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New Face of Racism In America

Retailers denying checks and cab drivers refusing rides in minority areas epitomize the rise of 'retail racism' in US.

By Brad Knickerbocker

They may not evoke the feelings of "Let my people go" or "We shall overcome." But for Americans subjected to the embarrassment and fear of even relatively minor episodes of discrimination based on race - "driving while black" or "dining while black," to use the bitter slang for such events - the hurt is very real nevertheless.

Around the country, several high-profile instances of what's being called retail racism have arisen in recent months. The use of racial profiling in stopping suspected criminals on highways has become a federal civil rights issue. And evidence that zero tolerance for disruptive behavior in schools may be discriminatory against black students is mounting as well.

While civil rights advocates laud the recent exposure of discrimination and point to evidence that attitudes between races have improved, they say that for many nonwhite Americans such offenses are routine - even though it's been more than 35 years since passage of the federal Civil Rights Act.

"Most Americans think that the most blatant forms of discrimination and segregation have ended, that we're dealing now with a much more-complex, often more-subtle form of discrimination."

says Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. "Yet incidents like the ones we're discussing now seem to belie that point. They seem to suggest that even the more-blatant forms of discrimination, though not as institutionalized as they once were ... are still occurring, and I think stand in mockery of the perception that America has become a colorblind nation..."

Some recent examples:

- In the Washington area, KayBee Toys has been charged in a federal civil rights suit with refusing to accept personal checks at stores in predominantly black neighborhoods. The Equal Rights Center, a civil rights organization in Washington that filed the suit, called this "an overt example of consumer racism."

- The US Justice Department recently charged the Adam's Mark Hotel chain with a pattern of discrimination, including overcharging black guests for inferior rooms while subjecting them to stricter security requirements.

- Florida officials charged a Miami restaurant owner with automatically adding a service charge to bills of black customers but not to those of white patrons.

- In Boston, city councilor Gareth Saunders has filed a complaint against a taxi service for refusing to pick him up at his home in a predominantly black neighborhood. Black actor Danny Glover recently was refused taxi service in New York.

Progress in race relations

93 percent of whites surveyed in 1997 said they would vote for a qualified black presidential candidate, compared with 35 percent in 1958. The number of whites who say they would move if large numbers of blacks moved to their neighborhood dropped from 80 percent to 18 percent over the same period.

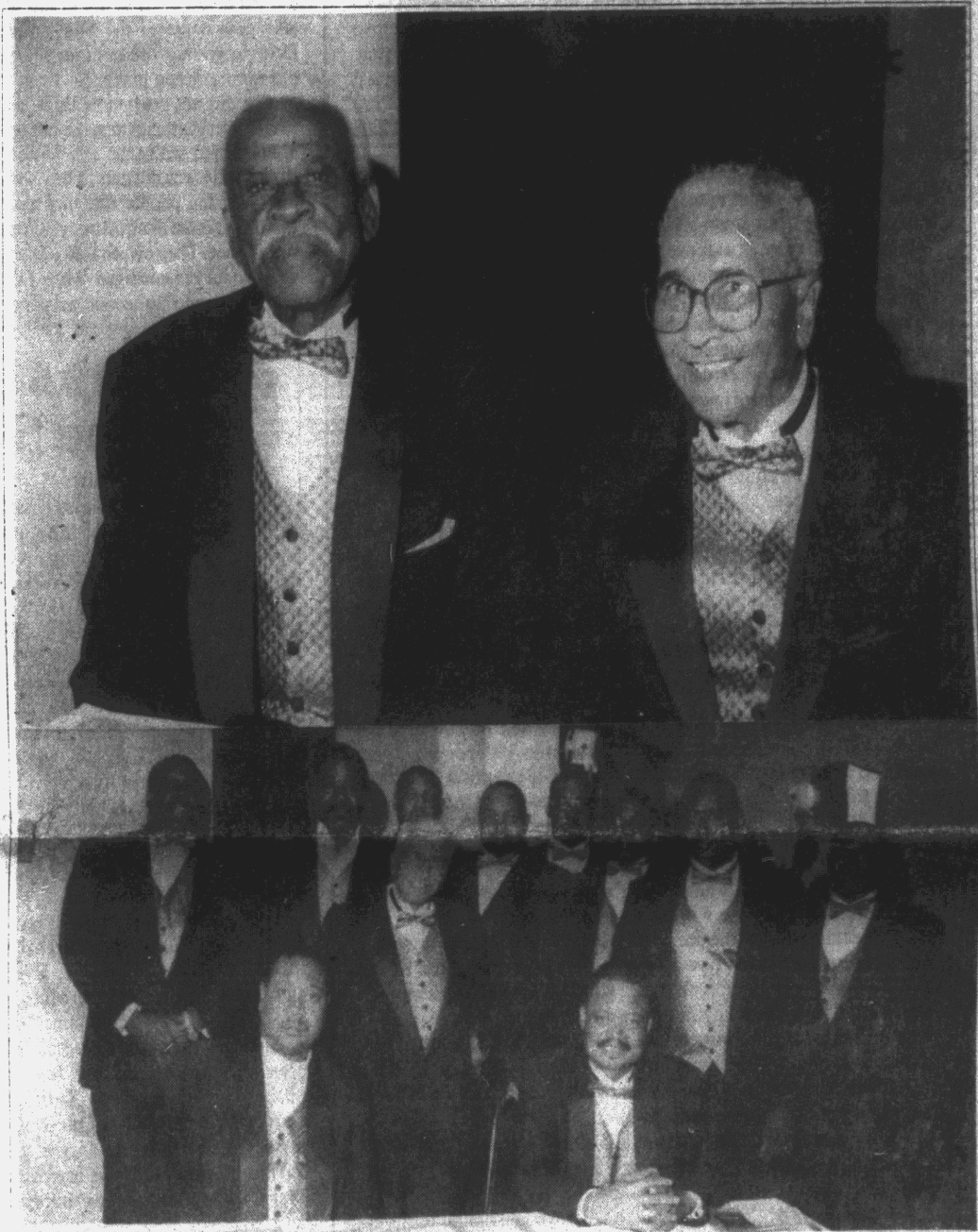
And yet it is clear that large numbers of blacks continue to experience discrimination. Within the past 30 days, half of blacks surveyed by Gallup said they had been treated unfairly because of race in situations such as shopping, dining out, work, using public transportation, or with police.

While many school districts have been cracking down on violence in the wake of recent school shootings, critics say policies of "zero tolerance" (usually enacted and enforced by mostly white school boards) have resulted in discriminatory judgments.

Last month, the Applied Research Center in Oakland, Calif., reported that the rate of school suspensions is far higher for black students than for whites nationwide. In Austin, Denver, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, the suspension rate for black students is at least twice their percentage of the student population.

In Decatur, Ill., this week, a federal judge upheld the school board's expulsion of six black students for fighting at a football game. Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson charged that racism was involved, and he plans to appeal the decision.

20th Century Social Club Host Annual Celebration



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Pictured is one of Eastern North Carolina's oldest Black Social Clubs, shown above are two of the original members Filmore Bell and Willie Moore. Shown below are other members of the club James Carr...President, Henry Hansley...Vice President, Willie...Treasurer, Jimmie Jones...Rec Secre, Ernis Lee...Fin Secre, Charles Prayer...Bus. Mgr., Don Phillips...Parliament Wayne Mitchell...Sgt at Arms, Filmore Bell...Historian, Julius Joyner, Thomas Jones, James Parker Jr., James Barnhill. This year's event was held at the Hilton Hotel where they honored brother Jim Rouse who is running for the NC House of Representatives. brother Rouse was also the guest speaker.

Photo by Jim Rouse

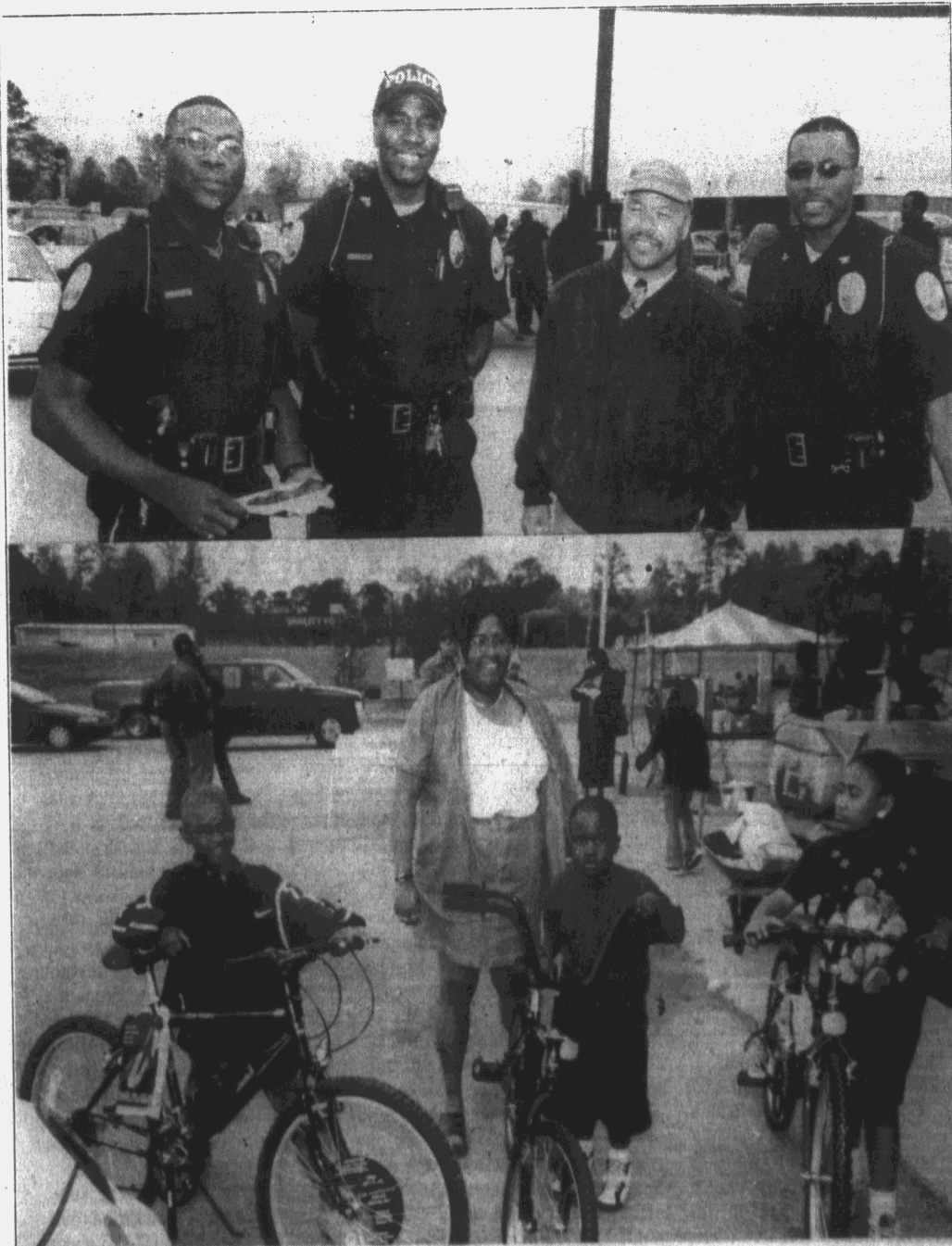
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Shown is pastor Ruth Peterson CO-pastor Helen Williams along with dedicated friends and pastor Barbara Delano. Be sure to check out page 7 for pictorial salute to Anointed One's Founder's Day Banquet.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Princeville on the Rise,

The town of Princeville once devastated by Hurricane Floyd came together for an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Princeville. Shown above is Princeville's police Chief Cogdell and some of his officers. Shown below are some children who won bicycles compliments of the town of Princeville. Freedom Hill on the way Back! Look for pictorial salute on page 9.

Photo by Jim Rouse

CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNAL

Open Letter About Children and Guns

Dear President Clinton, Members of Congress, Charlton Heston, Gov. Engler and fellow Americans:

It was almost incredible in the sense of the Latin roots of that word—not believable—the story of the 6-year-old who killed another 6-year-old in school in Flint, Mich. Little Kayla Rolland shot by a first grade classmate who simply said, "I don't like you," while standing in line. Mothers all over America shuddered, wondering about their own children's safety.

In the weeks since her death, the story of the boy who shot little Kayla has emerged. A little boy whose family has failed him. A little boy whose school has failed him. A little boy whose police department has failed him. A little boy whose nation has failed him. We all failed both that little boy and little Kayla because, in our haste to end old welfare dependencies, we allowed the safety net for the poorest of the poor to be shredded and destroyed.

A little boy who lived in a dysfunctional family, in the worst sense of the phrase—a father already in prison. A mother whom some say used drugs herself, but even if she did not, who left her children in a home where drugs and guns were obviously present, even to neighbors who had, on several occasions, reported it to the police. A family recently evicted from its home. Two children sleeping on a sofa in the living room where drug deals apparently were occurring. A little boy filled with anger at the life he had been given—so angry, that he had already stabbed another child with a pencil and had already been suspended three times for fighting. When his incarcerated father heard about the shooting, he knew it was his child who was the shooter because he had asked his son why he fought the other children and the reply was, "because I hate them."

Yet, as far as we know, the only help for this family in deep trouble was the anger management class for which the little boy was scheduled, but never got to attend. No social worker tracked children who were in essence homeless. No school counselor did in-depth referrals for a family in dire need and for a child obviously deeply troubled. No police officers tried to close down this garbage strewn, run-down house which the whole neighborhood knew was a crack house.

Thank you, President Clinton for calling on Congress to pass strict gun control laws. We do need "smart guns," we do need trigger locks, we do need even tighter restrictions on gun purchases and registration. If they save even one child's life in this nation where 12 children die every day by gunfire, then the laws will be a success.

But better gun controls would not be the only solution needed for this little boy, Mr. President. We need social services which work for families in trouble. We need better alarms systems for dysfunctional families and for children who have been abandoned by their families and by their communities. We need school counselors in every school in this nation. We need funds for cities to use to close down crack houses and to fix them up and give them to homeless families.

Gov. Engler, your plan to get families off of welfare worked. But in the process of making families independent, you took away the safety net which might have caught this little boy and saved this little girl. Just as the state failed these families, so, too, did it fail the little 11-year-old Michigan boy convicted of murder, after a long history of violence. There are many Michigan families, and families across this nation, who desperately need help. If the states don't help them, who will? If the states don't help the schools to cope with these families, who will?

Heston, you are the president of the National Rifle Association, the nation's most powerful gun lobby. In the name of the children, call off your lobbyists, who are trying to demonize President Clinton and anyone else who says enough is enough—12 children a day, 84 children a week, 372 children a month, 4,380 children killed a year by gunfire is enough. To say that the president of the United States needs violence is over the top and demeans you and your organization.

To pretend that the ready availability of guns in this nation has nothing to do with these killings, is an insult to every American.

Members of Congress, you, too, have some blame to shoulder. For you passed the legislation which destroyed the safety net for this nation's children. So now we have a 6-year-old murderer whom no one was trying to help. So now we even have wealthy parents of a disabled child abandoning him because they just could not handle his care without a safety net which would have given them respite and counseling and help. So now we have thousands of families walking the tightropes of life without a net to catch them. All during the most prosperous time in our nation's history.

We must all shoulder some of the responsibility for little Kayla's death. The real tragedy would be if life goes on and nothing changes—until the next incredible death of an American child.

KLEAVER'S KLIPPINGS
What the Black Family Should Really Mean

A couple of years ago (I think), there was a movie entitled "Soul Food." On the surface, it was an innocuous movie. The music was great and the actors played their respective parts to the hilt. Still, critics might not see it as spectacular.

There, was, however, something unsettling about it. It had an emotional effect that defied description. It was kind of like reaching in to your back pocket and bringing out fully-formed pieces of black life in another time and place.

To many of us who grew up with a Southern lifestyle as a backdrop, it was like revisiting the past. There were good moments and bad moments. They were our moments nonetheless.

Last year, there was another movie. It was called "Down in the Delta." Directed by Maya Angelou, it proved to be the final showcase for the enormous talents of the late Esther Rolle.

This was the story of a female Chicagoan who had been involved with drugs and who knows what else. She came to the Mississippi Delta to get her life in order on the old family home place.

She did not want to be there and fought every attempt to make her feel at home and welcome. Her Mississippi family was not poor. They were hard-working people who had managed to get more than just a day-to-day subsistence. They owned a small business and they encouraged "Miss-fast-life-in-Chicago" to become a real part

of it. Of course, she resisted with all the strength she had. She had a son whom she had brought with her and the oddity of all this is that he became the subtle catalyst for change in her life.

The tale involves a backward look at slavery and her ancestors, and it also involves the theft of a candelabra which became a family heirloom. There was anger and distrust within the family, but beneath all of this, there was an abiding love, a willingness to forgive as well as the strength and support of the family unit.

Now we go past the surface and into the bowels of the structure.

I can remember as a boy, staying with my grandmother in Elizabethtown, Ky., a nearby family. They had a daughter who had grown too big for the small town. She moved away to Chicago or some other major city, much to the dismay of her family.

Every few years, she would come back to "E-Town" to visit and when her mother found out she was coming, it was a major production. Chickens were killed and maybe a goat. The cooking went on in that house for days before she arrived.

I could look out in their backyard and see rugs hanging on the clothesline, being beaten to get the dirt and dust out. The mother and her widowed sister would wash windows, scrub the wooden porch and, if there was time, get one of the neighbors to paint the floor of the porch. It was indeed a production.



URBAN PERSPECTIVE

The Seductiveness of Reverse Discrimination

PART 1

Dr. Stanley Fish, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Chicago, offers provocative commentary on so-called reverse discrimination. His article in the January/February 2000 *Crisis* magazine contains this seminal quote: "In America, whites once set themselves apart from blacks and claimed privileges for themselves while denying them to others. Now, on the basis of race, blacks are claiming special status and reserving for themselves privileges they deny to others. Isn't one as bad as the other? The answer is no."

Fish takes his text from President George Bush in an address to the United Nations in 1991. Bush said this of the U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism: "Zionism ... is the idea that led to the creation of a home for the Jewish people ... and to equate Zionism with the intolerable sin of racism is to twist history and to forget the terrible plight of the Jews in World War II and, indeed, throughout history."

What happened in the Second World War was that 6 million Jews were exterminated by people who regarded them as racially inferior and a danger to Aryan purity. What happened after the Second World War is that the survivors of that Holocaust established a Jewish state that is a state centered on Jewish history, Jewish values and Jewish traditions. What Bush objected to was the logical sleight of hand by which these two actions were declared equivalent because they were

both expressions of racial exclusiveness. Ignored was the historical difference between them—the difference between a program of genocide and the determination of those who escaped it to establish a community in which they would be the makers, not the victims, of the laws.

Bush was saying to the United Nations, "Look, the Nazis' conviction of racial superiority generated a policy of systematic genocide; the Jews' experience of centuries of persecution in almost every country on earth generated a desire for a homeland of their own. If you manage somehow to convince yourself that these are the same, it is you, not the Zionists, who are morally confused and the reason you are morally confused is that you have forgotten history."

What Fish says is that a similar forgetting of history has, in recent years, allowed some people to argue, and argue persuasively, that affirmative action is reverse racism. He maintains that the very phrase, "reverse racism," contains the argument in exactly the form to which Bush objected: In this country, whites once set themselves apart from blacks and claimed privileges for themselves while denying them to others. Now, on the basis of race, blacks are claiming special status and reserving for themselves privileges they deny to others. Isn't one as bad as the other? The answer is no.

One can see why the answer is no by imagining that it is 1955 and that we are in a town in the South with two more or less distinctive communities, one white and one

black. No doubt, each community would have a ready store of dismissive epithets, ridiculing stories, self-serving folk myths, and expressions of plain hatred, all directed at the other community and all based in racial hostility.

Yet, to regard their respective racisms—if that is the word—as equivalent would be bizarre, for the hostility of one group stems not from any wrong done to it, but from its wish to protect its ability to deprive citizens of their voting rights, to limit access to educational institutions, to prevent entry into the economy except at the lowest and meanest levels and to force members of the stigmatized group to ride in the back of the bus. The hostility of the other group is the result of these actions, and whereas hostility and racial anger are unhappy faces wherever they are found, a distinction must surely be made between the ideological hostility of the oppressors and the experience-based hostility of those who have been oppressed.

Not to make that distinction is to twist history and forget the terrible plight of African Americans in the more than 200 years of this country's existence. Moreover, to equate the efforts to remedy that plight with the actions that produced it is to distort history further. Those efforts designed to redress the imbalances caused by longstanding discrimination are called affirmative action. To argue that affirmative action, which gives preferential treatment to disadvantaged minorities as part of a plan to achieve social equality is no differ-

ent from the policies that created the disadvantages in the first place, is a travesty of reasoning. Reverse racism is a cogent description of affirmative action only if one considers the cancer of racism to be morally and medically indistinguishable from the therapy we apply to it.

A cancer is an invasion of the body's equilibrium, and so is chemotherapy, but we do not decline to fight the disease because the medicine we employ is also disruptive to normal functioning. Strong illness, strong remedy: The formula is as appropriate to the health of the body politic as it is to that of the physical body.

The objection to blacks now claiming privileges previously accorded to whites only is just another version of the forgetting and rewriting of history. The work is done by the adverb "unfairly," which suggests two more or less equal parties, one of whom has been unjustly penalized by an incompetent umpire. But blacks have not simply been treated unfairly; they have been subjected first to decades of slavery, and then to second-class citizenship, widespread legal description of their experience, and the belated gift of "fairness" in the form of a resolution no longer to discriminate against them legally is hardly an adequate remedy for the deep disadvantages that the prior discrimination has produced. When the deck is stacked against you in countless ways, it is small consolation to hear that you are now free to enter the game and take your chances.

any other juncture. Sometimes there are harsh words and even anger. That doesn't last within the family, generally. We get over it and more often than not, we forget what the fight was about in the first place.

Here and there, we will see some differences, but, by and large, the family is the foundation on which our lives are built. This is now and has been key to our survival. It would be impossible to count the times we have had to call mama or papa because we were on the lam and there was no other way out.

A few days ago, my son told of the pride he felt when he saw his daughter named to the honor roll at her high school. It was an emotion he could not describe. But the bottom line was and is simple. This was his child. This was his family or at least a portion of it. Family love transcends all transgressions.

In some cases, we stand in danger of losing that precious commodity. Life is faster and some of us may have lost touch with that love and emotional attachment. We need to look closely at all of the circumstances and remember that nothing can take the place of family.

Many of us would not enjoy whatever success we have achieved, had it not been for the strength of the family behind us, in front of us and beside us. It is one of the greatest things in life and, sometimes, it can be one of most frustrating things we will encounter in our lives.

But beneath it all, there must be the knowledge that nothing can take the place of family.

BY LARRY AUL



BETWEEN THE LINES

Hollywood Politics and Oscar Protests; How Denzel Got Robbed

By now, who won the Oscar for "Best Male Actor" is yesterday's news. Everybody now knows Kevin Spacey benefited from a number of factors aside from his performance in "American Beauty," most notably a \$700,000 post nomination campaign by the producing studio, Dreamworks, an anti-Hurricane campaign mounted by opponents of the movie's accuracy, but directed at the movie's only Oscar nominee, a controversial re-vote when 4,000 ballots were conveniently lost, and a media wide push to influence the Academy's 5,600 plus voters before the results were official. This was the most political Academy Awards contest in some time, and it only happened to coincide with the only time a black man was favored to win the Best Male Oscar, which would have been only the second time in the Academy's history (since Sidney Poitier in 1963).

The post-Oscar commentary has been minimal but this issue hasn't gone unnoticed. While it is not my intent to put a "race" spin on this (*USA Today* has already done that—

See March 28 edition, D1), this is not your "normal" loss, whereby all things being equal—the votes just didn't pan out.

Denzel Washington got royally screwed by a collaborative process of well-timed, "coincidental," isolated incidences that took him from being the overwhelming, odds-on favorite after the Golden Globes to not being anybody's choice (except the *Wall Street Journal's*) the day before Oscar night. It was almost as if everybody knew—even Denzel—what was about to happen.

Let's not be misguided about the situation. Denzel's performance of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter was the best performance of the year by a male actor. Politics notwithstanding. The Golden Globes is considered the forerunning predictor to the Oscars. But for some reason this year, the SAG (Screen Actor's Guild) Award took on an increasing importance, particularly after Spacey won SAG's Best Actor Award. It seemed as if "the race was on," with Dreamworks kicking up (or back—depending on how you want to look at it) the promotional dollars to put "American

Beauty" nominees in all the trades, entertainment talkies and even Spacey was on 60 Minutes (a news magazine). Nobody really has a problem with that. Oscar marketing is part of the Hollywood politic. What's not part of the Hollywood politic was Denzel's vocal criticism of the roles he receives when queried about the controversial roles he plays. While Denzel told the truth about receiving choice roles, his candor probably wasn't well received because race, like in any other part of American society, is not to be talked about in Hollywood. Some equated Denzel speaking out to Jim Carrey's criticism of the Academy after he was snubbed in 1998 when he won Golden Globes Best Actor Award. Carrey was trying to make the transition from funny man to serious actor (a la Tom Hanks) with his movie, "The Truman Show," but the Academy ignored him. Carrey, mistaking box office success for critical acclaim, forgot who he was talking to. His 1999 release, "Man on the Moon" about late comedian Andy Kaufman, got no play from nobody. The point was that Carrey's criti-

cism was a selfish one, Denzel's was a selfless one; Washington spoke of an industry wide problem, which being at the top of his game, he could've remained quiet, like everybody else. But he didn't, and he couldn't have anticipated what came next. Hard for any of us to believe it.

Most thought Denzel's candor was cool since the Academy had already voted prior to the Globes Awards. Then 4,000 of the voted ballots were lost. The Academy had to re-vote. Simultaneous to the disappearance of the Oscar ballots occurring, was the controversy surrounding the claim that the movie, "The Hurricane," was glaringly inaccurate. Now, if I were to make a "race" claim about this whole situation, it would be here.

What movie in Hollywood is accurate? Anytime accuracy claims are raised about any movie, the industry spin is that "creative liberties" were taken to make the movie "flow better" or more realistic, whatever. It was aptly noted in the *USA Today* article (as well as other sources) that the movie, "Boys Don't Cry" was very accurate; how-

ever, nominated actress Hilary Swank (who won) was targeted for protest. Denzel was the actor, not the writer. True or not, it made his performance no less compelling. This is Hollywood, where everything is "make believe," so what's the deal? The deal is a protest group sought out and successfully lobbied academy voters, and apparently, some voters weren't that inaccessible.

The protest to Hurricane's inaccuracy was directed at Denzel Washington. In fact, the protest group lobbied Academy voters (in their re-vote) not to vote for Washington, and some think the protest, combined with targeted marketing to academy members, did change some votes. Different estimates figure anywhere from 25 to 50, which is a 100 vote swing (from Denzel to Spacey). So much so that it threw off the *Wall Street Journal's* Oscar predictions based on its sample survey of Academy voters.

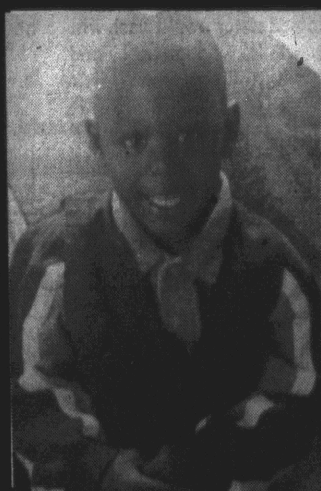
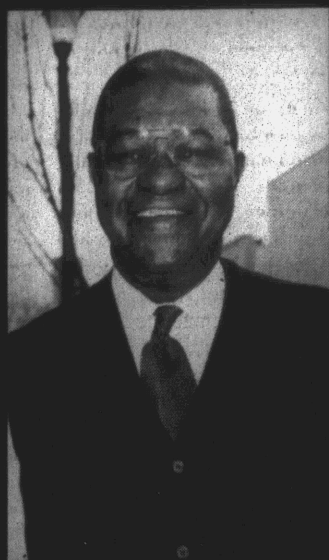
Denzel was the only prediction the *Journal* missed, with everybody saying that race was "too close to call," "it could have gone either way." Ironically, the *Journal* was

the only major publication to pick Washington to win. Most of the industry trades (*ET*, *TV Guide*, *Times Calendar*, *Roger Ebert*) ignored the *Journal* and went with some saw as "the inside tip." And the inside tip won. Nobody has yet to explain when Denzel went from the inside pick to the outside chance, as BET commentator Tavis Smiley noted. At what point does the industry trade horses? Only the insiders know for sure. But come Oscar night, there was this strange hum in the air like you knew something not quite right was going to play out. From the seating of Spacey front and center (you couldn't even see Denzel from the stage on television), to the behaviors of the presenters, you knew the shaft was coming—and of course it did, just as most predicted [sic].

One thing we now for sure. Denzel got screwed and the industry politic prevailed (make your own assessment of what that politic is), and the string of 37 years since the only black actor won the Academy Award for best actor is still in tact. A sad and senseless commentary, indeed.

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The first runner-up, ODLITTA TANDEIWA CAROL LOCKS, daughter of the Reverend Sidney and Mrs. Carol A. Locks, and a Junior at J. H. Rose High School; who received a luggage set; second runner-up, TENILE R. BARNES, a Senior, J. H. Rose High School, parent-, Donald and Vonzeila Barnes, who received a CD Player, and she was named "Miss Congeniality".

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Brigitte Council received the Graces/Forbes Scholarship Award for the highest grade point average Soror Mary G. Murrell, Humanitarian Award Workshop facilitators: Rosa Sidney, Teresa Battle, Josephine C. Williams, Donovan Phillips, Jr., Reverend James J. Lindsay, Leon Johnson, and Dr. Yeland Burwell.

Johnny Wooten, music and Sandra Hughes and Yasmeen Hudson, modern dance teachers.

Each participant received a clock radio and the Jr. Escorts, a gift

certificate from Plaza Mall.

The Greenville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, expresses appreciation and thanks to each participant, parents, and the general public, including the special people who assisted in making this program/pageant a success. Chapter president, Cynthia Doctor Pageant Coordinator and Vice President, Annette Goldring

BLACK MAN

Black Man, Black Man, "What is the matter with you?" Why do you do the things that you do?

You fight your father, you kill your brother. You sell your sister and steal from your mother.

Black Man, Black Man, "What's the matter with you?"

Why do you do things you do? Why do you think making babies make you a man?

When you won't even take care of the child, I don't understand. Being a man doesn't start between your legs. Being a man starts in your head. Black Man, Black Man, "What's wrong with you?"

Why do you do the things you do? You blame the white man when you don't succeed. Don't you know, God has all you need?

The white man didn't make you rape, kill, or steal. You did that out of your own free will.

Black Man, Black Man, "What's wrong with you? Why do you do the things you do? You misuse the woman of your own color. You take the drugs and sell them to one another. You'd rather pick up a gun and start a fight. Than to lay them down and do what's right.

Black Man, Black Man, "What's

wrong with you?" Why do you do the things that you do? Why do you wear your pants hanging down so low? Don't you know people are watching you wheresoever you go. Pull those pants up and stand up straight. Look like somebody, it's not too late. Cut that hair, maybe shave. Put those guns down and turn from your wicked ways, Black Man, Black Man, love your brother, Show more love one to another, Give your life to God, He will help. Accepting Christ is your first step. Black Man, Black Man, you can't fight out your pair). Give your life to Christ and you'll never be the same. Dr. King said, "We shall overcome some day??" I say, "The Word of God is the Only Way

By: ERNESTINE LYNCH
Tartoro, North Carolina

Given to Mrs. Beatrice Maye by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Faison

Note:

Additionally, young fellows, wearing the black head pieces, look at the fellows who wear such as opposed to the fellows who don't. fellows who are going places, who are focused, don't follow every fad and fashion. The A and B students, whose parents are good role models, wouldn't dare walk around like that. stay in school, get a job, and go to work, be the fellow who gets good jobs, who go to Sunday school and church regularly, join the Boys and Girls Club, go to the library and read. Be somebody.

CHOICE SCRIPTURES

1. SO if you want an eternal home, leave your evil, low-down ways and live good lives. Psalms 37:27

2. I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home, where I long to, act as I should. Psalms 37:27

3. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deuteronomy 14:23

4. Unless the Lord builds a house, the builders work is useless. Ps. 127:1

5. Children are a gift from God; they are his reward. Psalms 127:3

6. Woe to you who get up early in the morning to go on long drinking bouts that last till late at night - woe to you drunken bums. Isaiah 5:11

7. Seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

8. And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. Galatians 6:9

9. Don't point your finger at someone else, and try to pass the blame to him. Hosea 4:4

10. A home filled with strife and division destroys itself. Mark 3:25

11. Your souls aren't harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say. Mark 7:15,16

12. Good salt is worthless if it loses its saltiness. Mark 9:10

13. Never criticize or condemn - or it will come back on you. Luke 6:37

14. I am the Bread of Life. No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. John 6:35

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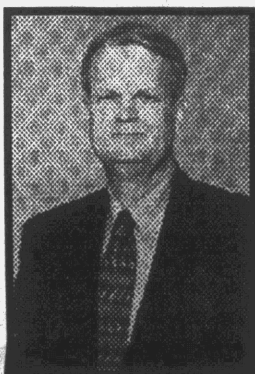
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Words of Faith



Suejette Jones

DANGEROUS RELIGIOUS GROUPS

In 1978, the nation was reeling in the discovery of 900 suicide victims of the People's Temple cult in Jonestown, Guyana, of which Jim Jones was the leader. Some years later, the Branch Davidian episode in Waco, Tx., claimed 100 lives; then the Heaven's Gate mass suicide of 39 persons in 1997; and most recently in Uganda, some 900 murderers that were unearthed as a result of a disappointed prediction of the end of the world. These dangerous religious groups are commonly called cults, which I wrote about in my previous articles referenced by numerous expert sources on cults, and the occult. In his writing we need to look at how to identify dangerous religious groups (DRGs) to which innocent people can sometimes be lured into without their becoming aware of it. We will first look at the leaders of a DRG. Time will usually show the fruit of a leader's

life. The opposite of the "fruit of the spirit" which the Apostle Paul speaks about is seen in those who are more concerned about themselves than others. Such persons use people rather than love them. Their relationships are marked by a critical attitude, conflict, impatience, insensitivity, rudeness, selfishness, failure to keep promises, and failure to control their mouths, their anger, and their sexual desires. Such evidence of someone's spirit needs to be carefully listened to, regardless of his eloquence or ability to quote Scriptures. There are some basic questions we need to ask ourselves about those we are relying on for leadership:

1. Are they marked by reverence and humility, or by brashness and arrogance ? (I Corinthians 10:18).
2. Are they gentle or demanding ? (II Timothy 2:24-26).
3. Do they themselves show respect for authorities including parents, friends, and the government ? (II Peter 2:10-12) (Jude 8-10).
4. Do they show respect and love for other religious leaders ? (I Corinthians 3:1-9).
5. Do they lead by "throwing their weight around " or by information, encouragement and example ? (I Peter 5:1-4).
6. Do they meet the qualifications of a spiritual overseer, or are they gifted men of questionable character ? (I Timothy 3:1-7).

These questions address issues rooted not merely in a leader's words but in his or her attitudes and actions. They help us to see that the issue is not just doctrine, but the spirit and fruit of the leader.

Among the many marks of a dangerous religious group (DRG) are:

1. IDEALISM: DRGs are often made up of disappointed idealists who have to be burned in traditional churches. They believe God has raised them up to accomplish what others have failed to do. Their vision is to recover the lost purpose of the church.
2. AUTHORITY: DRGs are made up of those who are looking for direction, boundaries, and security and are drawn to the safety in structure that authoritarian leadership provides.
3. BIBLICAL EMPHASIS: Many DRGs give much attention to Bible study. But their learning is often carefully orchestrated by clever leaders who warn about reading authors who are outside of their group.
4. INDOCTRINATION: Many DRGs use sophisticated methods of recruitment and coercive persuasion. They may break down individual thinking by using the following techniques:

- a. LOVE BOMBING: Group members give prospects, a1 overwhelming sense of acceptance, belonging, and significance by bombing them with flattery, touching, and hugging.
- b. REMOVAL OF PRIVACY: Recruits are never left alone to collect and discover their own thoughts.
- c. FATIGUE: A person's resistance is broken down by long church meetings, long prayer meetings, and extended church work hours.
- d. MIND CONTROL: Members are conditioned to stop thinking and to accept without questions the revelations and doctrines of their leaders.
- e. CONFESSION: The self-respect of the members is broken down through persuading them to share their innermost secrets with the group.
- f. CHANTING & SINGING: Members are subjected to constant repetition, which blocks their rational thought process.
- g. CHILDLIKE DEPENDENCY: The leader demands absolute submission to his control.
- h. NO QUESTION: Followers are taught to accept without question the revelations and interpretations of their leaders. (Adapted from: The Cult Crisis: Citizens Freedom Foundation).

In conclusion, we must recognize that giving honor to a man or woman or organization is a sin. Christ died for our sins, and rose

from the dead to give new life to all who will trust Him--the only One who deserves to be called Teacher--to lead us to the only One who deserves to be called Father (Matthew 23:8-10). The Scriptures warn that the seeds of dangerous religious groups (DRGs) are not just around us, but in us and among us as well.

References: Cults in America, Appeal The Lure of the Cults, Enroth How to Identify a DRG, Discovery Series

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Africans vow to stand together in the fight for justice for slain Diallo

By JEROME HULE
PANA correspondent

African immigrants in the New York area have pledged to work with African-American leaders as they plan ways to fight for justice for slain Guinean immigrant Amadou Diallo.

At a meeting of African-Americans in New York City and community and legislative leaders in Harlem Monday, the president of the United African Congress, Sidique Wai, said African immigrants would stand with their African-American kin in their fight for justice.

The meeting was convened under the auspices of the National Action Network, led by Rev. Al Sharpton, to consider measures to introduce legislation at local, state and federal levels to check acts of police brutality. Sharpton has led a concerted campaign against police brutality since four white police officers killed Diallo last February.

In his message at the meeting, Wai, a Sierra Leonean, said African ambassadors in the United States will also join in the fight for justice.

He urged Black legislators to understand that Africa is their continent and that Africans in the United States, whom he said number more than 3 million, would stand together with African-Americans to fight for justice.

The chairman of the Black, Puerto Rican and Hispanic Caucus in the state assembly, Keith

Wright, told the meeting they were planning to introduce a legislation to be known as the Amadou Diallo law, which outlines police reforms in New York State. The law would require all city police officers to reside in the city, entrench diversity training for police officers, ensure drug testing for police officers and remove the rule that allows officers not to speak about their actions 40 hours after the event.

In a similar way, it was announced that a committee of the New York City Council is also considering legislative measures that will bring police conduct under control. One of the measures was included ensuring that the appointment of city police commissioners goes through the approval of the council.

A Black congressman, Gregory Meeks, announced that a legislation referred to as the "Law Enforcement and Integrity Act" was underway in the U.S. House of Representatives. The law would tackle, at a federal level, such problems as racial profiling, death in police custody and drug testing, among other issues.

Rep. Major Owens observed that the killing of Diallo has opened a golden window of opportunity for the people of New York City to make an effective demand for change. In his view, the killing has united the people of the city across racial and religious lines a development, he said, that should be

used by city residents to come together in their pursuit of justice.

In this regard, he suggested that a week in April be declared a week of outrage, during which protests would be organized all over the city to bring the city to its knees and make a strong case for change.

Saying that people of color are now a majority in the city, Owens asked, "Why should we be oppressed by a dictator in City Hall?"

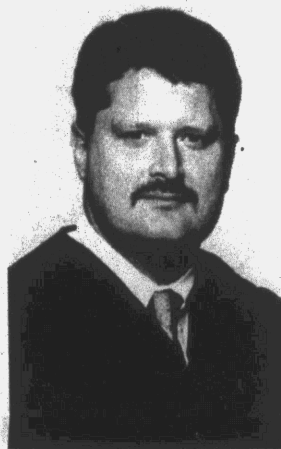
Rev. Jesse Jackson encouraged those involved in the struggle to understand that the fight for justice is like a sport contest that is bound to be difficult, with the players sure to come out dirtied. He observed that owing to discipline and coherence among participants, the struggle for justice for the slain Diallo has avoided fatalities.

This, he said, contrasted with the case of Rodney King, a Black man who was brutalized in 1992 by the Los Angeles police. In that case, 55 people died in street protests against a jury verdict that acquitted the officers who attacked him.

Jackson, who is also U.S. special envoy for democracy in Africa, pointed out that the case of the late Diallo was only part of a pattern of American authorities oppressing Black men. Citing figures, he said at the same time states across the country have reduced education budgets, they have increased funding for prisons.

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They Are Still Our Brothers

By HELENE D. GAYLE, MD, MPH

As an African American woman, working on HIV and AIDS prevention for over a decade, it is heartening to see the accelerated response to the spread of HIV in minority communities—notably African American and Latino communities. However, recently released CDC data find that there is one group that is often forgotten that needs urgent attention. Black and Hispanic gay and bisexual men who have AIDS now outnumber their white counterparts.

The CDC data indicate that in 1989, 31 percent of gay men with AIDS were men of color; in 1998, that proportion increased to 52 percent. And while AIDS mortality has declined by more than 50 percent in just two years, AIDS remains the leading killer of African Americans aged 25-44.

These data remind us, once again of how AIDS tends to affect those most out of reach of social safety nets, beyond the network of voices openly talking about HIV. But talk about it, we must, if we are to truly commit to slowing the spread of HIV in minorities communities.

Silence has a way of fueling fear and fear has a powerful way of keeping individuals from seeking information and services. In addition, many believe that fear of stigmatization is what causes some men who have sex with men not to think of themselves—nor identify themselves—as gay or bisexual. In fact, the recent CDC study found that of men who have sex with men, 24 percent of blacks, and 15 percent of Hispanics, but only six percent of whites, identify themselves as heterosexual, not gay or bisexual.

By not identifying as gay or bisexual, these men may not even perceive themselves at risk for HIV and, therefore, may be less likely to protect themselves and their partners. And by having sex with both men and women, they may also be helping to fuel the spread of the disease to women. Overall, women now comprise 26 percent of reported AIDS cases, while accounting for only 10 percent a decade ago. Estimates suggest that women also account for 30 percent of new HIV infections. The vast majority of these women are black and Hispanic.

Stopping the spread of HIV in any community isn't easy. AIDS has always raised

uncomfortable issues. But gay and bisexual men of all races must recognize that they are at risk for HIV infection, and communities of color must create an environment where all men can access the HIV testing, treatment, and prevention services they need without the fear of estrangement.

And even as AIDS continues to ravage communities across the nation, the disease threatens to drop off the radar screen for many Americans. With the advent of powerful new drugs to treat HIV infection, obituaries are less frequent, the protests have died down, and a dangerous sense of complacency has set in. We cannot afford to let this complacency continue. As long as HIV continues to spread in any community, it is a problem for all communities.

In the past few years, we have committed new resources to HIV/AIDS prevention. We've expanded our search for the ultimate prevention weapon—a vaccine. And, we've worked with the Congressional Black Caucus to help local communities address the changing face of the epidemic. We are making progress preventing the spread of HIV, but there are more prevention needs today than ever before. Limited resources are being stretched, while AIDS is still with us, and the virus is still a formidable opponent.

HIV prevention efforts are only effective when they are sustained; and when we recognize and address the full force of societal conditions and norms that foster the epidemic. Fear remains a powerful force—a force that drives many young black and brown men with AIDS to die alone rather than face the risk of being shunned by loved ones; a force that drives families to silently hope their son is a drug addict when they find out he has AIDS; a force that drives young men away from the people or HIV prevention services that might help protect them.

A substantial reduction in HIV transmission is possible, but it will only happen when we look honestly into the face of AIDS, wake ourselves from denial, and deal directly with very real issues that might be uncomfortable. We must recognize that our gay and bisexual brothers are, after all, still our brothers.

(Dr. Helene D. Gayle is director, National Center for HIV, STD AND TB Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.)

Black History Month and Teaching the Truth

By DR. CONRAD W. WORRILL

The movement to implement an appropriate African-centered curriculum in predominately African in America inner city schools is critical to the on-going struggle for the liberation of African people in this country. We must continue to demand that the truth be taught.

This movement has now become popularly known as the African Centered Education Movement. Simply stated, it focuses on *teaching the truth* concerning the contributions of African people to the development of civilization in all subjects. During African History Month we must heighten the dialogue concerning the importance of this movement.

Throughout the country, Africans in America are now becoming more sensitive to challenging the racist and white supremacist basis of the African public school curriculum.

Through the National Black United Front (NBUF), and its world African Centered Education Plan, more Africans in America are beginning to see the need for massive curriculum change in the public schools of this country.

There is not a day that goes by that someone does not call my office seeking information and help on how to start the process of changing the curriculum in their school. It is clear that the public school system is the place where African American children receive a significant portion of their view of the world and the history of the world. And, it also is a place where large numbers of African in America youth are miseducated under the system of white supremacy through the ideas and interpretation of history that is presented to them.

Let's turn to Carter G. Woodson's great book, *The Miseducation of the Negro* to get some further insights into this problem. Woodson observes "the so-called modern education, with all its defects, however, does others so much more good than it does the Negro, because it has been worked out in conformity to the needs of those who have enslaved and oppressed weaker people."

For example, Woodson says, "the philosophy and ethics resulting from our educational system have justified slavery, peonage, segregation and lynching. The oppressor has the right to exploit, to handicap, and to kill the oppressed."

Continuing on, Woodson explains that, "No systematic effort toward change had been possible for, taught the same economics, history, philosophy, literature and religion which have established the present code of morals, the Negro's mind has been brought under control of his oppressor."

Concluding on this point Woodson states: "The problem of holding the Negro down, therefore, is easily solved. When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions."

Therefore, it is inspiring to see so many of our people waking up all over America and seeking the truth concerning the real contributions of African people to the world. Through study groups, conferences, black talk radio, information network exchanges, African Americans are coming into a new African consciousness that seeks to reclaim the African mind and spirit.

Through the Portland Model Baseline Essays, the work of the Kemet Institute, Association For The Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC), and other writings and curriculum materials, Afri-

cans are becoming much more aware of the following points that must be incorporated into the curriculum.

1. Africa is the home of early man.
2. Africa is the cradle of modern man.
3. Africa is the cradle of civilization.
4. Africa once held a position as world teacher including the teacher for the western world.
5. There was and there still is a continental wide unity in Africa and in the African communities around the world.
6. The first time Africans left the continent was not on slave ships.
7. Africa and African people all over the world have been under 'siege' for nearly 2000 years and only recently by European slavery and colonization.
8. There is an African Diaspora all over the world today.
9. African people have resisted domination on the continent and all over the world.
10. Even under slavery, colonization, segregation, apartheid, African people have made monumental contributions to arts, science and politics.

These 10 points, and others, have become the basis upon which we can judge the white supremacy public school curriculum content in textbooks and other learning materials.

In other words, these points have become the basis of determining whether the truth is being taught in the public schools of this country.

The truth will set us free!
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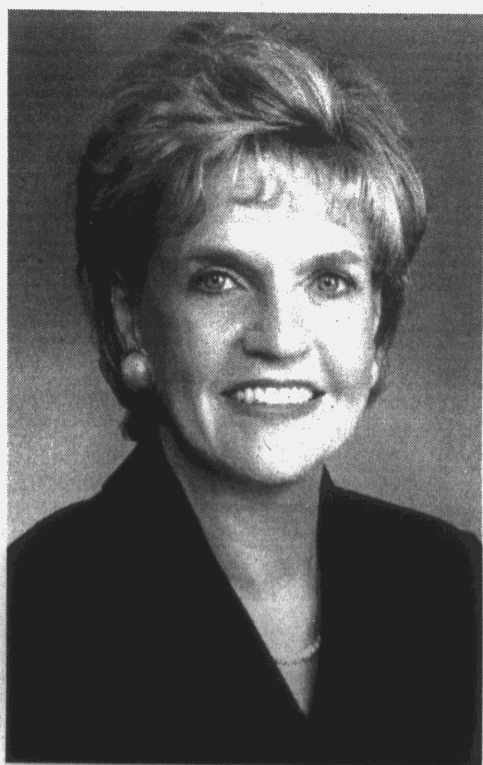


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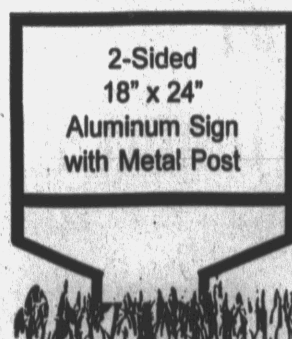
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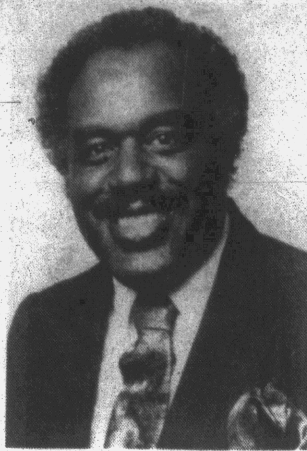


Selma 35 years later: Where is the Black vote now?

By NNPA STAFF
At press time, over 10,000 marchers converged on the Florida state capital to send a clear message to Gov. Bush (R-Fla.) regarding their anger over his dismantling of affirmative action programs in that state, and just what he could do with his replacement concept, One Florida.
As they delivered their message, the underlying current recalled the spirit of the voting rights movement and the pinnacle moment at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., in March 1965. Marchers made the poignant connection between the Voting Rights Act—passed shortly after 600 marchers were assaulted and

some killed in 1965 — and today's affirmative action roll-back efforts. Through the day, marchers continued the theme: We will not go back.
The 35th anniversary commemoration of the march in Selma last week gave many Americans reason to pause and reflect. It also raised concerns about today's status of African-Americans, the vote, equality and the political process. At a time when America's social climate stems toward violence and the broadening racial and economic divides are explosive issues, the march, attended by Pres. Clinton and respected civil rights leaders, was aimed at celebrating America's diversity and the hope for a future of bal-

Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

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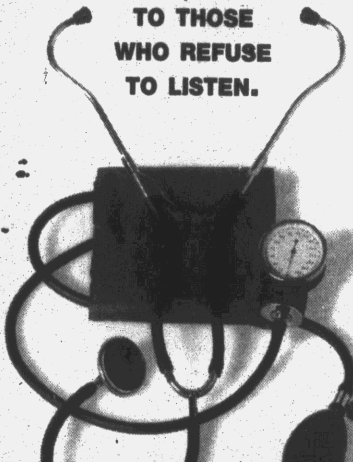
deliverance; and it refers to the price paid for that deliverance, a ransom. We are redeemed from the penalty of sin, from the power of Satan, and evil by the price Jesus paid on the cross for us. We are redeemed to a new freedom from sin, a new relationship to God, and a new life of love by the appropriation of that atonement for our sins.

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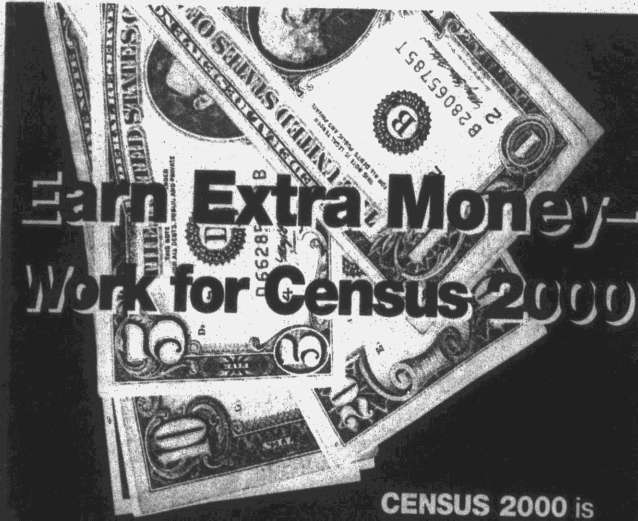


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Little Richard Recalls Days of Segregation

NEW YORK (AP)—Little Richard says he and his band used to wear white pancake makeup to perform in all-white clubs in the 1950s.

"If we didn't put on the makeup, they wouldn't have let us in those white clubs," he told TV Guide for its Feb. 19 issue. "They figured we weren't gonna bother the girls. It was quite a time."

Richard's band members would complain, saying makeup was for "sissies." But he would tell them it was worth it.

He recalled telling them: "If you're gonna call me a sissy, call me a rich sissy. Y'all keep doing this, y'all gonna be rich sissies, too."

Richard also claimed he was asked to introduce The Beatles to an American record company in 1962 in exchange for 50 percent ownership of the band. He declined.

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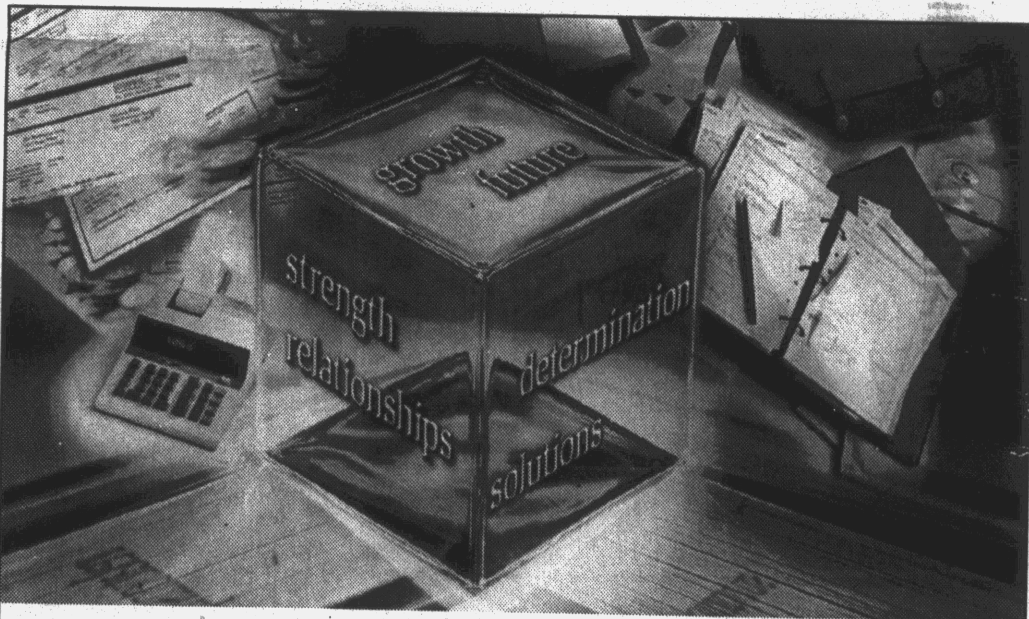
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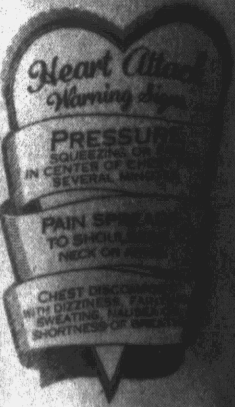
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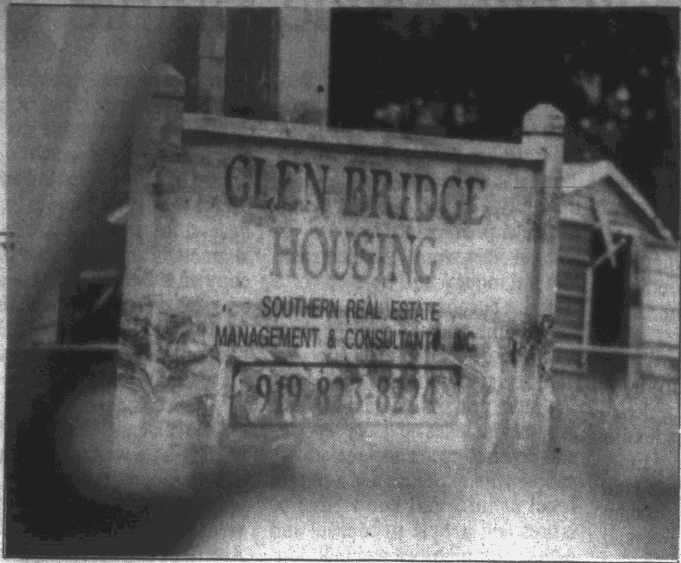
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Bridging the digital divide: Technology giants donate \$130M to UNCF schools

By J. ZAMGBA BROWNE
Amsterdam News Staff

Three giant corporations have teamed up to bolster the technology infrastructures of member schools of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) by improving computer access for students and faculty.

The initiative, which is valued at more than \$130 million, will be undertaken by Microsoft, IBM and AT&T through a Technology Enhancement Capital Campaign (TECC).

At a Manhattan press conference last Thursday, UNCF Pres. William H. Gray III said the digital divide in higher education is greater than the digital divide among the nation's households.

"There is a 45-percent gap between American households and African-American households that own computers and a 72-percent gap between UNCF students and students nationally who own computers," Gray explained.

Gray said he was thrilled with the initiative taken by the corporate giants and noted that it will enable UNCF to provide its 39 institutions with the latest technology platforms and put personal computers in the hands of almost every student enrolled at UNCF historically Black colleges and universities.

The Technology Enhancement Campaign which goes into effect this fall is a three year program that aims to help more than 420,000 students. The program

will include technical support, faculty development and training in the use of the hardware and software, according to Gray, a former member of Congress from the state of Pennsylvania.

The TECC initiative has been described as a comprehensive effort to reverse the disparity in computer technology between UNCF member institutions and majority institutions. Only 15 percent of students at UNCF schools own a computer, compared with 55 percent of college students nationwide.

And unfortunately, less than half of the faculty at UNCF member colleges and universities own computers compared with 70 percent nationally. "The number of network servers at UNCF schools per 1,000 students is nearly half the number for colleges and universities nationally," Gray said.

Retired Army General Colin Powell, who participated in the press conference, said, "This is not a charity, but rather a program that invests in our society. We either educate our children now, or we will pay the price later to keep them in jail."

Microsoft will donate \$50 million in software, and reference and training materials to the 39 UNCF member institutions. Microsoft Executive Vice Pres. Bob Herbold said the grant is customized to each school based on individual and collective technology resource plans.

"Making it possible to access,

use and ultimately benefit from cutting-edge technologies is a critical part of the drive to enhance the educational excellence and workforce readiness of UNCF students," said Herbold.

"UNCF and its member colleges are to be commended for establishing an aggressive, system-wide goal of using technology to improve the educational experience and work of its students, faculty and administration, a goal Microsoft is proud to support," he added.

The campaign calls for AT&T to contribute \$1 million to help faculty members integrate information technology into their curriculum and assist them in strengthening their research and teaching.

AT&T Pres. John Ziegler said his company and UNCF will continue working together to make the world worthy of "our children, and to make sure our children have the educational tools they need to change the world."

President Clinton praised the initiative in a written statement. He stated that while computer and Internet access has exploded in recent years, America continues to face the "digital divide," a gap between those who have access to Information Age tools and the skills to use them and those who don't.

"We cannot allow unequal access to deepen divisions along the lines of race," the president declared.

Federal Funding Made Simple

By Zora Jimenez
Special to the Informer

By now everyone has seen the corny looking white guy on late night television peddling a book of grants and federal scholarships that boast basic eligibility requirements like being a single mother or a recent former convict interested in starting his own business. The deterrent in buying the colossal book of names, addresses, deadlines and requirements lies less in the belief that it is a waste of time, than the \$45 price tag. Applying and qualifying for federal funding is not as simple as the commercial makes it sound; however, it is also not as difficult as many think. Here are some of the basic rules to applying for money from the federal government. The first and most important is probably knowing and applying for the right kind of funding. There are many kinds of grants, also known as project grants, which are the funding, for fixed or known periods, of specific projects or the delivery of specific services or products without liability for damages for failure to perform.

Project grants include: fellowships, scholarships, training grants, planning grants, traineeships, technical assistance grants, research grants, demonstration grants and construction grants. These grants may be awarded in many different ways including direct payment with unrestricted use, meaning once eligibility is established, the money may be used for the specific purpose designated with no restrictions on how it is spent. Direct payment for specific use is the alternative

and includes funding by the federal government to individuals, private firms, and other private institutions to encourage or subsidize a particular activity by conditioning the receipt of the assistance on a particular performance by the recipient. In other words, you guarantee that the money will be used for a specific purpose within a certain time frame and the project must meet those specific goals intended in the original request.

A more grassroots grant funding program includes advisory services and counseling. This area allows people with expertise and a certain level of informal knowledge of issues and people to counsel and advise communities and individuals. This is extremely important for youth outreach, substance abuse and community improvement programs. Unfortunately, much funding is lost because few if any applications for the money ever come in. Some of the scholarships include:

Scholarships for Health Professions Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds - \$17,996,000 grants

Scholarships for Students of Exceptional Financial Need - \$11,096,000 grants

Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds - \$728,000 grants

Government agencies like the Department of Health and Human Services, provide grant banks which store all of the information needed to check your eligibility and apply for federal money. HHS's

GrantsNet currently contains more than 300 programs, but notes that even more grant money is available through other agencies, which are responsible for posting and publishing their own information. The Federal Register, a guide to federal grants is also available in hard-copy and electronic formats and provides contacts for more detailed information about individual grant programs and application kits.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is another guide useful to DC residents looking for federal funding. A government-wide index of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities, the CFDA provides assistance or benefits to the American public. It contains financial and non-financial assistance programs administered by departments and establishments of the Federal government. Assistance includes, but is not limited to grants, loans, loan guarantees, scholarships, mortgage loans, insurance, and other types of financial assistance, including cooperative agreements; property, technical assistance, counseling, statistical, and other expert information; and service activities of regulatory agencies. It does not include the provision of conventional public information services. The Catalog is published annually in two editions using the most current data available at the time either edition of the Catalog is compiled.

Again, there is a lot more to applying and receiving federal money than the late night television commercials suggest, but the additional work needed to get the ball rolling towards your individual goals and dreams, is worth the effort.

Elect Jim Rouse NC House of Representatives May 2nd 2000

TO: JIM ROUSE
FROM: RUFUS HUGGINS

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NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE DISTRICT SEATS

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Dear Citizens:

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I have dwelled amongst the sick, socially and economically disadvantaged and witnessed the unmet needs of our community while collectively serving for the betterment of all human beings.

It is imperative that we move towards the common goal, fair and equal justice, human rights, social and economic development multicultural educational curriculums safer and hazardous free communities, and empowerment of communities often forgotten. I make that commitment.

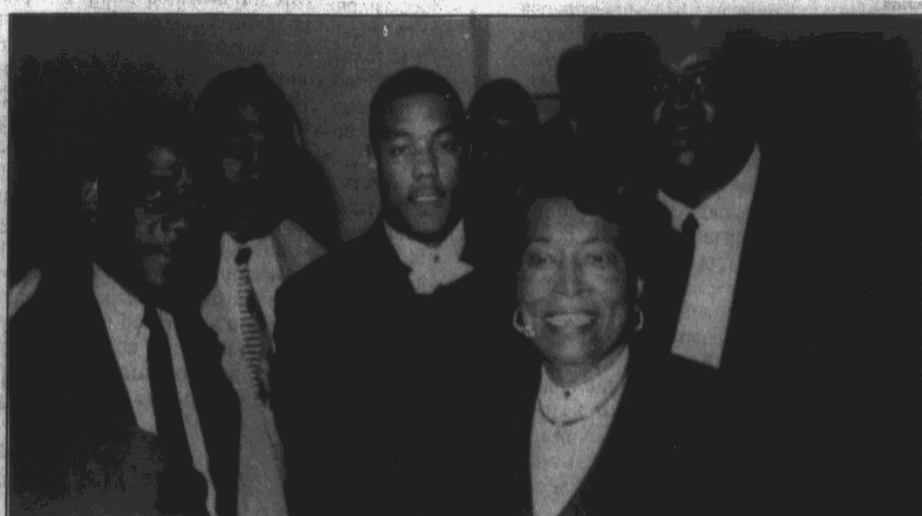
It is only through citizen participation will your needs and concerns be addressed. I will advocate developmental needs in our community such as zoning that will help to assure orderly growth in our community; however, I will not vote for zoning without your support. It is through my commitment to serve you, the citizen, in and out of closed-door executive sessions will success come about.

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Proper representation will provide you with the resources and staff for continued growth in our community. It is time for a change, and I'm asking for your vote on May 2, 2000. Make a difference in the lives of the people you love.

Sincerely,

Randy B. Royal, Democratic Candidate
Pitt County Commissioner, District A



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