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What lies behind his Badge

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Bell cop had early wild streak and a cabbie-bash rap

BY NICOLE BODE, MIKE JACCARINO, ALISON GENDAR, CRISTINA KINON, LAURA SCHREFFLER and TRACY CONNOR

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It was 8:30 on a spring morning and a gung-ho young cop named Mike Oliver was cracking down on double-parked cars outside an East Harlem livery base.

One cabdriver, African immigrant Moussa Ndiaye, got into an argument with the officer about moving the car and said he didn't have a license when Oliver demanded one.

Oliver, on the force barely a year, allegedly became enraged and shoved Ndiaye into the cab with enough force that his head shattered a car window.

"He grabbed my neck behind me," Ndiaye, 40, told the Daily News. "He pushed me to the car, again he pulled me to him and pushed me to the car again the second time. That's when my head hit the window.

"After my head hit the window, I fell down. ... My head was bleeding."

The May 1995 incident resulted in a report to the Civilian Complaint Review Board and led to a lawsuit by Ndiaye against Oliver. It was settled by the city for about $10,000.

But the case drew no public notice, and it probably would have stayed that way if Oliver hadn't fired 31 bullets outside a Queens strip club 11 years later.

To most New Yorkers, Oliver, 35, is the detective who emptied his weapon, reloaded and emptied it again, shooting at Sean Bell and his unarmed buddies on Nov. 25.

But the Daily News has uncovered new details about Oliver, from his youth in Clifton, N.J., to his late nights in Manhattan.

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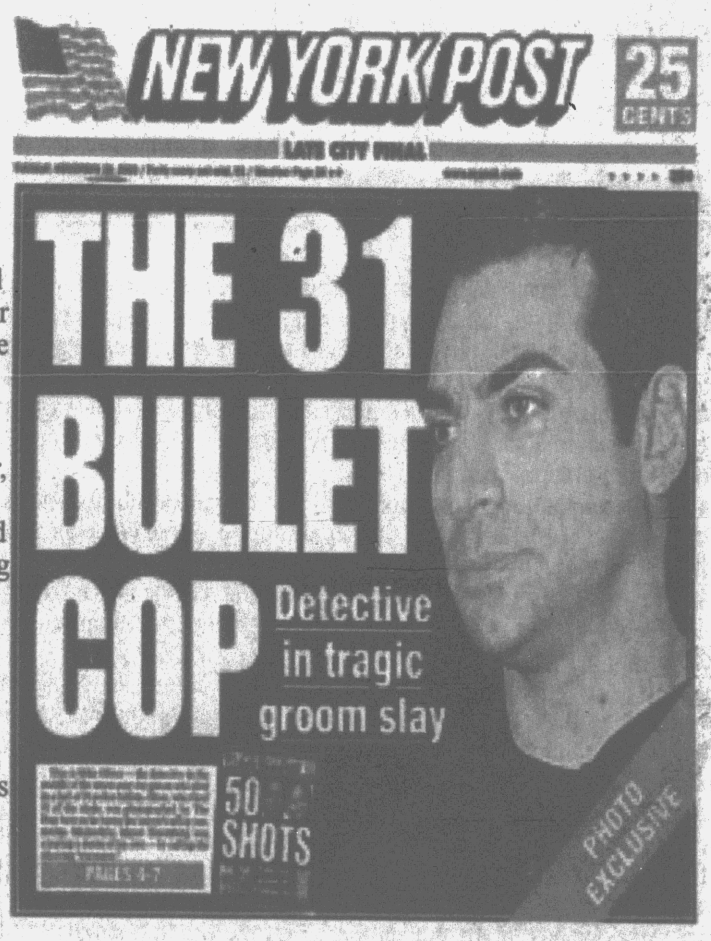

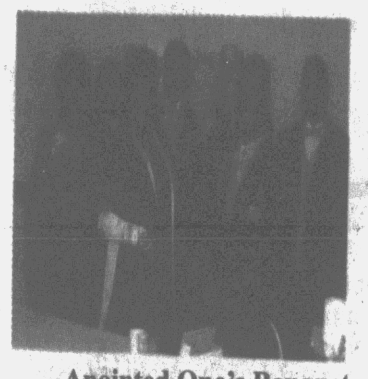

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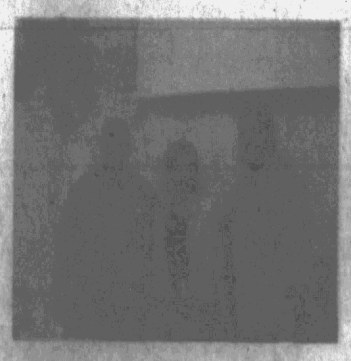

Ms. Katherine Ruffin
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READ THE M'VOICE

Recognizing Outstanding Role Models For Young Girls

The Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina Inc. held its inaugural Women of Distinction Banquet March 22 to honor 10 local women for their professional and personal accomplishments.

Lucille Gorham is a retired educator and active member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church who helped lead the church congregation to its new location in 2006. She hs devoted herself to the needs of the community at large, with special interest on the marginalized, and served on the school board in Pitt County for 14 years. She is a member of the ECU Educator's Hall of Fame.

Ella Tyson Harris is vice principal at J.H. Rose High School. For the past 20 years, she has planned and executed an annual senior citizens program, with support from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, that memorializes the contributions of African-American senior residents in Pitt County. She is a member of Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she is involved with the Senior Missionary Circle and Senior Choir.

Beatrice Maye is a retired educator and community activist. A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University with a double major in French and English, received a master's degree in library sciences from N.C. Central University. She integrated the faculty of Ayden High School in 1968. An avid reader and columnist, she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Society, a national nonprofit public service organization of women dedicated to assisting and supporting local communities.

She teaches a 16-week course for Pitt Community College at the Council of Aging. She has played a dominant role in the Davenport Neighborhood Association and was honored in 2003 for her devotion to improving the quality of life in this part of Greenville by having a park named in her honor. Ms Maye also has a coloumn printed in the Minority Voice Newspaper.

2007 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION . . . . . From left to right is Mrs Ella Tyson Harris, Mrs Lucille Gorham and Mrs Beatrice Maye posing for the M'Voice Newspaper. *photo by Jim Rouse*

NAACP Annual Banquet

The Pitt County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its annual Freedom Fund banquet at the City Hotel & Bistro. The Rev. William J. Barber II, president of the state NAACP, was the speaker for the event with the theme "Unification of the Dream: Equality, Education, Justice."

Pictured from left to right: Mr & Mrs Council, Mr & Mrs Henderson, Rev William Barber and Mr Earnest Lee

OPINION

How Severe Is Immigrants Impact on Employment?

Immigration is a highly contentious, pivotal issue and opinions range from locked against to strongly supportive. Though mixed, of course, Blacks' feelings are predominantly negative. The "new immigration" has obvious far-reaching ramifications for politics, the economy, public education and other key areas. (Black leaders were virtually silent concerning last year's immigrant rights national initiative.)

This column focuses on immigrant effects on employment – excerpts from a recent Public Policy Institute of California study, "How Immigrants Affect California Employment and Wages." It offers an opportunity to assess conservative-leaning researchers spin on immigration and its implications for Blacks. "One of the most contentious issues about immigration is how it affects the wages and employment opportunities of US natives. If immigrants hurt the labor market options of native workers, Californians should feel the most pain. California has a higher share of immigrants in its population and labor force than any other state, and by 2004, immigrants constituted one-third of the state's labor force and population.

The report analyzes the effect of immigration inflow on the employment, population and wages of US natives in California. It compares the size, trends and estimates of California native workers' behavior and wages to national averages.

The major findings have implications for the national debate and California. First, there is no evidence that the inflow of immigrants over the period 1960-2004 worsened the employment opportunities of natives with similar education and experience. No association was found between the inflow of immigrants and the out-migration of natives within the same education and age group. Second, according to the study's calculations, during 1990-2004, immigration caused a 4% real wage increase for the average worker. Third, the results indicate that recent immigrants did lower the wages of previous immigrants. Wages of immigrants who entered California before 1990 were 17 to 20% lower in 2004 than they would have been absent any immigration between 1990 and 2004.

The supposedly dire labor market effect of immigration is one reason why some politicians called for tougher measures against illegal immigrants during the last Congress. Moreover, the new Congress is likely to revisit potential reforms such as introducing guest worker and visa programs.

In 2004, California was home to almost 30% of all foreign-born individuals working in the United States. Moreover, one-third of the state's 15 million workers and two-thirds of those without a high school diploma were foreign-born individuals in population and labor force. During 1990 – 2004, alone, new immigrants increased the size of the foreign-born population by over 40%. A very large number of those individuals were poorly educated Mexican laborers.

The study poses the question: What is the effect of immigrants on wages? Immigrants increase the supply of labor. Hence, they should decrease the wages of native workers, reduce their employment opportunities

By: Larry Aubry
Los Angeles Sentinel

Problems Blacks Can't Escape From

The more the African American community tries to analyze how to pull itself up from the grips of despair, the more it opens itself up to greater criticism. It's is more difficult to have a public conversation without those who either exploit Black crisis or enjoy commenting on the state of the Black crisis, as some form of catharsis for why such problem continue to persist. The racists come out every time public intellectuals asset that the historical social construct has contributed to the problem. American stopped talking about race and the nation's complicit involvement in the creation of a race caste system. The emergence of classism and the persistence of poverty has crossed colorlines and makes it difficult to assert race as a primary source of the problem. And that's a problem. American society created the problem, but wants no responsibility in correcting the problem. Economic suppression is so great in poor communities that it is nearly impossible to escape from the social ills created by economics alone. Complicate this by poor education, poor health, poor family structures and poor values (choices), and you have a situation that Black people can't escape from.

It's a situation that, while not hopeless, leaves many feeling helpless. And where can the African American expect to get help from? America cut Black America loose twenty years ago. By the end of the Reagan Revolution, the separation, economic/social/political, was complete. We've spent the last twenty years looking for something that just isn't there. But unlike other races and cultures who turned inward to cultural values and community support systems, Black communities have turned on each other and there are few support systems to be found. That's a problem. Many in our community continue to be exploited by consumerism, gangsterism, and popular culturalism that undermines intelligence, morals, and discernment. This creates level of sophistication (or unsophistication) that makes it difficult for African Americans to relate to each other. Other cultures have generation gaps. The Black community has millennium gaps.

These gaps only empower other more than they otherwise would, and de-empower our communities in ways that are unbearable. How do we escape the realities of our communities throughout the country-that are no worse than slavery or segregation-but not give the oppressors of the nations more power than they should have? How do we escape the problems that are now becoming more than generational but intractable in how we see each other and how others see us? Only we can answer these questions. Questions like, why are so many Black men out of work (or the labor force)? Why are so many Black men in jail? Why are we the only race of people where the majority of families are headed by females? And if one more White person asks me, "Why can't Black people 'get it together'?" If I knew the answer, I'd be richer than Bill Gates. Certainly, if others wonder this about us, we certainly wonder it about ourselves. It can't be the issue of being poor-Black people have always been poor. It's can't be the issue of education-Black people were once barred from education. It's can't be the separation issue-Black men often went away, often-to find work, to escape the Klan, to escape the law, and the family survived. What makes 21st Century problems so difficult to escape? And what makes many in our society bask in watching the despair of Black America? Maybe they know that the social construct set up to work against Black America has finally engulfed it. Or that the disparities created by the construct to disadvantage Black America has finally consumed it. Or the frustrations over the injustices wages against Black America has caused it to turn on itself. Of course, the racists will say, "Nobody made them do it." Or, "if they'd just get off their lazy…or spend their money on homes and education instead of cars and bling-bling… and you see how it goes on and on. They say us as the problem, we see us as the problem, and nobody is prepared to solve the problem. One thing we have to acknowledge, though. This new iteration of slavery, of segregation that promotes a new form of social control, by remote control, that is just as effective as its forerunners. Black America knows there is a problem. They just can't escape it. And that's a problem. When do we turn to ourselves for the answers? There's no problem in turning to ourselves. Once, we find ourselves… damn, that's a problem too. Where's the escape? Escaping the problem is now Black America's biggest problem.

By: Anthony A. Samad

The Black Anglo Saxon

By: Darryl James

For all the talk of defining ourselves as African Americans, there are those of us who define ourselves based on the culture we have adopted, which is mostly European. While most of us pretend to be African American, many of us are really Black Anglo Saxons. James Earl Jones, an icon of the Black Anglo Saxons once mused that there is not Black culture, because culture is shaped by language and our language is English, therefore, our culture can not be anything else.

According to James Baldwin, "The making of an American begins at the point where he himself rejects all other ties, any other history and himself adopts the vesture of his adopted land. In the case of the Negro, the past was taken from him whether he would or no."

For many of us, Black History begins in America with our ancestors being brought over in chains from savage lands, delivered mercifully to civilization and Christianity, without which we surely would have perished.

And, even after a quiet admission that slavery could not be continued, inequities continued boundlessly, even extending to the chaining and abuse of our self-image and according self-worth. Even when we were supposedly free, from the end of slavery to the end of Jim Crow and to the beginning of integration, we were still being captured many times over and lied to about freedom, while accepting the lie of acceptance.

The goal all along has been to fit in, to melt with mainstream society, but many of us have done that so well that we've lost our own sense of history and our own sense of culture in favor of a culture that will never accept us.

And even some of us who claim to be Afrocentric know of little of that which is intrinsically African. For example, ask any so-called African American to name three Kings or three nations in Africa. Most of us have nothing that shows an intrinsic African understanding. Yet, even Italians who can't speak Italian know about Italy and Sicily, whether they have been there or not, and many have not. Hell, many Black Anglo Saxons know about Italy and Sicily, even though they know nothing of Africa as demonstrated by the wretchedly stupid rappers who take names of Italian gangsters with pride. The point is that even the Black Anglo Saxon who loves the rhetoric of being Afrocentric, has no intention of of making a real connection. That's why we hear talk of how we were once kings and queens, but those same talkers are doing anything but living like the heirs of royal blood.

And, ask them of Africa today, and they believe that the entire continent is rife with AIDS, civil wars and poverty. They accept this dismal view of Africa from American news reports, but have never been to Africa and have never discussed the continent with native Africans.

Many Black Anglo Saxons want to be as quiet and as non-confrontational as possible, which often means exonerating people who commit crimes against our community simply because they have made empty overtures to us as in the case of former President Clinton, or when they are causing damage to our images as in the case of 50 Cents.

Blind and silly Negroes are still running around calling William Jefferson Clinton the first Black president, tacitly ignoring the fact that Black college enrollment began to decline and Black imprisonment began a step incline during his watch.

And, Black Anglo Saxons are afraid to do what is necessary to garner freedom, which includes chastising our own in order to protect our community. We saw South Africa gain it's independence with the use of direct and productive tactics, including "Necklacing," where a tire was foisted around the neck of a sellout, filled with kerosene and set ablaze, ending the life of the sellout and showing the world that the community was unafraid to go to war within and without.

But the Black Anglo Saxon is afraid of real revolution. When 50 Cent worked with Paramount to assault the inner city Black psyche with him cooning with guns displayed prominently on posters in Black neighborhoods, silly Negroes meekly attacked Paramount and still loved 50, excusing the moron's poor behavior simply because he is Black.

The community should have gathered around 50 and beat the snot out of his nose, but he gets defended or even lauded as a role model simply because he is making money. And, some of the same Black men and women who refuse to take him to task, rage loudly otherwise about the destruction done by rappers and rap music, forgetting that Russell Simmons, Puff Daddy and Jay-Z have all profited from harming our community even as we laud them for amassing cash from doing such harm.

Entertainers in days gone by ranging from Eartha Kitt, Sidney Poitier and Muhammad Ali placed their careers on the line for what they believed, but today, Black Anglo Saxons are more concerned about the entertainer who makes money.

And, Black Anglo Saxons love their well-paid entertainers so much that when one of us attacks a cooning comedian or buffooning rapper, the Black Anglo Saxons will come to their defense. For example, I attacked Tyler Perry for dressing up like a woman, diminishing the Black male image, while desecrating the Black female image and Black Anglo Saxons from both sides attacked me, seeing nothing wrong with the destruction of our image.

Politically, we can't even make decisions that will benefit us as a body. Most of us align ourselves with the Democrats — a party that systematically put Black men out of the house courtesy of the Welfare system and created generations of women who raised Black children alone and then began to blame the fathers for being absent. On the other hand, the Republican Party has tacitly ignored the blatant racism and classism in its own party to get some of us to return to their side, while doing nothing for any of us.

We have true models to define our next phase of existence. Those models come from our history in America, and our history in Africa.

The African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) were Black governments, even when they had no true governing party. African Americans have no government and no governing party-the Congressional Black Congress is toothless and impotent, governing nothing and not even attempting to.

The Black Anglo Saxon wants nothing more than to be embraced by mainstream America, while separating all ties with the Black Americans who are left at the bottom of society be generations of the cream rising to the top and flowing out of the community.

The Black Anglo Saxons first appeared as free slaves who were accepted in some quarters of White society and so began to pretend at assimilation while looking down at the Negroes they believed "chose" to be left behind.

These new Negroes disconnected from their people and even today, pronounce loudly that "I don't know nothing 'bout Africa."

But Black Anglo Saxons perhaps got the biggest boost in membership after integration, when more Negroes than ever before were allowed into the White world, where they could pretend that they were no longer the same as those "lower economic people" left behind in the economically depressed urban areas all across America.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs Beatrice Maye

Suggestions: What Fathers Should Teach Their Sons

1. If you speak disparagingly of the opposite sex, or if you refer to females as Sex objects, those attitudes will translate directly into dating and marital relationships later on.
2. Your goal is to prepare a boy to lead a family when he's grown and to show him how to earn the respect of those he serves.
3. It is great to laugh and have fun with his friends, but advise him to not be "goofy." Guys who are goofy are not respected, and people, especially girls and women, do not follow boys and men whom they disrespect. "Goofy means silly or odd."
4. It is never, never right to hit a girl under any circumstances. Remind him that she is not as strong as he is and that she is deserving of his respect.
5. Not only should he not hurt her, but he should protect her if she is threatened.
6. When he is strolling along with a girl on the street, he should walk on the outside, nearer the cars.
7. When he is on a date, he should pay for her food and entertainment.
8. Girls should not call boys on the telephone-at least not until a committed relationships has developed.
9. Guys must be the initiators, planning the dates and asking for the girl's company.
10. Teach your son to open doors for girls and to help them with their coats or their chairs in a restaurant.
11. When a guy goes to her house to pick up his date, tell him to get out of the car and knock on the door. Never honk.
12. Tell him to stand, in formal situations, when a woman leaves the room or a table or when she returns. This is a way of showing respect for her. If he treats her like a lady, she will treat him like a man. It's a great plan.
13. Put forth a concerted effort in teaching sexual abstinence to your teenagers, just as you teach them to abstain from drug and alcohol usage and other harmful behavior.
14. Young people are fully capable of understanding that irresponsible sex is not in their best interest and that it leads to disease, unwanted pregnancy, rejection, etc.
15. Tell your sons there is no safety or no place to hide, when one lives in contradiction to the laws of God.
16. Remind them repeatedly and emphatically of the biblical teachings about sexually immortality and why someone who violates those laws not only hurts himself, but also wounds the girl and cheats the man she will eventally marry. Tell them not to take anything that doesn't belong to them, especially the purity of a woman.
17. Tell the guys that sex is progressive in nature. That is just the way we are made. Tell them not to start the engine if they don't intend to let it run.
18. Make it clear that sexual morality is not just right and proper; it is one of the keys to a healthy marriage and family life.

REMEMBER:
Our Heavenly Father will answer your prayers for your kids if you turn to him. He will guide them through the storms of adolescence. But it will not do for you what you can and must do for yourself, and that is what we are here to talk about.

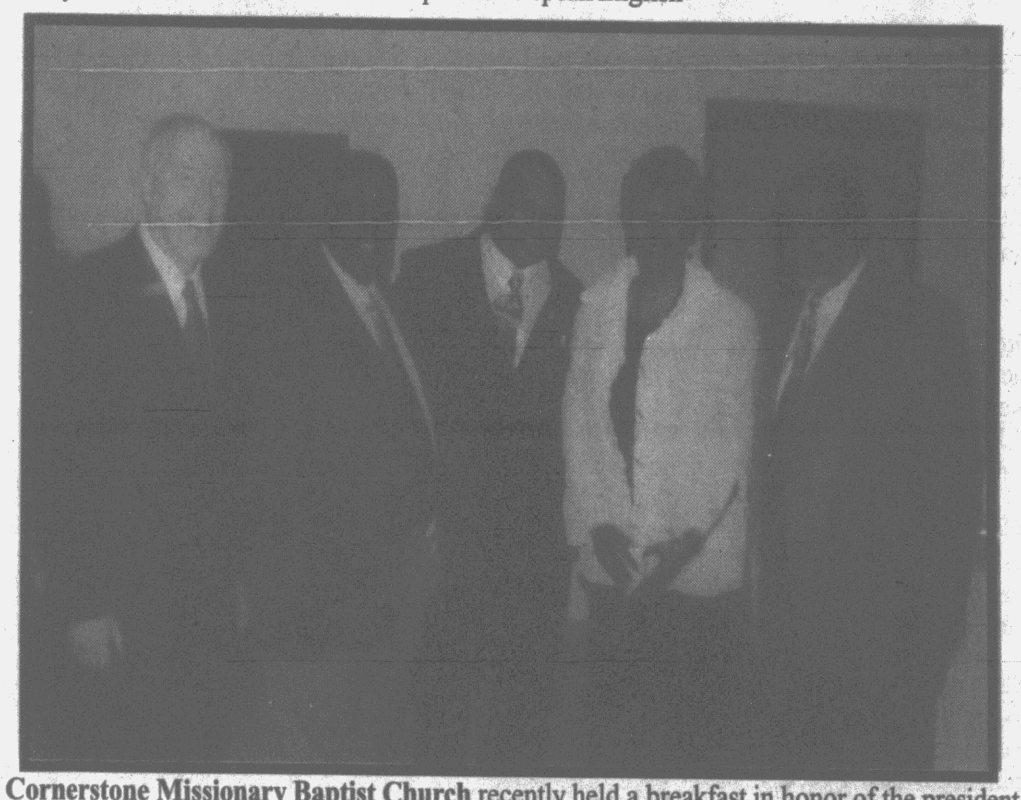
Taken from:
"FATHERS & SONS"
byDr. James Dobson

"We Can't Blame White People"
By: Bill Cosby

"They're standing on the corner and they can't speak English. I can't even talk the way these people talk:

Why you ain't,
Where you is,
What he drive,
Where he stay,
Where he work,
Who you be.....

And I blamed the kid until I heard the mother talk. And then I heard the father talk.
Everybody knows it's important to speak English except these knuckleheads. You can't be a doctor with that kind of crap coming out of your mouth. In fact, you will never get any kind of job making a decent living. People marched and were hit in the face with rocks to get an education, and now we've got these knuckleheads walking around. The lower economic people are not holding up their end in this deal.
These people are not parenting. They are buying things for kids. $500 sneakers for what? And they won't spend $ 200.00.



Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church recently held a breakfast in honor of the president of Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Foundation who was in town to meet the mayor of Greenville and County Commissioners. Shown above is President of PCC , Dr. Massey; Ray Rogers, County Commissioner Melvin McLawhorn, Dr. Miller, and Pastor Sydney Locke of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church.

Photo by Bro. Jim Rouse

Reflections

Suejette A. Jones

First Black Woman in NC State Senate

State Senator Jeanne Lucas, the daughter of a laundry presser who used smarts and self-confidence to become the first black woman in the state Senate died recently. She entered the Senate as a novice politician in 1993 after spending decades as a school administrator and Democratic Party functionary. She was a foremost a teacher. Though decades removed from her Hillside High School (Durham, NC). Spanish classes by the time she arrived in the Senate, she often spoke with passion about teacher pay, standardized testing and education reform. Lucas, who grew up wearing hand-me-downs, was known by some in the Senate as "Queen Jeanne" because of her manicured appearance and her rank…she served for a time as the chamber's majority whip.
She was outgoing by nature and thrived in politics in part because she was supremely loyal. Lucas began her political career in 1972 as a favor to a friend who had recently become chairwoman of the Durham County Democratic Party. The friend needed votes to keep the post, so Lucas ran for the vice chairman spot on her precinct board. Lucas nominated herself and started listing her qualifications, and the people elected her.
Lucas gradually became more involved in Democratic politics over the next two decades, serving as everything from precinct chairwoman to national convention delegate. She was rewarded for her work in 1993 when she was tapped to replace state Senator Ralph Hunt. It was the first and only elected office she ever held. Now that she is gone, her two-year term in the Senate's 20th District seat will be replaced. Flags were lowered to half staff during her death and burial.

"Know your Black Leaders who made African –

American First…"

ONE WHO IS STRONGER

There is a continuous failure to correct evils and wrongs of mankind simply because the human methods of reform fail and they do so because they do not come to grips with the essential problem. All our efforts to correct the evils we see in life are simply rearrangements of the difficulties. We succeed only in stirring them around a bit until they take a different form. Our methods can never solve the essential problem of evil because they cannot come to grips with the power of Satan. We cannot threaten Satan from within his dominion: only a stronger, outside agency can threaten the strangehold of the evil one on our world and our lives. "No clever arrangement of bad eggs will make a good omelet." And when the full cycle of problems is run through, it begins again, and we say, " History repeats itself."

The usual methods of human reform are legislation, education, and improved environment. Every problem we face is usually approached by using one of these reforms, if not all three combined. Legislation is the law— the attempt to control the behavior of the outward man. Law alone can do nothing to alter the inward man. It does not change the basic nature of man but merely restricts him under certain conditions. Education is one of the worst so-called remedies for a deranged personality or a twisted minds. Scripture tells us that we are all born into this world with twisted minds. (Some are more twisted than others, which is why most of us consider ourselves "normal," while thinking the other fellow is the one who is "twisted"). To educate criminal is a far more clever, far more subtle, and far more dangerous than the ignorant criminal. The educated mind may have a thin veneer of sophistication hiding his corrupt personality from view, but the corruption is there nonetheless. Education does not change the core of a man or woman — it only makes him or her more clever, and potentially more destructive. An improved environment does not change a person either. When you take a man out of the slums, for example, and put him into a nicer environment, you do absolutely nothing to the man himself. In a little while he'll make that new environment the slum as well. So taking a man out of the slums does not necessarily take the slums out of the man.
This is not to say that these reforms have no value. We should have laws for the sake of an orderly society. We should have education for the sake of a literate and effective society. And we should improve the living conditions of all men and women, for the sake of a just, compassionate, and decent society. But none of these reforms has the power to counteract the invisible spiritual forces that are at war against us. Christians are perfectly justified by the Word of God when they say there is no other answer to the problem of man; that there is no other power that can touch the basic problem of human life "except through Jesus alone." (John 14:6). He is the stronger one. There is no other.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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America has become a corrupt and sinful nation. There are many professihg Christians who live ungodly lifestyles. We break God's commandments and don't feel it's wrong. Satin has blinded us to the truth. We have lost the fear of the consequences for not loving and obeying God. (Luke 12:4, 5 & Matt. 10:28). We need to get a backbone to stand up for our God-given rights. This country was founded upon Christian-Judeo values and our rights to practice our Christian faith in public have slowly been stripped away from us.
We are in a battle that we dare not ignore. We can not sit back and let sin rule this land.
Write your senators and representatives and let them know where you stand. Pray for our leaders and our nation that we will turn back to God. We can be saved by faith in Christ (Romans10:8-13). But we cannot keep on sinning (Romans6:1-13 & Matt. &:21-23). Jesus Christ deserves our whole-hearted devotion (Rev.3:15, 16-Matt.22:35-40 I John 5:3, 4). If this nation does not repent, we have only begun to see our troubles. to escalate. God in love and mercy disciplines us for our own good. (Deut.8:5,6 Heb. 12:5-13&Rev.3:19). God loves America and wants us to come back to Him. We need to humble ourselves before God and seek his face, pray and turn from our wicked ways. Then He will hear from heaven, Forgive our sins and heal our land. (IIChron.7:14) Promises for obeying God can be found in Deut. 28:1-14. Consequences for disobeying God can be found in Deut.28:15-68). The Choice is ours.(Deut.30:1-20).
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Badge . . .

The handsome, dark-haired cop now under indictment for manslaughter grew up in Clifton, then a white, working-class suburb.

He dropped out of Clifton High School after his junior year and enrolled at Passaic County Technical and Vocational High School. A school official said he got a GED.

Friends from that era have mostly fond memories of him, though some said he ran with a rough-and-tumble crowd.

"He was a genuine true friend - pretty sincere," said former classmate Lou Dakis, 35, who still lives in Clifton. "The kind of guy that would stick up for you."

Donald Mastrogiovanni, 40, met Oliver and his sister at a skating rink in Wallington, N.J., which became their hangout.

"Not once did I hear him raise his voice," he said. "I never seen him aggressive. I never seen him mad."

Mastrogiovanni said he invited Oliver to his house one Easter and remembers the polite teen made a good impression on his parents.

But it seems that Oliver also had a wild streak.

Another pal, who asked that his name not be used, said Oliver took part in plenty of hell-raising in Clifton.

"Everything that we did was excessive," the friend said. "When we partied, we did things full throttle."

And it appears Oliver carried his thirst for the nightlife well into adulthood.

He's been identified as a fixture at several Manhattan hot spots, including Bungalow 8, where he was known as Undercover Mike.

"He used to party a ton with Jamie [Mullholland] and crew since the days of their first big club, Pangaea," said one insider.

Mullholland, who co-owned Pangaea, now runs Cain in Chelsea, Oliver's latest stomping ground. Oliver dates Cain's VIP hostess, Tara Lee Borsman, a petite brunette.

"I am dating him. I have been dating him," the 27-year-old told The News. "Hopefully, everybody will respect my privacy."

It was Oliver's ties to Cain that led to his infamous postindictment meal at swank eatery Nello's, where the tab was $4,200.

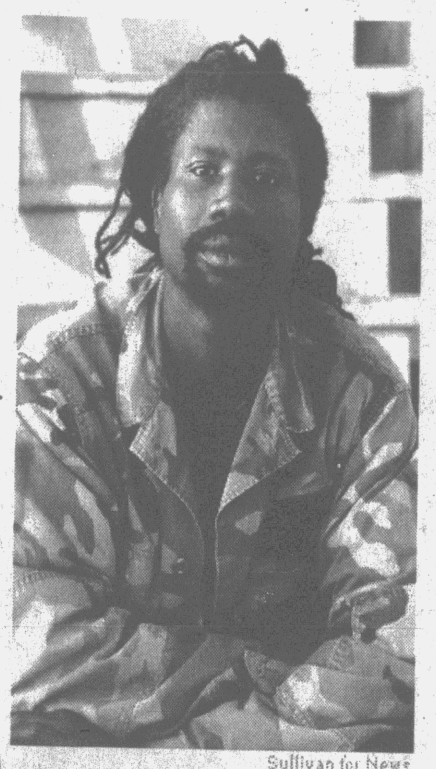
Despite earlier reports, sources said Oliver was not the guest of honor at the March 17 get-together, which Bell supporters blasted as a "slap in the face" to the slain bridegroom and his wounded friends.

The soiree was thrown for Cain hostess Lauren Henley by a free-spending client, and Oliver was invited by another attendee.

"I thought you were keeping a low profile," Henley told Oliver when he showed up to the dinner, according to her aunt Holly Grant.

Manhattan may be Oliver's playground, but he makes his home outside the borough - perhaps too far outside for a member of the NYPD.

"My information is that my client lives in New York City," Oliver's attorney James Cullerton told The News.



Sullivan for News

Cabdriver Moussa Ndiaye, 41, outside his apartment last month.

Oliver has registered his 2000 Lexus SUV and 2002 Yamaha motorcycle in Queens, but he owns a condo in Clifton, where he's seen regularly.

Property records show Oliver bought the apartment for $274,900 last May. If it's his primary home, it would violate state residency laws for cops.

A Clifton neighbor said a man who matches Oliver's description moved in last summer, stays there full time and "does go out a lot at night."

The man identified himself to the neighbor as an electrician named Mike Oliver, but the license plate on the Lexus parked there matches the detective's.

A tax lien against Oliver from 2000 listed an address in Fresh Meadows, Queens, but a man answering the phone there shed no light on Oliver's whereabouts.

"He lived here, he didn't live here," the man said. "Why don't you check with the Police Department?"

Like the other cops involved in the Bell shooting, Oliver is the target of an internal NYPD investigation, and his residency is likely to come under scrutiny.

Since the fatal shooting outside the Kalua Cabaret in Jamaica, the NYPD has released few details about Oliver, but officials did say he had never fired his gun until that night and has logged more than 600 arrests.

One of those arrests was the cabbie, Ndiaye, who was hit with disorderly conduct and resisting-arrest charges after his dustup with Oliver. The charges were later dropped.

Two months after Ndiaye and Oliver crossed paths on Second Ave. and 105th St., the immigrant filed suit. The city corporation counsel settled the case for about $10,000, said Ndiaye's lawyer Michael Lee Wittman.

Oliver's lawyer said he was unaware of the lawsuit.

"If these allegations were true, don't you think my client would have been arrested?" Cullerton told The News. "Wouldn't the Police Department have brought charges?

The CCRB did not open an official probe into the incident because they could not reach the witness, cabbie Abdel Fall, who filed the initial complaint, officials said.

But The News located Fall and he backed up Ndiaye's account. Ndiaye, who has moved out of New York, said the blow from Oliver knocked him out and he was taken to the hospital in handcuffs.

On the ambulance ride, Ndiaye said Oliver told him, "I don't know what you're doing here. I'm going to send you back to Africa."

"Whatever any problem I have with him, he should have not tell me 'I'm going to send you back to your country,'" Ndiaye said.

"That was not about moving the car. That was about something he had deep inside him. That was some anger he had inside him against black people," the cabbie added.

Until he was contacted by The News, Ndiaye did not realize the officer who arrested him in 1995 was the cop in the Bell case. But he said he didn't need the details of the shooting to tell him that Oliver was a loose cannon.

"I know that day, if I [made] a little move, look like I was going to swing on him, he was going to kill me! He could have pulled out his gun," he said.

"What a dangerous man."

Oliver's lawyer expressed concern the details could poison the jury pool.

"I have no idea what the true facts are," Cullerton said.

"[But] if they were true, the city would never settle any case for $10,000. That's a nuisance settlement."

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Many times we settle for less because we think less of ourselves. According to Psalm 139:14, "I will praise thee; for I am **fearfully** and **wonderfully made**: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." If God thinks that highly of me, why would I depreciate His thoughts by thinking less of myself? Learn to love yourself. Learn to appreciate who God has created you to be. Don't allow the opinions of others to cause you to depreciate in value. If God took the time to create you, He knew that you would be great investment property. Begin to believe that anyone who I come in contact with will increase in value, because I am valuable.

One night in Bible Study my Pastor spoke such a profound word that it changed my whole outlook on life. She simply stated, "Anyone or anything that I connect or attach myself to instantly goes up in value because I add value." I caught that "Word" as it was lingering in the atmosphere. If you begin to think highly of yourself, others, in return, will think the same about you. Appreciate your attitude, your look, your talk, or anything associated with you. Dare to see the cup half full and not half empty.

As Paul encouraged the singles, learn how to be content or satisfied in the state you're in at this present time. Embrace it with joy. You must first understand that you have been positioned for that place of single-hood for this moment. Maximize your potential. Go after that career, start that business, invest in stocks and bonds, buy your first house, or buy the car of your dreams. As a single person, you have greater freedom.

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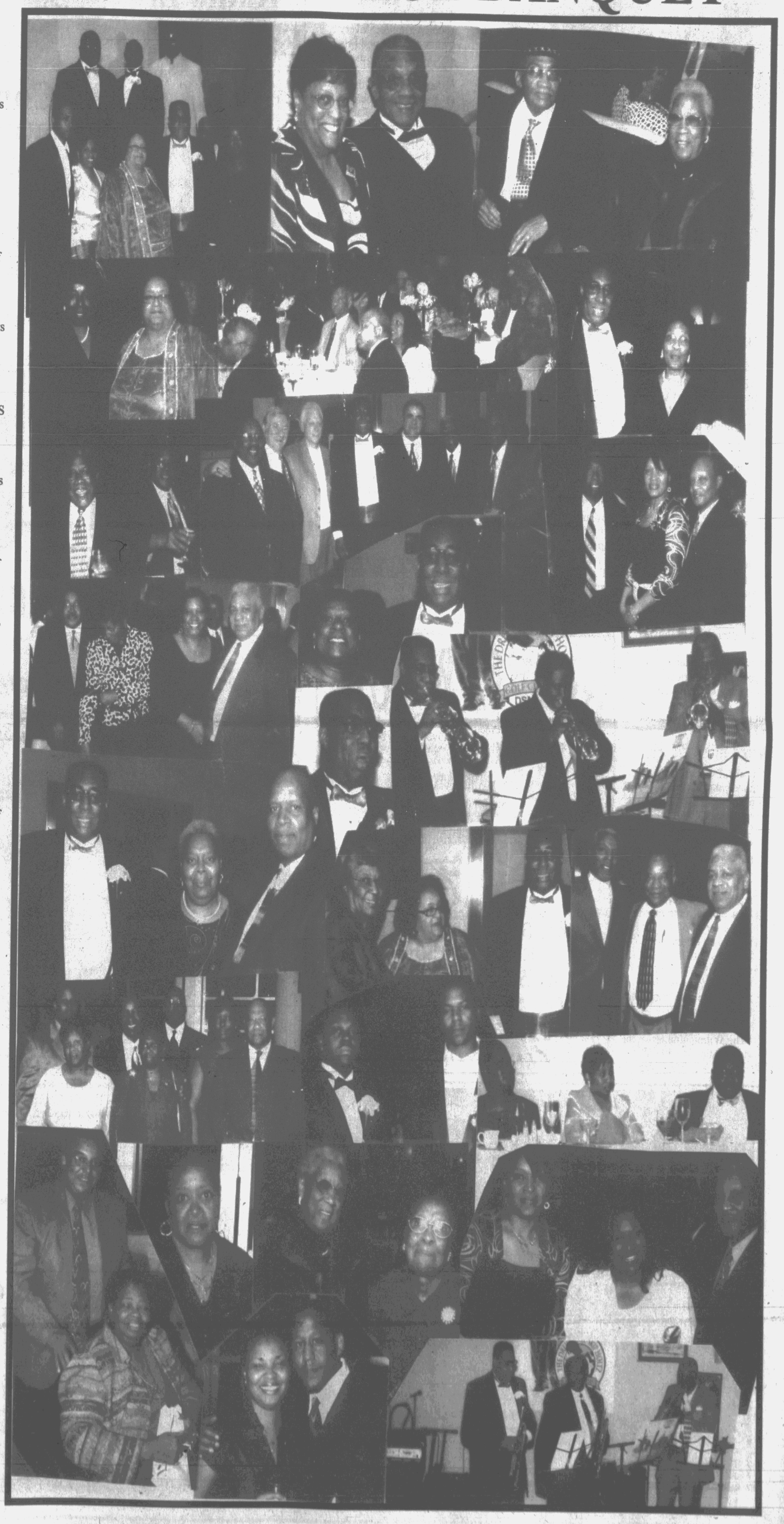

How Severe Is Immigrants Impact on Employment?

By: Larry Aubry
Los Angeles Sentinel

Immigration is a highly contentious, pivotal issue and opinions range from locked against to strongly supportive. Though mixed, of course, Blacks' feelings are predominantly negative. The "new immigration" has obvious far-reaching ramifications for politics, the economy, public education and other key areas. (Black leaders were virtually silent concerning last year's immigrant rights national initiative.)

This column focuses on immigrant effects on employment – excerpts from a recent Public Policy Institute of California study, "How Immigrants Affect California Employment and Wages." It offers an opportunity to assess conservative-leaning researchers spin on immigration and its implications for Blacks. "One of the most contentious issues about immigration is how it affects the wages and employment opportunities of US natives. If immigrants hurt the labor market options of native workers, Californians should feel the most pain. California has a higher share of immigrants in its population and labor force than any other state, and by 2004, immigrants constituted one-third of the state's labor force and population.

The report analyzes the effect of immigration inflow on the employment, population and wages of US natives in California. It compares the size, trends and estimates of California native workers' behavior and wages to national averages.

The major findings have implications for the national debate and California. First, there is no evidence that the inflow of immigrants over the period 1960-2004 worsened the employment opportunities of natives with similar education and experience. No association was found between the inflow of immigrants and the out-migration of natives within the same education and age group. Second, according to the study's calculations, during 1990-2004, immigration caused a 4% real wage increase for the average worker. Third, the results indicate that recent immigrants did lower the wages of previous immigrants. Wages of immigrants who entered California before 1990 were 17 to 20% lower in 2004 than they would have been absent any immigration between 1990 and 2004.

The supposedly dire labor market effect of immigration is one reason why some politicians called for tougher measures against illegal immigrants during the last Congress. Moreover, the new Congress is likely to revisit potential reforms such as introducing guest worker and visa programs. In 2004, California was home to almost 30% of all foreign-born individuals working in the United States. Moreover, one-third of the state's 15 million workers and two-thirds of those without a high school diploma were foreign-born individuals in population and labor force. During 1990 – 2004, alone, new immigrants increased the size of the foreign-born population by over 40%. A very large number of those individuals were poorly educated Mexican laborers.

The study poses the question: What is the effect of immigrants on wages? Immigrants increase the supply of labor. Hence, they should decrease the wages of native workers, reduce their employment opportunities

SENATOR SHAW CALLS SLAVERY BILL "A START"

SENATOR SHAW CALLS SLAVERY BILL "A START", WEEK OF APRIL 5-11, 2007
by CASH MICHAELS
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A prominent African-American state senator says a proposed slavery apology bill on behalf of North Carolina "is a start," but clearly isn't enough.

"It's a great step in the right direction," State Sen. Larry Shaw (D- Cumber-land), "but there should be some remedies for the having done this kind of thing."

"When they interred the Japanese-Americans in this country, Congress came back and gave some type of compensation. I'm not going to call it reparations," Shaw continued.

Ironically, state lawmakers have yet to act on long promised reparations to the survivors of North Carolina's forced sterilization program for poor women, nor has it acted on the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot report. Lawmakers in the House have yet to take up Rep. Larry Womble's bill to require all companies doing business with the state to reveal any history of profiting from the slave trade in the past that it may have.

"The Wilmington issue, the sterilization issue – these acts were carried out by the establishment, the status quo…and to just say 'I'm sorry' is just not quite enough. There needs to be some type of address to the situation in some form or fashion."

Following in the path of Virginia's recent apology to African-Americans for slavery, state Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand has introduced a similar bill this week that would put North Carolina on record as expressing "profound regret" for its part in the slave trade. Rand's bill is co-sponsored by 35 of the Senate's 50 members, and calls for racial healing and reconciliation among the state's populace. Maryland has also officially passed a resolution apologizing for slavery, while Georgia and Missouri are still debating the issue.

Rand says he ran the bill by the Senate members of the NC Legislative Black Caucus before submitting it. Sen. Shaw confirmed that he did see the bill before it was filed. It is not know what position the NC Legislative Black

Caucus has taken on the measure, if any.

Published reports say the bill has bipartisan support, and that House Speaker Joe Hackney is supportive.

Still, Shaw says, to ignore real issues or redress that require some tangible action in terms of policy and dollars, but to symbolic exult what amounts to an apology without action, means little to African-Americans.

"It appears that it might be just a 'feel good' bill."

Still, Shaw believes it is an important "first step."

"I think it's long overdue. There should be some admission of wrongdoing here, but that's just the beginning."

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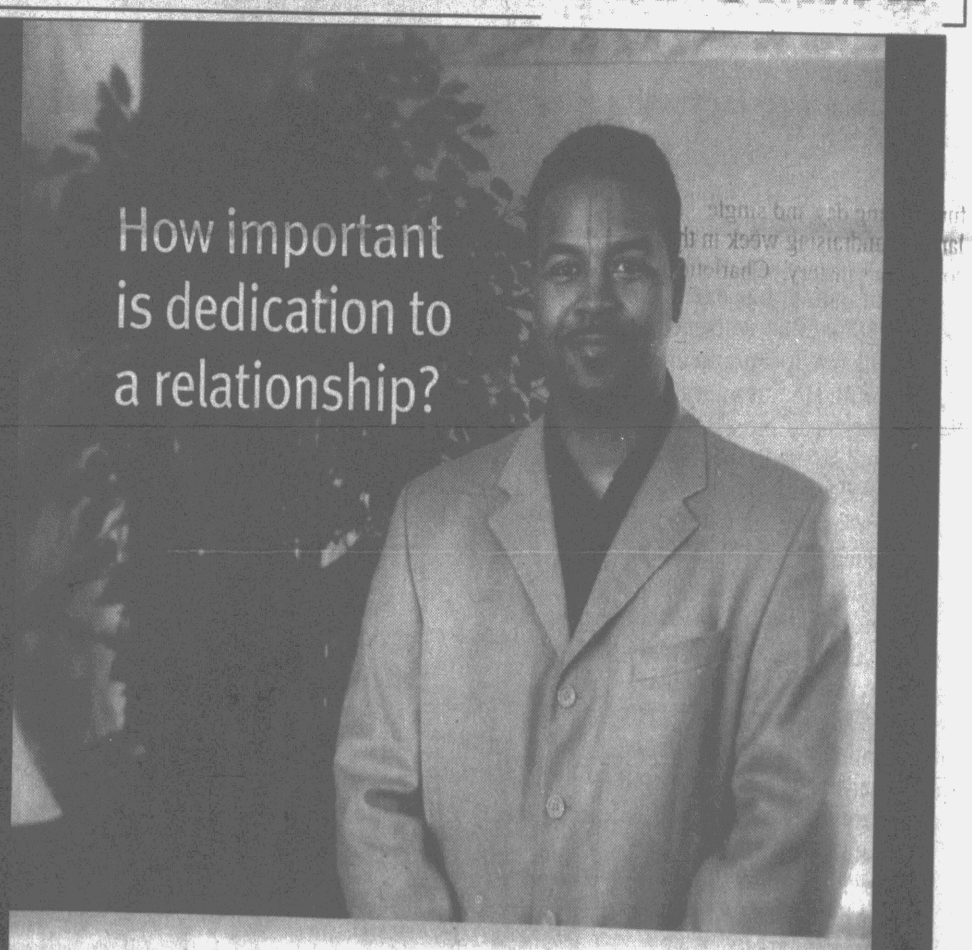

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Easter Seals UCP and Food Lion Partner to Raise $ 2.7 million for Children With Disabilities

Easter Seals UCP North Carolina and Food Lion reported a record breaking year for its annual Shop & Care Program, which has raised funds for 16 years to provide services for children with disabilities and their families throughout the State of North Carolina.

"We are extremely pleased to report that this year's effort has raised $2 million for critical programs and services in communities across the North Carolina," said Connie Cochran, President and CEO of Easter Seals UCP North Carolina.

"The wonderful support of Food Lion employees, vendors, and brokers, and the incredible generosity of Food Lion customers make an enormous positive impact on the quality of life for the individuals and families our organization serves." An additional $700,000 in Easter Seals hang tags raised in Food Lion stores in other Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states will support local Easter Seals programs.

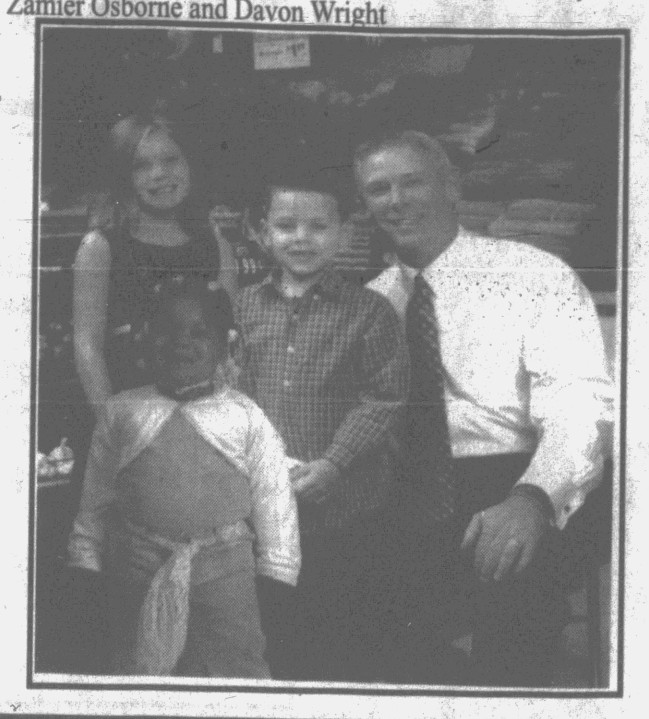
Food Lion and its customers teamed up with manufacturers and brokers to raise money for children with disabilities. Manufacturers and brokers supported Easter Seals UPC through 243 participating products in 496 NC Stores while customers made donations during checkout at all 1200 Food Lion stores company wide. Over 1.5 million hang tags were purchased during the month of February and displayed throughout Food Lion stores. Food Lion experienced breakthrough results this year with the single largest fundraising day and single largest fundraising week in the company's history. Charlotte based ad agency Concentric Marketing contributed creative support, designing the program's in-store and advertising materials.

The Easter Seals UPC – Food Lion partnership began sixteen years ago as an effort to address the growing need for services among children with disabilities and their families across the state of North Carolina. The partnership has raised $15 million to date, and provided thousands of children with early intervention services, physical, speech and occupational therapy, inclusive childcare, theraputic foster care, and respite care for families.

"Food Lion is committed to supporting diversity and inclusion of all people. We value the contributions individuals with disabilities make in our communities and believe that everyone should have the same opportunities to reach their goals and achieve a personal sense of greatness," said Food Lion president and CEO, Rick Anicetti. That's why we support Easter Seals UPC and their mission of providing help, hope and independence to children living with disabilities."

Easter Seals UPC North Carolina's mission is to create opportunities, promote individual choice, and change the lives of children and adults with disabilities by maximizing their individual potential for living, learning and working in their communities. Through its community-based programs, Easter Seals UCP serves more than 15,000 individuals with disabilities and families daily. Easter Seals UCP spends nearly 90 cents of each dollar it receives for home and community-based services including early education and

Food Lion's CEO, Rick Annicetti visits with Easter Seals UCP 2007 Shop&Care Representatves Kaitlyn Easley, Zamier Osborne and Davon Wright



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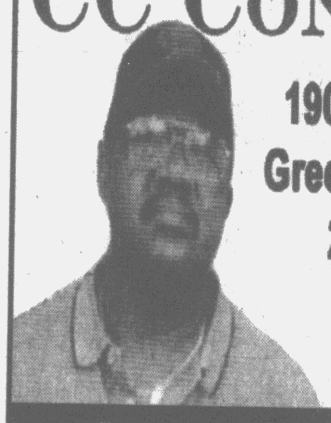

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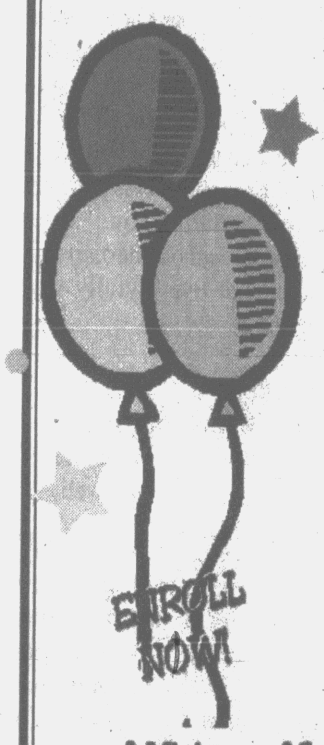

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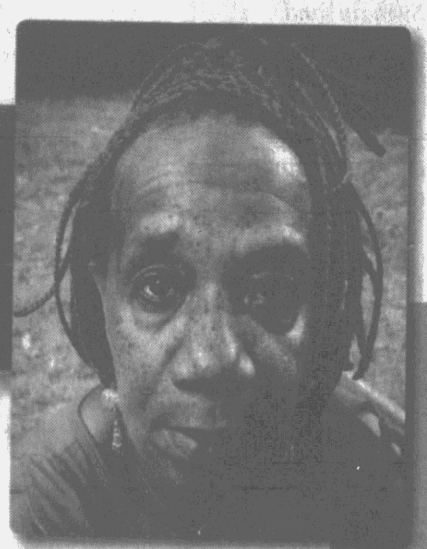

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Donation and African Americans

More than 93,000 Americans are waiting for organ transplants. The need for organs grows each day, especially among minority communities. While 12% of the U.S. population is African American, 35% of those awaiting transplants are African American. Syvil Burke, of Duke University's Transplant and Dialysis Services said, "As I watch the number of African Americans waiting for organs increase, just knowing that one donor can save up to eight lives gives me the energy to tell the good news. Organ donation saves lives."

To learn more or to become an organ donor, please visit www.carolinadonorservices.org or call 1-800-200-2672.

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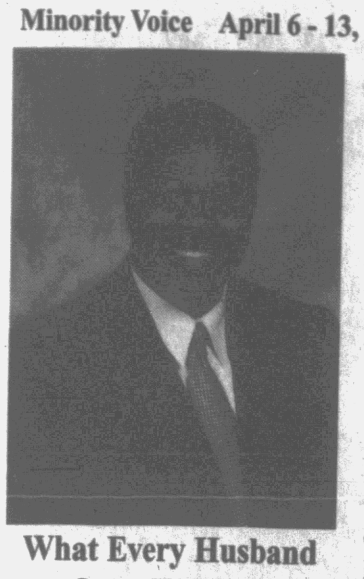

What Every Husband Owes His Wife

Marriage is the union of a man and a woman as husband and wife, which becomes the foundation for the home and the family. God instituted marriage when he declared it is not good that man should be alone. God then created a WOMAN and brought her to the man. We need to go back to the Bible and do marriage God's way.

I Corinthians 7:3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

In marriage, the husband and wife owe each other. You cannot have a self-center life in marriage wondering what your spouse can do for you. You have to bring something to the table. The Amplified Bible states that the husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights (goodwill, kindness, and what is due her as his wife), and likewise the wife to her husband.

What Every Husband Owes His Wife

1. Love

Husbands vow to love their wives – not based on if the wife continues to look the way she was when they first married, if she can cook like his mother, or do all the things he wants her to do. The love has to be unconditional. Love is a decision that you make. You love the one that you set your affection towards.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it

The love husbands have for their spouses will cause them to give themselves for their wife. Husbands have to lay down a part of their lives for their spouses as Christ laid down his life for the church. For example, if it is cold outside and the family needs something from the store, the husband should go. Do not send your wife. If your family is going through financial pressure, do not send your wife to talk to the creditor. You do it. It is your responsibility to take the load.

2. Provisions

Ex 21:10 If he take him another wife, her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish

When a man takes a woman to be his wife, she should not have anything less than what she already has. Men are responsible of taking care of their wives and wives need to live within their husband's means. If a wife works outside of the home, she is helping the husband carry out his responsibility.

3. Nurture & Intimacy

I Corinthians 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

If husbands and wives are not intimate with one another or have romance in the marriage, the Bible says they are giving place to the devil. Husbands need to build up their wives and minister to their womanhood. He should spend time with her and speak kind words to her. In Genesis' 26:8, Isaac was "sporting" with his wife Rebekah. Sporting means he was fooling around with his wife. This is fit, proper and necessary in the marital relationship. Keep courting throughout the marriage. Rejoice and live joyfully with your wife.

4. Fidelity

Prov 5:15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

Every man owes his wife fidelity, honesty, and truth in their relationship. Be true at home. When Christians get married, there is a covenant relationship that is established. There is a spiritual union that takes place when two believers come together. Afterwards, the anointing of God comes upon you and you are graced to be married to one another.

5. Godly Leadership

I Cor 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

God set the order in the home and he made husbands to be the head. In order to be a godly leader, the husband must submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. You must lead the way into the things of God. God looks to husbands to stand in the gap and make up the hedge around their families (Ezek 22:30). The husband should take responsibility for the family while not abusing his position of authority.

6. Time

Eph 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Time is the number one thing that wives want from their husbands. How and where you invest the most of your time displays the most important things to you. Giving your time to your wife is giving yourself to her. She longs to be first on your list of priorities. Have a set time to spend with your spouse. Do things as a couple. Time together keeps couples out of trouble.

7. Honor

I Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Husbands should esteem their wives highly. You have to treat her delicately. Give her your best because she deserves the best. Respect her as a lady and always, always, remember special days.

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Maya Angelou,

keynote speaker for the inaugural Power and Pearls, a celebration of women's strength and leadership held by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women.

Maya Angelou ——— born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 4, 1928. She grew up in St. Louis and Stamps, Arkansas. She is an author, poet, historian, songwriter, playwright, dancer, stage and screen producer, director, performer, singer, and civil rights activist.She is best known for her autobiographical books: *All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes* (1986), *The Heart of a Woman* (1981), *Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry Like Christmas* (1976), *Gather Together in My Name* (1974), and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969), which was nominated for the National Book Award. Among her volumes of poetry are *A Brave and Startling Truth* (Random House, 1995), *The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou* (1994), *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now Song* (1987).

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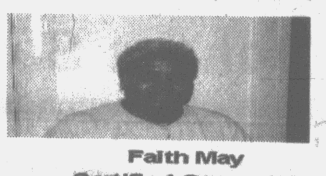

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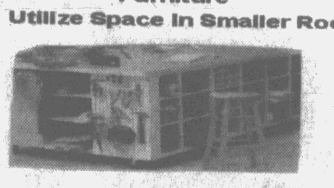

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Mandela's grandson becomes tribal chief, political heir

By Andrew Quinn

Nelson Mandela's grandson was draped in the lion's skin of an African tribal chief on Monday Apr.16,2007 at a ceremony that anointed the 32-year-old as political heir to the anti-apartheid icon. Mandla Mandela, who recently graduated with a political science degree from South Africa's Rhodes University, vowed to lift up the people of the rural Eastern Cape, which is home to Mandela's Xhosa tribe and one of the nation's poorest regions.

"There are a lot of expectations, especially with the surname I carry," the younger Mandela said before the ceremony that installed him as chief of the Mvezo Traditional Council.

Working Together To Make The Community Stronger

Thank You, First Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church recently donated $9,200 to Greenville Utilities' Neighbor To Neighbor program. They raised the funds this February with their annual taste testing luncheon. Over the last four years the group has contributed $25,350.

Through Neighbor To Neighbor, individuals and groups like the Presbyterian Women have raised over $120,000 since 2001 to help local families who need temporary financial aid to pay their heating bills.

"This program helps those individuals who normally don't qualify for assistance from other programs," said Scott Mullis, GUC Credit Supervisor. "Many of these recipients are elderly and this assistance really makes a difference in their lives."

Neighbor To Neighbor is supported by voluntary donations from GUC customers. GUC contributes up to $20,000 in matching funds that are then distributed by the Department of Social Services. To find out how you can donate to the Neighbor To Neighbor program contact us at 752-7166.

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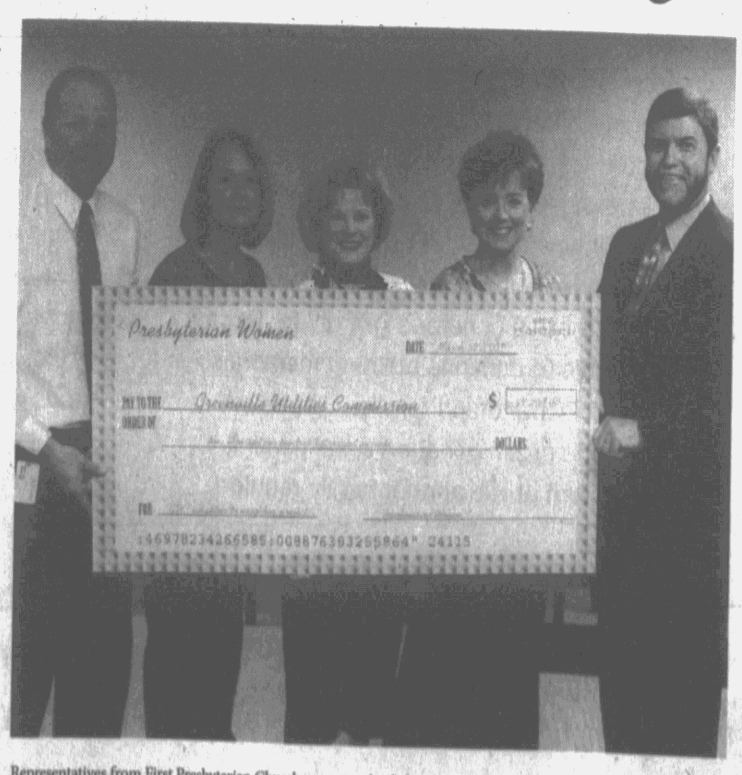

Representatives from First Presbyterian Church present a check for $9,200 to support the Neighbor to Neighbor program. From left to right are Credit Supervisor Scott Mullis, Pam Finch, Earlene Hite, Pat Sugg, and General Manager/CEO Ron Elks.

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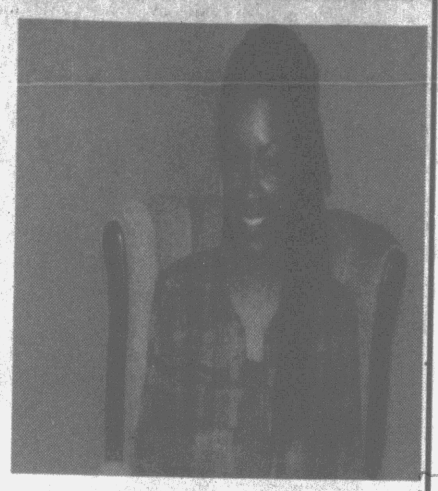

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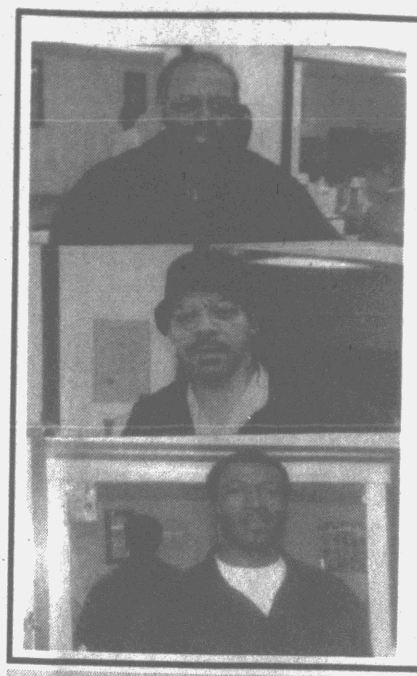

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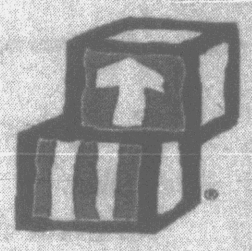

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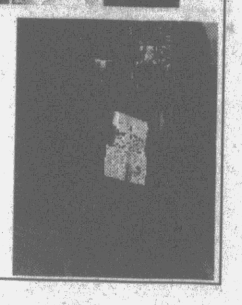

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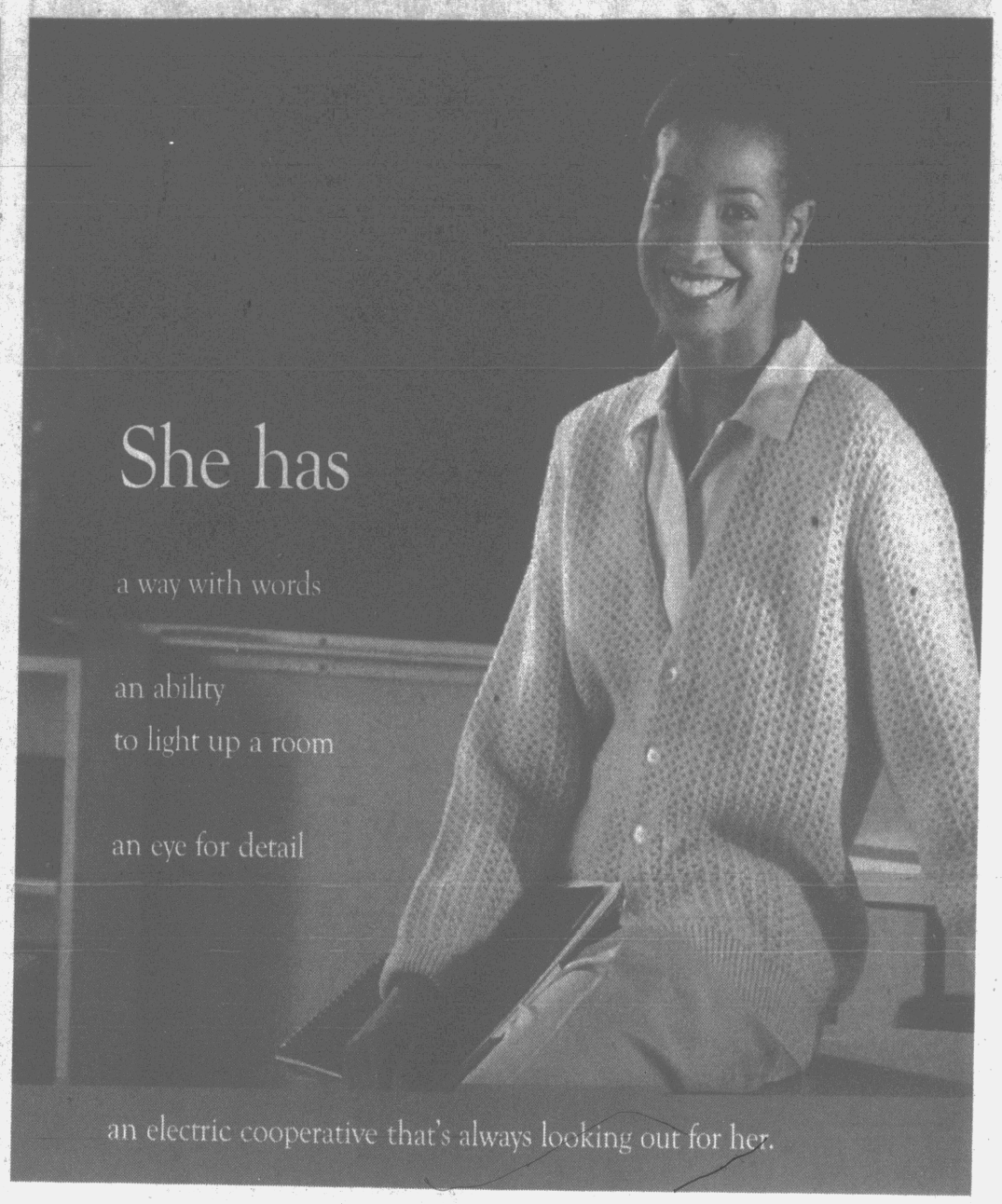

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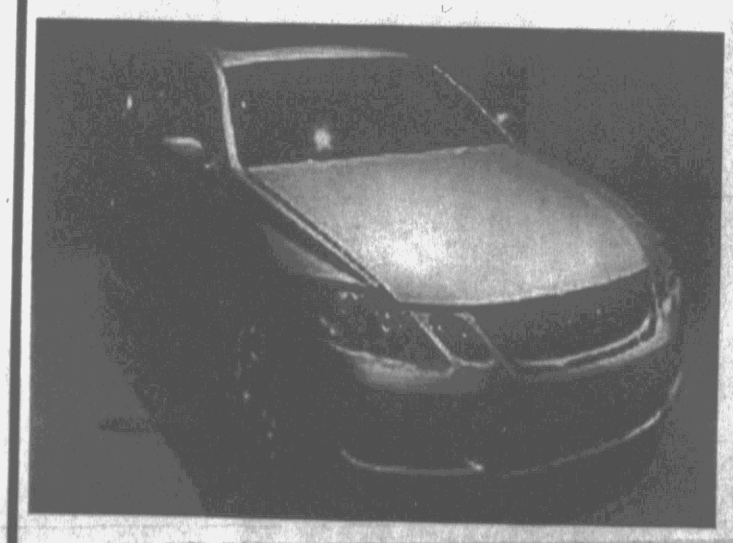
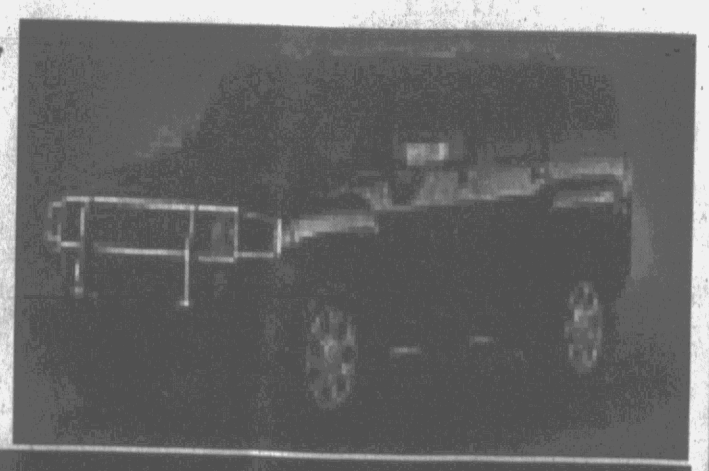

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