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Inside

Smithfield workers win concessions

By Zita Allen
Special to AmNews

The 5,500 Black and Latino workers who slave away in the world's largest hog slaughterhouse have won a major victory.

A two-day walkout by more than 1,000 workers at Smithfield Packing last month forced management to agree to workers' demand for an end to the wholesale firings of employees and to reconsider their implementation of immigration policies that were part of a climate of fear and intimidation at the plant.

Smithfield also agreed to meet with representatives chosen by the workers to further negotiate about plant issues and employee concerns.

Smithfield workers have long voiced outrage over haesh

working conditions that included brutally fast production lines, crippling injuries and a climate that pitted Black workers against newly arrived low-wage Latino immigrants. The situation reached a boiling point when management's use of social security data to ruthlessly fire employees sparked recent protests. Social security data is actually not a determinant of work authorization or immigration status. At other Smithfield plants, where workers are represented by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), the union contract provides for a smooth resolution to immigration and work status issues. But workers at the Smithfield Tar Heel plant didn't have the luxury because management has stonewalled their fight for union representation for over a decade.

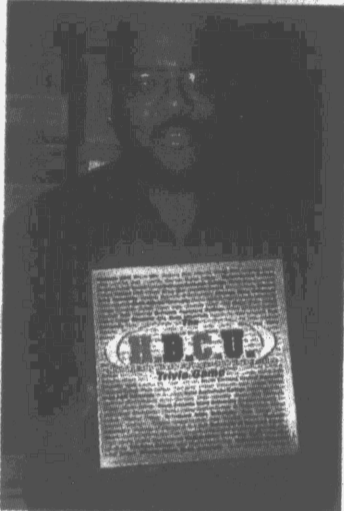
The workers' recent walk-out was greeted with a wave of support from around the country. The company was flooded with calls from a host of national religious, civil rights and immigrant rights organizations, including the National Baptist Convention, the Progressive Baptist Convention, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Convention of Churches, Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and more.

On Tuesday, November 21, management gave in and agreed to negotiate regarding the workers' issues through the Catholic Church and its attorneys. Management also acknowledged that they had misinterpreted the law and agreed to make appropriate adjustments to comply.

"We're glad the company did the right thing and recognized that they were mistaken in the way that they were mistaken in applying these policies. The fact that they were applying

these policies. The fact that they sat down and negotiated over the workers' concerns is an example of the kind of process that benefits everyone - the company, community and employees - allowing all

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READ THE M'VOICE



MITCHELL'S RESTAURANT TO RE-OPEN

By: Laura Keeter
The Wilson Daily Times

Ed Mitchell, owner of Mitchell's BBQ & Chicken, plans to reopen his restaurant in its original location. The decision to reopen comes on the heels of a judge's ruling that the bank that first foreclosed on his building didn't have "clean hands," in the affair.

Now the former Mitchell's restaurant on US 301 will go to public auction later this month, and Erader Mills, Jr., of Spring Hope, the investor behind Mitchell's Barbeque, intends to buy it back and help Mitchell reopen the restaurant. Mills and Mitchell plan to begin offering the organic barbeque that was headed to the menu in 2005 when the building was closed, Mills said. They also plan to expand Mitchell's to several other locations in the state in the future. Mills, who owns Erader Mills Septic Tank and Ready Mix Concrete of Spring Hope, has been friends with Mitchell for more than 20 years. The restaurant will be sold at public auction at the Wilson County courthouse on Dec. 22, at 11 am.

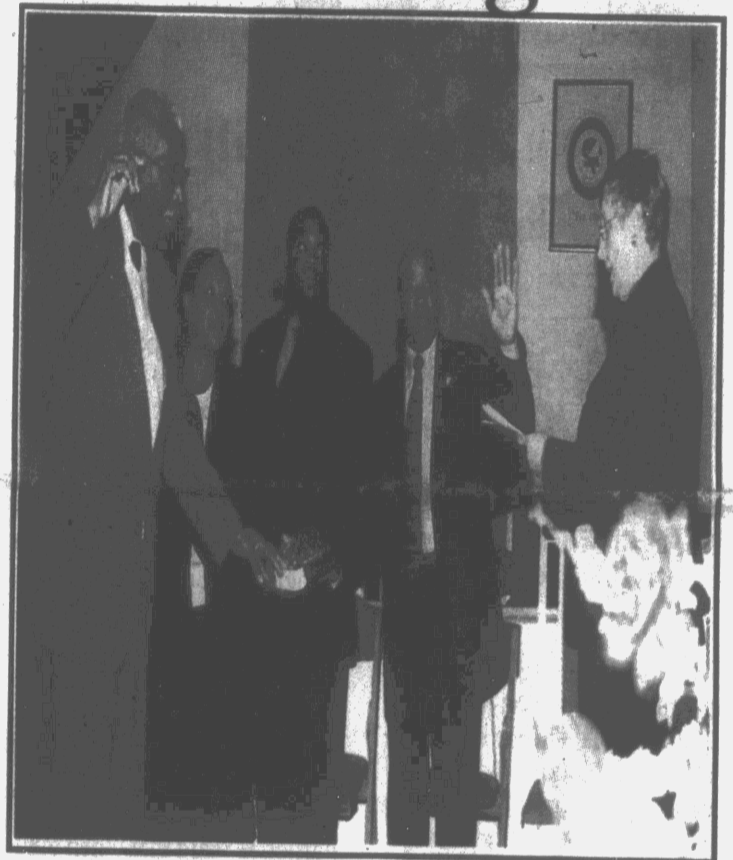
With interest, about \$ 1.2 million will be owed on the building, said Anthony Brannon, attorney for Mills, from the Raleigh firm Brannon Strickland, PLLC. "I'm glad it's about over, I hope," Mills said. In September, Mills won in court



when Wilson County Clerk of Superior Court Andrew Whitley authorized a second foreclosure sale of the Mitchell's restaurant property. But Southern Bank and Trust Company appealed that decision. Superior Court Judge W. Russell Duke Jr., upheld Whitley's decision in an order filed late last week. According to the order, the court, "cannot find that Southern Bank and Trust company comes into court with clean hands." The ruling allows, Mills, through his trustee, to foreclose on Little Pig Properties Inc., rather than the bank. Little Pig Properties was the corporation formed by Mitchell that has since been dissolved. Litigation over the property began in November 2005 when Southern Bank and Trust sued Mills, for, among other things, breach of contract.

In a countersuit against the bank, Mills alleged the bank unlawfully foreclosed on the restaurant and unfairly handled loans. His counterclaim alleged the foreclosure violated the law because Mills was the first place lien holder on the restaurant property, according to the deed of trust filed in the Wilson County Register of Deeds Office. Mills said he subordinated his position to Southern Bank and Trust so the deal would qualify for a USDA loan, which Mills alleges the bank never secured. Mills said Mitchell paid \$9,800 so the loan would be USDA guaranteed. It was Mills' argument that the bank did not follow through with getting the loan secured and then reneged on him. After a two-day hearing, Duke found that Mills was the owner and holder a valid indebtedness of the

NAACP Swearing In



Sarah Parker, chief justice of the state Supreme Court, swore in the elected officials of the Pitt County Branch of the NAACP Sunday Dec 12, 2006. photo Jim Rouse

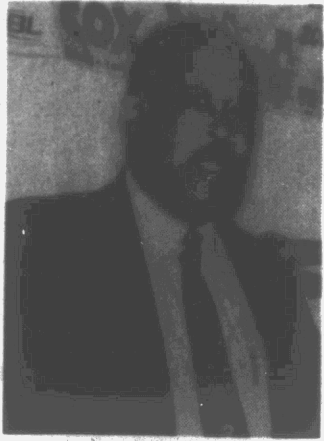
One Hundred Forty-Third Session of The AME ZION CHURCH



Welcome Presiding Bishop... pictured above (l-r) Bishop Richard K. Thompson, the presiding Bishop of the Conference and Host Pastor York Memorial AME Zion Church of Greenville photo Jim Rouse

OPINION

BEYOND THE RHETORIC "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ABUSING SMALL BUSINESS"



The Wilmington Journal
Originally posted 12/17/2006

The Federal Acquisition Regulation, (FAR) is the "bible" for federal procurement practices. It is how you do business with agencies and departments of the federal government. Since the advent of contract bundling you can forget about the FAR. It has been twisted and turned and has become very much ineffective. Big business is doing what it wants to do and the federal agencies are, more or less, saying "Yessa Boss." We now have a virtual coup in the procurement practices of

the United States Government. Big business, particularly the Military Industrial Complex, is running the operation.

Go over to the Army Corps of Engineers and you will see it for yourself.

Halliburton, the current leader of the Military Industrial Complex, is running the show. I mean setting policy; making decisions; assigning the contracts (mostly to itself). The contracting activity of Afghanistan and Iraq belongs to them and their cronies. The construction giant Parsons can build an army barracks in Iraq that begins leaking like a sieve from the beginning. Their response to federal inspectors - if you want improvements you have to pay us more. It is totally corrupt and dangerous to the future of this nation. It is they who pushed us into Iraq and that, in fact, is murderous. We see it as a lot of destruction and deaths but they see it as a whole lot of sales and profits. We are in trouble!

It was this hijacked procurement system that caused the majority of the devastation in the Katrina debacle. Our government couldn't react with urgency because they had to wait on the new owners of our procurement system to cut up the contracts and territories of the affected Gulf region. Besides, the longer the wait, the greater the devastation and that, like Iraq, means greater sales and profits. Damn the people!

Where do small and minority businesses fit into all of this? They don't. For the most part less than 2 percent of all business is done by racial minorities. The Small Business Administration (SBA) is supposed to collect the data and report it. They don't have a clue. They are accepting data that they know is false and then report it to Congress and release it to the public.

Here's an example from one of our businesses: "I had acquired an \$8 million contract with the Immigration & Nationalization Service. After approximately 8

months, I discovered that the INS was diverting my contract to non-minority contractors claiming to be Minority Disadvantaged Businesses.

On January 7, 1997, I sent a letter to the Office of the Inspector General for the SBA, INS and Justice Department stating that several large white firms misrepresented themselves as being small and disadvantaged businesses in order to obtain contracts set-aside for my firm. On August 7, 1997, the Justice Department OIG issued a Report confirming my allegations."

Yes, another confirmation of abuse but once again not a darn thing was done about it. It appears here that the government agencies, SBA and INS, must be in on the corruption. They report the false numbers as minority and when the sham is exposed they turn and walk

away. DO NOT BELIEVE A MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION REPORT FROM ANY FEDERAL AGENCY UNTIL THE ABOVE IS CLEANED UP.

There was a time when the Office of Inspector General for each agency was the "Sheriff" who would come and investigate any claim of fraud and/or abuse. But now the Sheriff has left town. In fact, the new Administrator of the General Services Administration has admonished the GSA IG as being too aggressive and is attempting to cut his funding by \$5 million that would lessen his effectiveness. Wrong has become right and honest, sincere minority businesses are being shown the door in a formal, systematic way.

When the new 110th Congress starts in January, I will be asking the new chairs of the Senate and Congressional Small Business Committees, Sen. John Kerry and

Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez, to confront this awful situation. The federal government's procurement system is as corrupt now as it has ever been. Minority businesses have been squeezed out and are doing probably less than the levels of 1960.

We just don't know because no one has accurate numbers.

The nation is weakened by the above. We are going to stupid wars we cannot possibly resolve and fine young soldiers are dying or being maimed for life needlessly. Victims of natural disasters are dying and/or suffering by the deliberate actions of the greedy.

Greed has no end and this won't stop until some leaders step forward and fight those who make or let it happen. Harry C. Alford is the founder and CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Website: www.nationalbcc.org. Email: president@nationalbcc.org.

America Still Owes Dr. King



by Marian Wright Edelman
NNPA Columnist

On November 13, a historic event took place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on a plot of land near the national memorials to Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt: the groundbreaking ceremony for the memorial honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Like many other Americans, I am overjoyed that our nation is honoring Dr. King this way. On the hallowed ground surrounded by memorials to soldiers and leaders of wars, it is especially moving to see the first memorial to a leader who preached and practiced nonviolence and peace.

But even as we celebrate the enormously important symbolism of building a memorial to Dr. King in this special place, this monument should also serve as a powerful reminder that there is still much more left for our nation to do to honor him and his teachings that can't be accomplished with a statue or words carved in stone.

In his remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony, President Bush said building this memorial to Dr. King alongside the memorials to the many other Americans honored on the Mall "will unite the men who declared the promise of America and defended the promise of America with the man who redeemed the promise of America."

Dr. King may have redeemed the promise of America. But has America redeemed the promise of Dr. King? When most Americans think of Dr. King's

speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, they only know the famous "I Have a Dream" section. For four decades, the powerful words in that part have been quoted all over the world. But too few people remember or even know about the central theme that begins the speech: the bounced check America had written to its Black citizens. Dr. King said we had come to the nation's capital that day to cash a check America had written nearly 200 years earlier. He said that when our nation's founders wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, they had created a promissory note that guaranteed all Americans the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But instead of honoring that promise for Black Americans, America had defaulted on it and given us a bad check that had come back marked "insufficient funds."

Dr. King said those of us who had come to the March were there to cash our checks because we refused to believe "the bank of justice is bankrupt" or that "there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation." I sure still refuse to believe it, and never will until America's promised commitment to justice and our great wealth converge in ending poverty and hopelessness for millions of people struggling to get enough to eat, a place to sleep, a chance to make a living, and a good education for their children.

Right now too many American children and families are still getting bounced checks from our economic, health, education, and housing banks. It is intolerable that more than forty years after Dr. King dreamed of a day when his own children would be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, the gap between rich and poor is

widening and huge disparities of opportunity persist for Black children. Dr. King's warnings that "returning violence for violence multiplies violence" and "a nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death" speak to us more loudly today than ever.

It's hard not to think of the words written about Dr. King by Carl Wendell Hines:

Now that he is safely dead
Let us praise him
build monuments to his glory
sing hosannas to his name.
Dead men make such convenient heroes:

They cannot rise to challenge the images we would fashion from their lives. And besides, it is easier to build monuments than to make a better world. So, now that he is safely dead we, with eased consciences will teach our children that he is a great man... knowing that the cause for which he lived is still a cause and the dream for which he died is still a dream, a dead man's dream.

Those who helped lay the groundwork for this memorial to Dr. King know that planning this monument hasn't been easy; it's been a long and hard-fought struggle, and the fundraising needed to complete the vision continues. But building the monument has been far, far easier than building the beloved community and just nation and world Dr. King envisioned. Will the new memorial inspire us to recommit to making sure his dream doesn't stay just a dream?

Marian Wright Edelman is President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood.

TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,
Please allow me to thank the many readers of your newspaper who supported my candidacy for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina on November 7.

We did it!

Almost a million voters agreed with our campaign message that 'Justice Timmons-Goodson is good for the Court and good for North Carolina!'

Please also accept my heartfelt appreciation to you and your paper for your support and endorsement.

To say I was overwhelmed by the support I received throughout the state is indeed an understatement. I know that our success was due in large part to the grassroots efforts of thousands of individuals in all 100 counties. I will forever remain grateful for their help.

Now that the election is behind us, I look forward to the wonderful opportunity the citizens of North Carolina have given me to render great service in the cause of justice.

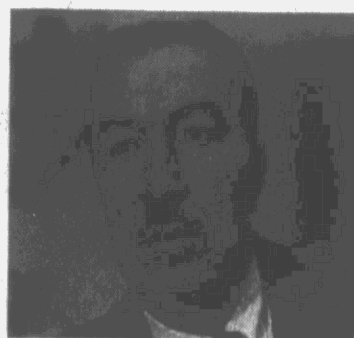
I am so proud to have the opportunity to continue to

serve the citizens of North Carolina as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. As promised throughout my campaign, I am committed to exercising my 21 years of judicial experience, knowledge and diligent work ethic to every case that comes before me.

During the next eight years, you can depend on me to perform my duties as Associate Justice in a manner that is always mindful of the trust and confidence the voters have bestowed upon me.

In appreciation,

Patricia Timmons-Goodson
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of North Carolina



POWELL, Adam Clayton, Jr., (1908 - 1972)

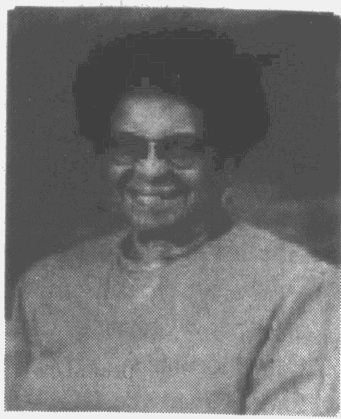
POWELL, Adam Clayton, Jr., a Representative from New York; born in New Haven, Conn., November 29, 1908; attended the public schools of New York City; graduated from Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., 1930; graduated from Columbia University, New York, N.Y., 1932; graduated from Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C., 1934; ordained minister;

member of the New York, N.Y., city council, 1941; newspaper publisher and editor; journalist; instructor, Columbia University Extension School, 1932-1940; cofounder of the National Negro Congress; member of the New York state, Consumer Division, Office of Price Administration, 1942-1944; member of the Manhattan Civilian Defense 1942-1945; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1945-February 28, 1967); excluded from membership in the Ninetieth Congress pursuant to H.Res. 278, on February 28, 1967; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor (Eighty-seventh through Eighty-ninth Congresses); elected as a Democrat to the Ninetieth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by his exclusion but did not appear to be sworn in; reelected to the succeeding Congress (April 11, 1967-January 3, 1971); unsuccessful candidate for renomination to the Ninety-second Congress in 1970; died on April 4, 1972, in Miami, Fla.; cremated and ashes scattered over South Bimini in the Bahamas.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

OUR BEHAVIOR IN THE CHURCH

1. Sit quietly in reverence.
 2. Be on our best behavior.
 3. Don't rattle papers during the service.
 4. Keep our feet off pews.
 5. Don't play with guest cards, envelopes, etc.
 6. Keep crayons, pens off pew cushions.
 7. Refrain from giggling and talking.
 8. Bow our heads in prayers.
 9. Sing the hymns and digest the words.
 10. Above all else, worship God.
- "Going to church doesn't make us a Christian any more

than going to a garage makes us a car."

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GENTLEMAN

- Character
Intelligence
Considerate/kind
Courteous/mannerly
Decency
Integrity/moral excellence
Respectful/polite
Refined
Honest/truthful
Has a conscious/a soul
Uses no foul or dirty language

CHARACTERISTICS OF A LADY

- Character
Intelligence
Personality
Beauty
Integrity(high morals/decency)
Honest/truthful
Graceful/charm/dignity
Good manners/polite/courteous
Holds her tongue/no gossip
Even tempered/humble/loyal

The Touch of the Master's Hand

There were qualities in the touch of the Master, which set Him apart from all other healers in His time.

1. Jesus had a curative touch (Matthew 8:14)
2. Jesus had a compassionate touch (Matthew 20:30,34)
3. Jesus had a cleansing touch (Luke 5:12,13)
4. Jesus had a conquering touch (Luke 7:12,13)

The touch of Jesus is not only curative, compassionate, conquering, and cleansing, but it has changing power in the bodies, hearts, and lives of men. The only limitation to His power is the limitation of faith and willingness on the part of people to be used as His channels of Power in touching those who would be made whole.

Jesus has no feet on which to run errands of mercy but our feet; He has no hands to reach forth in compassionate concern toward the suffering but our hands; He has no minds with which to think thoughts after him but our minds; and He has no heart through which to love with a giving love, a forgiving love, and everlasting, living love but our hearts.

CHRISTMAS QUOTE

Christmas—that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance—a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved."

~ Augusta E. Rundell

Beartrice Maye Honored In Greenville's "Her" Magazine

Beatrice Maye, Greenville educator and community activist, has a regal bearing and precise diction that demands respect, even from those who are meeting her for the first time. But her eyes are warm, and she speaks in the witticism she once wrote on the blackboard to inspire students.

Mrs. Maye, who declined to share her age, retired after 37 years of teaching English, French, and library science to students of all ages in the public schools. She now instructs senior citizens in retirement living through Pitt Community College. Her uplifting letters to the

editor have appeared at least once a month for more than 25 years in the Daily Reflector and other area newspapers, and she's a columnist for The Minority Voice.

A collection of her letters, "The Wit and Wisdom of Beatrice Maye," will be released Dec. 01, from UBE Publishing. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to a charity of Mrs. Maye's choice.

In a chat with Her...magazine at the West Greenville park named in her honor, Mrs. Maye revealed that she always wanted to be a teacher, her favorite color is fuchsia and although she rarely goes to bed before 2 or 3 am, she never sleeps later than 7:30 am.

Jane Hudson
Her Magazine, Dec 2006

Reflections



THE CASE AGAINST BOTTLED WATER

Americans are squandering billions of dollars on bottled water. Americans drink, on average, 24 gallons of bottled water a year; among beverages, only soda outsells it. We're spending \$ 10

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billion a year on the stuff, but why, do we do it? Not for the taste. In blind tastings between bottled and tap water from major municipal systems, "most people cannot tell the difference." Tests show that bottled water is just as likely as tap water to contain contaminants, while offering no nutritional advantages, and whereas tap water is nearly free, plentiful and has no negative impact on the environment, shipping and refrigerating bottled water consumes a lot of energy.

All those plastic bottles also create a big disposal problem. Our real reason for drinking bottled water, whether we realize it or not, is marketing. Thanks to years of advertising, we now associate bottled water with "purity and cleanliness", and glistening fashion models refreshing themselves after their workouts. But given that 1 billion people around the world are desperate for clean water, this is more than silly. Think of it this way: Ignoring perfectly good public water supplies, we waste billions importing largely, indistinguishable water from the mountains of France and Maine. Just a fraction of that money could deliver clean water to millions of people, saving countless lives. Consider that bitter-tasting paradox next time you pay \$ 2 for something that comes free out of your tap.

Respectfully
submitted
Suejette A. Jones

AMERICA'S FEAR-CHILD ABDUCTION

There are nearly 60 million

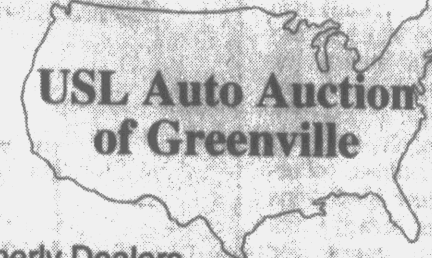
children in this country and every year from 3000 to 5000 are seized by strangers. Most of these kidnappings are perpetuated by sexual predators who release the children after a few hours. Others are transported 50 or more miles, held overnight or longer, and ransomed or killed. Many children are kidnapped by their own mothers and fathers who are almost always in connection with custody battles. In these situations, almost 90% are resolved within a month, and 94% of all kidnapped children are eventually returned home safely, the US Justice Department says. There is so much fear because of the media which generate huge waves of publicity by offering 24 hour coverage by cable news network. One history professor and author comments: "The televised media and the radio are just terrible. They have no historical memory. Their only concern is exploiting emotion, and one emotion we can depend on is the fist in the gut of a parent. Stunned by these terrible crimes, parents and law-enforcement officials started organizations devoted to tracking down kidnapped children, and successfully for new laws and the creation of child search agencies. They also inspired such anti-kidnapping measures as putting the faces of missing children on milk cartons. These high-profile efforts have created the impression that child abductions are both common and growing at an accelerated rate, and so is the fear around us.

Parent concerns are enough to support an entire industry devoted to keeping children safe from predators. These days, many harness their children with leashes or affix Day-Glo stickers to them, the better to spot them in crowds. Others stay in touch via walkie-talkies. One popular high-tech approach is the "electronic leash": Parent and child each wear a beeper-sized unit, and when the child wanders beyond a certain distance, the parent's alarm goes off. One outfit has devised a toy wristwatch that transmits the wearer's location by using signals from a global positioning system. Another company is developing a microchip tracer that can be implanted in a child's body to pinpoint his or her location to within 75 feet. "Our society has come to the conclusion that people are dangerous and all attempts to protect children may end up backfiring", said one child-care consultant, "when soccer moms drive their kids to play dates, and walk them to and from the bus stop, the children have little chance to develop street smarts and safety skills". Some experts say fear has stranded many pre-teens and teens in their homes, where they spend too much time parked in front of TV's, video games, and the Internet — which can be more dangerous than any playground. Parents should not let fear overwhelm but instead, give the children some latitude and hope the force is with them.

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He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree."

~ Sunshine Magazine





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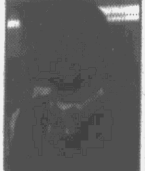
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HBCU Trivia Game . . . front page



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The HBCU Trivia Game is a trivia game about Historically Black Colleges and Universities. It is the brainchild of Maurice Jordan. Jordan is a proud alumnus of a Historically Black University, North Carolina Central University. "I wanted a fun way to educate college-bound students about HBCUs," explains Jordan. "We have excellent schools and they

should not be viewed as mediocre." The HBCU fame contains over 400 multiple choice questions on topics such as sports figures, entertainment personalities, historical events, and "fun" facts.

Sample questions include:

Which HBCU graduates more black engineers than any other? Which HBCU did the "fly jock" Tom Joyner attend?

Jordan stated that he spent about three years developing the game and researching the questions. "I have learned so many fascinating facts about the 105 schools." While Jordan was in the early stages of developing the game he needed assistance in designing the game. Jordan sought out his fraternity brother and graphic designer Clarence Goss, Jr. Goss is also a proud alumnus of an HBCU, Elizabeth City State University. "Goss turned my simple poster board drawing

into a beautiful show piece," beamed Jordan. Together, the two fraternity brothers (Kappa Alpha Psi) decided to develop and market the final product. "Right now we are in the pre-production phase and will begin showcasing the game at different HBCUs." The first showing of the game will be Jan. 09, 2007, 6:30 pm, at the Shaw University Cape Center located at 2611 E. Tenth Street, Greenville, NC. For more information you can contact Maurice Jordan at 252.347.8689 or Clarence Goss, Jr. at 252.367.9550.



CHRISTMAS QUOTE:

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves."
~ Eric Sevareid (1912-1992), American newscaster.

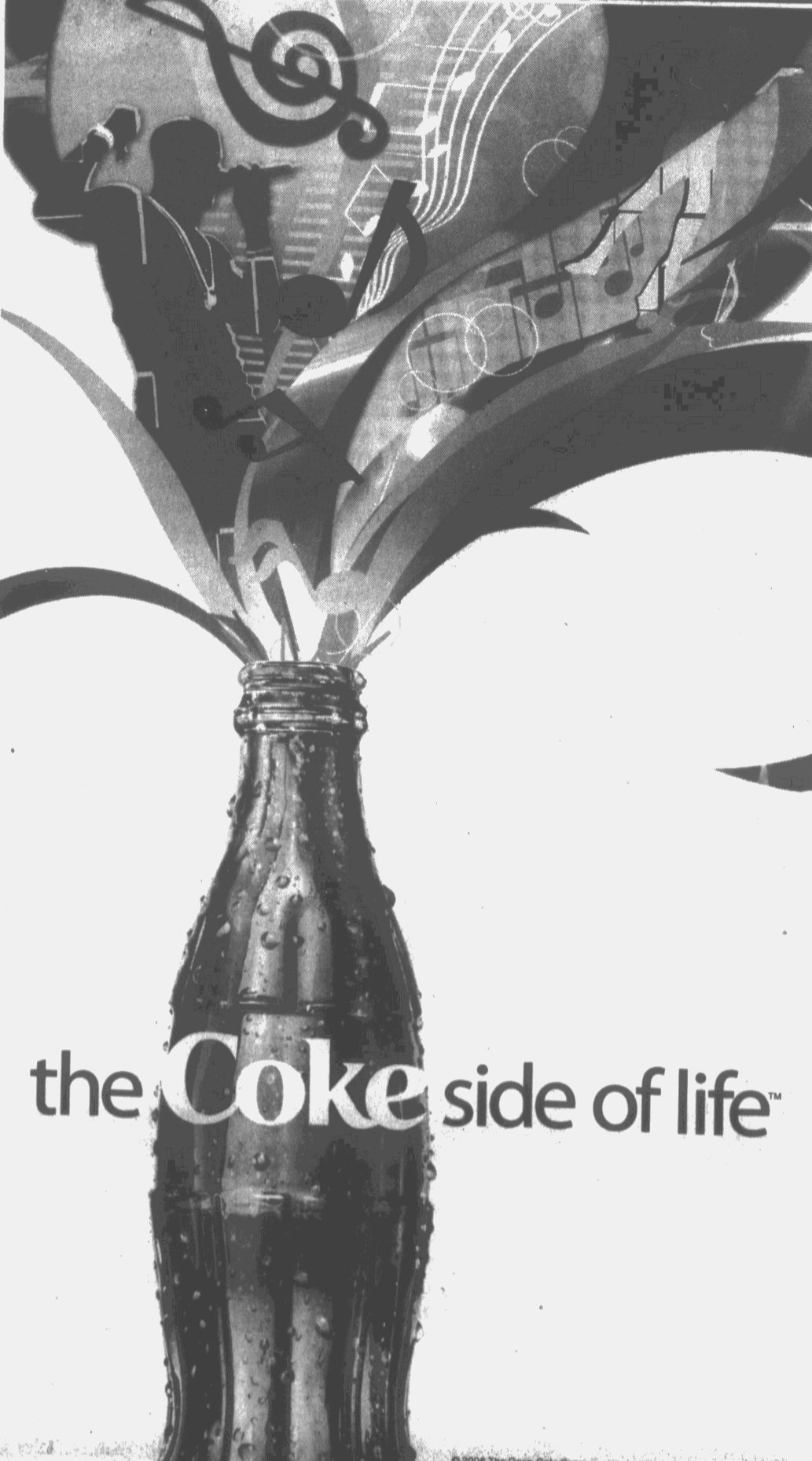
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It is a distinct pleasure to thank the people of Wayne, Greene, & Pitt Counties for your support in my re-election to the North Carolina Senate. It is an honor for me to serve you. My re-election would not have been possible without the great amount of help I received from a countless number of friends and supporters. I continue my pledge to listen and work hard for you in the Senate.

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The Pitt County Department of Social Services is requesting donations to help provide Holiday Cheer for the children who are currently in legal custody of the Department. The support of the community is needed to make sure that each of these children will have a good holiday. Monetary donations are welcome and may be mailed to: Pitt County Department of Social Services, 1717 W. 5th St., Greenville, NC 27834-1695. Please earmark your donation: "Foster Children's Holiday Cheer Fund." Donations of new, unwrapped toys are also being accepted at the Department of Social Services, at the same address. Please call **Susan Schwing** at (252) 902-1143 or **Mildred Daniels** at (252) 902-1134, if you have any questions or would like more information. Thank you in advance for helping us make the holiday season a happy one for OUR children.



This is the twenty-sixth year for the Adult Foster Care Christmas Project. We would like to carry on this tradition of helping the elderly and disabled in Pitt County adult care homes. Your contribution makes it possible to purchase personal hygiene and clothing items and at the same time, ensures that no one will be without a gift to open at Christmas. Assist us in continuing this Pitt County tradition of brightening the holiday season for an elderly and/or disabled adult residing in an adult care home. Please make a monetary donation to the Adult Foster Care Christmas Project or contact us to adopt a resident in need. You may forward your contributions to: Pitt County DSS Adult Foster Care, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834-1695. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Rhetta O'Quinn** at (252) 902-1205.

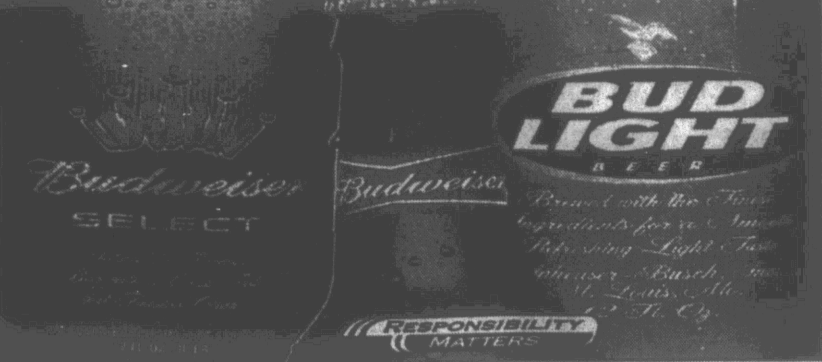


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HISTORY MAKER EVENT

The Giant Killer Willie Gary comes to Greenville N.C.

Attorney Willie Gary, better known as the "Giant Killer" was the special guest of the Pitt County Chapter of The Shaw University Alumni Association in a Banquet to support the "UNCF" United Negro College Fund. The event took place at the Cornerstone Family Life Center in Greenville, NC



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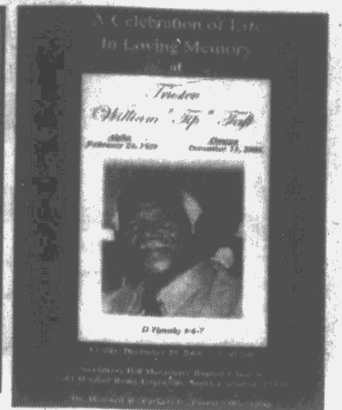
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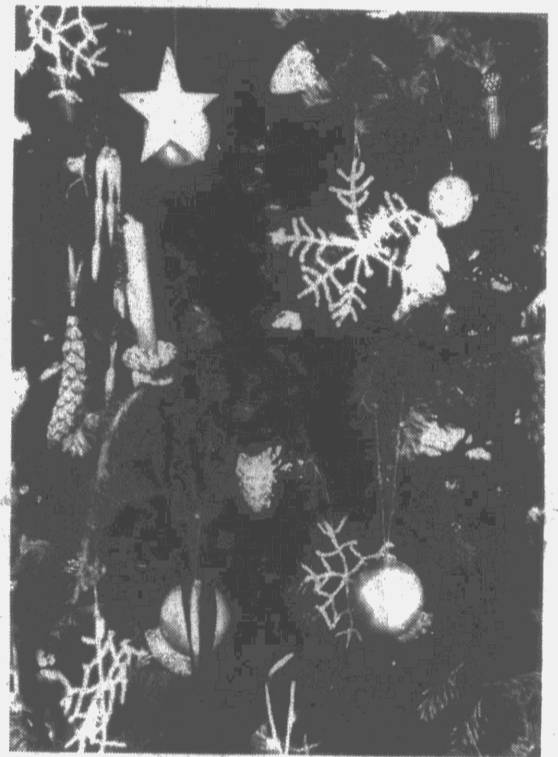
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Holiday Safety Tips From Greenville Utilities



During this season of celebration, be sure that electric safety is on your "wish list."

- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use only insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails or tacks. Or, run strings of lights through hooks (available at hardware stores).
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

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2006 New Year's Eve Service

Sunday, December 31, 2006
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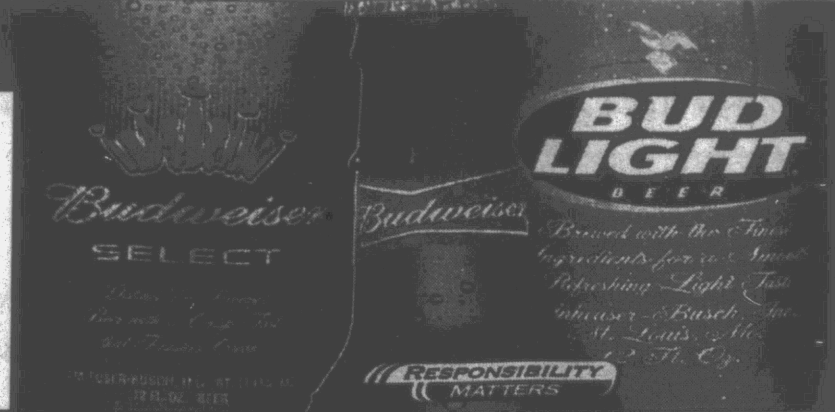
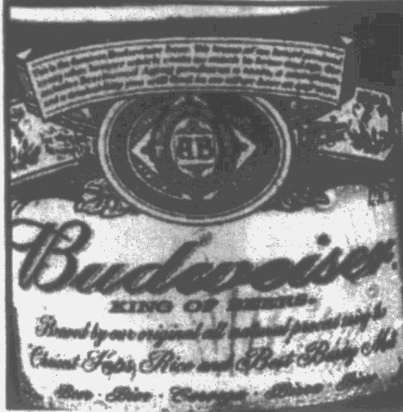
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Retirement Celebration for Mildren Council, MSW

Two retirement celebrations were recently held for Mildred Atkinson Council upon her retirement from the State of North Carolina after 32 years of service. The first was a reception held October 31 at the NC Department of Health and Human Services Office in Raleigh. The second celebration, held on November 01, 2006, was a retirement luncheon at the Beef Barn in Greenville. Mildred Atkinson Council began her career as a Social Worker II at Caswell Center in Kinston. She later became a Genetic Educator/Counselor/Community Development Specialist with the North Carolina Infant Mortality Program, where she worked for four years. She retired as a Sickle Cell Health Educator/Counselor serving patients in five eastern NC counties — Beaufort, Bertie, Hyde, Martin, and Pitt. Awards received during her retirement celebrations included a Certificate of Retirement from the State of North Carolina; the state of North Carolina Order of the Longleaf Pine from Governor Michael T. Easley; Outstanding Achievement Award for 26 years of Outstanding Service to the Sickle Cell Families and Citizens of North Carolina from the statewide program staff; a thank you angel from East Carolina University's Comprehensive Sickle Cell Clinic; a congratulations letter from Congressman G. K. Butterfield, First Congressional District of NC; and numerous cards and congratulation were received from family, friends, and colleagues throughout North Carolina and other states. Mrs. Council feels blessed to have served the sickle cell families and is most proud of those of who supported the Mildred A. Council Sickle Cell Scholarship, which she has created in her honor. This scholarship is for a person with sickle cell disease to be used for educational expenses while attending a two-year or four-year college.

Applications will be available from the NC Sickle Cell Foundation. Anyone who wishes to support the scholarship can call 252-757-1037 or 252-355-2284.

