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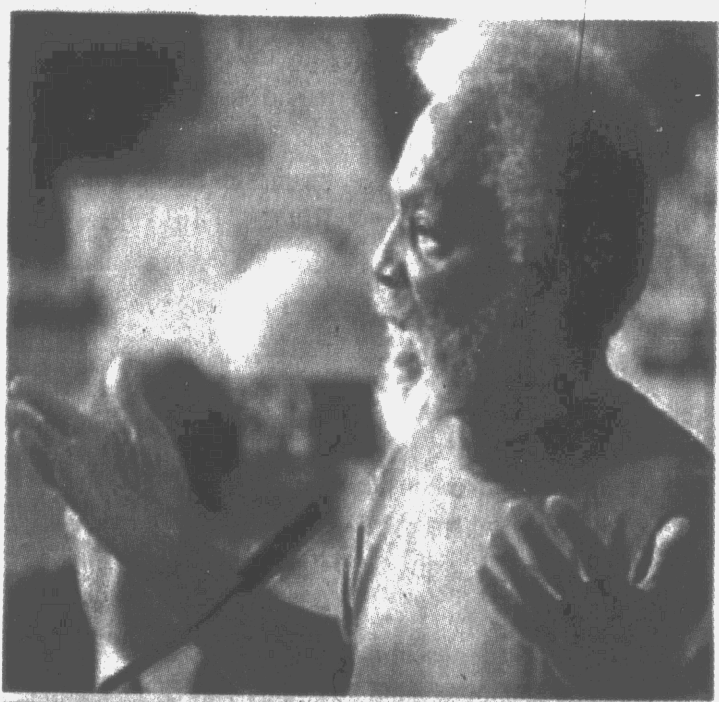
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### Omaha approves school segregation...

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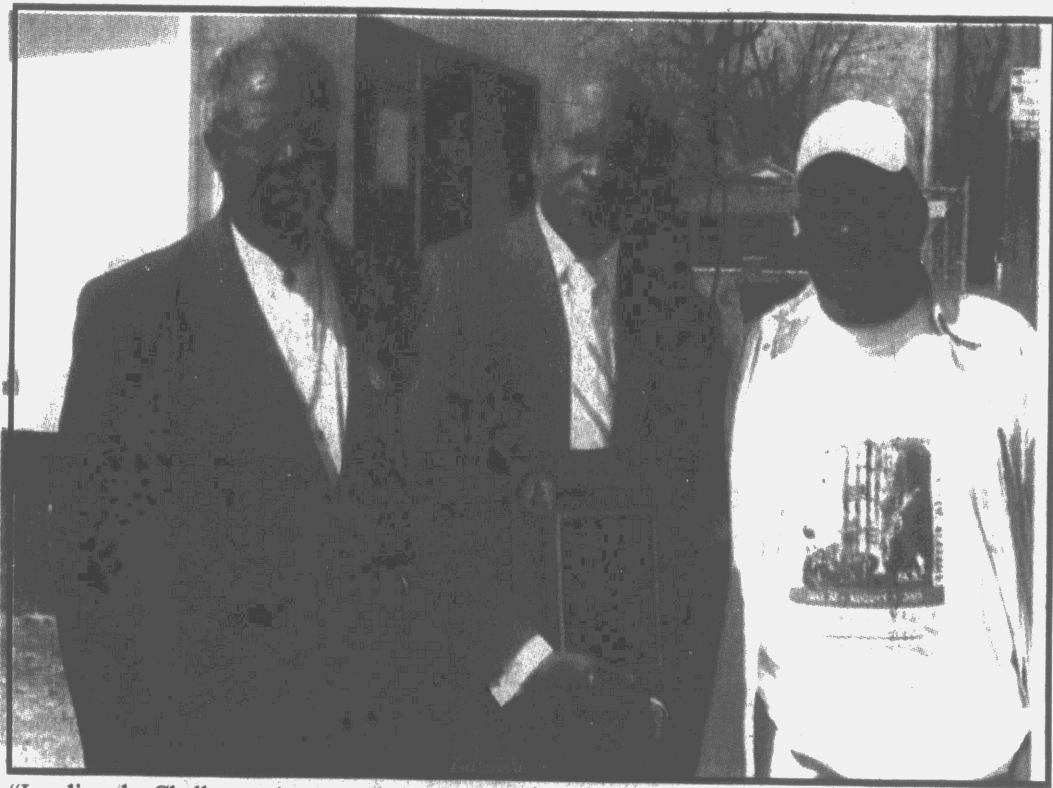
A controversial plan by a Black state senator to set up a majority Black school district within the city limits



of Omaha has been approved by the Nebraska state legislature and signed by its Republican governor. The plan also sets up a majority White district and a predominantly Latino district in the city.

Omaha's school superintendent and the city's two other state senators, each are White, say that the plan legalizes segregation and it should be contested in court. However, Sen. Ernie Chambers (D-Omaha) said that the plan is not segregation, but a way to let Black parents and citizens have a voice in how their children are educated.

"There is no intent to create segregation," said Chambers, who represents a district that is 71% black.



"Leading the Challenge, Attorney Derek Brown poses with State President of the SCLC Mr. Bennie Roundtree, and Mr. Billy Brown, as he become a lifetime member of the Pitt County Chapter of the SCLC. Hats off to Attorney Derek Brown for his political run for House of Representatives. Continue to do the work of the community Attorney Derek Brown. We are all proud of you and your efforts!! (photo by: Bro. Rouse)

## MEETING THE CHALLENGES

STATEMENT FROM NC NAACP PRESIDENT Meeting the Challenges of Community and Justice in the Midst of Crisis



Submitted by Ms. Amina Turner, Executive Director  
By Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, North Carolina NAACP State Conference President

I'm standing here today with Rev. James M. Smith, President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham, Rev. Charles Smith, of the local NAACP, Rev. Joe Harvard, Rabbi John Freidmann and Bishop Elroy Lewis.

As if the sordid allegations of the racist and violent acts of some Duke students with a history of out of control behavior against a 27 year old,

mother of two, African American student, hoping to be a lawyer, who happened to have a brief life as an escort service on the morning of March 14<sup>th</sup> were

not enough, now Durham is being visited by a group calling itself the "New Black Panther Party and according to media reports another racist/fascistic outfit, the



### African American Elders

African American Elders Missing Out on Extra Help with Rx Costs



By Marie Smith  
AARP President

new Part D drug benefit represents Medicare's most significant change in its 40-year history. Millions of older Americans and

individuals with disabilities are realizing substantial savings through Part D, while being protected from unseen costs in the future.

This is a vital opportunity for older African Americans to get help paying for their medications. But African American enrollment in Part D has been low, to date. Dr. Sandra L. Gadson, President of the National Medical Association (the largest African American professional health organization), recently issued a call to action to African American community leaders to push for greater participation. AARP is adding its voice to Dr. Gadson's. Medicare beneficiaries need to know about this new benefit and that they must enroll before the May 15 deadline.



Little Willie Center Receives Award Donation.... Mother Arrington, Director & Founder of the Little Willie Center received an award donation of \$ 500.00 from The Ladies of the Golden Circle Organization. The Little Willie Center is a place for latch-key kids, who parents work, and gives the kids someplace to go in the afternoons where someone can help them with their homework and it just gives them a safe place to go from school. photo by Jim Rouse

For years, AARP pushed for prescription drug coverage to be added to Medicare. The

# OPINION

URBAN PERSPECTIVE . LARRY AUBREY

## 'Illegal' Immigration: A Continuing Quagmire



Are "illegal" immigrants taking African Americans' jobs? Most Blacks answer in the affirmative. Does this reflect as bias towards undocumented Latinos? Probably. ("Illegal" is an administrative or judicial determination — just as persons who commit crimes are not "criminals" until convicted.) The multi-dimensional immigrant problem brings out the worst in people, including African Americans, for whom it represents the latest development to jeopardize their precarious existence. They give short shrift to the various iterations of pending immigration legislation: House Bill secures the borders, automatic felony if caught; Senate Bill — no felony if caught and guest workers provision; amendment to Senate Bill — no criminal penalties for assisting undocumented; George W. Bush's bill — provides for guest workers, but ambiguous on other key issues. Most African Americans realize that slavery and its continuing legacy have reaped meager gains: Surveys of America's urban areas confirms the reality that America is still divided along racial lines that now extend far beyond Black and White. (Latinos — undocumented, documented, and US citizens are also subject to discrimination based on color even though their histories and cultures differ significantly from Blacks'). African Americans find it difficult to empathize with un-documented Latinos whom they perceive as worsening their plight. (African Americans had similar feelings about Korean merchants in the 1980s and 1990s but following the Rodney King verdict, the majority of those arrested were Latino, not Black.) There are many reasons for

the silence of most Black leadership on the immigration issue. Not the least is their modus operandi that rarely includes accountability. Elected officials' sorry retort is that the ballot box is their ultimate accountability, enabling them to govern with impunity year after year despite the array of critical issues facing constituents. Current case in point: Where are Black leadership's strategies relating to the needs of their constituents on immigration reform? How do they perceive the recent demonstrations and pending congressional legislation's impact on Black communities? Conservatives' response to the undocumented problem is clear: from the Minutemen, vigilantes patrolling the borders, to right-wing publications and electronic media, opposition to the undocumented is very clear. Their spin is transparent: "Those people have no right here and their very presence constitutes an unlawful act." (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s disobedience was okay because he (and others for civil rights) was citizens, not "foreign scabs".) Dr. King would instruct these people on the need to protect the civil and human rights of all citizens and caution all of us that any immigration bill probably will not reflect compassion towards people of color and the poor or undocumented Latinos. It will, undoubtedly protect corporate interests. The huge protests — many student-driven — stunned people throughout the nation, especially in Los Angeles where 500,000 demonstrators flexed political muscle. The demonstration caused consternation among Blacks whose political capital continues to recede as Latino's rises. There has been much talk among Blacks about collaborating with Latinos. Similarities in respective histories of oppression seem to make such collaboration viable. However, talk is all there's been. In Los

Angeles, there have been no concerted efforts to build Black/brown coalition since the 1980s.

A recent study by the Pew Hispanic Center found that while undocumented immigrants in the US are less likely to have high school diplomas, they are more likely to hold jobs. At the same time, other studies show that even in a booming labor market, uneducated young black men are worse off than ever.

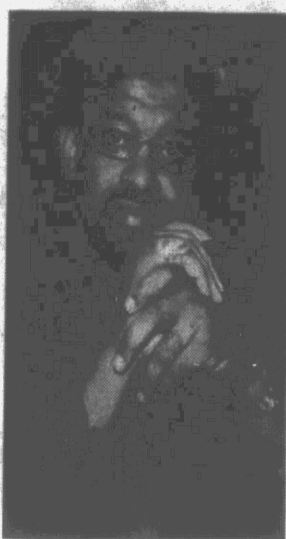
America's race-based double standard is as real as ever. Most blacks realize that the same business owners who knowingly accept fraudulent documents and hire undocumented workers will refuse to hire African Americans who check the box that indicates he or she has been convicted of a crime.

African Americans should support humane, just immigration reform, but must insist that such reform address ongoing, deplorable conditions, i.e., poor education, inadequate housing, police abuse, etc. An effective quid pro quo is predicated on African American leadership — elected and otherwise — setting aside traditional, self-serving priorities for a larger, more inclusive agenda.

African Americans should be part of the struggle for immigration reform, but implementation of such reform cannot be at our expense. Partnerships and collaboration are foregone necessities given current demographics, underscoring the need for principled, effective leadership. Civil and human rights battles, including immigration reform, are interrelated, and Blacks must develop strong agendas and demand a place at the decision-making tables since like no people, we have been denied such access — and fundamental civil rights — since America's inception.

BETWEEN THE LINES . A. ASADULLAH SAMAD

## Blacks and Immigration Reform: Conflicted, But Why?



industrialization. That's what makes this dangerous.

The fact that African Americans feel the need to take position needs to be called into question. There has been no Latino "litmus test" on HR 40

(Reparation bill) or even where Latinos stand on police abuse or jailhouse attacks on African Americans. We tend to cooperate where we can, but each community has its own issues. Yet, "are you with us" is now a prevailing inquiry among Blacks and Latinos. Certainly any group that knows the social change history of Blacks in America (including the history of the "Day of Absence" for which this protest was modeled) know that our involvement in social (and political change) is crucial. Yeah, this legislation is targeting Mexicans, but Haitians, Jamaicans, and Africans are impacted by this bill. We should be allies in advocating for compassionate reform. Solidarity where possible. That's how it's always been.

There are deeper issues here. The concern that immigrants take jobs from Black people drives the opposition. It's a false premise that has nothing to do with immigration, and everything to do with competition. Immigrants don't take work — they make work. They sell fruits, or flowers, or other goods.

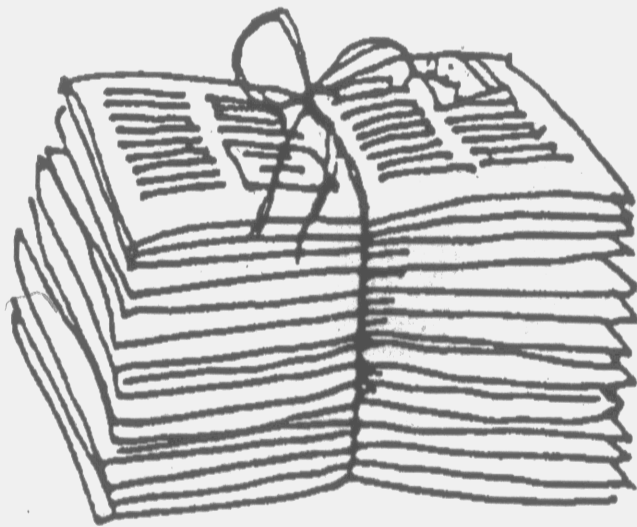
Most of the jobs they fill are not jobs Black families looking for

Black gardeners but can't find one. It's the same with housekeepers, babysitters, live-in nannies, and day laborers. The competition between Black and Latino (on all levels) stem from the networks each creates that support their desire to work and improve their communities. Only 25% of all jobs in America are advertised. The rest are "inside referrals." Work is disappearing for African Americans because we want to be the only one on the job and put little in the job "pipeline". Latinos refer who they know. Blacks used to do the same.

Black could provide enough jobs for everybody to work if they'd only support themselves. In 1965, it was Jewish businesses taking work from Blacks. In 1992, it was Koreans. Now, its immigrants. And opposing Blacks think they can help immigrants build their "own country". Yeah, right?

That's pure rhetoric and the source of the conflict on this issue — an issue not really ours. Blacks can't build their own economy here in America. We need not only play the role of being victims.

Wanna know our issue? Black American's focus should not be who's taking jobs, but who's making jobs. When Blacks learn how to make work, they'll have work. Immigration won't even be an issue. It's not for any other community who simply make work for their people to work.



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## The "Snow" White House



By Dr. Firpo Carr  
President Bush introduced Tony Snow as the new White House press secretary, replacing the contentious and cantankerous Scott McClellan. In so doing, the White House moved up a notch from "lilly" white to "Snow" white. If Hurricane Katrina demonstrated that, as Kanye West put it, 'George Bush doesn't care about Black people,' judging from his track record, we're about to feel the fury of an on-coming "Snow" Storm!

What I mean by this is that, when the blizzard clears, it'll be pretty evident that Snow doesn't care about Black people either. Why do I say this? Well, I base my assessment on the words and actions of the Snow man himself.

Consider these facts:  
According to the April 27, 2006, issue of the Los Angeles Times, "In 1991, Snow, then a speechwriter for President George H.W. Bush, defended some ideas of Louisiana gubernatorial candidate David Duke at a time when Republicans were trying to distance

themselves from the former Ku Klux Klan leader. Snow suggested that Duke was espousing some good conservative ideals, including family values and opposition to welfare dependency." The Snow man, consistent with conservative values, openly defended and publicly supported David Duke. An aberration? The article continues: "In 2001, Snow wrote a column defending another former klansman, Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.), for his use of a racial epithet." Though we could not be more dissimilar, Snow and I

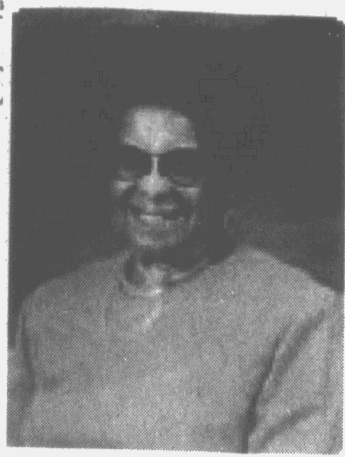
do have some things in common. Like me, Snow is a radio show host and a newspaper columnist. He will be — in the not-too-distant future — a spokesman for a famous family whose son, George W. Bush, is a leading world figure. I have been — in the recent past — a spokesman for a famous family whose son, Michael Jackson, is also a leading world figure. We're both teachers; and have both been to Africa. And while we're about the same age (51-ish), our commonalities abruptly end here. I mention these parallels because I feel they put me in a unique

position to speculate on how Snow might come across as a conservative White spokesman for the "Snow" White House. For instance, Snow is brazenly disingenuous in accepting the job as White House spokesman since prior to his appointment he severely criticized Bush, reportedly saying on one occasion that "No president has looked this impotent this long." Snow's fellow conservative, Black radio talk show host and columnist Armstrong Williams similarly was a rabid critic of Michael Jackson, but jumped at the opportunity to be his

spokesman. Williams didn't last. Snow won't either. A suspicious eye should be cast upon such men who seem to lack moral fiber and integrity. Perhaps it's more than a coincidence that the animated movie "Ice Age 2: The Meltdown" is being release around the same time Snow descends on the White House. Unlike the cartoon comedy, however, I have a frigid feeling that Snow is going to leave African Americans in a socio-political ice age that'll ultimately end in a chilling collective emotional meltdown too.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## COMMUNITY VOICES FROM THE DESK OF MRS BEATRICE MAYE



### Diet — What you Can Do Right Now

1. Say no to soda. A twelve-ounce can of soda can pack 120 calories. Go with the motto of "I'd rather eat my calories" and you'll find yourself sipping on water and diet sodas, both of which have no calories.
2. Skip the chips. Having an attack of the crunchies? Instead of reaching for the potatoe chips, especially

from the ninety-nine percent bag, which adds at least five hundred calories and seventeen grams of fat mostly to your thighs, reach for pretzels which have little to no fat.

3. Eat your citrus, don't slurp it. Downing a glass of orange juice is quick way to load up on calories. Instead, eat an orange and save sixty calories per day, and it will keep up feeling fuller longer.
4. Substitute condiments. Substitutions that won't assault your taste buds and have few to no calories: mustard instead of mayonnaise on turkey sandwiches, salsa, or hot sauce on a baked potatoe instead of butter. If you must dip into the breadbasket, go Italian and ask for olive oil instead of butter.

### 10 Signs you Need to Get Organized

1. You don't want people to visit because the house is a

- mess.
2. You stack books on the floor because there's nowhere else to put them.
3. You can't find your receipts when want to make returns.
4. You frequently have to pay late fees or bills.
5. You can't find a place to work on your hobbies because clutter litters every flat surface.
6. You hate to put away clean laundry because your drawers are too full.
7. You can't find your good tablecloths and candles when guests come over.
8. You put items on top of their containers instead of inside.
9. You have to search the entire house for supplies, such as printer paper or glue.
10. You can't find a place for food or new clothes when you come home from the store.

From: Woman's Day, May 05, 2006

- 1) Register to vote, or shut up!
- 2) Take all that money out of those stocking caps, in cans, mattresses, and floorboards and invest money in something. For starters, invest in the food you eat and clothes you wear.
- 3) Learn another language. Ebonics does not count.
- 4) Stop using the "N" word in the year 2005, especially since Merriam-Webster has announced it isn't changing the definition.
- 5) Buy something each week from a black vendor.
- 6) Stop blaming white folks for 98% of your problems, while giving them 100% of your money.
- 7) Subscribe to Ebony, JET, Black Enterprise, Essence.

Then subscribe to one of the three weeklies: Time, Newsweek, or US News and World Report. After we read about what's going on in our world, how about knowing what's going on in theirs? It is, after all, your world.

- 8) Stop walking past each other and not speaking.
- 9) Be on time for something, anything!
- 10) Get an annual check up; herbs do not cure everything!
- 11) In all thy ways acknowledge Him (GOD) and He shall direct thy path." prioritize this as # 1.
- 12) Stop being jealous of one another, learn to look past the material things and see the person for who they are.
- 13) Get involved in at least

- one charitable or voluntary community service.
- 14) Say a prayer for someone besides yourself.
- 15) Hug your child/spouse/parent today.
- 16) LOVE ONE ANOTHER!
- 17) Learn to Let Go and Let God.
- 18) Stop talking about it, and be about it.
- 19) Let GOD order your steps instead of the world.
- 20) P.U.S.H.!! Pray Until Something Happens!
- 21) In all that you do, get understanding, (turn off the TV, and open a book). **Don't just read this, DO IT and encourage others to take nothing for granted.... Tell people what they mean to you - TODAY!!!!!!**



ology. For more than a century, the pernicious story of the faithful slave took deep root in the American imagination, where it still provides an active, if declining, currency in race relations.

**Summary:**  
The Confederacy had come into the World to protect slavery and those leaders who urged arming slaves by freeing them did so not despite their antebellum values but because of them. In pushing

to enact this measure, they were trying to preserve as much of the Old South as they could.

**KNOW YOUR BLACK HISTORY !!!**

Respectfully submitted  
Suejette A. Jones



### Confederate Emancipation (A well-written demolition of the invented tradition of "black confederates")

David Blight is a professor of history at Yale University, and gives an account and interpretation of Bruce Levine's book, which highlights the plans of Southerners to free and arm slaves during the Civil War. The idea of faithful slaves in the Old South has been one of the most well-kept myths in American history. Slaves' faithfulness to their masters' cause — a falsehood constructed to support claims that the war was not about slavery — has long formed one of the staple arguments in Lost Cause mythology. In the past decade, some Civil War enthusiasts have contended that thousands of African-Americans, slave and free, willingly joined the Confederate war effort as soliders and fought for their "homeland". A debate over the existence of "black confederates" has seeped into academic conferences, historical journals and many Web sites. The issue of competing popular memories of driven largely by the desire of current white supremacists to re-legitimize the Confederacy while rejecting the victories of the modern civil rights movement. In 1863, after numerous Confederate military defeats, one Southern general declared that the South faced a dilemma wherein it would, in time, be subjected unless the Confederates took the radical step of arming

## Reflections

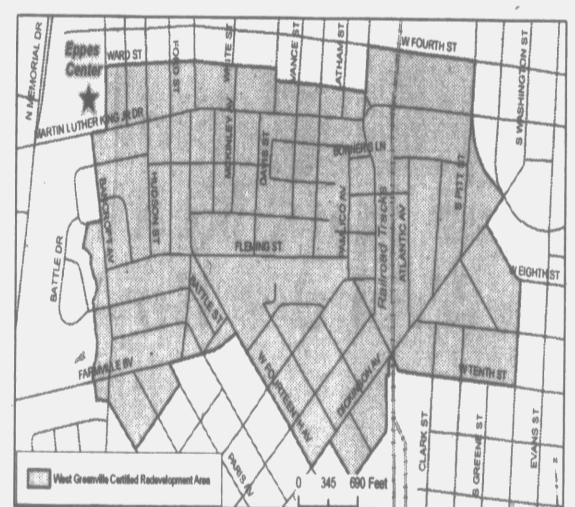
slaves. Even though he knew of the widespread slave loyalty to the Confederacy, he admitted that black battlefield service could be purchased only by promising freedom to soliders and their families. The Confederacy faced a desperate choice: Independence or the loss of slavery. He quoted: "The true Southern patriot must give up the negro slave rather than be a slave himself." In 1864, after further military setbacks, the idea of arming slaves developed an influential following among a small group of white Southerners — among whom was Robert E. Lee. Public calls to enlist slaves originated out of the Union — occupied sections of Mississippi and Alabama, and in the wake of the fall of Atlanta. (Remember the movie "Gone with the Wind")? In September 1864, five Southern governors supported some kind of black- solider policy. A public debate ensued over whether to outright purchase slaves from their owners — which met with strong opposition. Some labeled the plan an "insult" to white soliders. Some raised the spectors of slave revolt and race-mixing; other critics rehearsed familiar pro-slavery arguments about the inherent inferiority of black people and the natural character of racial slavery. To the Confederates, the war was all about preserving their "property" in slaves. It is noted that one Plantation mistress condemned any attempt to arm slaves because it would "destroy at one blow the highest jewel in the crown." Our own North Carolina Governor Zebulon Vance quoted: "Our independence is chiefly desirable for the preservation of our political institutions, the prinicipal of which is slavery. Another spokesman for Confederate

officers announced: "If slavery is to be abolished then I take no more interest in our fight." The Southerners would give up their sons, husbands, brothers, and friends, and often without murmuring, to the army; but let one of their negroes be taken, and what a howl you will hear! These staunch Confederate nationalists were determined to do whatever it took to win a war of Southern independence and, in so doing, preserve ultimate control over blacks in the postwar South. In the late February and early March 1865, the Confederate Congress adopted a half-hearted bill authorizing black enlistment. No slaves were to be conscripted. Owners had to come forward and give their slaves to the cause. The law itself did not free a single slave and operated as a "free-will offering." General Lee ordered urgent action to usher black men into his army which was about to collapse at Petersburg, Virginia, where about 200 blacks were actually mustered into companies. None saw meaningful combat, and some of those who did wear — Confederate gray did so as a means of running away to Union lines. One South Carolina planter remarked right after the fall of Appomattox, Virginia, that he had believed that "these people were happy, content, and attached to their masters. But the conduct of the Negro in the late crisis of our affairs convinced me that we have all been laboring under a delusion." That delusion both made and unmade the Confederate quest to save their slaveholders' republic by arming blacks. At the end of the book, the author counters the "spirit of nostalgia" that has fueled the "black Confederate" myth-

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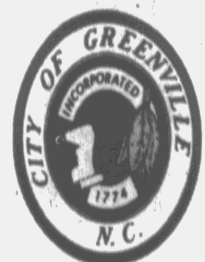
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# school segregation...cont. front page

control of the schools over to the parents and gives us the right to elect our own school boards. This plan is not exclusionary, but inclusive."

Chambers noted that court-ordered busing was ended years ago and Omaha's school district is segregated now. Many students are not assigned to their local schools and Omaha, like many cities in the country, is segregated by race on the basis of the neighborhood they live in, he said.

"My plan does not mention race," he said. "It's the White people who are talking about segregation, but segregation is already here."

Chambers said Black schools are under-funded by the school district and its classroom teacher-student ratios are higher than the White schools. He said his plan would allow the Black school district to tax its residents so they can have better facilities, teachers, and administrators, thereby producing higher test scores among students.

"It's like the NFL (National Football League)," he said. "The rich teams have to share revenue with the less profitable teams in order for the teams to have parity. That's what we are talking about here. All of the districts contribute to a common pot and it has to be distributed based on need."

The school district of Omaha is 46% white, 31% black, 20% Latino, and 3%

Asian/Native American, according to school statistics.

The city of Omaha is 78% White, 13% Black, and 7% Latino, and 2% Asian/Native American, according to the 2000 Census Bureau count. Nebraska has a unicameral legislature, which means that it has one body: the senate. A bill that passes the senate goes to the governor for approval. The senate passed Chambers' bill, 31 for, 16 against, 1 present and present but not voting.

Before signing the bill on April 14, Gov. Dave Heineman (R) said: "It is clear to me that the motivation behind his proposal is neither segregation nor separation, but instead the goal of improving student achievement and the responsiveness of schools."

Some leaders of Omaha disagree with the legislature's action. Sen. Pat Bourne (D-Omaha) said after the bill was passed: "We will go down in history as one of the first states in 20 years to set race relations back." Sen. Gwen Howard (D-Omaha) said that "history will not, and should not, judge us kindly." School Superintendent John Mackriel has gone

on record as opposing the Chambers' plan, a school system spokesperson said.

Omaha NAACP Chapter President Tommie Wilson said that while her chapter has not taken a position on the Chambers' plan, she said the senator does not speak for the Black community.

"He speaks for Ernie Chambers," she said. "There is definitely something wrong when the legislature agreed to his plan. It's likely

they were saying 'Okay, you take care your own.' If there is one good thing that comes out of all of this is that people realize that Omaha is racist. Just like with Hurricane Katrina, our school system is making America look at it (racism)."

Wilson said she taught in the Omaha school system for 36 years and said she agreed with Chambers' critics that the plan in segregation.

Both the national office of the NAACP and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund said they are reviewing the plan to see if a court challenge is necessary.

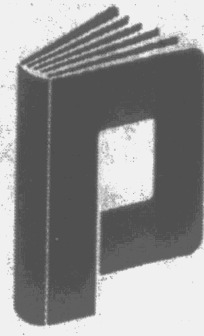
Dr. Ronald Walters, a political scientist at the University of Maryland, said that people should not rush to judgement on Chambers' action.

"This is a complex situation," Walters said. "What Ernie wants is Blacks having control over their own children's education. I agree

with his sense of control because we have to look at current public policy. "Public policy says that Black children are inferior by definition and that is why our

children are failing. People should look closely what he wants to do." Chambers' said the plan will go into effect July 2008 barring a change as a result of a court challenge or

the legislature making adjustments.



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# Min. Farrakhan issues a warning to Black New Yorkers

by SAEED SHABAZZ  
Special to the AmNews

NEW YORK - This last Sunday Hon. Min. Louis Farrakhan appeared on New York's popular radio show "Open Line" on WKRS-FM 98.7, and issued a stern warning to Black New Yorkers concerning the need to do-for-self and the need to be prepared for upcoming disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. He also cleared the air concerning his remarks while appearing at Tavis Smiley's.

"State of Black America" forum in February; and his position on what is happening in Darfur, Sudan.

Farrakhan's warning was that Blacks do not realize that America no longer needs them. "White folk have let us go, except for the few that are in corporate America. The few that can fit in this society," warned the Muslim leader. "The government has said wipe them out (Blacks in America), and we are on a death march." It was clear according to some observers that the leader of the Nation of Islam was continuing with very clear and explicit instructions for the direction that Blacks must take.

James Mtume, one of the show's hosts asked Farrakhan for a summation of his recent trip to Cuba; and for the need for Blacks to see themselves in the global paradigm.

Farrakhan said that Katrina "unmasked the naked racism and ineptitude of government; and the non-caring attitude of government toward the suffering of Black people." And since Cuba was only 90 miles away it made sense to go there to learn what they know about surviving disaster. "Cuba has been mobilized for 47 years to withstand disaster. There have been category five hurricanes that have hit the island and not one life was lost," Farrakhan stated.

"It is written in the Qur'an that Allah will bring one calamity after another until the enemy is laid low, so Hurricane Katrina is only one, but there are many more to come," warned Farrakhan. He said that Blacks as the people suffering the most in America must be prepared to save themselves. He added that a documentary was being made of the recent trip; and he wanted to share what has been learned with churches and organizations. "We also want to work with city, state and the federal government, so that when the disasters strike, as they will, we can make sure that there is not the loss of life, the tremendous loss of property and dislocation that we saw with Hurricane Katrina."

Returning to the global concept, Farrakhan said that Blacks must understand that the poor of the world saw Black America, after the 1995 Million Man March, as hope for them, because they knew if we united, we could form a political base of power that could change, not only domestic policy, but influence foreign policy. "And now the doors to the world are open to us but we must be prepared

now to go in and take advantage of the fact that we are an international people, a global people - we are not a minority - we are a majority on the planet and the whole world is looking to Black America because we grew up in the world leader. But what we need is a knowledge of self," Farrakhan stressed.

Judge Bob Pickett said that many in the Black community throughout the nation have been critical of Black leadership in general. "What is your view of Black leadership in America?" asked Judge Pickett. "I think the best of leadership is yet to come," answered the Muslim leader. He then shared with the radio audience something told to him by the Hon. Elijah Muhammad concerning a force in the universe where a star is being born in the darkness. That force that is in the darkness will bring that star into view. "What that is telling us is that we will never be bereft of leadership. And new leadership is required among Black people, because there is a sickness in our leadership," he said. "I don't want to put myself apart from that leadership, because none of us has done all we should do," Farrakhan admitted.

He added that the quality of Black leadership that won't do anything offensive to whites must be overthrown; and a quality of leadership must arise that "will never disrespect and be ungrateful to the masses of Black people. A leadership that will never compromise principle because the former slave masters and their children are in the house." Both hosts explained to Farrakhan the many calls they received concerning a comment that the minister allegedly made during his appearance in Houston concerning Smiley's book "Covenant With Black America." "I want the world to know that Farrakhan would never disrespect the work of so many that went into producing this marvelous book," he said. "But, what I said was misunderstood - and sometimes when you hear a man and you think emotionally he is disrespecting your work, you don't really hear him," the minister continued. "I guess the shock of what I was saying caused that type of disturbance," he added.

Critics of Farrakhan have said that he said, "burn the house down" referring to America. "Now what I said was; no, no, no, don't be a fireman, let the house burn. I didn't mean to upset you to think that I would burn down the house with our children in it. The scripture says that we are born in sin and shaped in inequity, so our spiritual house is also on fire, but from the ashes God said, I am going to make a new heaven and a new earth and you will be a new creature in Christ." That is what Farrakhan was referencing, he stressed.

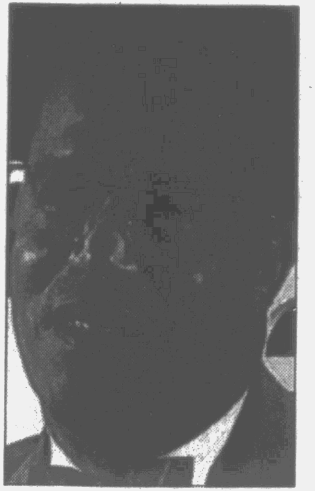
"Now, when you make a covenant, a covenant is a solemn agreement between people who are declaring their integrity to live up to that which is in the covenant,"

Farrakhan stated. "Who is the covenant with?" he asked. "Are the leaders making a covenant with Black America that we will never sell them out for friendship and favor with our former slave masters?" Farrakhan asked. He added that the covenant couldn't be made with Black America before "you make a covenant with God."

Turning his attention to the Sudan and the reported atrocities in Darfur, Farrakhan said that the media was reporting that some Arabs in the Sudan were enslaving Africans, so naturally this breeds hatred in Black America against Arabs. Farrakhan said the truth is that the Arabs over time have mixed their blood with Africans of the North and they have become Arabized and Islamic. "And the same racist poison that has poisoned the blood stream of Islam has made the Arab North feel superior to the African South. The same game that the enemy has played here and else where in Africa is being played in the Sudan in reference to skin color," revealed Farrakhan.

Farrakhan said what Black people must examine is the root reason why so many whites are crying tears for Darfur and not the suffering in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or Palestine. "So what I say to Black people, when the former slave masters

who didn't care about lynching; and don't care about what happened with Katrina, don't you be deceived that they care about what is happening in the Sudan," he argued. "Black people wake up to the deceit," Farrakhan state



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# NCCU'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REGAINS ACCREDITATION

Durham, NC. — In just four months, NCCU has regained its School of Business accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

"We are extremely pleased about this news," said Chancellor James H. Ammons. "The time frame in which our accreditation was regained says a lot about the leadership in the School of Business and the commitment of the faculty, staff and students. In four months, we completed a process that normally takes from 12 to 18 months. Throughout this process, we were confident that our program was comprehensive and met the standards outlined by ACBSP.

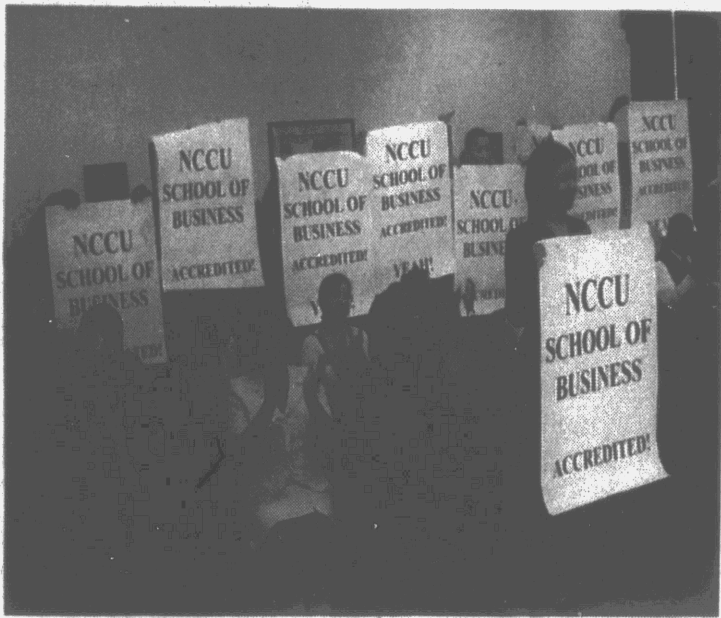
During its April meeting last week, the ACBSP Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to grant accreditation to the NCCU School of Business.

NCCU will be presented with its certificate of accreditation during the ACBSP Annual Conference in Chicago, Ill. on June 18, 2006. According to Steven Pashal, director of accreditation for ACBSP, his association was impressed with what they found at NCCU.

"During our site visit we found that the school did an excellent job in the areas of leadership, strategic planning and student learning

outcomes," said Paschal. "I would say that it is the fastest that I've ever seen anyone gain accreditation. They did an excellent job and worked very very hard."

In late November 2005, the ACBSP informed NCCU that its accreditation would be withdrawn effective December 31, 2005. This action did not result from any academic deficiencies, but



from an administrative oversight.

Provost Beverly Washington Jones, with support from Chancellor Ammons and the Board of Trustees, provided new leadership for School of Business in January 2006, recommending Bijoy Sahoo as interim dean. At that time, Sahoo was serving as assistant vice chancellor for Strategic Planning and Continuous Improvement in the Division of Academic Affairs. The

University then launched a new search for a dean.

"This is a great day for the Division of Academic Affairs," said Provost Jones. "Dr. Sahoo and the faculty in the School of Business did an outstanding job in achieving this goal. We wanted our peers to know that we were not just about conforming to minimum standards, but that we have a passion for excellence. It was a truly a

team effort."

Sahoo said he made regaining ACBSP accreditation his priority as interim dean and worked with faculty, staff and students to undergo this process.

"It made us better and gave us opportunity to examine who we are," he said.

"With this announcement today, we are getting the recognition that we are due."

According to Sahoo, high on the list of priorities for the

School of Business now that it has regained its accreditation is to complete its search for a new dean and to continue to pursue additional accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate and Schools of Business International (AACSB), which is considered the premier accrediting association of top business programs.

Harold Sellars, senior vice president for Mechanics and Farmers Bank and a member of the Board of Visitors, said that he not only feels excited about the regained accreditation, but also relieved that this process was completed successfully in such a short period of time.

"While this has been an unfortunate incident, what has happened to regain the accreditation reflects more on the leadership, faculty and staff we have in the School of Business," Sellars said. "This says that we have competent people.

With this behind us the board of visitors has high expectations and we are looking forward to the school pursuing the AACSB. That's also been one of our goals.



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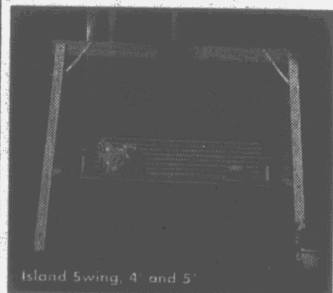


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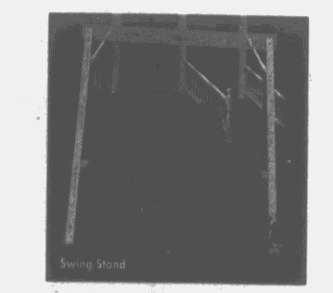
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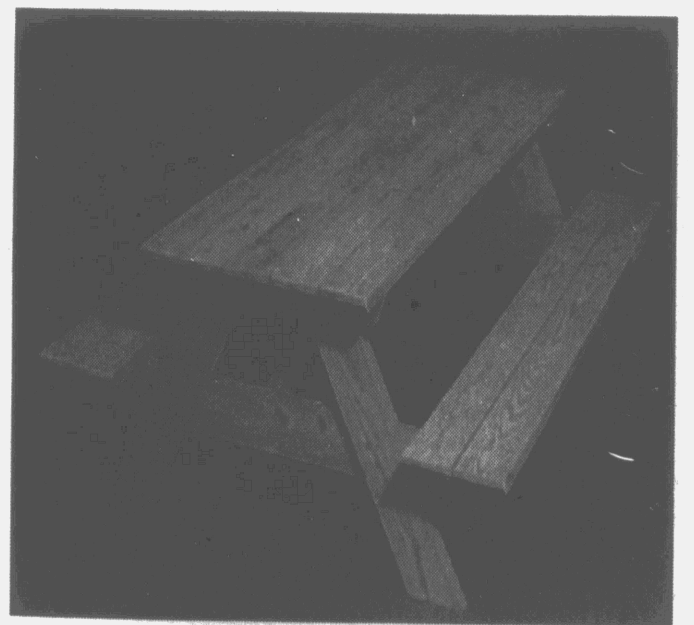


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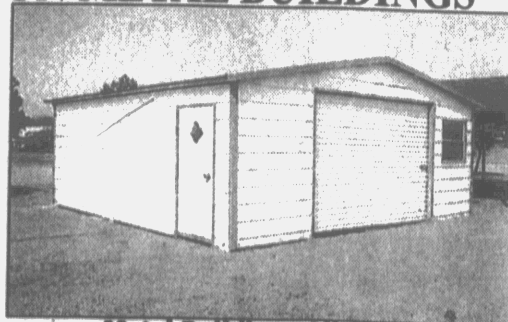
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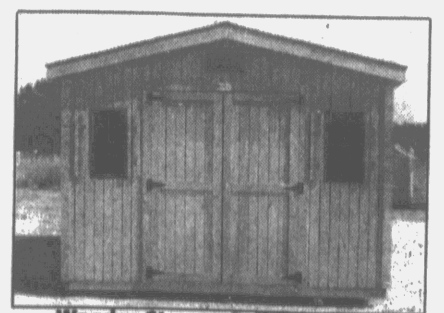
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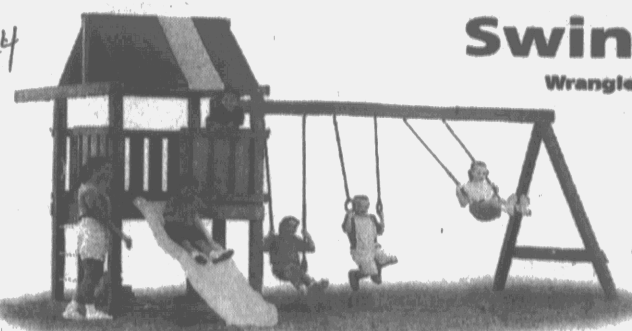


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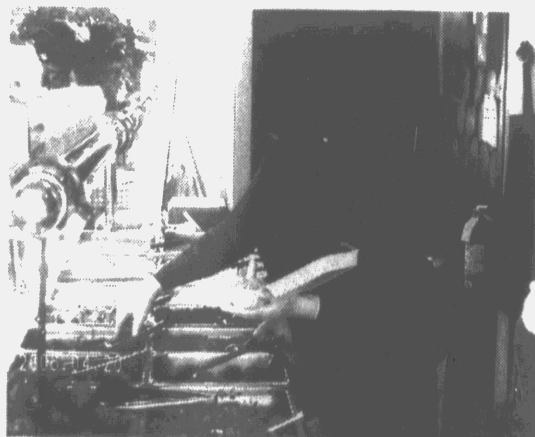
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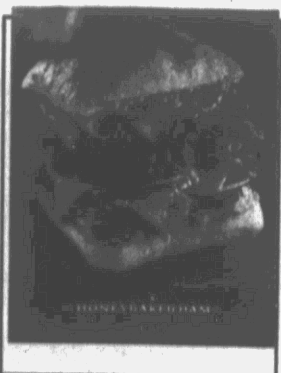
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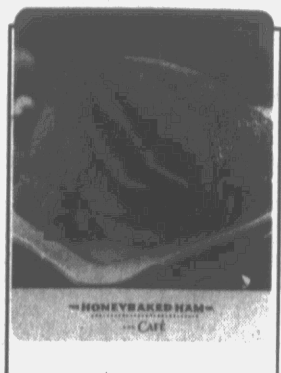


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National Alliance has also apparently decided that Durham needs to have its brand of hatred added to the mix.

Those of us who live and work in Durham, however have a different perspective. We are faced with two overwhelming tasks. First, we must help provide the social equilibrium necessary for our criminal justice system to work. We have said all along that we had to face this investigation, face whatever facts it reveals, and face the justice those facts demand. We have said this case ought not be decided in the court of public opinion polluted by defense lawyer tactic, spin, innuendo, or sound-bite sensationalists. This case cannot be decided between the front page and sports page of the paper but must be decided between judge and jury without any swaying of power, prestige, or privilege. There has been an indictment now there must be a trial—a fair trial and an equal playing field. Let the facts lay where they lay. Let the truth be what it is. And let the justice and punishment fit whatever the final examination of facts demand. We have a team of experienced lawyers monitoring this process and we will not turn our backs.

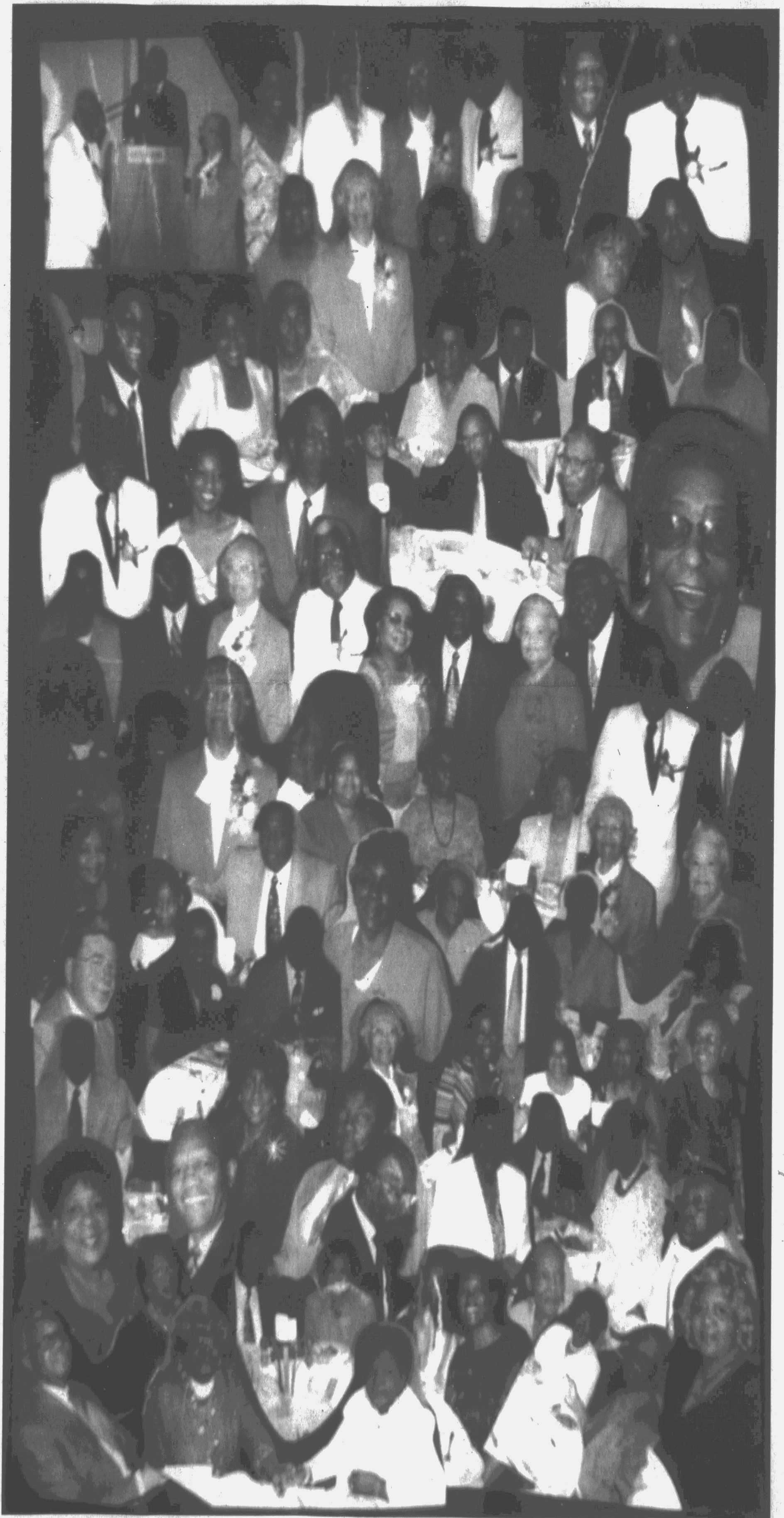
It is in this spirit that the State Conference of the oldest and most effective Civil Rights Organization in the world, the NAACP, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and clergy of many faith backgrounds, along with domestic and sexual violence practitioners are organizing the Durham Conference on the Moral Challenges of Our Culture: Domestic and Sexual Violence, Racism, Classism and the Media at the First Presbyterian Church at 2:00pm on May 16, 2006. We will announce more about this on this coming Thursday, May 4.

We believe that all of us, Black and White, Christian, Jew, Muslim, old and young, men and women, must not drive off, leaving the moral challenges raised by this current crisis. Allow me to say a few things to those purveyors of hate who would opportunistically, for their own purposes come to Durham uninvited. As many of you know, the true apostles of justice, call and ask: "What can I do to help, local leadership and those on the ground?" For example, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Al Sharpton, national leaders who have proven themselves over the years, have assured me and other leaders that they will do whatever we ask them to do to help with our twin agenda of Justice and Community if we ask. If we extend an invitation.

We have also had communication with our own Chairman Julian Bond and CEO Bruce Gordon. We are assured this group that has come to Durham uninvited—although they have said Mayor Bill Bell and the NAACP were consulted about their visit, that is not true. The NAACP is not opposed to working with allies in the

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struggle for Justice and Community. Indeed, we are reaching out beyond our traditional friends, because the crisis in our community is so profound. And we are not opposed to agitators—outside and inside. Two weeks ago we invited community leaders to join a joint strategy and over 40 church and community organizations responded. But agitation without organization is wrong. And agitation with a message of hate toward other minorities or anyone is wrong. You cannot fight hate with hate. You cannot fight misogyny and sexual violence with vigilantism.

Constitutionally anyone or any group is free to exercise their 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights of free speech and can come and go in America as they please and we support this. But no one has the right to use the name of the NAACP on flyers or suggest its support without express written consent and commitment to its already established goals. What we do not need is provocation, which takes the focus away from the clear goals, which have already been established by the justice community here. We must remember in our community blacks and whites, clergy, and males and females, Duke students and North Carolina Central University students have already come together to call for and stood for justice without unnecessary polarization of one another. This is the path we must continue.

Allow me to conclude by repeating the principles we spelled out in our first statement on this crisis, about a month ago. We, the NAACP bring to this crisis the perspective of these historical experiences and wisdom. How we proceed will have great impact upon our ability to remain a community and meet the demands of justice. The following are steps, which ought be taken to insure justice, integrity, and healing. The greatest divider or unifier of the community will be the perception of how the process will be carried out. That is why from the beginning we laid out a ten-point position and demand for the community.

*First, we must denounce any code of silence, which seeks to inhibit ascertaining the facts.*

*Second, we must have deep compassion and concern for the survivor and challenge any attempts to demean or destroy her rather than to seek and ascertain the truth.*

*Third, we must ensure the D.A.'s investigation be completed thoroughly and promptly and that serious consequences be meted out if the allegations are proven. These allegations include: sexual violence/gang rape, racial slandering/hate crimes, underage alcohol use, and any prior history of racial bigotry and intimidation all must be fully investigated. We do not want a rush to judgment or a delay of justice.*

*Fourth, Duke should be conducting its own thorough investigation. Who was at the party? Who violated Duke's Code that night? How many times had they violated the law or Duke's Codes before? the legal process to insure justice is carried out in this investigation without special privilege or treatment to anyone. Our position as an organization, interested in civil rights and community justice is that the investigation of allegations are fair, meticulous, comprehensive, aggressive,*

*and thorough. And that justice be rendered based on what the facts reveal.*

*Sixth, those students and other community leaders who are calling for justice and fairness in the investigation must not be wrongly described as a "lynch mob" no matter how zealous one seeks to defend their client.*

*Seventh, those who want to ensure justice must insist there are no short cuts to justice. We demand that the alleged perpetrators have rights to be protected. We must also be prayerful for whoever committed these acts because whoever did is suffering from a great sickness of the spirit and hatred for humanity.*

*Eighth, we must face the truth and the justice that the truth demands.*

*Ninth, we must consider in the wake of all that has and will occur, how we repent, repair, restore, and move forward. We must not engage in retaliatory violence. Our faith must insist that hope can still be rise out of hurt, what is meant for evil can yet be turned to good, and out of tragedy can still come triumph.*

*And tenth, we must recognize that in a moment like this moment we need the guidance of God and a moral compass which keeps us focus that only the truth can set us free.*

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(NAPSA)-Just because a product says it's a facial cleanser or moisturizer, doesn't mean it's the right product for you. Many people think that the same skin care regimen works as well on African Americans and Hispanics as it does on non-ethnic skin types.

But according to experts like Dr. Angelo P. Thrower, a dermatologist specializing in ethnic skin conditions, such skin presents unique challenges that have only recently begun to be addressed. He offers these answers to some frequently asked ethnic skin care questions:

**Q:** What are some problems specific to ethnic skin?

**A:** Ethnic skin is prone to a unique set of problems, ranging from dark spots and skin discoloration, to acne, shaving bumps and bumps on the neck.

**Q:** What's the first step in determining how to care for my skin?

**A:** Start by finding out what type of skin you have. There are three general skin types: Oily skin, which is shiny and may feel bumpy; normal/combo skin, which has a few areas that are oily and others that are slightly dry; and dry skin, which tends to have matte finishes because of an accumulation of dead skin. Oily skin has many large pores, normal/combo skin has a moderate number of visible pores and dry skin has few, if any, visible pores.

**Q:** Do skin conditions affect black and white skin differently?

**A:** Sometimes. Black skin tends to exaggerate the skin's response to disease by producing follicular excitements, or hair bumps, that are dry and rough to the touch.

**Q:** How do I choose a treatment?

**A:** Look for products made for your specific skin type. For instance, Dr. Thrower developed a line of products for ethnic skin called Heritage Skin Care. It's specially formulated to treat common problems in skin-of-color, such as melasma, or dark patches and dark spots. The line is also formulated to treat dry skin and acne—a disease common in both black and white skin, but that reacts differently to treatment, depending on a person's skin color.

**Q:** What can happen to the skin if the wrong product is used?

**A:** Most people's skin isn't oily around the eyes, on the corner of the nose, and around the mouth. If those areas are exposed to drying products on ethnic skin, irritation, skin discoloration and bump formation is likely.

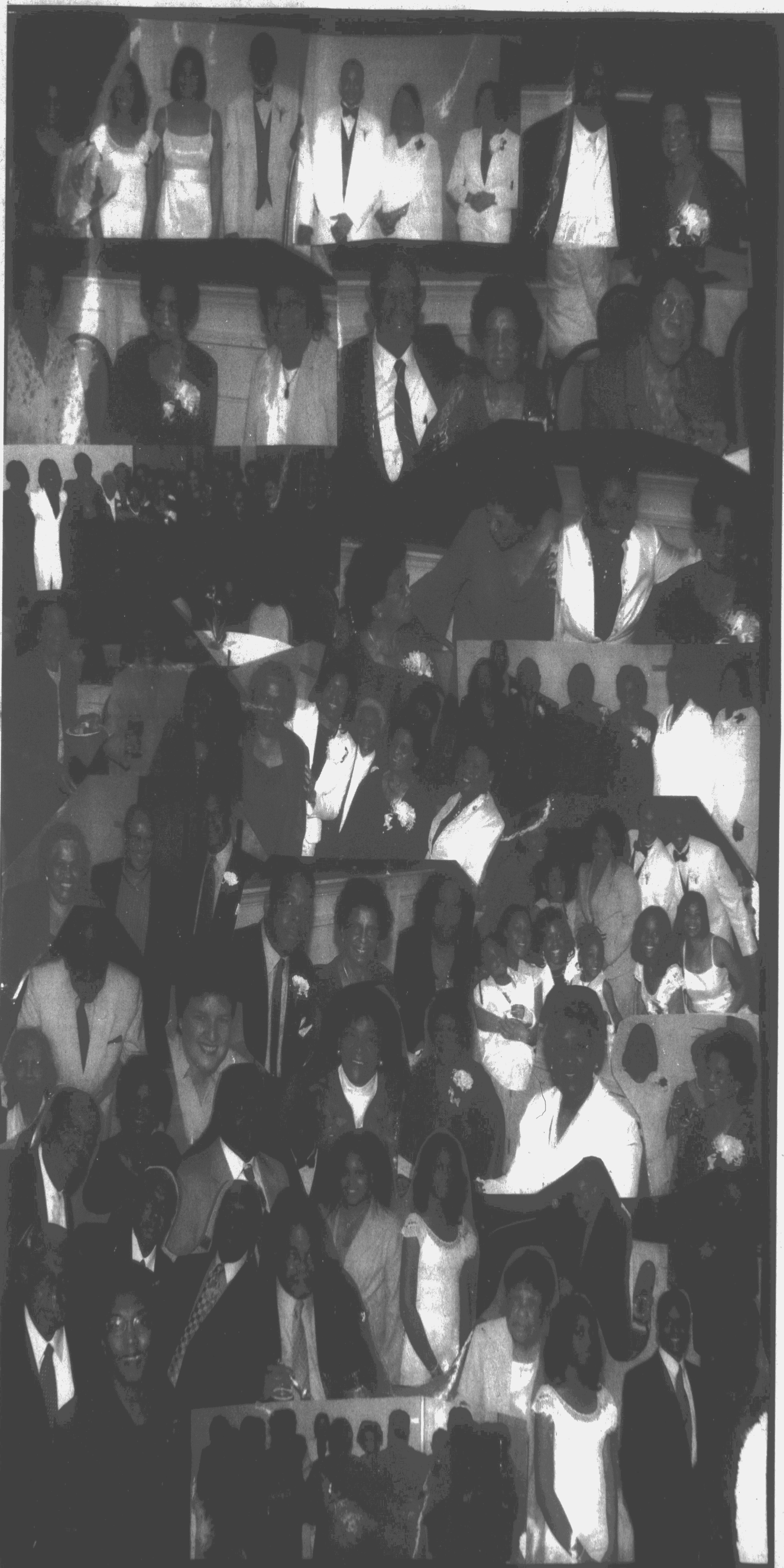
**Q:** If I have dark skin, do I still need to be careful of the sun?

**A:** Even black skin tans and burns and must be protected. It's a good idea to use sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 every time you go outside, whether it seems sunny or not.

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### Putting Blacks in Prison is the Latest Legacy of Slavery

"We're at a point in which we are incarcerating more people than ever before

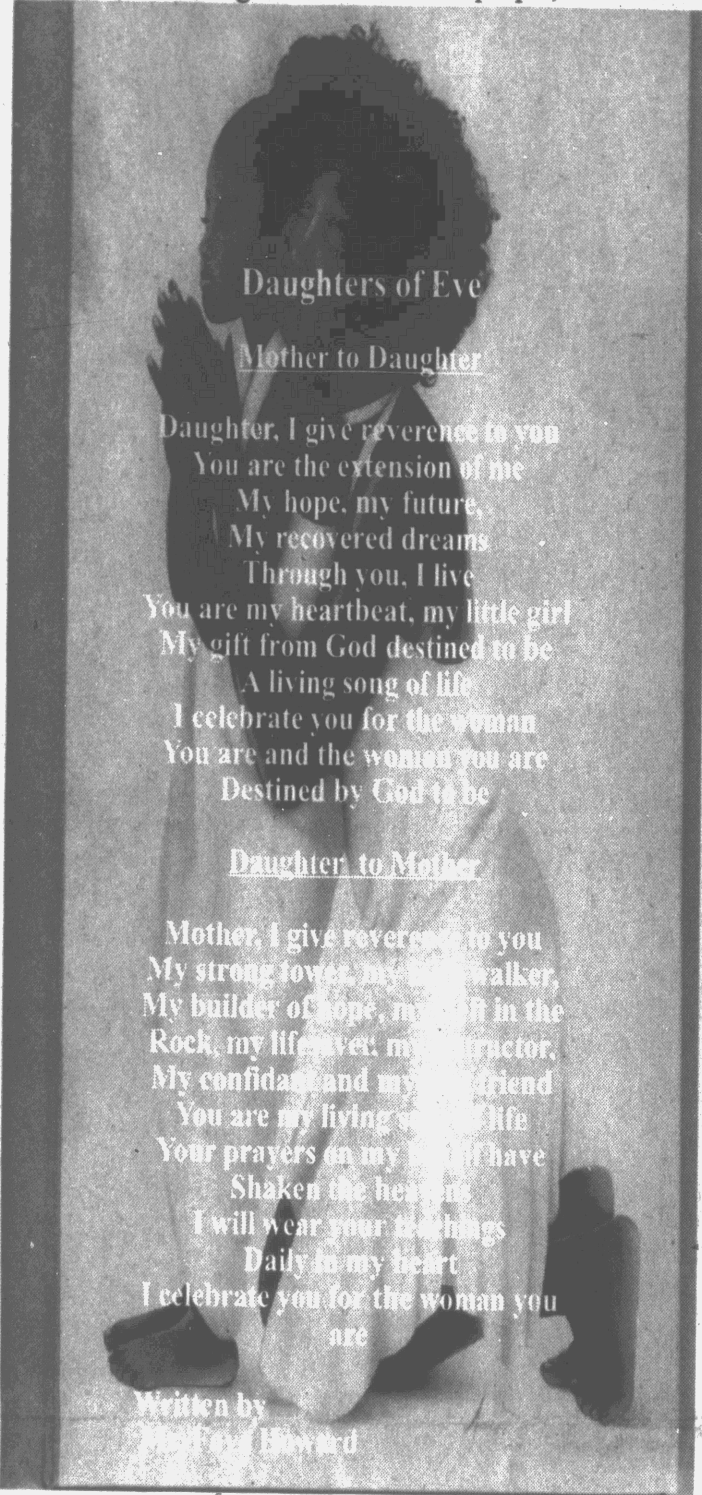
For black people, mass incarceration is becoming the fourth institutional barrier to progress for African-Americans. The first was slavery. The second was the Reign of Terror (before Reconstruction when newly freed slaves were being

terrorized by the Ku Klux Klan). The third was Jim Crow."

One out of three black men aged 18 to 39 will be jailed, imprisoned, or on parole or probation at some point in their lives. But that trend is being fueled by those who have committed minor, nonviolent crimes. For black people, it is also

fueled by sentencing disparities. In Alabama, for example, white people who comprise the majority of felony DUI convictions serve an average of 38 months in jail. But black people, who comprise the majority of simple drug possession cases, serve an average of 130 months. And the collateral consequences of locking so many people away are doing more to further devastate black communities than to preserve them.

*Bryan Stevenson Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama*



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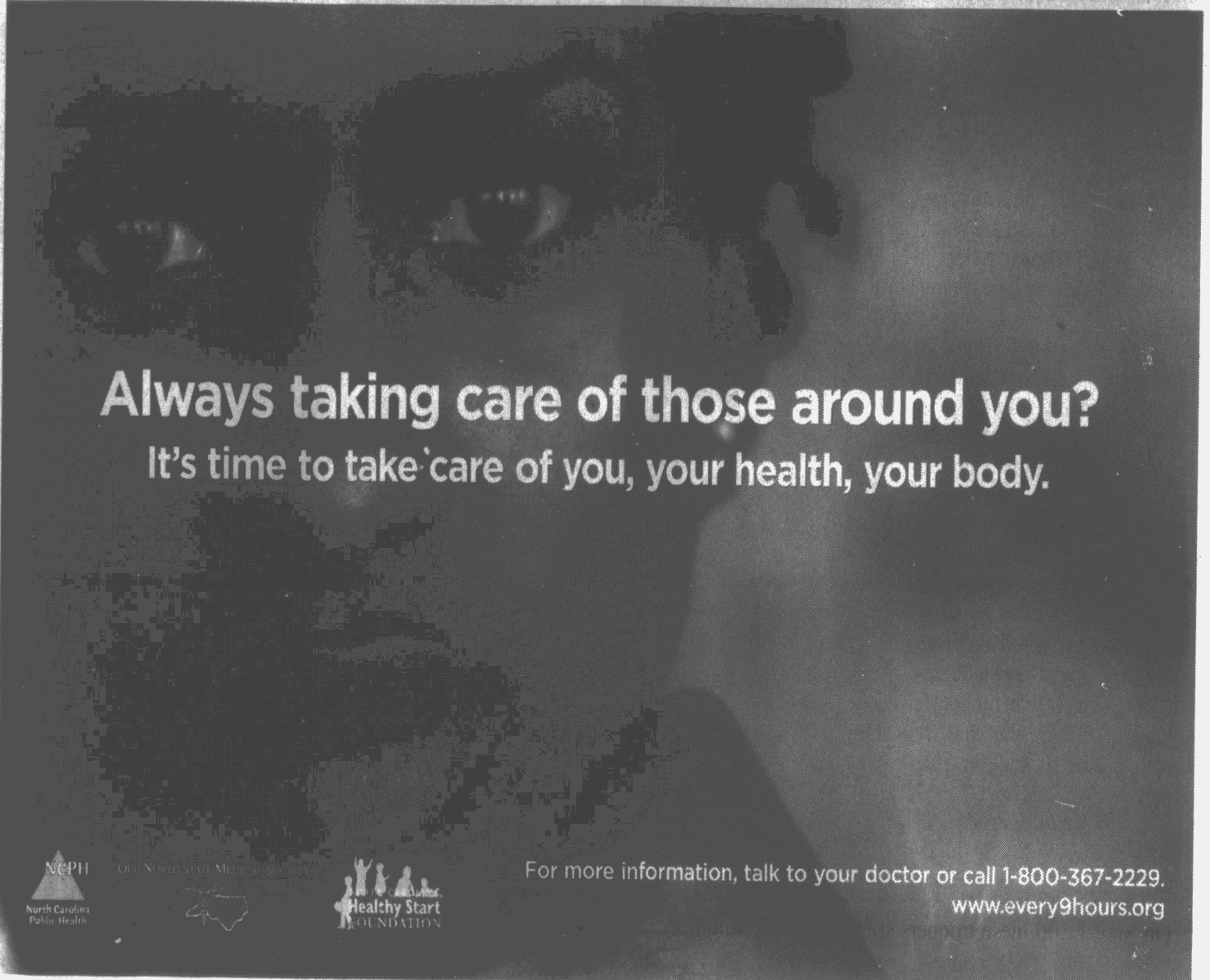
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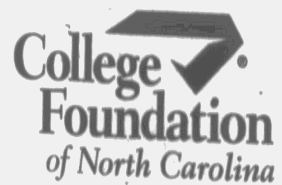


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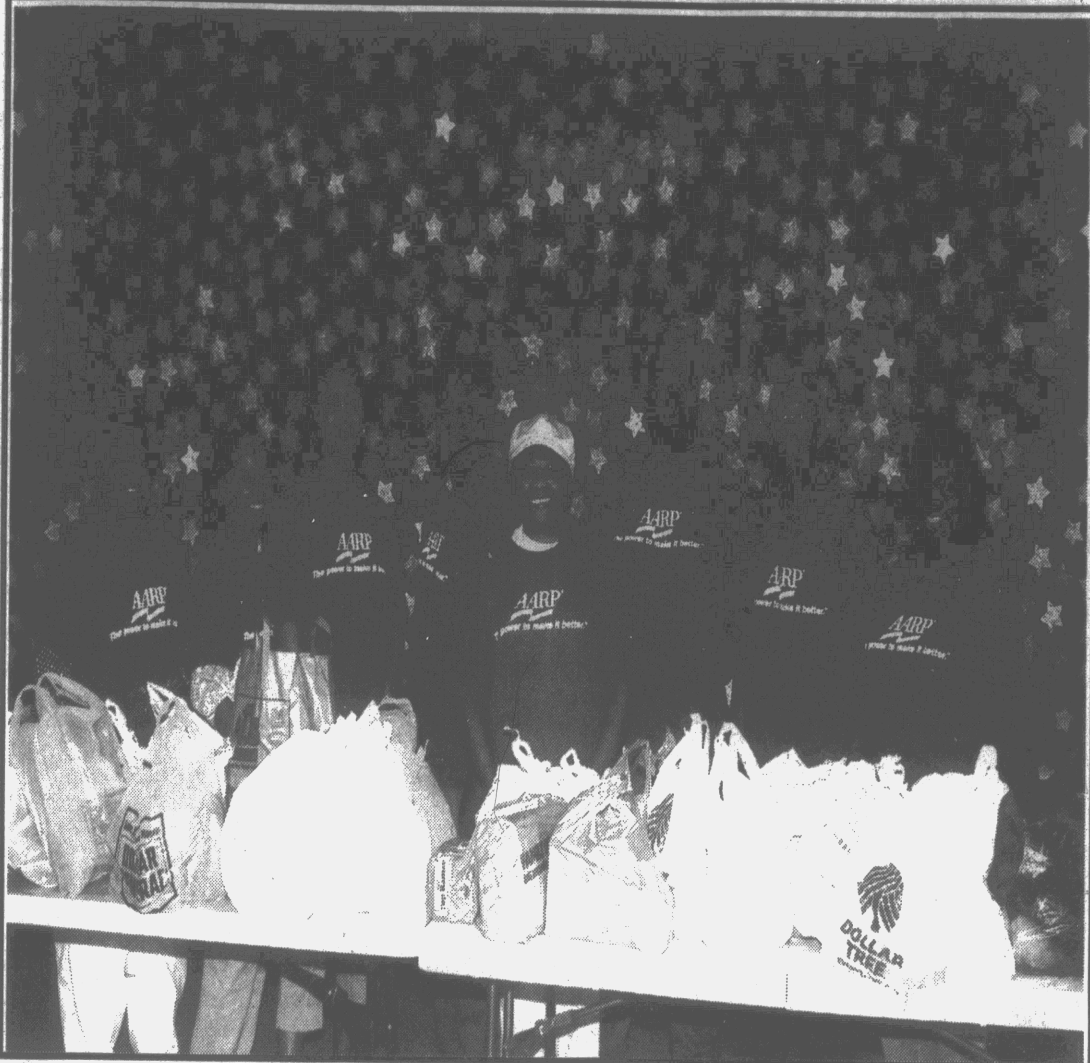
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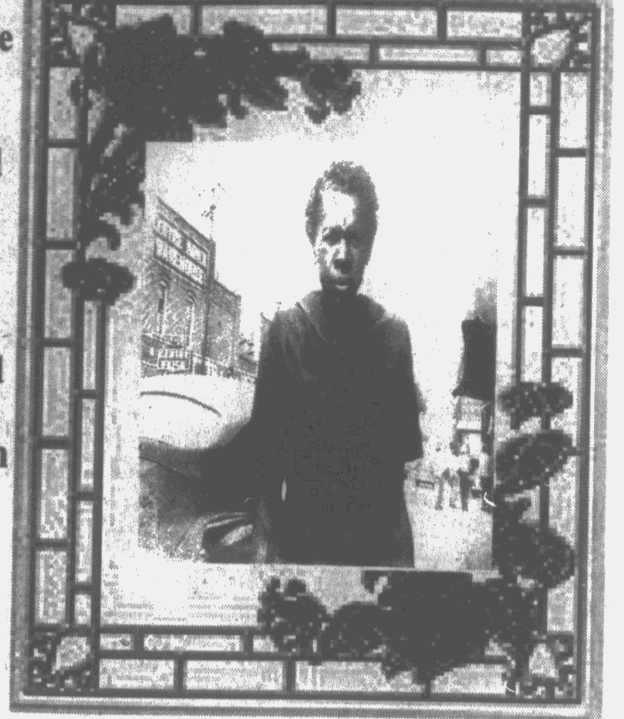
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## The Legends.....John Levy

by: *Los Angeles Sentinel*

When John Levy is speaking, the aura of a griot emanates the reciting of history from memory with the intent of passing it on for the benefit of generations to come. And by today's standards, he is indeed a griot with lots of history from which the present generation in the music and entertainment industries can benefit. Levy was born in 1912 and he still looms among "us" today, bigger than life, and continuously touches the lives of many in the entertainment world in ways that only he can. Not only is he a skillful musician, he is also a jazz advocate, teacher, mentor and a personal manager to some of the best and brightest in the entertainment business.

Levy is the great-grandson of slaves and he arrived in this world in New Orleans, the Mecca of jazz, thus his seemingly natural inclination towards jazz. But his path to his position of respect and admiration was not without peaks and valleys. Though early in life, he was told — like so many young Black men — to get a job, his eyes were on a career in music.

He left New Orleans looking for greener pastures, grew up in Chicago and ended up in New York City, in 1944, where he "landed a gig" with the Stuff Smith Trio at the Onyx Club. There, Levy honed his musical skills as a bassist playing with jazz greats such as Buddy Rich, Errol Garner, Milt Jackson and the Great Lady Day, Billie Holiday, whom he accompanied at Carnegie Hall in 1948. Then in 1949, he joined the George Shearing Quintet touring the country and eventually took on the responsibilities of managing that led him to becoming a full time manager in 1951 opening John Levy Enterprises, Inc. He was the first Black personal manager in the business and has represented; and continues to represent, a cadre of entertainers like no other individual. His roster of clients lists more than 100 entertainers and spans over a fifty-year period. A partial list consists of names such as Cannonball Adderly, Brook Benton, Jerry Butler,

Randy Crawford, King Curtis, Ja'Net Dubois, Roberta Flack, Herbie Hancock, Eddie



Harris, Donny Hathaway, Shirley Horn, Freddie

Hubbard, Ahmad Jamal, Yusef Lateef, Ramsey Lewis, Abby Lincoln, Herbie Mann, Letta Mbulu, Les Mc Cnn, Claudia Mc Neil, Wes Montgomery, Billy Paul, Marlena Shaw, Jimmy Smith, Dakota Staton, Stanley Turrentine, Sara Vaughn, Johnny Guitar Watson, Joe Williams and Nancy Wilson.

His approach to personal management incorporated and encompassed the total client. As a manager, Levy used his business acumen and promotional skills to create a group of superstars, primarily in the jazz world, second to none. The successes he gained for his clients' upward mobility and ultimate satisfaction won him praise, respect and an impeccable reputation in the entertainment industry from agents, promoters, entertainment attorneys, other managers, and record company executives.

Levy had the ability to exploit dormant talent that others — even the talented — did not know was there; he was a talent 'finder'. He seemed to be most suited to take artists from the beginning of their development and launch them to heights unimaginable to even they themselves. And added to the obvious obstacles and pitfalls, the Black artists he encountered presented a unique set of hurdles to overcome and as a (Black) manager, he was supposed to have the sensitivity to understand that, and also to be supremely tolerant.

Even though jazz is innately Black music, the music

industry, according to Levy, placed in the same category with other forms such as rhythm & blues, disco and rap; and because of this, jazz continues to be relegated to the back burner which makes the jazz artist's work twice as hard to accomplish the same level of success as others in the music world.

About the country's educational system, Levy reportedly said, "In order to collect their government subsidies, schools are allowing most Black students to graduate without mastering the basic skills, except in major sports. They have no knowledge of American history or Black heritage. If these kids have not heard of Jackie Robinson, they surely have not learned about Duke Ellington." (In Levy's autobiograpy ('Men, Women and Girl Singers' written with the assistance of his wife, Devra Hall Levy), the foreword recounts a story about a teacher who mentioned the name 'Duke' and asks some Black students about him. Some thought 'Duke' referred to John Wayne, and others thought it was person with that title from England. None of the students ever thought it referred to 'Duke' Ellington, a Black man. They had never heard of Ellington.)

In 2005, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) proclaimed Levy as one of the seven legends of American music and he received the A.B. Spellman NEA Jazz Masters Award for Jazz Advocacy, the nation's highest honor in this American art form. He has been inducted into the International Jazz Hall of Fame; received a Certificate of Appreciation from Former Mayor Tom Bradley; and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Los Angeles Jazz Society.

In an interview with Jazz Review, he as asked, "What do you wish to be known as your greatest contribution to American and World culture?" Levy replied, "I would like to be remembered as a man who used his knowledge, and the experiences that he gained from being a performing musician in the jazz field to help talented instrumentalists and singers reach their full potential as performing artists."

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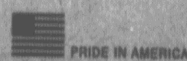
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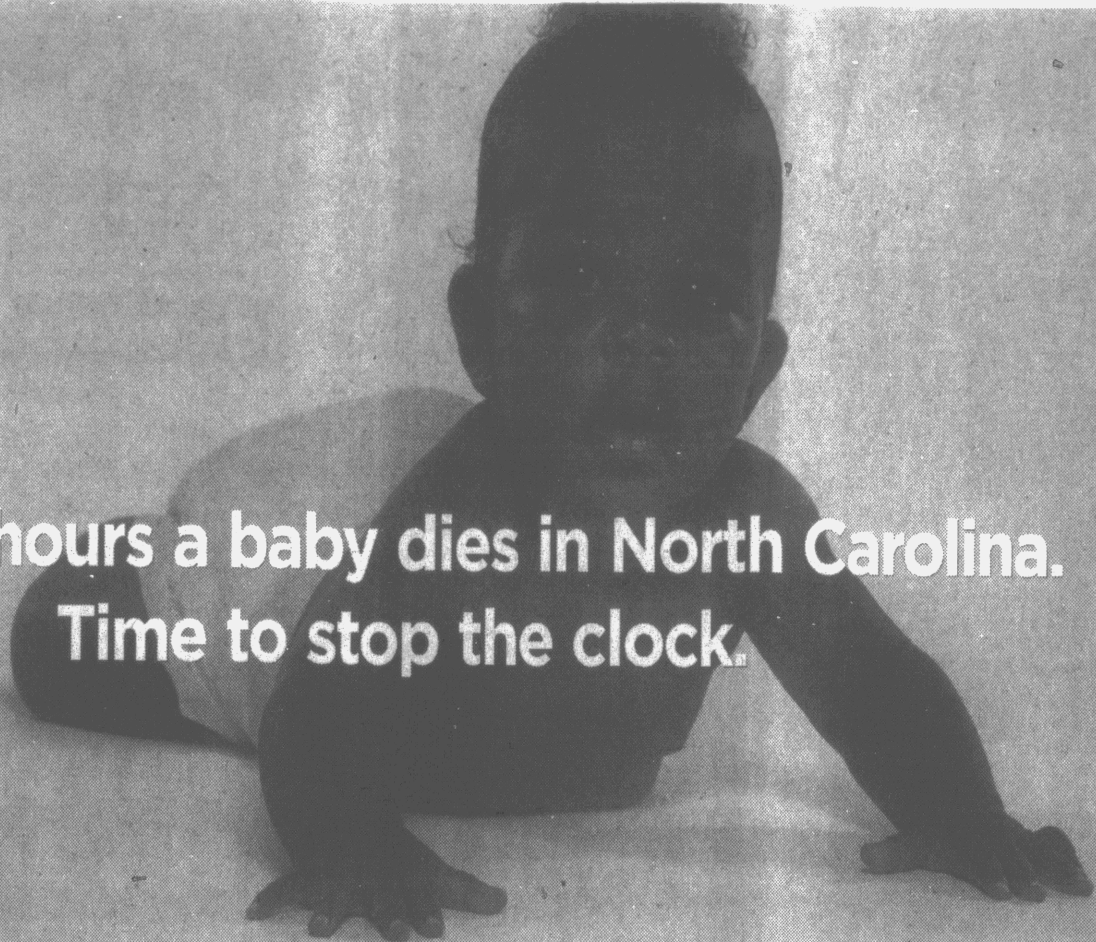
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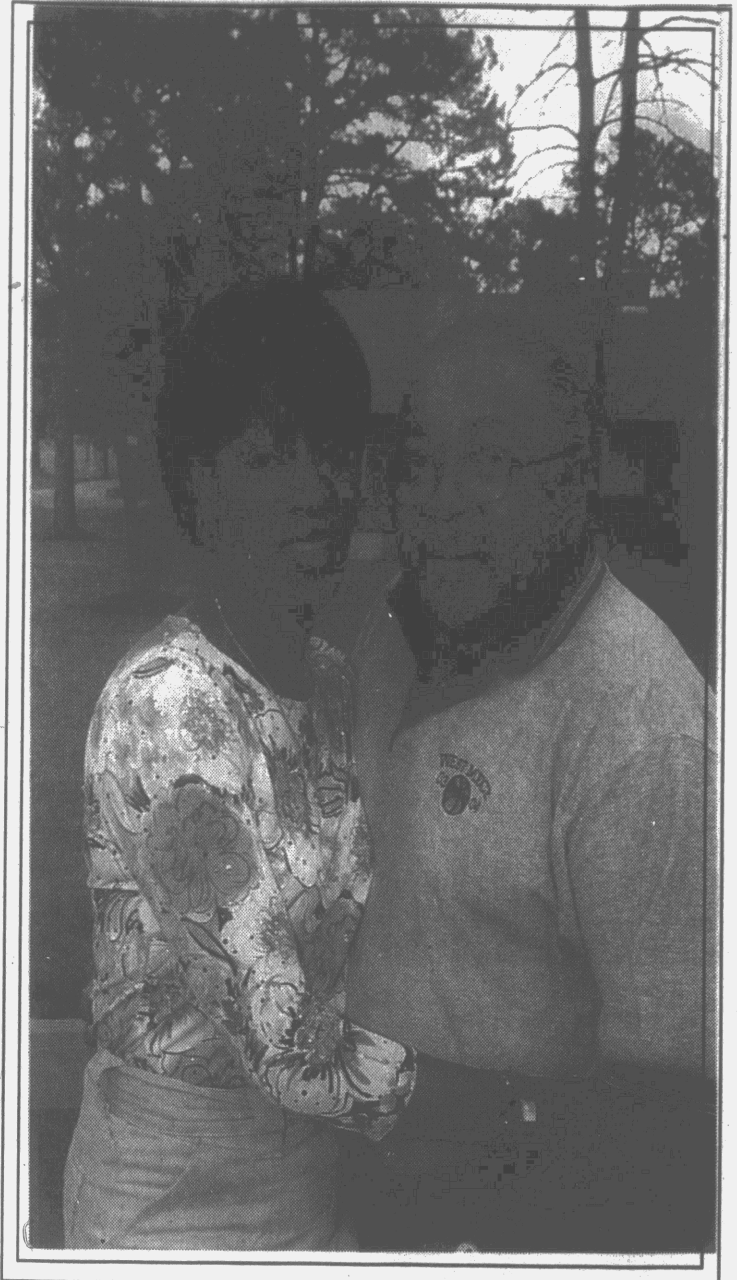
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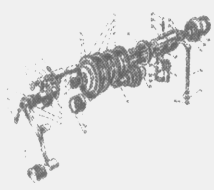
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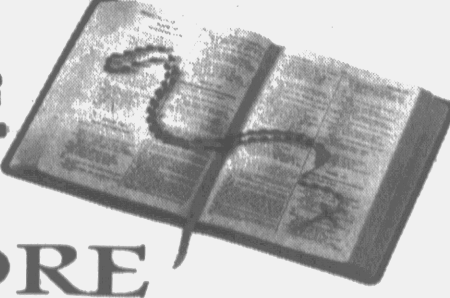
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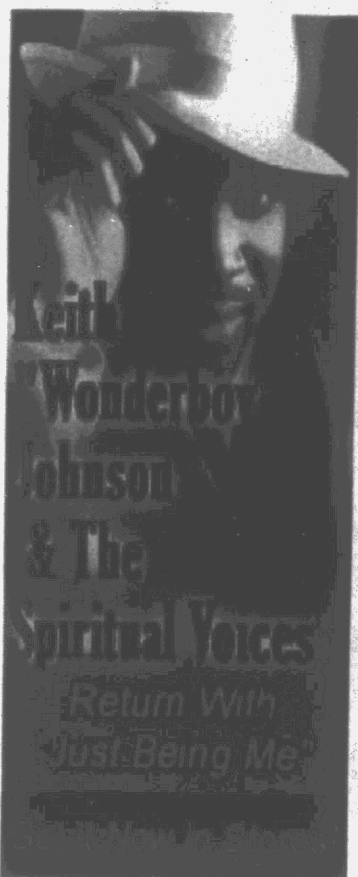
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