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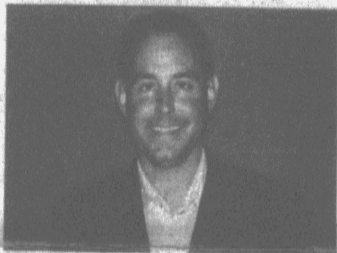
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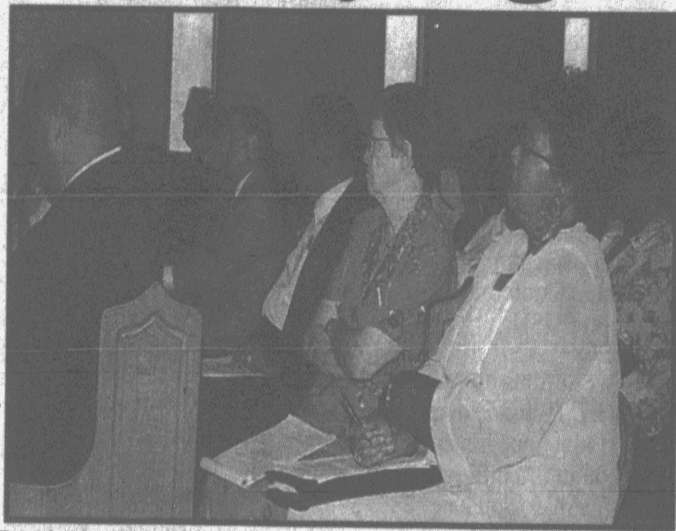
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Readying The Vote... Candidates ranging from running for the office of mayor to the city council, recently gathered at York Memorial AME Zion Church to answer policy questions from moderators and members of the audience about Greenville's future.

Only 1 Out Of 8 Registered Voters... Voted Election 05... Election 07..?

COMMENTARY: Over the years, the Coalition Against Racism, The NAACP and the

Local Organizing Committee have fought to the best of their abilities on the behalf of justices, racial equality and peace. To obtain justice for the many individuals who have come to them for solidarity and

assistance, they have met with school officials, with bosses on the job and with city officials. They have given our solidarity and assistance, we have met with school officials. They have met with school officials, with bosses on the job and with city officials. They have brought the community to the streets for marches and rallies on the behalf of, against racist abuses of police power, and in support of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These movements has been championing your interests 365 days a year.

Now is the time for a new kind of politics. We believe that by linking "street heat" with electoral campaigns, the progressive movement can make greater strides toward a better alternative for Greenville. The key to building the link is our political program, that was constructed during many months of open-

public meetings.

These programs expresses the interests of the community and governs the public's relation to the electoral process. In the weeks before the elections, there will be candidate forums, where we can see which candidates will agree to be held accountable to the program. This in turn, determines who receives support from the coalition.

This elections year hold the opportunity for progressive change. There are 22 candidates running, including 6 candidates for mayor. Though only a few candidates are willing to state their political platform openly, you can be sure that each candidate represents the interests of the group. The especially large number of this year shows there is a disagreement about the directions the city should take. Voting makes sure your voice

is heard.

In the last city elections, only 1 in 8 registered voters came to the polls. This is a tiny fraction of eligible voters in Greenville. Under the conditions, even a few votes can make a very big difference. Imagine who could get elected if you don't stay home on election day! On Tuesday, November 6, voters registered in Greenville can vote for city councilor representing their district, at-large city councilor and mayor.

The city council is the final authority on matter relating to Greenville's government. It has the authority over police fire departments, utilities, parks, libraries, how developments are carried out, and many other matters. It controls a city budget of around 68 million dollars. There is power in the vote.

Supreme Court examines sentence disparity: Crack vs. powder cocaine

By Mark Sherman
 Associated Press
 Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge's decision to slice a few years off a lengthy prison term has brought to the Supreme Court the racially tinged issue of harsh sentences for dealing crack cocaine.

Derrick Kimbrough, a Black veteran of the 1991 Gulf War, received a 15-year-prison term for

selling both crack and powder cocaine, as well as possessing a firearm in Norfolk, Va. Most crack defendants in federal court are Black.

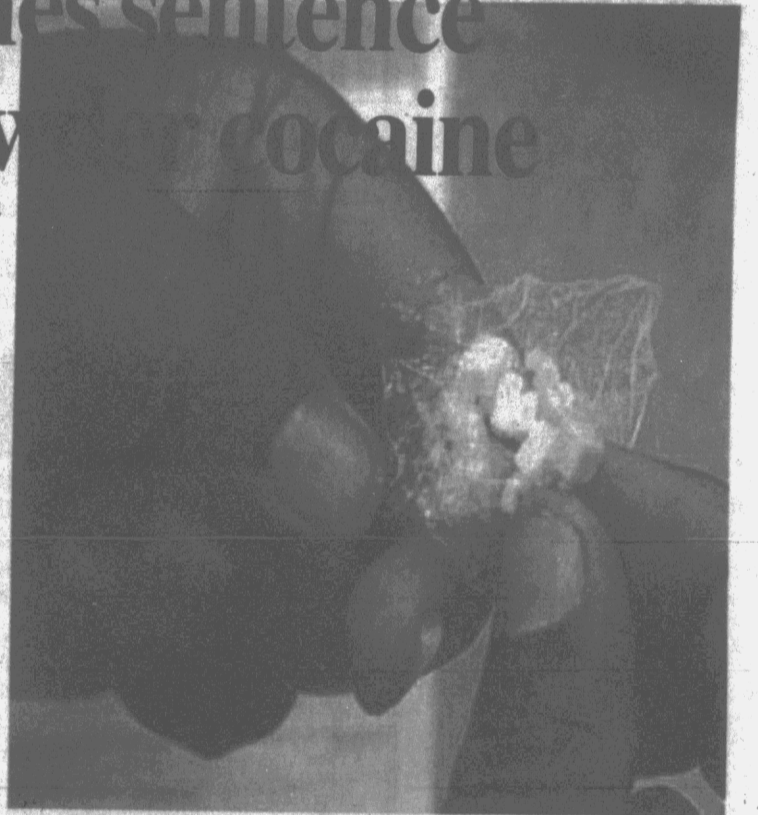
Federal sentencing guidelines called for a range of 19 years to 22 years in prison, but U.S. District Judge Raymond A. Jackson said the higher range was "ridiculous."

Whether Jackson has the discretion to ignore the guidelines is the issue before the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

A companion case from Iowa also involves a judge's discretion to impose a more lenient sentence in a drug case, although Brian Gall pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute ecstasy. In Gall's case, the judge decided probation was sufficient punishment even though the guidelines called for prison time.

Federal appeals courts threw out both sentences, but the justices accepted the defendants' appeals.

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By Josh Humphries
 The Daily Reflector

Saturday, October 06, 2007

Though an investigation into a noose-like piece of rope found on campus was inconclusive, East Carolina University officials said Friday that they'll use the incident to further diversity discussions among students.

ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard said during a news conference at Mendenhall Student Center that the university is taking student concerns over a potential hate crime very seriously.

"East Carolina University has a zero tolerance for intimidation or harassment in any form," Ballard said.

"We intend to use this incident as a springboard for serious discussion of diversity issues throughout the campus. We remain unconditionally committed to the principles of diversity and inclusion across the university."

University police were unable to decide whether the piece of rope found in the basement of Belk Residence Hall was a noose, officials said at Friday's gathering. They have been investigating since a student reported finding it in the basement of Belk Hall Sept. 19.

About 30 people gathered Friday to hear comments from Ballard and others at the Mendenhall Student Center.

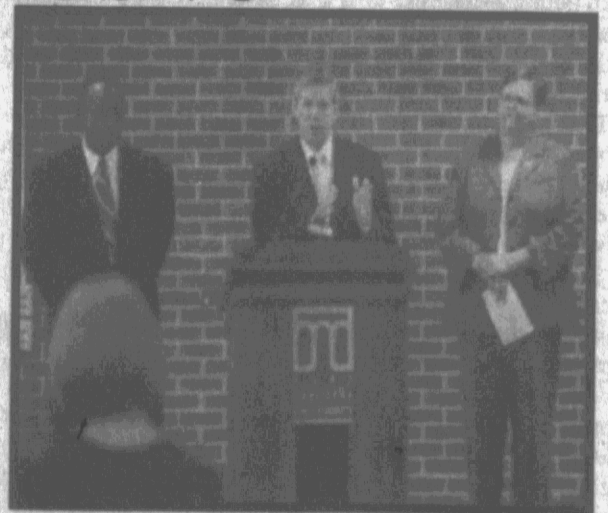
Todd Johnson, interim vice provost for student life, said the events will trigger more interaction between campus police and resident advisors.

"The campus police will include as part of its community policing to go into the residence halls and work with RAs on issues like this," Johnson said.

The investigation included interviews with students who live in the hall, a review of surveillance tapes from security cameras in the area and an examination of the entire basement, Johnson said.

Some ECU student groups rallied on Sept. 20 — the day after the rope was found — for six Jena, La., teenagers charged with counts ranging from assault to attempted murder after a December 2006 fight.

That fight followed months of racial tension in Jena, where nooses sometimes hung from trees on the Jena High School campus.



ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard speaks during a forum with students at the college Friday afternoon, along with Todd Johnson, interim vice provost for student affairs, left, and Janice Harris, interim chief of police

Johnson said ECU's Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Institutional Diversity will launch a new program to get students from different races and ethnic groups to talk about race relations in an academic setting.

Officials are also considering a new class, required for first-year students, that includes diversity issues, Johnson said.

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OPINION

Civil Rights Giants Say Jena March is 'Wake Up Call' for the Nation

by Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief



WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The rousing response to unequal justice involving six Black teens in Jena, La., amounts to "a wake up call" to the level of racism remaining in America, says civil rights icon the Rev. Joseph Lowery and six other legendary Black leaders.

"This means two things that can take on epic proportions," says Lowery, 85, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957. "One is that it's a wake up call to the nation as a whole that racism is as alive and as sick as ever in this country and that there are places that are as isolated and as remote that are just like Jena," says Lowery.

"The second thing is that there's a real awakening, a long prayed for awakening among our youth. No matter how much adults try to take credit for organizing and doing this, this came up out of the bosom and the belly of our youth. And I say thank God.

And it can take on eternal significance if there's a continuum because this incident is not isolated. It'll happen again."

Lowery's sentiments reflect those of many who participated in the march and those who watched from afar. Civil rights giants asked to interpret the meaning of the Jena Six injustices and protests, involving a so-called "White Tree" and nooses, all say the matter is indicative of racism that has been entrenched since slavery. But, moreover, the tremendous response by youth revealed a readiness to continue the struggle.

"With all the gains that we made in America, the fight is not over, period," says Myrlie Evers-Williams, former NAACP chairwoman, whose civil rights leader husband, Medgar Evers, was assassinated in Jackson, Miss. in 1963. "Medgar, shortly before he was assassinated, said to a group at a rally that it will be even more difficult to hold on to the rights that we gain than the difficulty that it took us to gain those rights."

Six Black teens have come to that knowledge in the small town of Jena, La. Now known as the Jena Six, all were hit with extreme criminal charges after a brawl with a White student, Justin Barker, while White students involved in perpetrating hate activity against them, including the hanging of two nooses from a so-called "White Tree", have received no such charges.

Tens of thousands of protestors last week peacefully demanded

the release of Mychal Bell, one of the six who has been jailed in the incident since December, charged as an adult.

A Louisiana appeals court turned over his conviction in days leading up to the march, saying he should have been tried as a juvenile. But Judge J.P. Mauffray Jr. has refused to release Bell while awaiting juvenile charges to be waged against him.

Among the protest leaders, the Rev. Al Sharpton, said he would lobby members of Congress and the Justice Department this week to get federal involvement. House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers (D-Mich.) has promised to hold hearings in the matter.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., another civil rights giant who marched alongside Dr. King, knows well the potential impact of federal intervention.

"Just as Montgomery focused on public accommodations and Selma the right to vote, Jena brings in the criminality of the criminal justice system. It touches a raw nerve all around the nation," Jackson says. "In the end we had to get federal intervention in Selma and into Birmingham because the states' righters rejected our basic civil rights."

Reminiscent of the 1960s struggle, even after last week's march, the hate activity persisted. A pickup truck trailing two nooses was driven close to departing protesters by White teens trying to provoke. Also, a White supremacist website has published the

addresses of several of the Jena Six.

Such racism goes well beyond that small town of 3,500, says Jackson.

"There's a Jena everywhere. Jena is [Amadou] Diallo being shot 41 times in New York by police and they walk away; Jena is Rodney King in LA; Jena is why you have more Blacks in jail than in college in every state," Jackson says. "It indicates - number one - that we never should have stopped marching in the first place because we are free, but not equal. And there are challengeable issues that we have not dealt with."

Those issues will be dealt with only if this new wave of protests is serious, says Thomas N. Todd, a veteran civil rights lawyer, who was former president of the Chicago chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Operation PUSH.

"Were we serious in Jena?" Todd asks. "What I am afraid of, and I just hope it's not true, is there is a difference between a march on Aug. 28, 1963, which helped to break America's eyes open and helped to clear the 1964 Civil Rights Act - There's a difference between that and an event which has become a cause celebre."

Even if there is a difference, the bridge between the civil rights movement of the 1960s and a "cause celebre" in 2007 will be the connection and transference between the

civil rights legends and the youth who were riled enough to leave college campuses around the nation and march on Jena, says Evers-Williams.

"I have emphasized the need for communication between the two generations, that those of us who are experienced in the struggle for freedom need to reach out more than what we do to embrace the new leadership that's coming along," she says.

"We've got to come together to use the wisdom of the past and the enthusiasm of today to still address these ills that face our society."

Those ills are so pervasive that Jena has only disappointed rather than surprised Dr. Dorothy Height, president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women and a peer of Dr. King and the Big Six civil rights leaders.

"I thought the nation was beginning to move a little better, a little further towards equality and justice. But, it's very disappointing to find the rise in hate crimes, the strong impact of racism in our society and it's a challenge to everybody today to pick up where we have left off in our society," says Height. "We have yet very much to do... There is more racism than I think any of us would have imagined."

In an NNPA News Service article published a month ago, Mark Potok, director of The Intelligence Project, a monitor of race hate activity, interpreted a rash of apparent race-related criminal justice cases and cited a 40 percent rise in hate groups since 2000 as indicators of a

slow re-segregation of America.

Even so, last week's protests in Jena gives more hope than ever imagined, says NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, another civil rights stalwart.

"The outpouring of support in Louisiana shows that there is an enormous body of Americans who are concerned about the gross civil rights violations that are there and that we see all over the country and they're willing to sacrifice time and travel to protest against them," Bond says.

"So for people who think these concerns vanished when Martin Luther King was alive, they have a brand new think coming. There's still egregious racism in the United States."

But, the fight must go beyond marching, says the Rev. Willie Barrow, a long-time member of the Rainbow/PUSH board of directors, who also helped to organize alongside Dr. King. "You've got to march, you've got to communicate, but, you've got to boycott people who don't treat you right. Quit giving them business," she says.

Lowery agrees, "Marching has never been the whole answer. It's never been the total answer. It's a means of drawing the attention of a nation to the evils that exist and it's a means of pricking conscience and it's a means of stirring up within those who participate the determination, the excitement that's necessary to continue to struggle."

Our Children are Dying While Old Men Are Lying

by eric l. wattree sr.

Sep 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

An old English teacher of mine use to trash everything I wrote. No matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't do anything right in her eyes. I could write out the alphabet and turn it in, then when I got it back it would look like a chicken had danced on it in red ink. One day I read a 500 word essay that I was particularly proud of before the class, and the class seemed to love it. They were all smiling and applauding, and I stood there feeling self-satisfied and vindicated, soaking up my 15 seconds fame. Then the class went silent, awaiting her remarks. She looked at the floor, gathering her thoughts, then back up at me and said, "Eric", and sort of chuckled, "you say absolutely nothing more eloquently than any student that I've ever had." Again, there was silence until her message soaked in, then the class fell out laughing as I stood there totally deflated. Since I was the only Black male in the class, I was convinced that her motive was racist-that she was purposely trying to humiliate me by attacking my intellect-and through extension, the intellect of Black males in general. I hated her for it, but I needed her class to graduate. Then one morning as I was taking a shortcut through the faculty parking lot, she called me over and introduced me to a very impressive looking gentleman who she introduced as her husband. He shook my hand and said that he had heard a lot about me, and mentioned how much he enjoyed one of the

papers that I'd written. He was Black. After that, everything fell into place, and I began to see the big picture. Now, every time I pickup a pen, I think about that lady-("When you make a statement, start backing it up in the next sentence, or no later than the next paragraph," "Don't tell 'em what you mean, show 'em"). What I took as an insult, was Ms. Emmel's willingness to take the time to tell me what I needed to hear, rather than what I wanted to hear. Sometimes you have to say things that are painful in order to get the best out of an individual ("Know the truth, and the truth shall set you free"). The same is true of a nation, that's why I can't understand the "love it or leave it mentality" of America's so-called patriots. They don't seem to understand the true nature of patriotism. A true patriot is not one who says "My country, right or wrong"-people who say that are confusing a patriot with a sports fan, and a nation with their favorite football team. That attitude may be appropriate for a sporting event, but it's both unhealthy and infantile, when it involves the life or death of a nation and its people. True patriotism is the courage to fight for the principles upon which a nation is founded, even when those principles are neither popular nor convenient at a given time. Thus, those people who are so passionately supporting the war in Iraq in the name of patriotism, are proving to be anything but patriotic. They're demonstrating that they are more loyal to an individual, Coach George Bush, than they are to the principles upon which this nation was founded-freedom, justice, and the rule of law. They're more outraged over their quarterback, General Petraeus, being referred to as 'General Betrayus', than they are George Bush denying

prisoners of war their human rights. That's sort of odd, considering how much they claim to love America. After all, disparaging General Petraeus may indeed be discourteous, but violating a prisoner's human rights is un-American. One would think a true patriot would be much more up in arms at Bush for attacking our way of life, than they'd be at Gen. Petraeus' critics for a lapse in social graces. Of course, it could be that these true patriots love America so much that they just can't stomach the disparagement of a veteran who's put his life on the line for this country. But wait a minute-wasn't it these very same people, who are so outraged over the disparagement of Gen. Petraeus, that had absolutely no problem at all in dragging Senator John Kerry's military service through the mud-even though he earned three purple hearts, a bronze and a silver star during the Vietnam War. So again, these "patriots" have proven to be somewhat confused. It seems that in reality, they don't love veterans per se-they're simply willing to exploit a veteran, if he's willing to promote their political agenda. So the room has fallen silent, America, and in the tradition of a great educator, I'm about to tell you need to hear, instead of what you want to hear. It may sound un-American but get over it, because only the truth will set you free: The fact is, America, your president and vice president are demagogues. They have absolutely no respect for America, couldn't care less about your troops, and have been playing your emotions like a fiddle ever since 9/11. Consider this: Where was their patriotism and concern for America during the Vietnam War, when it was their turn to serve this country? And if they've grown into patriotism

over the years, why aren't they insisting that their families join in on the war against terrorism? They say they love our troops, yet, they're forcing our young people to make four times the sacrifice of any other troops in modern history, as their loved ones cheer them on from the sidelines. Due to a lack of personnel, our troops are being forced to place themselves in harm's way longer than any other servicemen and women. The traditional 12-month tour of duty in a war zone has been extended to 15 months, and the traditional one tour of war zone duty has been replaced with our troops having to return to Iraq three and four times. Then beyond that, when it's time for them to get out of the military, they're being forced to remain. That doesn't sound like love to me-it sounds like the worse kind of involuntary servitude. And while our kids are dying, Bush and his cronies are lying. At first they said we were in Iraq to go after the weapons of mass destruction. No weapons were found, yet we stayed. Then they said that we had to capture Saddam Hussein. He was captured and killed, yet we stayed. Then they said we had to rid the country of al-Qaeda, an impossible task, yet we stay. And now they say we must stabilize the Iraq, also impossible, yet, we stay. Cheney says "The insurgency is in its final throes," as Bush is hard at work building the largest fortress in the history of mankind-larger than Vatican City. You're being lied to America. General Motors, U.S. Steel, Uniroyal, and the other corporations that once made up America's corporate base and have been replaced by the military-industrial complex. America is, literally, in the war business. We've

gone from making rubber and steel, to making war. Without war, there is no money to be made, and your children are being ground up in this war machine as the raw material. That's right, America.

You're being had. Your children are dying, while old men are lying, and you dance around the flag. What a waste. Thank you, Ms. Emmel. Eric L. Wattree Eric L. Wattree, Sr. can be reached at eric@wattree.com.

Public Service Announcement

Pay Your 2007 Taxes
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2007 Pitt County, City and Town property taxes are due **September 1, 2007** and must be paid no later than **Monday, January 7, 2008**. If you have not received a bill and would like to know how much your tax bill is, please visit our website at www.pittcountync.gov or contact our office at (252) 902-3425. Due to printing difficulties, you may experience a delay in receiving your tax bill. Please keep in mind that you can also visit our website at any time to view and pay your tax bill. If you pay your taxes by August 31, 2007, you will receive a 2% discount on your bill. This does not apply to motor vehicle taxes, which follow a separate billing schedule. All taxes not paid or postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before January 7th will be assessed a 2% interest charge on January 8th. Additionally, interest of 3/4 of 1% will be added monthly until taxes are paid in full, as required by N.C.G.S. tax laws. If you have a tax escrow account with your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to make sure your taxes are paid. If you have questions concerning taxes due or making a payment arrangement, the tax collections office is located at 111 S. Washington Street, Greenville or you may call (252) 902-3425. Payments remitted by check should be made payable to Pitt County Tax Collector, Post Office Box 875, Greenville, NC 27835.

Jeffery Niebauer, Pitt County Tax Collector

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

Money Mistakes Black Women Make

Black women make money mistakes. Financial experts identified some of the top money mistakes Black women make:

1. Addiction to shoes and handbags.
2. Putting their financial lives on hold. They rent rather than purchase their own home. And tend not to save while looking forward to a future life with "Prince Charming." Too many women wait to get married before gaining control of their finances.
3. No financial plan. Many women do not think sacrificially about

their financial priorities long-term. It is always wise to pay yourself first; start making small investments and start saving for retirement early.

4. Getting divorced. After a divorce, a women's households income usually decreases by as much as 45%.
5. Lack of asset protection, losing a job, death of a spouse, a major illness or accident, or divorce. These life-altering events can affect you financially, but many Black women are not prepared. Acquire adequate life insurance, disability insurance, and long-term insurance for themselves and their spouses. A three-to-six month emergency fund is a must.

Financial experts recommend that women take the following steps: stop getting deeper in debt, a develop a financial plan, and get help from a reputable financial

planner, pay yourself first; protect your home and self with adequate insurance plans, purchase used rather than new cars, calculate how much income you need after retirement, devise a plan and stick to it.

Food for Thought

"Those who think they have not time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness." (Edward Stanley)

"Empowerment is all about letting go so that others can get along." (Kenneth Blanchard)

"A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you have been taking." (Earl Wilson)

"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work." (Unknown)

"Those that say you can't take it with you - never saw a car packed for a FAMILY vacation trip." (Unknown)

"Vacation used to be a luxury, but in today's world it has become a necessity."

"A vacation is over when you begin to yearn for your work." (Morris Fishbein)

"The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, the rest willing to let them." (Robert Frost)

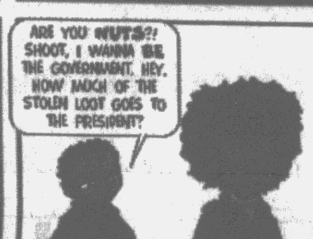
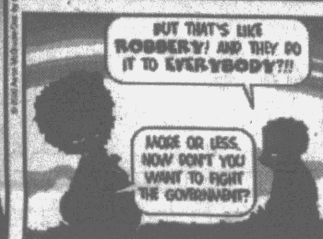
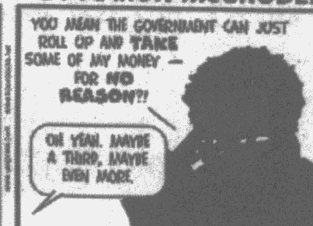
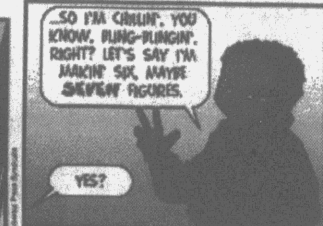
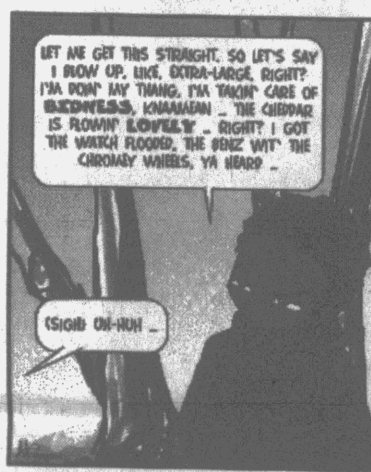
"Summertime is the BEST time for family FUNTIME."

"Beautiful people are accidents of nurture, but beautiful old people are works of art." (Unknown)

"To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must deserve." (Marilyn Savant)

"Be decisive - standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous; you get knocked down by traffic from both sides." (Margaret Thatcher)

THE BOONDOCKS



BY AARON McGRUDER



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What is Grownup?

At a certain point in one's life, one makes the transition

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out of youth. Does turning 50 signify that we have crossed the line? Not necessarily, yet we tend to regard this birthday as a milestone.

People like to document 50th birthdays with gag gifts. At mine, I got a cane and an ear trumpet. Funny, huh?

How do you know when you're no longer a kid, no longer young? Well, for one thing, you start noticing that young people call you "sir" or "ma'am". Maybe someone holds the door for you when you could perfectly well have opened it yourself. Cops no longer let you off with a warning for speeding; you know you're going to get the ticket.

Some things change, and some things don't. (How many of you are still supporting your grown children in some way?) In fact, there's a huge difference between getting older and actually becoming a grownup. Unlike aging, growing up is a project one embarks on (or fails to embark on), the success of which can be observed at practically any age. A thoughtful person of 25 may be considered wise beyond his years. An 85 year

old may be self-absorbed and childish.

So, how do you know you're mature? You're a grownup when.....


1. You know there are many things much more important than yourself.
2. You're willing to say, "I was wrong."
3. You're attentive to the footprints you will have left on the world.
4. You forgive the carelessness of the young; regret the thoughtlessness of your own youth.
5. You finally realize you have no one to complain to.

Growing up is a choice. The journey begins with the simplest of steps: identifying your values, and then acting accordingly. This means pointing yourself in the right direction and start marching. The alternative is to have a life that has a beginning, middle and then just ends.

Extracted from an article by Sloan

Respectfully submitted by: Suetje A. Jones

Reflections



THE PEOPLE STATION

Granelle's Limousine Service



The Six Passenger Cadillac DTS
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"300 Chrysler Limo"



"Our Chrysler 300C Sedan"
"Car Service"



"Super Stretch Lincoln Town Car"



The Lincoln Navigator
"You should see the Bar in this Car..."



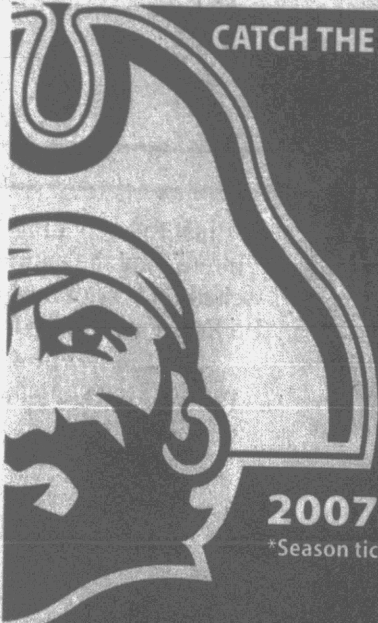
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Call for Letters of Intent

The Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation is accepting letters of intent for grants or funding to support projects in the program's focus areas:

- Diabetes
- Access to Care
- Minority Health
- Senior Services
- Nutrition/Physical Activity

The grants will be awarded as part of the Foundation's 2008-2009 Community Benefits and Health Initiatives grants program.

Grant funding for 2008-2009 is restricted to Pitt County and will not be awarded for medical research. Only government entities or non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

The grant period is for July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Letters of intent should include the following


- Brief organizational history
- Project description; include target population
- Explanation of how the project addresses the program's focus areas (listed above)
- Dollar amount being requested
- Copy of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status

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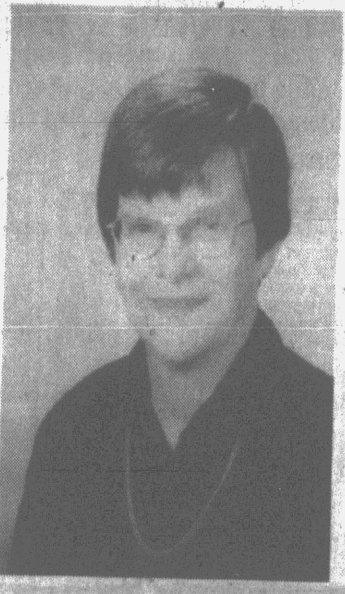


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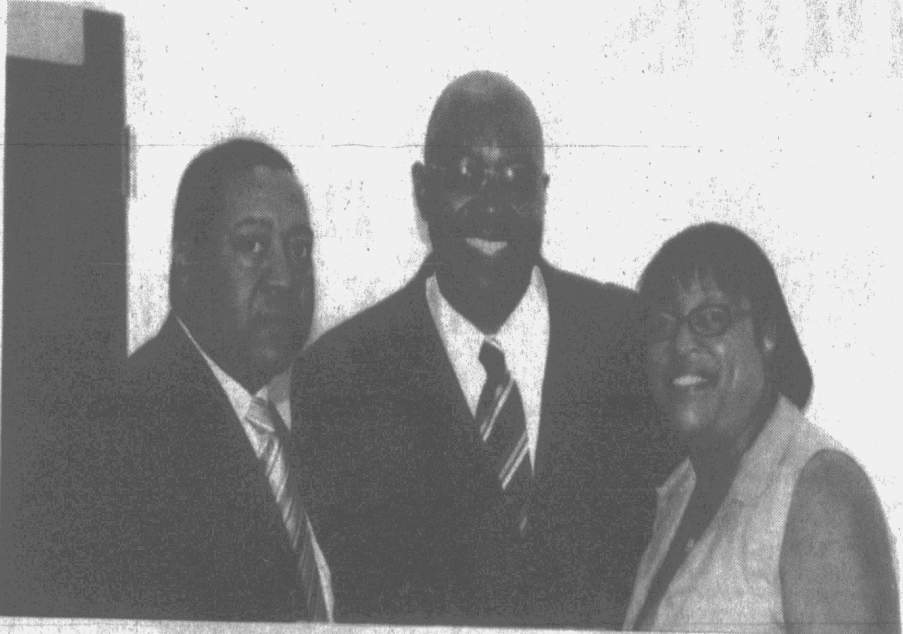



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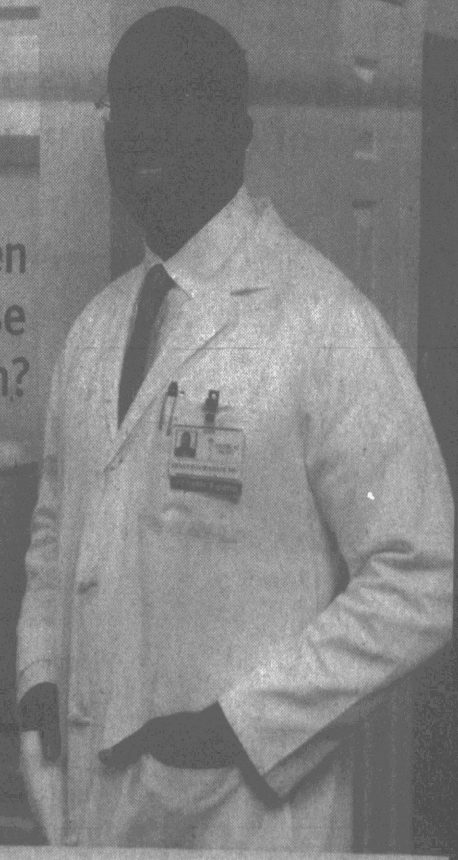
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
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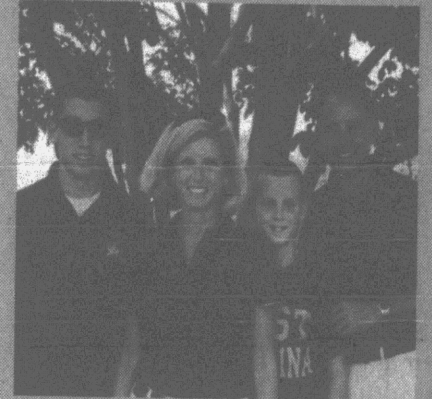
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crack vs cocaine

A gram of crack gets the same sentence as 100 grams of powder). It takes only 5 grams of crack to mandate a 5 year penalty but 500 grams of powder.

The Bush administration is supporting the appeals court rulings, while civil rights and advocacy groups are backing the defendants.

Congressional opponents of the laws establishing more severe sentencing for crack cocaine than powdered cocaine are racially discriminatory because they hit more directly at the Black community, where this form of drug abuse is more commonplace.

Advocates for reducing the disparity point to crime statistics that show crack is more of an urban and minority drug while cocaine powder is used more often by the affluent. They say harsher penalties for crack cocaine unfairly punish Blacks.

More than four-fifths of crack cocaine offenders in federal courts last year were Black, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. By contrast, just over a quarter of those convicted of powder cocaine crimes last year were Black, the commission said.

Kimrough actually had much more powder than crack, but it was the latter that determined the length of his prison term.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond said judges are not free to impose sentences shorter than the guidelines "based on a disagreement with the sentencing disparity for crack and powder cocaine offenses."

The crack-powder disparity grew out of a 1986 law that was passed in response to violent crimes committed to get money to feed crack habits.

The law includes what critics have called the 100-to-1 disparity: Trafficking in 5 grams of crack cocaine carries a mandatory five-year prison sentence, but it takes 500 grams of cocaine powder to warrant the same sentence.

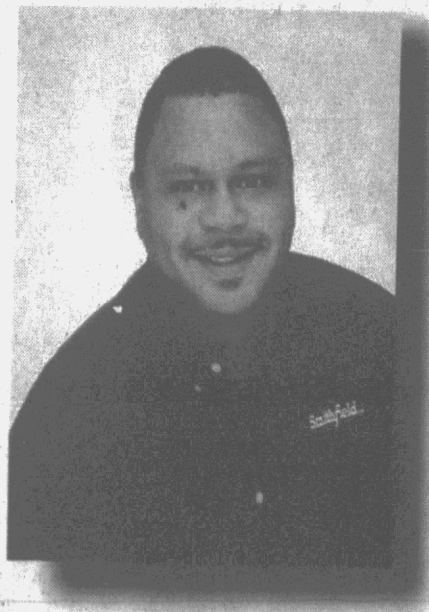
The U.S. Sentencing Commission, an independent agency within the U.S. judiciary, voted in May to reduce the recommended sentencing ranges for people convicted of crack possession, a step toward lessening the disparity. The recommendation will become effective Nov. 1 unless Congress acts.

At the same time, the commission urged Congress to repeal the mandatory prison term for simple possession and increase the amount of crack required to trigger obligatory five-year or more prison terms as a way to focus on major drug traffickers.

The Supreme Court gave a boost to judges' discretion when it ruled in 2005 that the sentencing guidelines are advisory, not mandatory. The guidelines were adopted in the 1980s to ensure comparable sentences for similar crimes from courtroom to courtroom.

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MARVIN PRIOLEAU

HOME: Hope Mills, N.C.

AGE: 41

PROFESSION: Community Relations Liaison

HOBBIES: Watching or attending College Football Games and attending Local Drag Racing Tracks.

LAST BOOK READ: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey.

LAST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Bench Pressing 300lbs at Total Elite Fitness Center.

PROFILE: Married, father of two.

Earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Virginia State. Majored in Administration of Justice with minors in social work and military science. Dedicated community relations professional who looks for opportunities to satisfy the needs of the community through Smithfield's community outreach programs and scholarships. Volunteers as track and football coach for youth ages 6 to 18 and serves as a committee member with the Partnership for Children, Inc. of Cumberland County.

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Shamed US athlete Marion Jones has handed over the three gold and two bronze medals she won at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 after admitting to using performance-enhancing banned drugs. The latest move follows her admission to using these drugs three days ago. Jones also accepted a two-year suspension from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. The ban means Jones will not be able to compete till Oct. 7, 2009. However the ban does not make any difference to the 32-year-old Jones who announced her retirement from track and field on Friday last. But Jones will also be asked to return the Operation Gold bonus given to Olympic medalists. "We will ask her to make restitution," U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Jim Scherr said. "It is in excess of \$100,000." Another issue is that Jones won two medals in team events - gold in the 4x400 meters and bronze in the 4x100. Officials are now asking teammates to return theirs voluntarily. USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth clarified, "It's very unfortunate but your result involved cheating so the result is unfair to the other athletes of the world, so you're not entitled to the medals." Meanwhile controversy has been stirred up because Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou, who won the silver in the 100 metres, becomes eligible for Gold following Jones' forfeiture. Australian Olympic chief John Coates feels the Greek should not be given the medal. "But there may be some legal difficulties for the International Olympic Committee to overcome in order to reach that conclusion," he added. Tayna Lawrence of Jamaica won the bronze in that particular event.



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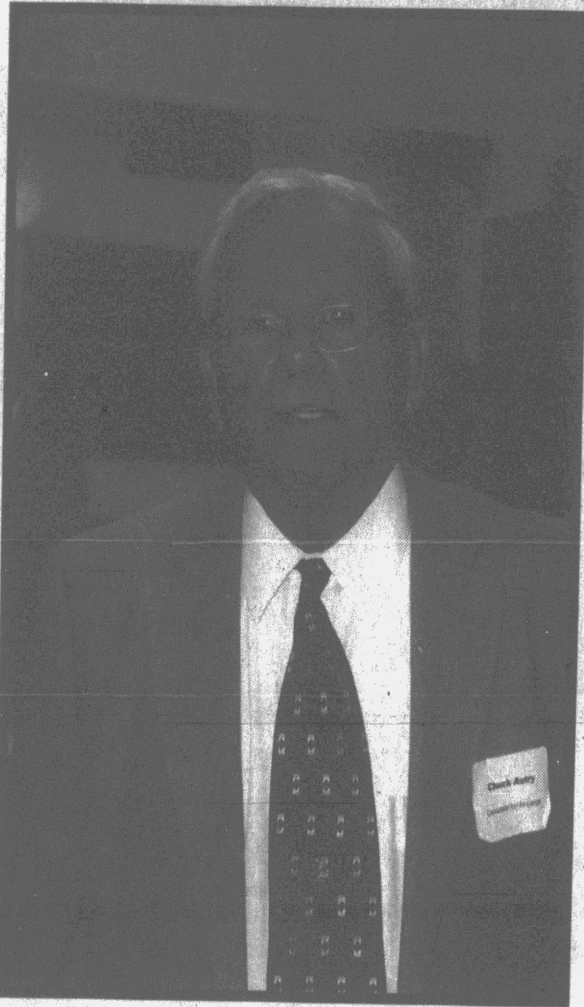
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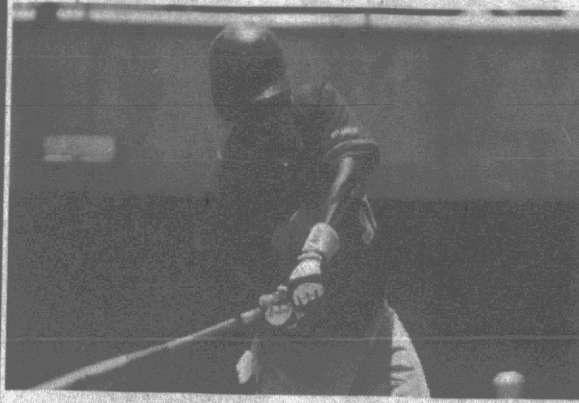
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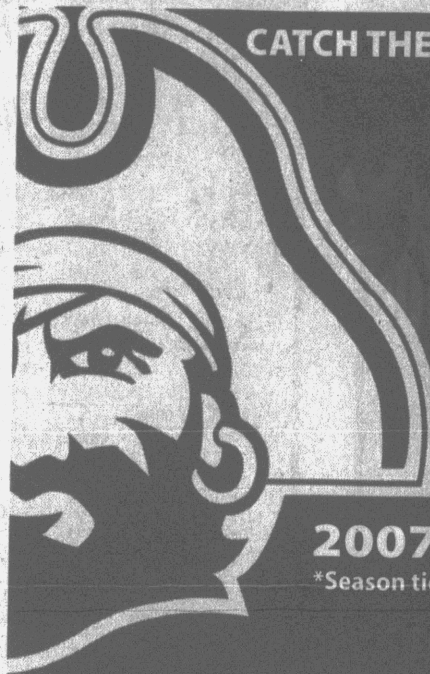
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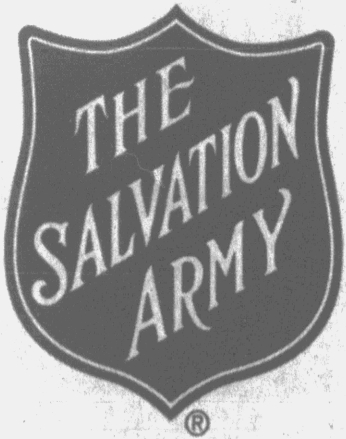
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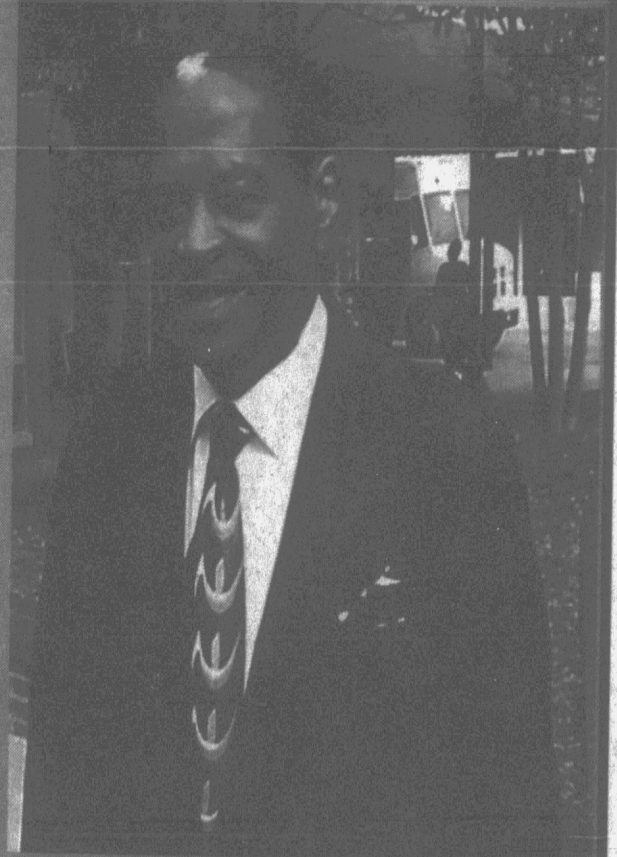
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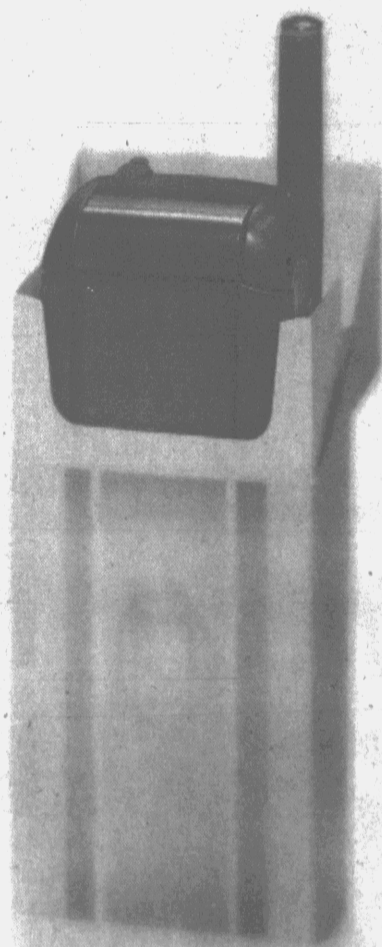
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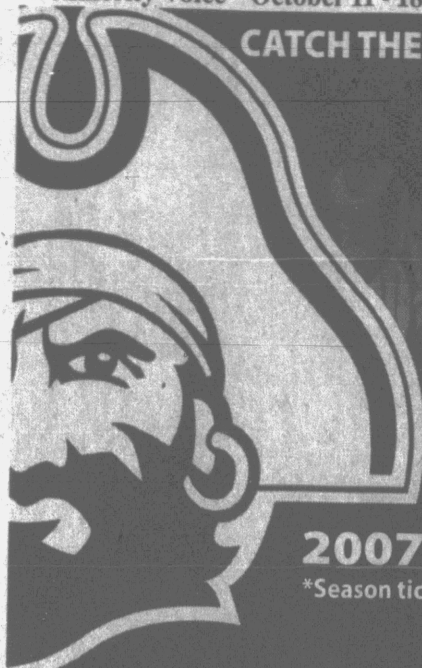
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Call for Letters of Intent

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- Diabetes
- Access to Care
- Minority Health
- Senior Services
- Nutrition/Physical Activity

The grants will be awarded as part of the Foundation's 2008-2009 Community Benefits and Health Initiatives grants program.

Grant funding for 2008-2009 is restricted to Pitt County and will not be awarded for medical research. Only government entities or non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

The grant period is for July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Letters of intent should include the following

- Brief organizational history
- Project description; include target population
- Explanation of how the project addresses the program's focus areas (listed above)
- Dollar amount being requested
- Copy of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status


Letters of intent must be received by November 10, 2007. Submit letters to the address below.



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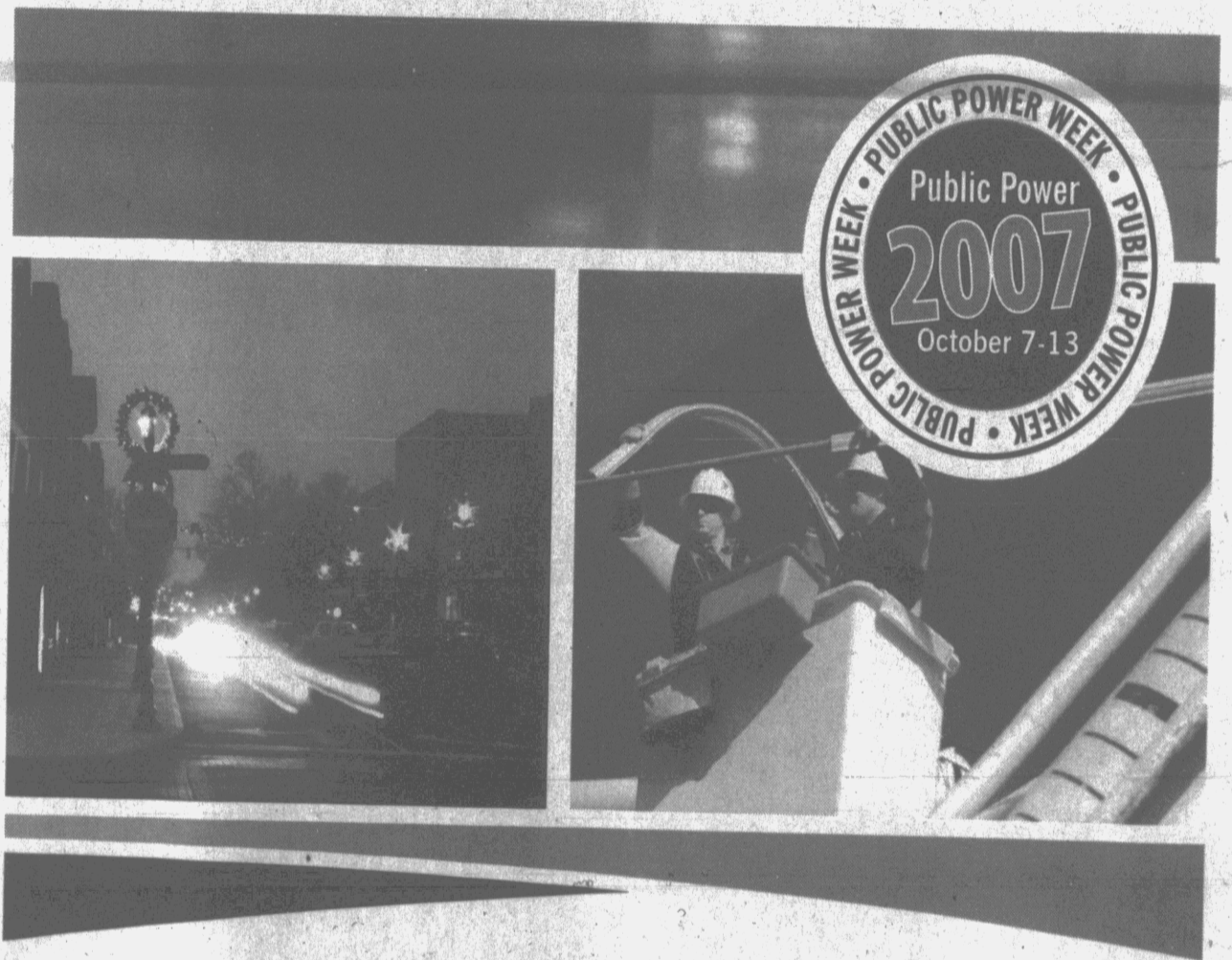
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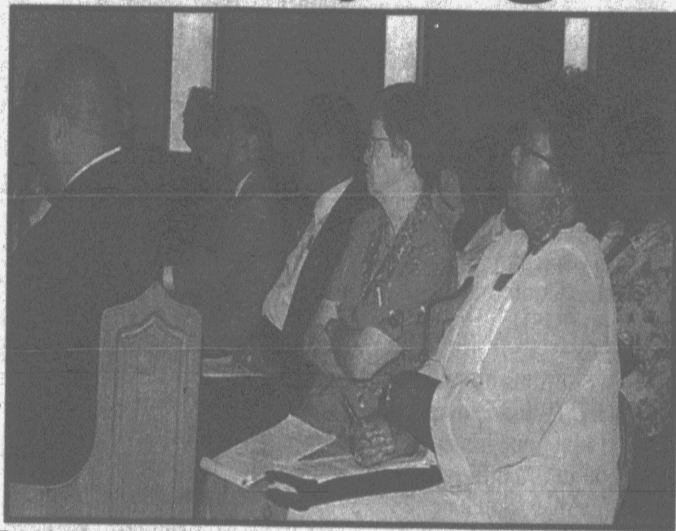
PAT DUNN FOR MAYOR



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Mildred Council Mayor Pro-Tem



Readying The Vote... Candidates ranging from running for the office of mayor to the city council, recently gathered at York Memorial AME Zion Church to answer policy questions from moderators and members of the audience about Greenville's future.

Only 1 Out Of 8 Registered Voters... Voted Election 05... Election 07..?

COMMENTARY: Over the years, the Coalition Against Racism, The NAACP and the

Local Organizing Committee have fought to the best of their abilities on the behalf of justices, racial equality and peace. To obtain justice for the many individuals who have come to them for solidarity and

assistance, they have met with school officials, with bosses on the job and with city officials. They have given our solidarity and assistance, we have met with school officials. They have met with school officials, with bosses on the job and with city officials. They have brought the community to the streets for marches and rallies on the behalf of, against racist abuses of police power, and in support of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These movements has been championing your interests 365 days a year.

Now is the time for a new kind of politics. We believe that by linking "street heat" with electoral campaigns, the progressive movement can make greater strides toward a better alternative for Greenville. The key to building the link is our political program, that was constructed during many months of open-

public meetings.

These programs expresses the interests of the community and governs the public's relation to the electoral process. In the weeks before the elections, there will be candidate forums, where we can see which candidates will agree to be held accountable to the program. This in turn, determines who receives support from the coalition.

This elections year hold the opportunity for progressive change. There are 22 candidates running, including 6 candidates for mayor. Though only a few candidates are willing to state their political platform openly, you can be sure that each candidate represents the interests of the group. The especially large number of this year shows there is a disagreement about the directions the city should take. Voting makes sure your voice

is heard.

In the last city elections, only 1 in 8 registered voters came to the polls. This is a tiny fraction of eligible voters in Greenville. Under the conditions, even a few votes can make a very big difference. Imagine who could get elected if you don't stay home on election day! On Tuesday, November 6, voters registered in Greenville can vote for city councilor representing their district, at-large city councilor and mayor.

The city council is the final authority on matter relating to Greenville's government. It has the authority over police fire departments, utilities, parks, libraries, how developments are carried out, and many other matters. It controls a city budget of around 68 million dollars. There is power in the vote.

Supreme Court examines sentence disparity: Crack vs. powder cocaine

By Mark Sherman
 Associated Press
 Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge's decision to slice a few years off a lengthy prison term has brought to the Supreme Court the racially tinged issue of harsh sentences for dealing crack cocaine.

Derrick Kimbrough, a Black veteran of the 1991 Gulf War, received a 15-year-prison term for

selling both crack and powder cocaine, as well as possessing a firearm in Norfolk, Va. Most crack defendants in federal court are Black.

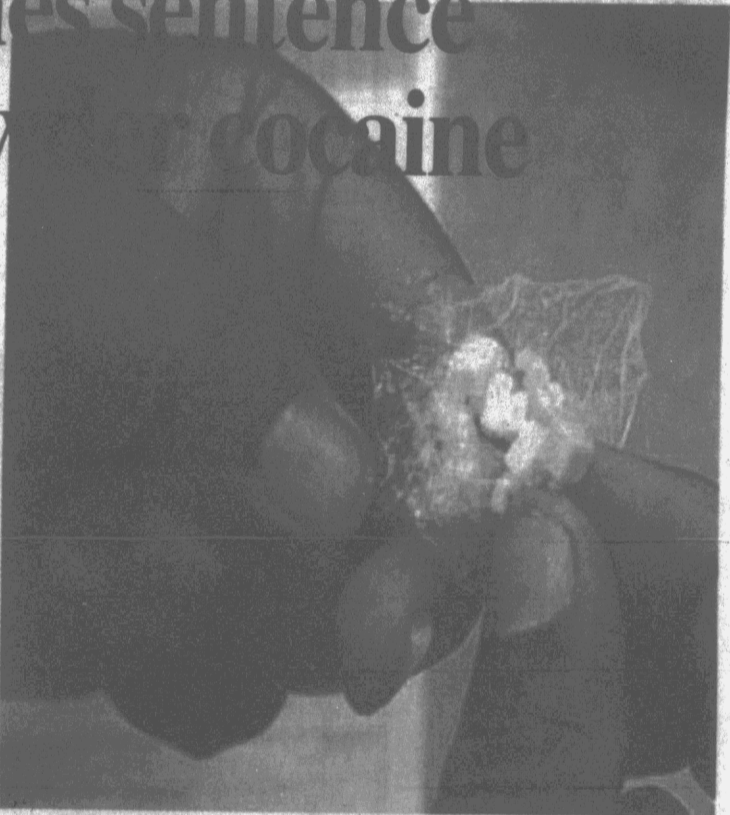
Federal sentencing guidelines called for a range of 19 years to 22 years in prison, but U.S. District Judge Raymond A. Jackson said the higher range was "ridiculous."

Whether Jackson has the discretion to ignore the guidelines is the issue before the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

A companion case from Iowa also involves a judge's discretion to impose a more lenient sentence in a drug case, although Brian Gall pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute ecstasy. In Gall's case, the judge decided probation was sufficient punishment even though the guidelines called for prison time.

Federal appeals courts threw out both sentences, but the justices accepted the defendants' appeals.

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ECU noose case is inconclusive

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By Josh Humphries
 The Daily Reflector

Saturday, October 06, 2007

Though an investigation into a noose-like piece of rope found on campus was inconclusive, East Carolina University officials said Friday that they'll use the incident to further diversity discussions among students.

ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard said during a news conference at Mendenhall Student Center that the university is taking student concerns over a potential hate crime very seriously.

"East Carolina University has a zero tolerance for intimidation or harassment in any form," Ballard said.

"We intend to use this incident as a springboard for serious discussion of diversity issues throughout the campus. We remain unconditionally committed to the principles of diversity and inclusion across the university."

University police were unable to decide whether the piece of rope found in the basement of Belk Residence Hall was a noose, officials said at Friday's gathering. They have been investigating since a student reported finding it in the basement of Belk Hall Sept. 19.

About 30 people gathered Friday to hear comments from Ballard and others at the Mendenhall Student Center.

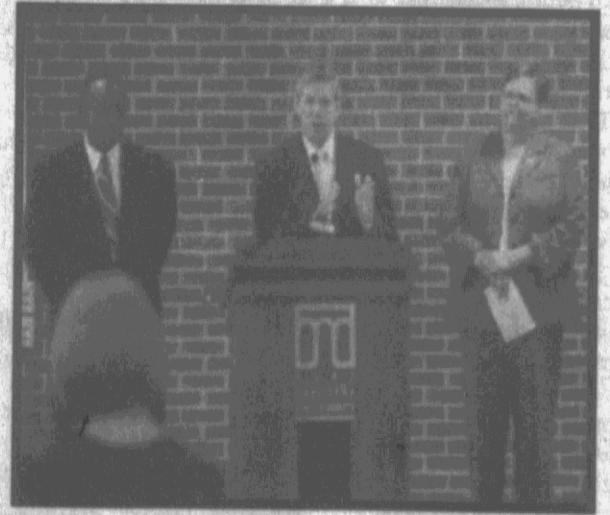
Todd Johnson, interim vice provost for student life, said the events will trigger more interaction between campus police and resident advisors.

"The campus police will include as part of its community policing to go into the residence halls and work with RAs on issues like this," Johnson said.

The investigation included interviews with students who live in the hall, a review of surveillance tapes from security cameras in the area and an examination of the entire basement, Johnson said.

Some ECU student groups rallied on Sept. 20 — the day after the rope was found — for six Jena, La., teenagers charged with counts ranging from assault to attempted murder after a December 2006 fight.

That fight followed months of racial tension in Jena, where nooses sometimes hung from trees on the Jena High School campus.



ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard speaks during a forum with students at the college Friday afternoon, along with Todd Johnson, interim vice provost for student affairs, left, and Janice Harris, interim chief of police

Johnson said ECU's Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Institutional Diversity will launch a new program to get students from different races and ethnic groups to talk about race relations in an academic setting.

Officials are also considering a new class, required for first-year students, that includes diversity issues, Johnson said.

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OPINION

Civil Rights Giants Say Jena March is 'Wake Up Call' for the Nation

by Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief



WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The rousing response to unequal justice involving six Black teens in Jena, La., amounts to "a wake up call" to the level of racism remaining in America, says civil rights icon the Rev. Joseph Lowery and six other legendary Black leaders.

"This means two things that can take on epic proportions," says Lowery, 85, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957. "One is that it's a wake up call to the nation as a whole that racism is as alive and as sick as ever in this country and that there are places that are as isolated and as remote that are just like Jena," says Lowery.

"The second thing is that there's a real awakening, a long prayed for awakening among our youth. No matter how much adults try to take credit for organizing and doing this, this came up out of the bosom and the belly of our youth. And I say thank God.

And it can take on eternal significance if there's a continuum because this incident is not isolated. It'll happen again."

Lowery's sentiments reflect those of many who participated in the march and those who watched from afar. Civil rights giants asked to interpret the meaning of the Jena Six injustices and protests, involving a so-called "White Tree" and nooses, all say the matter is indicative of racism that has been entrenched since slavery. But, moreover, the tremendous response by youth revealed a readiness to continue the struggle.

"With all the gains that we made in America, the fight is not over, period," says Myrlie Evers-Williams, former NAACP chairwoman, whose civil rights leader husband, Medgar Evers, was assassinated in Jackson, Miss. in 1963. "Medgar, shortly before he was assassinated, said to a group at a rally that it will be even more difficult to hold on to the rights that we gain than the difficulty that it took us to gain those rights."

Six Black teens have come to that knowledge in the small town of Jena, La. Now known as the Jena Six, all were hit with extreme criminal charges after a brawl with a White student, Justin Barker, while White students involved in perpetrating hate activity against them, including the hanging of two nooses from a so-called "White Tree", have received no such charges.

Tens of thousands of protestors last week peacefully demanded

the release of Mychal Bell, one of the six who has been jailed in the incident since December, charged as an adult.

A Louisiana appeals court turned over his conviction in days leading up to the march, saying he should have been tried as a juvenile. But Judge J.P. Mauffray Jr. has refused to release Bell while awaiting juvenile charges to be waged against him.

Among the protest leaders, the Rev. Al Sharpton, said he would lobby members of Congress and the Justice Department this week to get federal involvement. House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers (D-Mich.) has promised to hold hearings in the matter.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., another civil rights giant who marched alongside Dr. King, knows well the potential impact of federal intervention.

"Just as Montgomery focused on public accommodations and Selma the right to vote, Jena brings in the criminality of the criminal justice system. It touches a raw nerve all around the nation," Jackson says. "In the end we had to get federal intervention in Selma and into Birmingham because the states' righters rejected our basic civil rights."

Reminiscent of the 1960s struggle, even after last week's march, the hate activity persisted. A pickup truck trailing two nooses was driven close to departing protesters by White teens trying to provoke. Also, a White supremacist website has published the

addresses of several of the Jena Six.

Such racism goes well beyond that small town of 3,500, says Jackson.

"There's a Jena everywhere. Jena is [Amadou] Diallo being shot 41 times in New York by police and they walk away; Jena is Rodney King in LA; Jena is why you have more Blacks in jail than in college in every state," Jackson says. "It indicates - number one - that we never should have stopped marching in the first place because we are free, but not equal. And there are challengeable issues that we have not dealt with."

Those issues will be dealt with only if this new wave of protests is serious, says Thomas N. Todd, a veteran civil rights lawyer, who was former president of the Chicago chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Operation PUSH.

"Were we serious in Jena?" Todd asks. "What I am afraid of, and I just hope it's not true, is there is a difference between a march on Aug. 28, 1963, which helped to break America's eyes open and helped to clear the 1964 Civil Rights Act - There's a difference between that and an event which has become a cause celebre."

Even if there is a difference, the bridge between the civil rights movement of the 1960s and a "cause celebre" in 2007 will be the connection and transference between the

civil rights legends and the youth who were riled enough to leave college campuses around the nation and march on Jena, says Evers-Williams.

"I have emphasized the need for communication between the two generations, that those of us who are experienced in the struggle for freedom need to reach out more than what we do to embrace the new leadership that's coming along," she says.

"We've got to come together to use the wisdom of the past and the enthusiasm of today to still address these ills that face our society."

Those ills are so pervasive that Jena has only disappointed rather than surprised Dr. Dorothy Height, president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women and a peer of Dr. King and the Big Six civil rights leaders.

"I thought the nation was beginning to move a little better, a little further towards equality and justice. But, it's very disappointing to find the rise in hate crimes, the strong impact of racism in our society and it's a challenge to everybody today to pick up where we have left off in our society," says Height. "We have yet very much to do... There is more racism than I think any of us would have imagined."

In an NNPA News Service article published a month ago, Mark Potok, director of The Intelligence Project, a monitor of race hate activity, interpreted a rash of apparent race-related criminal justice cases and cited a 40 percent rise in hate groups since 2000 as indicators of a

slow re-segregation of America.

Even so, last week's protests in Jena gives more hope than ever imagined, says NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, another civil rights stalwart.

"The outpouring of support in Louisiana shows that there is an enormous body of Americans who are concerned about the gross civil rights violations that are there and that we see all over the country and they're willing to sacrifice time and travel to protest against them," Bond says.

"So for people who think these concerns vanished when Martin Luther King was alive, they have a brand new think coming. There's still egregious racism in the United States."

But, the fight must go beyond marching, says the Rev. Willie Barrow, a long-time member of the Rainbow/PUSH board of directors, who also helped to organize alongside Dr. King. "You've got to march, you've got to communicate, but, you've got to boycott people who don't treat you right. Quit giving them business," she says.

Lowery agrees, "Marching has never been the whole answer. It's never been the total answer. It's a means of drawing the attention of a nation to the evils that exist and it's a means of pricking conscience and it's a means of stirring up within those who participate the determination, the excitement that's necessary to continue to struggle."

Our Children are Dying While Old Men Are Lying

by eric l. wattree sr.

Sep 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

An old English teacher of mine use to trash everything I wrote. No matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't do anything right in her eyes. I could write out the alphabet and turn it in, then when I got it back it would look like a chicken had danced on it in red ink. One day I read a 500 word essay that I was particularly proud of before the class, and the class seemed to love it. They were all smiling and applauding, and I stood there feeling self-satisfied and vindicated, soaking up my 15 seconds fame. Then the class went silent, awaiting her remarks. She looked at the floor, gathering her thoughts, then back up at me and said, "Eric", and sort of chuckled, "you say absolutely nothing more eloquently than any student that I've ever had." Again, there was silence until her message soaked in, then the class fell out laughing as I stood there totally deflated. Since I was the only Black male in the class, I was convinced that her motive was racist-that she was purposely trying to humiliate me by attacking my intellect-and through extension, the intellect of Black males in general. I hated her for it, but I needed her class to graduate. Then one morning as I was taking a shortcut through the faculty parking lot, she called me over and introduced me to a very impressive looking gentleman who she introduced as her husband. He shook my hand and said that he had heard a lot about me, and mentioned how much he enjoyed one of the

papers that I'd written. He was Black. After that, everything fell into place, and I began to see the big picture. Now, every time I pickup a pen, I think about that lady-("When you make a statement, start backing it up in the next sentence, or no later than the next paragraph," "Don't tell 'em what you mean, show 'em"). What I took as an insult, was Ms. Emmel's willingness to take the time to tell me what I needed to hear, rather than what I wanted to hear. Sometimes you have to say things that are painful in order to get the best out of an individual ("Know the truth, and the truth shall set you free"). The same is true of a nation, that's why I can't understand the "love it or leave it mentality" of America's so-called patriots. They don't seem to understand the true nature of patriotism. A true patriot is not one who says "My country, right or wrong"-people who say that are confusing a patriot with a sports fan, and a nation with their favorite football team. That attitude may be appropriate for a sporting event, but it's both unhealthy and infantile, when it involves the life or death of a nation and its people. True patriotism is the courage to fight for the principles upon which a nation is founded, even when those principles are neither popular nor convenient at a given time. Thus, those people who are so passionately supporting the war in Iraq in the name of patriotism, are proving to be anything but patriotic. They're demonstrating that they are more loyal to an individual, Coach George Bush, than they are to the principles upon which this nation was founded-freedom, justice, and the rule of law. They're more outraged over their quarterback, General Petraeus, being referred to as 'General Betrayus', than they are George Bush denying

prisoners of war their human rights. That's sort of odd, considering how much they claim to love America. After all, disparaging General Petraeus may indeed be discourteous, but violating a prisoner's human rights is un-American. One would think a true patriot would be much more up in arms at Bush for attacking our way of life, than they'd be at Gen. Petraeus' critics for a lapse in social graces. Of course, it could be that these true patriots love America so much that they just can't stomach the disparagement of a veteran who's put his life on the line for this country. But wait a minute-wasn't it these very same people, who are so outraged over the disparagement of Gen. Petraeus, that had absolutely no problem at all in dragging Senator John Kerry's military service through the mud-even though he earned three purple hearts, a bronze and a silver star during the Vietnam War. So again, these "patriots" have proven to be somewhat confused. It seems that in reality, they don't love veterans per se-they're simply willing to exploit a veteran, if he's willing to promote their political agenda. So the room has fallen silent, America, and in the tradition of a great educator, I'm about to tell you need to hear, instead of what you want to hear. It may sound un-American but get over it, because only the truth will set you free: The fact is, America, your president and vice president are demagogues. They have absolutely no respect for America, couldn't care less about your troops, and have been playing your emotions like a fiddle ever since 9/11. Consider this: Where was their patriotism and concern for America during the Vietnam War, when it was their turn to serve this country? And if they've grown into patriotism

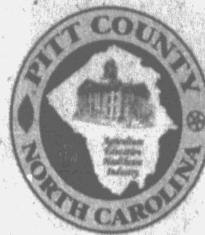
over the years, why aren't they insisting that their families join in on the war against terrorism? They say they love our troops, yet, they're forcing our young people to make four times the sacrifice of any other troops in modern history, as their loved ones cheer them on from the sidelines. Due to a lack of personnel, our troops are being forced to place themselves in harm's way longer than any other servicemen and women. The traditional 12-month tour of duty in a war zone has been extended to 15 months, and the traditional one tour of war zone duty has been replaced with our troops having to return to Iraq three and four times. Then beyond that, when it's time for them to get out of the military, they're being forced to remain. That doesn't sound like love to me-it sounds like the worse kind of involuntary servitude. And while our kids are dying, Bush and his cronies are lying. At first they said we were in Iraq to go after the weapons of mass destruction. No weapons were found, yet we stayed. Then they said that we had to capture Saddam Hussein. He was captured and killed, yet we stayed. Then they said we had to rid the country of al-Qaeda, an impossible task, yet we stay. And now they say we must stabilize the Iraq, also impossible, yet, we stay. Cheney says "The insurgency is in its final throes," as Bush is hard at work building the largest fortress in the history of mankind-larger than Vatican City. You're being lied to America. General Motors, U.S. Steel, Uniroyal, and the other corporations that once made up America's corporate base and have been replaced by the military-industrial complex. America is, literally, in the war business. We've

gone from making rubber and steel, to making war. Without war, there is no money to be made, and your children are being ground up in this war machine as the raw material. That's right, America.

You're being had. Your children are dying, while old men are lying, and you dance around the flag. What a waste. Thank you, Ms. Emmel. Eric L. Wattree Sr. can be reached at eric@wattree.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

Money Mistakes Black Women Make

Black women make money mistakes. Financial experts identified some of the top money mistakes Black women make:

1. Addiction to shoes and handbags.
2. Putting their financial lives on hold. They rent rather than purchase their own home. And tend not to save while looking forward to a future life with "Prince Charming." Too many women wait to get married before gaining control of their finances.
3. No financial plan. Many women do not think sacrificially about

their financial priorities long-term. It is always wise to pay yourself first; start making small investments and start saving for retirement early.

4. Getting divorced. After a divorce, a women's households income usually decreases by as much as 45%.
5. Lack of asset protection, losing a job, death of a spouse, a major illness or accident, or divorce. These life-altering events can affect you financially, but many Black women are not prepared. Acquire adequate life insurance, disability insurance, and long-term insurance for themselves and their spouses. A three-to-six month emergency fund is a must.

Financial experts recommend that women take the following steps: stop getting deeper in debt, a develop a financial plan, and get help from a reputable financial

planner, pay yourself first; protect your home and self with adequate insurance plans, purchase used rather than new cars, calculate how much income you need after retirement, devise a plan and stick to it.

Food for Thought

"Those who think they have not time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness." (Edward Stanley)

"Empowerment is all about letting go so that others can get along." (Kenneth Blanchard)

"A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you have been taking." (Earl Wilson)

"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work." (Unknown)

"Those that say you can't take it with you - never saw a car packed for a FAMILY vacation trip." (Unknown)

"Vacation used to be a luxury, but in today's world it has become a necessity."

"A vacation is over when you begin to yearn for your work." (Morris Fishbein)

"The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, the rest willing to let them." (Robert Frost)

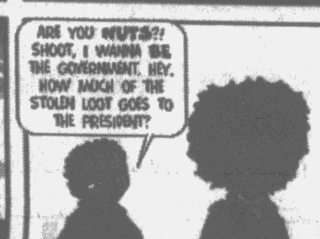
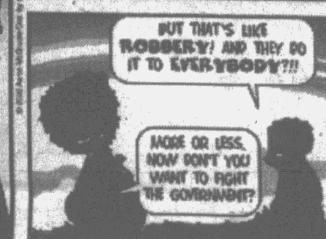
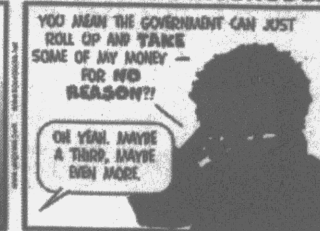
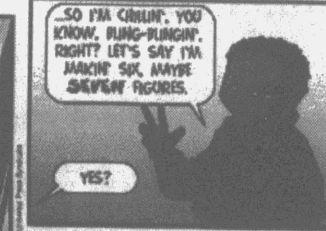
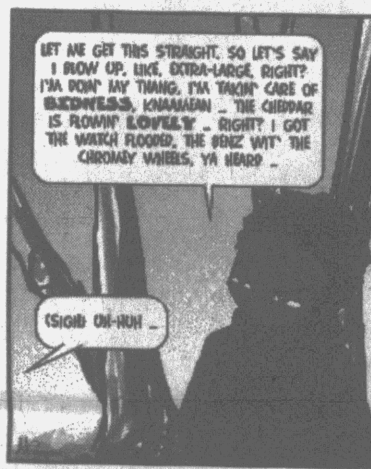
"Summertime is the BEST time for family FUNTIME."

"Beautiful people are accidents of nurture, but beautiful old people are works of art." (Unknown)

"To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must deserve." (Marilyn Savant)

"Be decisive - standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous; you get knocked down by traffic from both sides." (Margaret Thatcher)

THE BOONDOCKS



Reflections



Suetette A. Jones

What is Grownup?

At a certain point in one's life, one makes the transition

out of youth. Does turning 50 signify that we have crossed the line? Not necessarily, yet we tend to regard this birthday as a milestone.

People like to document 50th birthdays with gag gifts. At mine, I got a cane and an ear trumpet. Funny, huh?

How do you know when you're no longer a kid, no longer young? Well, for one thing, you start noticing that young people call you "sir" or "ma'am". Maybe someone holds the door for you when you could perfectly well have opened it yourself. Cops no longer let you off with a warning for speeding; you know you're going to get the ticket.

Some things change, and some things don't. (How many of you are still supporting your grown children in some way?) In fact, there's a huge difference between getting older and actually becoming a grownup. Unlike aging, growing up is a project one embarks on (or fails to embark on), the success of which can be observed at practically any age. A thoughtful person of 25 may be considered wise beyond his years. An 85 year

old may be self-absorbed and childish.

So, how do you know you're mature? You're a grownup when.....

1. You know there are many things much more important than yourself.
2. You're willing to say, "I was wrong."
3. You're attentive to the footprints you will have left on the world.
4. You forgive the carelessness of the young; regret the thoughtlessness of your own youth.
5. You finally realize you have no one to complain to.

Growing up is a choice. The journey begins with the simplest of steps: identifying your values, and then acting accordingly. This means pointing yourself in the right direction and start marching. The alternative is to have a life that has a beginning, middle and then just ends.

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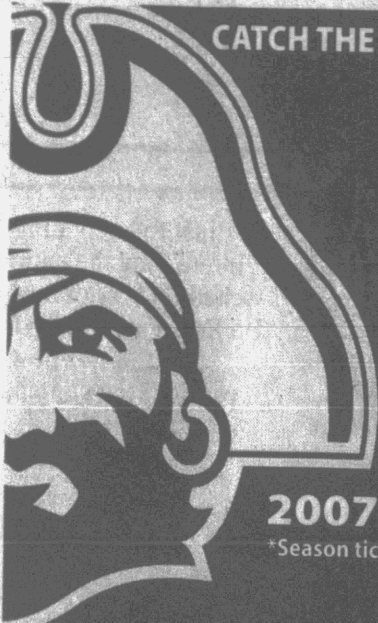
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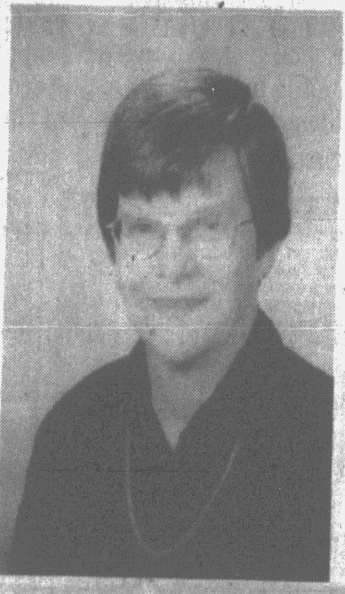


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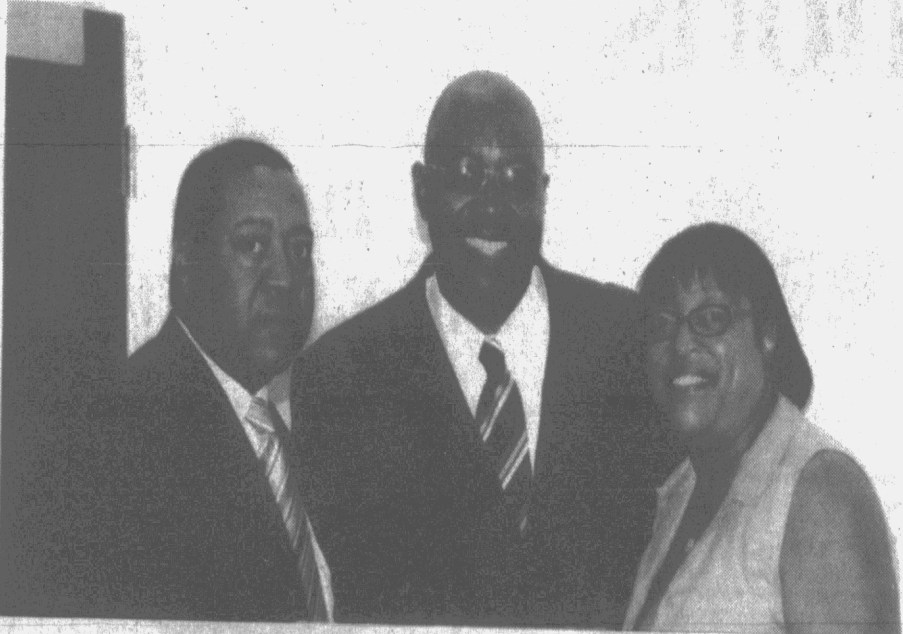



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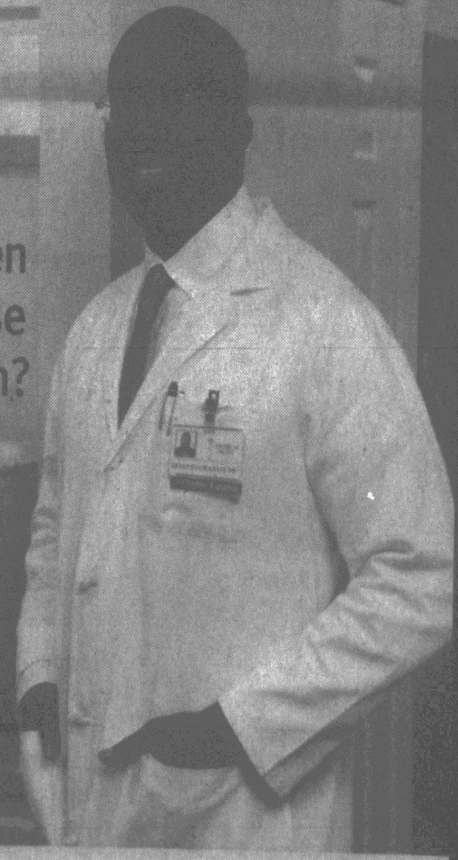
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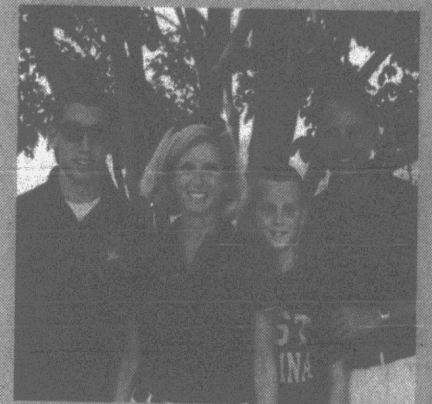
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crack vs cocaine

A gram of crack gets the same sentence as 100 grams of powder). It takes only 5 grams of crack to mandate a 5 year penalty but 500 grams of powder.

The Bush administration is supporting the appeals court rulings, while civil rights and advocacy groups are backing the defendants.

Congressional opponents of the laws establishing more severe sentencing for crack cocaine than powdered cocaine are racially discriminatory because they hit more directly at the Black community, where this form of drug abuse is more commonplace.

Advocates for reducing the disparity point to crime statistics that show crack is more of an urban and minority drug while cocaine powder is used more often by the affluent. They say harsher penalties for crack cocaine unfairly punish Blacks.

More than four-fifths of crack cocaine offenders in federal courts last year were Black, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. By contrast, just over a quarter of those convicted of powder cocaine crimes last year were Black, the commission said.

Kimbrough actually had much more powder than crack, but it was the latter that determined the length of his prison term.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond said judges are not free to impose sentences shorter than the guidelines "based on a disagreement with the sentencing disparity for crack and powder cocaine offenses."

The crack-powder disparity grew out of a 1986 law that was passed in response to violent crimes committed to get money to feed crack habits.

The law includes what critics have called the 100-to-1 disparity: Trafficking in 5 grams of crack cocaine carries a mandatory five-year prison sentence, but it takes 500 grams of cocaine powder to warrant the same sentence.

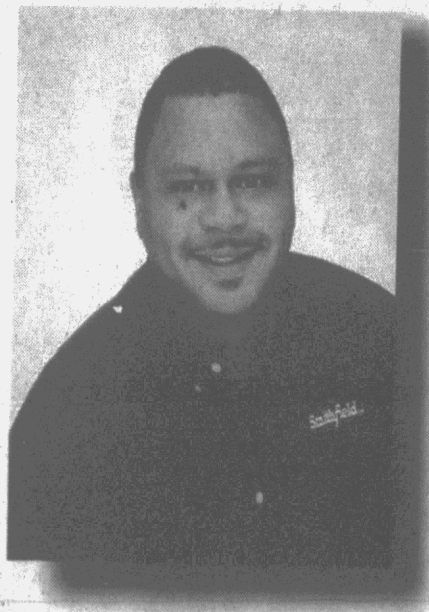
The U.S. Sentencing Commission, an independent agency within the U.S. judiciary, voted in May to reduce the recommended sentencing ranges for people convicted of crack possession, a step toward lessening the disparity. The recommendation will become effective Nov. 1 unless Congress acts.

At the same time, the commission urged Congress to repeal the mandatory prison term for simple possession and increase the amount of crack required to trigger obligatory five-year or more prison terms as a way to focus on major drug traffickers.

The Supreme Court gave a boost to judges' discretion when it ruled in 2005 that the sentencing guidelines are advisory, not mandatory. The guidelines were adopted in the 1980s to ensure comparable sentences for similar crimes from courtroom to courtroom.

SMITHFIELD LEADERSHIP

PROFILES



MARVIN PRIOLEAU

HOME: Hope Mills, N.C.

AGE: 41

PROFESSION: Community Relations Liaison

HOBBIES: Watching or attending College Football Games and attending Local Drag Racing Tracks.

LAST BOOK READ: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey.

LAST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Bench Pressing 300lbs at Total Elite Fitness Center.

PROFILE: Married, father of two.

Earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Virginia State. Majored in Administration of Justice with minors in social work and military science. Dedicated community relations professional who looks for opportunities to satisfy the needs of the community through Smithfield's community outreach programs and scholarships. Volunteers as track and football coach for youth ages 6 to 18 and serves as a committee member with the Partnership for Children, Inc. of Cumberland County.

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Marion Jones
returns
Sydney
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Bharat Rathode

Shamed US athlete Marion Jones has handed over the three gold and two bronze medals she won at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 after admitting to using performance-enhancing banned drugs. The latest move follows her admission to using these drugs three days ago. Jones also accepted a two-year suspension from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. The ban means Jones will not be able to compete till Oct. 7, 2009. However the ban does not make any difference to the 32-year-old Jones who announced her retirement from track and field on Friday last. But Jones will also be asked to return the Operation Gold bonus given to Olympic medalists. "We will ask her to make restitution," U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Jim Scherr said. "It is in excess of \$100,000." Another issue is that Jones won two medals in team events - gold in the 4x400 meters and bronze in the 4x100. Officials are now asking teammates to return theirs voluntarily. USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth clarified, "It's very unfortunate but your result involved cheating so the result is unfair to the other athletes of the world, so you're not entitled to the medals." Meanwhile controversy has been stirred up because Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou, who won the silver in the 100 metres, becomes eligible for Gold following Jones' forfeiture. Australian Olympic chief John Coates feels the Greek should not be given the medal. "But there may be some legal difficulties for the International Olympic Committee to overcome in order to reach that conclusion," he added. Tayna Lawrence of Jamaica won the bronze in that particular event.



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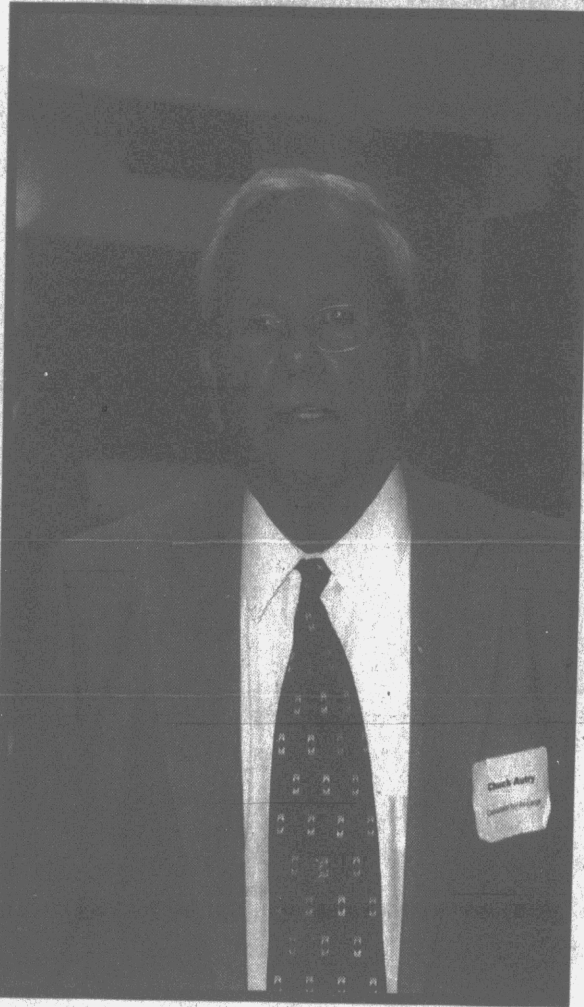
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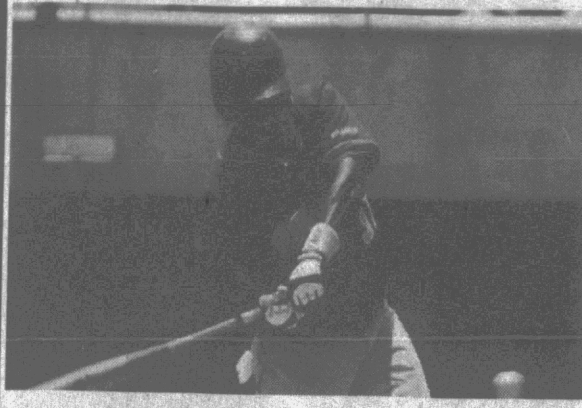
I was instrumental in obtaining food, clothing and shelter for many citizens displaced by Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

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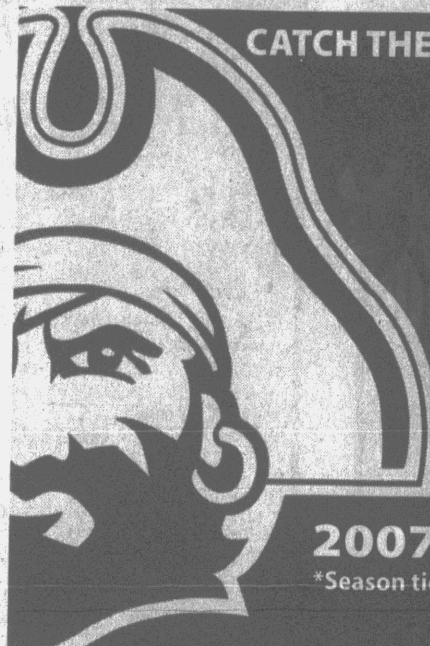
Paid for the Committee to elect Chuck Autry.

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Redshirt freshman Devin Harris went 3-for-3 with a pair of home runs, while Seth Maness tossed five innings of shutout ball to lead the Purple squad to a 8-0 win over the Gold in game one of the annual Purple-Gold World Series in Clark-LeClair Stadium Wednesday night.



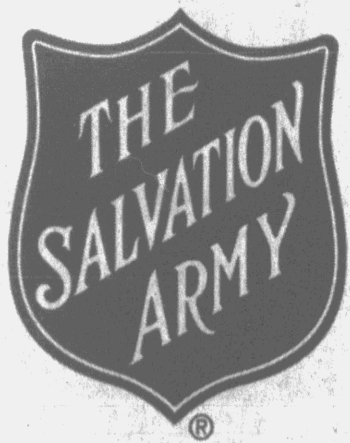
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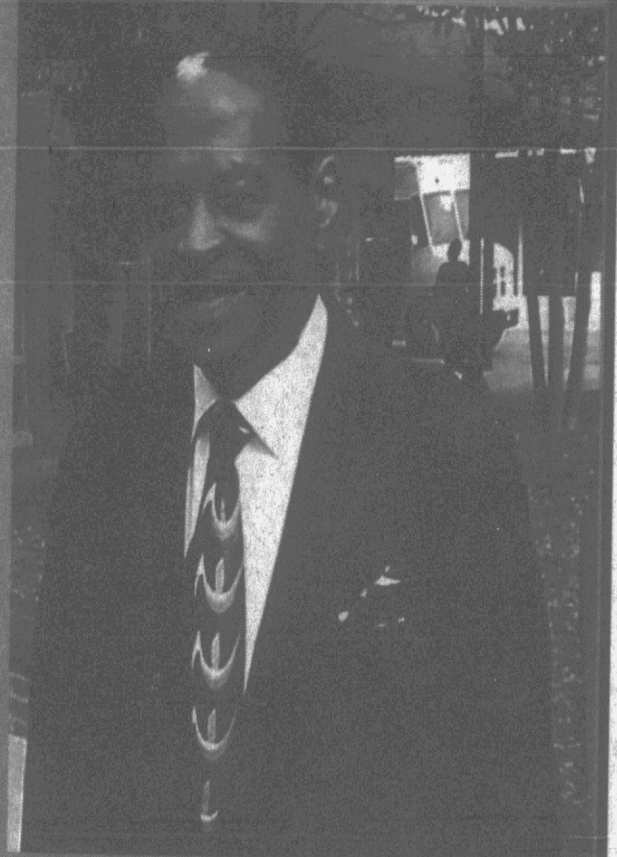
I am committed to bringing unity to the City Council.

I am committed to bringing the Weed & Seed program back to the West Greenville community.

I am committed to providing better assistance to our senior citizens.

I am committed to helping offenders.

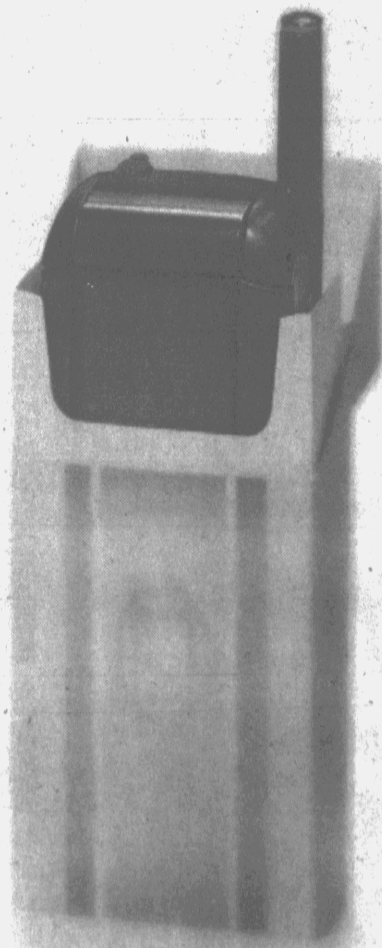
While serving on the Greenville City Council I personally raised over \$12,000 for the Jackie Robinson Baseball League and I am still committed to supporting the Jackie Robinson Baseball League.



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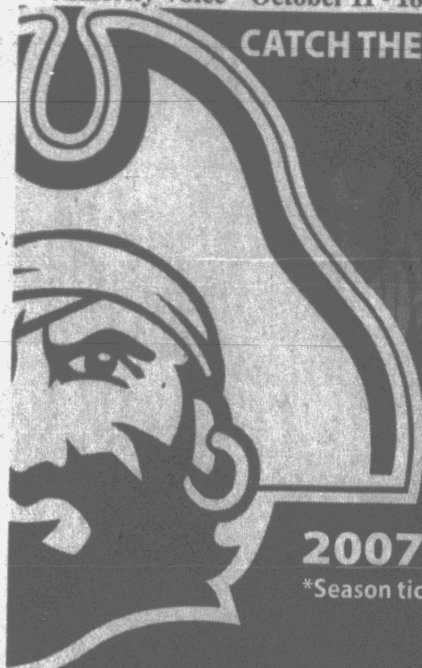


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- Minority Health
- Senior Services
- Nutrition/Physical Activity

The grants will be awarded as part of the Foundation's 2008-2009 Community Benefits and Health Initiatives grants program.


Grant funding for 2008-2009 is restricted to Pitt County and will not be awarded for medical research. Only government entities or non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

The grant period is for July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

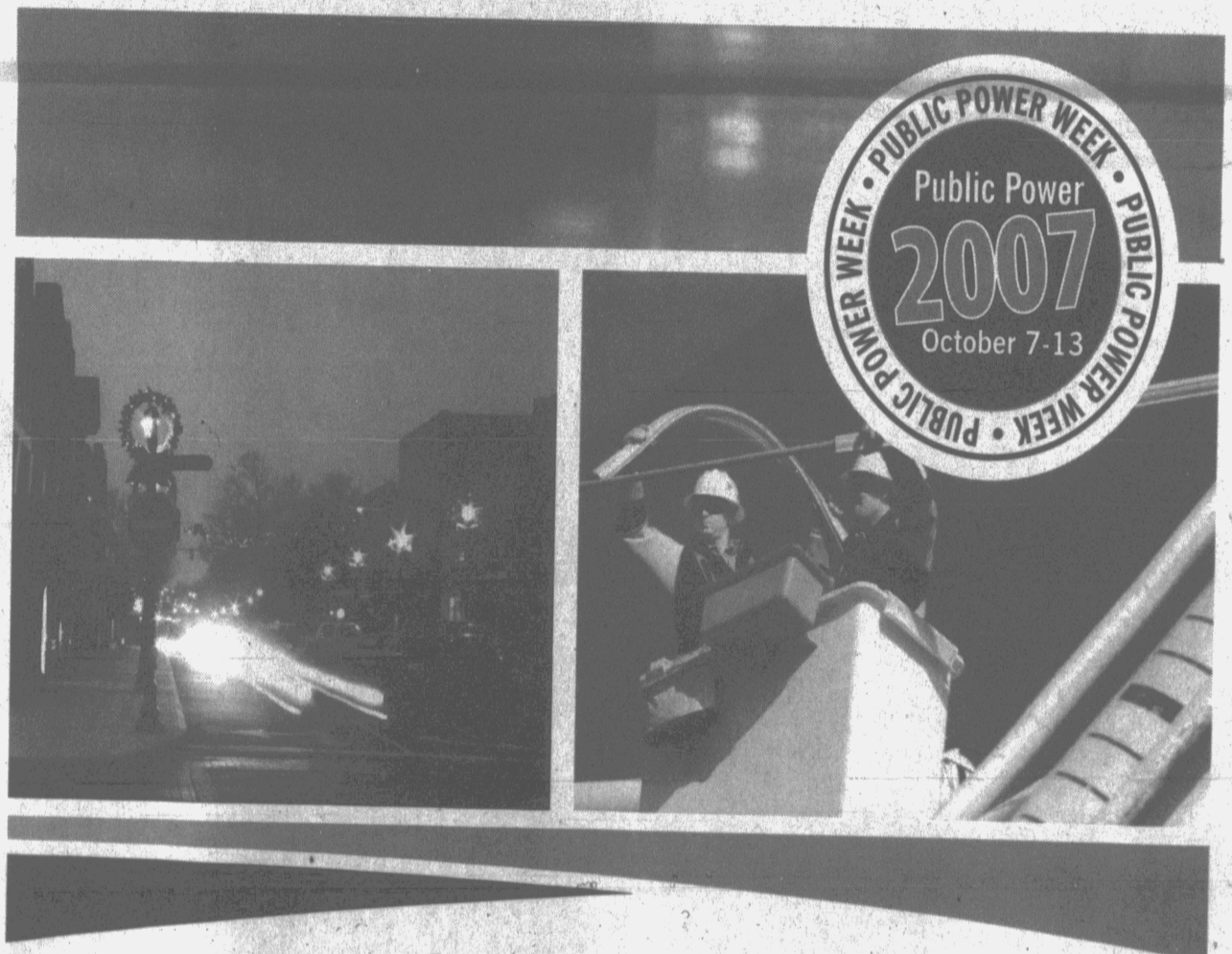
Letters of intent should include the following

- Brief organizational history
- Project description; include target population
- Explanation of how the project addresses the program's focus areas (listed above)
- Dollar amount being requested
- Copy of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status

Letters of intent must be received by November 10, 2007. Submit letters to the address below.



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