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Gantt calls for a renewed commitment to seniors

(Charlotte) U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt brought his campaign for "traditional values and new ideas" to Wilson today, where he toured the site of the future Wilson County Senior Activities Center and spoke to both seniors and law enforcement officials.

"I applaud you for all the work you've done to build a place that seniors in Wilson County can turn to, not only for recreation, but for help in getting the services they need," Gantt said. "We need to make sure that in these changing times, our seniors are not forgotten — especially by

those we send to Washington to represent us."

Gantt pledged to strengthen Medicare and protect Social Security: "People who work hard all their lives and contribute to Medicare and Social Security should know that they will be there when they need them." And Gantt, whose campaign for Senate has focused on old-fashioned values and new ideas, outlined several of his ideas to help people who have worked all their lives to retire with the security they deserve.

You are our parents and our grandparents — and you deserve

to retire with some security," Gantt told the seniors gathered in Wilson. "That means both personal security, so that you can walk in your neighborhoods and feel safe. And it means financial security — you must be able to live out the rest of your lives with dignity."

"I support putting more police on our streets. If police are walking the beat in our neighborhoods, then they can prevent crime before it happens. And I believe in eliminating parole for violent criminals, so that they serve their full sentence."

"A secure retirement is part of the American dream," Gantt said. "In this new world, workers need to bring their pensions with them from job to job. I will fight to make pensions portable, so workers can hold on to them even if they switch jobs. And I believe we need tough new rules to penalize companies who raid employee retirement plans."

Mr. Gantt's visit in Wilson is part of a campaign swing through the East. Yesterday, Gantt visited Lumberton, Whiteville, Bolivia and Jacksonville. Earlier today, Mr. Gantt spoke about education and training in New Bern and Rocky Mount. He will end the day at a rally in Greenville.

Native sons take right step Charter School a choice for our community

Right Step Inc. will file an application with the State Board of education this week seeking to establish a charter school here in Pitt County.

Right Step an organization that operates two charter schools in Minnesota was founded by Greenville NC native William D. Pierce. The charter schools concept according to Pierce is just what we as African Americans need to get involved in our children's education.

In general the charter school legislation passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in June of 1996 allows parents teachers and other interested

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RALPH CAMPBELL

audit reports. Says Campbell, "If you want the recent audit report on the Wildlife Resources Commission, you can order it right from your computer." He clicks again to show a state job application and continues, "We also have used our home page as an inexpensive recruiting tool. When we go to college campuses, for instance, we set up our lap top in the booth so that it displays the page on a larger screen for students to view. They not only can read about the Auditor's Office, but they can even print up an application form right there at the booth." Campbell,



"THE RIGHT STEP" . . . Right Step Academy, that is! Brothers Judus Best, Willie Best, Marvin Stroger, and William Pierce stopped by the WOOW radio facilities recently to help enlighten the public about the advantages of charter schools. Their enthusiasm was positively contagious.

Staff photo by Jim Rouse



BLACK MEN STANDING TALL . . . These brothers are members of the "Final Call Ministries". It is their practice to be neat and clean at all times. Sisters...Don't they look handsome.

Staff Photo By Jim Rouse

Bob Dole highlights the Clinton Administration "Integrity Gap"

Statement by RNC Chairman Haley Barbour

Bob Dole posed an important question to the American people: Does this nation deserve a President who has betrayed the public trust, or do we deserve a President who can restore integrity in public office?

The Clinton administration has been marked by an endless series of ethical failures, and a pattern of excuse-making and alibis. It is truly astonishing when you line them up side by side: More than 30 officials investigated, fired or forced to resign due to ethical improprieties, 4 independent counsels appointed,

Filegate and the unexplained six month gap in the FBI file log; Travelgate; the use by White House staff of presidential marine helicopters for golf outings; the indefensible use of "Executive Privilege" in suppressing the release of an FBI report critical of Clinton's drug policies; similar stonewalling of the details on Mrs. Clinton's health care task force and billing records; the dangling of pardons before convicted felons who might implicate the president; and, most recently, news of millions of dollars of political contributions from foreign business interests to the Clinton campaign and the Democratic

National Committee.

What's just as reprehensible is the Clinton administration continual reaction to being confronted with questions about their ethical lapses: they duck, they dodge, they conceal and they make excuses. As Senator Dole put it, "The buck stops nowhere."

When Bob Dole resigned from the Senate, Democrat Senator after Democrat Senator stood up and praised Bob Dole for being a man of his word. His word, they all said, is his bond. How Bill Clinton must have cringed to hear these compliments from people who could never utter such words about him.



BLACK POWER! Members of the North Carolina Black Publishers Association met with members of Webb Paterson Communications (one of the top black advertising agencies in North Carolina). "When two or more are gathered...touching and agreeing..." who better to bring black issues to the table than our black brothers!!!

What should African Americans do in Campaign '96?

Within the last several weeks America has witnessed two very good political shows. As Campaign '96 moved into full throttle, the Republican National Convention and the Democratic National Convention, seemed as though they were staging "coming-out" parties for the new image they would like the public at large to absorb.

The Republicans put on a dazzling display of precision exercises and showcased prominent African Americans such as T.C. Watts, a congressman from Oklahoma, to exemplify a new generation of conservative ideology that they wishful hope will, penetrate hearts and minds of a

newly-emerging African American middle class.

And, of course, who can forget the moving eloquence by General Colin Powell, who bravely and courageously came out for affirmative action and the call for an end to corporate welfare at the same time that cuts for the poor are being enacted. They were clearly not going to have a repeat of 1992, when their sharp-edged "Buchananesque" image drove many mainstream voters into the shadows. The Democrats, in their effort to look more like the party of the middle class as compared to the "Republican elite," focused on issues

like crime, wage improvements and family, while being careful not to look too beholden to "special interests," a term that has largely come to be a code for ethnic support, including African-American. But contrary to what some view as a difficult decision for African Americans, considering the "Kemp Factor," the latter being a long-standing and outspoken advocate for both equal opportunity and the inclusion of African Americans in the Republican Party, and the "Powell Factor," who would no doubt hold a significant post of historic proportions in a Dole

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Watchful eye

Carolina System, the 58 Community Colleges, the 100 Clerks of Court offices. It's a big assignment and Campbell, the first African-American elected to a North Carolina Council of State position, has no illusions about the glamour of running such an office.

He jokes when recalling his first year in office after he doggedly toured the state, introducing himself to all the chancellors and presidents and their respective boards in the university and community college system: "I quickly found out that most people didn't know who the auditor was; they didn't know what his duties were; and that they really didn't give a darn!"

Campbell has worked hard since then to profile his office, and he started at home, in Raleigh. As a former auditor in several state agencies himself, he quickly earned the respect of his small staff by equipping all auditors with up-to-date equipment, namely personal computers at every desk and a lap-top computer for every field auditor. The fact that he served four-terms on the Raleigh City Council also gave him an understanding and perspective of local agencies such as community colleges and non-profits.

His openness to the business and government communities have brought respect. Says businessman and UNC University President Dick Spangler, "It's important that the State Auditor's Office look into the fiscal affairs of the many activities of the state of North Carolina. From my standpoint as President of the University of North Carolina, I consider it an asset to have an outside auditor review the many expenditures which are made each year by our 16 campuses. Of course, not everything is correctly done. State Auditor Campbell has been particularly sensitive in recognizing the importance of the proper correction of items which were not handled properly. In my opinion, his role as State Auditor has been carried out quite effectively."

He also has won plaudits from the General Assembly which has closely reviewed any new budget requests. Campbell, for example, obtained funds for additional auditors as well as new equipment in the 1996 long session. Even so, the Auditor's office operates with only 178 total employees including nine branch offices in Wilmington,

Greenville, Fayetteville, Elizabeth City, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Morganton, and Asheville.

"I believe," offers Campbell, "that legislators in both parties recognized that we can save money in the long run if we keep track of government spending and provide timely oversight." To illustrate, Campbell points to several recent cases: "We conducted a performance audit on the Department of Correction's Inmate Health Services. The state was spending about \$55 million for the services. We found that some inmates were abusing the service, and we recommended that the Department charge a \$3 co-payment when inmates visited the Infirmary for non-medical reasons. We also recommended charges in physician staffing."

Campbell continues, "Secretary Franklin Freeman accepted our recommendations and requested approval from the legislature to implement the ideas. The changes saved the department about \$5.7 million annually and the department also increased its coverage." Campbell tells about another case of preventive management.

The 100 Clerks of Court handle over 90 percent of their transactions in cash. The Auditor's office prior to 1993, reviewed the offices on a five to seven year cycle, and the clerks came to Campbell requesting more timely audits, especially because some of the larger counties were processing as much as \$133 million in cash a year. Campbell recognized the potential - or problems and implemented a review cycle of annual audits for the 10 largest counties with the remaining counties on a two-year cycle.

"That's one of the reasons the General Assembly agreed to fund more auditors," he explains. He also cites examples where state auditors discovered embezzlement in public programs including one instance at the Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners in which the brazen employee continued to steal money during an on-site audit. The employee was exposed and later pled guilty. State auditors also uncovered the \$238,000 embezzlement in a Winston-Salem agency that contracted with the Smart Start partnership there.

When asked how the Auditor's office affects the state's business community, Campbell lists three

key areas: "Our first and obvious mission is to assure honest and efficient government. This can have a direct impact in saving the taxpayers money. But there are two other, less visible ways in which the office affects the private sector: one, our audits have a bearing on bond rates that are issued by government entities such as universities, and two, our oversight for non-profit groups brings us into direct contact with many business leaders who serve on those boards."

The Auditor's work with non-profits prompted one of Campbell's latest initiatives. Explains Bob Slade, Campbell's executive assistant, "We are working with Duke University's Continuing Education program to educate board members and directors of non-profits on financial management. The workshops are sponsored by our office and taught by Clifton Flood, a CPA here. We try to show participants how to prepare an annual report and discuss good accounting procedures for internal controls."

Campbell believes that he is building on a tradition of conservative management in the Auditors office, and he notes that his two predecessors, Ed Renfrow and Henry Bridges are both available for advice. For example, he cites the department's hotline which had been in place when he arrived. Since then, he directed that new, voice mail technology be installed so the Hotline (800-730-8477) could be operated 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Campbell is proudest of his staff's professionalism and notes that two of his deputies, Jimmy Benson and Wesley Ray have 32 years and 19 years experience respectively. He counts the upgrade in office technology one of his top initiatives along with a strong push for continuing education for staff. He sees the Auditor's office more involved as a "strategic business adviser" to state clients. "We want to partner our resources with other agencies," he states. "We've made a good start, and I believe we can build on that foundation." (The Auditor Office's Home page on the Internet is: <http://www.osa.state.nc.us/OSA/>)

(J. Barlow Herget is a Raleigh writer and president of World Tradelink Group, an export trading company.)

from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

Youth Day Speaker

Shauna Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of 302 Oakgrove Avenue, gave the Youth Day address at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Sunday, October 5 in the 11 o'clock service.

Her subject: "What Will You Choose This Halloween: Trick or Treat?" She used an acrostic to contrast her speech.

TRICK:(Devil)
T - Temptation
R - Revenge
I - Incessant
C - Cunning
K - Keen

TREAT: (God)
T - Treat
R - Righteousness
E - Everlasting Life
A - Able
T - Time

She used scripture to substantiate each word. Her closing question: So, what will you choose this Halloween, trick, the Devil or Treat, God.

Shauna is a senior at J.H. Rose High School.

TIPPING

Your friends hate it when you stiff the waiter. If the service is OK, you should tip 15 percent. If you don't want to tip, then don't eat at restaurants. (Dave Barry, Tribune Media Services, Chicago, ILL.)

NO-WIN SITUATION

"Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality". Ephesians 5:3

One thing has not changed. God's Word still says that sexual immorality is wrong. Young people who practice immorality - the girl and the guy - need to realize that violating such a clear teaching of the Bible can lead to nothing but trouble. There's no way around it. Sex before marriage is a no-win situation.

TONGUE TIPS

"With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men". James 3:9

One hundred business executives were asked what qualities they like to see in their employees. Here's their Top Five list of things that are characteristic of good workers.

1. They are on time for work and all appointments.
2. They don't tell off-color jokes or make inappropriate remarks.
3. They listen more than they talk.
4. They don't criticize another employee openly.
5. They avoid gossip.

Notice that four of the five traits suggest being careful in communicating with others. That's good advice that goes beyond how we act when carrying out groceries or waiting tables at Pizza Hut. It's how we should be in all the relationships of life. "Let go of your anger but hold your tongue".

A HAPPY HEART

Because I love you, I will:

1. Not insist that you always agree with me.
2. Encourage you in those aspects of your life that make you you.
3. Love you even though I don't understand you.
4. Accept you for who you are, not for what you look like or wear.
5. Acknowledge that loving-you helps me to grow.
6. Let you meet some of my needs.
7. Listen until I know exactly what you are saying.
8. Warn you when I feel that you are headed in the wrong direction.

We need to work on building these attitudes into our relationships. We can make them part of the way we get along with enjoyable people as well as the impossible ones in our lives. When we do, we will discover that we have a happy heart.

"We begin to live when we learn to love".

I MET GOD IN THE MORNING

Author Unknown

I met God in the morning, When my day was at its best, And His presence came like sunrise, Like a glory in my breast.

All day long it stayed with me And we sailed a perfect calmness.

So I think I know the secret Learned from many a troubled way, You may seek Him in the morning If you want Him through the day.

CHARACTER TRAITS

Five additional traits educators will introduce in the Durham School system for the 1996-1997, school year: Citizenship, honesty, perseverance, kindness and self-discipline. These are for students to work on. Parents, won't you work on these too? Character education is a lifelong journey.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

....Fifty-eight (58%) percent of Americans cannot name half of the 10 Commandments?

....Fifty-nine (59%) said they didn't have time and 40% said the Bible was too hard to understand?

....Nearly two out of every five children in the United States do not live with their fathers?

...Thirty percent of all children are born outside of marriage?

Governor Hunt said, "We've had to build a lot of prisons. If we don't stop our young people from becoming criminals, we can't build enough prisons".

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Campaign '96

administration, decision '96' is really quite simple, if one goes beneath the surface. The Republicans put on a very good show and would even have open-minded, clear thinking African Americans hopeful of some progressive change within the party. But, they have a problems that will not be overcome until they suffer their second consecutive defeat for the White House. That will give them the justification they need to significantly alter their ideological anchor. Their problems is called the "Religious right."

George Bush as president, was clearly a decent, honest and respected leader around the world. During the Gulf War, he garnered the highest approval ratings of any modern president. "As soon as he moved to compromise with Democrats on taxes, the conservative wing of the party pulled the rug out from under him and to further demonstrate its control over the party, the Religious Right completely withdrew its support and President Bush became "Citizen Bush as he went down in stunning defeat.

In a recent TV show documenting "The Rise of the Conservative Movement," Michael Deaver,

former deputy White House Chief of staff, stated that "Goldwater, in his 1964 Republican nomination acceptance speech, which is largely viewed as the birth of the conservative movement, had you rattling your teeth because he was so harsh." Deaver also said, "Whereas Ronald Reagan, in 1964, exemplified what we thought we were as conservatives, he said it softer.

As we continue to see evidence of major socio-political shifts that run in 30-year cycles we have seen the real ending of liberalism, which began with the first term of the Roosevelt era back in 1932, started descending in the first term of the Johnson era in 1965.

Now, we are witnessing the beginning of the end of conservatism as well. One of the great things about Americans is that they adjust to extremism like an elastic band and that is why our democracy will continue to evolve.

While Bill Clinton should be able to receive the support of the African America community, it is not for the reasons that traditional Democrats would think. Big government Democrats continue to play on the fears, inherent in the African American community, that without the protective layer to shield us from the ire of extremists, we will be devoid of both security and opportunity.

While the White House gets high marks, the party itself has demonstrated precious little evidence that it is interested in the development of the tools that will contribute to the ultimate self empowerment of African Americans and liberate them from the shackles of socio-economic slavery.

Instead, the Democrats have come to largely take the African American vote for granted, while at the same time, attempting to project an image to mainstream middle class voters that they don't need it to win elections, especially presidential elections. African Americans should send President Clinton back to the White House because he has demonstrated a personal commitment to the issue of trying to do the right thing in our communities, even when there are those in his own party who would argue against it. He should also be returned so that African Americans will not suffer at the hands of uncalculated change to a Republican administration driven by a Newt Gingrich Congress, no matter how well intended Bob Dole, Jack Kemp and Colin Powell might be at this.

Unlike 1992, when Americans really wanted change and then put an exclamation mark on that desire in 1994, this election is really about the anxieties that all Americans share as we approach the new millennium. The election in the year 2000 is likely to be a Kemp/Powell, Powell/Kemp vs. Al Gore or Dick Gephardt race guided by "progressive" moderation.

But this election will mark the beginning of a period of socio-economic and political maturity

within the African American community. It will mark a time when we begin to exercise the kind of Political agility that has been developing since the end of slavery, and one that neither can afford to take for granted. African Americans will be wise to utilize the independence of their voting strength.

Dr. Lenora Fulani, head of the United Independent Party and a 1988 independent presidential candidate, just threw the support of her party behind the reform effort of Ross Perot. This is the tip of the iceberg in the African American community.

Other efforts will emerge and they should, because the time has come for an evolutionary lift of democracy.

This lift is the result of something of which all Americans can be proud. Namely, the constant pursuit of the question, "How can this country facilitate the growth and development of all of its citizens to operate at the highest level?"

The answer to that question is one which African Americans can no longer afford to ignore.

(Sidney Morse, a resident of Los Angeles, is a strategic development consultant and author of the forthcoming book, "Strategic Progressivism. A Solution for African American Empowerment.")

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Right step

groups to apply for permission to operate their own school. What parents need to know is that they do not have to pay tuition for their children to attend a charter school. The schools are funded with state and local resources based on the number of students enrolled in the school. A charter school can be flexible in the design of its programming and scheduling but it must comply with open enrollment requirements and meet accountability standards.

Judas (Kent) Best who is from Greenville's Movewood projects and is the Director of Operations for Right Step indicates that exceeding standards is what we expect. Our children need to know that we care once they realize that they not only meet but they exceed our expectations.

The Right Step philosophy focuses on discipline and individual achievement. The planned charter school will offer a 1:12 teacher to student ratio an outcome based model that rewards achievement requires students to wear uniforms and encourages parent involvement in all phases of the educational process.

It is expected that Right Steps application will be approved and the residents of Greenville will have another choice of how their children receive educational services. The school which will have a capacity during its first year of 120 students plans to open in July 1997. For further information about Right Step or Charter Schools call 757-3452.

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These bonds provide funds for schools and roads in all 100 counties. For our low wealth, rural counties, the state bonds may be the best hope for getting much needed new schools built and secondary roads paved.

I have enclosed a flyer with the specifics of what the bonds will do. I have also enclosed a sheet listing the dollar amounts that will go to your county if we pass the bonds. Please share this information.

As a business owner, you know the importance of having good schools and good roads in maintaining a strong state economy. North Carolina is a good place to do business because of the many opportunities created by our robust economy.

Because the bonds are public dollars, state law mandates that contracts over \$100,000 should have goals for minority-owned businesses. If your county or city school district does not have an MBE goals program in place, now would be an excellent time for you to get a commitment to implement a program.

The NAACP and NC Association of Minority Businesses are communicating with state officials in the NC Department of Transportation regarding what they will do to increase utilization of MBEs with the proceeds of

the road bonds.

As a long time supporter of minority-owned businesses, I'm convinced that we must take advantage of these opportunities. I urge you to do two things. First, contact your superintendent and

school board members to establish an MBE program. Second, vote and encourage your employees, family and friends to vote for the bonds.

Thank you in advance for your support of the bonds.

America is slowly burning away

America is burning! As quiet as it's kept. It is much like a smoldering, slow-burning southern California wildfire. Alarms and smoke abound! In this presidential election year we are in the throes of the "quiet riot" that many predicted after the Simpson verdict of last October. Many Americans now feel comfortable dropping any pretense of racial tolerance and reciprocal respect; but it is smoke...designed to shroud the ugly truth.

Doubters need only stop and pay attention to the things that are happening around us daily. For starters, please join in analyzing and synthesizing a few of the many current events that are, in my estimation, extremely alarming and great cause for pause.

The most obvious example is the recent rash of Black church burnings across America. The Village Voice (July 16) reports a particularly disturbing 1993 case in Boligee, Ala. A Black circuit

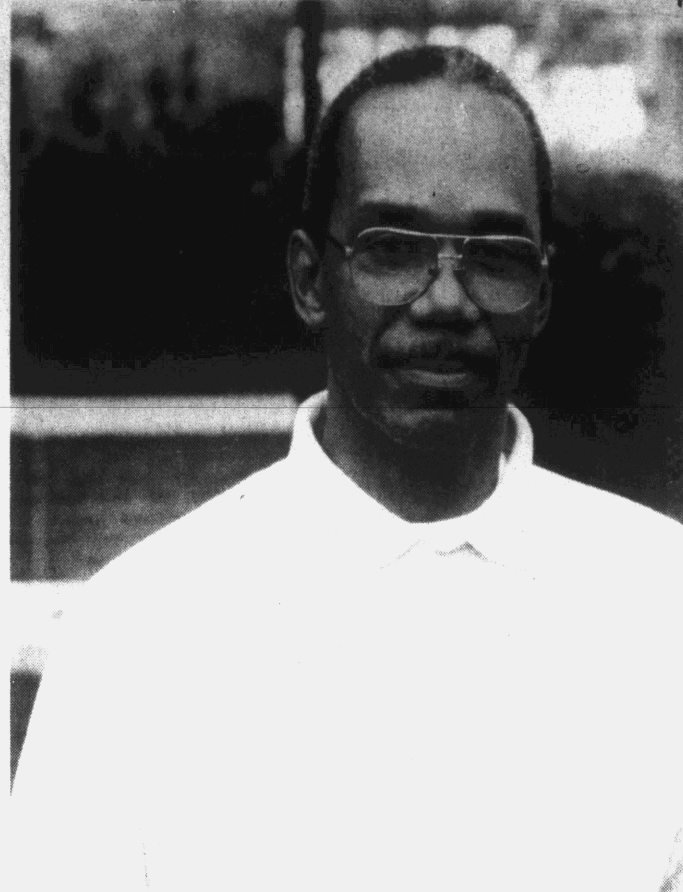
judge fined two white youths \$30,000 in restitution for vandalizing three churches. The judge's telephone lines were cut and a shotgun was fired into his home on the day the youths were to commence payment. Investigations have not turned up many clues in this case or others.

The Southern League, a student organization at the University of Alabama, is demanding that they be allowed to fly the Confederate flag at all home sporting events with police protection and that "Dixie" be played at home football games.

And just when you thought you had heard it all, the Redneck Shop recently opened and closed in Laurens, S.C. The store opened in March (with the goal of raising money to open a Ku Klux Klan museum), specializing in memorabilia such as Klan robes and pictures of cross burnings. A dispute between the shop's owner and the owner of the business license forced its closure on July

8. (But if they can work out their differences, you could see a Redneck Shop at a mall near you soon.)

And in recent months, the Supreme court, with Clarence Thomas as its poster child, has been decidedly hostile toward African-Americans in its rulings on affirmative action, which is intended as a corrective measure for over 400 years of enslavement and oppression of Africans in America. To name a few: 1) Its rejection to voter redistricting designed to correct years of race-driven gerrymandering and to increase the representation of Blacks and other minorities in Congress and the Senate, 2) The recent ruling that shot down the admission of applicants to the UT Law School based on minority status, and 3) Ruling that scholarships earmarked for minorities at the University of MD were unconstitutional. (Ironically, Blacks were only granted admission with the protection of the National Guard to America's non-Black universities in the 1960s, a decade in which countless Blacks died for the right to vote, to hold political office, and just to be. I think sometimes we forget these shameful facts; but memory, unfortunately, is so often short and selective.)



PROFESSOR HUBERTE E. WALTERS, assistant professor in the department of Music at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, was enjoying a vacation with the "Home Folks" recently. During this pleasure-filled break at home, Brother Walters visited The 'M' Voice. It was a joy to have him reminisce about the good ole days. We look forward to materials that he will be sharing with our readers. Staff photo by: Jim Rouse

Million March commemorative ring to go on sale

A masterful man's or woman's ring bearing the sun, star and moon, boldly sculptured in solid silver or 14 karat gold, is available exclusively from Open Sesame Enterprises.

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Irma Duke, Director of Women's Missionary Union, THE DAILY REFLECTOR, Sunday, March 31, 1996

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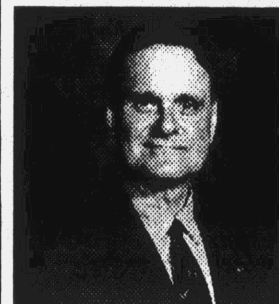
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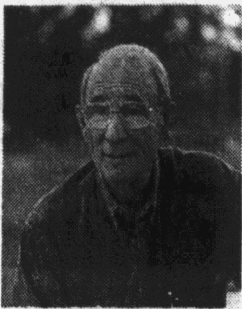
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A quick review of books about the
O.J. Simpson trial

By J.D. SPELL
Special to the AmNews
"The Run of His Life: The
People v. O. J. Simpson" By
Jeffrey Toobin (Random
House)

Only Orenthal James Simpson knows the absolute truth as to whether he killed his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. Every other conclusion about his guilt or innocence is either conjecture or theory, be it the court-sanctioned "not guilty" verdict in the double homicide trial or public support or condemnation of that decision in the public arena.

Three recent books purport to tell the true story of the facts surrounding the Simpson trial. One, "The Run of His Life," is written through the eyes of a reporter, Jeffrey Toobin, assigned to the Simpson trial by The New Yorker magazine. In it, Toobin concludes that the "overwhelming" evidence presented by the prosecution proved Simpson guilty.

The second "Journey to Justice," by chief defense attorney Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., is autobiographical, and the Simpson trial is not actually discussed until Chapter 10 of a 15-chapter book. Cochran, of course, fought the battle and won a courtroom victory of "not guilty" for Simpson.

The third book, "The Killing

Time" by Donald Freed and Raymond P. Briggs, recounts the evidence presented at the trial as it revolves around the actual time frame in which the murders were committed and poses different scenarios and theories as to what actually happened that night in Brentwood. Toobin asserts that Johnnie Cochran and Robert Shapiro knew from the start, before the trial or the presentation of any evidence, that Simpson was guilty and that the answer to how a guilty man could be defended was to create a reality in which Simpson was situated as the victim of an elaborate police conspiracy.

Toobin gives a comprehensive account of the events that started on June 12, 1994, by all players, major and minor. He not only recounts in detail the sometimes quirky behavior of the trial lawyers, but in his story telling manages even to tell why they, and others related to the case, acted the way they did.

Toobin claims to have interviewed over 200 people connected to the trial, and to have had access to all trial transcripts, grand jury testimony and all other pertinent documents. Toobin abhors the fact that main stream journalists were, at the trial and now, paternalistic in "writing about race."

Were they otherwise, Toobin implies unedited ver sions of

Simpson's suicide note would have appeared in the media replete with grammatical and spelling errors. There seems to be an informal standard that exists with Caucasian journalists which allows them to question the intellectual limitations of members of their own race, but not with African-Americans, for fear of being called racist. An obvious truth to Toobin was that Simpson was an uneducated, semiliterate ex-athlete who could barely understand much about the legal proceedings against him." The impression of Simpson assisting in his own trial proceedings was another defense strategy to create an impression of Simpson being an "African-American of stature" around whom other African-Americans would rally. He does concede that the Los Angeles Police Department operated for decades as a racist institution and it was this environment that the defense exploited in positing Simpson as just another Black man victimized by a racist justice system. It should be noted that Toobin first introduced Mark Fuhrman and his racism to America in a New Yorker article that appeared just one month after the murders. Toobin decries Simpson's ascendancy, in much of Black America~ as the bellwether of legitimate racial victimization, calling the defense strategy "an obscene - parody of an authentic civil rights struggle." Toobin also knows why the case was lost. Apparently it was the arrogance and ineptitude of the Los Angeles District Attorney's office that turned what should have been a clear-cut guilty verdict in a routine domestic violence case into a travesty which allowed a guilty man to go free.

"Journey to Justice"
by Johnnie L. Cochran
Jr. (Ballantine);

Toobin, in his book, Condenses Johnnie Cochran's life story to six and a half pages. He says that Cochran discovered there was "big business" in litigation which charged police brutality, that Cochran "milked" the city coffers on behalf of victims of the LAPD, and that he and members of his firm worked with great zeal to exploit the city's racial climate for profit." Toobin's working definition of the word "exploitation" as it applies to redress for victims of the LAPD's systemic racism is redefined as advocacy in Johnnie L. Cochran's "Journey to Justice." "Journey ... is Cochran's life story, from his birthplace in Shreveport, La., to Alameda in northern California, where his father worked in the shipyards as part of the war effort in Los Angeles where Cochran attended UCLA and later graduated from Loyola Law School. Cochran's story is peppered with strong moral influences from his family and church, which emphasized a strong work ethic, the value of education and the responsibility to care for those less fortunate. It was from this structured and spiritual upbringing that he settled into his life work as advocate for individuals as well as for the law, Udefending the principles of justice outlined in the Constitution."

The city of Los Angeles has a long, well documented history of officially sanctioned brutality toward African-Americans and other minorities. The commission that was created to study the LAPD after the insurgence following the first Rodney King trial concluded that the problem of excessive force (in LAPD) is aggravated by racism and bias. (Continued on page 7)

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O.J. Simpson civil trial called 'legal lynching'

By FRED BEAUFORD
Special to the AmNews

Black people across the country will be closely following the O.J. Simpson civil trial. One reason is that the overwhelming majority of Blacks feel that the former football great was innocent of the murders of his ex wife Nicole and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Recently, this writer sat down with John L. Burris of Oakland, Cal., perhaps the country's best known Black legal analyst, to ask him to give an ongoing account of the trial for the benefit of Black readers nationally. Burris is one of the few lawyers who have experienced a high profiled civil trial. He served as co-counsel for the Rodney King civil trial and helped win \$3.8 million for King.

Beauford: First, what is a civil suit and how is it different from the first criminal trial?

Burris: In a civil trial the dispute is about money. In this case O.J. Simpson is accused of having unlawfully killed two people. The

families of the two decedents are saying that under the law, the deaths were unlawful and they have suffered greatly as a result. So they are seeking monetary damages.

The proof of what is required to win the case is in favor of the plaintiff, the Brown and Goldman families. All they have to show is what we in law call "the preponderance of evidence." In other words, it is more likely true than not. The burden of proof is only 50 percent plus one. So whoever can tip the scale of justice ever so slightly in favor of their client, wins. This is very different than a criminal case where the prosecution has the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the allegations against the defendant are true. In addition, in the state of California, a unanimous vote is not required for conviction. A 9 to 3 verdict will do. So instead of needing only one person to hang a jury as in a criminal trial, in a civil trial you need at least four.

Beauford: Do you believe that O.J. Simpson will receive a fair trial now that the courtroom has been moved to Santa Monica instead of downtown Los Angeles?

Burris: It seems from first accounts that there will be a broad cross section of potential jurors, but we will have to wait and see what kind of jury is finally selected. I don't think there is any doubt in anyone's mind that if 10 of those jurors are white, O.J. will be found guilty. What worries me more is that aside from what kind of jury we may have, we may already be witnessing a "legal lynching," a "payback."

Beauford: Legal lynching, what do you mean?

Burris: A legal lynching means that the system could deny him a fair trial by setting up every barrier possible to prevent him from getting a fair trial. The way they do that is to give every advantage possible to the plaintiff to ensure that they present the most compelling case to the jury. By setting

up obstacles, the court could successfully neutralize O.J. Simpson's ability to present a compelling case for himself.

Beauford: Isn't this where O.J.'s high priced lawyers earn their money? Can't they prevent something like this from happening?

Burris: Lawyers are important, no question about that. But in a case like this the judge is the most important player. The judge of the civil trial has already shown signs that he is not going to allow O.J. Simpson to present arguments that were made in the criminal case: i.e., evidence of Mark Fuhrman's use of the "N" word; Mark Fuhrman's racial bias history and Mark Fuhrman's use of the Fifth Amendment, all of which is important for the defense to show that the most significant officer at the scene, first, had a history with O.J. Simpson's wife, because he had responded to earlier domestic violence reports, and that he had a notorious history of being racially bigoted to ward Blacks.

The judge also said that he was going to limit the defense in raising questions about the contamination of evidence, although there were credible concerns raised in the criminal trial about how the

blood got on the sock and in the car. He has accepted the plaintiff's lawyers' argument that just because there was sloppy police work in collecting the evidence, that does not mean that what was collected

is not valid.

Finally, the judge will not allow the introduction of the "some one else may have done it" argument, i.e. the "Columbian necktie."

"A Time To Change"

Harvey Gantt and Senator Jesse Helms are once again on the campaign trail. It has been six years since Jesse played on racial fears and managed to beat Harvey Gantt by a very slim margin. However, 1996 is a new year and time for North Carolina, and I hope that all people of this state will be fair and open-minded enough to look beyond racial differences and vote for a candidate that stands to fight for issues like tax breaks for the working and middle classes, improved education and job opportunities, increase and protection of Medicare and Medicaid for the elderly.

North Carolina has never had a black senator, and I think the reason for this is obvious. Jesse Helms has served for twenty-four years, playing on North Carolina's racial division and bigotry. Please, my

fellow North Carolinians, black and white, on election day, let us show the rest of the nation that we are no longer an "island" prone to being misled by divisive racial ads and code words. Let us prove that we can cast an educated vote that is not manipulated by smoke screens of intolerance and bigotry. Harvey Gantt is not just a black man, but a qualified, intelligent human being who has earned his right to be this state's senator. He has proven that he wants a progressive, not a regressive North Carolina, and if we want to truly be a united state and nation, we must learn to work together despite racial and religious differences (we did it during Fran). Vote for Harvey Gantt on November 5th so that we can change the past and move on to the future.

Reginald Watson

From Page 6

Quick review

"Journey ..." reveals the fetid underpinnings of that sanitized conclusion and humanizes the recipients of that excessive force. From Leonard Deadwyler who was shot dead after being stopped for speeding while taking his pregnant wife to the hospital, to Phillip Eric John, who was shot dead in his bed after the LAPD mistakenly entered his apartment while searching for another man, to Geronimo Pratt, targeted by the FBI's COINTELPRO, to the young 13-year-old Latina who was sexually assaulted in her own home by a uniformed member of the LAPD, Cochran advocated for and represented them all. Cochran asserts in a "Journey ..." that it was never the defense's contention that a shadowy cabal of Los Angeles police officers set out to frame Simpson because he was a Black man. Rather, laziness and incompetence, racism and deceit joined to reveal a mountain of "circumstantial" evidence which the defense claimed was contaminated, compromised and cor-

rupted from the start. As an advocate, Cochran believes that there can be no minimization of ethical, competent or unbiased investigation in the search for justice. The culture and history of the LAPD as it related to the African-American community was often the antithesis of that mandate and to assume otherwise is not dealing in reality. So to present a case to a jury and not factor in the very real probability of a perjured testimony, incompetency or racism is not a search for justice, and neither is it a plea to right all wrongs, past, present and future. Cochran considered Simpson's analysis and advice to be "ushrewdly" intelligent and revealed that Simpson did cooperate in trying his own case.

"The Killing Time"
by Donald Freed and
Raymond P. Briggs
(MacMillan)

"The Killing Time" is an investigation of the Brown, Goldman murders which delves extensively into the time line of

opportunity for the homicides as determined by irrefutable "clocks," those being instances which for the most part were pegged to phone records of those involved in the case. The book tells and retells the crime story from contrasting points of view offering, when contradictions are revealed in both the prosecution and defense accounts, several possible scenarios suggested by the facts of the case. Freed credits unnamed sources both within and outside of law enforcement with some of the more provocative information also contained in the book. An entire chapter is devoted to the "the world of drugs and violence surrounding the Simpsons and Goldman" dating back to Simpson's stay in Buffalo. For people who believe in Simpson's innocence or want to draw their own conclusions based on the time line of opportunity, "The Killing Time," invites you to be a juror while also offering scores of leads, issues and questions that were never reported or brought out in trial.

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Farrakhan blasts journalists at NABJ convention

It's a criticism seen and heard before, often right on the pages of Black press. But at the recent National Association of Black Journalist convention held in Nashville, Tenn., Nation of Islam leader Min. Louis Farrakhan, blasted Black journalists working for white media.

"The people who own the newspapers for which you work, have an opinion, they have a philosophy, they have a guiding principle that they skew (as) the news. A scared to death Negro is a slave. You slave writers, slave media people.

"White folk did not hire you to really represent what Black people are really thinking and you don't really tell them what you think because you are too afraid. This does not protect democracy." He said the media feed people filth and skewer the news to fit their own philosophies.

Farrakhan urged the group and Black journalists in general to get in touch with God and the church to overcome fear of their white media masters.

The NABJ showed courage by inviting Farrakhan, whom the white press and Washington is painted as the worst person in America. The NABJ itself came under fire from several local affiliates including the New York Association of Black Journalists for their failure to support Mumia Abu-Jamal, a former NABJ member, and for holding their last convention of the day

he was to be executed.

While Farrakhan received a standing ovation on several occasions during his speech, not everyone was in accord with his criticism. Jesse Shipp, writer for the New York Daily News, took issue with her, as everything she writes these days pleases her white masters. Her salary and notable awards attest to that pleasure. But others objected also. Some felt white journalists have the same problem as Black journalists have with regards to telling the whole truth about being out of work.

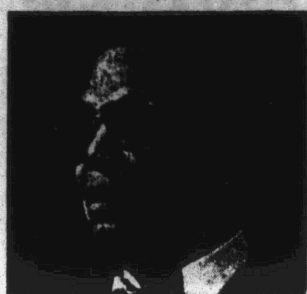
There is another point to be made. While Black magazines usually pay a good wage, they do not deal with day-to-day hard news issues. They are sometimes accused of serving up pabulum to appease advertisers.

Black Newspapers

Most Black newspapers rely on freelance, or per diem reporters to provide news. They get very little money, no benefits, no paid vacations, holidays, sick leave, no health insurance.

The more they tell it like it is, the greater repetition they get and the less valuable they are to the white press who will not hire known outspoken pro-Black journalist. If they do, they don't last long. Witness the long history of the Daily News, via its Black writers.

The Black press knows this and takes advantage of Black



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writers by not paying them or providing benefits even after years of service. So if they like it they are just as likely to get fired or frozen out, or cut back as a Black reporter who tells it like it is in the white press.

The future of the Black press as we move towards the new century is in peril, from without and from within. Major media is jockeying for the hearts and souls of Black people. They have the resources to over community news better than the Black press. And advertisers discriminate against the Black press with the excuse that they don't have the readership to warrant ads. The little money it would take to put ads in the Black press is less than one tenth of one percent of their advertising budget and would not even be missed.

The only thing that Black press has going for it is that the white press is so racist and so divisive, and selective of Black news; if they plan to fool Blacks for a

while by appearing to accurately report Black news, sooner or later an issue would arise such as Crown Heights, where "their philosophies" as Farrakhan maintains would reveal itself.

Historically, the need for a strong Black press has remained constant. Books like "Voices of a Black Nation: Political Journalism in the Harlem Renaissance" edited by Theodore G. Vincent (Ramparts Press); "Harlem On My Mind" (Random House); "The Black Press USA" by Roland E. Wolseley; all these books attest to the vital importance of a free, functioning Black press.

But Black reporters who would and could be positive forces for change have to make to decision to work for the white press and eat, pay their rent, buy clothing, raise a family, have a life, or sacrifice everything for the Black press, which does not pay even a living wage, and being poor for the rest of their lives.

Good journalism is a full time job. Your every waking moment you are looking for a story, listening to people, reading all mediums, taking calls, making calls, weighing issues. Being a part time doctor or lawyer. It's a profession, a full time one. It's the fourth estate, and either you is or you ain't.

The same courage and God is needed for Black reporters to overcome their fear of their Black masters, as their white ones.

Want To Look 20 Years Younger

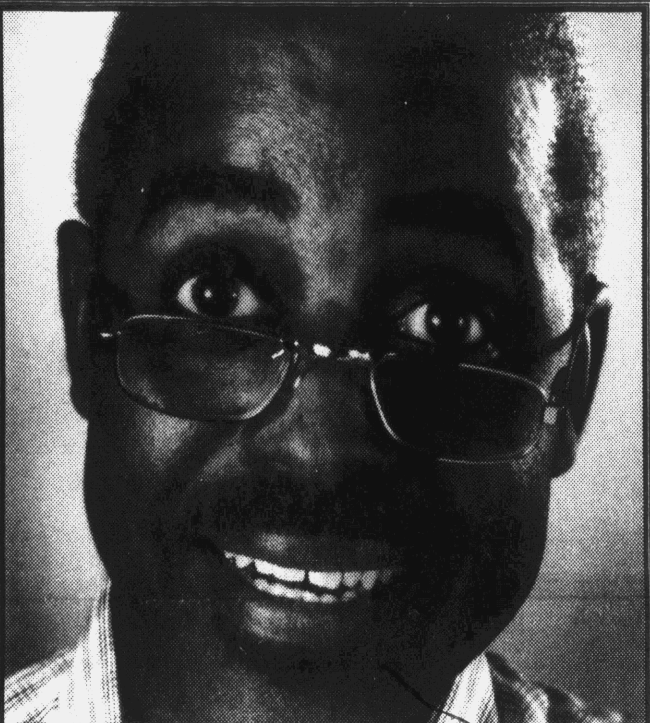
Thinking of trying a wrinkle cream? Start with realistic expectations, and do a "split-face" test. "If you are 40 and want to look 20, it just isn't going to happen," said Dr. Suzanne Bruce, Associate Professor of, Dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "However, some of the products are helping to smooth fine lines, even blotchy pigmentation and soften dry spots." Improvements, she says, will be gradual and subtle. Since

most wrinkle creams are marketed as cosmetics, Dr. Bruce encourages patients to be cautious before buying "under-the-counter cosmetic creams have not been subjected to the rigorous scientific testing needed to be sold as a drug," she said. "Take a look at the ingredients before buying." The active ingredients found in products sold as wrinkle creams include glycolic acid, lactic acid, salicylic acid, vitamin C or Ethoxyhexyl-Bicyclooctan-

one. Only two prescription medications are currently used to combat photo-aging, or wrinkles from sun damage. These are Renova, which is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for improving signs of sun damage, and Lachydrin, which is approved for dry skin.

"Creams, whether prescription or cosmetic, can cost from 40 to 100 dollars for a small supply," Dr. Bruce said. "To make sure they are not wasting money, I encourage patients to do a split-face test for three to four months." By applying wrinkle cream to half the face and applying their normal moisturizer to the other half, patients can test the cream's effectiveness. "It takes discipline,

but it's really the best way for them to see if they like the results," she said. "If you apply it to your whole face from the start, it will be difficult to judge how well it is working." Another key factor in wrinkle cream use is sun protection. "If you are still going to the tanning salon or laying out, it is crazy to use wrinkle creams," Dr. Bruce said. "You can't fight sun damage while triggering new damage." Men and women should use a facial moisturizer with SPF 15 or higher every day even if they do not use a wrinkle cream. "It's a good idea to discuss wrinkle cream selection with a dermatologist, especially if your skin has been easily irritated in the past," Dr. Bruce said.



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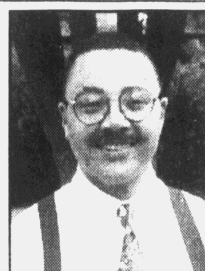
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