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## AFRICAN-AMERICAN VOTERS TILT OUTCOME OF ANY ELECTION

### NorthStar Investigative Report: Part I

Non-voters are key to  
November elections....  
By: Hazel Trice Edney  
Tri-State Defender

November 5 will be one of the most important non-presidential elections in recent years as Democrats and Republicans compete fiercely to see which party will control the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Although White voters outnumber African-Americans, it has been proven time and again that African-American voters can tilt the outcome of any close election. Will Blacks turn out in significant numbers? That is a question being debated as hotly as which party will emerge victorious after the ballots are counted. This is the first of a four-part special NorthStar Investigative Report examining Black voter attitudes and what's at stake on Election Day.

#### The Editors

Washington..... A. Peter Bailey is an Afrocentric journalist, author, lecturer, college professor and activist. He cares deeply about national and international issues—but not enough to vote. He has voted only once in the past 25 years and that was for Jesse Jackson in 1984.

"Some people feel as though they have to vote. But, I feel as though if there is not a candidate that I feel as though I can support, then I don't vote," says Bailey. In addition to supporting Jackson, he voted for Percy Sutton, a Black civil rights lawyer and Harlem entrepreneur, in the 1977 NY City Mayoral race.

At a time when affirmative action is under assault, President Bush is trying to pack the federal courts with Right-wing ideologues, and outspoken Black politicians are coming under increasing attack. To have a person as politically enlightened as Bailey adamantly refusing to vote presents a serious challenge for political organizers, who already face an uphill struggle to increase Black voter turnout.

More than 8.7 million voting-age Blacks were not registered during the 2000 presidential election. Another 2.4 million were registered but did not go to the polls. On the other hand, 12.9 million cast ballots. This means the number of Blacks who refused to register or go to the polls was almost equal to the number who voted.

Looked at another way, those numbers are even more distressing. Because more than 90% African-Americans

That also was done through legislation, the imposition of poll taxes and requiring Blacks to pass bogus literacy tests. It wasn't long before all Black members of Congress were moved.

It would be more than half-century later, with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, before African-Americans would begin regaining political power. Even so, the landmark civil rights legislation did not adequately protect the voting rights of Blacks. It had been clear for years that special legislation would be needed to make the Black vote meaningful. But the fight over vote empowerment would be played out in Alabama, the state next door.

Selma, Ala., and surrounding Dallas County, had 15,156 Black citizens in 1964, but only 156 were registered to vote. To change that, a march from Selma to the state capital in Montgomery was organized to put pressure on Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act.

Hundreds of demonstrators—Black and White—were injured and some were killed for their efforts. Some of the worst violence took place on what became known as "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965. On that day, Alabama state troopers used batons, water hoses, and police dogs to attack and turn back about 600 protestors, led by John Lewis, the head of the Student non-Violence Coordinating Committee (SNCC), on the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Ultimately, on Sunday, March 21, Lewis, his SNCC colleagues and organizers for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would be joined by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., SCLC president, to successfully lead more than 3,000 protestors across that same bridge and eventually to Montgomery.

Moved by night after night a raw violence on television, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act that summer, and President Johnson signed it into law on Aug. 06, 1965. That created a political base for African-Americans across the South. As a direct result of the law, for example, voter registration in Mississippi increased from 6.7% of eligible Black voters in March 1965 to 74.2% in November 1988.

Not surprisingly, the number of Black elected officials 1871, Lt. Gov. P.B.S. Pinchback served 43 days as America's first Black governor when the White governor, Henry Warmoth, was impeached. In all, 22 blacks were elected to Congress between 1870 and 1901.

However, a series of calculated actions—the "Plessy v. Ferguson" Supreme Court decision of 1896 upholding segregation, the Compromise of 1877 that essentially empowered the South to subordinate Blacks and the rise of the Klu Klux Klan—were signals to Southern legislatures that they could eviscerate Black political power.

usually vote for the Democratic nominee for president, had those who were registered and stayed home taken a different tact or those eligible to vote had actually registered and voted, Al Gore would be president today instead of George W. Bush.

To many organizers, that's reason enough to vote. However, that argument has not changed the minds of people like Bailey, who steadfastly defends his decision to stay home. "A conscious non-vote is a political act," says Bailey. "It is not an act of ignorance. It is not an act of apathy. It is a conscious decision that the system has not provided me with the type of people that I believe are going to make the changes that I believe are necessary in order for everything to be best done for myself, my family, and my people."

Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York and chairman of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, shares Bailey's view that Black people would be best served by the creation of an independent Black political party.

Until then, however, he does not believe that Blacks should sit it out on election day.

"It's a bad idea," he says. "What we really need is for Black folks to vote. What has happened is because too many Black people don't see a relationship between their vote and any change in their lives; a lot of people have been turned off by the process. But, on the other hand, if we don't vote, we yield the field to the other side. We yield the field particularly to the Right-wing conservative."

The idea that some African-Americans are even debating the need to vote comes as a surprise to many, considering all it took to get access to the ballot. The Fourteenth Amendment was ratified by Congress in 1868, giving former slaves full citizenship, and the Fifteenth Amendment was ratified in 1870, guaranteeing the freedom to vote regardless of one's race. As a result, Black political power exploded during this period.

In 1868, Blanche Kelso was elected to the US Senate from Mississippi and became the first Black senator to serve a complete six-year term. In across the country increased from about 300 in 1965 to 9,040 in 2000. Still, that's only 1.8% of all election officials. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who dropped out of the Chicago Theological Seminary to participate in Selma, has little patience for those who don't vote.

"It's like going to a store to get groceries and you come back home with an empty basket because you couldn't get one particular kind of vegetable or piece of meat," he explains. "There's much more involved in the political process than a person or an idea."



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## WARRIOR QUEEN: QUEEN NZINGHA OF ANGOLA

Brilliant military strategist, charismatic leader, and a true Warrior Queen, all of these terms aptly describe the remarkable character of Queen Nzingha of Angola. Nzingha's rise to power occurred during the early 17th century in the kingdom of Ndongo, which is now the present day country of Angola, in South West Africa. She lived during a period when the Atlantic slave trade was steadily growing, a time marked by the increased intensity of slave trading and consolidation of power by the Portuguese in her region. Portugal had been a presence in Angola since the early 16th century. Starting with the forts they built along the coastline, the Portuguese gradually expanded their territory, as well as their control of the slave trade. They were able to do so by forming alliances with various local chiefs who supplied them with slaves in exchange for guns and other material items. One of these slave-trading chiefs was the King of Ndongo himself, Nzingha's own brother. Nzingha had strongly opposed her brother's participation in the slave trade. However, it was not until the Portuguese traders began to make heavier demands on the King for slaves, thereby reducing his own profit from the trade, that he decided to resist and declare war. The war between the Portuguese, and the Ndongo people lasted for several years until the Portuguese decided that a peace conference would be held for both sides to negotiate an end to the war. It was at this conference

that Nzingha would display her immense pride, determination, and iron will, traits that the Portuguese would be forced to reckon with for the next thirty years. The conference was held in the city of Luanda in 1622. Nzingha, though not yet Queen, was the most ablest and uncompromising member of the royal delegate sent to represent the King. Despite the alleged purpose of the conference, to negotiate peace, the racist attitudes of the Portuguese were in full display. The governor only provided chairs in the conference room for himself and his councilors, in an attempt to force the future Queen to stand humbly before his presence. Nzingha and her people were unfazed by the governor's arrogance. Her attendants promptly rolled out the royal carpet for Nzingha, and then one of them went down on all fours and formed himself into a human throne for her to sit on. It was a move that spoke volumes not only about the fierce, and unbreakable spirit that she possessed, but also about the tremendous respect and devotion that her people had for her. In 1623, after the death of her brother, Nzingha became the Queen of Ndongo. The Portuguese had not respected the peace treaty signed at Luanda the year before, as they had continued their slave trading operations in Ndongo. Her first major move as Queen was to deliver an ultimatum to the Portuguese, demanding that they respect the terms of the treaty or else war would be declared. The Portuguese ig-

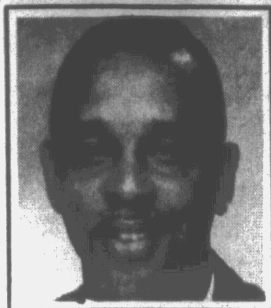
nored her warning and so in that same year Nzingha went to war with them and commanded a series of devastating strikes, defeating them in many battles. Nzingha was an incredibly strong and charismatic woman. She was dearly loved by the people of Ndongo, able to rally masses of them to listen to her messages. A brave general, she was known to personally lead her troops into battle, and she forbade her subjects to call her "Queen" preferring the masculine title of King. Yet her aggressive traits were balanced by her charming and engaging personality, which she used to her own advantages when forming alliances with other kingdoms. So clever was the Queen that she was able to take advantage of the Dutch arrival in Angola and form an alliance with them against the Portuguese. Certainly, the Dutch were not there as liberators of the Africans, they were merely competing against Portugal for a greater share of the slave trade. Still, Nzingha was wise enough to side with the foreigners to suit her own needs, a tactic she would use later on in her life by pretending to adopt Christianity. One of Nzingha's greatest acts as Queen occurred in 1624 when she declared all territory over which she had control to be Free Country. All slaves and reaching it from any region were forever free. This was to have a monumental impact, as thousands of slaves deserted Portuguese held areas to head for Nzingha's land, strengthening her armies in the process. Nzingha was perhaps the first

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# From The Pastor's Desk



God's name that we find out the real person He is. God's name provides us with a self-revelation of who our Heavenly Father is. Two suggestions can be made regarding God's names:

1. God wants us to know Him through His names to the degree He is willing to reveal Himself to us
2. God wants us to know Him through His names to the degree we are willing to experience Him. Even as we sit and think about all of who He is, many times we end up defining Him based on what He is or has done. God has promised us that we can invoke His power by calling on His name.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (John 14:13)

God's Name is powerful in praise and prayer. Let us all agree that there is power in His name. Therefore, all our prayers and praise ought to be done in His name.

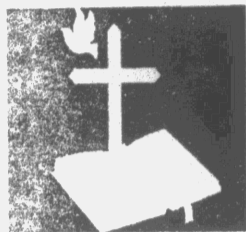
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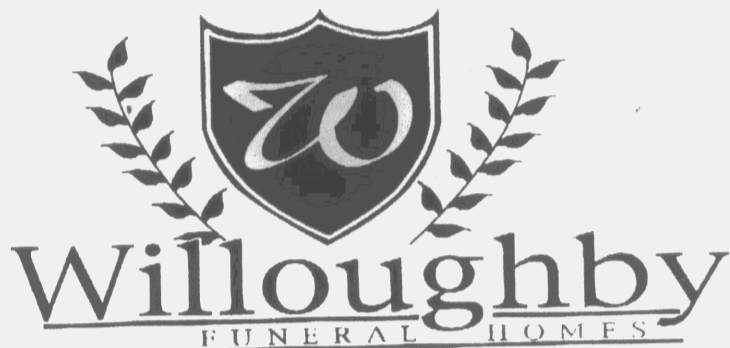
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In the old days, and still today, there is a notion that there is something in a name. I can remember being asked on a number of occasions, "Who are your people?" Value was placed on maintaining the dignity of the family name and our parents wanted to make sure the activities we did didn't destroy something that took several generations to build. So it is at an even higher level with the name(s) of God. Mighty is the name of God (Jer.10:6). It is in



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# From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

Don't Expect Anything For Free

Think of parenting as a serious responsibility. Keep trying.

1. Keep a positive attitude.
2. Select friends you can be proud of.
3. Keep learning.
4. Accept your spouse as an equal and a friend.
5. Create families to last.
6. Show your children that hard work is necessary.
7. Let go of painful memories.
8. Don't be a quitter.
9. Remember that you are not alone.
10. Honor the family, state, nation and race to which you belong.
11. When you make your choices, think of the consequences.

From: Living a Life That Matters, by...Harold S. Kushner

Erich Fromm wrote a little book entitled, "The Art of Living," which he distinguished between what he called "mother love" and "father love" (emphasizing that people of either gender are capable of both kinds of love.)  
 Mother love says: You are bone and flesh of my flesh, and I will always love you no matter what. Nothing you ever do or fail to do will make me stop loving you.  
 Father love says: I will love you if you earn my love and respect, if you get good grades, if you make the teams, if you get into a good college, and earn a good salary.

**MESSAGE:**  
 People need to hear the message that they are good.

**MISTAKES:**  
 How do most of us handle our mistakes? We blame others; we blame our upbringing, or rationalize what we did, in an effort to reassure ourselves of our essential goodness.

#2: CHILDREN'S HEALTH

The physical milestones of puberty are wide-ranging, and widely variable in terms of when they occur. You can add a year to either end of the ranges below and still be within the normal band.

**GIRLS:**

1. Body odor starts anywhere from age 8 through ten. Breasts: Buds appear from about age 9 to 12; breasts mature an average of four to five years later.
2. Pubic Hair: Sparse hair appears from age 8 to 12; the typical female "triangle" is visible a year or two later.
3. First Period: Occurs, on average, at age 12; though depending on the female can occur from age 10 to 15.
4. Acne: Zits pop up beginning around age 11.
5. Height: Girls gain three to four inches starting around 11 or 12.

**BOYS:**

1. Body odor starts around age 8 or 9.
2. Testicle Enlargement: Starts between age 9 or 10, followed by a year or two later by penis enlargement.
3. Pubic Hair: Light, downy hair appears around age 11; more abundant curly hair grows in two to three years later, around the time facial hair appears.
4. Acne: By age 11, it's a common complaint.
5. Ejaculation/Wet Dreams: These begin around age 12 to 14. Semen isn't thought to be fertile until a year or so later.
6. Changing Voice: The warbles start between age 13 and 15.

#3: SEVEN PEARLS FOR DAILY POSITIVE PRAYER:

**WORRY:** God is within me, around me, and protecting me, so I will let go of the fear that shuts out His guiding Light and makes me stumble into ditches of error and despair. Worry only changes one thing... ME. I am easily and divinely guided to solve my challenges.

**FINANCES:** My good comes from expected and unexpected channels. I have more money coming in than going out. I am a responsible and wise money manager. I work, save, invest and tithe to keep money circulating to me and others. All my financial needs are met and I pay all my debts because I know that GOD is MY source.

**LOVE:** I am a loving and forgiving person. Therefore, I attract loving and supportive relationships. I experience love wherever I go. The people I am seeking are also seeking me. I am never alone.

**CAREER:** My skills, talents and actions create the right employment and income for me. My work is challenging and fulfilling. I am created to be successful. My service creates value and a great income to meet my financial needs. I work with and for wonderful people who appreciate my work.

**HEALTH:** I see my body healthy, active and beautiful. Wellness is my priority because I know it is a precious temple where the Spirit of God resides. Therefore, I treat it with respect, healthy foods, water exercise and loving thoughts. I take good care of my body. It is the only one I have.

**ATTITUDE:** I choose my thoughts with care. I am in the process of positive change. I know that I will get in life whatever I love, fear or expect. I keep my thoughts focused on good. I am grateful for my blessings. My life is getting better and better every day. I am excited about being in control of my life. Today is a great day...I will make it so.

**LOVED ONES:** Those I love are surrounded by God's presence, protection, and supply. I release any anxiety about their well-being. I will not blame, criticize or condemn. I say to them, "Your way may not be my way, but I trust the Spirit of God in you to show you the way to your highest good."

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITY HYMN ?**

Your favority hymn.....

- The Dentist's hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns..."
- The Weatherman's hymn:

- "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings..."
- The Contractor's hymn: "The Church's One Foundation..."
- The Tailor's hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy..."
- The Golfer's hymn: "There is A Green Hill Far Away..."
- The Politician's hymn: "Standing on the Promises..."
- The Optometrist's hymn: "Open my Eyes That I May See..."
- The IRS Agent's hymn: "I Surrender All..."
- The Gossip's hymn: "Pass It On..."
- The Electrician's hymn: "Send Out Thy Light..."
- The Shopper's hymn: "Sweet By and By..."

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- 95 mph..... Lord, I'm Coming Home
- Over 100 mph..... Precious Memories

**WARRIOR QUEEN: continued from front page**


Black Nationalist. By opening her territory to anyone escaping slavery, she transcended all the various ethnic and cultural differences of the people in the Angolan region. She saw that the common enemy was the Portuguese, who had been the masterminds of the slave trade and its devastating effect on her people for over one hundred years. Nzingha was well aware that the Portuguese used Black soldiers to fight their wars for them, and so she undertook a carefully organized attempt to infiltrate and destroy this use of Black soldiers by Europeans. She had several groups of her men wander back into Portuguese territory, and enlist in military service. Once her agents were established, they were able to convert whole companies of men to rebel against the Portuguese and join the cause of the Queen, taking with them the much needed guns and ammunition. The Portuguese were outraged at this seemingly unbeatable Black Queen who constantly thwarted their efforts to conquer all of Angola. Their tactics of divide and conquer were ineffective against her because there was so much

patriotism and fanatical devotion towards her. They even tried to discredit Nzingha by formally declaring that she was the illegitimate ruler of Angola, and by "appointing" their own ruler King Phillip. In 1626, Nzingha's stronghold in the city of Cuanza was captured, and she was forced to retreat from her country. Her time away seemingly only made her stronger, for in 1627 she returned to her country at the head of a strong army and recaptured Cuanza, sending the puppet King Philip fleeing for his life. During her exile, Nzingha had become the Queen of the country of Matamba as well, and so she returned as the empress of two nations, more determined than ever to liberate her people. Despite several losses, including the capture and beheading of her sister by the hands of the Portuguese, Nzingha's spirit was never broken. She valiantly fought and held off the Portuguese control of Angola for over thirty years. Finally in 1659, Nzingha, now more than seventy-five years old and perhaps weary from the long years of struggle, signed a peace treaty with the

Portuguese. The remaining years of her life were spent trying to reconstruct her nations, seriously depleted by all the years of conflict. She devoted her efforts to re-settling former slaves, and developing an economy of free men and women that could succeed without the slave trade. Nzingha passed away in 1663 at the age of eighty. Sadly, the massive expansion of the Portuguese slave trade and eventual conquest of Angola followed her death, as none of her successors possessed her indomitable spirit. Though she did not succeed in expelling the Portuguese from her country, her historical legacy is of great importance as she awakened the spirit of nationalism and Black unity among her people in resistance to European domination. Her legend would serve as an inspiration to the later resistance and anti-colonial movements that would occur throughout the West-Central African regions. To this day, her memory lives on among the oral traditions of the Angolan people who have not forgotten their Great Warrior



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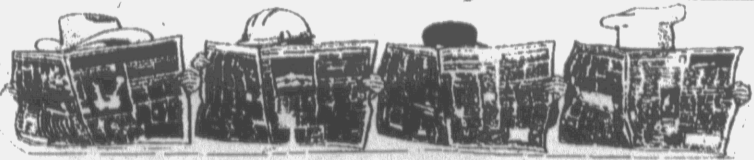
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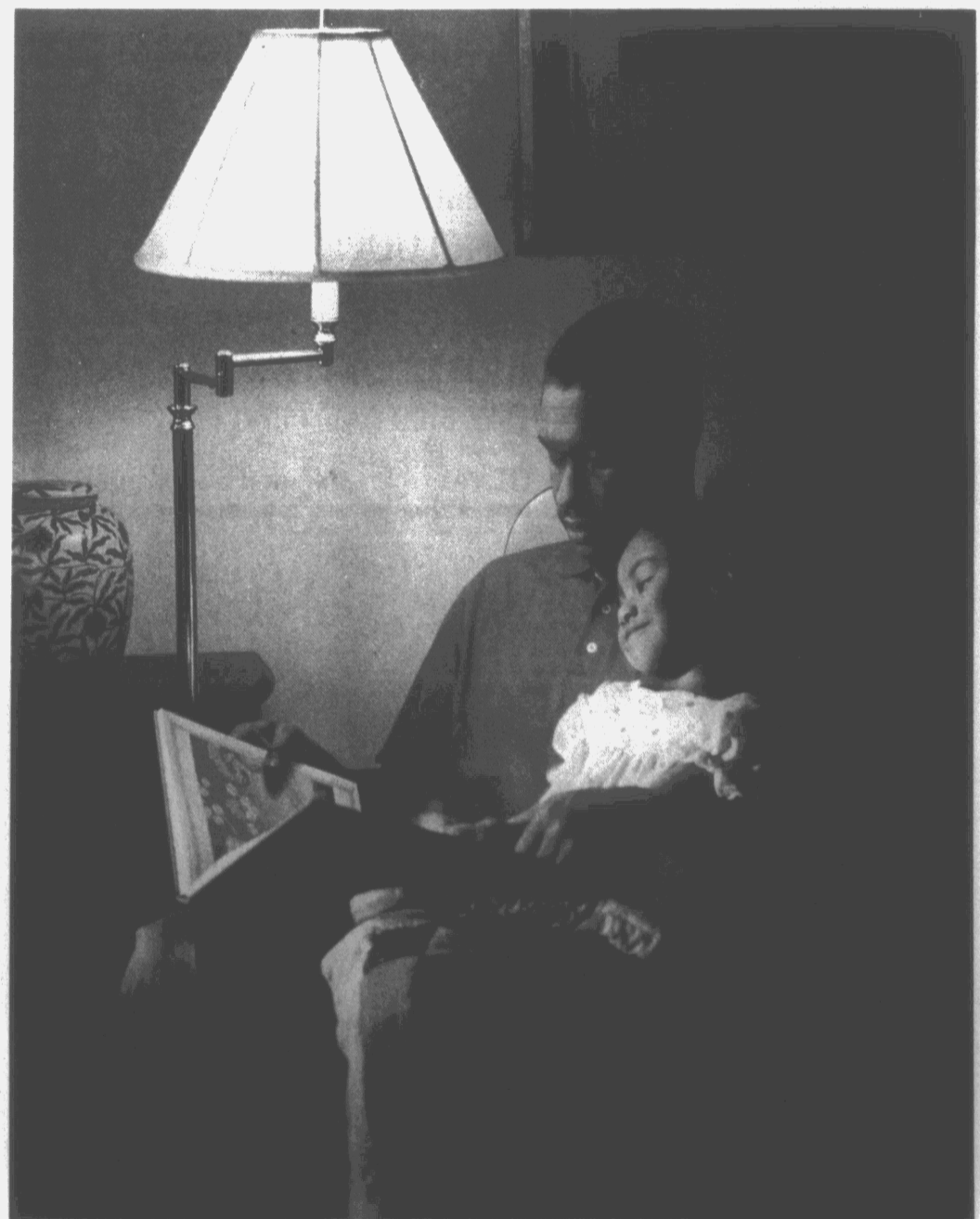
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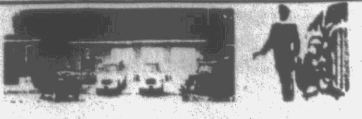
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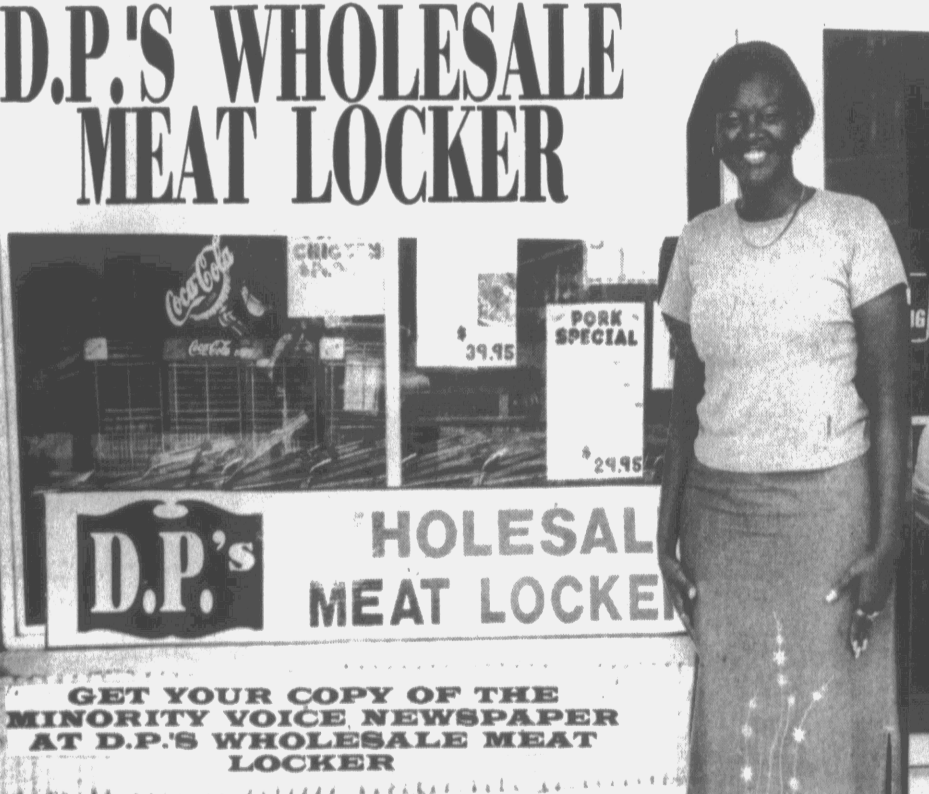


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## Two Dead, Seven Hurt in Oklahoma Shooting Rampage

Sunday, October 27, 2002

SALLISAW, Okla. — With his grandfather's rifle in hand, 18-year-old Daniel Fears is believed to have gone on a shooting spree that killed two and wounded seven in the rolling hills of eastern Oklahoma. Officials are still trying to figure out what set the quiet high school senior off, but police believe

Fears became angry Saturday evening when a neighbor scolded him for driving recklessly in his middle class neighborhood. The shooting in rural eastern Oklahoma mirrors the sniper attacks that held the Washington area in terror for nearly a month, and many in Sallisaw are wondering if Fears was mimicking the sniper's attacks. "I think it's too early to say," said Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Spokeswoman Kym Koch. "It's way too early to say it's a copy cat." Community members of the Sallisaw, a town with a popula-

tion of about 8,000 near the Oklahoma-Arkansas border, are still searching for answers the morning after the shooting. Fears, has been described as a polite and good student who worked part-time at Wal-Mart and always wore black. "I think it's a copy cat thing," said Camellia Conley, an employee at a Sallisaw hotel. "He's been a rebel without a cause. He was always a loner, and always wore a black trench coat." Fears is being held in a Sequoyah County jail and faces two charges of murder. Police believe Fears was angered

by a neighbor's complaint and broke into his grandfather's home, stole a rifle and then shot and killed a neighbor who came over to Fears' home to talk to him about his driving. Neighbor Patsy Wells and her husband Elvie, knocked on the door then turned to walk away when no one answered. Officials said the couple was shot at as they turned to walk away. Patsy Wells died and her husband was critically wounded, pleading at the scene for paramedics to help his wife. Police say Fears then focused on a neighbor and his 2-year-old

daughter who were leaving their house on the corner. Greg Caughman and his daughter both suffered pellet wounds and were taken to a nearby hospital. They are expected to be released Sunday. Fears then headed east in his white pickup truck on U.S. 64, along the way killing a Fort Smith, Ark., woman at a car dealership who was shopping for a new truck for her son. A salesman, who dove between a row of cars, was also shot twice, Koch said. Fears continued shooting his rifle as he drove down the road,

hitting a motorist and wounding two other people who were shopping at a statuary store along the highway. The rampage ended when Fears lost control of his truck near a police roadblock. As police cars surrounded him, he threw out the his rifle and surrendered without incident, Koch said.



Joy R. Brown

### Sow A Seed

"Making It Happen For Your Leader"

I would like to admonish the men and women of God today who serve their leaders faithfully. As I was meditating on the things of God, the Holy Spirit began to minister to me. He said, "Joy, if you make IT happen for your leader, God will make IT happen for you."

Those words illuminated in my spirit to the point that I asked the Holy Spirit, "What do you mean if I make it happen for my leader, God will make IT happen for me?" The answer that I received truly opened my eyes to the importance of serving the leader.

The Holy Spirit allowed me to know that you can be no greater than the set man or woman that God has placed over your life... A Pastor after God's own Heart. If you want to be great in God, learn how to have the heart of a servant. What is a servant? In my own terminology, a servant is one who sacrifices his/her time to make sure that everything is in place and on time for their leader.

You may wonder, "How does this apply to me?" So many times we have dreams and visions that we esteem higher than the set vision of your church or ministry. Yes, we all have dreams and goals that we seek to fulfill. Many times we have adopted the belief that once I have fulfilled my goals, my dreams, and my visions, I will then seek to fulfill that of my local assembly. This is not the divine order of God.

We as servants, must have the leader's vision fulfilled before we can see the fulfillment of our own personal goals. Once you have the spirit of your leader, which simply means the vision of your leader, you will immediately seek to find your place or position. Our focus should be directed towards avenues of how I can assist my leader in fulfilling or bringing the vision to fruition.

Once your leader has received the vision for the house from God, the leader then writes the vision upon the tables of your heart. You are then held accountable for the vision. After you have read the vision and sought God for your role, began to run with it. Begin to run with the vision of the man or woman of God. Once you begin to see it happening for your leader, because you are connected to your leader, things will begin to happen for you.

Decide to dedicate your time and energy towards fulfilling your leader's vision. Become a replica of Naomi and Ruth. Wherever Naomi went, Ruth followed. Ruth knew the importance of servitude and commitment. Because she dared to stay connected with the woman of God; she was blessed with Boaz. Boaz can represent that dream or that vision that God has deposited into your spirit. As you become obedient and submissive to the will of God and to your leader: the blessings of God shall overtake you. Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." Begin to give and sow into your Pastor abundantly and watch for the increases that shall take place in your life.

Motto:

If you make it happen for your leader, God will make it happen for you.

J. Renee Brown  
October 17, 2002

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This year, Weekly Reader (the "my" has been phased out) celebrates its 100th anniversary. The old familiar classroom publication which has about 7 million subscribers and traces its roots back to 1902 when news paperman Charles Palmer Davis joined the school board in Agawam, Massachusetts and decided to start a newspaper to bring current events into the classroom. Over the past century, the paper has covered virtually all major national and international events and stories.

It targets pre-kindergarten through sixth-graders, but its newer offshoot, Teen Newsweek, Newsweek is designed for middle-school students.

Weekly Reader has reached and shaped children who went

on to help shape the world. To help celebrate its centennial, several famous persons were asked to give testimonials on its impact on them as children. One responded, "It kept us focused on timely issues and helped to shape our knowledge and attitude toward important aspects of life." Another commented, "It provided me with a 'window to the world.'" Still another remarked that the Weekly Reader was the "high point of the week."

Weekly Reader's mission has always been to bring what's happening new into the classroom in a form that kids can understand and teachers can use to reinforce the curriculum.

*From: The Los Angeles Times*



## THIS TUESDAY

**WE NEED TO ELECT  
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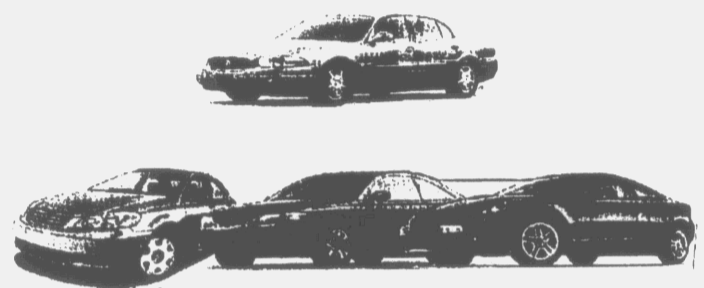
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