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In any contest between power and patience, bet on patience - W.B. Prescott

AMERICA'S BLACK HOLOCAUST Community Christian Church Celebrates 17th Anniversary

Tulsa, Okla. was the golden door of the Black community during the early 1900's and it proved that African Americans had a successful infrastructure. That's what Black Wall Street was all about. During that era, physicians owned medical schools. The mainstay and mission of the community was to educate every child. When the average student went to school on Black Wall Street, he wore a suit and tie because of the morals and respect they were taught at a young age.

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had become victims to death and destruction vent from a people (White) on a people (Black) that left hundreds dead and a path of charred destruction to Black homes and businesses. Today, the question is asked: Can these bones live again after languishing some 78 years in Tulsa's grave sites? Some sites of these bones are known; some are not. But all of those bones, once covered with healthy Black flesh-light to dark, young and old, wealthy and not so, male and female-came from the mostly prosperous "Negroes" who had lived in the Greenwood District in Tulsa Known at that time as "L'il Africa." No accurate count of bodies from that burning horror, now referred to as the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921, has been established, but a Riot Commission,

with the aid of historians, have now feverently begun to dig up records along with these dry bones, concluding that the city may still be liable for the hundreds of lives that were snuffed out that night. Moreover, eyewitnesses, now up in age, are coming forth with their stories that have never been publicly told before today. And, once all has been said and done, the Commission is seeking monetary reparations and land, along with other compensations, for surviving descendants. Commission inventories now reveal that over 1,000 homes, 5 hotels, 31 restaurants, 4 drug stores, 24 grocery stores, at least eight doctors' offices, a school and a public library were destroyed by fire and/or lost in looting. At least 300 known souls were stashed in mass graves at the Oaklawn Cemetery at 11th Street and Peoria Avenue. Newblock Park on Charles Page Boulevard west of downtown Tulsa and Rolling Oaks Cemetery, formerly Booker T. Washington Cemetery, in North Tulsa. However, mass graves are also reasoned to be at sites authorities did not bother to record and the count of bodies today has grown to approximately 1,600 and is said to be still climbing. Some citizens, even now, are frowning on the use of ground radar to search for victims in unmarked graves and in unmarked sites.

The next day, Tuesday, May 31, after that fateful Monday Rowland was taken into custody and jailed. An editorial and story in the *Tulsa Tribune* that afternoon reportedly incited Whites to gather that night at the jail to demand Rowland so that they could lynch him. With rumors of the impending lynching racing through Tulsa, Blacks and Whites gathered at the county courthouse jail, then on Sixth Street and Boulder Avenue. A little bunch of brave and loyal Black men, willing to die, if necessary, for a brother had marched up to the jail

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Reparations

Community Christian Church is dedicated to meeting the needs of the people by leading the world to Christ, perfecting of the saints by the Word of God and edifying and equipping believers to fulfill the commission Christ left the church. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

St. Mark 16:15
Ephesians 4:12
II Timothy 3:16-17

The History of Community Christian Church

Pastor Corbett and his wife Delores founded Community Christian Church in Greenville, North Carolina in March 1982. The first service was held in their home with only three families in attendance. Because emphasis was placed on the Word of God, worship services and bible study began to grow. A year later, the Pastors home was completely filled. In September 1983 Community Christian Church moved into a store front building on 14th Street. Upon filling that building in November 1998, the church moved into a larger building on Hwy. 11 South. In April 1990, God miraculously moved and opened the door for Community Christian Church to move into its present location on 1104 North Memorial Drive.

Black mayors establish global associations

Mayors from Burkina Faso (West Africa) have joined forces with the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (USA) in order to share common objectives and to promote and enhance cultural, educational, economic and social activities among their members, their cities and countries.

From the capital city of Ouagadougou, where Mayor Simon Compaore heads the more than 40-member Mayors Association of Burkina Faso, representatives from the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) and Burkina Faso's mayors are meeting to sign an official memorandum of agreement declaring a commitment to work together.

Specifically, the mayors have agreed to develop partnerships between their municipalities in order to strengthen economic and community development. These partnerships will be instrumental in creating opportunities for members of each association to experience and explore the other's history, culture, government and politics. They further agreed to engage in the "twinning" of cities between countries and to develop mechanisms whereby each respective community can learn, work and solve problems together through reciprocal cultural, educational, business, and technical exchange programs.



God has Blessed us with a Good Church Home: Community Christian Church anniversary celebration at the Hilton Hotel brought brothers and sisters together to give praises and thanks to our Lord and Savior for the many Blessings Community Christian Church and Pastor James Corbett has contributed to their lives. Sister Sylvia Horn and Sister Gwen Turnage is all smiles for our camera!

Photo by Jim Rouse



Community Christian Anniversary: Last week Community Christian Church celebrated their 17th anniversary with praises to the Lord. Shown above is two beautiful sisters who were enjoying the fellowship. Sister Edith Lovett Junior is shown posing for the "M" Voice camera. Pastor James Corbett is the Pastor of Community Christian Church, his niece is all smiles as she pose for our camera.

Photo by Jim Rouse

Bridging The Gap Awarded \$12,000 Grant

Bridging The Gap of Eastern North Carolina, has been awarded a \$12,000 grant by the North Carolina Humanities Council to assist with funding the Nurturing

My Seed Program Oral History Project entitled: "He who Was Silent... Speaks: The African American Father. This project involves collecting the oral histories of the African American father over a three generational period. The work will evolve around group sessions and discussions relating to the experiences of these fathers.

The North Carolina Humanities Council uses federal money made available by the National Endowment for the Humanities and gifts from private sources in the state. The NCHC makes grants to nonprofit organizations for humanities programs. The NCHC supports programs that draw upon history, literature, and languages to examine issues an illuminate cultural dimensions of American society through the exchange of ideas between people.

Louis Watkins Director of Bridging the Gap states that, "with funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, we will be able to collect the history of these fathers and use them to better design programs and services that meet the need of parents participating in the Nurturing My Seed Program, as well as create a public record of the history of these fathers." For further information please contact Juanita Wright or Lois Watkins at (252) 446-2134



The Brown Family Labor Day Reunion, Bonner Lane has a long history of Black Families getting together and sharing the past. Shown above at there Family Reunion last Labor Day at the old Black Elks Lodge located on Bonner Lane. Many family members came from New York, Maryland Connecticut and other parts of the US. Rock Brown hosted this year's reunion, keep our families together.

Photo by Jim Rouse



KLEAVER'S KLIPPINGS

A Subjective 'Sermon' on a Serious Subject

Just a few weeks ago, my son, James H. Cleaver III, celebrated the 20th anniversary of his majority. He has been a legal adult now for 20 years. Surrounded by his family, he was in the midst of celebrating.

Sitting in a park near his home, we all enjoyed his birthday. But some rather interesting thoughts came to mind as I watched him. I realized that this young man might very well be the most valuable thing I can leave behind.

Although this may seem morbid, we must all recognize that we will not live forever. At least not on this plane. And as far-fetched as it may seem, logic dictates we should make an attempt to make a positive impact on the world.

As a matter of fact, we should put forth every conceivable effort to leave this world a better place than it was when we came. It won't be easy, but it can and should be done.

We may very well write volume after important volume. We can make impressive speeches and draw attention to perceived greatness. In the end, however, all of this can be swept away by the tides of time and circumstance.

Therefore, it seems reasonable that our most important project in this lifetime should be our progeny. Our children.

Looking at the prevailing conditions of our society, it occurs to me that perhaps we have failed miserably.

My son has evoked a special kind of pride in me. There were some times when I was not there for him and perhaps, there is a deep-seated anger or disappointment within him because of that.

There have been some days when he angered me to the point that I screamed at him. And, in his younger years, I may have inflicted some corporal punishment upon him. In retrospect, I am not certain I would, or would want to, apologize to him for that.

The bottom line however, is very simple. He grew into a responsible adult with responsible values and a strong will to make an impact upon his societal environment.

Further, he is doing pretty much with his children what was done to him. He is calm, compassionate and fair. At the same time, he neither gives nor takes any quarter from his offspring. His is the final word where the children are concerned.

These are some, not all, of the reasons I love him and am proud of him.

Rearing children is much like staying in a somewhat difficult relationship. It takes commitment and hard work. It also takes a special kind of dedication to the cause, with the understanding that the lessons learned as children follow into adulthood.

The great king Solomon spoke to the issue on at least two occasions. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

This follows the adage, "as a twig is bent, so shall it grow." Solomon was alleged to have been the wisest man in the world. This seems like pretty good evidence.

This brings us back to the legacy concept. No matter what we do, we will ultimately be judged by the actions of our children. In days long since gone, we should be able to remember our mothers, chastising us and admonishing us for some misdeed. Almost everyone would say something like, "You want folks to think you didn't have no home training?"

The grammar may not have been perfect, but the message was crystal clear. Our parents knew people would judge them by the actions of their children. That has not changed and it probably never will.

Our children are the only people in the world who will love us, no matter what. This is not to say they will not be angry with us some time or disagree with our opinions. They still love us.

My own father was the living definition of the word "rascal." His deeds or rather his misdeeds are far too numerous to begin to enumerate. Still, he was my father and I loved him. My stepfather essentially reared me and I surely loved him. But at the same time, I loved my father because he was my father.

We love our parents because of who, not what, they are. Because this is the case, we have a serious obligation to give them the best we have. Not the most, but the best.

This transcends money and material things. Our children and their children will be here for generations after we have died. That may not be a desirable word but it gives a clear and unobstructed view what lies ahead.

From a religious perspective, we are promised everlasting life

through Jesus, the Christ. That is the promise of immortality. In that same context, we can leave still another kind of immortality through our children.

It is our role in life to give them the open, unabashed love they need from day to day. We need to teach them compassion and the art of loving another human being.

They need to know about respect. Respect for themselves and

others as well. They need to be able to define the Ten Commandments to the point that they can live each and every one of them without fear.

Children are born with nothing. They know nothing about anything. That is why we teach them to walk, talk, read and write. We teach them morality and decency. Or least we are supposed to do that. As they grow, they become reflections of us. They are what the world inherits

when we leave this place of wrath and tears.

Candidly, it is time that we looked closely at what will remain when we are gone. After our children have reached their majority, it is too late. We have to recognize the seriousness of the matter and understand and we cannot allow them to rear themselves.

If they were capable of doing that, then birth would take place at

the age of 21 and they would not need to the guidance and teachings of their parents.

I hope I have given my son all he needs to cope with the world. I also hope I have instilled enough "right" in him for him to withstand all of the pressures of life.

Whatever the case, I am proud of him and I hope his son makes him as proud as he has made me.



URBAN PERSPECTIVE

Examining the Race Card vs. the Class Card

PART 2

Race vs class was, and is, a major issue for the foreseeable future. Author, Clarence Page, addresses the race card vs the class card in his essay. *Showing My Color: Impolite Essays on Race and Identity*.

Page is amused whenever Republicans denounce Democrats for waging "class warfare," because their complaint only acknowledges the power class holds as a strategic issue for Democrats, comparable to the power of race for Republicans.

Both are delicate issues, yet effective appeals to class consciousness, suspicions and resentments win elections. This only shows that the GOP knows what the game really is.

In his first campaign, Bill Clinton showed himself to be a tireless campaigner and an excellent student of what wins. Clinton appealed directly to the "forgotten middle class"—the big group in the middle that was feeling left out of Reagan-Bush era bonanzas for the wealthy and Democratic reforms for minorities and the poor.

For better or worse, effective politics is often nothing more than an effective appeal to the resentment of those who vote in large numbers, directed against a target group that doesn't.

A reputation for soaking the poor doomed Republican hopes in elections in which the poor, or those who view themselves as poor, outnumbered those who saw themselves as rich. In fact, polls show that 90 percent of Americans view themselves as middle-class, giving America the largest middle-class the world has ever known. Here, as in most issues, politics is a manipulative interplay on perceptions.

If many white middle-class voters (in 1992) failed to see Democrats as caring about them anymore, even though the largest share of federal spending continues to go to middle-class entitlements such as Social Security and Medicare, it was largely because conservatives persuaded significant numbers of whites that government spending was generally being wasted, mostly on blacks.

The voice of the "angry white male," who would constitute the decisive, pivotal vote in the

Republican landslide of 1994, could be heard in the voice of a Chicago carpenter interviewed at the campaign headquarters of a GOP state senator in 1988. "... You could classify me as a working-class Democrat, a card-carrying union member. I'm not a card-carrying Republican yet. ... We have four or five generations of welfare mothers ... but somebody has got to help themselves. ... When you try to pick somebody up, they have to help. ... Most of the people who need help in this situation are black and most of the people who are doing the helping are white. ... They hate it because they are paying for black schools that aren't even educating kids and the money is just going to the board of education and the teachers' union."

This voice echoed across the nation and was picked up in the early 1990s by a wave of conservative talk radio programs, spreading the word that whites were always giving and the blacks were always taking and the liberal elites were overseeing it all.

Clarence Page believes that it is now clearer than ever that behind middle-class anger, whether it is directed against blacks or taxes, is a greater problem afflicting the group. It is the vast numbers of Americans who see and feel a growing divide between rich and poor, skilled and unskilled, the secure and the insecure in post-industrial America. This middle-class anxiety explains why party loyalty shrunk to record lows by the mid-1990s and the urge to find alternatives soared. Three years after Doug Wilder's rebuff in New Hampshire, America had a new great black hope. His name is Colin Powell.

Powell emerged as the front-runner in all demographic, political and ideological groups—male, female, white, minority, liberal, conservative, Democrat and Republican—well ahead of the declared field. His emergence benefitted from a national yearning for heroes and "outsiders." Perhaps most significantly, he embodied more than any other black celebrity the nation's yearning to transcend its agony over race, according to Clarence Page.

Unlike Jesse Jackson, Powell was introduced to the public eye without mention of race. Media

stories played down his race and played up the popular "universals" in his life, images that touched on cherished all-American values. For years, he was seen conferring confidently, authoritatively (and this was very important), non-threateningly in the inner circle of advisers to Presidents Reagan and Bush. Not only did he walk, talk and behave like one of the boys, but he also looked like the smartest guy in the room. Desert Storm reinforced his status as an all-right, all-American leader.

Americans became so invested in the notion of Colin Powell as a black man who had made it on merit and merit alone despite his racial assignment to society's lowest caste, confirming the durable goodness of the American Dream that he actually appeared to have turned race into an advantage.

National polling supports that point: Powell's race in some polls actually magnified his political strength. When whites of all ideological stripes encounter an individual black person whose character refutes negative racial stereotypes, "their response is to respond even more positively to him," according to a Stanford political scientist. In other words, white voters will vote for a black who is not too black in the sense of their stereotypes about blackness. Powell fit that bill.

All of this worked in Powell's favor as the right man at the right time. For many Americans, he helped confirm that America's fabled meritocracy still works. Nonetheless, there was a lesson in all of this for crossover candidates everywhere. White people are more open to voting for a black candidate than ever before. But to win the white votes, it is still necessary, first of all, to ease white guilt. Also, it is not essential to be so conservative that you alienate much of the black mainstream, but it doesn't hurt.

As long as race remains an America dilemma, it will play a salient role in American politics. Americans of all races need to learn who their real enemies are. It is those who use race as a smokescreen to hide deeper agonies over class, according to Clarence Page.



BETWEEN THE LINES

Alameda Corridor-Round 4: Confessions of a "Mad" Editorialist

Since my last piece on the Alameda Corridor and its failure to live up to local inclusion terms, there has been a "mad" scramble to refute truth and challenge "the source."

The disclosure that the non-skills job training component has been a "sham" and that most of the contracts have been let to project area outsiders not interested in local hiring has been met by the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's effort to initiate a "damage control" campaign. It started with trying to assail the source of these "sham" revelations as "mad." "He's just mad because of what happened to him some years back," or "He's just mad because he's trying to get work," or "He's just mad, period."

Unfounded allegations give some real insights to the psyche of the players involved who are getting some real lessons in the purpose of public commentary and power of the black press. Also there have been some really interesting responses from a federally funded project on the verge of possible Congressional investigations and/or DOT audits. At least that's what some community interests are calling for. And, some federal representatives are listening.

The case won't be hard to prove, with \$5 million allotted for training (much of which has yet to be accounted for) and few trained placements hired from the target area. Instead of trying to "right" the wrongs that have been perpetuated to date in the \$712 million project phase, the focus has been to rebut what is known as truth so far, failed community inclusion. So "the source" asks, who really is mad?

The main goal of opinion writers is to represent various aspects of public opinion, prevent policy makers and powerful stakeholders from committing unpopular actions against an unknowing or defenseless public and make them react to "the attentive public (those who watch government and private interest to prevent to the establish-

ment of a social and political elite)" That's why the op-ed pages are the most important pages in the white man's paper. It's how he "checks" his own. For us, it's the society, entertainment or sports pages (but that's any column). It's what makes democracy work and which is why the freedom of press is constitutionally protected. To keep those who would compromise the will of the people from compromising the press and opinion maker's ability to publicly discuss private actions that affect public interest.

Editorialists are journalists in the sense that the facts surrounding a public issue must be accurate and credible. But, editorialists are not like journalists inasmuch as they don't have to present both sides of an issue. They can pick a side and advance their position. If the public wants to hear the other side of an editorial opinion, they get somebody to write an opposing view. ACTA has been looking for someone to rebut the positions stated in my "Round 3" commentary and so far have found no takers.

ACTA is mad because the truth about the Alameda Corridor is now a matter of public discussion. They want to rebut the facts, the real truth, but they can't. Instead of talking about who is mad, they need to be talking about who is right and what can be done to change it.

Since the ACTA players are so interested in "history," they'd know I've been so-called "mad" for a long time (14 years). I'm mad about the economic and social exploitation that constantly persists in our communities and resolved to do something about it. I was mad as the youngest president of the Los Angeles NAACP when I discovered no minority participation in the \$250 million Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Mall Project, or found Southland Corporation discriminating against black store owners, or profiled police misconduct issues that led to the discovery of cross burnings in the Los Angeles County jails—in each instance causing significant

change in favor of the people taken advantage of.

As a businessman, I assess public policy and political economies of underserved communities nationwide.

I know improperly implemented (government) contracting when I see it because I see it, because I do it for a living (for those of you that think I just write articles).

As an activist, journalist and issues strategist to many policymakers and agencies, my information sources run long and deep. Sure, I've made some mistakes (which I've acknowledged in this column on several occasions), but it has only made me more committed to do right and stand for right.

The discussion I've initiated on "the Corridor" is about what is right

for our community. That can't be rebutted. ACTA and the "Prime" have tried to defend their wrong, which is not right.

As Latrell Sprewell proved in the NBA playoffs, because you make a mistake, doesn't mean you stop being a talented player and it doesn't mean you don't know your game. I know this game and I'm good at what I do. I'll always be a player in our community's policy and social construct discussions.

ACTA has been "shaking the trees" trying to find out "who's talkin' to me," the same questions former Mayor Tom Bradley, former Police Chief Daryl Gates asked 10 or 12 years ago, and more recently the "L.A. football" ownership group asked how my information sources could be as reliable as theirs.

Probably the same people talk-

ing to them, dispelling the misnomer that the black media information sources are somehow inferior to the mainstream media.

Whistle blowers and public interest advocates have long dropped information to trusted community sources for media dissemination. It was a black columnist with the *Pittsburgh Courier* that broke the story that Jackie Robinson was being court martialled. on trumped-up "race" charges. It was the black press that broke much of the early civil rights activity. It was black columnists that broke both the NAACP financial crisis and the Lyons scandal. And if they don't come correctly, the Alameda Corridor will be added to the list.

If I'm mad about anything, I'm mad that agencies and interests manipulate resources in our commu-

nity via "blackfaces" and compromisers who refuse to acknowledge that the community is being slighted. I'm mad at the disparities in contracting that expect community people to do more with less. Much less.

We know the poverty pimps, politician's contributors and Negro leadership are going to be at the head of the line to "get theirs." But, damn, leave some for the community to participate sometime.

Does the community have to get beaten and raped on every deal? That may have been the case in the past, but "who's right." If a rebuttal is warranted, rebut it on the facts. Or change your tune based on doing what is right after you've been exposed. It's only the right thing to do. So I challenge you to do it. I dare you. See ya in Round 5.



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Black America

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when over 500 White men had already gathered. A Black man was shot and believed killed when a White man tried to take away his gun. The riot began... Tulsa law enforcement officials deputized hundreds of White men who roamed the area detaining Blacks. There were attacks on Blacks from the ground and from airplanes above. Some fires were started and throughout the riot, Blacks were detained at what is now the Brady Theater and the former McNulty Baseball Park. Then Gov. J.B.A. Robertson authorized the sending of extra National Guard troops during the early hours of June 1, to protect White neighborhoods west of the Greenwood District. About 5 a.m., estimates of up to 10,000 men began their invasion on Li'l Africa, looting and burning as they advanced. Writes Parrish, "Tonight, as I write and think of Tulsa then and the Tulsa of June 1, my eyes well with tears and my soul cries for justice. Oh, America! The land of the free and the home of the brave! The country that gave its choicest blood and bravest hearts to make the world safe for democracy! How long will you let mob violence reign supreme? Is democracy a mockery?...If King Mob continues to

rule, it is only a matter of time until we shall witness some of the scenes of Russia enacted right here on our shores." It is recorded that the primary rooms of the Booker T. Washington High School were converted into an emergency hospital, filled with men wounded in every conceivable way: Some with amputated limbs, burned faces, others minus an eye or with heads bandaged. Women there were nervous wrecks. A high school teacher, James T.A. West, recounted: "....Some men appeared at my home with drawn guns and ordered all men out. I went out immediately. They ordered me to raise my hands; three men searched me and they told me to line up in the street...After lining up some 30 or 40 men, they ran the streets to Convention Hall, forcing us to keep our hands up in the air all the while. While we were running, some of the ruffians would shoot at our heels and swore at those of us who had difficulty keeping up. They actually drove a car into the bunch and knocked down two or three of us." Recalls Jack Thomas: "My greatest loss was my beautiful home and my family Bible. I am 92 years old, so they failed to bother me." Other accounts reveal: "We went to bed listening to the spasmodic shooting...A crowd came and reported that

they were burning and killing Black people...old and young had to pile on trucks and when we were being driven through town, White men were clapping their hands, rejoicing at our condition...the bodies of Blacks were stacked on a wagon used to load cargo...On reaching my house, I saw all of my elegant furniture piled in the street; my safe had been broken open, all the money stolen and everything of value had been removed. My car was stolen...I lost 17 houses that paid me an average of \$425 a month...I feel this damnable affair has ruined us all." After martial law was declared at about 11:30 a.m. that morning, fighting continued -from the air and on the ground-for about an hour. Citizens today still remember that going north to Archer Street, one could see nothing but Black business places. Going east on Archer for two more blocks, one could behold Greenwood Avenue, the Black Wall Street. In the residential section there were homes of beauty and splendor; the schools and churches were then well attended. It was a city within a city, a section that would be a credit to any state. After years of struggle and sacrifice, people had begun to look upon Tulsa as the Negro Metropolis of the Southwest, wrote Parrish. "Then the devastating Tulsa disaster

burst upon us, blowing to atoms ideas and ideals, no less than mere material evidence of our civilization." Today, Race Riot Commission Chairman Bob Blackburn, also executive director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, feels that the detailed examination of the race riot should not cause divisiveness, but should act as a catalyst for healing. But, historian say, "Without justice for the victims of the Tulsa Race Riot, there can be no peace for society. Summarily, Parrish said it best: "Just as this horde of evil men (lured by the real estate and development there in the Greenwood District) swept down on the colored section of Tulsa, reducing the accumulation of years and toil and sacrifice to piles of brick, ashes and twisted iron, if something is not done to bring about justice to punish them, thereby checking that spirit, just so will they, some future day, sweep down on homes and business places of their own race. "This spirit of destruction, like that of the mob violence when it is kindled, has no measure of bounds. Neither has it ant respect of place, person or color. At one time lynching was considered a Southern past time. "Today, the land of the North has also been branded with this abominable sin and disgrace."

2,000 Turnout for Million Youth March

NEW YORK -- The second Million Youth March drew about 2,000 people to the streets of Harlem on Saturday after weeks of name-calling and a legal tug-of-war between organizers and city officials. The rally was calm, unlike last year's. The 1998 march drew 6,000 and ended in a melee in which 28 were hurt after police in riot gear tried to enforce a court-ordered curfew. Saturday's rally opened with a prayer, and most of the speakers offered uplifting messages encouraging black youths to stay in school and to treat one another with dignity. "Whose streets? Our streets!"

shouted one group of marchers, although most of the participants were more subdued. The rally was monitored by far fewer police officers than last year, and no conflicts were reported. Organizer Khallid Abdul Muhammad had labeled Mayor Rudolph Giuliani a "cracker" after the mayor called the rally a "hate march." Organizers took the city to court to get a permit for the rally when city officials turned them down, as they did in 1998.

Black Leaders Criticize Bush

SIMPSONVILLE, S.C. (AP) - Black leaders criticized Texas Gov. George W. Bush for trying to woo white South Carolina voters by dismissing an NAACP national tourism boycott of the state to force down the Confederate flag from the Statehouse. Bush, while campaigning in the state Monday, declared that outsiders should "butt out" out of the issue. His stance shows he "is wooing the white voters of South Carolina to support his candidacy," said the Rev.



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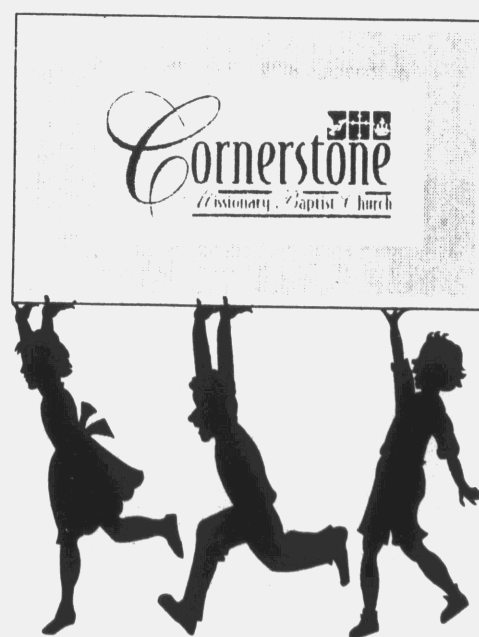
Nikki L. Bennett became a poet after accepting Jesus Christ as her savior in September of 1993. She has been writing for almost six years. Her first earthly priority is to her husband.

Nikki is the Author of the poem "Hell is real". She has compiled twenty of her most powerful poems onto cassette and set each one to music. *Poetry with Power* the cassette, will be released on September 12, 1999 at her church Koinonia Christian Center. The poet will be touring beginning September.

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RALEIGH — Veda Vermel Smith and Dr. Donald Sylvester Miles were married at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 1999, in St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. The Revs. Joseph H. Banks and Lawrence P. Houston Jr. conducted the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Smith Sr. of Greenville. She was escorted by her brother, Dr. Wayne P. Smith. The bridegroom is the son of Handy Miles of St. Matthews, S.C., and Mary P. Miles Newby of Lexington, S.C. His grandfather is the Rev. William Pondexter of St. Matthews.

Matrons of honor were Caroletta Baker of Garner and Lisa Laney of Cary. Angela Cauley of Piscataway, N.J., was maid of honor, and flower girls were LaCava Norris of Lexington, niece of the bridegroom, and La Toya Charley of Orangeburg, S.C., goddaughter of the bridegroom.

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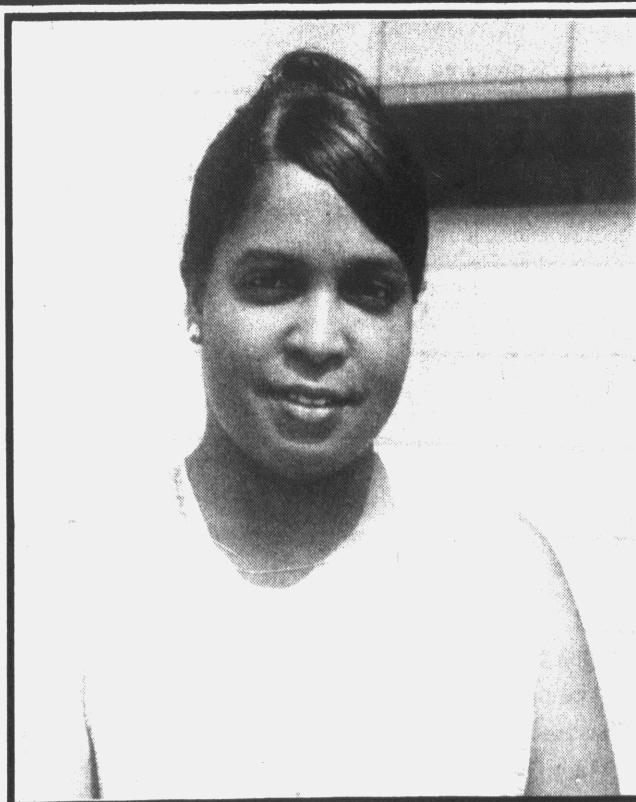


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A LETTER

Dear Ann Landers,

What is the proper use of an honorary degree? A couple of years ago, a pastor in our community received an honorary degree from a small college. He now uses the title "Dr." beside his name in the Sunday bulletin, as well as on the notices posted in front of the church. I always thought an honorary degree was just that an honor conferred to show respect to an individual, but not to be used in the same way as an earned doctorate. What is your take on this? (Just Wondering in Hemet, Calif.)

Dear Wondering:

I have 33 honorary degrees framed and shamelessly displayed on my library wall, but I have never referred to myself as "Dr. Landers". I feel that using an honorary title would be a bit fraudulent (deceitful). However,

I always enjoyed the commencement services where degrees were conferred because the speakers were invariably far more distinguished than I, and I was honored to be in their presence.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER,
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2,
1999

GOLDEN RULES FOR LIVING

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone, get permission to use it.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

You Must Be Responsible For Yourself, But Not a Moral Policeman

Some may say, "Come on, be sociable, take a drink with us." But if they realize that you really don't want to and you let them push you into it, they're not impressed. Social maturity doesn't depend on following the crowd. You may feel a little uncomfortable at certain affairs if everybody is doing something you feel is wrong. But this doesn't mean that you can't be friends with every one. You must not be a moral policeman trying to clean up the morals of friends. Even so, you should let your own values be seen, so as to swing your influence concerning what is right and wrong.

There are a lot of groups and social events you can be involved which are in agreement with your own feelings and get involved in these groups-but don't feel self-righteous about it. You know certain things are wrong for you; you can't always judge for the other guy. Some of those whom you would like to call personal friends will have different ideas of what makes a good time. Maybe you don't agree with them on some things, but you can find a lot of other things in common with them. It may stretch you a little, but you can be friends with everyone; and you'll be a bigger person by including everyone as your friend.

Your closest friends will be those with whom you have most

in common. There are a lot of people who think as you do about things, and many others who think enough like you to still be fairly close to you. These two groups will form the two inner circles of friends. Then will come many other circles outside of that, until everyone fits somewhere into the orbits of your friendships.

To Reduce Sodium:

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WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

Everyone receives an equal supply of time. The only difference between us/in the way we spend it. Each week brings us 168 golden hours. We spend approximately 56 hours for sleep and recuperation. We spend approximately 28 hours for eating and personal duties. We spend approximately 40 to 50 hours for earning a living. We have 30 to 40 hours left to spend just as we wish. But how do we spend them? How many hours for recreation? How many hours for family fellowship? How many hours for the regular

worship of God? How many hours for personal service in the name of Christ? Will a man rob God? He can; and he does. Perhaps we may be very busy with good things, yet be too busy for the best things. The great question is: Have we made wise use of our time as good stewards of Christ.

Anonymous

TRUST:

"Where there is faith, there is love;

Where there is love, there is peace;

Where there is peace, there is God;

And where there is God, there is no need" Leo Tolstoy

LOVE:

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Miquel De Cervantes

"Persons are to be loved; things are to be used". Rachael Howe

"People don't go where the action is, they go where love is". Jess Moody

"Do you know the world is dying

For a little bit of love? Everywhere we hear them sighing, For a little bit of love". "Love and a cough cannot be hid".

"Discipline is teaching your children instead of punishing them".

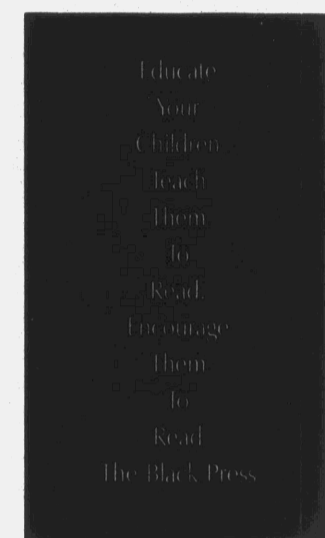
Andrew Bonar, a great man of God, had three rules that he lived by.

Rule 1 Not to speak to any person before speaking to Jesus Christ.

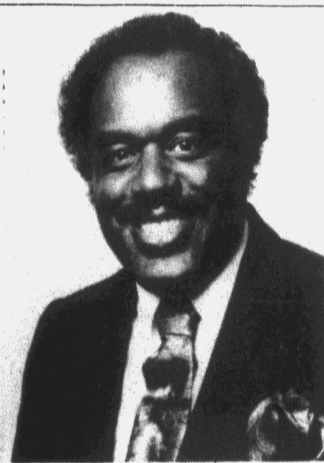
Rule 2 Not to do anything with his hands until he had been on his knees.

Rule 3 Not to read the papers until he had read the Bible.

"The child is largely what the home has made him."



Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

"Y-2-K ---CALM OR PRUDENCE?"

The Y2K crisis (a global breakdown of UN-programed computers) will hit everywhere in the world on the same day;

January 1, 2000: I will not go into every detail of this Millennium Bug because you have already been informed through the various media about what to expect and how to best prepare yourself in the event the present programming is not corrected:

There are all kinds of theories about what will happen January 1, 2000 comes around: Some recent writings look at the world events in a biblical context; presuming that Jesus will be returning: The Jerusalem Times; a periodical; is predicating that there will not be enough hotels nor bathrooms; nor other public facilities to accommodate all of the Jews; Christians; and Moslems who are expected to be in Jerusalem on January 1, 2000: Others give Bible-based predictions of what might happen if computers fail. Some Bible be-

lievers liken the situation to Noah and the Flood; where people did not take heed and went about "business as usual"

They were not worried because it had never rained before in the history of the earth: LUKE 17:26; 27 reads: "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days father the Son of Man: They did eat, they drank; they married wives: they did not prepare: So it was in the case of the foolish virgins who did not have oil for their lamps. They knew the bridegroom was coming but they did not prepare; consequently they were left out and only the wise virgin were allowed to enter into the wedding chamber:

There were other life-changing global events whereby people were destroyed by the lack of knowledge of lack of preparation: The Holocaust--- the

mass extermination of Jews; they never saw it coming. The Great Depression of 1929; with the stock market crash; forever affected American lifestyle: People never expected it: They were not prepared: If past events in Biblical times and past events in modern times that happened as a result of lack of knowledge and preparation is not enough to convince us; then we who ignore the warning bells will have only ourselves to blame:

We should recognize that ultimately, our lives are in the hands of God more than in our own planning and devices: Yet we don't think planning is at odds with faith: It is reasonable for a Christian to take steps to protect the future; at the same time recognizing the Lord's control over events.:

As a covering for my people and a watchman over your souls;

I am writing this article to help you reflect on the problem and develop a reasonable plan to ready yourself for either a mild or moderate disruption of American life: The Bible tells us to trust God, but we can also be prepared for emergencies: You may choose this day to identify yourself with one of the followings:

- 1) You may be uninformed
- 2) You may be in denial
- 3) You may be paralyzed with fear
- 4) You may be prepared for Y2K by storing up necessities as you see fit for your particular situation:

The most recent media tells us that agencies and important sec-

tors of our government are "Y2K ready"; however; it would be wise to take all precautions regardless of future projections: This global event will surely affect all of us in one way or another, more or less. We should hope for the best; but prepare for the worst: Be yet also ready.

Dr. George Hawkins is the Pastor of the Tabernacle Church of deliverance in Greenville.



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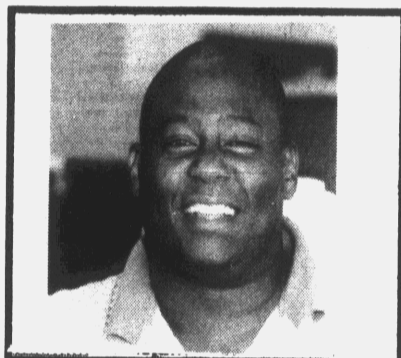
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Parallels with interventions from Vietnam to the Balkans are striking, at least with regard to unintended consequences. On the wings of jingoism and anti-imperialism, the U.S. went to war with Spain, winning in a matter of months. Rebels in the Philippines and Cuba had looked to the Americans as saviors, but in yet another irony, victory substituted one imperial master for another. Months after the Spanish surrender, America was fighting its own colonial war against Filipino rebels. Intervention in Cuban affairs lasted until 1934 and left a residue of anti-Americanism. Black America was divided on the war. Some argued that an oppressed people should not take up arms on behalf of their oppressors. Others maintained that impressive fighting by black soldiers would improve the standing of the race. White racism in the Army erupted into anti-black violence.

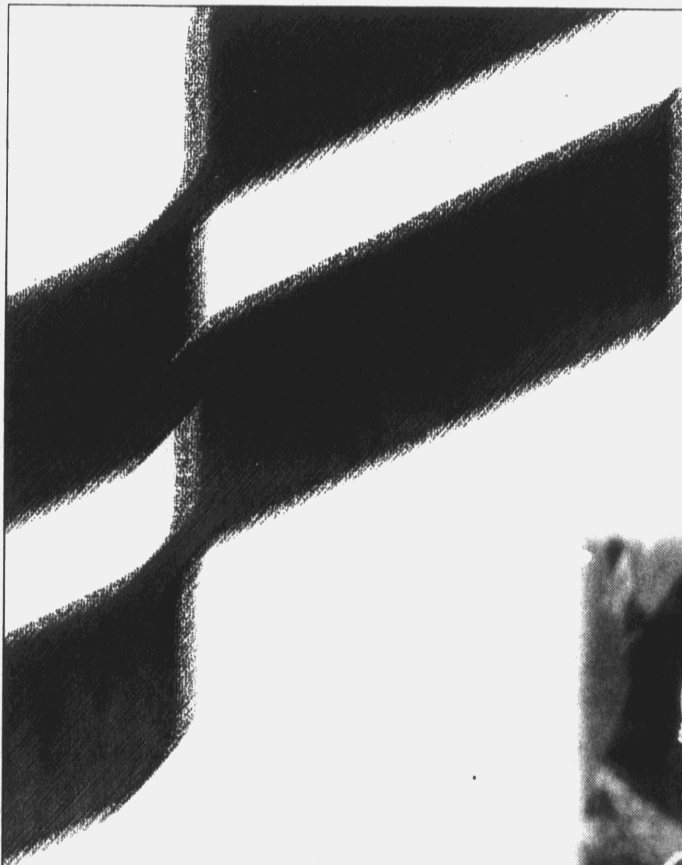
The city of Tampa, Fl., the jumping-off point for the 1898 invasion of Cuba, was the scene of race riots pitting African American soldiers against their white counterparts.

The pervasive and insidious nature of racism at the time is illustrated by the caption on the then contemporary photograph of African American soldiers. The assembled men who served this nation with distinction were referred to as "Boys."



US RACISM A CENTURY AGO—The original caption read, "Some of our brave colored Boys who helped to free Cuba. Copyright 1899 by J.F. Jarvis" and the photo was of African Americans serving in the US Army in the war against Spain. It is now the subject of a two hour PBS documentary, "Crucible of Empire: The Spanish-American War."

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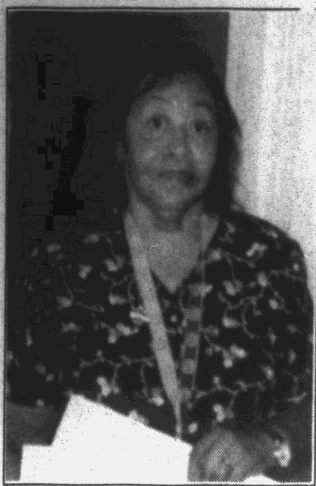
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Round N' About Washington



AUDREY BRAXTON-
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I've been thinking lately, about how the City of Washington looked when I first moved here in 1985. When my husband and I drove down Highway 17 it was not the Highway 17 that I see now. There were Fast Food places but, not as many as now.

There was no Walmart or that many stores. Things have changed in Washington but in many ways it is still the same. When we first visited Fourth Street, for my husband to go to the barber, we saw houses that were partially burned down and vacant houses that seemed to have a lot of traffic, people going in and out. There was a lot of stray dogs and people standing idly around. Now when I go down Fourth Street I see new brick homes, a Health Services trailer, an apartment complex for senior citizens and HIV patients. Metropolitan AMEZ Church is still there on one end of the street and the people who stand idly around are still at the other end. I don't think they are the same people but, I'd be willing to bet they know who the earlier group of people were. Fourth Street has changed 90% for the better but it is the same in many ways. If one man, led by God and his church members could effect such a change, think what would happen if the powers that be would

take active steps to improve the area. The Washington Mall has changed, it use to be an enclosed mall. Now its an open setup. There are more minorities employed in the stores now. I believe there was a confrontation at one time, insisting that the stores hire minorities. When the Mall was enclosed it was an after hours hangout for many of the youth. White youth were on the outside and black youth were on the inside. When they changed to an open mall the white youth moved to the waterfront area. The black youth have no where to hang out. There has always been a lot of talk about a youth center but so far nothing. We have the Boys and Girls Club but they service the younger child I just heard some very good news on this issue Omar Parker, Executive Director of the Christian Fellowship is opening the old Health Service Building. It is in the renovation stage now. When he opens this center for youth, it will have a computer room and area for sports and other activities. Congratulation Omar, keep

on going, the youth need this service and so does the community. Anybody who wants too and can send Omar a donation to assist him with this work. Send the donations to
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PO Box 2783, Washington.** Washington will soon have a community swimming pool that is a big change. We hope admission prices will not be so high that many children will not be able to use the pool. Another big change for Washington was the building of the new high school. It is a very nice building and now Chocowinity will have the next new High School. Brand new schools but has the number of minority children graduating changed for the better. I teach a GED class two evenings a week, and there are many other classes going on in the community. Many young people register but don't complete the class. Why? Maybe you know the answer. Young people without a high school diploma are a problem for everybody. Everybody wants nice things. I

remember my first job after high school, I made exactly \$3 7.50. I gave my parents \$37.50 a month, put money in church, paid my carfare, put money, in the bank and bought clothes I was so proud of myself to have money to spend. A friend of the family told me. Go to college, you'll make much more money. I couldn't go then, but I finally did. That's another story. I heard on the news this morning that a company is opening a new factory in Washington. Will they require HS diplomas for laborer jobs? When jobs require HS diplomas many minorities are knocked out of the employment competition. There will be more jobs available in the area but, not for people without an education I understand that years ago we didn't graduate from HS because we had to work in the tobacco and cotton fields to help support our families. That requirement has changed but we are still not graduating and parents are not insisting that their children go to school 180 days a year. Are we so rigid we refuse to change to

help ourselves? We do have some new up and coming high school graduates that I think will be doing great things. Jonathan Moore, Shemeka Freeman, Conesha Cherry and some others who I don't know the names. Keep going children you can change the world. By the way, have you been to our new Credit Union on Market Street? Go in and visit Harry Moore, Manager. Open an account and become a member. Talking about changes and good things, how about Donald Sadler's new Barbeque Sauce, called naturally, Donald's Barbeque Sauce. You can get a bottle in Food Lion. Congratulations Donald. The old saying, things change but they stay the same, is still true. We have got to make positive changes that will impact our lives forcing a change for now and in the future. Remember to send me your good news and things that you want the community to know about.

God Bless you all.



Here Comes the Judge! (pictured) Judge James Wynn Jr. with his father and brother. Judge Wynn has recently been nominated to sit on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals if chosen he will be the 1st African American to sit on a 4th circuit court.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Roundtree Restaurant: Everybody knew him & everybody supported him. From the "M" Voice photo files is pictured Brother S.T. Roundtree and his lovely wife Ann with their son Monti who plays professional Baseball. S.T. Roundtree Restaurant is home of the best Ox tails and Lemon aid in Pitt County, so drop by

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This Way for Black Empowerment

Young People are Old Enough to Lead

by: Dr. Lenora Fulani

I attended the National Reform Party convention in Dearborn, Michigan July 23 - 25 where 350 delegates and 250 observers made a series of decisions that position the National Reform Party for growth. One area of growth that everyone highlighted was youth activism.

Pat Choate, 1996 Reform Party Vice Presidential candidate, addressed the convention on the inclusive and positive impact of Same Day Voter Registration, which allows voters to register and vote on the same day, Election Day. This reform invites young people and first time voters to come out to the polls.

Minnesota Governor and Reform Party member Jesse Ventura credited young people for his upset victory. One of five states with Same Day Voter Registration, Minnesota led the nation in voter turn out last year with 60%. Young people voted at twice the national average.

Newly elected chair Jack Gargan spoke to the convention too about the importance of reaching out to young voters.

Over a dozen youth activists, many of whom I trained in New York, circulated questionnaires on youth outreach to delegates and party members from 35 states. Of the hundred members polled, 91% said they want to cultivate youth leadership in the Reform Party. Many commented hopefully on the role young people could play in building the party. A California delegate said, "The Reform Party is the next wave of the USA's future. The younger American voters are the ones who hold a new direction in their hands for changing the way the political landscape is shaped." A member from Oklahoma told one youth pollster, an African American student and delegate from Washington, D.C., "It's your country and it's up to you. The country is counting on you!" A Wisconsin delegate said, "Our young people are our future. They must be proactive in electing new leadership." And a Texas activist said, "If you have ideas and lots of energy that you want to use to make the world a better place, this is a political party where your voice counts."

Almost half of the respondents knew that 44% of Black youth consider themselves independent. Nearly everyone was aware that voters 18 - 29 delivered Jesse Ventura his victory.

Not only did this survey confirm that there is a real interest in reaching out to our youngest voters, it also created an opportunity for older Reformers and younger Reformers to get to know each other.

Young people and not-so-young ordinary Americans are told in many ways in their daily lives that they are not good enough or experienced enough to participate in making decisions that effect the future of our country. The Reform Party was created to change this--to be a party of participatory democracy where average people become leaders.



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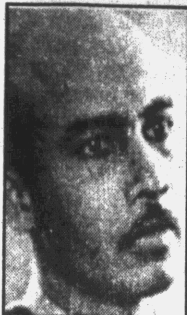
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Around The Nation

MONTEL WILLIAMS

Has Multiple Sclerosis



TV talk show host Montel Williams said he has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a crippling and sometimes fatal neurological disease.

Williams, accompanied by his wife, Grace, made the announcement at a Manhattan news conference. "We don't know how long I've had it for, but I've been misdiagnosed for 10 years," said Williams, adding that he will continue to work as long as he is physically able. "This disease is not going to stop me," he vowed. His doctor, Michael Olek, said they were discussing several recently-approved drug therapies.

Restaurants recruiting welfare recipients

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Restaurant operators are recruiting welfare recipients to fill the thousands of jobs available in the restaurant industry, a new National Restaurant Association survey shows.

More than half of restaurant operators surveyed for the study, Table-service Restaurant Trends 1999, said they have recently hired or plan to hire a former welfare recipient.

Says Ronald Magruder, chairman of the board of directors of the National Restaurant Association, "We are proud to be the industry of the American Dream, providing opportunities for hard-working men and women at all skills levels."

Companies find retention rates higher among former welfare recipients.

Texaco chief chair of national coalition

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — President Bill Clinton has announced that Texaco Chairman and CEO Peter I. Bijur will chair BusinessLINC, a national coalition designed to foster business-to-business partnerships in economically distressed urban and rural communities.

Bijur accepted this role on behalf of The Business Roundtable, a member of the national coalition.

During a White House meeting, Clinton, Bijur and other business and government leaders discussed the tangible benefits that can be realized from strategic alliances between large and small firms. The BusinessLINC acronym stands for Learning, Investment, Networking and Collaboration.

Economic summit set for ethnic entrepreneurs

(Washington, DC) — Americans for a Brighter Future is convening a conference of minority entrepreneurs with a theme of, "The Politics of Business," Sept. 9-10 at the Capitol Hill Club (in Washington, DC) and the Crystal City Marriott (in Virginia).

Invited speakers include Sen. Trent Lott, Speaker Dennis Hastert, Gov. George W. Bush and Gov. Christy Whitman.

All Republican presidential hopefuls have been invited to address the gathering. We are expecting 200-300 minority entrepreneurs (Blacks, Asian, Hispanic, and Native Americans) to attend.

Americans for a Brighter Future is a federally registered political action committee established to get more minorities elected and involved in the Republican Party. They focus on Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans.

O.J. SIMPSON

Now living in L.A. hotel



Good ol' O.J. Simpson is always worth a mention especially if you wanna relive a source of racial tension. And who better to do that than us.

According to reports, O.J. Simpson and his two children, Justin and Sydney, are presently living in a hotel off a busy Los Angeles freeway. It may seem like times are dire for the former football star, but O.J. says he hasn't been evicted or anything like that. During an interview with *Extra*, he confirmed reports that he was living in the \$165.00 per night Luxe Summit Hotel, off the 405 freeway, in the Brentwood section of L.A.

PUFFY

No permit for Labor Day party

Puffy, Puffy, Puffy. We guess the mo' money ya come across the mo' problems ya see.

According to *Fox News Online*, The East Hampton town council has turned down his permit to throw a Labor Day Party. It seems the reason may be that he violated his permit during his lil' July 4th shindig. He reportedly had twice as many people and cars present than were allowed.

FOXXY BROWN

May give up music career

During a recent interview with *Paper* magazine, Foxy Brown dropped an incredible bombshell.

Brown was quoted saying she was considering giving up her music for a career in modeling. "When I'm 23, I wanna be like, 'O.K., I've done it all. Maybe I'll get into this modeling thing.'"

Freedom or Freedumb

By Ty Down

Remember in the early to mid 80's the television commercials for Chevrolet trucks? It used to go something like this "Baseball, apple pie, and Chevrolet: the all-American way" while showing hard working middle class people enjoying life, hanging around a baseball field eating apple pie leaning on their new Chevy truck. The commercial was supposed to give the viewer a feeling of Freedom (while also making the viewer more eager to buy a Chevy truck). Not me, I was very young in the mid 80's and all I understood was cartoons, that apple pie was good to eat, and that Chevy trucks and baseball were very big deals to the "old people".

I also remember feeling very confused watching these commercials. Was I not all-American? Was only *thinking* apple pie was delicious not enough to classify me and my family? Did we not count? We didn't eat that much apple pie, we didn't have a truck, let alone park our truck in a baseball field while eating apple pie along with other families doing the same.

Don't get me wrong, it looked like fun. But, just because there was no abundance of apple pies, Chevy trucks or baseball fields, didn't mean I was missing out on anything less than special. What was special to me were cookouts at my own house with my own grandmothers cooking (No apple pies but delicious apple dump-

plings) with my own family's car (nothing nice, but it got us where we needed to go). I also enjoyed being in the yard playing baseball with my brother while listening to old School rap and even older R&B (Family requested). These were good times, special times to me. Sometimes I just wanted to do it how they did it on the commercials: The so-called all-American way of living. I was just like any other kid. I saw something on television and I wanted it. I wanted to be what I thought (and what they taught)

was free.

I wanted it more and more each time. I saw the commercial, which was very often. I wanted that freedom. I loved baseball. I loved apple pie, and I knew I would love that freedom.

Now, its 1999 and those commercials have faded away. Unfortunately, so have my feelings for that same freedom I thought I wanted so badly. The world has changed, and so have I for the better or for the worse?

Is it freedom still or is it freedumb? These days the baseball players the "Older people" I use to love have changed, and the game I grew to love has changed as well.

Here in 1999 a lot of baseball players have become greedy multi-million dollar - making egotistical men, Their love for the game and the fans who love them are now questioned by the amount of money they make.

Every few years since the mid 80's players threaten to go on strike because the millions of dollars they make as well as the millions of kids hoping to see them play on T.V. isn't enough for them, so they refuse to play unless they get paid even more money.

These days so called all-American players even get paid to be on strike, now that's what I call being greedy, but that's what they call freedom and that's what our children may think freedom is, too.

Good old-fashioned apple pie is no longer considered all-

American anymore either. These days it is too fattening" or has "Too much sugar" to be Americas dessert of choice. Not all apple pies however, now they make non-sugar nonfat apple pies and try to make us believe that they are the thing to eat. They may not be fulfilling to our taste buds in fact they taste like rubber and with sweetener on top. But they are suppose to be filling to our stomach and to our needs of doing everything the all-American way. That's what I call starvation and deprivation to be "fat free" like everybody else.

That's what they call freedom, and that's what our children may think freedom is, too.

In the commercials the word inexpensive kept flashing on the screen and I knew that expensive was not a good word. (Grandmother never used that word in a happy tone) so I thought inexpensive must be a good thing.

Well, these days inexpensive flashing on the screen has turned into expensive and flashy. Very big sport-utility vehicles with very big accessories are very big deals now and seem to be the all-American way. That's what I call unnecessary. But, that's what they call fully loaded freedom, and that's what our children think freedom is, too.

Maybe we need to pay attention to our children more and not so much attention to our vehicles. If there is more space and more room in that new minivan or new utility vehicle, maybe we can put more family members inside and talk about and feel what freedom is. Maybe we can get our children out from in front of the television and talk to them a little more in our own all-American way.

The television will always be there, hypnotizing and filling their heads with false perceptions of freedom. The ads will change but they will always be there. Unfortunately, we as families won't be. Maybe we need to take our children outside to play catch and catch up on our family and family values.

Maybe we should let them know

that its okay to drive any car that gets them where they need to go, regardless of how it looks, and that its okay to eat whatever they want to eat if that's why like to eat. Wanting things and not wanting things because the T.V. says so or not isn't freedom. Being with family and talking about this idea of America and Our own idea and Sharing them is freedom. At least that's what I think freedom is, and that may, if we tell them how we feel, be what our children think freedom is, too.

ETIQUETTE

QUESTION: Dear Ms. Etiquette, I recently attended one of your great etiquette workshops. As an adult professional, I thought that I did not need to go for etiquette training, so, I sent my teenage daughter, Letitia. When she came home and raved about the experience, I knew that I must attend also. In your class you mentioned the ten most common dining mistakes. Would you please print them to share with all that read your column? Thank you. Letitia's Mom.

ANSWER: Dear Letitia's Mom: I am happy that you enjoyed the etiquette training. Your daughter was delightful and she is now equipped to handle issues of etiquette with grace and ease. The most ten common dining mistakes are as follows:

1. Cutlery: Don't hold your fork like a cello or your knife like a dagger. Also don't wave your cutlery in the air to emphasize a point and don't put silverware partly on the table and partly on the plate. Once you pick up a piece of cutlery, it should never touch the table again. Knives go on the plate. Only the handle should rest on the rim of the plate.

2. Napkins: Don't blot or rub the lower half of your face. Dab delicately. Don't flap your napkin to unfold it, and don't wave it around like a flag. It belongs unfolded on your lap. If you leave the table, place the napkin on the chair and push the chair back under the table, gently. Don't refold your napkin at the end of the meal; otherwise, an unknowing server might give it to another diner. Pick it up from the center and place it loosely on the table to the left of your plate.

3. Chewing: Never chew with your mouth open. Also, no matter how urgently you want to inject the perfect bit of wit and wisdom at just the right moment, don't do it with food in your mouth. And don't gulp or blurt. Finish chewing, swallow, and smile philosophically, content in the knowledge that you could have said just the right thing, but had too much class to speak with food in your mouth.

4. Appearance: Remember what your mother said. Sit up straight. Keep your elbows off the table. If you have any doubt about where your hands belong, put them in your lap.

5. Breaking bread: This is a real bread-and-butter tip. Tear bread into bite-size pieces and butter each piece just before you eat. Don't butter the entire slice of bread or the entire roll to get it ready for occasional bites during the course of the meal.

6. Speed: Take it easy. Gulping down food, whether you are at the Ritz Carlton or Burger King, it is not only unhealthy but unattractive. It can cross the line into rudeness when dining with others. Dining partners should have the same number of courses and start and finish each at about the same time. And it's just as bad to huddle over soup while others are anxiously waiting for their dessert.

7. Being Picky: If you have something trapped between your teeth, don't pick at it while at the table. If it's really driving you nuts, excuse yourself from the table, go to the restroom, and pick to your heart's content.

8. Lipstick: It's bad form, especially at a business meal, to leave a lipstick trail behind. If you do not have blotting tissue with you, make a detour to the restroom as you enter the restaurant or nab a cocktail napkin from the bar on your way to the table.

9. Blowing your nose at the table: Don't do it. Excuse yourself from the table.

10. Purses, briefcases. Keep them off the table. And this goes for keys, hats, gloves, eyeglasses, eyeglass cases, and cigarette packs. In short, if it isn't part of the meal, it shouldn't be on the table.

If you have any questions about etiquette or any dilemma, please write to Ms. Etiquette, C/O The Los Angeles Sentinel, Family Section, 3800 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 90008 or call (323) 299-3800 ext. 259.

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Disappointed in what it calls a "sham" on the minority participation of a baseball stadium in Louisville, Ky., the National Black Chamber of Commerce has issued a "National Watch" to its affiliates in 35 states against Turner Construction, the lead contractor on the stadium.

"We want an audit on every public project Turner Construction is doing in this nation," says Harry C. Alford, president & CEO of the NBCC. "We have been lied to, bamboozled and misdirected concerning the issues of subcontracting and hiring on Slugger Stadium in Louisville. We don't take misrepresentation lightly and this may be indicative of activity elsewhere. Already, we find that the Bengals Football Stadium in Ohio, built by this company, seems to be of the same ilk."

Turner Construction claims to be doing over 24 percent minority subcontracting on this project and to have fulfilled the goals of the City of Louisville on minority hiring. "We can't find these subcontractors that they list and we find no official record of minority hiring through the Human Rights Commission, as required by law," says the Rev. Louis Coleman, chairman of the Louisville Black Chamber of Commerce. "They were just pathetic! They even told everybody that they had hired the Louisville Black Chamber as consultants on the project. That is an outright lie," Coleman adds.

The NBCC will collect all of the national data and determine what course of action to take against Turner Construction.

Happy 17th Anniversary Community Christian Church





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Neosoul diva Erykah Badu gave a powerful performance during the 1999 Coca-Cola Presents The Essence Music Festival at the Louisiana Superdome on Saturday, July 3, effectively blending spirituality and creativity into her act.



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Frist African American Woman Wins US Open Since 1958

By Todd Holcomb
Cox News Service

NEW YORK — Too much power, too much speed, too much serve. Serena Williams, making the strong case that she's the world's best hardcourt player if she can just get a hold of her nerves, had a hard time swallowing her first U.S. Open championship Saturday but finally washed it down in a 6-3, 7-6 (4) victory against world No. 1 Martina Hingis.

Williams is the first African-American woman to win the U.S. Open since Althea Gibson in 1958.

"You totally prepare for this all your life, and I was always the one to say, 'I won the U.S. Open, I won the U.S. Open,'" Williams said.

"With (sister) Venus, it was Wimbledon. With me, it was always the U.S. Open."

Andre Agassi and Todd Martin do have this in common: Their tennis careers were feared kaput two years ago, and today, the 29-year-old Americans will play for the U.S. Open singles title, both claiming they're playing the best tennis of their careers.

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The Pitt County office of the Mid-East Regional Housing Authority has stopped taking applications for the Section 8 Existing Certificate/Voucher Housing Assistance Payment Program effective September 30, 1999.

The agency ceases taking applications when the number of families on the waiting list reaches the number which can reasonably be expected to be issued certificates/vouchers of participation within the next 12 months.

The Section 8 program assists low-income families in paying their rent. The Pitt County office of MERHA has allocated 418 units for lease, and currently has 800 applications, including preference and non-preference on the waiting list and 153 certificate/voucher holders are presently awaiting entry into the program as soon as they find suitable housing.

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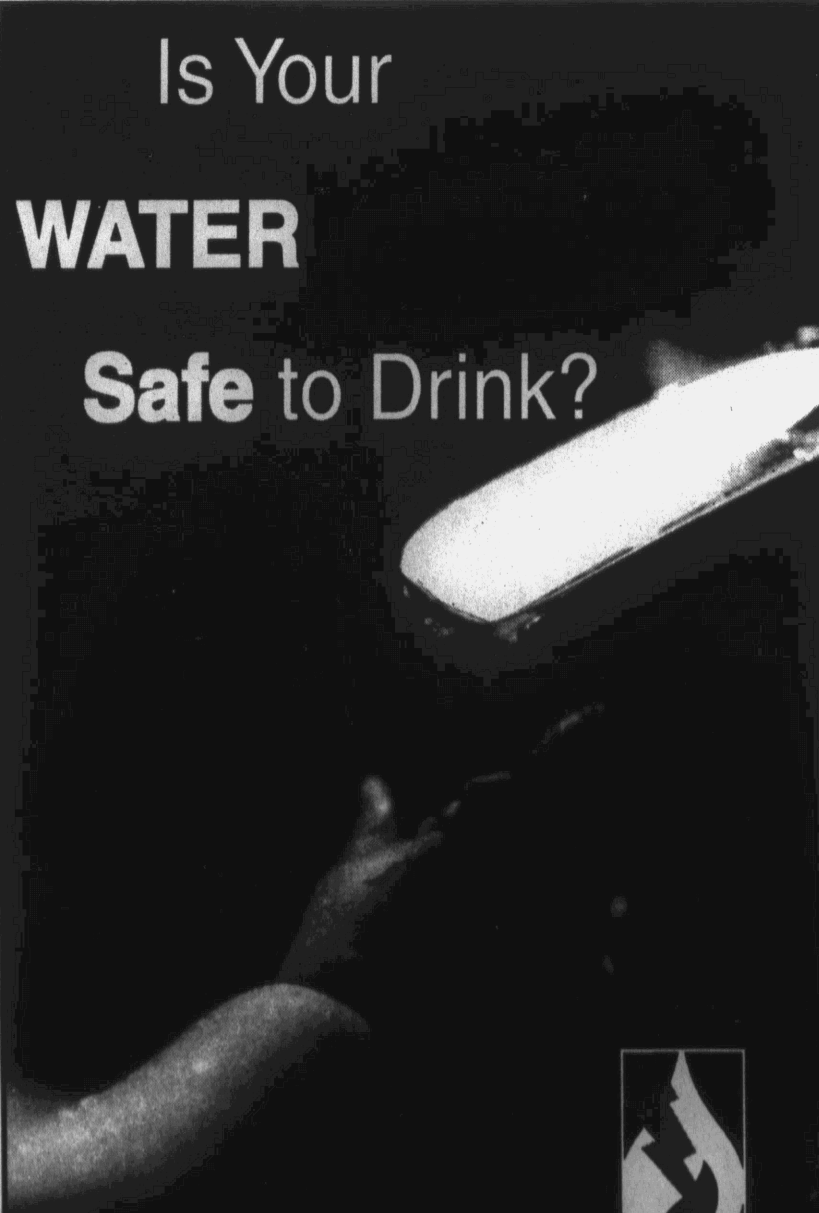

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The Safe Drinking Water Act now requires utilities to mail a report on water quality to customers each year, and we are proud to do so.

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