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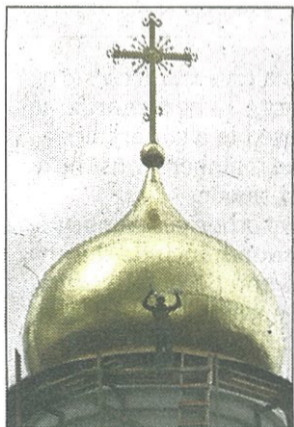
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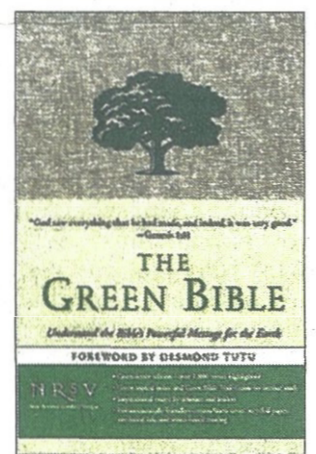
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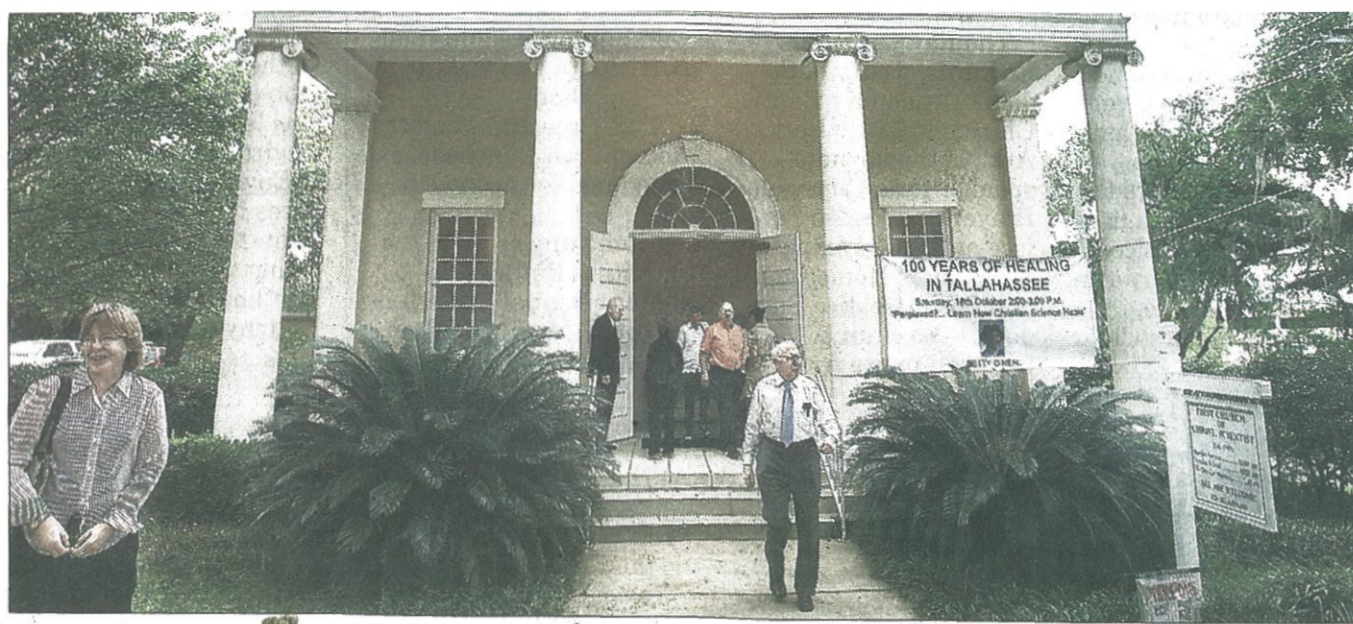
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After her first husband died in 1844, she was sick so often that her only child had to be raised by family members and neighbors.

In 1866, she fell on the ice in Lynn, Mass., causing injuries so severe she thought she was going to die. One night, she reached for the Bible and began reading about the healings of Jesus. She was healed and got out of bed.

She spent the next three years studying the Bible and coming up with what she called Christian Science — a set of principles she believed

explained the laws of God and creation. When applied, she believed they could bring about healings of all kinds.

In 1875, she published her book "Science and Health with Keys to the Scriptures" and in 1879, founded the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

She was vilified by many, including the author Mark Twain, but her church and her teachings spread throughout the world. Today, the Mother Church is in Boston, Mass., and has 1,800 branches worldwide.

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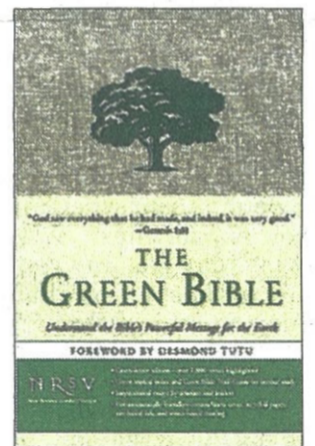
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The first chapter of Genesis is grass green; so are chunks of Psalms and Gospel passages in which Jesus considers the lilies of the field and keeps his eye on the sparrow.

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■ MUSIC

Capital City Christian Church: Vocalist Larnelle Harris is performing in concert at 7 p.m. today. He is winner of both Grammy and Dove awards and has participated in Billy Graham crusades during his 30-year musical career. He will perform at the church, 6115 Mahan Drive. Tickets are \$15. Call 877-7315, for tickets or more information.

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DEMOCRAT STAFF REPORTS

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"When people tell me Jesus never talked about the environment, I say, God says, 'Love your neighbor,' not drown him in melting sea ice," Cizik says.

This "Green Bible" is not the first, however. A 1993 book also titled "The Green Bible," co-written by religious studies expert Stephen Scharper and anthropologist Hilary Cunningham, has no green ink but has the same intentions.

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And the colors of the Triune Team often hang across the sky: "Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between [myself] and all living creatures of every kind on the earth," said God. (Genesis 9:16)

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