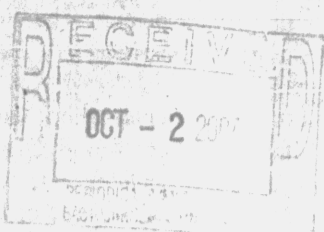


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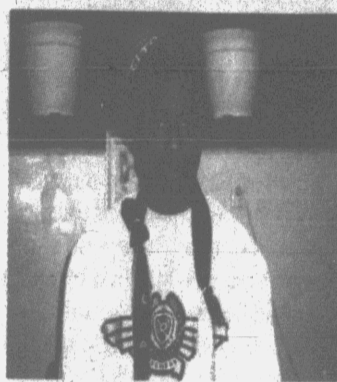
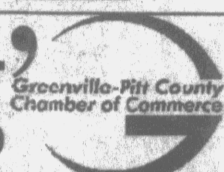
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By: Hazel Trice Edney

Special to the Tri-State Defender

More than 100 years since W.E.B. DuBois declared that the "color line" would be the key problem of the 20th century, civil rights activists and race experts now say the problem of racial tensions are still so pervasive in the 21st century that some that have labeled it as a resegregation.

"It's undeniable that we are resegregating education in a dramatic way and we are also resegregating education in a dramatic way and we are also resegregating or becoming more segregated residentially than we were. And so, those things are clearly going backward," says Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project of the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors racial hate activities across the nation. "I don't think race relations are doing terrifically well."

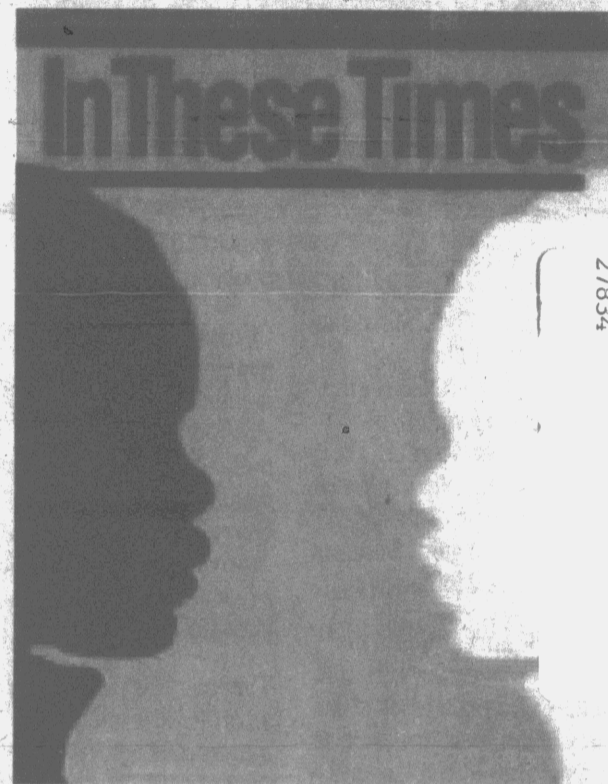
Potok says what appears to be rise in racially charged incidents publicized this year alone coincides with the rise

in race hate groups nationwide.

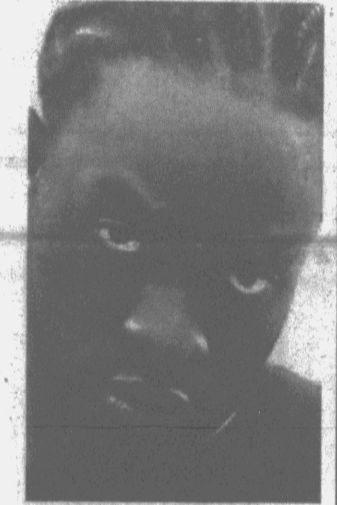
In January, the story was still blaring about comedian Micheal Richard's calling a Black man the N-word from the stage in a crowded Los Angeles comedy club in November.

Within a few months, now former talk show host Don Imus' on-air "nappy-headed hos" insult to the Rutgers University women's basketball team

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Gospel music highlights Labor Day Family Reunion

by Michael Adams

The 27th Annual Labor Day Gospel Family Reunion is sponsored by First Citizens Bank and radio station WOOW every year to bring people together at the end of the summer, said WOOW's & The Minority Voice Newspapers Mr Jim Rouse.

"This is the last holiday before students go back to school and so many family reunions are going on the Labor Day weekend," said

Bro. Rouse.

The Labor Day Gospel Family Reunion is a day when even the artist come in for a reunion of sorts. The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Tommy Ellision and The Singing Stars, The Williams Bros; just to name a few, are some of the highlighted guest who have performed at this event. This year the Vine Sisters and Family showed up and showed out in gospel fashion. If you have never been a part of this reunion we would strongly advise you to join in for a spiritual uplifting day.



Racism Deep-Rooted in 'Jena 6' Tragedy

As the case of Jena Six is finally starting to reach the public consciousness, outrage over this small-town incident is growing to a feverish pitch, similar to the heat facing Southern California right now.

The well-documented case of six young Black men in Louisiana who were arrested and charged with assaulting a White student in a schoolyard fight have drawn outcries of racism and injustice, with some calling it a "modern day lynching."

However, most national media outlets have been slow

in their coverage of this case, leaving it up to the international press, the Black press and independent websites to inform the public, who are still mostly in the dark on the facts.

Jasmyne Cannick, a well-known commentator on racial and political issues, has posted frequent updates on her website and is one of many independent advocates fighting for the Jena Six.

"What's happening in Jena, Louisiana isn't right and should be the leading news story from coast to coast until these kids are freed," Cannick

said. "Why it is not, I do not understand."

It all started last September, a Black student sat underneath the "White tree" at Jena High School, which has an 80 percent White student body. The next day, three nooses hung from the tree and three White students who placed them there were given three days of in-school suspension despite the principal calling for their expulsion.

Several days later, the entire Black student body sat under the tree in protest of the decision. That night, the District Attorney, Reed

Walters, came to a school assembly and allegedly told the Black students if they didn't stop fussing over an "innocent prank," he could end their lives "with the stroke of a pen."

On December 1, several Black students, including Robert Bailey one of the Jena 6, were assaulted by a group of Whites after unsuccessfully trying to get into a party mostly attended by White students.

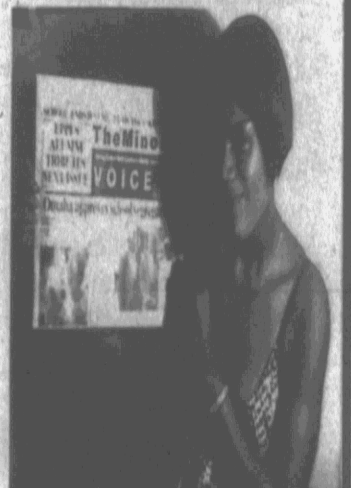
The following day, another White student taunted Bailey and his friends and when he reached in his truck for a

shotgun, Bailey wrestled it away from him and took it home. He was later charged with theft while the White student was not charged.

Everything came to a head on December 4 when Justin Barker, a White student, taunted Bailey and other students with racial slurs and supporting the nooses the students had placed on the tree. He also bragged about how Bailey and the other students were beaten down days earlier.

The youths then assaulted Barker, repeatedly kicking him on the ground. Despite

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OPINION From the 'Scopes Trial' to Michael Vick



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By: Alton H. Maddox, Jr.

It was the 1920s. The venue was Tennessee. The issue was creationism versus evolution. This was the trial of the century. It was religious versus science. The "dream" combatants were William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow. Bryan represented the prosecution and Darrow represented the defense.

Near the end of the 20th century, Scopes vs. State had been supplanted by California v. Simpson. In addition to science, there were also issues of race, sex and violence to adjudge Simpson's guilt. The dream team, a group of all-star lawyers headed by Johnnie Cochran, would guide Simpson through the legal minefield.

A search is now afoot for the trial of the 21st century. Before Michael Vick put himself at the mercy of the court, my pick, so far, would have been United States of America v. Michael

Vick. Before his guilty plea this past Monday, Vick was the quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons and also the highest paid NFL player.

The worst decision that Vick has made, so far, was raising the white flag in a Virginia federal courthouse before anyone fired a shot. If his on-the-field behavior had emulated his in-court behavior, no one would have paid a dime to see him quarterback a professional football team.

Warriors are respected on and off the field. Vick is charged with dog fighting but he is not charged with gambling at sidebar. This admission falls far short of his conducting a business enterprise as is alleged in the indictment. At best, Vick may have been engaged in a hobby but the prosecution must prove every element of the indictment beyond a reasonable doubt.

Crimes are classified as either malum in se or malum prohibitum. Dog fighting is classified under malum prohibitum and, when interstate commerce is involved, it is a federal offense. Similarly, the deprivation of a civil right is also a federal offense but it is classified as malum in se.

The emerging picture is that when a god is maimed or murdered in an interstate dogfight, a federal offense has

occurred. On the other hand, when a Black man is beaten senseless or is murdered by a state actor, the state actor is given a promotion. The state has an obligation to protect an animal but no similar obligation to protect a Black person.

Amadou Diallo was shot at 41 times with bullets. The four, white assassins are back on the job. While it is illegal for the state to execute a person after trial, with 41 shots, policemen may take matters into their own hands. Thus, New York City is co-sponsoring our oppression. There were 50 shots expended in the assassination of Sean Bell. No one will be going to prison.

There was also no public outcry from the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) over these assassinations. Yet, Russell Simmons and Rev. Al Sharpton were ticked off, along with PETA, over Vick continuing to enjoy the proceeds from commercial endorsements. Obviously, Simmons and Sharpton never heard of reciprocity or quid pro quo. They have made no demands on animal rights activists to support the human rights of Blacks.

This is another example of what is wrong in the Black community. The absence of bargaining gives rise to slavery. It is happening to Vick. US District Judge Henry Hudson has already ruled that he will not

be bargaining with Vick and his lawyers.

They will simply take what he dishes out including Vick becoming a federal snitch although bargaining is the sine qua non of capitalism and of the legal system. The late Hudson Reid always asserted that it was better for a Black person to be tried by 12 racists rather than by one.

There is more feeling in Georgia's criminal justice system for a 3-month-old put bill than there was for Kathryn Johnston, a 92-year old female of African ancestry. The police conducted a warrantless raid on her home. More than 100 bullets were expended.

When the smote had settled, Johnston was dead as a doornail and there was no public outcry from whites. There was not a semblance of probable cause. A snitch was implicated. The cops later asked him to fabricate his testimony. This is called probable cause for Blacks.

Three white police officers were implicated in the death of Johnston. None of them has been sent to prison although two of the three cops have pled guilty to state and federal charges. The third cop is awaiting trial. If you are a waiting for any of them to go to prison, don't hold your breath.

Two teenagers, Joshua and Justin Moulder, were prosecuted for the death of the pit bull. The first trial ended in a hung jury. Before the second trial started, they threw themselves on the mercy of the court. Each was given a 10-year prison sentence and, afterwards, each was given two consecutive sentences of probation for 10 years.

The Black prosecutor asked for the sentence and the Black trial judge obliged. PETA was behind the plot. It conducted a worldwide campaign to put pressure on Georgia's judicial system to accord the Black boys cruel and unusual punishment. In the meantime, Blacks, in New York, were "Shopping for Justice."

It is no coincidence that the Moulder brothers, like Vick, in the future, will be doing time in prison. The real culprits — the breeders of animals and enslaved Africans — were the Europeans. The breeding of pit bulls, for example, first started in England more than 150 years ago. Blacks, like Vick, must pay for their sins.

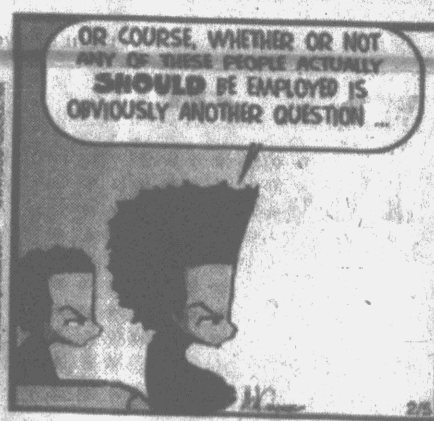
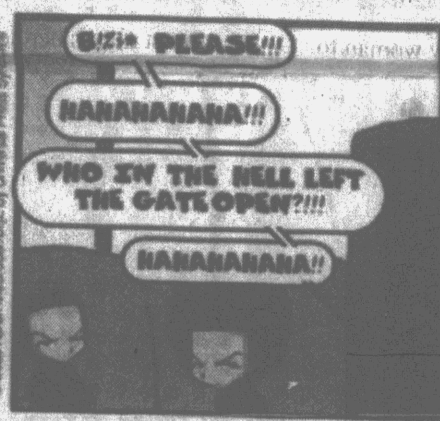
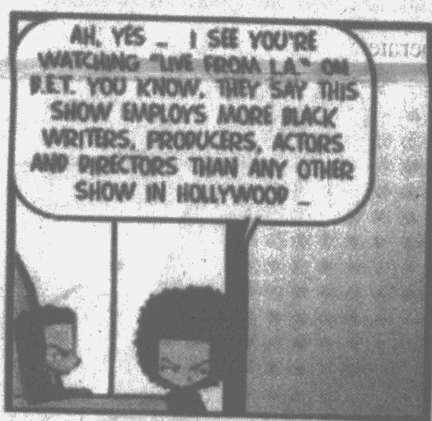
A sound mind must accompany a sound body. Like with pit bulls, breeding humans has wrought a super race consisting of descendants of enslaved Africans. Today, the evidence of this super race is headquartered in federal and state prisons. This is the last stage of our oppression before genocide kicks in.

The War on Terrorism is actually the "War on Blacks". The living victims of the War on Terrorism are actually lodged in this country's state and federal prisons. Others are in cemeteries. John and Justin Moulder, like Amadou Diallo, Sean Bell and Kathryn Johnston, are enemy combatants. Welcome to the club, Michael Vick.

When Blacks are hauled into courts, we have no mouth pieces. There are no Johnnie Cochrans today. Dean Charles Hamilton Houston, the greatest lawyer in the history of American jurisprudence, would often say that any lawyer who is not a "social engineer" is a "social parasite". "Social engineers" are MIA. We are down to "social parasites."

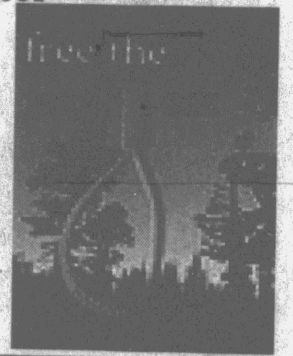
I wonder how Houston would assess the level of competence of Vick's lawyers. Vick is a first-time offender. If the legal system were balanced, Vick would not have to spend a day in prison. A white first offender would be given probation without an obligation to snitch on other people. Vick will be subject to a double standard and every civil rights leader will bury his or her head in the sand.

United African Movement will host its next UAM Forum on Wed., Sept. 05, @ 7 pm @ the Elks Plaza, 1068 Harriet Tubman Avenue (Fulton St.;



Sharpton Wants Jena 6 Probe of Prosecutor

The Rev. Al Sharpton has called for an investigation of the district attorney prosecuting a group of black teenagers on serious criminal charges stemming from a high school fight involving a white classmate.



Sharpton: Sexually-based issues dividing black churches

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NEW YORK (CNN) — During my 2004 presidential campaign, I was fond of saying that it was high time for the Christian right to meet the right Christians. That sentiment is even more appropriate today, more than a year-and-a-half after evangelicals catapulted George W. Bush back to the White House.

We are a country now locked into an unrighteous conflict overseas, a country where racial equality is still far from realized, and a country that continues to allow poverty to run rampant from coast to coast.

Yet, some high-profile black ministers continue to employ an agenda focused solely on sexually-based themes, like denying a women's right to choose an abortion or a gay couple's right to marry, to rally their congregations and drive a wedge through our people.

Not only are they speaking

narrowly on the issues of gay marriage and abortion, but even as the Supreme Court is today taking on affirmative action, there has been silence from the black church.

Many African-Americans recognize the narrowness of scope of these beliefs. To that end, we held a conference — The National Conference and Revival for Social Justice in the Black Church — in Dallas, Texas, last week where more than 100 ministers restated and reemphasized what issues are of dire importance to the black populace as a whole.

And the message was clear. As the 2006 midterm elections approach, we must redouble our efforts where it counts — fighting racism, ending the scourge of poverty, and, perhaps most importantly, continuing to press for equality at the ballot box.

As we met in Dallas, a few House Republicans scuttled a

planned vote on reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act. But if the rumors of GOP efforts to keep blacks away from the polls in Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004 are true, it shows that the main purpose of the 1965 landmark voting rights legislation — breaking down inequality at the polls — has hardly been recognized.

That's why I'll be traveling to Florida and Ohio soon to push for the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act and against new anti-voting legislation, such as a regulation from Secretary of State and GOP gubernatorial candidate Kenneth Blackwell, that could, according to the New York Times, "...hit voter registration workers with criminal penalties for perfectly legitimate registration practices."

Another guiding principle expressed during this three-day event that saw ministers

from all over the country, representing all sorts of congregations was the need for the black community, like the Israelites in the Bible, to never forget who led us out of bondage and to be unyielding in following their tenets until they are realized.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the man who did the most to break us out of the shackles of racism, rallied to end the heinous war in Vietnam and battled for blacks to be treated like others, with dignity and respect.

And he performed all of his acts under the banner of Christianity. The church was his home base. The organization he founded was the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He was a man of piety who saw Christianity for what it truly is — a religion that promotes peace and equality above all else.

But it seems that some have chosen to ignore or have simply

forgotten the big-picture vision promoted by Dr. King and his kin.

This is particularly egregious considering that many of those who preach their limited view of Christianity do so inside so-called "megachurches" throughout the South, and without Dr. King's tireless work and leadership, blacks would never have been allowed to own the property under which these megachurches stand.

To be clear, no one is denying anybody's right to preach what he or she believes. But we refuse to allow the few to speak for the many. We will not sit idly as these ministers tarnish Dr. King's legacy by promoting their small-minded causes to the detriment of the battles truly worth fighting.

Last week in Dallas, the movement to take back Dr. King's legacy, for the majority of African-Americans who recognize that standing by his beliefs and preaching is equally important today as it was when he was alive, continued with renewed fervor.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

Treat others as you would like to be treated.

by Mrs Beatrice Maye

Treat others as you would like to be treated.

American moms are teaching their children all sorts of lessons and American children are listening! Here are a few of the lessons learned from their moms.

Be honest.

Be fair.

People are more important than things.

Express yourself!

Don't let people say you can't do something because you're a girl.

Eat your veggies!

Feel for other people.

Check your work.

Don't talk to people when they're reading.

You can have as many best friends as you want.

Always have a sense of humor.

Don't grow up too fast.

Do what makes you happy. Don't always follow the crowd!

Respect people, plants, and animals.

Tell people when you have a problem. Don't just keep it to yourself.

Don't cut your hair by yourself.

You get what you pay for.

Listen to others, and they'll listen to you.

No matter how big or small the gift, it's the thought that counts.

Don't bug Mom when she's on the phone!

Don't sit too close to the TV

Clean up what you messed up!

Look around in different places to find your friends.

Stop and talk it out. Don't fight!

It's OK to make mistakes

Stand up for what you believe.

Be creative!

Say "please" and "thank you".

Learn how to SEW.



Pictured above... Joann Little stopped by the studio of WOOW while visiting Eastern NC with her son and husband. We continue to pray for her as she lives the struggle of oppression of a sometimes bias judicial system. Standing to her left is Frank Peterson who often stops in to see the staff of Joy 1340 while Rev Wm. Clark (far right) ends another morning broadcast. photo Bro Rouse

Black women & self-defense

A look back at the Joann Little case

By Minnie Bruce Pratt

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The most basic demand of women's liberation is the right of every woman to

decide the destiny of her own life and body. This includes the right to defend herself against rape and the right to decide whether or not she will bear children.

In August 1975, Joann Little, a 20-year-old African American woman, fled her jail cell in Beaufort, N.C., after killing the white deputy sheriff who had attempted to rape her. Little used the jailer's ice-pick weapon against him in her desperate

struggle to resist. When Little surrendered to authorities, citing self-defense, she was arrested and put on trial for murder.

The historic campaign that saved Little from execution or life in prison was the first successful U.S. struggle to assert the right of African-American women to self-defense against white rapists.



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The Sins of Driving
In a world where people do all kinds of crazy stuff in a car

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Reflections

besides driving, one observer has seen it all. She has witnessed a woman attempting to insert her contact lenses while speeding down an urban expressway. She watched a driver eat Chinese carryout from a carton — using chopsticks. And she saw a teenage boy changing his clothes while behind the wheel in moving traffic. How risky is such behavior?

After viewing videos and crunching numbers, researchers identified four specific behaviors that dramatically increase the odds of having a crash: speeding, drowsy driving, taking your eyes off the road for two seconds or longer and aggressive driving — a combination of tailgating, speeding, frequent lane changes, and other maneuvers that reveal a driver's impatience, anger or frustration. Researchers found that

drowsiness contributes to far more traffic crashes than anyone suspected.

Speed:

Speeding nearly tripled the crash odds. By "speeding," researchers don't mean simply exceeding posted limits. They really mean driving faster than prevailing traffic or driving at a speed "appropriate" for conditions.

Drowsiness:

Drowsiness proved as dangerous as speeding, also nearly tripling the crash odds. Researchers looked at videos of actual drivers in the minutes immediately preceding a crash or near crash, and they found lots of signs of sleepiness: yawning, slack facial muscles, and drooping eyelids. A lack of eye movement characterized drowsy drivers. They tended to stare fixedly, through partially closed eyes. Almost equally

surprising, most drowsy-driving episodes occurred during broad-daylight hours.

Distractions:

Distractions requiring the drivers to look away from the road for two seconds or longer nearly doubled the chances of a crash. This included applying make-up, dialing a cell phone, searching for a CD, or reading behind the wheel — all non-driving-related activities. Adjusting climate controls, changing radio stations and other behaviors associated usually didn't take more than two seconds. The results show how quickly and unexpectedly traffic conditions can change, making distractions dangerous even when maintaining a "safe" driving distance.

The researchers noted that a lot of rear-end crashes occurred when the drivers kept a greater-than-two-second

headway between their car and the car ahead of them. Despite this safety cushion, they turned their attention away from the road, something happened that caused traffic to slow down or brake, and — bam! — they hit the vehicle ahead.

Aggression:

Aggressive driving, like two-second distractions, also doubled the risk of a crash. Researchers defined "aggressive driving" as using the vehicle to menace another driver or pedestrian, and also as a combination of speeding, weaving in and out of traffic, running stop signs, and other actions.

Future Studies:

Researchers will continue to examine crash risk associated with particular types of drivers or combinations of activities. Videos and black box readings will prove to be very useful instruments in developing

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dominated the airwaves and the streets.

Meanwhile, a list of racially charged criminal justice cases began heavily circulating. They include:

The Nov. 25th wedding day killing of Sean Bell, an unarmed Black man, by New York police officers that sparked protests into the new year.

The case of Genarlow Wilson, 21, who is

serving 10 years in a Georgia prison as he awaits the state Supreme Court's decision on his conviction of consensual oral sex with a 15-year-old white girl that happened when he was 17.

The US Supreme Court's ruling against voluntary, race-conscious public school assignments in Louisville, Ken., and Seattle, Washington, that sent a chilling affect over other such plans across the nation.

The Jena Six case, now at full throttle, in Louisiana where 16-year-old Mychal Bell and five other Black high school students could face up to a combined 100 years in prison after a school brawl that started with them being insulted by nooses hung in a so-called "White Tree."

Coinciding with consistent news reports on such cases, Potok says the heated immigration debate that railed in the US Senate well into the spring apparently exacerbated

negative reaction to the racial climate. He says the perception about the rising number of Black and brown people in America is directly connected to the rise in hate groups.

According to the Intelligence Report, 602 hate groups, including the Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nations, were documented throughout the US in 2000. That number has now risen by 40% to 844 in six years, he says, calling it "quite a significant rise and a real one."

Potok explains, "The reaction of very many people is that, 'My country is changing all around me. This is not the country that my forefathers built. It must be because those brown-skinned people are coming in and destroying it.'"

"Actual hate crimes and attacks soon follow," he says. "When hate crime gets the worst, it's when the neighborhood starts to approach sort of a tipping point like 49%. But, once, you get a significant number of whatever

it is, black people in a white neighborhood, brown people or whatever it is, at the 30 or 40% mark, then some people start to feel 'My town's been stolen from me by these interlopers.'"

Some places, such as Jena, where Mychal Bell was convicted by an all White jury in a case with a White judge and a White prosecutor, just appear to be a fluke.

Retiring From Military with Honors, Pastor Follows In Fathers Footsteps

MSgt Anthony M Jackson was born on 5 Nov 1964 in Greenville, North Carolina. He is the oldest child of three, one brother and one sister (Reginald, Tina). His parents, the late Dr. Elmer Jackson Jr. and mother Martha R Jackson of Greenville, NC placed great values and strong work ethics in him at an early age. He graduated from Ayden-Griffon H.S. in 1983 with a desire to receive training and education. This desire was fulfilled when he enlisted in the Air Force in April 1983, and entered Active Duty on 18 November 1983.



Upon completion of Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, in San Antonio, Texas, MSgt Jackson attended Technical Training School at Sheppard AFB, in Wichita Falls, Texas to complete his training as an Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Specialist. His first assignment was to Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. He studied very hard to become proficient in his job. Just short by 15 days of one year in the Air Force, MSgt Jackson went back home to marry his wife Sandra. They were married on 3 November 1984 in Ayden, North Carolina. His first child, Tiffany was born while still assigned to Seymour Johnson AFB, on 16 December 1985.

MSgt Jackson was reassigned to Cannon AFB, New Mexico on 1 July 1989, as a Heating & Air Conditioning Technician. He was given the task as the primary trainer for his section. In this position his keen insight improved the unit's career development course score from a 69% to 95% in just six months. Duty called, and MSgt Jackson answered; he was deployed to Saudi Arabia in August 1990. He was responsible for the repair of over three hundred environmental control units. He also, set up a bench-stock/ repair station for his crew that valued over one million dollars. The war was over and MSgt Jackson and his unit returned home to their families in 1991. Another Christmas baby, Maurice was born 26 December 1991, it was a long war. Getting back into the routine of life at Cannon AFB, MSgt Jackson began looking for another assignment to challenge him.

In March 1993, MSgt Jackson accepted a special duty assignment as an Enlisted Accessions Recruiter with the 317th Recruiting Squadron in Lexington Park, MD. During his tenure there, he was awarded numerous flight, Squadron and Group awards for being a Top Production Recruiter. He was twice awarded the covenant Senior Recruiter Badge, and was also awarded the Top Production Recruiter in his flight for those three years. His desire to tell the Air Force story, lead him to speak with the T.V. and radio station concerning some public service announcements. MSgt Jackson made a T.V. ad that aired four times a day and seven days a week, along with live radio interviews, saving the Air Force thousands of dollars in ad budget.

In June 1996, MSgt Jackson transferred to Richmond, VA still with the 317th Recruiting Squadron out of Andrews AFB, MD where he was assigned to the Military Entrance Processing Station. In this position, he job counseled and qualified over 300 young men and women in the Air Force. Challenged with getting applicants qualified through the Surgeon Generals office (SG), MSgt devised a plan to get physicals, track and send them to the SG office for their review. This process allowed for a response time of 50% faster than the past.

In August 1999, MSgt Jackson was transferred to the 337th RCS Officer Accessions team. He was given the difficult responsibility of recruiting physicians for the purpose of filling vacancies within the Air Force healthcare system. Within his first 30 days on the team, MSgt Jackson placed one doctor on active duty. This is first time in history of the 337th this has ever been accomplished, and never slowed down. He went on to find one more doctor also in his first year on the team. Achievement appeared to come easy, also on the nurse recruiting arena. MSgt Jackson was given the task to recruit nurses, putting five nurses in the Air Force in three months time, while goalod for only two. MSgt Jackson was named the 337th Top Officer Accessions Recruiter in fiscal year 2000 and 2001.

In June of 2002, MSgt Jackson assumed the duties of Officer Accessions Flight Chief. Challenged with an operating budget of LAM, eleven recruiters, one administrative assistant, and a two state area. MSgt Jackson has built the strongest Office Accessions Team in Air Force Recruiting Command. The team has earned the Air Recruiting Service Standard of Excellence Award in 2004 and 2005. Futher more, he was awarded the 360th Group Top Office Accessions Flight Chief 2006. Not forgetting to take care of himself and his lovely family, he managed to complete his Bachelors of Business Administration 2006, and two CCAF Degrees 2007.

After twenty years of faithful service to his country, Pastor Jackson retired from Air force at the rank of Master Sergeant on August 13, 2007.

Prior to Jackson retiring, he founded Compassionate Faith Outreach Ministry, a religious mission implemented to encourage the lost to come to the Christ.

Pastor Jackson is preparing 'Saints' to go out among the highways and hedges to "win souls" for the Kingdom of God.

As on of his suporters put it, "I guess you could say that Pastor Jackson is still in the recruiting business... for Christ.

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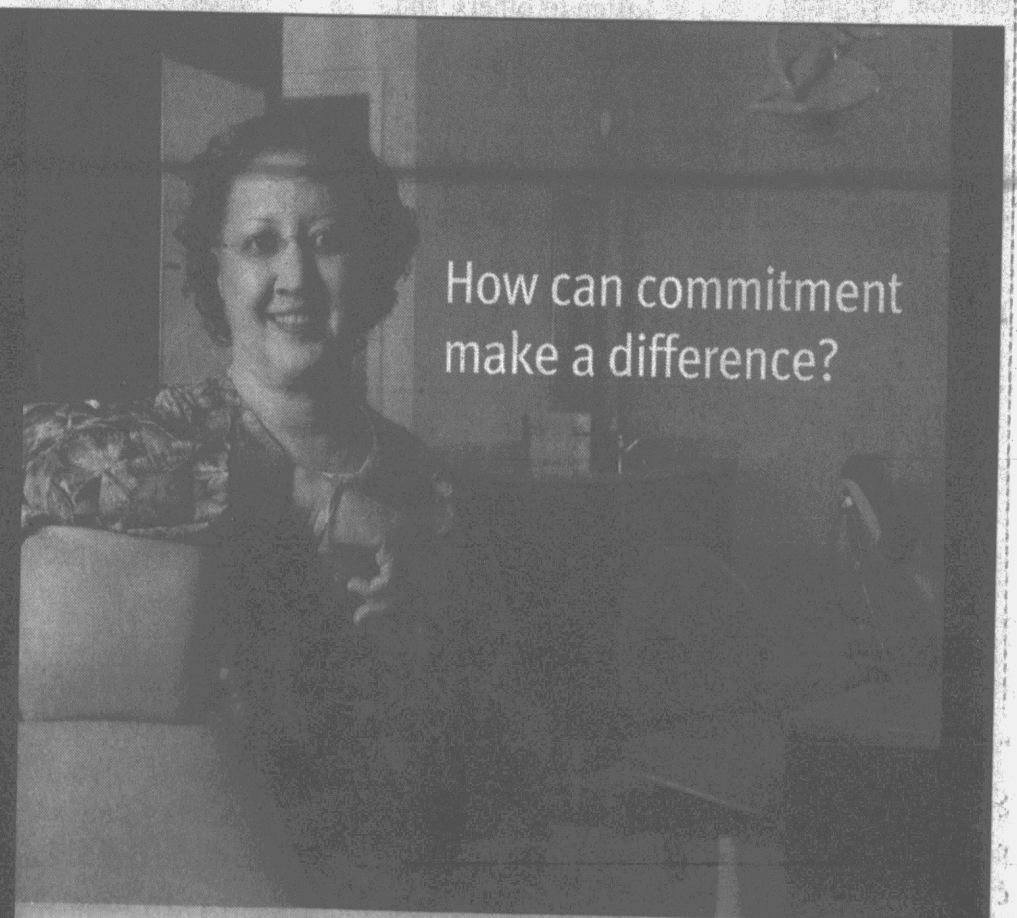
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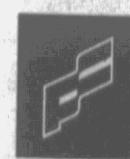


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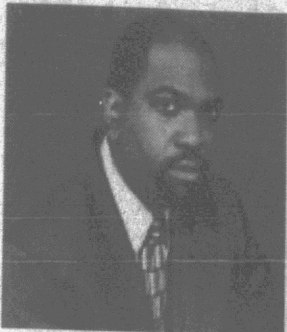
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Pinkney Stands In and Stands Out

story by Michael Adams
Minority Voice News

Son of former ECU defensive back Reggie Pinkney (1974-76), a first-team All-Southern Conference performer who was a sixth-round draft choice by the Detroit Lions in 1977 leads the Pirates to a 34-31 victory over the North Carolina Tar Heels.

Pinkney threw for career-high 406 yards and three touchdowns to guide East Carolina to a 34-31 non-league win over ACC member North Carolina. He completed 31-of-41 passes without an interception in his first collegiate start.

Pinkney also led all Pirate rushers with 22 yards on 10 carries. He earned national recognition on Saturday, earning an ESPN Game Day Final Helmet Sticker.

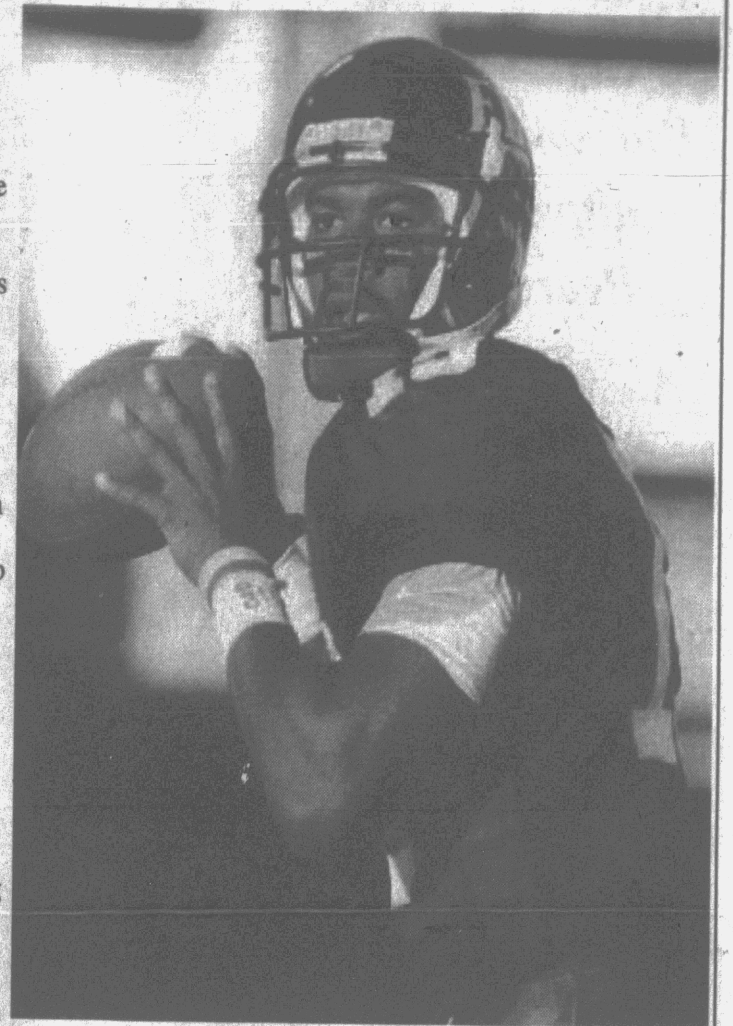
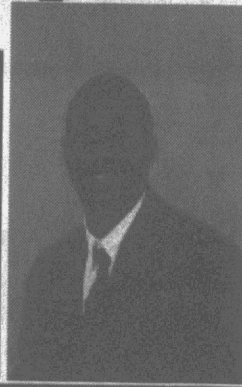


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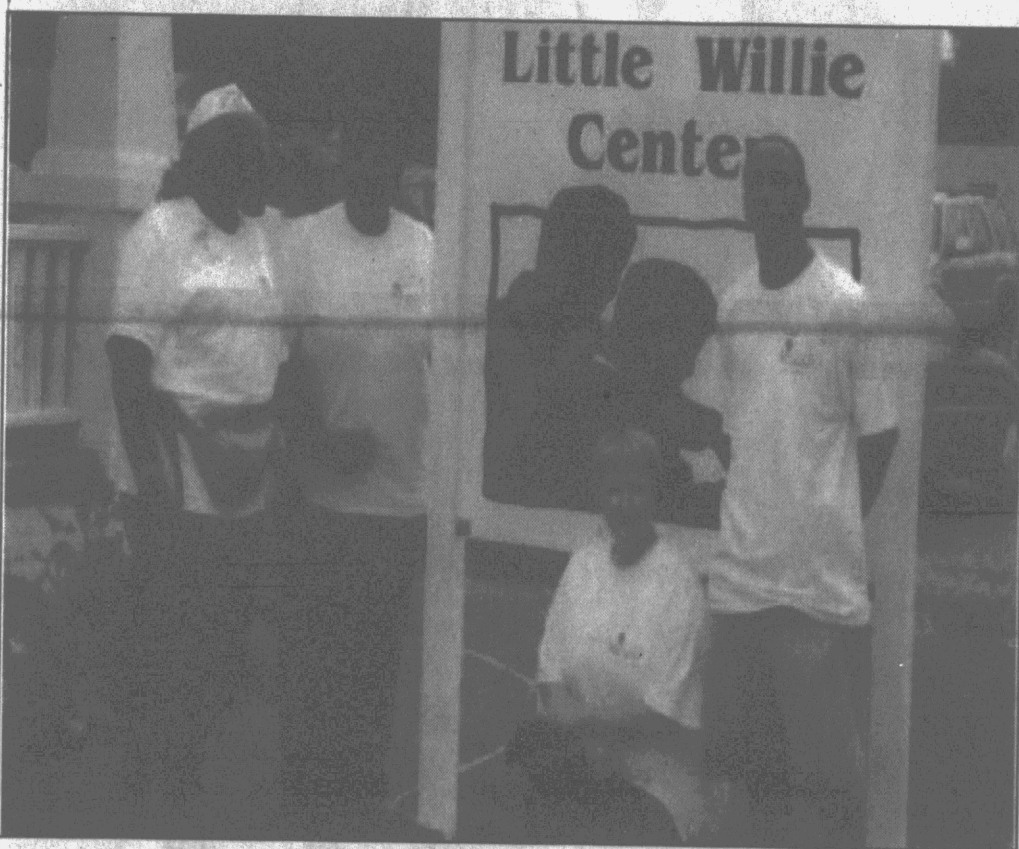
- **Class:** Junior
- **Hometown:** Fayetteville, N.C.
- **High School:** Pine Forest
- **Height / Weight:** 6-0 / 198
- **Position:** Quarterback
- **Experience:** SQ



"Community Art Show..."

Shown above is former Congresswoman Eva Clayton with one of the many art students whose art was displayed. The student would receive a certificate from Congresswoman Clayton on behalf of Congressman G. K. Butterfield.

(Photo by: Bro. Jim Rouse)



"New Location for the Little Willie Center..."

Shown above helping with the Little Willie Center's Mrs. Arrington move to a new location...St. Gabriels School; to be able to house more kids from the community. Greenville City Councilwomen Mildred Council & Rose Glover, Mr. Marvin Arrington, ECU Staff and Students were also on hand to assist with the big move. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LITTLE WILLIE CENTER ON THE NEW LOCATION !!!

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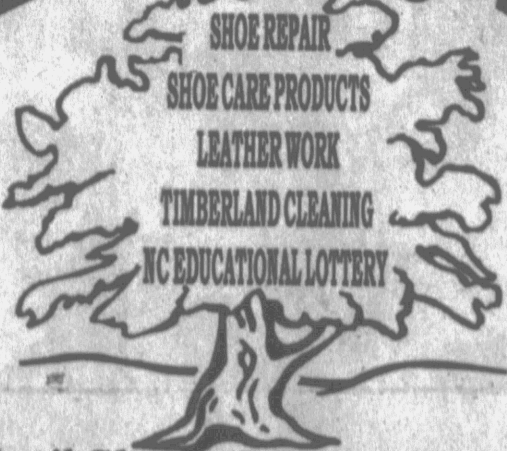
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"Refining Diamonds & Cultivating Pearls" At a Glance

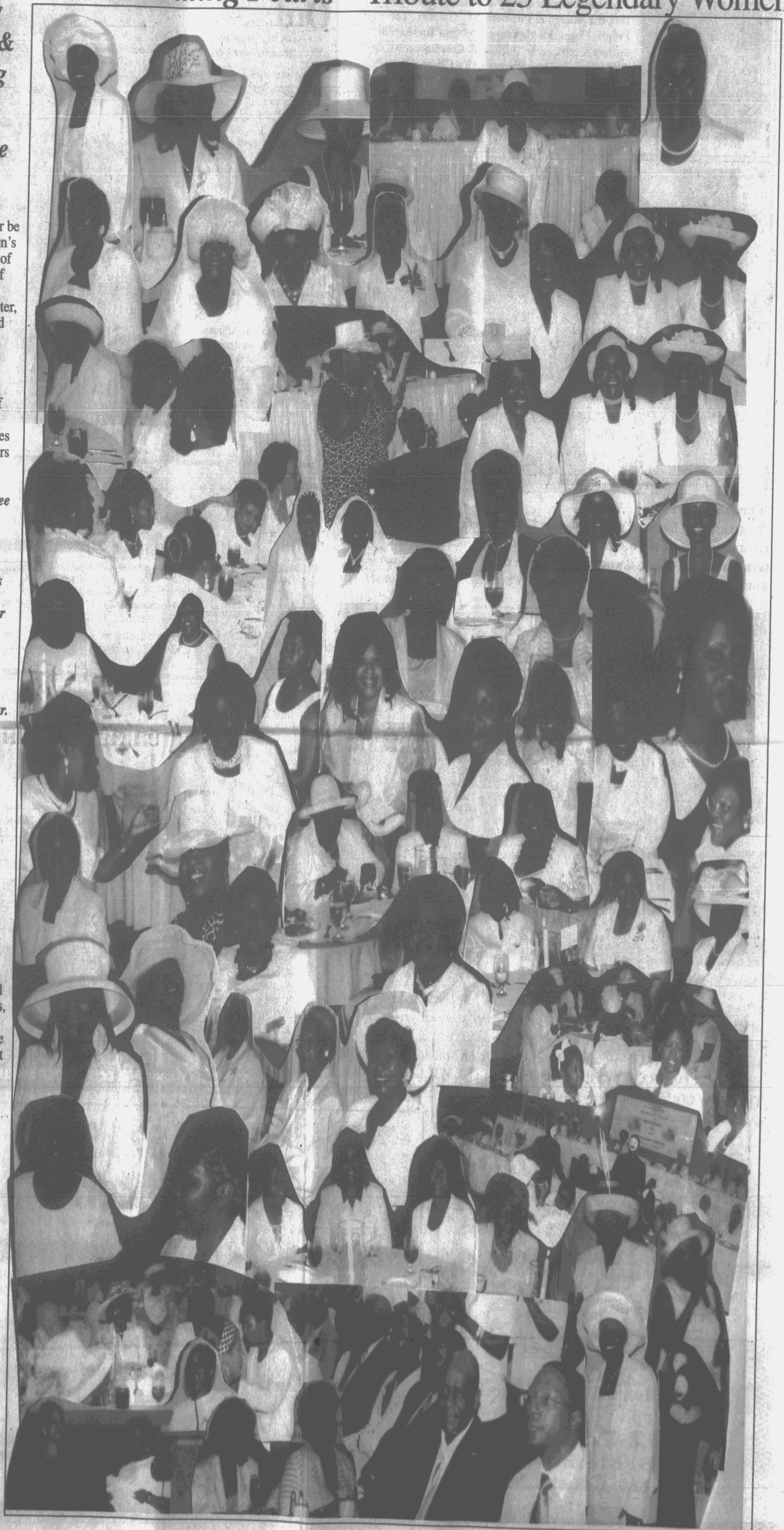
Pitt County will never be the same! The Women's Ministry Department of the Philippi Church of Christ, along with special events' promoter, 3rd Generation, hosted the 2007 Legends' Tribute, "Refining Diamonds & Cultivating Pearls", during the weekend of August 24-26, 2007. The legendary honorees included: Entrepreneurs **Ann Brown, Ann Roundtree, Faye Bordeaux, and Dee Dee Carney**, Educators **Annie M. Brown, Barbara Johnson, Beatrice Maye, Ella Harris, Virginia Jones and Mary Parker**, Politicians **Rose Glover and Mildred Council**, Clergywomen **Bishop Rosie O'Neal, Pastor Shirley Daniels, and Minister Eve Rogers**, Healthcare Providers **Dr. Angela Stewart, Dr. Hazel Brown, Mary Chatman and Glen Royal**, Community Nurturers **Lillian Barrow and Carolyn Spencer**, Business and Financial Directors **Florida Hardy and Bernita Demery**, and Fashion Advisors **Ann Tyson and Lila Jones**.

The Tribute included a "Diamonds and Pearls Ball", featuring national recording artist, J. Moss, on Friday night at 7:00pm at the Greenville Hilton. Saturday's event included a "For Ladies Only White Luncheon" at the Greenville Hilton. The keynote speaker was **Michele Andrea Bowen**, author of **Church Folks, Second Sunday and Holy Ghost Corner**. Sunday's services were held at Philippi Church of Christ where the 8:00am speaker was **Minister Rochelle Rodgers** and the 11:00am speaker was **Minister Eve Rogers**.

Norma Warren, coordinator would like to thank all who made this event a success for their support.

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Sow A Seed

By Joy R. Brown
Learn To Love Yourself

for how He created me. He carefully designed me to please Himself. He carefully chose my hair color, eye color, facial features, skin color, height, and body structure.

nothing and made something beautiful.

God is so in awe about His creation, which is you, that He has chosen to watch you grow from conception to birth and throughout the stages of your life. He has chosen every step of your life.

Learn how to love and appreciate the structure God has carved out in His image. The psalmist acknowledges, "I will praise thee." Why would the psalmist praise God?

He chose to praise God because he recognized that God fearfully and wonderfully made him. He takes it a step further by saying that God's creation or His work is marvelous.

Take a look at yourself in the mirror. Go ahead, it's okay to look. You may have suffered with low self-esteem but I admonish you to lift up your head. You are beautiful. I believe God did not take time to create JUNK but treasure.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalm 139:14

Learn how to love yourself. God shaped you first from the inside and then the outside. He formed you in your mother's womb. The psalmist reverences God for the breathtaking work that He created both in the body and soul. We must choose to worship God in adoration for His wondrous work.

If you didn't know, now you know, "You are fearfully and wonderfully made by God." Change your opinion of yourself. Walk with your head held high because God invested part of Himself in you.

Learn how to love and appreciate who God has created you to be. There are several aspects of our lives that we seek perfection or change. However, I have learned throughout the past years that God has a plan and a purpose

Begin to look at yourself through the eyes of God. See what He sees when He looks upon you. You were not manufactured but you were God-factured! God took

Repeat this each day..."I am fearfully and wonderfully made by the Creator. He has designed me to satisfy Himself. He loves me because I am beautiful on the inside as well as the outside. I am not junk but I am a treasure."

Graffiti removal may cost city's property owners

By T. Scott Batchelor
The Daily Reflector

Eradication of graffiti is on Greenville City Council agenda.

Under a proposed ordinance, owners of structures vandalized with graffiti would have to remove it as a public nuisance.

Property owners who fail to remove the graffiti within 10 days after being notified in writing by a city code-enforcement officer could face fines.

If the perpetrator is caught, then efforts will be made to reimburse the owner for the costs of the cleanup, City Attorney Dave Holec said.

Graffiti that the property owner might want to keep around isn't exempt from the proposed ordinance, he said. Consent for placing the graffiti must come when it's put on the structure, not after, Holec said.


It's unfortunate that the property owner becomes responsible for something he did not cause, but this is the available method the city has for eliminating the graffiti, Holec said.

Aside from being ugly, graffiti does contribute to crime, because some of it's gang-related, Holec said.

The council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, third floor of City Hall, 200 W. Fifth St.

T. Scott Batchelor can be contacted at

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For more information, contact the City of Greenville's Urban Development Division at (252) 329-4502.



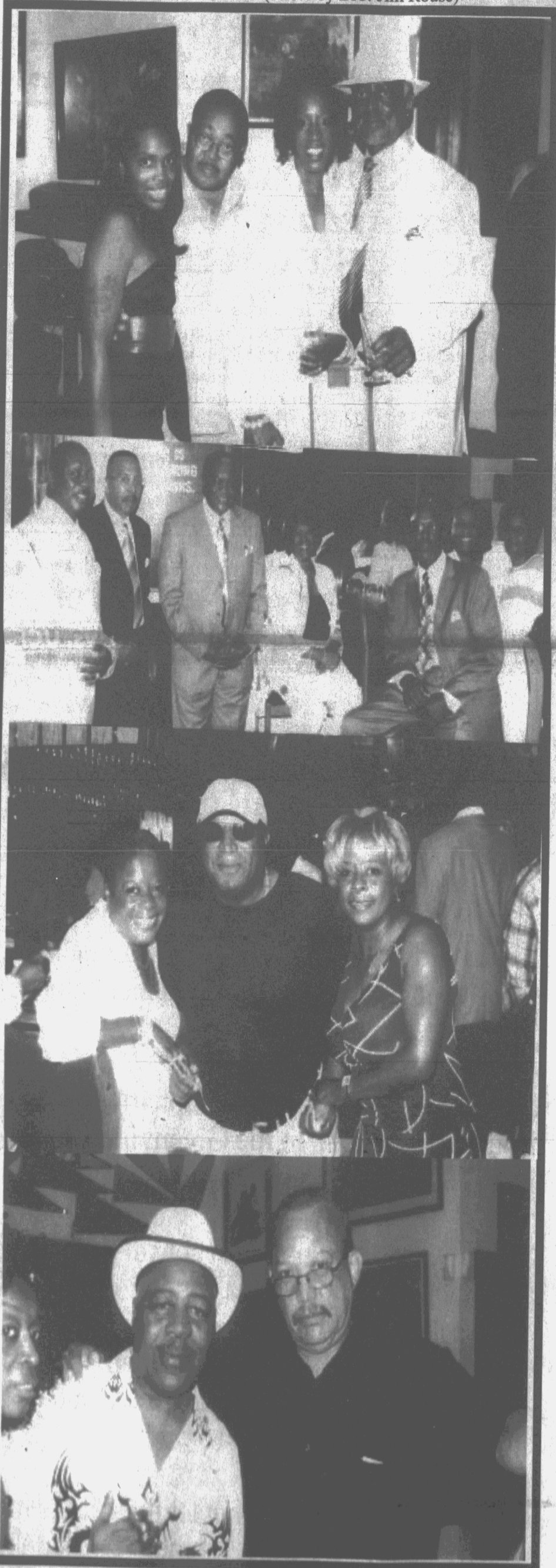
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Associated Press Md. Campus Hate Crime Probe Over Noose

Associated Press 09.10.07,
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COLLEGE PARK, MD. - University of Maryland police on Monday were investigating as a possible hate crime what appeared to be a noose hanging in a tree near a building that houses several black campus groups.

The rope was found between the student union

and the Nyumburu Cultural Center, where organizations that include the Black Faculty and Staff Association and the Black Explosion newspaper are based.

"We are starting out with the assumption that it was a hate crime," campus police spokesman Paul Dillon said Monday.

Witnesses reported seeing the 3-foot-long rope Thursday. The rope had a 3-inch-diameter noose tied at one end and was reportedly 10 to 12 feet up in the tree, Dillon said.

The rope was destroyed by campus maintenance workers before police had a chance to see it, Dillon said. But the

department has photos and several witness accounts.

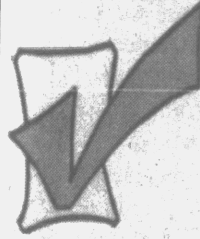
The rope may have been in the tree for as long as two weeks, he said.

University President C.D. Mote Jr. said in a weekend statement over the weekend that the discovery was "of great concern."

"The possibility that this act appears intended to bring to mind the horrific crime of lynching, which is such a terrible and tragic part of our nation's past, is particularly abhorrent," Mote said.

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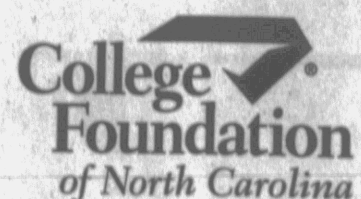
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Wilson Court System Refuses To Let Innocent Man Go.

The state NAACP has filed a complaint with the North Carolina State Bar, calling for an investigation into the handling of the case against accused murderer James Arthur Johnson.

Johnson's father said the complaint sends a message that his son's supporters have not given up their fight.

"We want to make sure they know Big Brother is watching. We're not going to have these improprieties," Arthur Johnson said this morning.

James Johnson, 21, has been imprisoned since July 2004, accused of the June 28, 2004, kidnapping, rape and murder of Brittany Tyler Willis, 17. Johnson's supporters say evidence excludes him from the crime.

Kenneth Maurice Meeks, 19, is serving a life sentence after pleading guilty in April 2006 to first-degree murder.

He has claimed since then that he committed the crime alone.

James Johnson, who is being held at Wilson County Detention Center on \$1 million bond, is expected to go to trial Sept. 24. The trial was initially set for July 23, but it was continued after the State Court of Appeals overturned Wilson County Superior Court Judge Frank R. Brown's denial of a continuance.

Initially suspected because he "knew too much" about the crime, Johnson was implicated by the convicted killer after police informed him that it was Johnson who turned him in. In addition to the recanted statement from Meeks, who admitted that he falsely implicated Johnson as retribution for his arrest, the only other evidence against Johnson, until recently, had been the disallowed statements of a deceased woman who claimed to have witnessed two men kidnapping the victim two hours before the crime occurred and at a time when Johnson was proven to have been elsewhere. In the spirit of Mike Nifong and Linwood Wilson, prosecutors have recently produced two new eyewitnesses, one of whom is a retired Wilson police officer, as the trial approaches.

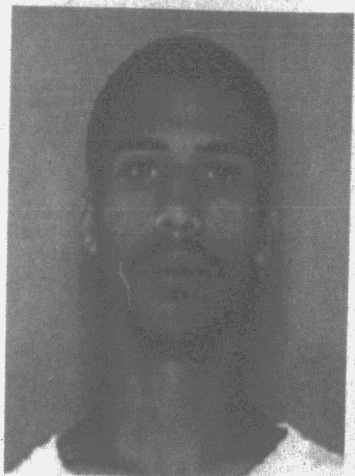
In addition to testifying on behalf of James Johnson at last year's hearing, Meeks also sent a letter to Tim Rogers of the Wilson Daily Times confessing to acting alone and crediting Johnson's turning him in for changing the destructive path he followed. The Letter:

Dear Sir:

This is Kenneth Meeks. I plead guilty to 1st degree murder in '06. I committed the crime alone. James Johnson is innocent. For them to keep holding him is a crime in itself. I gave my life (a life sentence) admitting my guilt. I was wrong. It took James turning to realize my road was going one way - towards destruction. I also gave them the murder weapon what else do they need? I've apologized time and time again. Why are they making James suffer?

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Meeks Jr.



James Johnson helped with rape case, but prosecutors hold him after written confession from man already serving sentence

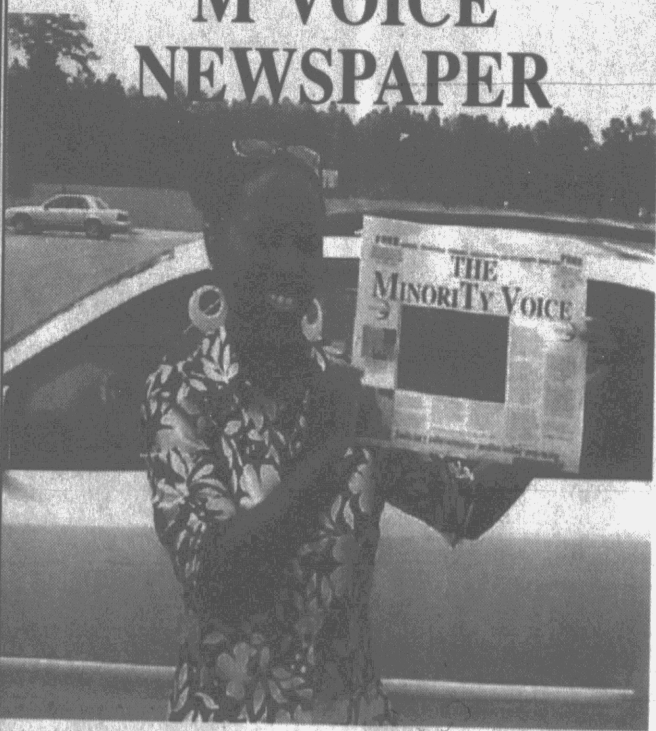
The complaint, which was filed Thursday, claims there is no probable cause to prosecute Johnson and accuses Assistant District Attorney Bill Wolfe of mishandling the case, state NAACP president Rev. William Barber said this morning.

"Prosecutors are supposed to search the facts and evidence, they are not supposed to win at any cost," Barber said. "They don't represent their own agenda, they are supposed to be truth-seekers."

Wolfe did not immediately return a message left on his voicemail this morning.

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suffering a concussion and several bruises, Barker was treated and released from the hospital the same day and attended his school's ring ceremony that night.

In all, six students were arrested and charged but many were outraged at the excessive charges considering Barker's brief hospital stay.

The case of the Jena Six, remained out of the public consciousness for months as the public heard endless stories about celebrity scandals and, recently, the Michael Vick dog-fighting saga.

To that point, Cannick argues that it is because "Americans still haven't accepted that fact that racism is still an issue."

James Rucker, co-founder of advocacy group Colorofchange.org, took a different route as he said the lack of coverage was based on the media's "hesitance to plainly connect the dots."

"Part of the problem is that a lot of reporters are being overly careful to not call a spade a spade without checking their facts," Rucker said.

The latest developments occurred on Tuesday as prosecutors reduced the attempted murder charges on two of the Jena Six, Carwin Jones and Theo Shaw. Both now face aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy.

Two others, Bailey and Bryant Purvis, still face attempted murder charges while the unidentified sixth member faces undisclosed juvenile charges.

Also on Tuesday, several motions were made on the behalf of Mychal Bell, the first of the group to be tried. While the motions for a new trial and an overturned conviction were denied, prosecutors agreed to drop the conspiracy charges.

Bell, who was found guilty in June of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy, now faces up to 15 years in prison as opposed to 22 when he is sentenced on Sept. 20.

There are plans for several events that day in support of Bell and the other five youths. National radio personalities Tom Joyner and Michael Baisden will broadcast their shows live from the courthouse and several civil right leaders will also be present.

The small town of Jena is home to 3,000 residents, 350 of whom are Black residents. It is a heavily segregated town where Blacks have little political influence. The school board and the parish government both have only one Black member.

Recent events suggest that the tensions at Jena High School have not fully died down. Last week, officials banned students from wearing "Free the Jena 6" T-shirts after nine Black students wore them on campus to show their support.

The issue is not if Barker's assailants should face time, but rather, the issue is whether or not the punishment facing the Jena Six fits the crime, and in the minds of many, it does not.

Furthermore, all of the White students who played a role leading up to this incident received little or no punishment, which many say shows that there appears to be two systems of justice in play—one for Whites and one for Blacks.

"If you look at this objectively, you have three incidents of White-on-Black crime beforehand that went unprosecuted and then you have this instance of Black-on-White crime where the alleged perpetrators have the book thrown at them," Rucker said.

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JESSICA WILSON

HOME: Hope Mills, N.C.

AGE: 46

PROFESSION: Human Resources Executive

HOBBIES: Crafts: Restoring old furniture, making jewelry. Enjoys reading.

LAST BOOK READ: "Condi: The Condoleezza Rice Story" by Antonia Felix.

LAST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Accepted into two post-graduate degree programs. She is simultaneously pursuing a master's degree in Human Relations from Liberty University and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is being assisted by the Smithfield College Tuition Reimbursement benefit which contributes up to \$6,000 annually toward college costs.

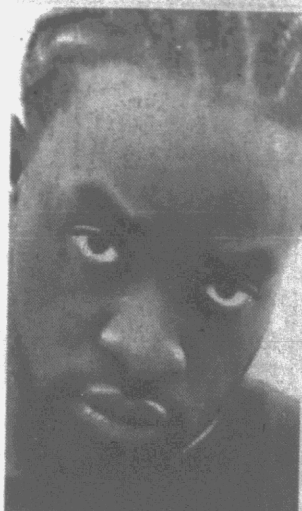
PROFILE: Mother of two, grandmother.

Served 11 months in Baquba, Iraq as Assistant Inspector General in Army Reserves. Manages the Human Resources Department at the world's largest pork processing plant in Tar Heel, NC. Dedicated professional who leads employees to set industry standard for safety, achieving ISO 14001 Certification and lowest staff turnover.

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HIP HOP ARTIST AND ACTIVIST KAMIKAZE SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY FOR ANTI-BUSH COMMENTS



HIP HOP ARTIST AND ACTIVIST KAMIKAZE

Hip hop artist and activist Kamikaze of Jackson, MS, was suspended indefinitely from the Kim Wade Show on Jackson's WJNT-Talk radio (1180 AM) for anti-Bush comments. Following a month long tour of the Czech Republic, Kamikaze was set to return as Wade's co-host, but was informed just moments before going on the air. The reprimand, which stemmed from one angry listener, was based on comments Kamikaze made in his blog www.jacksonfreepress.com/..._0_67_15_C and column

www.jacksonfreepress.com/...3_0_4_0_C in the Jackson Free Press.

In it, Kamikaze blasted President Bush's foreign policies and encouraged fans to scream "f**k George Bush" during his shows.

Incidentally, this is not the first time that the hip hop artist has come under fire for his anti-Bush commentary. In October, he was temporarily banned from Millsaps College in Jackson during an on-campus concert www.jacksonfreepress.com/

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As a rebuttal, Kamikaze has recorded a new song, "Take Me Away (Mr. President)" that will serve as an open letter to the Commander-In-Chief. The song will be posted Friday and available for downloading at www.myspace.com/mrshonuff601.

Says hip hop artist Kamikaze, "Freedom of speech no longer exists in this country. I just toured a country that used to be under communist rule and they appreciated hearing someone speak out against a government...against a president", Kamikaze says. "I don't know if im being singled out but its unfortunate that the station caved to some random callers who disagreed with my

viewpoints, but as I remember it that's what this country was founded on. If somebody hadn't spoke out against the government centuries ago, we'd still be ruled by a king and under British rule!"

Source: Davey D

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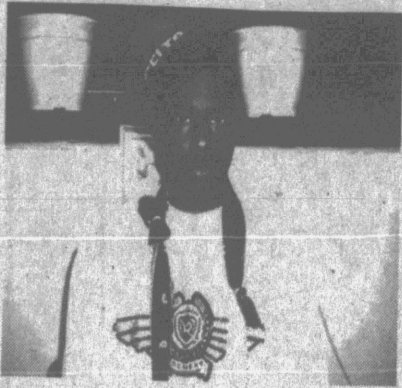
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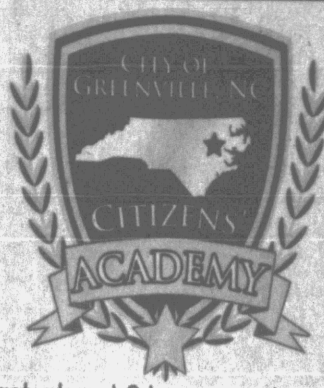
Biography

The Soulgetta (born Nana Crum) is the founder of the upcoming Christrianz in da hood hip-hop ministry. Born and raised in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn New York. Nana Crum overcame many obstacles. As a young boy he endured the pain of growing up without a father and suffered the constant distresses of a mother struggling with drugs. Growing up in the hood served as a rite of passage for the ministry that would be birthed out of young Nana who would emerge to become the Soulgetta that we know today. He has been enslaved with a passion, burden, and mission to relate, reach, and restore the youth and the Inner City gangs through the form of "Rap" and through Preaching the Word of GOD in this crucial time we are living in today. Come join us September 29, 2007 for the Video Shoot and Concert featuring "Soulgetta" Contact anoointedcrum@yahoo.com



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Registration is \$25. Application forms are available by calling the Citizen Action Line at 329-CITY and are on our website at www.greenvillenc.gov.

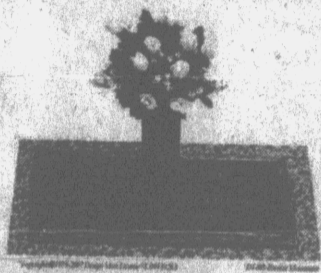
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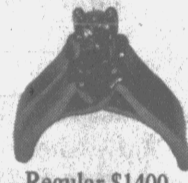
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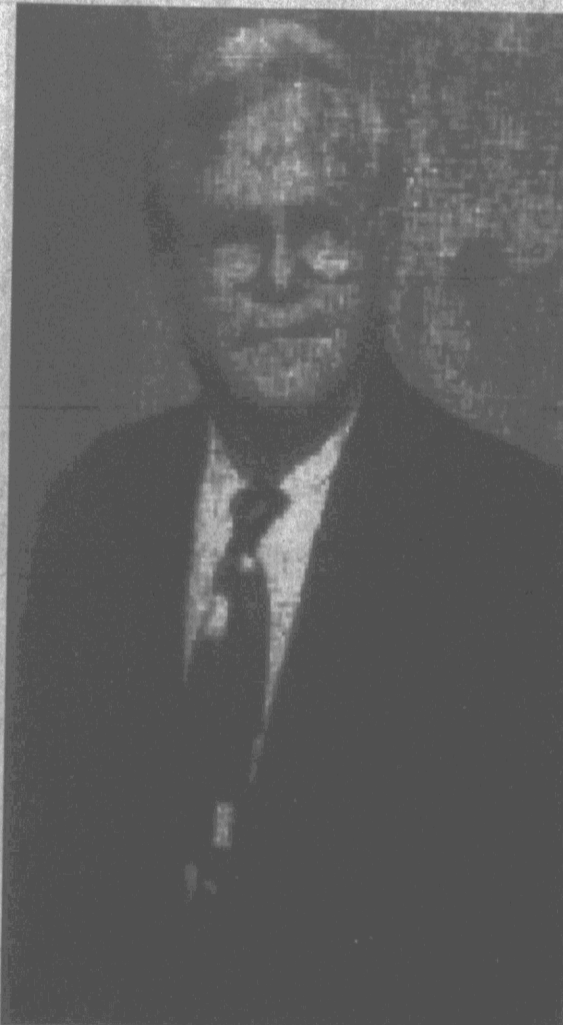
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I was instrumental in obtaining food, clothing and shelter for many citizens displaced by Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

A VOTE FOR CHUCK AUTRY WILL BE A VOTE FOR A BETTER GREENVILLE !!!

Paid for the Committee to elect Chuck Autry.

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Registration Dates	Avden-Grifton (Register with Tracey Williams)	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Aug 27 - Aug 31)	September 5 - September 19, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Oct 22 - Oct 31)	November 5 - November 20, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Jan 28 - Feb 6)	February 11 - February 25, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(March 31 - April 9)	April 14 - April 28, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Aug 27 - Sept 5)	DH Conley (Register with Brian Bradshaw)	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Oct 17 - Oct 26)	September 10 - September 25, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Jan 14 - Jan 23)	November 1 - November 16, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Feb 18 - Feb 27)	January 28 - February 11, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(April 14 - April 23)	March 5 - March 19, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
	April 30 - May 14, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Aug 27 - Sept 5)	Farmville Central (Register with Mike Terrell)	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Oct 16 - Oct 26)	September 10 - September 25, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Jan 21 - Jan 31)	November 5 - November 20, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Mar 17 - Mar 26)	February 5 - February 19, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
	April 1 - April 16, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Aug 27 - Sept 5)	JH Rose (Register with Clinton Anderson)	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Oct 8 - Oct 17)	September 10 - September 25, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Nov 19 - Nov 28)	October 22 - November 7, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Jan 21 - Jan 31)	December 3 - December 17, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Mar 17 - March 26)	February 5 - February 19, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(April 21 - April 30)	April 1 - April 16, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
	May 5 - May 19, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Sept 10 - Sept 19)	North Pitt (Register with Lisa Yeale)	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Nov 15 - Nov 28)	September 26 - Oct 10, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Feb 11 - Feb 20)	December 4 - December 18, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(April 21 - April 30)	February 25 - March 11, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
	May 5 - May 19, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Sept 10 - Sept 19)	South Central (Register with Betty Jo Manning)	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Nov 12 - Nov 21)	September 24 - October 8, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Feb 4 - Feb 15)	November 27 - December 11, 2007	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(March 17 - March 28)	February 18 - March 4, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(April 28 - May 7)	April 8 - April 22, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
	May 15 - May 30, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Sept 10 - Sept 28)	A.G. Cox Middle School (Register at NCDS office 321-6700)	8:00 am - 2:30 pm
	October 6, 13, 20 27, Nov 3, 2007 (Sat. only class)	8:00 am - 2:30 pm
(Jan 14 - Jan 28)	C.M. Eppes Middle School (Register at NCDS office 321-6700)	8:00 am - 2:30 pm
(Feb 18 - March 14)	February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2008 (Sat. Only Class)	8:00 am - 2:30 pm
	March 24 - March 28, 2008 (Easter Break Class)	8:00 am - 2:30 pm

- > Students must be 14 1/2 years of age by the first day of class.
- > Students must bring a copy of their birth certificate on the first day of class.
- > Students are allowed one absence. (Students are allowed no absences during the Saturday and Easter class)
- > Questions should be directed to North Carolina Driving School at 252-321-6700.
- > Sign up dates are in parenthesis.

"JENA 6 NATIONAL WEEK OF SOLIDARITY & ACTION" ON SEPTEMBER 16TH-21ST.


In a show of support and unity, many people and organizations from around the country are planning to mobilize in Jena on September 20th - the day of Mychal Bell's sentencing. For those NAACP units and community members who are unable to travel to Jena, the NAACP is requesting that you participate in the "Jena 6 National Week of Solidarity & Action" on September 16th-21st.

Publicly display your outrage about the Jena 6 situation and support for Mychal Bell by wearing all black on September 20th.

The families of Robert, Theo, Carwin, Bryant, Mychal and an unidentified minor are in desperate need of financial assistance to cover legal expenses for their cases. To this end, we are asking you to give up at least one luxury item on the 19th & 20th. A luxury item is basically anything that you don't "need" that day - anything from your \$4.00 cup of coffee, buying lunch instead of packing a lunch or deciding not to purchase that new outfit. The funds that you save from not purchasing your luxury item can then be donated to the Jena 6 Defense Committee, P. O. Box 2798, Jena, LA 71342

Many people around the country don't know about these unjust cases pending in Jena, Louisiana. During this week make sure that you spread the word about the Jena 6 and specifically inform people about Mychal Bell's sentencing. Through emails, faxes, blogs or just word of mouth, we can make sure that the world is aware of the Jena 6 tragedy and how they can get involved in speaking out about the cases.

Unfortunately, numerous disparities in the criminal and juvenile justice system continue to plague not only the African American community, but affect the entire United States of America. During the "Jena 6 National Week of Solidarity & Action" we are asking your unit or organization to host a town hall meeting, forum or policy debate to discuss these disparities in your local community and around the nation. Invite youth, community leaders, policy makers, law enforcement and the judicial community to take part in your event. If we want to stop situations like Jena 6 from occurring again, we must do our part to hold people accountable and to develop solutions that bring about a just and equal society for all

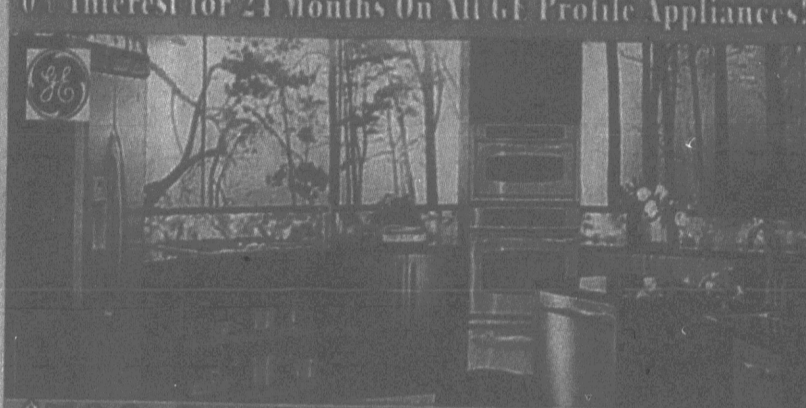


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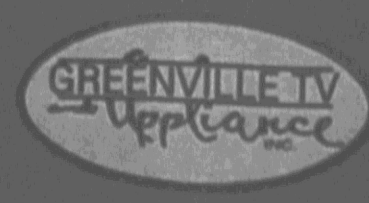
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