women's ministry under the Sheila Ingram International Ministries she can be reached at 252-551-2922 or sheilaingram.org you can also email her at: sheilaingram5@yahoo.com



Pictured North Carolina A & T University Alumni left to right: Bernita Demery, Trieste Newton, Annie Brown, Laura Carmon, Seated: Frances Mebane and Shonda Bullock, Center: Justice Henry Frye, Tyrone Walson, President: Minerva Freeman, Melvin McLawhorn, Banquet Chairperson: Tanya Tucker-Dawson and Lavette Ford

The Pitt County Alumni Association held its Annual Spring Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, April 08, 2006, at the Taft Christian Life Center, in Greenville. This year's theme was 'An Evening with Just-Us'. The theme was centered on the keynote speaker, Justice Henry-Frye an A & T Alumnus. Justice Frye's wife Shirley accompanied him to the banquet. Justice Frye spoke words of encouragement, promise, and strength. He also made references to the Pitt County Alumni Association's theme "No Steps Backward: Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow." The Annual Spring Banquet serves as a fundraising effort of the Pitt County A & T Alumni Association. The 2006-2007, president for the Pitt County A & T Alumni Association in Minerva Freeman, Vice President is Lavette Ford, Secretary,

Darryl Jarmen, Assistant Secretary, Annanias Smith and Treasurer, Ethel Sutton. Chairperson for this year's banquet was Tanya Tucker-Dawson and Co-Chair was Shonda Bullock. A & T Alumni, Comm. Melvin McLawhorn introduced the keynote speaker on behalf of the alumni association, county government and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Entertainment was provided by members of the J.H. Rouse High School Gospel Choir. A candle lighting dedication was performed by Sharon Malette and Laura Carmon. Last year's president Denise Moore-Wilkes presented information about an academic scholarship honoring the late Bernard Haselrigh to be awarded to a graduating senior at Ayden Grifton High School or J. H. Rose High School during its Annual

Senior's Day. This annual scholarship was established by Trieste Newton. Attorney Derek Brown, Dr. Julius Malette, Dr. Hazel Brown, DDS, Attorney James 'Jimmy' Streeter, Attorney Earl Brown, Dr. Isaac Artis and Dr. Edward Treadwell were just a few of the illustrious members from the community in attendance. The Pitt County A & T Alumni Association meets every first Wednesday of the month at the Sheppard Memorial Library. The next scheduled is May 03, 2006. This will be the last meeting before the Association's breaks for the summer. If, you would like to become a member or you have questions regarding the Pitt County A & T Alumni Association, please call 252 - 758 - 0964.

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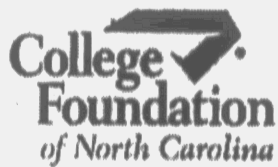
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PITT COUNTY CHAPTER SHAW ALUMNI UNCF DRIVE LUNCHEON



The Pitt County Chapter of Shaw University Alumni Association sponsored the UNCF Fund Drive Luncheon at Riverside Steak House on March 24, 2006. Guest Speaker for this luncheon was Dr. Cleon Thompson, Special Assistant to the President of Shaw University. Vanish Green and Mildred A. Council were co-chairs of this event.

Left to Right Seated . . . Thelma Brown, Sheryl Thompson, Pauline Anderson, Pattie Leary, Rev Clarence B. Gray, Garfield Thomas, Ruby Williams and Aydney Nobles
 Standing . . . Brenda Green, Rev Barry K. Berryhill, Doris Dixon, Joyce Jones, Iris Daniels, Linda Purvis, Addie Everett, Vanish Green, Mildred A. Council, Dr Cleon Thompson, Speaker, Samuel C. Boyd, Ethelene Hardy-Stover, Beasley Dixon, Curtis Best, and Wayland Moore

Continued from front page . . . Gala honors life of Beatrice Maye

She has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority since the age of 18. To date she teaches a Retirement Living course to senior citizens at the Pitt County Council on Aging, and is planning the release of another book late this year. Portraits of her life and accomplishments were shown to former students, friends, family and colleagues in a video presentation celebrating Maye's 90th birthday on Sunday.

The event was the culmination of six months of planning by Maye's family and friends. During nearly two-hours, stories about Maye's influence on their lives were shared. Malcolm Jones, traveled from California, to share his feelings about his aunt. Jones said she always stood out in a crowd, but one characteristic really set her apart from the rest. What really sets her apart is her perseverance," Jones said. "When she goes for some-

thing, she becomes like a force of nature — unrelenting." Maye's only son John W. Maye Jr. expressed what a blessing it was that his mother was still able to do things on her own, such as drive. "This is a blessing from Jesus," he said. "Most children with parents this age need home health care." Maye will always have a special place in Garner's heart.

He said Maye helped make his home a comfortable place again. Dedra, who will turn 13 next month, is thriving in school and extra curricular activities because of Maye's influence. "Everything we are, it's all because of Ms. Maye," Garner said. "She is like my mother. I owe her a lot."

Erin Rickert can be contacted at erickert@coxnc.com and 329-9566.



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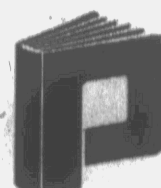
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Concert Clip . . . pictured above is left to right, Pastor Tammie Edwards, Keith "The Wonderboy" Johnson and promoter Ada Barnes caught by the M'Voice camera

Civil Rights: The Prison Problem . . .

By Angela Bronner, AOL Black Voices

Prison is big business in America. So establishes the abstract for the Urban League's essay on Prisons in their 2006 'The State of Black America Report.' Written by reputed journalist (and former head of 'Emerge' magazine) George Curry, "Racial Disparities Drive the Prison Boom," offers an in depth analysis of the point that not only is prison country help to fuel it.



Prison populations have seen a explosively in the 1990s, mostly policy instituted by President turn of the century rolled around, reached 2.1 million people. The total of 581,000 arrests in 1980 nearly tripled to a record high of almost 1.6 million by 1997. The United States has 100,000 more persons behind bars for drug offenses alone than the entire European Union has incarcerated — and the EU is larger than the U.S. by 100 million people.

spectacular boom, growing due to the 'War on Drugs' Ronald Reagan. By the time the the prison and jail population reached 2.1 million people. The total of 581,000 arrests in 1980 nearly tripled to a record high of almost 1.6 million by 1997. The United States has 100,000 more persons behind bars for drug offenses alone than the entire European Union has incarcerated — and the EU is larger than the U.S. by 100 million people.

Moreover, Black men especially do not bode favorably in this social justice analysis. Black men are arrested at higher rates and they are sentenced to do longer time. For instance, it was found that of the sentences issued in 12 crime categories in the State Courts, sentences for black males were longer than white males in all of them. The proportions of Black men arrested and incarcerated for drug offenses is in gross disproportion to their actual numbers in this country.

If one were to read between the lines, then, one knows that more than simply losing a very large and viable segment of the black community, the bi-products of prison include public health crises such as tuberculosis and HIV infection; joblessness; poverty; loss of political power, and a vicious cycle of these problems being perpetuated through generations.

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Brown Seeks House Seat

ANNUAL NAACP BANQUET

Brown Seeks Historic Political Win with House Seat

Safer communities, education and a stronger job market is what Democratic candidate Derek K. Brown pledges to Martin and Pitt county voters. Brown's victory would be historic. He would become the first African American to hold the legislative seat specifically carved out for minority voter representation by the U.S. Department of Justice in the mid-eighties. When first established, the district 8 voting bloc included all of Pitt, Greene, Martin and Edgecombe counties. The late Linwood Mercer was the first to occupy the seat followed by current incumbent Edith Warren. For the 2006 election, District 8 has been reapportioned to only include Martin county and portions of Pitt.

With a recent campaign headquarters grand opening in Martin County, Brown has been relentless in his effort to let the voters know that he is hard at work on the campaign trail. His political opponent—the incumbent, retired educator and principal, Edith Warren—has held the legislative post since 1998. In an earlier cited statement Brown is quoted as saying that he was not running against Mrs. Warren, but that he was running for the people. With close ties to the community and region, Brown looks forward to bringing much needed improvement down east. Furthermore, he believes that some of the basic requirements to ensure area growth have either been overlooked or down right disregarded. During a candid interview Brown is quoted as saying, "this is about the people, making their lives better and down east stronger."

Brown acknowledges that the lack of sustained jobs creation, educational resources as well as the slowness of infrastructure, to points east of interstate 95, have not been all that it could. There is tremendous room for improvement. Improving upon these circumstances to the good of all down easterner's is just what I intend to do, he said. Similarly, Brown concedes that time spent as legislative council, to former Congressman Frank Ballance, allows him the skill and discipline necessary to develop and maintain strong relationships with state leaders; moreover, the altruism needed to keep his ear to the concerns of his constituents. Pitt County native, Brown, is the son of area veteran dentist Hazel Brown and attorney Earl Brown. A practicing attorney for 10 years, Brown currently serves as assistant district attorney for Prosecutorial District 6-B domestic violence unit, inclusive of Hertford, Bertie and North Hampton Counties. Derek Brown was educated at the North Carolina School of Math and Science, North Carolina A T State University and awarded a Jurist Doctor from Campbell University School of Law



Rep. McKinney Files to Run for Re-Election

Associated Press by Shannon McCaffrey



Police officer. "Hello, so good to see you," the Democratic congresswoman said as she made her way around the House chamber. McKinney was one of dozens of candidates filing the required paperwork and fees Monday to run for office. Elected officials and those hoping to unseat them shook hands and hugged friends and supporters. Campaign T-shirts and buttons were everywhere. Gov. Sonny Perdue was expected to file his qualifying papers in the afternoon.

ATLANTA - Amid a swarm of television cameras, U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney arrived at the state Capitol on Monday to file for re-election. McKinney smiled broadly but didn't comment on her recent scuffle with a U.S. Capitol

McKinney flashed her Georgia driver's license at photographers in an apparent jab at the incident in Washington in late March. She allegedly struck a Capitol Hill police officer who stopped her for bypassing a security checkpoint at a House office building. A grand jury is weighing whether to bring criminal charges in the incident. Along with her paperwork, McKinney submitted a check for \$4,863, the filing fee required of candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives. Earlier, McKinney's Democratic opponent, DeKalb County Commissioner Hank Johnson, filed his own qualifying papers. "I think that citizens in the 4th District are tired of constant controversy," Johnson said. "They want effective leadership in the halls of Congress." Party officials must submit qualifying information on candidates to the Secretary of State's office by May 1.

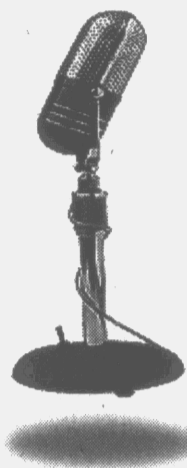
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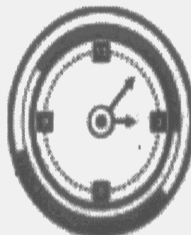
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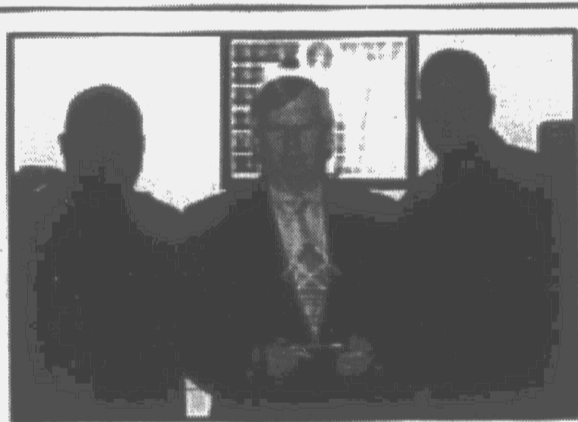
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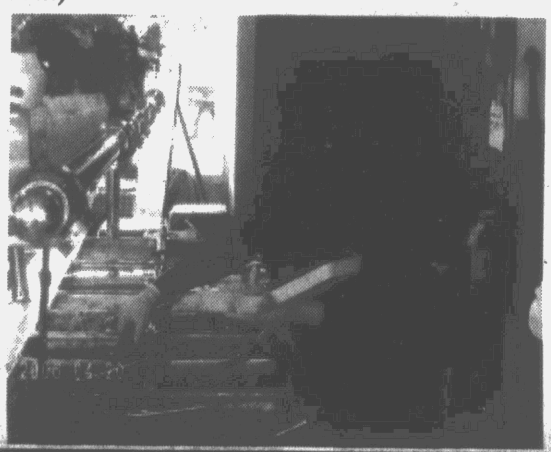


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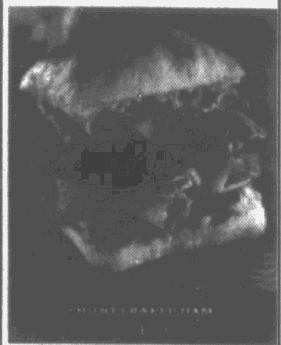
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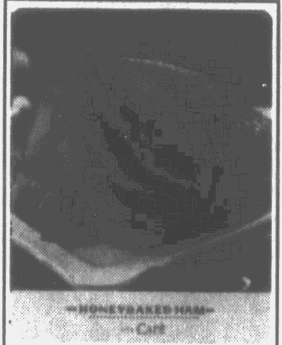
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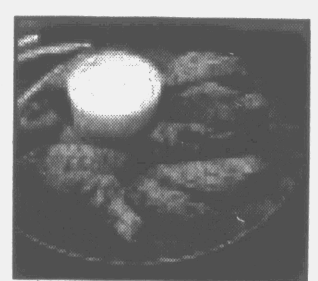
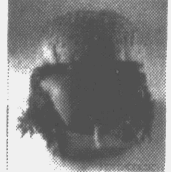
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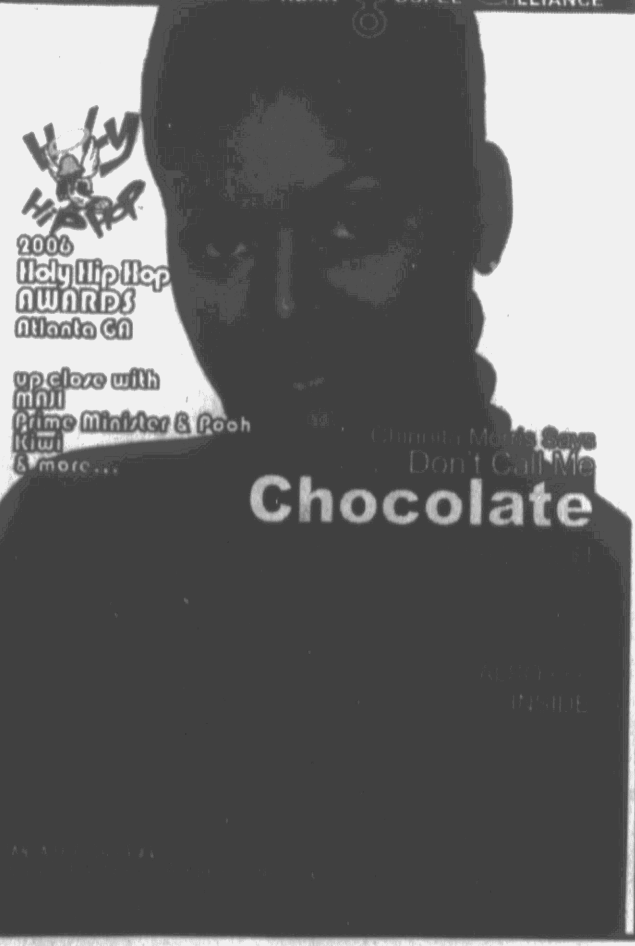
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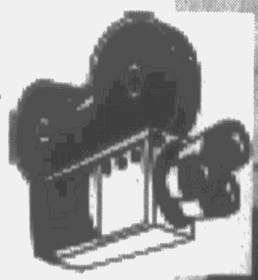
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Andrew Brimmer

“Economist, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System —”

By: Danny J. Bakewell, Sr.

The history of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in general, would not be complete without reference to economist Andrew Brimmer, and the same applies to economics in Black America. Brimmer was the first Black to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the group that controls the system that serves as banks of reserve and discount for all national and most state banks and trust companies. The Federal Reserve is loosely referred to as the nation's bank and the Board of Governors, its bankers. And Brimmer, as one of the governors really had his hands on money, real money. Brimmer was born in Newellton, Louisiana on Sept. 13, 1926. His parents were sharecroppers in an area where the land was not arable and that made life even harder. He attended racially segregated local elementary

and high schools before moving to live with an older sister in Washington, DC. As a young man, he worked as an electrician's helper in a naval shipyard, before he went into military service. After his tour of duty, he earned a B.A. in economics, an M.A. and then received a Fulbright grant to do post graduate work in India in 1951. He earned his Ph.D. at Harvard in 1957. While working on his doctorate, Brimmer worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as a young economist traveling to Sudan, Africa to help that country establish a central bank. He joined the Kennedy administration in the early sixties and became the assistant secretary of economic affairs in the Department of Commerce. He remained there through part of the Johnson administration until 1966 when he was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He was the first Black to be so appointed and stayed there for eight years. After that, he returned to Harvard as a

professor of economics before forming his own consulting company — Brimmer & Associates — in 1976.

Brimmer's expertise has been in great demand in the private sector providing strategic investor counseling to major US and international corporations. In addition, he has done other specialized work in developing and implementing corporate positioning and communications programs for public and private corporations. He is a founding member of 'Joele Frank, Wilkinson, Brimmer, Katcher that works with clients on investments, public relations and crisis management. Besides economics and public relations, he brings to his clients an array of peripheral products and services including complex restructurings and reorganizations. One of his better-known public offering assignments was helping United Parcel Service (UPS) with its \$ 5.47 billion

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(IPO). Brimmer was elected to the Washington Academy of Sciences; has been a member of the Association for the Study of African Americans Life and History; appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee University; is currently President of the North American Economics and Finance Association; and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Rescue Committee, the world's leading non-profit organization providing relief and resettlement services of refugees. His bibliography consists of "International Banking and Domestic Economics

Policies," and "Economics Costs of Discrimination Against Black Americans."

According to news reports, he was considered the most scholarly spokesman for

Blacks in the economic field and he recommended that Blacks assimilate into

the American White economy rather than trying to go into business on their own. This was during the Civil Rights Era of the sixties. And Brimmer also saw integration as the best possible route to Black economic self-sufficiency and dismissed Blacks' efforts at entrepreneurship, including the acquisition and operation of black banks. As a member of Economists of Peace and Security, he recently cosigned a letter to the Secretary of State, Condolezza Rice, appealing for the release of one of their colleagues, a detainee of the Ethiopian government on charges of treason. Brimmer returned to the Federal Reserve in 1997 and after two years became its vice chairman. Since leaving public service, Brimmer has been utilizing his talents and rendering services as an economist and its related fields, in defense against minority shareholder squeeze-outs and megalo-mergers that tend to cripple the "small" business owner.

Auditions

“Seventh Heaven” by Austin Strong.

Magnolia Arts Center, Greenville's only comprehensive arts organization, announces auditions for its upcoming production, “Seventh Heaven” by Austin Strong. Auditions for the cast of 11 men and 5 women will be held at Pitt Community College, May 5th from 7-10pm in room 143 Leslie Bldg., and May 6, & 7 from 2-5pm in room 153 Fulford Bldg. The production will be August 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, & 13, 2006. Set in Paris during WWI, the play is a love story that looks at how war affects the families left behind and the faith it takes to get them through. Tech people wishing to work on the production should come to auditions to fill out an application. For more information, call 531-6729 or visit www.magnoliaartscenter.com.

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had to get from point A to B. We can't control if there are cameras there or not."

The teens are currently at the Spotford juvenile detention center in the Bronx, and a court date is scheduled for this Friday at Manhattan Criminal Court at 9.30a.m.

Danny Gotling, an attorney appointed to represent Denzel Fell, explained that, "The D.A. has to make a decision whether to keep the charge as murder in this case because the grand jury has got to indict them by Friday. They only have six days after they have been arraigned, or they must release them."

The alternative is a reduced charge to be tried in Family Court, Gotling said. "Denzel's dream is to be a lawyer to protect children who can't protect themselves," Pamela Fell, told the AmNews. "I want to give my condolences

to the man's family because they have lost a loved one. I know I might be losing my son, I understand what they must be going through." Fell came to the AmNews office to defend her child. "He's a happy 13-year-old boy. He's very friendly and open. He doesn't have grudges, and he doesn't get angry."

Sitting in the AmNews offices, Fell said, "I'm just a concerned parent, who finds that my son is going through an ordeal, and my son is being called a horrible child. He's a good kid. He loves to read all the time. He has decent grades. He loves basketball. He's a kid who doesn't get in trouble. He goes to the Kingdom Hall with me. He's my only child, who was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Fell, said that she was at work when the weekend arrest took place, when police arrived at

her sister's home on Saturday afternoon. "I was at work on Saturday at 2.30p.m., and nobody called me."

Fell was preparing to go and visit her boy for the first time since his arrest, up in the Bronx.

"I just want to make sure that the welfare of my child is being taken care of. He's my only baby." She smiled as she added, "He's not a child who gets into problems, he's just a talkative boy. My baby just loves to talk about basketball, and girls. He's just lovable."

Tony Davis was a counselor and assistant director of the Harlem Center for Education, an after school program attended by Fell, "He's a good kid," he told the AmNews. "He was always punctual and respectful. So, I don't know where this comes from - on any angle. He's popular with the other kids, he's always

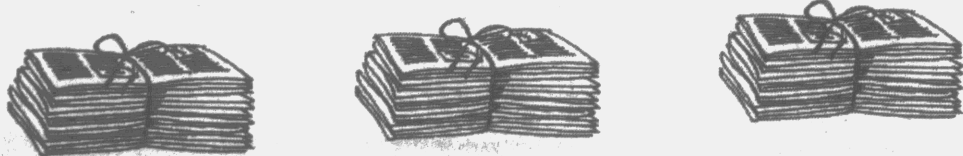
willing to participate and volunteer and he is always smiling. I definitely wouldn't believe that he would be involved."

Fell said, "I just want everything to work out the best for my son! I want him to fight this, and for everyone to know that my child did not do this. I want the world to know that my child did not do this."

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life... as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

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African American Students Rally Around Rape Victim

Source: New America Media by Cash Michaels

DURHAM, N.C. (NNPA) - They came to pray, hope and cry. More than 250 students of North Carolina Central University (NCCU) rallied in a candlelight vigil Apr. 3 to show their support and love for one of their own—the alleged victim of a brutal gang rape by several members of the predominately White Duke University lacrosse team at a wild off-campus party over four weeks ago.

Though many of the students at this small historically Black university had heard about the crime on the news when it first broke, they were not aware until recently that the alleged victim was also an NCCU student. They immediately came together to embrace her, sponsor drives to raise money for her support, and use the opportunity to speak out in a unified voice against domestic violence, sexual abuse and racism.

"This is a family member,"

Teresa Garrett, a junior, told the crowd. "We're here to show our support that we love this young woman, and we are here [for her.]" Another NCCU junior, Maya Jackson, 19, said sexual assault is an issue Black females have been dealing with for a long time. "A lot of us are sick and tired of our women, our sisters and our mothers being violated.

We need to take a stand. Though not pleased with how Durham authorities have handled the investigation thus far, the students pledged to give the system a chance to bring those responsible to justice. Renee Clark, NCCU Student Body president, read a statement from NCCU Chancellor James Ammons. "These allegations of what occurred at the Duke University lacrosse team's party are disturbing, inhumane and insensitive," the statement read. "Further, we stand against the use of racial slurs and the vilification of anyone. Every human being has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Our students, faculty and staff are outraged by what has been alleged, but are also mindful of the fact that an investigation is still under way and no charges have been filed."

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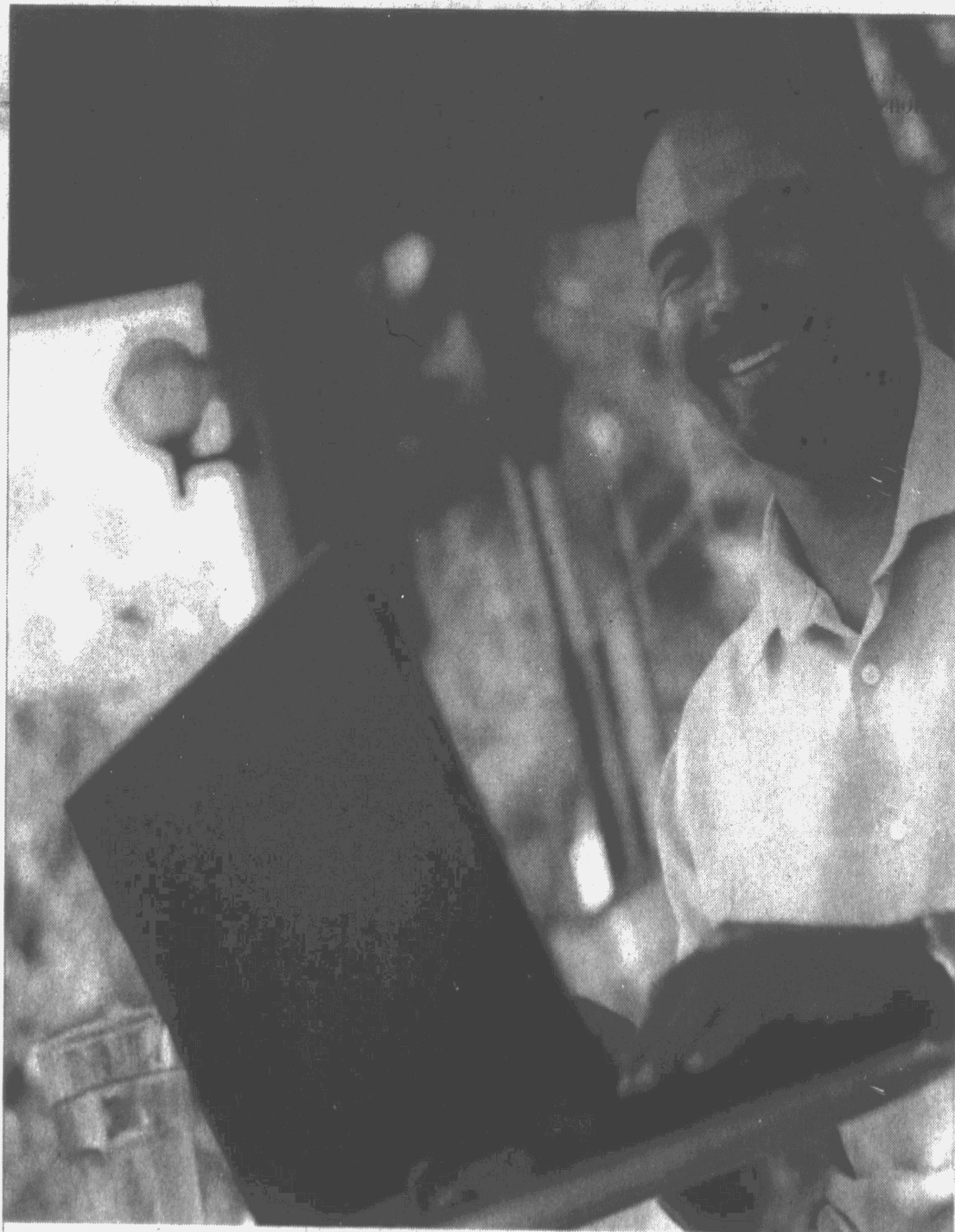
Duke, one of the world's most prestigious halls of higher learning, where the children of corporate, political and entertainment leaders attend, is considered a school of privilege in the midst of a small, racially divided Southern city where the median income is less than the \$43,000 annual tuition.

That stellar reputation has now been put to the test by what many say is one of the

most brutal crimes in the university's otherwise illustrious history.

During the NCCU rally, students brought out three green rolls, which they invited the community to write messages of encouragement to the alleged victim on. "All of our love and prayers go out to you and your family," David Summers, an NCCU student, wrote. "Justice will be done. Rest assured." Recent developments have resulted in the willing resignation of Coach Mike Pressler and lawyers for the lacrosse players have been busy trying to defend their clients by bringing to light apparent photographic evidence that they say will help their case. The photographs supposedly show the alleged victim arriving to the party already cut and bruised. With regards to a malicious email sent recently by one of the lacrosse team members which describes inviting over strippers and "killing the b—es as soon as the[y] walk in," the defense team touts the email as simply a reference to a movie entitled American Psycho, which some of the players have reportedly watched.

"There's an old saying that the absence of evidence is not necessarily evidence of absence," said Peter Neufeld, co-founder and co-director of the Innocence Project.



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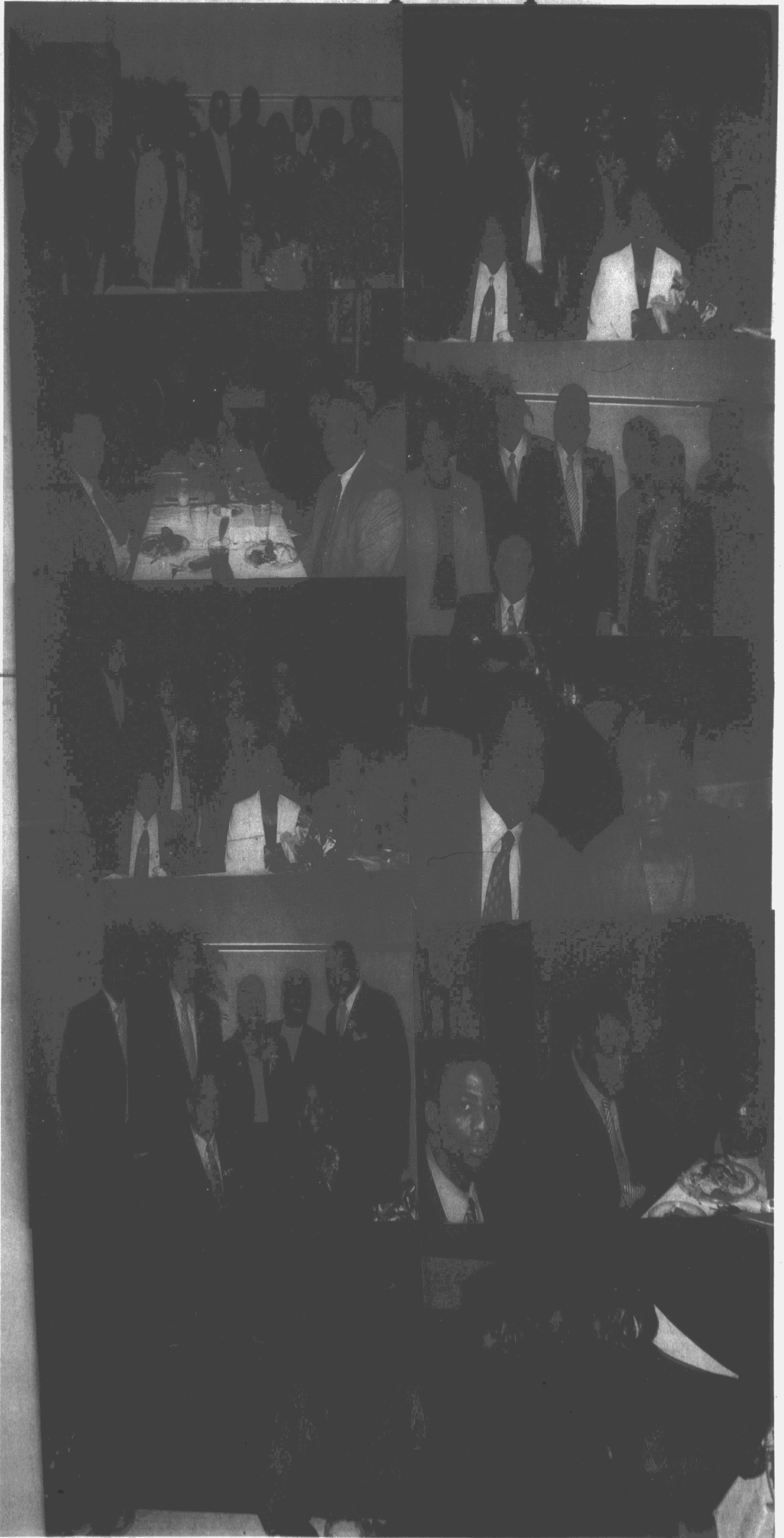
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Researchers also pointed to the high number of miserably failing inner-city public schools as partly responsible for the slide of young black males. Certainly, poor schools have turned thousands of young black males into educational cripples. These students are desperately unequipped to handle the rapidly evolving and demanding technical and professional skills needed to compete in the public sector and the business world of the 21st century. They are also far more likely than whites to be expelled or suspended for violations that often times go unreported or unnoticed when white students commit them.

The staggeringly high suspension and expulsion rate of young black males from schools enraged NAACP officials. They announced last year that they would hold hearings on the problem. While school administrators should be called on the carpet for racial double standards in school discipline, bad-behaving students and their parents must also be called on the same carpet. They must work doubly hard to push at-risk students to improve their conduct and their studies. Civil rights leaders, the Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Democrats must relentlessly challenge the Bush administration and private industry to create more jobs and training opportunities, support programs for parents and skills-training programs for prisoners to help young black males out of their quagmire. But they must also challenge young black men to take greater responsibility for their own lives and be the achievers they can be, and not statistics and stereotypes endangered in Ameanswers that the researchers fingered to explain the crisis. Democrats, for their part, pound President

Bush and say that his fiscal and economic policies have resulted in the loss of millions of jobs during his years in office. His slash-and-burn of job training programs and dearth of tax incentives for the working poor have certainly helped fuel the crisis. But the

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crisis among young black men can't be totally blamed on Bush's dubious fiscal and economic policies. During the Clinton era, when the economy was booming, the unemployment rate for young black males was still double and in some parts of the country triple that of white males. At the same time, state and federal cutbacks in job training and skills programs, the brutal competition for low- and semi-skilled service and retail jobs from immigrants and the refusal of many employers to hire those with criminal records have sledge-hammered black communities. In fact, before the big run-up in black male unemployment in the last few years, the California Assembly Commission on the Status of the African-American Males reported that four out of 10 felons entering California prisons were young black males, and less than half of lower-income black males under 21 lived in two-parent households. The study was done in California, but almost certainly a similar pattern would be found in other poor urban communities nationwide. It's true that many employers refuse to hire young black males due to racial fears and ignorance. It's also true that many young blacks feed that fear and ignorance by their own actions. The studies made only passing mention of that. The urban riots of the 1990s reinforced white fears that all young black males are inherent drive-by-shooters, gang bangers, drug dealers, are lazy, have foul attitudes, are chronic underachievers and eternal menaces to society. When some young blacks turned to gangs, guns and drugs and terrorized their communities, that seemed to confirm whites' worst fears. The explosion of gangster rap and the spate of Hollywood violence-themed ghetto films have convinced even more Americans that the thug lifestyle is the black lifestyle. They have ghastly visions of the boys-in-the-hoods heading for their neighborhoods next. No matter whether a young black is a Rhodes scholar, National Science medal winner or junior achievement candidate, they could be tagged as a gangster. Many young black men reinforce the damaging racial stereotypes by aping and exulting the thuggish bluster and behavior of gangster rappers. This further bolsters the racially tinged suspicion among some employers that all young blacks must be criminal and derelict. That does not and should not excuse job discrimination, however.

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