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Living in the  
Last Days

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## Are these the last days?

Kirsten Westbrook  
The Macon Messenger

The question that is pondering the minds of the world is: Are we living in the last days? Christians have turned to the book of Revelation for answers, which is a book of prophecy, and is the last book in the Holy Bible. Take the World Trade Center and the Pentagon for example. It happened on September 11, 2001 A.D. which can be written as 9/11. Revelation 9:11 says, "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon." If you look up the meaning of the words "Abaddon" and "Apollyon," you will see they both mean destruction. This can be interpreted as two destructions on the same day, 9/11. Also, refer to Revelation 18 for the description of what is going on in New York and other major cities. Some have even turned to Nostradamus, a French physician and astrologer who wrote "Centuries," a famous collection of prophecies published in 1555 A.D. In indistinct language, they describe events from the mid-1500s through the end of the world, which is predicted to come in 3797 A.D. What many don't realize is that we have a man living right here in Georgia, who has predicted many things that have come true and are coming true. Noble: Rev.

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Rev. Dr. Malachi Z. York 33°/720° has delivered many prophecies that have come true, which leads us to ask: Are we living in the last days?

## Who are the real terrorists?

Derrick McCray  
The Macon Messenger

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, terrorist is defined as, "One that engages in acts or an act of terrorism. --terrorist adj. Of, relating to, or constituting terrorism." Terrorism is, "the unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons." The world has been in an uproar since September 11, 2001 A.D. The word "terrorist" has been thrown around and used strongly against foreign countries. However, before pointing the finger, it is important that we first analyze ourselves.

Reports say that at least 6,000 people were killed at the World Trade Center on that dreadful day. America is mourning for the many innocent lives that were lost. We must reflect also on the many innocent lives that are lost everyday in America- those that are forgotten, and the many types of terrorists that we have right here in America.

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## More efforts to defame Mayor Ellis

Setheenese Thomas  
The Macon Messenger

The City Council moved to ban cash advances on city credit cards. Keep in mind only one card is in use and Mayor C. Jack Ellis has that. There are just two of these cards in existence, one the Macon City Council has, and the other the Mayor



Mayor C. Jack Ellis of Macon

has. The city council says that they haven't used their card, and are not accusing the mayor of misusing his. The council members admit they are just taking precautions against abuses that have not been committed. Claiming the ordinance would restrict anyone using a city card, not just Ellis. Who else would use the card if there are only two

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## Apology to readers for the abrupt name change

We apologize to our readers for having to change the name of this paper so abruptly, but we received a letter from someone who was not using the name, but doesn't want us to use it. The letter states in part: "The Macon News has been used as a trademark since 1884... The Macon Telegraph Publishing Company does not consent to the use of The Macon News in connection with the publication which is presently being distributed by the United Nuwaupian Nation of Moors, and will not consent to the use of this name by any other person, firm, or corporation." (Although we support their endeavors, we are not the United Nuwaupian Nation of Moors, so they were writing to the wrong people). The letter also states that the use of this trademark does not expire until August 18, 2003 A.D.

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, "trademark" is defined as "a name,

symbol, or other device identifying a product, officially registered, and legally restricted to the use of the owner or manufacturer." When you look at the front cover of any newspaper, usually the "trademark" is right there. It is either a symbol that is always used, or the name of the paper. However, the words "The Macon News" does not appear anywhere in The Macon Telegraph. So this is a trademark that they do not use, and have not used for years.

Here is the most important part of the letter; "The purpose of this letter is to request that you voluntarily discontinue using the name The Macon News immediately." So if they haven't used the name in so many years, why is it such a problem for someone else to use the name? Could it be because we pointed out how racist the articles seem to be and how it seems they only print negative things about the

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## Does death penalty go against God's law?

Anthony Chapman  
The Macon Messenger

Penalty is a punishment established by law or authority for a crime or an offense. This definition is taken from the American Heritage dictionary.

President Bush is not pro death, but he is pro law. He just wants to see the laws enforced. According to the laws of God the death penalty doesn't violate the law, we the people violate the laws by committing offenses against the law. It

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President George W. Bush

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# Was Rep. Cynthia McKinney really wrong?

**Rebecca Yull**  
The Macon Messenger

Recent developments in U.S. foreign policy have beckoned Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., into the limelight. McKinney, a member of the International Relations Committee, is speaking out about the denial of overtime pay to American military, the war in Afghanistan and the budgetary provisions for development assistance to sub-Saharan Africa. The most notable is her disapproval of New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's decision to decline a \$10 million donation to the victims and victims' families of the Sept. 11, 2001 A.D. attack on the World Trade Center.

Giuliani accepted the donation, offered by Saudi Arabian Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, before the prince made a comment about U.S. foreign policy being partly to blame for the attacks. "At times like this one, we must address some of the issues that led to such a criminal attack," the Prince said in a written statement distributed by his publicist. "I believe the government of the United States of America should re-examine its policies in the Middle East and adopt a more balanced stance toward the Palestinian cause."

Giuliani, who had attended a memorial service with Bin Talal and accepted his \$10-million offer to help victims' families, had a harsh response when he learned about the statement. "There is no moral equivalent for this attack," Giuliani said. "The people who did it lost any right to ask for jus-



**Cynthia McKinney**

tification when they slaughtered 5,000-6,000 innocent people. Not only are those statements wrong, they're part of the problem." Giuliani returned the prince's check.

McKinney disagreed with Giuliani's actions and wrote a letter of apology to Bin Talal. "I was disappointed that Mayor Giuliani chose to decline your generous offer and instead criticize you for your observations of events in the Middle East," she wrote. "Whether he agreed with you or not, I think he should have recognized your right to speak and make observations about a part of the world which you know so well."

She then asked Bin Talal to consider donating the money to organizations that help Americans in need, predominantly Blacks. McKinney explained to the prince the state of most Blacks in



**Rudolph Giuliani**

America as being one of desperation, poverty and seclusion from mainstream America. "Although your offer was not accepted by Mayor Giuliani, I would like to ask you to consider assisting Americans who are in dire need right now. I believe we can guide your generosity to help improve the state of Black America and build better lives," she wrote.

McKinney has come under great scrutiny as a result of this letter, but was she really wrong? In response to McKinney's touts that White America does not want to listen to what Blacks have to say about foreign policy, an online columnist with National Review Online called them moronic. "Then she needs to explain why I keep finding these quotes in my morning paper by Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell," he said.

Cynthia Tucker, editor of The Atlanta Journal Constitution's editorial page, encouraged McKinney to take a trip to Saudi Arabia where the "women are treated like chattel," and where human rights abuses abound. McKinney defended herself and says she did not surrender her right to speak out when she voted for the War Powers Resolution. Victims and victims' families from the Sept. 11, 2001 A.D. attack are still in need, she said. "The Bergen County (NJ) Record reports today that only 1,496 checks have been distributed to families in need, leaving too many of the families of the police officers, firemen, other rescue workers and other victims still unhelped." Giuliani is well aware of how much the funds were needed, or else he would have never accepted the money in the first place; however, he let one comment and his pride lead to the continuous suffering of thousands of families.

McKinney also said any money appropriated by Congress or distributed by insurance companies will not be enough to replace those lost. "With that having been said, my point was simply that the \$10 million donation should have been accepted whether or not we, as Americans, agree with every position taken by the prince." It seems many who chastised McKinney did not look at the big picture.

McKinney represents Georgia's Fourth District, which is one of the most ethnically diverse districts in the southeastern United States. The district comprises parts of DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties.

## Ellis...

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and the city council isn't using theirs?

Councilman Jim Lee proposed the restrictions on the cards to prevent the possibility of misusing tax dollars and to save the city funds. The council has admitted that the Mayor has not abused any of his credit card privileges. Lee says, "I have no reason to question his honesty". That makes you wonder then why propose a restriction if there is no violation, making it look as if the mayor did something wrong. This ordinance could, with another council vote strip the Mayor of his city card privileges and subject him to public censure. However, the council says they don't have any reason to think that the mayor misused his card. Don't fall for it, this is a case of character defamation and it starts with money matters or your personal relationships. There is a concentrated effort to get rid of him because of the works he's doing.

The issue being brought up here puts in the minds of readers that the mayor has done something wrong to bring about this ordinance. After he used the credit card then all of a sudden there is an issue, and an ordinance made for it. Yet, they admit that the mayor has done nothing wrong, but insinuate that they are not receiving all the mayor's receipts. The council voted 14-0 in favor of the ordinance that would prevent the mayor from using the credit card for cash advances and would have to get an advance from the city's cash drawer or have to use his personal funds and afterwards be reimbursed for expenses, which he can show the appropriate receipts for. The mayor says he has all his receipts and says that he hasn't abused any privileges.

# Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice and Kofi Annan driving forces: Are they running our country?

**Setheene Thomas**  
The Macon Messenger

Condoleezza Rice the nations National Security Advisor, Colin Powell Secretary of State and Kofi Annan the United Nations Secretary General are exceptional individuals in world affairs. Rice and Powell are Bush's top two foreign policy advisers

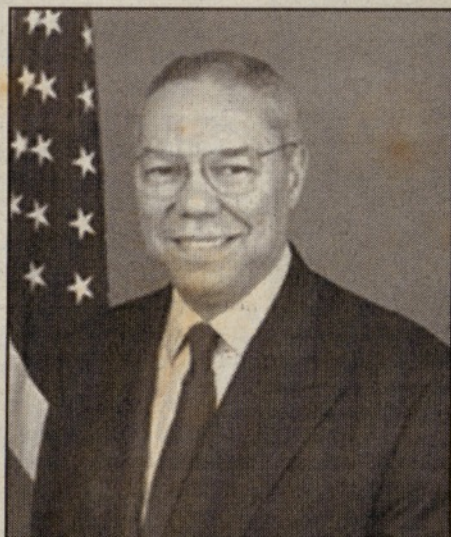


**Condoleezza Rice**

because of their collective brainpower. Annan's platform is world peacekeeping operations widely known for his effectiveness. These are the people working hard to keep peace and stability in this nation and around the world; it's reassuring to know that you have competent individuals running the country.

General Colin Powell is the first Black American to serve as Secretary

of State. Powell is enjoined with formulating American foreign policy and conducting relations with other nations. Coming to this country from the Island of Jamaica as a child, he was reared in New York City. A city diverse in races, nationalities and religions, this eventually proved to be life experiences for his career of choice. Making his way to top of his field, as

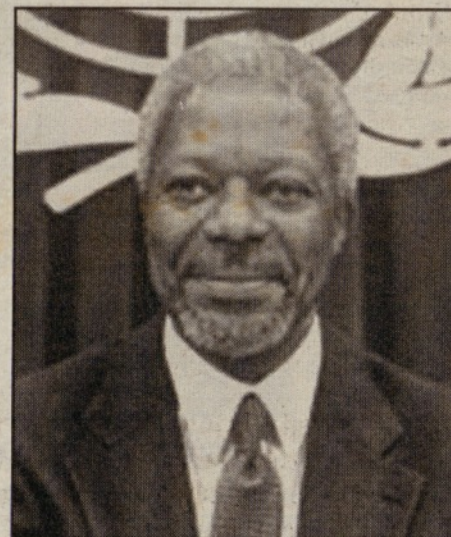


**Gen. Colin Powell**

Secretary of State he runs the State Department, as well as a member of the National Security Council. In the previous Bush administration Powell was Joint Chiefs of Staff, one of the principal military advisors to the president. The president, with the approval of the Senate, appoints the Secretary of State. The secretary is the chief presidential adviser on foreign affairs and highest-ranking member of the cabinet

and fourth in line of succession to the presidency.

Condoleezza Rice is the National Security Adviser in president Bush's war cabinet. Born in Birmingham Alabama, to an ordained Presbyterian minister who so happens to be a Republican and mother a teacher. Having her feet firm in the church and from what we see a head in politics she



**Kofi Annan**

is an exceptional individual in her position. In her job capacity she works closely with the president as she has been during the country's current crises. As head of the National Security council, she works very closely with the president's foreign policy think tank serving as conduit of defense, diplomatic and intelligence

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# Rep. Lee stands her ground

**Patsy Williams**  
The Macon Messenger

Police stood guard on Sept. 17, 2001 A.D. at the Capitol Hill office of Congresswoman Barbara Lee, the target of threats after casting the sole vote against the use of military force in response to the attacks on September 11th.



Rep. Barbara Lee

Plainclothes Capitol officers first took up posts in her legislative office Saturday morning, hours after she became the only member of either House of Representatives or Senate to oppose a military retort to the attacks.

"People are grieving, people are angry and frustrated. I understand that emotions are running high," said Lee (D-California), saying she has been personally talking to some callers and trying to answer as many of the thousands of e-mails that have swamped her office as she can.

She would not specify the threats, but said the reaction began to pour in instantly after she cast her vote.

"I'm as patriotic as they are and as American as they are," she said of the callers. "When I talk to them,

they understand that Congress has to add its voice to this, too."

"I really believe Congress should step back, use restraint and make sure our response does not allow the cycle of violence to sprawl out of control," she said.

A spokesman for Capitol police refused to discuss the threats or how long the added protection would continue.

The resolution, which authorized the use of force by President Bush in response to the terror massacre, passed 98-80 in the Senate and 420-1 in the House.

The vote was not out of character for Lee, who criticized former President Bill Clinton's bombing campaign against Iraq in 1998 A.D. and was the only House member to vote against a March 1999 A.D. resolution authorizing support for U.S. troops in the Balkans.

Her stances have not hurt her at home in California, where she represents the liberal outposts of Oakland and Berkeley.

"I really want people to understand," Lee said. "I struggled, I agonized. This is a confusing time. We have to make sure we ask all the right questions."

# Georgia mayors make history

**Susan McDowell**  
The Macon Messenger

This year's mayoral race in Atlanta and Milledgeville, Georgia has made history. In Milledgeville, Floyd Griffin Jr., a former state Senator from Baldwin County, has a good chance of winning, and if so, will be the first Black mayor in Milledgeville. Shirley Franklin is now the first Black female to become mayor in Atlanta. This is history in the making.



Shirley Franklin



Floyd Griffin

On November 27, 2001 A.D., there will be a run-off between Griffin and Richard Bentley, who ousted incumbent Johnny Grant Jr. in the November 6th elections. Bentley is the owner of Wilkinson Insurance Agency in Milledgeville. Griffin took 1,276 votes, Bentley 773 and Grant 690. To win without a runoff, Griffin would have needed 1,370 votes. Being that only 37% of Milledgeville's 6,906 registered voters went to the polls on the sixth, the out-

come of the runoff seems unpredictable. However, many Milledgeville residents say they are ready for a change and Griffin is most qualified to bring about that change.

Franklin, a former city administrator and Atlanta's first female mayor, took an early lead on the sixth against City Council President Rob Pitts and Gloria Bromell-Tinubu. There was at first a great chance for a run-off between Franklin and Pitts, but the results of a recount by Fulton election officials on November 13th, made it clear that Franklin won. The irony is that Pitts, who questioned the accuracy of the vote, requested the recount. However, he still was not satisfied and filed legal papers one hour later to challenge the results, but says he congratulates Franklin. The results still

remained with Franklin winning 50.24% of the vote.

Black mayors are making history and this is only the beginning.

# Clinton: Remembering a time of peace



President Clinton's White House appointees included: (first row, l-r) Helen Robinson, Janis Kearney, Bob Nash, Lajaycee Brown, Kristi Wilson, Phyliss Kaiser-Dark, Victoria Valentine, Yolanda Byrd, Clinton, Terry Edmonds, Jena Roscoe, Fern Mosley, Ben Johnson, Bettie Currie, Mark Lindsey, Natasha McMahan, Lori Hendricks, Sarah Summerville, Wayna Wondwossen, (second row, l-r) Essence Washington, Zina Pierre, Rosa Whitaker, Minyon Moore, Taneesha Johnson, Erica Morris, Janet Hall, Tanya Lombard, Emily Parker, Rosemary Evans, Vincent Fry, Edward Olds, Michelle Ballentine, Mona Supthen, Zoe Lanier, (third row, l-r) Pam Patterson, Dawn Chirwa, Michael Williams, Janna Paschal, Cynthia Chase, Tamara Ashford, Omarosa Manigault, Adenrele Abiade, David Slade, Lisa Baccus, Elliot Powell, Maurice Daniel, Karen Scott, Orson Porter, (fourth row, l-r) Sharon Farmer, Broderick Johnson, Glenn Powell, Joel Wiginton, Setti Warren, Jennifer Ferguson, Dawn Smalls, Sofia Jackson, Annete Buchanan, Kelli Williams, Ray Payne, Joseph Simmons and Adrian Miller.

During Former President Bill Clinton's eight years in office, America was a peaceful place. He made it a point to surround himself with African-Americans.

When these (pictured above) were the people who made up the majority of Clinton's cabinet, America didn't have any anthrax, germ warfare, bombings, planes blowing up, buses turning over, and none of these things. The White House needs more people of colour because they think more peaceful.

Less than a year ago, he command-

ed the world's most powerful military, and made sensitive national security decisions. And now, although he is no longer president, during America's worst time of turmoil, Clinton has found a role for himself. Clinton has become a comforter.

He has attended memorial services, visited with rescue workers, prayed with victims, and spent time with his family.

Aides from both administrations say Clinton has not been asked for his advice. Instead, following past practice and protocol, President Bush aides

have simply kept the former president up-to-date on their actions.

This may be a mistake, because Clinton has kept America safe for almost two decades.

However, Dick Morris in his book "Behind the Oval Office," says Clinton wouldn't be considered one of the best presidents because he didn't have the opportunity to preside over a defining event, like a war.

But isn't it more important to maintain a peaceful country? Clinton will be remembered as one of the best presidents America has seen.

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information to the president. She maintains various members of the president's think tank, keeping them all coordinated and well informed. Her office is located just steps away from the president's office.

Kofi Annan is our United Nations Secretary General elected by the General Assembly to be secretary general from 1997 A.D. through 2001 A.D. He has already been voted in for a second term without the first term ending this year. As Secretary General his responsibility is to be an independent diplomat. Kofi Annan who is from Ghana then came to the U.S. to continue his education is the first Secretary General from sub-Saharan Africa, and the first to rise through the UN staff to this top job position. Before becoming Secretary General, Annan served as undersecretary general for peacekeeping operations. He was credited with doing the best job possible with difficult peacekeeping missions in Somalia and Bosnia in the early 1990s. One purpose of the Secretariat is to develop an international civil service of diplomats and bureaucrats whose loyalties are not tied to any one country.

They're expertise has been continually called upon in several advisory situations of key interests in the government. They prove to be essential advisories in domestic and international governing processes, as well as assets to the human race.

**Attention all Christians:** Message from Rev. Malachi Z. York el 33°/720°. Do not let your children go see the movie, "Harry Potter," read the books or buy any paraphernalia. It is a satanic trap. It is devil worship. Satanic worship can possess, whether you know it or not, whether you practice it or not. Allowing your children to be subject to the movie or the books, would be handing them over to the devil. This movie is one of his tactics to trap God's children. Don't be fooled by the fact that Harry Potter is a child. The devil has children also. Don't forget there was a war in the heavens and the devil and his angels were cast out of the heavens (Rev. 12:7-9). Guess where? That's right, to Earth, looking for you, God's children. Who did he find? He found Eve. In Genesis 3:15, it says in part, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed...". They are here to do their father's work, don't be fooled.

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# Bin Laden - the next boogieman

**Derrick McCray**  
Los Angeles Times

If you look through American history, America has always created a boogieman, a terrifying specter. Here is a list of the most famous: Fidel Castro, Idi Amin, Ayotallah Ruhollah Khomeini, Qaddafi Muammar, Manuel Antonio Noriega Moreno and Saddam Hussein. Now it is Osama Bin Laden- all of them except Castro are Mohammedans.

In 1956 A.D. Cuban revolutionary Fidel Castro ousted Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista. Batista fled the island on January 1, 1959 A.D., and Fidel Castro emerged as the leader of the new government in Cuba. Fidel Castro's opposition to U.S. influence in Cuba and other parts of the world made conflict between the two nations inevitable. Fidel Castro chose international confrontation with the United States as his defining international principle.

Idi Amin was the commander of Uganda's armed forces when he overthrew the country's civilian government in 1971 A.D. A Tanzanian invasion, supported by Ugandan rebels, forced Idi Amin's exile from the country in 1979 A.D. Idi Amin was condemned by much of the international community for his brutality, but when Britain and the United States cut aid to Uganda in 1972 A.D., he successfully turned to Libya and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). Idi Amin's rule led to low regard for human life and personal security, widespread corruption, and the disturbance of economic production and allocation.

Ayotallah Ruhollah Khomeini was a religious leader who, from exile, led the popular revolution that toppled Muhammad Reza Shah Pahlavi of Iran in 1979 A.D. Like many Iranians, Ayotallah Khomeini was angered by the interference of foreign powers in Iran. In the early 1960s A.D., the shah proclaimed a White Revolution in which he introduced many Western ideas. From his Faziye Seminary in Qom, Ayotallah Khomeini vehemently attacked the Shah's policies, prompting the shah to imprison him in 1963 A.D. and expel him from Iran in 1964 A.D. Ayotallah Khomeini settled in An Najaf, where he forged his doctrine of the "Rule of the Jurist," which called for the clergy to govern. From An Najaf and later from Paris, where he lived after 1978 A.D.,



**Osama Bin Laden**  
Wanted Dead or Alive

Ayotallah Khomeini urged Iranians to topple the Shah and his American allies, who he claimed were "robbing us of our brains." When the Shah was finally overthrown and forced to flee the country in January 1979 A.D., Ayotallah Khomeini returned to Iran and a new constitution was passed declaring Iran an Islamic republic, and Ayotallah Khomeini was named imam (a successor of Muhammad), and supreme leader for life.

Muammar Qaddafi was a Libyan revolutionary leader and strongman, known for his devotion to Islam and his passionate support for pan-Arabic and revolutionary causes. In 1969 A.D., then a captain, Muammar Qaddafi led a coup that deposed King Idris I and proclaimed

Libya an Arab republic. As chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, he acquired dictatorial powers. He used Libya's vast oil wealth to support Palestinian guerrillas against Israel; he also aided other insurrectional and terrorist groups, from Philippine Muslim rebels to the Irish Republican Army. He promoted various fruitless schemes for merging Libya with other Arab countries.

In 1983 A.D., Manuel Antonio Noriega became head of the National Guard and promoted himself to general to gain efficient control of Panama's government. In 1986 A.D., allegations emerged that Manuel Antonio Noriega was involved in drug trafficking, money laundering, and acting as a double agent for both the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Cuba's intelligence agency. In December 1989 A.D., U.S. forces invaded Panama, and arrested Manuel Antonio Noriega, who was taken to Florida to stand trial. In April 1992 A.D., Manuel Antonio Noriega was found guilty of cocaine trafficking, racketeering, and money laundering, marking the first time in history that a U.S. jury had convicted a foreign head of state of criminal charges.

Saddam Hussein, authoritarian president of Iraq since 1979 A.D., led his country into two devastating wars. Despite that, Saddam Hussein succeeded in facing down all internal challenges to his rule. In the late 1990s A.D., Saddam Hussein periodically brought Iraq to the brink of further military conflicts by refusing to comply with United Nations inspection teams assigned to ensure that Iraq had destroyed its nuclear, biological, and chemical

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## Real terrorist...

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Washington, and people are shutting down everything: government office buildings, post offices, businesses, etc. Having to close important offices that run the city has caused a real catastrophe. This is not to be taken lightly, unlike most cases; it is spreading all over the place. You are in danger by any mail you open, and you can't do anything about it. By the time you get it, it's too late. Also, there is no proof that Anthrax is Arab related. In fact, investigation is more so proving it to be domestic. The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 A.D. was domestic. Are we dealing with White American militia groups in-house terrorists? We're being trained to look at Middle Eastern and Arabs as the devil, Timothy McVeigh was not of Middle Eastern descent, he was a Christian. Theodore John Kaczynski, the "Unabomber" killed three people and injured 23 others in a 17-year bombing campaign against industry, academia, and the airlines. He was not of Middle Eastern descent either. We are forgetting that terrorism is on our soil. So Americans, we must be on our guard (God).

According to the definition of terrorism, the Mafia could be called terrorists. They kill 6,000 people daily with drugs, and are responsible for thousands of deaths and unsolved murders. The group of doctors, dentists and surgeons are also responsible for killing thousands everyday with legal drugs. There are countless numbers of malpractice suits where people have died because of a mistake that a doctor made. Check the lawsuits. Doctors told Lisa Woodall of Athens that she had an ulcer, when she started having pains in her abdomen. However, she was really suffering from gallstones in her gallbladder, and eventually had to have her gallbladder removed. If the problem would have been caught sooner, Woodall could still have her gallbladder. Mr. Richardson of Putnam County underwent major surgery, and the surgeon left a sponge inside of his body when stitching him up. He later died due to complications because of this carelessness.

Let's look at motor vehicles, and those who manufacture automobiles. They put a range from 80-235 mph on the speedometer, selling high-speed cars, when the speed limit in most cities does not exceed 70 mph. Thousands of people die everyday in car crashes alone. This is demolition, which is another form of terrorism. In September, eight athletes from the University of Wyoming were killed in a truck collision. Everyday men, women and children die in automobile accidents.

Violent events are given much more media coverage than peaceful events. The industry of terrorism is programmed through movie coverage and contributes to acts of terrorism by our youth, as in Columbine (the idea directly influenced from the movie Baseball Diaries). How many kids die gang-related deaths that they don't

seems to be targeting big cities like New York, Florida, Atlanta and

put on TV. Thousands of kids die because of media terrorism. Let's not forget cigarettes, alcohol, and activities such as bungee jumping - we've heard about those casualties.

Kaye Redding, a mother whose son is in the army says, "Isn't our country a form of terrorism if they put our sons in suits and send them to die?" America bombed Afghanistan, but Afghanistan did not bomb America. Redding also stressed, "Now, we are not asking for secret maneuvers that our military plans. We're not asking to know everything that our government is doing, has done or will be doing. But when innocent civilian's lives are taken, it becomes the people (we the people) who are involved."

Many don't realize that Afghanistan people are not the Taliban. Taliban troops are American educated and trained. Osama Bin Laden is not Taliban, he is a Saudi born in Qatar, Saudi Arabia. According to CNN's Peter Bergen, author of forthcoming book on Bin Laden, "Holy War, Inc.," Osama Bin Laden was most enraged by the American military presence in Saudi Arabia. So, he migrated to Sudan, and then when America bombed Iraq, he left and went to Afghanistan. Thus, should America continue to bomb Afghanistan, when Bin Laden is not even originally from that country? Did America act hastily?

Osama Bin Laden is now being called a caveman, because he is allegedly hiding out in a cave. Rev. Jesse Jackson, founder of Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, voiced his feelings on Bin Laden. He says that all the terrorism is centered around one man. "When the president was asked to produce evidence, he said we don't need evidence, and then bombed Afghanistan," stated Jackson. Jackson also said that the problem is now that they made this man the world-tyrant, their inability to capture or kill him, is making the U.S. forces look inferior to one man.

How is it possible that a superpower is not able (with all of the technology that they boast they have) to capture one caveman who lives in a total primitive environment? Yet, our public broadcasting, namely television, has a series of programs on how sophisticated our police department is through air surveillance and tracking of individuals with heat sensitive detection. This is shown weekly on shows such as: Cops, 911, America Most Wanted, Troopers, Highway Patrol, Unsolved Mysteries, etc. These are just some of the many programs that are broadcast on the east and west coast; they leave the impression that crime doesn't pay.

Many Americans feel that we should be concentrating on capturing Bin Laden, not bombing a country that he is not even from. Also, that we should be mindful of the terrorism taking place right here in our own country. Matthew 7:2 says, "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:37 says, "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." -KJV.

# U.S. Catholic Bishop picked as first Black leader

**Lisa Richardson**  
Los Angeles Times

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Tuesday elected Bishop Wilton Gregory of Illinois as its president - the first Black man to hold the position.

Gregory, 53, has led the Belleville, Illinois, diocese since 1994 A.D. He has written extensively on issues such as the death penalty and euthanasia.

Immediately upon Gregory's election, calls of delight from across the country poured in to the bishops' conference, currently meeting in Washington.

"You have to remember, in the earlier part of the 1800s A.D. no one would even ordain a Black man to be a priest," said Beverly Carroll, executive director of the bishops conference's secretariat for African-American Catholics.

"To go from that to electing someone to the highest office in the United States? It means so much - especially for our older Black Catholics. They thought they would never live to see a Black man lead the U.S. bishops."

An estimated 2 million African-Americans (7% of the nation's Blacks) are Catholic, including about 350 priests. Of the church's 200 U.S. bishops, 13 are Black, Carroll said. Gregory, a Chicago native, was ordained in 1973 A.D. after completing studies at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He earned a doctorate in sacred liturgy at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome. He is widely regarded as personable and accessible as well as an outstanding administrator.

"This tells the wider church that we have people who are qualified, who are experienced, to move into high-level positions," said Hilbert Stanley, director of the Baltimore-based National Black Catholic Congress.

In recent years, Blacks in the clergy have worked to convince Black people that they are welcome in the church, and urged the church to become more culturally relevant.



**Bishop Wilton Gregory**

## Rush Limbaugh not a listener

**Rozetta Snipes**  
The Macon Messenger

Rush Limbaugh the contrite ultraconservative radio personality famous, for his malicious and very racist form of talk radio has lost all hearing. He recently found out that he was going to lose his hearing, and expected to be totally deaf in a couple of months. To his surprise it happened much sooner than he expected. There are a lot of people who seem to think that this radio personality's suffering may be due to the racist and merciless views expressed by him, especially of African Americans and other prominent Americans. Unwarranted malicious commentaries of names ranging from O.J. Simpson, to our former president Bill Clinton; talk about freedom of speech.

Limbaugh has renewed his contract with the Network through 2009, said it was for the highest price ever in radio syndication. His 90-second call-in radio commentary reaches an estimated 20 million listeners on close to 600 stations.

During this age of medical technology there may be hope insight. But for the mean time let's hope that it's not too late to hear God's call. Amos 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.



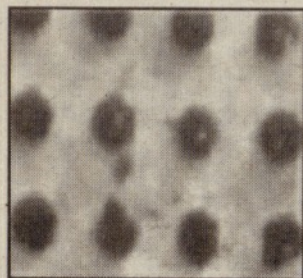
# Can human life be prolonged?

Some of the latest medical advantages in artificial organs in the millennium.

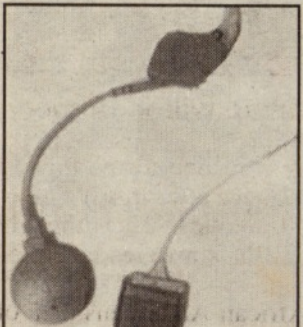
**Dr. William Thompson, M.D.**  
The Macon Messenger

In the near future, doctors will be able to replace almost every part of the human body. Aid the blind to see and the deaf to hear. These are some of the latest in development. If these devices prolong life remains to be seen.

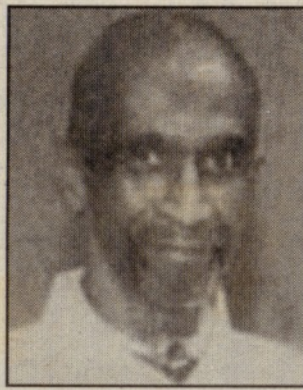
The first recipient of any of these devices was Mr. Robert Tools, 59 years old. He received the AbioCor artificial heart on July 2, 2001 A.D. He'd shown good signs of progress, but as of November 14, 2001 A.D., four months after receiving his new heart, he suffered a stroke. It was caused by, a clot of undetermined origin that lodged in an artery on the left side of Tools' brain, said Dr. Laman Gray, one of the surgeons. His doctors say that due to a previous problem of a bleeding stomach, which prevented surgeons from giving him drugs that inhibit blood clots most of his time in the hospital. "A patient with an artificial heart valve needs blood thinning, or he will have a stroke," Dowling said. He's presently recovering. Staying abreast of his progress will give insight into the world of artificial devices to enhance human life. Wish him well.



**Retina, stimulates the optic nerve, letting those with retinal damage see light.**



**Ear, allows deaf to hear through stimulating the auditory nerve**



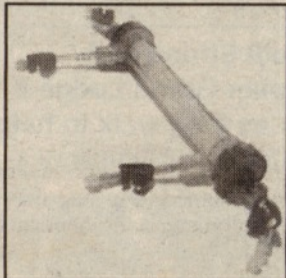
**Robert Tools, the first artificial heart recipient.**



**Heart Mate, AbioCor artificial heart**

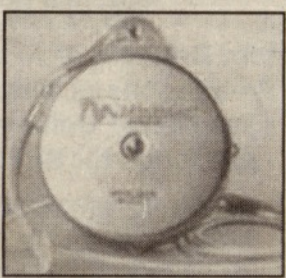


**Lung, inserted into a major vein, this catheter will oxygenate blood through one interior channel drawing carbon dioxide out. The device will offer temporary support for people with acute lung injury.**



**Kidney, 8,000 hollow fibers have 2.5 million live kidney cells to alleviate acute renal failure.**

**Knee, new materials have led to better knee replacements. Reduces wear by 85% and should extend knee's life by 10 years.**



**Pancreas, the system will mimic a natural pancreas, releasing the correct amount of insulin**

# Miracles of God's grace

**Tom Welch**  
The Macon Messenger

Do we witness the miracles of God? Yes we do. The miracles of God are real and happening in the world everyday. There is no question about what was happening to these people when it seemed as if God wasn't there. Genelle Guzman, 31 worked on the 64th floor of Tower 1. Roger McMillan, her boyfriend, received a call from her right after the first blast, telling him that she was at her desk and was instructed to stay there by the loud speaker. He could see the explosion from his job, he told her to get out and meet him in front of Century 21, a department store across from the Trade Center.



**Roger McMillan and Genelle Guzman**

Roger walked and ran some 20 blocks. Passing by injured survivors, plane parts and debris. Finally he was in front of the store and there was a mountain of debris. He searched for her; finally he called his voice mail. His girlfriend Genelle had called him saying that she was going to stay at her job. "I lost all hope when I heard that," he says.



**Jaya and Nishikant Kapatker**

Meanwhile, Roger was still searching for Genelle whose building had collapsed. She worked on the 13th floor. Her head was caught between two pillars suffering for hours. She could feel a man trapped close to her, so she pushed closer to him for comfort. He cried out twice, then eventually fell silent. She talked repeatedly with God, asking God, "Please give me a second chance at life. Then saying another prayer, "Please give me this one miracle." All she could see was darkness, then a man appeared and carried her from the debris. She was there uncertain if she was going to live or die for twenty-six hours.

Recovering at Bellevue Hospital, Genelle is one of five survivors found at the Trade Center after the day of the attack. The couple says that, "Before, we went to church on a couple of occasions, it's something you put off." But Genelle says from her hospital bed, "This is her calling to God." They are now talking about plans to marry.

Arriving early to work this morning Nishikant Kapatker and his wife Jaya were going to go on vacation that evening. The impact of Flight 11, threw him from his chair and he quickly went to the stairwell and proceeded down the stairs. Watching as he went down, 20 or 30 fire fighters making their way up the stairs huffing and puffing to their unknowing fate ahead. As he exited the plaza, he saw the body parts all over the plaza. He was looking for his wife, but the building she worked in had been evacuated. It was close to 11 a.m. when she was finally spotted. "She was sitting on a bench all alone, her head down," he says. She was praying and meditating. Nishikant put his hand on Jaya's shoulder. "And she cried like a baby for a long time." A miracle is worth a long good cry.

There are many other people who were fortunate enough to experience the wonders of God's grace. That have happened from the Scriptural recordings of time till now and I'm certain many more will be seen. In times of adversity, it seems that miracles are noticed more, however, we can see by the birth of babies into this world everyday that miracles of God are occurring more often than we think.

# What's so different about pyramids in Eatonton, Georgia?

## Religion of Nuwaupians-part II

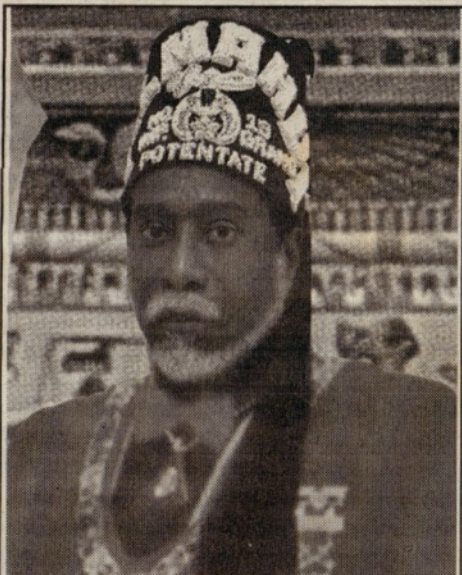
**Ahmadou Varmah 33°**  
The Macon Messenger

Are you still wondering what the religious beliefs of the Nuwaupians are? Or maybe just the ones who live in Eatonton with the pyramids? Some are still not convinced and associate the pyramids with paganism. What's so different about the pyramids in Eatonton? The people out there are Christians. The land is merely a park with an Egyptian theme. However, this group of people, the Nuwaupians who have land in Putnam County called Tama-Re, Egypt in the West, has been scrutinized, questioned and accused of being from a cult to pagans. All this because there are now pyramids in Georgia. There are pyramids all over the world, but have the owners of the other pyramids and Egyptian artifacts been accused of paganism?

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, a pagan is: "1. One who is not a Christian, Moslem, or Jew; a heathen. 2. One who has no religion. 3. A non-Christian."

If you pass 404 Shady Dale Rd. in Putnam County, you will not only see Egyptian statues and pyramids, but you will

also see a sign that reads, "For God so loved the world... honk three times. John 3:16." This is a quote from the Holy Bible used by all true Christians. A heathen or atheist would not bother to put a Bible quote giving praises to the Lord Jesus Christ, for the rest of the quote is, "...that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



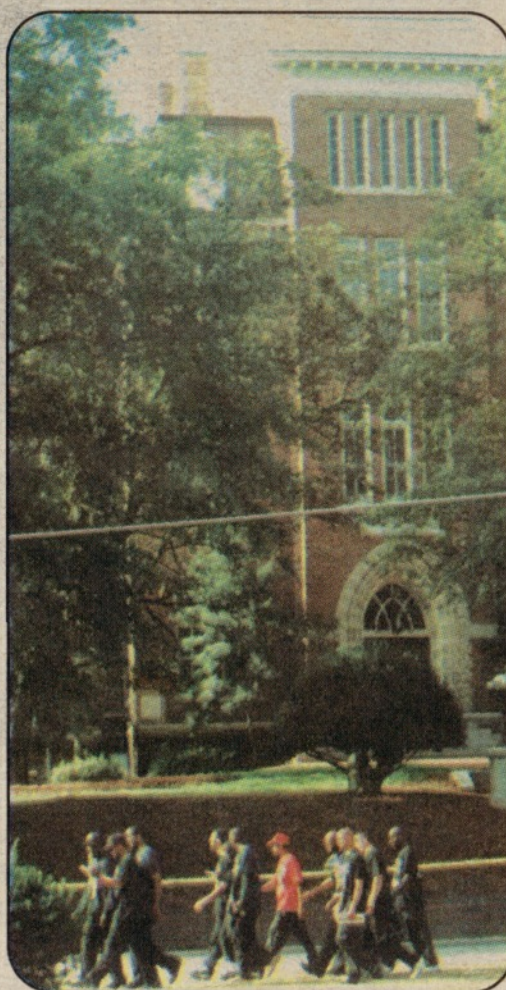
**The Grand Al Mufti "Divan" Imperial Grand Potentate Noble: Rev. Dr. Malachi Z. York-EI 33°/720° of The International Supreme Council of Shriners, Inc. and pastor of the Egyptian Church of Christ in Macon**

Years ago, many citizens in Georgia would only see these type of structures in magazines like National Geographic, Discovery, and movies like Walt Disney's "Prince of Egypt." Now you see Egyptian style pylons, temples, pyramids and a sphinx in the middle of a small town, Eatonton, Georgia.

Egyptian monuments are found everywhere, all over the world and America. Even on our money, on the back of the dollar bill there is a pyramid. In Bennington, Vermont commemorating the 1777 A.D. battle of Bennington is an obelisk that stands 302 feet. The Pyramid of Cestius in Rome, Italy- 121 feet high, was built as the tomb of Caiu Cestius. In our nation's capital Washington, D.C., the Washington Monument, which



# Al Mahdi Shrine walks for Macon at Tatnall Square Park near Mercer University



top: Brothers of Al Mahdi Shrine and Freemasons of Nuwaupian Grand Lodge # 19 pass Mercer University as they walk to help raise funds for Sickle Cell Foundation



above: Brothers of Al Mahdi Shrine pass out Macon Messenger newspaper and their newsletters to Mercer students, staff and Macon police officers as they pass.  
right: Noble: Ahmadou Varmah 33° discusses the goals of the shrine to a Macon resident passing by on her bicycle.



above: Brothers of Al Mahdi Shrine and Freemasons of Nuwaupian Grand Lodge # 19 along with Macon residents, walk at Tatnall Square Park to help raise money to donate to the Sickle Cell Foundation and to help raise funds toward the purchase of their church and school in Macon.

## Al Mahdi visits Madison Elderly Retirement Home



Brothers of Al Mahdi sing a song with an elderly gentleman, clapping their hands



A Freemason strikes a pose with an elderly lady who is all smiles and full of joy



A Shriner takes time to take a picture after spending time with one of the elderly



A Freemason chats with one of the ladies while helping her ..



Dr. William Thompson, M.D., a member of Al Mahdi Shrine, visits with the retirees



A Shriner cuts the rug with one of the ladies to one of her favorite songs



A Shriner entertains the elderly with funny stories and jokes to brighten their day



Two Freemason answer questions, while the retirees express their appreciation for their visit



# Al Mahdi did purchase Al Sihah

For the past few months, it has been rumored that the Al Mahdi Shrine Temple #19 was unsuccessful in purchasing the Al Sihah Temple located at 745 Poplar Street in downtown Macon, Georgia. Even though Al Mahdi Shriners signed contracts and exchanged funds, local newspapers like The Macon Telegraph, still reported many untruths. For those of you who don't know, Al Mahdi did purchase Al Sihah, and they will be having their first event called the Alleluia Thanksgiving Dinner (Revelation 19) on Wednesday, November 21, 2001 A.D. It was broadcast on Channel 24 News in Macon.

It is known that many efforts have been made to block the Al Mahdi Shriners because some of them are associated with the Nuwaupians, a group of people who have suffered much discrimination for several years for having an Egyptian theme park in Putnam County, Georgia. Several of their business prospects have complained that Sheriff Howard Sills of Putnam County has told them that the Al Mahdi Shriners are really a cult and advised them not to do business with them. This news did alarm some, but once they did a little research, they all realized that the Al Mahdi Shriners are legit and are not a cult.

Many people are beginning to recognize the many great works of the Al Mahdi Shrine Temple and the Nuwaupian Grand Lodge of Freemasonry International and the Order of the Eastern Star. The Shriners have a program called "A Moment of Joy," where they seek those in need and grant them a wish. It started out small, going from house to house of various elderly and doing little things, like: building a new porch, treating them to dinner, buying them something they need, fixing things around the house or just offering them company and someone to talk to. Now the Al Mahdi Shriners and Freemasons have taken it a step further and have brought joy and life to countless elderly and retirement homes all over Georgia: Madison Elderly Retirement Home, Macon Manner Rehabilitation and Retirement Home, and Eatonton Elderly Retirement Home, just to name a few.

The Al Mahdi Shriners and Freemasons have also made routine trips to the Children's Medical Center of Macon. They would ask each child to make a wish, and they would do their best to grant it. Many of them asked for toys and video games. Breon Rogers, who was suffering from sickle cell anemia, asked for a



**The recently purchased headquarters of the International Supreme Council of Shriners Inc. in Downtown Macon Georgia By its head and founder: Imperial Grand Potentate Noble: Dr. Malachi Z. York-El 33°/720°, A.E.O. & A.N.O.M.S.**

Nintendo. While visiting with Breon, they also discovered that his family was having a hard time paying his \$1200 a week doctor bills. The Al Mahdi Shriners took up the payments and since, Breon was able to try Al Mahdi Shriner Dr. Michael Wilburn, M.D.'s cure for sickle cell called M-15. Breon is now active and playing again. Dr. Wilburn, M.D. is a Nuwaupian and a member of the Al Mahdi Temple No. 19.

Other moments of joy include: a visit to Sickle Cell "Camp New Hope" in Newborn, GA; a donation of \$20,000 to Make A Wish Foundation in Macon, GA; participating in the American Heart Association Walk-a-thon; Salvation Army Canned Food Drive in Athens, GA; and recently, provided a luxury bus to the city of Macon to transport some youth to Atlanta to assist them in a food drive.

Also, The Order of Eastern Star Zipporah Chapter #123 of Macon invited the brothers of the Nuwaupian Grand Lodge of Freemasonry International and the Al Mahdi Shrine Temple, Inc., to escort them to their Twelfth Anniversary Dinner on November 10, 2001 A.D. They offered a special thanks to Imperial Grand Potentate, Noble: Rev. Dr. Malachi Z. York-El 33°/720°.

The temple is across the street from the Macon City Hall building. In its immediate surroundings are the Macon Police Department, and the Grand Opera House. This is a major step for Al Mahdi Shrine Temple No. 19 being that this will be the first Black owned Shriner Temple of this magnitude in Macon's history of Shrinendom. Despite the racist backwards opinions put forth by writers of the Macon Telegraph, they eagerly look forward to making that move to Macon and their new Shrine Temple. The Al Mahdi Shrine Temple will function as the previous temple functioned there for years.

As one of the members of the Al Mahdi Shrine Temple No. 19 explained to us, "Inside Al Mahdi Shrine Temple there are 2 different lecture halls, so Al Mahdi Temple will be holding lectures, meetings, grand balls and much more. There will also be inside this magnificent building for our members and guests, a museum, Moorish style restaurant, a book & novelty store and Bingo Games."

Also, Atlanta granted a \$19 million grant to Downtown Macon for remodeling buildings, and Al Sihah (now Al Mahdi) is one of them.



**The Shriners start an early August morning by helping at Camp New Hope**



**Al Mahdi Shriners with fellow Al Mahdi Shriner, Dr. Dawud Ujama, who wrote a Sickle Cell Cookbook.**



**Shriners shared in the excitement of the ribbon-cutting with American Heart Association**



**Breon Rogers enjoying his Nintendo with Noble: Ahmadou Varmah 33°**



**Make-A-Wish Foundation receiving the \$20,000.00 donation from Al Mahdi Shrine**



**Shriners walk and help push others along at the American Heart Assoc. Walk-a-thon**



**Thomas Chism, Noble: Grand Potentate of Al Mahdi Shrine Temple No. 9 and representatives of the Athens Salvation Army thanking the Shriners for their contributions to the food drive.**



**Nuwaupian Grand Lodge of Freemasonry International were welcomed with open arms by their sisters of the Order of Eastern Star Zipporah Chapter #123, who operate under Smooth Ashler Lodge of Macon, at their Twelfth Anniversary Dinner in Macon, Ga.**



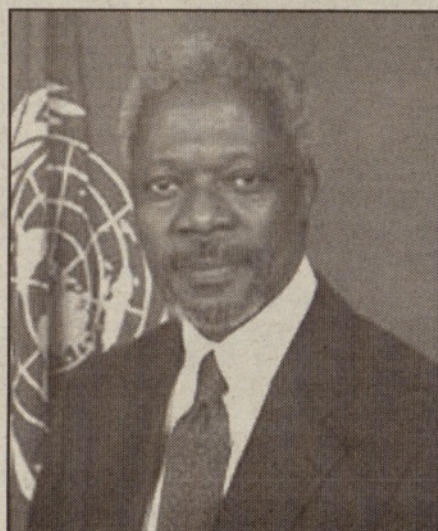
**Sisters of the Zipporah Eastern Star Chapter #123 out of Macon, strike a pose wearing their colors of the Eastern Star.**



# U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the United Nations receive Nobel Peace Prize

**Patsy Williams**  
The Macon Messenger

Secretary-General Kofi Annan was given the Nobel Peace Prize along with the United Nations for their unified efforts to make a "more peaceful world." Annan was born in Kumasi, Ghana. His father was a provincial governor in Ghana and a Fante tribal chief. Annan, devoted about half of his entire working life to the United Nations, praised for "bringing new life to the organization," that has many times taken great risks in the furtherance of human rights and resolving conflicts since the end of World War II.



**Kofi Annan recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for 2001**

The United Nations founded in 1945 A.D. by 51 nations, created in the aftermath of World War II as a shell-shocked world's hoped for peace, the United Nations has almost quadrupled in membership and more diverse. It now employs about 52,100 people at the U.N. headquarters in New York and 29 other organizations spread around the globe and is still the sole global meeting assembly for nations rich and poor, large and small work out international problems.

He joined the United Nations in 1962 A.D. as an administrator with the World Health Organization in Geneva. His U.N. career has been, incredibly varied with posts in Africa and Europe in almost every area of the organiza-

tion, from budget management to the head of U.N. peacekeeping. Kofi Annan has risen to new challenges such as HIV/AIDS and international terrorism, and brought about more effective application of the U.N.'s modest resources. Kofi Annan and the United Nations divide the \$943,000 awarded equally.

The Nobel Peace Prize committee admirably noticed Annan and appreciated the noble work and silent suffering of the U.N. In very much the same character and altruistic manner as that of the other six Nobel Peace Prize laureates endured to deserve their awards.

The Secretary General happens to be the seventh Black person internationally to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. The following are the six international Black recipients of the prizes inception in:



**Ralph J. Bunche**

during World War II, and joined the United States Department of State in 1944 A.D.; in 1945 A.D. An expert on trusteeship issues in the United Nations, he participated in the writing of the UN Charter. His skill as a mediator awarded him, the first African American to receive the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize after negotiating the agreements that halted the 1948-1949 Arab-Israeli War. For 22 years he served on the board of the NAACP, earning its highest honour, the Spingarn Medal in 1949 A.D. He too

1) 1950 - Ralph Johnson Bunche 1904-1971 A.D., he was head of the Office of Strategic Services from 1941 to 1944 A.D. in the federal government,

was at the 1963 March on Washington.



**Albert J. Luthuli**

ple for nonviolent resistance to the

2) 1960 - Albert John Luthuli 1898-1967 A.D., a South African civil rights and political leader who for his preserving dedication to a life long struggle

apartheid system in South Africa, Luthuli was awarded the 1960 Nobel Peace Prize. He is the first African to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Luthuli won international acclaim for his efforts to use nonviolence to end state-sponsored racial discrimination in South Africa.



**Martin L. King Jr.**

1964 A.D. speech in Washington entitled "I Have a Dream" expressed the empathy of that era: "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." As a result of his leadership in Civil Rights he was awarded the

3) 1964 - Martin Luther King Jr., 1929-1968 A.D., nominated for his continued and relentless fight for civil rights, resulting in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. His

1964 Nobel Prize for peace.



**Anwar al Sadat**

4) 1978 - Anwar al Sadat 1918-1981 A.D., was the last indigenous pharaonic rulers of Egypt. A sharp military leader

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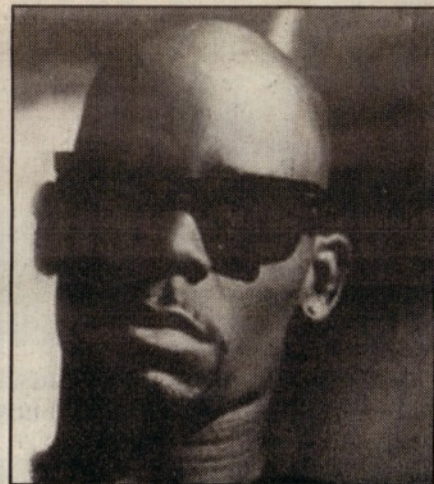
## Entertainers get caught up

**Patricia Stevens**  
The Macon Messenger

In recent years, several music entertainers have gone from hip-hop and R&B to gospel, or have simply said, "I'm saved." Acts 2:21 says, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." I'm talking about born-again Christians in the music industry: Robert Kelly (R-Kelly); Perri Reid (Pebbles); Stanley Burrell (MC Hammer) and Mason Betha (Mase), just to name a few. Something happened in their lives and they became "caught up" with God. 1 Thesolonians 4:17 "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Kelly, an urban R&B singer-songwriter and producer, first made an impact in 1991 A.D. with his band Public Announcement, and has since become one of America's most successful solo artists. The success of his second album, 12-Play, which stayed on top of the R&B charts for nine weeks, is what Kelly is known for. Two best selling singles were included on the set, "Sex Me (Parts I & II)" and "Bump 'N Grind." These songs were known for their high sexual content. Before his next album in 1997 A.D., Kelly found God and got caught up. It abstained from the blatant sexuality of 12 Play, attributed in part to his friendship with gospel singer Kirk Franklin. "I used to be flying in sin - now I'm flying with Jesus," said Kelly.

Former singer Pebbles of the late 1980s platinum dance-track singles "Mercedes Boy" and "Girlfriend" has found a new ministry based in Atlanta



**Robert Kelly (R-Kelly)**



**Perri Reid (Pebbles)**



**Stanley Burrell (MC Hammer)**

called Ministry of Women of God on Eleventh Street. Now referred to as Sister Perri Reid, she was a singer, songwriter and a producer and manager of the female group TLC. In November 1997 A.D., Reid says she had an occurrence with God that changed her life. Although she wasn't raised in church, didn't know the Bible, any gospel hymns or even how to pray, Reid says God sent her messages and now she preaches with power. "I am a walking testimony,"



**Mason Betha (Mase)**

says Reid. After years as a backslider, Hammer says he's rededicated his life to Jesus. He was known in the music business for selling more than 25 million albums worldwide. His tributes include three Grammy's, seven American Music Awards and two MTV Awards. Despite his fame, Hammer faded from view a little over ten years ago. Now, Hammer is back, and this time he says Jesus is with him. What many don't know is that

Hammer started out doing gospel and was very committed to God in 1984 A.D. It was the fame of the secular songs in 1988 A.D. that made him slowly turn away. Hammer says, "You create a utopia around you so you don't have to deal with the reality that you're not in the will of God. You wake up and realize that you're a backslider." About four years ago, Hammer decided to allow the Spirit to lead him once again, and he is now an evangelist. He debuted at the World Gospel '97 extravaganza, singing about his new devotion to God and being caught up.

Once called the future of hip-hop, ex-rapper Mase made an announcement in 1999 A.D. that he was retiring from rap to follow God. His rap career skyrocketed in 1997 A.D. when he began rapping alongside Sean "Puffy"/"P.Diddy" Combs. After signing with Combs in 1996 A.D., Mase became one of the top rappers in the country, rapping about money, women and partying. Needless to say, his announcement sent shockwaves throughout the recording industry. Mase said that no one particular incident prompted his decision, only that rapping just wasn't "in my heart." In a written statement, Mase said, "I am grateful for all the blessings bestowed on me that were a result of my music career. Now it's time for me to serve God in His way. The Lord sends you messages when He's ready and not necessarily when we are." Being caught up, he now has his own church in Atlanta preaching and focusing his priorities on doing God's work.

Not to mention, Combs released a gospel and hip-hop flavored CD called, *Sean "P.Diddy" Combs and Hezekiah Walker Present...Thank You*, this past July.

Entertainers being saved, though shocking for some, is nothing new. The struggle between secular and sacred has involved musicians from Al Green to Marvin Gaye to Little Richard.



# Jordan is Back!!!

**Bill Gertz**

The Macon Messenger

The moment we've all been waiting for took place Tuesday, October 30, 2001 A.D. Michael Jordan came back to basketball, his first love. He played his first game in New York against the New York Knicks, for the Washington Wizards after a 3-year retirement. He made it clear that his latest comeback is not about succeeding in other people's eyes. It's about making peace with himself and giving basketball another chance before it's too late.

Although many criticize Jordan's efforts and think he's too old, Jordan says, "If I listened to everyone else tell me that I can't do it, then obviously I wouldn't be here." He said he would try to start slowly, try not to do too much too soon. He said the Wizard's should improve on last season's record of 19-63, but he'd be surprised if Washington can win 50 games.

The night of his first game, Jordan was not the Jordan many are used to, but he indeed played wisely, picking his spots and keeping his inexperienced teammates involved throughout the game. But, the Wizards wavered at the end and Jordan couldn't save them, as the Knicks came away with a close 93-91 victory.

Jordan won 10 scoring titles and six championships while playing with the



**Jordan drives on the Knicks' Mark Jackson in the 1st quarter**

Chicago Bulls. The Bulls had a fierce rivalry with the Knicks in the 1990s, meeting in the playoffs five times. Chicago won four of those series, with New York's only victory coming in 1994 A.D. when Jordan was playing minor league baseball.

Jordan began working out early this summer. He shed 30 pounds, held daily workouts against NBA-caliber competition and started to get the feeling that he was not too old or too brittle to resume playing the game. He plans to play in all 82 of Washington's games.

# A look at the World Series

**Stephanie Henson**

The Macon Messenger

Here's a brief look at the World Series: The defending three-time champions completely broke down at Bank One Ballpark.

The Diamondbacks, playing their first Series game, were glad to take advantage and beat a team that had won 16 of its last 17 World Series games. Mark Grace, who had waited his whole career for this moment, led the Diamondbacks onto the field. When he hit a two-run double, it was 9-1 in the fourth inning and the rout was on.

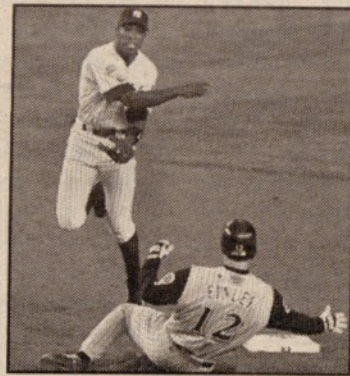
In the last three years, the New York Yankees had rallied in the late innings to win Series openers in games started by aces Kevin Brown, Greg Maddux and Al Leiter. This time, flustered and falling apart, they had no chance.

Craig Counsell, the MVP of the NL Championship Series, homered with one out to make it 1-0. Luis Gonzalez, in his first Series appearance, hit a two-run homer in a four-run third. His third shot of this postseason brought him a curtain call, along with a cheer from home-run champion Barry Bonds in the stands.

Everyone knew the Arizona Diamondbacks had a powerful pitching tandem. Randy Johnson picked up where Curt Schilling left off, pitching a three-hitter that gave the Diamondbacks a 4-0 win Sunday

night, October 28, and a two games-to-none lead in the World Series.

After being overmatched against Schilling in the opener, the Yankees were overpowered by Johnson. The defending three-time champions left Arizona with a total of six hits. Roger Clemens and Mariano Rivera showed they know a little bit about pitching in the World Series, also. Clemens won when the Yankees couldn't afford to lose, shutting down Arizona over seven innings for a 2-1 victory Tuesday night, October 30, that cut the Diamondbacks' lead to two games-to-one.



**Alfonso Soriano singled home the winning run to give New York a three games-to-two edge.**

Baseball fans, meet the first Mr. November Derek Jeter. The Yankees star earned that distinction at 12:04 a.m. EST Thursday, November 1, hitting a home run with two outs

in the bottom of 10th inning to lift New York past the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-3 and tie the World Series at two games each. Tino Martinez saved the Yankees with a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth off closer Byung-Hyun Kim.

Once was incredible; twice was too hard to believe. The Yankees beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-2 in a 12-inning Game 5 that spilled into early Friday, November 2. Scott Brosius saved the Yankees with a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth, and then Alfonso Soriano singled home the winning run to give New York a three games-to-two edge.

# Macon Whoopee

**Rebecca Yull**

The Macon Messenger

The Macon Whoopee has had a great start to the 2001-2002 A.D. season and even recent losses haven't put a damper on their spirits.

Head coach Gord Dineen hopes that the Whoopee will use the loss to help it refocus mentally.

"That's what got us our wins," he said. "We have to outwork and outsmart other teams."

Even without putting together a complete game on the ice, the Whoopee has still been able to maintain the ability to come out with a win when they need it.

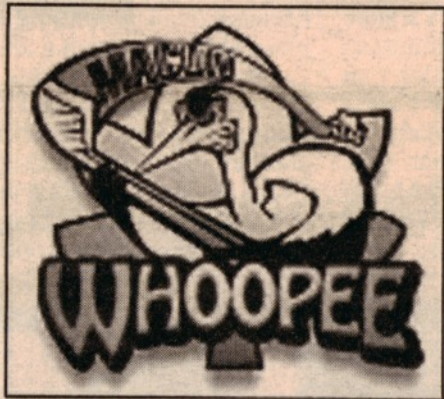
This year's team includes some frontline changes and brought in a new goaltender that will only keep the Whoopee on top the remainder of the season.

Veteran forwards Travis Brigley, David Brosseau, and Nic Beaudoin signed on to the team in early October.

The 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pound Brigley was a second-round draft choice, 39th overall, of the Calgary Flames in the 1996 National Hockey League Draft. The 24-year-old native of Coronation, Alberta, has played 274 of his 290 career professional games in the NHL, American Hockey League, and International Hockey League, scoring 57 goals and 86 assists in those contests. Last season at Louisville, Brigley tallied 14 goals and 21 assists in 49 games.

The 25-year-old Brosseau, has also seen time in the NHL, AHL and IHL. The 6-1, 200-pounder from Laval, Quebec, has enjoyed great success in the East Coast Hockey League, scoring 110 goals in 205 career games with the Charlotte Checkers. Brosseau also racked up 85 goals in two seasons with the Austin Ice Bats of the Western Professional Hockey League, including last year's 36-goal, 31-assist effort.

Beaudoin, 24, hails from Ottawa,



Ontario, and has played in the AHL with Hershey Bears, Lowell Lock Monsters, and Springfield Falcons. The 6-1, 205-pounder split last season between the United Hockey League's Mohawk Valley Prowlers and the ECHL's Arkansas RiverBlades, scoring a total of 25 goals and 31 assists.

In addition to these power forwards, Macon has brought on goalie Andrew Allen, who was assigned to the Whoopee from Hershey in the AHL.

As of October 31, however, Allen still wasn't officially on the roster. Dayton still owns Allen's ECHL rights from last season and wants some sort of compensation, which was being worked out.

"I feel really confident about our goaltending," Dineen said. "Chris Madden was something of an unknown when we first got him and he's established himself as a top goalie. (Allen) is highly touted."

"I look at the types of teams we were playing, and those were some pretty big games," Dineen said. "I thought we needed a little more experience in goal."

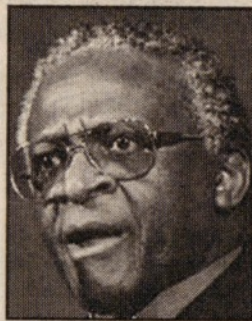
Though Allen has been assigned to Macon by Florida, the Panthers aren't dictating what sort of playing time he should get.

"They don't tell me how to play a guy," Dineen said. "Obviously, they want their prospects to develop and they hope he gets as many starts as he can."

# Peace Prize...

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and president between the years 1970 to 1981 A.D. Best remembered for his work toward peace in the Middle East, he became one of the first Arab leaders to recognize Israel. Under Sadat's leadership Egypt had proven that Israeli forces could be defeated in their attempts to take control of already governed lands. His initiative and brilliant negotiation skills led to the 1979 A.D. Egyptian Israeli Treaty and the gradual withdrawal by Israel from the entire Sinai Peninsula. For Sadat's peace negotiation he was jointly awarded the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize.



**Desmond M. Tutu**

the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his display of courage and heroism shown in the fight by black South Africans in their use of peaceful methods in the struggle against apartheid. Tutu is an ordained Anglican priest, served as bishop of Johannesburg, Lesotho, and he became the first black general secretary of the South African Council of Churches. Nelson Mandela selected Archbishop Tutu to serve as head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission a panel that investigates crimes committed during the apartheid era.

6) 1993 - Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela born in 1918 A.D. He was a South African civil rights activist, winner of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, and the first black president of South Africa from. He led a movement to bring about political change in South



**Nelson M. Mandela**

Africa against apartheid. In June of 1964 A.D. for the next 18 years he was a political prisoner. In response to both international and domestic

pressure, the South African government released Nelson Mandela in 1990 A.D. In 1993 A.D., Nelson Mandela won South Africa's first election in which the black majority could vote and he was elected the nation's first black president. In December 1996 A.D. Mandela signed into law a new South African constitution. The constitution established a federal system with a strong central government based on majority rule, and it contained guarantees of the rights of minorities and of freedom of expression.

Annan walks in the ranks of honorable men. Annan himself is known for his centeredness and powerful leadership skills. The 63 year old, Ghanaian is a modest blend of an accomplished diplomat and humanitarian whose wisdom far exceeds expectations. Annan said he was "humbled, but also encouraged". He was the first leader to be elected from the ranks of choicest officials of the United Nations staff, and appointed for the top job. In an unprecedented led vote of confidence, Annan was unanimously reappointed to a second five-year term by the 189 U.N. member states in June, six months before his first term would have expired on December 31, 2001 A.D. Hundreds of UN workers hailed Annan with thunderous applause on the day the prize was announced. He paid tribute to the UN staff as well for working hard to bring about peace and happiness in a world of almost constant uncertainties. "The only true prize for them and for us will be peace itself," he said.



# The effect of television, movies and the media

**Linzi Morris**

The Macon Messenger

When we sit down to watch a movie, do we ever consider that the purpose of the movie is other than just to entertain you? When our children watch programs and movies on television, do we ever think that there might be a possibility that they are learning more than "I Love You, You Love Me..." as Barney likes to sing.

Well let's take a look at what we are filling our minds with when we tune in. Is it a coincidence that after movies like Matrix and Blade are released that there are teenager at Columbine High in Colorado calling themselves the Trench Coat Mafia? These same teenagers started shooting their innocent classmates. In Blade, Wesley Snipes is shown dressed in a black trench coat, carrying guns and shooting vampires. In Matrix, Keanu Reeves is also wearing a black trench coat. These were two of the top movie releases and since then there has been a rash of school shootings.

How about when the movie Superman was released and children were jumping out of windows thinking they could fly like Superman? In Japan, after watching the Pokemon movie the children that were watching it became sick. After the release of Brian Stokes "Dracula" a teenage girl and her friend from Gainesville, Florida are arrested for killing her parents and drinking her parents blood. Following the movie "Colors," starring Sean Penn and "American Me," starring Sean Penn and "American Me," starring Edward Almos, there was a rise in gang violence. After the release of "Boys in the Hood" there were riots in the movie theaters. And these are just a few examples of the violence that occurs once these movies are out by the movie industry.

All of these examples can't be a coincidence. Co-Incidence means that that there are two incidents. But once you get past two, it is no longer a coincidence. So does this means that this is not an accident? Over the years there have been many reports of incidents that have been traced back to movies.

Why are these graphic and violent movies still being put out. Or is it that sex and violence sells and because of the love of money the movie industry will still release it, as it states in I Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of all evil..."

In light of what happened at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and now anthrax, some are saying that Hollywood put out movies that showed the terrorists how to do it, with movies such as: Independence Day, Air Force One, Swordfish, Outbreak (germ warfare - Anthrax), etc. Is there an intentional effort by the movie industry to cause people to act violently and cause chaos and confusion? This in turn causes unnecessary bloodshed on the innocent. The media and television puts terrorism in the minds through violent movies like the Mummy, where everything is based on killing someone. Children are exposed to violent movies, video games, cartoons, books, and music.

However, there are some positive Christian movies such as the "Left

Behind" series, which tells what happens to those people who were left behind after the rapture and their quest to be saved. Other positive television shows are "Touched By An Angel" or "Highway to Heaven," which portrays God's angels helping people, spreading love and bringing people back to the grace of God.

There are two forces at work here. One group is negative and pulls people towards death, destruction and misery. The bible talks about this negative force in Ephesians 6:12 where it states, "For we wrestle no against flesh and blood, but against principalities...against spiritual wickedness in high places." The other group is positive and pulls people towards family, the bible and God, which tries to combat the negative by bringing about a state of peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" Matthew 5:9. We need to stand on the side of God, these children of God so that we can turn our society around.

## Death penalty...

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can be found in many places in the Scriptures where God gave man laws to live by, and the consequences of not abiding by the law. Let me show you something. If you have no intentions of violating the law or murdering somebody then why do you care about the death penalty? Let me say it again. If you have no intentions of violating the law, or murdering another human being, why would you care if there were a death penalty? Why would we want to make a way for those criminals who don't care if they take the life of another? If a law was made that would enforce the rule that if you take someone's life then you lose your life, like the Bible says in Exodus 21:24 "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot..." there would be virtually no crime in America. They have that law in Arabia and there is next to no crime there.

This country was founded on the Bible and if we get back to the Bible, and let the Bible be the guide for each and every one of us, there you will find a better society. In the Book of Exodus chapters 20, 21

& 23 and throughout the Scriptures man is given many laws to follow as a guide for us to live by. However, we choose to live by the laws of man and reject the laws of God, and that's where our troubles began.

The world trade center brought this country to an awareness of God that we did not display previously. We battled on whether or not to have prayer in school, and if we could place the Ten Commandments in public buildings. Yet, in court we can swear on the Bible. Is that a different God? Why should this be a problem? Did we pay reverence to every other law besides God's laws? The dollar bill is not God, even though it says "In God We Trust" on the back of it. Which God is that we are trusting in? We trust God in money matters and that's it? But we're not interested in abiding by for the laws of the Scriptures. We asked God to bless America, and then America has to give reverence to God, and not just in a crisis, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So don't be outraged by President Bush following the laws of God, maybe we can take that as an example and follow suit.

## Pyramids...

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is an obelisk, stands 555 feet 5 inches high and has a base of 55 feet square. Also look at the presidential monument of Abraham Lincoln emulating the sitting position in ancient Egypt of Rameses II found at Abu Simbel, Egypt and Sesostris. Even today most of the homes built in America are built with a Pyramid at the top with a square base. Memphis, Tennessee U.S.A. is named after an Egyptian city. They also have a Glass Pyramid with a statue of Rameses standing in front of it. An American Architect I.M. Pei designed the Impei' Louvre pyramid in France Paris. It is

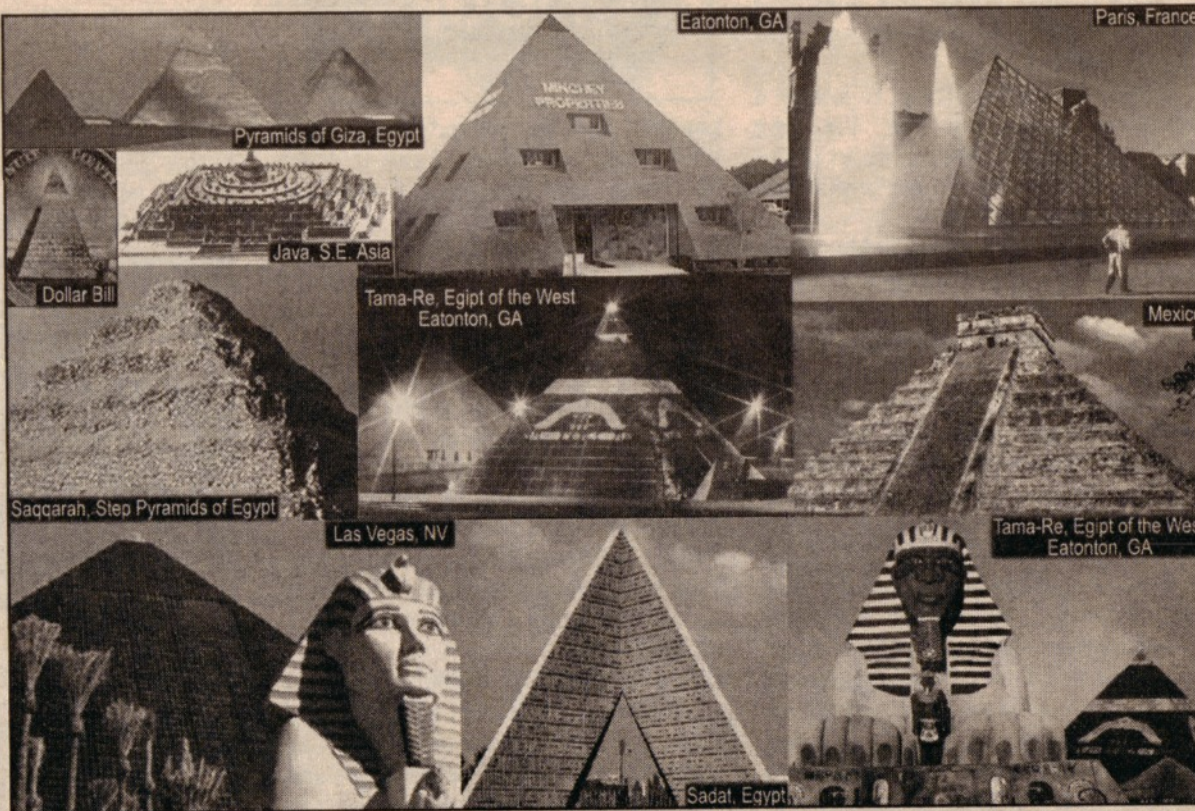
the entrance to the Louvre museum. There are many examples all over the world of cities and communities using Egyptian themes, from Luxor in Las Vegas, Nevada, all the way to South America. Are they all pagans and atheist because of their display and appreciation for Egypt?

Right here in Georgia the Michael Carlos Museum has an Egyptian exhibition on display in Atlanta. Are they pagans? No, because there is nothing out of place about Egyptian Culture.

Could it be because they choose to be called the Egyptian Church of Christ, which is just another form of Christianity? Osiris is God, the father, and Isis is the blessed mother Mary who had an immaculate conception

of an anointed Holy son Horus, which is the same as the son, Jesus Christ. Don't let titles divide us.

There is no logical explanation for the life altering treatment of the Nuwaupians or the Egyptian Church of Christ, Pastored by Rev. Dr. Malachi Z. York-El 33°/720°. Race should not be an issue when people want to build a better life for themselves. Take the Egyptians for an example. They were Black, and created the most renowned societies in the world and welcomed all races as family. And all over the world, their works are repeated and duplicated. It should be no exception with the Nuwaupians. What's so different about Pyramids in Georgia? NOTHING!



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## Next boogiemer

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weapons capabilities. In late 1998 A.D., the United States passed a resolution to provide economic assistance to Iraqi dissident groups seeking to overthrow Saddam Hussein.

Those were the boogiemer of America, and now we have Osama Bin Laden. Many citizens just don't want our government going after anybody, as in the biblical concept of the scapegoat. In Biblical times, there was a ritual for the removal of sins involving a goat. All the people of Israel who touched the goat as it ran through their village, would pray for their sins to go into the goat. Then, they would chase the goat out of town and off a cliff. This goat would have the sins of the people in it, and this would mean to them that they have no more sin because of the scapegoat. In Hebrew, scapegoat is called Azazel, one of the names of the devil. The scapegoat can be found in Leviticus 16:20-28.

Many religious leaders have stated that we Americans do not want innocent blood on our hands just to appease the pride and anger of those who have the power to retaliate. They simply ask that we be given the facts that a case is made against the real perpetrators of these hideous crimes against our freedoms. We don't want to hear Osama Bin Laden is the devil, Halloween masks made of him as the devil, or websites with games beating up Osama Bin Laden. In other words, we don't need a new boogiemer. Timothy McVeigh was a boogiemer a couple of years ago; the Unabomber was a boogiemer around the same time. We now live in terror.

We, in America, do not need scapegoats or boogiemer. We need the criminals apprehended, tried in our courts with a jury of their peers and the evidence produced, so that there is not a shadow of a doubt that these are, or he is the master-mind and the perpetrators of these crimes. Don't show us some newspaper that could be made up. We want the real killer. Stop terrorizing us Americans as a population by making men bigger than

life to us with the redundant use of their names, what they are going to do and are capable of doing. The media is frightening us Americans by making these boogiemer. Stop going after just Osama Bin Laden, because the day he is killed is not going to stop terrorism. Every time you kill one of their leaders, you add more fuel to the flame.

As a student, I had the opportunity to do a project that involved laws and traditions of Islamic countries. In the Dictionary of Islam by Thomas Patrick Hughes, B.D., M.R.A.S., he states on page 481 in a law called Kesaas, it says, "The law of retaliation. The lex talionis of the Mosaic law, with the important difference that in the Muslim law the next of kin can accept a money compensation (blood money) for willful murder. The subject of retaliation must be considered, first, as to retaliation in matters short of life. (1) In occasional affecting life, retaliation is incurred by willfully killing a person whose blood is under continual protection, such as a Muslim or a Zimmi, in opposition to aliens who have only an occasional or temporary protection." If you kill one of them, they must get even. It is their law. When you kill one of their leaders or clergy, they vow to kill one of you. So when we boast of killing one of their leaders, they take a vow to kill also. If Osama Bin Laden is killed, it will not be the end of it.

You would be better off capturing them, bringing them to trial and probing them. If he is found guilty, a sentence needs to be put on him, but not for us to regress to their level of being salvages, acting like them. Like Ted Bundy, he was on trial and found guilty as well as Timothy McVeigh. However, before Timothy McVeigh was executed, more information came out, but it was kept away from the public. We have a part in democracy, and by not telling us, our rights were denied. Justice needs to be done, but done right.

All of these guys are tyrants, but we made them tyrants; we trained them and gave them publicity. Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

## Apology...

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mayor of Macon, C. Jack Ellis.

The writers of this paper are in their infant stage. The paper tilted, "The Macon News" was our first edition. That tells you how much attention people are paying in our first edition. The fact that such a large and well established paper, such as The Macon Telegraph, would find the time to hinder such a small effort on the part of citizens who back the mayor and would like to inform the public of some of the many positive accomplishments of African-Americans and others, says something to you. It says they don't want your side of the story known to the public. They don't want African-Americans to be seen in a positive light. They don't want other races (in particular, their children) to see the great accomplishments and inventions done by African-Americans. They don't want their children, who are being indoctrinated to the contrary to know that African Americans are excelling not only in music, dance, and sports, but also in business, investments, medicine and inventions.

So such a small effort is being met with obstacles and what's sad about this obstacle is that it appears in the form of a letter after our first paper. Which featured a story with full color pictures of our mayor, who just so happens to be an African American in Bibb County? It appears that us mentioning him in a positive light as a success story has raised the fur on the backs of those who have a hidden agenda that is to prevent not just him, but also any people of colour from moving up in this fine state of Georgia.

The racism after the millennium and with all the events, that would appear to pull people together regardless of race, creed, gender or colour is not reaching into the hearts of those indoctrinated though the 50's 60's and bent on white supremacy racial superiority and humanity blindness. Those who take the time to throw a monkey wrench into world peace yet, they would be the first to print a front page article, if people of colour decided they didn't want to participate and lay their life on the line to defend people who still stand behind

the flag of hate, separation and racism. I'm talking about the confederate flag, and it's time that people of colour take a stance. If they'll attack this little newspaper way up there in high places, attacking it on principles that seem so trivial in light of the fact that they haven't used the name Macon News since 1884 A.D.; making an issue out of an unused name to the point where you want it to be discontinued by public use when you are not using it, is in itself making a statement to people of colour.

1) It appears that those behind this incident have an agenda against African American progress?

2) Obviously opposed to an African American mayor.

3) Would like to remain the sole form of information in Bibb county and the list goes on, but African Americans need to consider a protest by the NAACP, Rainbow Push Coalition, GABEO, SCLC, National Action Network, because this is a very serious statement. The agenda should be for people of colour to stop buying that telegraph until that paper starts to reflect not only on it pages, but in its hiring principles, employment principles and positions within its company. They are placed there for a reason and people of colour should stop buying that paper. Ephesians 6:12 says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Who holds the rights to decide what becomes news? That is who edits the articles to guarantee that it is not their personal point of view, but objective news that is put to the public. Who says that it is all right for Mr. Rob Peecher, friend and constitute of the backwards, mindless and racist people of Putnam County should take and have the right to run a full page on every event that takes place with one small African American group on 404 Shady Dale Road. The slightest mention of their name and any one involved with them is worthy of a full page spread. Ask yourself why? Why do they fear these people so? What do they see in these people that makes them react with such aggression? Do they believe that they can stop or alter destiny? Where there is a will there is a way.



## Last days...

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world and has seen many things. He is a man that many have tried to defame (the same way they attack all Black leaders), but they have never touched on his abundant prophecies that have come true. Are these days that we live in our last? Let us examine these days that we live: bombings, war, famine, germ warfare, natural disasters, etc.

For the past 30 years, Noble: Rev. Dr. Malachi Z. York-El 33°/720° has prophesied about so many things, from the death of Princess Diana and Mother Theresa (who he calls the real Pope), to weather catastrophes, such as the ones we are experiencing everyday around the world. He has said because of the Earth shifting we are going to experience scary weather, from land slides, earthquakes, tidal and heat waves, floods, disease outbreaks and all of these prophecies unfold right before our eyes. He even predicted anthrax and the World Trade Center. An audience of over 3,000 people sat while he predicted events that are going on right now, last New Year's. Here is some of what he said: "This is not going to be a good year for America or for the whole world for that matter... The weather is going to get worse... By 2003 ethnics will be the majority. We will out populate the Caucasians, in the western hemisphere in time... I sound crazy. I sounded crazy in 1970 also when I told you they'd be cloning people. So I don't mind sounding crazy because when you are gifted with the gift of prophecy you are always in good company." 1Corinthians 14:31 says, "For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted."

"Many people are going to die this year. But that is not a prophecy, that's reality. Many jobs will be lost. Another disease is going to rise. More computer sabotage, not just hackers, but major companies and stock markets will crash because of it. Death in Mecca this year. Muslims attack Buddhist... Israel is not going to be better after much bloodshed. The war between the Arabs and the Israelites will continue. It's going to get worse. United

nations will not be able to intervene in solving it.

"There is also prophecies in the bible; Revelations 14:20 it explains, it says, it'll be blood the height of a horses bridial; blood running in the streets of Jerusalem, the holy city. Leadership of Israel will change abruptly this year. They're whole thing is to prevent the coming of the savior, Lord Jesus Christ. And then when you move from there you go up into Ireland and you will find the Christians and the Catholics fighting, and they're fighting up in Russia. In Afghanistan, trouble will brew religious differences. (Remember, he said all of this New Year's night in 2000 A.D.) There's going to be several great earthquakes between this year and next year. It's going to open the gate to more climactic changes. Fire, I see many fires. The weather we are experiencing now this year is not visiting us. It has come to stay. The sun and the planet are shifting. The climate is changing. As it says in the book of Malachi 4:2, God is coming, the sun of righteousness with healing in his wings. The sun is getting closer. The ozone layer is getting wider. People who lack melanin are going to have a very difficult time. Skin cancer is going to get worst... Lunatics, more insanity, people rampantly going around killing people (as you can see all over the news about the school shooting is increasing rapidly through out the nation.)

"There will be a conflict between the Muslims and the Hindus that will last until 2005. But India itself will start to raise its economy, alter its government, and start changing for the better. But before a great catastrophe this year, with much loss of life I see people crying from beneath ruins. United States will not be able to solve any wars this year. In fact, United States will be engaged in 3 more wars. Another war is going to break out in South America. United States is on the border of a war with China." We have reached the end of the year Noble: Rev. Dr. York 33°/720° was speaking of, and we can all testify that his prophecies have come true. He specifies that these visions come through him, not from him.

If you watch "The Word" channel or the Christian stations, you will find preacher after preacher saying that the World Trade Center was not an act of God, but an act of wicked men. In addition, the earthquake that followed was a warning to those cities that are like Sodom and

Gomorra (California and New York), that God is involved in retribution, judgment and punishment. Genesis 13:10 says, "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorra, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar." One preacher states, "We should watch out for these demagogues in political power, who set themselves up as gods and try to win our confidence over God the Father and our Lord, his son, Jesus Christ, who are our only real protectors over us against calamities."

Our judicial system is based on evidence produced by facts beyond a shadow of doubt. The American people want to see facts. They don't want hearsay, a response created out of anger or the necessity to retaliate to look good. America does not want conjectures or opinions. This is a country that opens its courthouse with the statement, "In God We Trust," and everyone that is put on the stand is asked to put their right hand on the bible and repeat, "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God" - two affirmations that cannot be found in the Holy Bible. So whenever judging any of God's creatures, regardless of race, creed, color, sex or religion, base it on principles under which our great country, the United States of America was founded on. America was founded by the pilgrims, who were Christians carrying the bible, escaping tyranny, terrorism and the antichrists of Europe. They were missionaries coming to teach the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; and with that alone, justice means more to us than what is discussed in our courthouses or government. We know that the good book says, "vengeance is mine, saith the Lord" - Romans 12:19. So in fact, every man that is judged, is judged by God. And we don't care whether he's a Mohammedan, Buddhist, Hindu, or new age; we are not concerned if he or she has the truth. Our concerns as a Christian country should be that we uphold God's truths that all men were created equal, and that we not allow ourselves as the world's greatest power to be reduced to being terrorists. We have a man of vision right here with us. He explains the bible like no other.

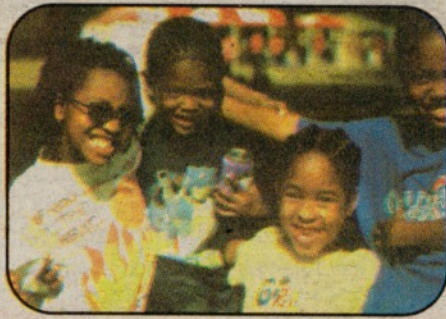


### Walking...

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Children and Shriners hold up the t-shirts and sweatshirts, souvenirs of the walk-a-thon



Macon children enjoy Tatnall Square Park as their parents participate in the walk-a-thon



Left: Young Macon boys play a game a football at Tatnall Square Park. Right: Children of all ages stay busy playing tag as their parents take a break from walking



Freemasons and Shriners sit down to a game of chess while waiting to start the walk-a-thon



Macon Police officer Jamon Fredricks, and member of Al Mahdi Shrine, take time to visit with fellow Shriners.

## Al Mahdi Shrine in Fort Valley Parade



Freemasons never missed a beat as they march down the streets in Fort Valley



top & bottom: It is clear Fort Valley is impressed with the precision of Al Mahdi Shriners, having hundreds of members marching



Freemasons and Shriners even maintained straight lines going around corners



Shriener clowns kept the crowd laughing and entertained.



The crowds are in awe as the Shriners, Royal Arch and Freemason show their stuff

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Join Us, As We Give Thanks To The Most High God, For Sending His Son, Our Saviour The Lord Jesus Christ Into The World. The Alleluia Thanksgiving Dinner (Rev. 19) Will Be Held At The Al Mahdi Shrine Temple, Located At: 745 Poplar Street, Macon, GA On Nov. 21st from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Come Join Us As We Dance The Night Away, And Dine On A Homestyle Thanksgiving Dinner. Be Entertained And Enjoy Yourselves. There Will Also Be Surprise Special Guests.

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