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State of The Black Community

Urban Perspective: Black Leadership Development's Checkered Past

By Larry Aubry, Los Angeles Sentinel

Author Adolph Reed, Jr.'s book *The Jug and its Contents: A Perspective on Black Political Development* raises perennially provocative questions about black leadership and the devolving state of the "black community." Reed also offers a few suggestions for changing dysfunctional historical leadership imperatives.

Adolph Reed Jr.'s basic argument is that the idea that there is a cohesive black collectivity or identity is a myth. He attempts to show why this myth was necessary after the Civil War (ending the era of Jim Crow) in order to present a semblance of unity.

Black leadership, including the Dubois' Talented Tenth, could then claim to represent this "unified" community. It was the black leadership class that defined the specific interests of the "black community."

Blacks were treated by others as an undifferentiated whole with no divisions or differences of opinions on significant issues. Working within the narrow opportunities provided by the segregation era, black leaders became "middle-men" (brokers) between blacks and the white power structure.

Of course, there were problems with this arrangement. These included the fact that many black leaders were "putative" leaders (supposed leaders). They named themselves leaders or were assumed to be so by the white community.

Since blacks were presumed to speak with one voice no one asked who benefited from the activities of this putative leadership. (This phenomenon continues today). In fact, most of the benefits were going to the bourgeois (middle-class) sectors from which the leaders came.

Any effort to raise questions or to articulate a different point of view from that of the black leadership elite was attacked as "creating disunity." Those who questioned the alleged collective voice among blacks were defined as "inauthentic." Reed concludes that the myth of a single black collectivity is a social construction of reality put together from cultural fragments and remnants of black adaptations from the era of slavery to the early period of Jim Crow.

These two myths -- that blacks constitute a single collective identity and the myth of black authenticity -- have prevented the development of a

differentiated politics -- a politics based on real differences and interests within the black community.

Reed attacks Black Power ideology as abstract, idealistic and not connected to the real politics of black people because it dismissed the reality of the politics blacks practiced and replaced it with a utopian scheme. The emphasis on self-help is conservative and bourgeois because self-help ideologies do not challenge the existing social system and also place the burden for change on the very victims of the system.

Reed suggests it is ironic that what is needed is a form of "interest group liberalism" in what passes for the "unified black community." Interest group liberalism assumes that there are divergent and often conflicting interests within any large group. The denial of these differences has allowed self-proclaimed leaders, often made by the media to define the interests of blacks and to be unchallenged in doing so.

A differentiated black collectivity will lead to coalitions with other collectivities; to leadership that is accountable to specific black constituencies; to real democracy within what is called the black community. Blacks are as diverse as everyone else and the denial of that simple fact has benefited mostly the black bourgeoisie and its benefactors outside of the "black community."

The author links developments in the capitalistic mode of production and the homogenizing effects of mass culture to both the integrationist focus of the civil rights movement and to the black power movement.

Essentially, he argues, that both the integrationist phase of the movement and black power served the interests of capitalism. Moreover, both integration and black power have aided in the reconstitution of domination, not only of blacks, but also over all of society.

Reed concludes there is no real opposition to the administrative apparatus (government and corporations) that serve capitalism. This is due, in part, to the failure of the opposition and not merely to systemic repression.

Since the early 1970s, the black movement has been pacified and depoliticized so that true emancipation seems impossible to some. Racial segregation was dismantled, but black employment, median income, availability of housing and life expectancy did not improve from 1964 through the early 1990s. The middle-class tends to generalize its gains as if they were the gains of the black community because

its interests and power rests on a monolithic conception of black life.

Egalitarianism and social rationality appealed to the civil rights movement and to capitalism. It was egalitarianism that raised no questions about capitalism. It stressed the immorality of segregation and how segregation was an obstacle to the market and to economic progress.

The end of segregation opened up avenues for new forms of domination over blacks. In addition, the radical faction of the black movement did not critique the alliance of the black elite with corporate liberalism. The black power movement's assumption that there was a black political interest represented by community leaders strengthened those leaders -- the black elite.

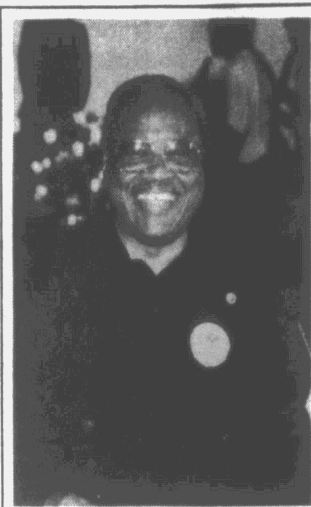
The decline of serious black opposition to the status quo was due in part to an ideology that fit into mainstream American ideology. The black opposition was integrated into the system in a way that strengthened the system rather than challenged it.

A new mode of domination developed that domesticated negativity by creating places where these ideas could be expressed (ethnic studies programs, cultural centers, etc.). In this way, opposition was pacified. Reed cites these groups as examples of "artificial negativity," by which he means groups that are critical but in ways that fail to challenge the system. For example the mass culture industry turned the black movement into a media event complete with props. Opposition became a spectacle.

Reed, however, does not think opposition is impossible. He suggests that buying off groups only works as long as the number of such groups is limited. But more and more, "status groups" -- women, handicapped, other minorities -- are competing for shrinking opportunities valuable in the administrative / government distribution privilege.

Among Reed's broad suggestion for remedying the situation are: Break the black elite's control over ideas in the black community; critique the programs of the black elite in order to "... transcend the official black posture of quiet acceptance of any initiative that includes affirmative action component; recognize diverse interests in the black community.

Political liberalism is the first step to break the black elite's monolithic control. There is a need for a critical, democratic black political culture.



On Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Frank W. Ballance, Jr. was elected to the United States Congress from the 1st Congressional District of North Carolina succeeding Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton. On Thursday, November 14, 2002, Ballance once again followed Congresswoman Clayton by being elected President of the Democratic Freshman Class of the 108th Congress. The election took place during the 10-day New Member Orientation Session held in Washington, D.C. Also during this time, each political party selected its Leadership Team for the 108th Congress. Ballance was quoted as saying, "I am honored that my colleagues in this Freshman Class had enough confidence in me to elect me President. I am certain that my 18 years of legislative experience and my 6 years of service as Deputy President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate were influential in my selection. I look forward to working closely with the Democratic Leadership."

The New Member Orientation for the 108th Congress will continue through November 21, 2002. Congressman Elect Frank W. Ballance, Jr. will take the Oath of Office in a ceremony to be held on January 7, 2003 at the United States Capital.



"GETTING THE WORD OUT ON VOTING..." Pictured above is Bishop Randy Royal, Bishop Ralph Love, Sr., Ralph Love, Jr., Congresswoman Eva Clayton, Brother Edward Muhammad, and Rev. Howard Parker were all out to encourage people to go and exercise their right to vote.

JUSTICE OR LYNCHING

Justice or Lynching?
By LaWanda Johnson,
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The punishment has been decided in a trial that has yet to begin as state, local and federal governments rush to determine which has the jurisdiction, capability and certainty of putting alleged snipers John Allen Muhammad 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, to death.

As pressure mounts to ensure the deed, state officials wrangle over death penalty laws, laws against putting juveniles to death and moratoriums to avoid delaying the process.

On Oct. 29, Virginia, a state that can guarantee execution for both Muhammad and Malvo, filed capital murder charges against the suspects when prosecutors grew fearful that Maryland couldn't. The desperate rush for death penalties is unnerving critics of capital punishment, who fear the sniper case is beginning to resemble a "hanging."

"Swift justice is justice in this case," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in a press conference announcing federal charges filed against Muhammad that carry the death penalty. The feds join Maryland, Alabama and Virginia in a free-for-all to prosecute the alleged snipers.

"I think it's very disturbing that they are talking about the punishment before the facts are known, especially the federal government," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C. "They have a very stringent policy and procedures about this ... to see they have jumped the process and said the death penalty should be used is unsettling."

"The death penalty is reserved for the worst of the worst," said Prince William Commonwealth's Attorney

Paul B. Ebert. "This may be the most heinous case that I've ever prosecuted. If someone deserves to receive the maximum punishment available, these folks appear to be them." Sentiments that resemble Ebert's emanate throughout the jurisdictions hoping to prosecute the alleged sniper killers who randomly killed 10 and wounded three during a reign of terror that lasted for three weeks in the Washington area.

"Why don't we just execute them without a trial?" asked David Elliott, communications director for the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. "This is 'Old West' mentality when we had lynchings without a trial." Elliott maintains that there is just too much information that is unknown to prosecute.

"We have not established guilt, mitigating circumstances," said Elliott. "Muhammad was a Gulf War vet with an honorable discharge. He was not known to be violent."

Despite the unknowns, Virginia authorities believe they can ensure the death penalty. Prosecutors in Spotsylvania, Hanover and Prince William counties, where the crimes were committed, have explored a new Virginia law that will guarantee the death penalty. The new law, triggered by the 9-11 terrorist attacks, makes the "triggerman rule" obsolete under certain circumstances, allowing prosecution of suspects without proof of who fired fatal shots. This new anti-terrorism law only requires proof that Muhammad and Malvo carried out the crimes to intimidate the

public or influence the government.

"What makes it terrorism is the extortion, the widespread nature of it and the fact that people were put in terrible fear," said Prince William Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney James A. Willett. "With the new statute, there won't be a need to show

which one was the triggerman. We'll all be walking on new ground."

Opponents believe the rush to ensure execution is politically and racially motivated, a mixture that may prove deadly for the two defendants.

"Politics get in the way," said Elliott, "especially when it involves people of color." Elliott said he was not surprised at the federal government's involvement.

"We were not surprised, but we were disappointed," he said. "No one loves the death penalty more than Attorney General [John] Ashcroft."

Virginia prosecutors are optimistic about the outcome of a trial held in their jurisdiction. Another factor that makes prosecution in Virginia more appealing is the fact that neither Maryland nor federal law permits the execution of juveniles. But prosecutors seem undaunted by Malvo's age.

"Children are not miniature adults," said Elliott. "They don't act like adults and they don't think like adults." Published reports describe Malvo as so controlled by Muhammad that he would not even eat a sandwich unless he had his approval.

"It is unseemly for them to be searching around for a state where it is OK for them to execute children," said Dr. William Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA. "That is not the behavior of a civilized country."

The United States and Iran are the only two countries that continue to execute juveniles.

"They are thinking how quickly they can execute these people so that it will just go away," said Dieter. "That is not what the people want. They want to know how these things can be prevented in the future. What they are saying is, basically, let's have a hanging here. The whole environment is being prejudiced."



M'VOICE ARCHIVES.... Pictured above is NC Lobbyist Brother Carter, former mayor of Greenville Ed Carter, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jr., Attorney Toby Fitch, and Mrs. Barbara Fenner. (Staff Photo)

OPINION

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EDITORIALS

One 'whorehouse' down
with several more still to go

The District Attorney General's Office, the Memphis Police Department, the Tennessee Department of Revenue and the West Tennessee Drug Task Force are to be commended on their well-coordinated and precision-type operation this week in the padlocking of a "whorehouse" at 1585 Elvis Priestly Blvd. operating under the business name of Casey's Motel.

This and at least seven other similar "moderately priced" motels along the S. Bellevue/Elvis Presley corridor have operated in blatant violation of the law and disregard for the community that surrounds them for years.

Prostitutes of all ethnic persuasions ply their wares from these motels almost around the clock in full view of citizens including children attending the nearby (Green P.) Hamilton elementary, middle and high schools. A total of 33 arrests for prostitution have been made this year, at Casey's motel alone and residents of the area say at least a thousand could be made if the law was rigidly enforced.

On last Tuesday night, law enforcement officers also arrested five people for drug

possession at the motel. Wherever there is prostitution there are illegal drugs and wherever there are illegal drugs there is a high instance of property crimes. Such has been the case in the residential communities neighboring the "Elvis Presley Whorehouses" as members of the area refer to the motels.

Casey's was closed as a result of law enforcement officials obtaining an injunction from General Sessions Court declaring the motel a nuisance and ordering the closing until at least until a hearing on Nov. 22.

The owners of the motel can seek to go to trial to contest the nuisance declaration or seek a settlement at the Nov. 22 hearing. If the owners lose a trial, all the motel's property would be forfeited to the state. This would be a proper fate for business owners who flaunt the law and disregard the well being of our communities.

We hope similar actions will take place at all the other similar operations along the corridor unless the motel owners realize their type business is unwelcome in the community and clean up there act.

Democrats should "lease"
some political courage

When will the Democratic Party get it? You don't win elections by trying to become a blurred copy of something else. They keep losing race after race because they act too much like Republicans and present no clear alternative to George W. Bush's vision of America. For heaven's sake, they should either buy or lease some guts, even if they have to do so on an installment plan.

No one can admire Democrats for having the courage of their convictions because they have neither courage nor convictions. They are Republican wannabes who can't find their sorry butts with both hands and a map.

Consequently, African-Americans are forced to choose between weak-kneed Democrats who take us for granted and Right-wing Republicans who want to take us for a ride.

True to form, some Democrats are trying to attribute their glaring failure on Election Day to the purported low Black voter turn out. They are doing that even though they have no reliable figures to prove their point.

Melanie Campbell, executive director of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, reminds us that after the 1994 Republican juggernaut, African-Americans were being blamed for the poor Democratic showing. However, Census Bureau figures later showed that Black turnout that year was higher than that of Whites.

Overall, voter participation has steadily declined since the 1960s when nearly 60 percent of registered voters cast ballots. The independent Committee for the Study of the American Electorate estimates that approximately 39 percent of registered voters went to the polls this year.

The real problem is not Black voter turnout but White voter tune-out. In the last two presidential elections, Bill Clinton and Al Gore received a minority of the White vote. In key states, African-Americans were able to supply Democrats with the margin of victory.

But African-Americans can play a pivotal role only if an election is close. When the Democrats get their clocks cleaned, they should look at the lack of White support rather than pointing an accusing finger at African-Americans, who support them more than any other segment of the electorate.

So what do we do?

Oh, it was hell to be a man of color, intellectually and naturally human in the White world. Except for a superman, almost impossible.

— Claude McKay

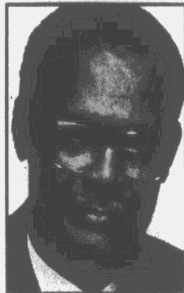
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SORRY PILGRIM...BUT WE GO FROM HALLOWEEN TO CHRISTMAS



COMMENTS

Invasion of Iraq — the
bigger picture

Arthur L. Webb

national security. These regular reminders do not fall on deaf ears and there are plenty of us to internalize the perceived threat, particularly after 9-1-1.

Equally important to Washington and the U.S. oil interests our government represents is the future relationship those oil interests have in "post invasion/military Iraq."

Let us assume, for a moment, that we do in fact invade Iraq, secure a military victory and oust Saddam Hussein, and help replace him with a U.S. oil interest-friendly regime. What then will be the status of our relationship with the oil-producing interests in that company? A question of equal importance, though, is what will be the status of the oil-contract relationships with Iraq now held

by France, England, Russia and Mexico?

Will a U.S. backed "replacement" regime in Iraq honor existing oil contracts held by France, Russia and oil-dependent Mexico — or have deals already been cut between these nation's oil interests to "divvie-up" the spoils of war?

England is as anxious as is the U.S. to get Hussein out given the erosion of the relationship between oil producers in Iraq and the oil giant, British Petroleum over the last several years. Will they be any happier if a U.S. friendly regime comes to power in Iraq.

In short, a new regime in Iraq, backed by the U.S., will relieve international tensions only to the extent that cooperative business relations can be established between these allies whose common interest is Iraqi oil which constitutes as much as 17 percent of the world's supply. The \$1.50 per barrel production cost compared to the \$27-\$30 per barrel spot cost is a tempting spoil to hoard.

The tensions we see now may be minuscule compared to what could evolve over the next several months.

(Webb is a noted and internationally recognized scholar and lecturer on African-American history.)

The Black Electorate —
Missing in action again

Ron Walters

after Jim Jeffords of Vermont switched from the Republican party to the Democrats in the Senate.

Now, Republicans are responsible for producing public policies that confront many of the most complex problems in the country.

Republicans picked up three seats in the House and probably will control the Senate, which was undecided at the time of this writing, since they have 50 Senate seats with three undecided, two of them in Minnesota and Louisiana, where Democrats were expected to win. Much will be said about the influence of George Bush on the outcome, but his influence is not so much vested in him personally, although his ratings were in the 65 percent range in pre-election polling.

The key to his influence was that Bush has become the personification of the fears of Americans about their own personal security, and the election results show that those fears trumped economic insecurity. So, the campaign strategy of Karl Rove, the White House political adviser, to "run on the war" was not followed, since few Republicans actually ran on war and peace issues. Some, like Saxby Chambliss of Georgia did run on homeland security issues, and Bush campaigned on the fact that Democrats did not give him the Homeland Security Bill that he wanted. Nevertheless, the so-called "war against terrorism" was one of the hidden facets of this campaign, driving Americans' fears of their security and clinging to Bush to resolve them.

The other major factor that accounts for the Republican victories was the ab-

sence of the base vote of the Democratic party. Losses by Democrats in Georgia, Maryland, Texas, North Carolina and other states indicate that the Black vote, in particular, just did not turn out. The issues that Blacks, Hispanics and other constituencies that have been more dependent upon government, have cared about were not front and center in the agenda of the Democratic party. And in states such as Maryland, there was some alienation among Blacks that although the Republican candidate for governor picked a Black running mate, Michael Steele, the Democratic candidate, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend did not. Undoubtedly, this depressed the Black turnout in key areas of the state.

In Georgia, there may have been some residual fallout of the Cynthia McKinney race that caused many Black voters to stay home, leading to the defeat of Charles Walker, the Black candidate in the 12th District. So, some local as well as national agenda issues may have been at play.

Finally, there is a confused leadership situation in the Democratic party, so that when one compares the clarity and force of the Republican message with what the Democrat had to offer, voters were not energized by the comparison. The Democrats used many individuals to convey their message, including the popular Bill Clinton. However, there were many Democratic parties with Richard Gephardt running for President, and putting forth a wimpy position on the war with Iraq and "me too" message on cutting taxes with respect to the economy that might have been proposed by a Republican. So voters could not see the clear distinction between the Republican message and leadership and Democrats.

The bright light in all of this is that with the Republicans now in charge, if they mess up the complex issues of war and the economy for which they now have full responsibility, it sets up a good situation in 2004 for Democrats.

(Walters is professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland.)

LETTERS

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The sniper
as any man

Dear Editor;

I'm very ashamed to admit this in public, but I have been guilty of self-hatred. When I first saw the photograph of John Allen Mohammad, a good looking Black man (such as myself) it was hard for me to believe he was the sniper.

I mean, it was just like looking in a mirror and I'm not a cold blooded killer, so why should he be? I guess I could not believe that he could pull off all those killings with one shot.

I guess I was a victim in thinking subconsciously that Blacks still had a tendency for shoddy workmanship. I guess I did not want to believe that a Black man was that good in killing people. I have to confess, if I wanted to hire a sniper, I would not have done business with one of my own people.

I would not have thought about buying Black; finding a good sniper within my own community. I probably would have wanted to find a good White sniper with a good track record. I'm sorry to say.

After all the evidence I have seen in Muhammad's case, I have to admit it seems like the evidence is proving me wrong.

It seems like he has proven again to all of us that Black people are capable of being equal or better in doing anything like the White race.

Robert Oliver

Don't blame
the village

Dear Editor;

The continuing decline of youth character and morality is not surprising or unexpected. The commentary writer is on shaky ground when saying "everybody needs to own some of the responsibility."

The majority of the wayward youth do not have strong, stable families. The family is the major teacher of good morals and good manners, by word and by example.

Too often, kids are exposed to the wrong kind of examples in the weak family structures they inherited. Even when the parents are basically good people, they often fail to protect the children from the negative influences of the surrounding environment.

In other instances, children are not introduced to any religious group that would teach and reinforce moral codes of conduct. Children spend more time at home than they do at school, church, and the other centers a community may provide.

Therefore, it is highly unlikely that the help given by these groups may overcome the deficit created by weak families.

Yes, the school has a social and moral obligation to contribute to the further development of children's growth in social and moral growth. But to say that schools have been glaring failures is wrong.

The primary responsibility for raising children belongs to parents. It may take a village to raise children but the village cannot be blamed for what parents fail to do.

Hollis Chester

The squeaky wheel
gets the grease

Dear Editor;

My apology to all the dedicated, hard-working bus drivers that may have felt slighted by my comments about why Black drivers prefer to work in the Black communities. My comments were based upon my interviews and observations with Black drivers during my tenure as a bus driver.

It is normal for people to want to work as close to home as possible. At the time, most Black drivers lived on the south side of town. One had to travel to work, the distant places had much to offer that made the traveling worthwhile. Passenger courtesy and cooperation made the driving a pleasure.

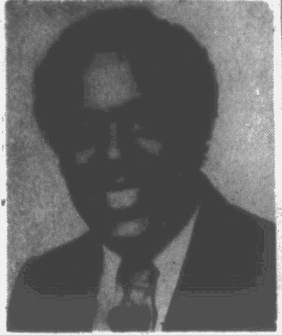
When it was time to bid on routes, I elected to remain on the distant route. I asked my fellow Black drivers why they were leaving to return to South Memphis? Every one of them said it was to get out from under the critical eyes of White passengers.

They did report the drivers that failed to give them the service that they were accustomed to. The Black drivers told me that our people would not report them no matter how they were treated.

Harold Herron

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Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

THE PERILOUS TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE

Greetings:

I was prompted to ask a question in my Bible Study Class and I think I will ask you also. With this entire gospel being taught, what is wrong with our churches? In the book of Amos 8:11 God said Behold the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: Well if this is the cause people then what is causing our ears to be dull of hearing. Let's go to the Scripture to find the answer to the question. In 2 Timothy chapter 3 we find the Apostle Paul explaining to Timothy

about what the last days would be. You see we are living in the end times and we should not think it strange if we see that bad men have crept into our churches. You see Jesus told us in Matt. 13: 47 that the net of the gospel was to enclose good fish and bad fish. You keep the good and cast out the bad. In the 24th Chapter of Matthew we

are told that there would come seducers, but we must not become offended, what we should do is gird ourselves with the Word of God that we may be able to stand in these perilous times. In the most precious metal gold ore there will be dross and in the best wheat crop you will see chaff among it when it lies on the floor. Fellow Christian, You must know that in the last days, in the gospel times, there will come perilous times (perilous means dangerous, unsafe, hazardous, risky, death-defying and terrifying). Though the gospel time is a time of restructuring our lives in many aspect it's also a time of perilous living (not so much on the account of persecution from without but on the account of corruption from within). These would be difficult times, wherein it would be difficult for a man to keep a good conscience. Paul does not say, "Perilous times shall come, for both Jews and Gentiles shall be combined to root out Christianity;" but "perilous times shall come, for such as have the form of godliness shall be corrupt and wicked, and do a great deal of damage to the church." Two schemers within the church may do more hurt to it than two thousand schemers without. Several different things cause perilous times: 1. Sin makes the times perilous. When there is a general corruption of manners, and of the tempers of men% this makes the times dangerous to live in; for it is hard to keep our integrity in the midst of general corruption. 2. The coming of perilous times is an evidence of the truth of scripture-prophecy; if the

event in this respect did not answer to the prophecy, we might be tempted to question the divinity of the Bible. 3. We are all concerned to know Ns, to believe and consider it, that we may not be surprised when we see the times perilous: Church, you may ask what would be the occasion of making these times perilous, or what shall be the marks and signs whereby these times may be known. 1 - Self-love will make the times perilous. Who is it that does not love himself, by this it is meant of an irregular sinful self-love. Men love their carnal selves better than their spiritual selves. Men love to gratify their own lusts, and make provision for them, more than to please God and do their duty. Instead of Christian charity, which takes care for the good of others, they will mind themselves only, and prefer their own gratification before the church's edification. 2. Covetousness. Self-love brings in a long train of sins and mischief. When men are lovers of themselves, no good can be expected from them, as all good may be expected from those who love God with all their heart. When covetousness generally prevails, when every man is for what he can get and for keeping what he has, this

makes men dangerous to one another, and obliges every man to stand on his guard against his neighbor. 3. Pride and vainglory. The times are perilous when men, being proud of themselves, are boasters and blasphemers, boasters before men whom they despise and look upon with scorn, and blasphemers of God and of his name.

When men do not fear God they will not regard man. 4. When children are disobedient to their parents, and break through the obligations which they be under to them, both in duty and gratitude, and frequently in interest, having their dependence upon them and their expectation from them, they make the times perilous; for what wickedness "I those set at who will be abusive to their own parents and rebel against them? 5. Unthankfulness and unholiness make the times perilous, and these two commonly go together. What is the reason that men are unholy and without the fear of God, or that they are unthankful for the mercies of God? Ungratefulness and sin go together; for call a man ungrateful, and you can call him by no worse name. Unthankful and impure, defiled with fleshly lusts, which is an instance of great ungratefulness to that God who has provided so well for the support of the body; we abuse his gifts, if we make them the food and fuel of our lusts. 6. The times are perilous when men will not be held by the bonds either of nature or common honesty, when they are without natural affection, and truce-breakers, there is a natural affection due to all. Wherever

there is the human nature, there should be humanity towards those of the same nature, but especially between relationships. Times are perilous when children are disobedient to their parents and when parents are without natural affection to their children. See what a corruption of nature sin is, how it deprives men even of

that which nature has implanted in them for the support of their own kind, for the natural affection of parents to their children is that which contributes very much to the keeping up of mankind upon the earth. And time who will not be bound by natural affection, no wonder that they will not be bound by the most solemn association and covenants. They are truce-breakers that make no conscience of the engagements they have laid themselves under. 7. The times are perilous when men are false accusers one of another, devils one to another, having no regard to the good name of others, or to the religious obligations of an oath, but flunking themselves at liberty to say and do what they please. Ps. 12:4. S. When men have no government of themselves and their own appetites, they are incontinent, not of their own passions, for they are fierce, when they have no rule over their own spirits, and therefore are like a city that is broken down, and has no walls; they are soon keyed up, upon the least provocation. 9. When that which is good and ought to be honored is generally despised and looked upon with contempt. It is the pride of persecutors that they look with contempt

upon good people, though they are more excellent than their neighbors. 10. When men are generally unfaithful headstrong, and proud, the times are perilous when men are traitors, heady, high-minded Our Savior has foretold that the brother shall betray the brother to death and the father the child (Mt. 10:21), and those are the

worst sort of traitors: those who delivered up their Bibles to persecutors were called traitors, for they betrayed the trust committed to them. When men are huffy and puffed up, behaving scornfully to all about them, and when this temper generally prevails, then the times are perilous. 11. When men are generally lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. When there are more experts than true Christians, then the times are bad indeed. God is to be loved above all. That is a carnal mind that is against Him and is full of enmity, which prefers any thing before him, especially such a filthy thing as carnal pleasure is. 12. When, notwithstanding all this, they have the form of godliness, are called by the Christian name, baptized into the Christian faith, and make a show of religion; but how reasonable so ever their form of godliness is, they deny the power of it. When they take upon them the form which should and would bring along with it the power thereof, they will put asunder what God has joined together: they will assume the form of godliness, to take away their reproach; but they will not submit to the power of it, to take away their sin. Men may be very bad and wicked under a profession of religion; they may be lovers of themselves, etc., yet have a form of godliness. A form of godliness is a very different thing from the power of it; men may have the one and be wholly destitute of the other: yet they deny it, at least practically in their lives. From such good Christians must withdraw themselves.

Sow A Seed



Sow A Seed

Phil. 1:6

"Being confident of this very thing, that HE which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

As I reminiscence on the sayings of my mother, I will always remember the words that she sowed repetitiously into my spirit as a child. My mother purchased a light-blue T-shirt for me with these words accented in glitter, "Winners Never Quit and quitters never win."

As I was thinking about this saying, the Holy Spirit illuminated the words of Paul that were inspired by the Holy Spirit in Phil. 1:6. As I began to read this familiar passage of scripture, I began to hear the spirit of Paul as he began to speak to me. Paul

was allowing me to know that there are many things that I may not be confident in or assured of or rooted and grounded in. But Paul made a powerful point, it's not how much I know but it is the content of what I know. Paul said, "Being confident (assured of knowing) this very thing, that He (God) which has begun, which has started this good work in you:

I want to pause for a moment and encourage your hearts. Think about the things in life that you have started and never completed. Think about the things in life that you have started and completed. Begin to ponder over the outcome of both feelings that were experienced. When you started something and never completed it, you felt useless and worthless. You were beginning to believe the lies of the devil; once you have failed, you will always be a failure. This lie has crippled the process of many born again believers that once stepped out by faith to accomplish a mandate that was placed upon their lives. Because of interruptions, distractions or detours, you gave up and said what's the use. Just think about a time that you set forth to do something, and even though obstacles came your way, you didn't give up but you continued to press toward the mark. How did you feel after everything had

been said and done? You felt relieved and even welcomed more challenges. Why?

Because you endured. We should be excited and rejoicing in knowing that God, when He began the good work in you, whether it was preaching, teaching, singing, ministry of helps, writing or whatever gift that once was the center of your being; whatever brought forth that sparkle in your eyes, when you would think about the love and passion that you had for a particular thing. Know that was God beginning the performance of a great work in your life. Paul was assuring us that because I know who started the work: I am assured that He will complete it because I have seen God's resume. Everything that He started out with, looked like nothing, but when He was completed, it was definitely a work of art.

So, I encourage you on this day, whatever good work God has started in you, it will be completed and you will operate in it and fulfill or perform the duties assigned to you until Jesus shall return on that great day and say, "Thou good and faithful servant."

Thought to meditate on:
The spirit of a winner is birthed in a person even before the manifestation of winning is ever evident.
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Retiring congressman , the Minoroty Voice news paper archives snap the photo of congressman Eva Clayton and Princeville former mayor, James Bridges at the annual Black family day. Sponsor by congress woman Eva Clayton and the Congressional Black Cacuse, James Bridges.

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NAACP GATHERING.....Shown above is former mayor of Grimesland, Sis.Little and all of her guest attending the Annunial Herltage Banquet of Pitt County NAACP *Photo by Jim Rouse*



Former Principle of Pitt County Schools who was killed in a accident is shown presenting an award one of the students.

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RAP STAR MURDER

RUN-DMC STAR SLAIN IN STUDIO

By: George Rush
Bill Hutchinson
Daily News Staff Writers



In a cold drizzle, the swirling lights of police cars illuminated the tear-streaked faces of friends and fans who turned out to mourn Jam Master Jay in Queens last night. Rappers and rap-music lovers rushed to the front of the Jamaica studio on Merrick Blvd. where the founding member of Run-DMC was gunned down.

"It's a tragedy for music. It's a tragedy for our neighborhood. It's a shame," said hip hop deejay Ed Lover, staring at the yellow police tape surrounding the murder scene.

People stood on the street hugging and crying, gasping in shock as police removed the rap music legend's corpse in a body bag. A second founding member of Run-DMC, Darryl (DMC) McDaniels, and fellow rap star Chuck D. gathered in front of the studio to console each other as Run-DMC's greatest hits blared from a parked car's speakers.

Word of Jay's death quickly spread to Hollis, where the 37-year old father of three grew up and formed one of the biggest groups in rap history with McDaniels and Joseph (Run) Simmons.

"It's a loss because he was a pioneer in the rap game. This violence wasn't a part of Run-DMC's message," said Arlene Clark, 39, who grew up with Jay, born Jason Mizell, in Hollis.

George Addison, 39, of Hollis said Run-DMC's mega-selling albums touched him like no other music.

"Hip Hop raised me, and Run-DMC were the grandfathers," he said.

Tuned in....

Grief also spread to airwaves as hip hop radio stations like WQPR-FM Power 105 and WQHT-FM Hot 97 opened their phone lines to stunned listeners.

Deejay Funkmaster Flex announced the death on hot 97 and expressed condolences from the radio station to Mizell's family and band.

"Jay was one of the guys from the early '80s who had a relationship with a lot of the new artists," Flex said. "He was like an ambassador of hip hop that we've lost."

Power105 deejay Marley Marl said, "Jam Master Jay was a

powerful young brother in the hip hop field. He influenced a lot of us, including me, to become deejays. Rest in peace, brother."

"He sought the truth and sought after the higher principles of hip hop," said rapper KRS-One. "To lose a person like that is a shock."

Hip hop executive Steve Rifkin said he was having a tough time coping with his friend's death.

Def Jam recording artist Keith Murray said Mizell showed him the ropes in the rap world.

"He showed everybody love", Murray said. "He was a pioneer. I looked up to him."

By: Tamer El-Ghobashy, Martin Mbugua and Dave Goldiner
Daily News Staff Writers

Jam Master Jay, a legendary figure from the early days of rap music, was shot in the head and killed last night inside his recording studio in Queens, police said.

The founding member of the platinum-selling group Run-DMC was gunned down by two men who were buzzed into the second floor studio on Merrick Blvd. in Jamaica around 7:30, cops said.

Another man, Urieco Rincon, 25, was shot in the leg by the attackers, who fled. Two

women making a recording in the studio were not hurt, cops said.

Police said they had no motive for the slaying, which took place near the Jamaica bus terminal --- just a mile from the 37-year old rapper's childhood stomping grounds in Hollis. "I can't believe this", said life-long friend Garfield McDonald, 35. "Everybody loved Jay."

Police were investigating whether the gunmen might have had some relationship to the women. Cops found tow .45-caliber shells inside a lounge in the studio where Jay, whose real name was Jason Mizell, and Rincon were shot.

As news of the slaying spread, dozens of rap musicians, promoters and friends converged on the studio where Mizell produced local talent when he wasn't on the road. Chuck D. of the rap group Public Enemy was near tears as he hugged mourners gathered outside in the rain.

"We knew each other since we were kids," said Chuck D., who was born Carlton Ridenhour. "It's cowardice. It's not a game."

Mizell's 15-year old, Jason, arrived in tears along with his mother, who took comfort in the arms of Lyor Cohen, a top rap executive who gave Run-DMC one of its first big breaks.

"I'm trying to tell myself this

isn't true," Cohen said.

The killing was just the latest blow to the hip hop community, which has been seen some of its biggest stars --- such as Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls --- die violently.

Mizell, who was married with three children, burst onto the rap scene in the early '80s when he founded Run-DMC with Hollis pals Joseph (Run) Simmons and Darryl (DMC) McDaniels. Their manager was Russell Simmons, Joseph's brother, who went on to become a millionaire rap mogul and activist.

"Jay was a wonderful person," said Cory Robbins, who signed Run-DMC to their first recording contract in 1983. "You won't hear anyone who has nothing bad to say about him."

Known for its hard-driving style that mixed elements of heavy-metal rock, the band was the first rap group to earn a platinum-selling record, for its 1985 release "Raising Hell."

Top of the charts....

The leather-clad group broke into the mainstream with crossover hits "It's Like That," "Sucker MC's", and "Walk This Way" -- a remake with Aerosmith's Steve Tyler that made the top 10 on the pop charts.

"Run-DMC was the Beatles of

hip hop," Chuck D. said.

Mizell was the group's disc jockey and created the stripped-down beats and rhythms that formed the musical foundation for their songs.

He was known for scratching records as his two partners rapped --- a groundbreaking role that the group lionized in song: "He's the one in charge/ It's up to him to rock beats that are truly large."

While rap earned a violent reputation, Run-DMC preached peace, calling for a truce between warring Los Angeles gangs in 1986.

By the late 1980s, though, the group's career fizzled, eclipsed by other acts like LL Cool J and Public Enemy.

After a hiatus of 13 years, Run-DMC tried to mount a comeback last year, but its album, "Crown Royal," flopped. Mizell and McDaniels had been scheduled to perform tonight in Washington at a Washington Wizards game.

While Joseph Simmons became a minister, Mizell founded a NY school called the Scratch DJ Academy.

"I'm really a fan of turntablism," Mizell told AllHipHop.com, a rap Web site.

"Turntablists are musicians."

Change in Black political landscape

For the past five decades, the Black voting populace has maintained a loyalty oath to the Democratic Party. That's all changing now.

According to a recent opinion poll by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, young Black Americans are breaking from traditional voting patterns on issues no less pervasive than Social Security, educational quality, vouchers and federalism.

The study also indicated that support for the Democratic Party has dropped among Black voters 11 percent over the past two years. During that same period, Black support for the Republican Party has more than doubled, from 4 percent to 10 percent.

Though 10 percent may not seem like a lot, it represents a significant stride for a party that managed a mere 2 percent of the Black vote during the last presidential election. Part of the problem was that the Republican Party's opposition to some key civil rights issues in the 1960s, coupled with their more recent resistance to affirmative action, alienated many Black voters. The fact that the Republican Party largely comprised white Southern politicians didn't help either.

But recent outreach efforts by the party, combined with a commitment on the national level to facilitate ethnic diversity within the party, has helped Republicans stay in touch with the chief concerns of the Black voting populace.

At the same time, a younger generation of Black Americans (i.e., under 35) inhabits a vastly different social climate than their forbears -- a fact that may make them ripe for Republican appeals.

"We see a new generation of African-Americans who are better educated, more successful, more pro-business and therefore drawn to policy positions vastly different from their parents and grandparents," said the Joint Center's president and CEO, Eddie Williams.

These shifts in the political attitudes of the Black voting populace have likely had a ripple effect on Black leadership. Black elected officials and leaders are broadening their public policy appeals beyond what might be considered strictly Black issues. Indeed, it is telling that a Black Republican, Gen. Colin Powell, corralled a 73-percent approval rating, second only to former President Bill Clinton's 81-percent acceptance rate. Meanwhile, the study revealed that civil rights icon

and Democratic mouthpiece Jesse L. Jackson's approval rating plummeted to 60 percent, down 23 percent from two years ago.

These shifts in public opinion and political leadership have helped the Republican Party break the Democrats' monopoly on the Black vote on several key issues. In particular, Republican support of school vouchers has resonated with a generation of young urban Blacks who are desperate for educational alternatives. According to a 1999 poll by The Joint Center for Economic Studies, 70 percent of Blacks under the age of 35 support school vouchers. Many researchers regard education reform as the most important factor in closing the

racial performance gap. By offering to do more than simply throw more money at failing public schools, the Republicans have taken ownership of the school reform debate.

Not that any of this will stop Black leaders like Julian Bond from implying that the Republican leadership is chummy with the Ku Klux Klan, as he did during a 2000 speech at the NAACP national convention. Nor will it stop Kweisi Mfume from dubbing the Republican leadership as anti-civil rights, as he did during a 1999 fundraising event. And it certainly won't stop Jackson from reviling Republicans as the slavery party, as he did following the 2000 election. All three of these Black leaders have aligned themselves with the Democratic Party. For reasons of self-preservation, they continue to paint the Republicans as little more than redneck power brokers. That's how they make a living -- by stirring racial tensions.

A lot of people will follow along. Not because the Republicans have little to offer the Black voting populace, but merely because there is a decades-old social mandate that says Black people must vote Democrat.

Others will break from the straightjacket of these anachronistic cultural mandates. They will make decisions in their own interests, rather than blindly pledging allegiance to the Democrats. According to the new Joint Center, they are the younger generation of Black Americans. They will respond to ideas, not outdated cultural mandates. And their vote will no longer be taken for granted.

That, indeed, is inspiring. www.armstrongwilliams.com



Suejette Jones

Book Review
Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troubled Word by Randall Kennedy

It may be, as prosecutor Christopher Darden said during the O. J. Simpson trial, "the filthiest, dirtiest, nastiest word in the English language." Though Harvard law professor Randall Kennedy calls it America's most inflectional racial slur, he's hardly staggered by its destructive power. His 226-page book aims "to put a tracer on nigger," in order to analyze the storms the word has rolled since it emerged in the Jacksonian era as a brutal characterization, but he cheers the word's growing currency among blacks as a term of affection and fraternity. There's no point in trying to stamp out the term or regulate its usage, he argues. Let language's evolution take its course.

One commentator remarked, "Kennedy has thrown a hand grenade into the battle-scarred landscape of America's racial discourse. His subject is worthy of study, but his title is shamefully sensational. As long as racism exists, racist people shouldn't enjoy having a racial slur sanitized for their casual enjoyment." Nigger is yet another example of exploiting black culture which enriches the few and impoverishes the many. In the book, there are quotations from "famous whites who've used the word" and "famous blacks who've been bruised by it." Most of his book is a "stage" of civil and criminal court cases -- all colored by his optimism that "the most dangerous word in the dictionary" is losing its sting.

The "in-group" use of the word by blacks contains an echo of the instinct of the contempt of whites. More troubling still are "the increasingly prevalent at-

tempts by whites to fashion the word nigger into a reference to people of all races who display inappropriate behavior, weak character, and slovenly speech." Kennedy is right to argue that the word's power shouldn't be overinflated. "If a black person can be reduced to sputtering despair by this word, self image is the greater problem."

Before we cast judgement on this issue, let's turn to more meaningful work, like "rebuilding the inner cities and address-

ing racial profiling."

* Note: According to Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang, nigger, is derived from the Latin word for the color black, niger. It did not originate as a slur but took on a derogatory connotation over time. When John Rolfe recorded in his journal the first shipment of Africans to Virginia in 1619, he listed them as "negars." A 1689 inventory of an estate in Brooklyn, New York, made

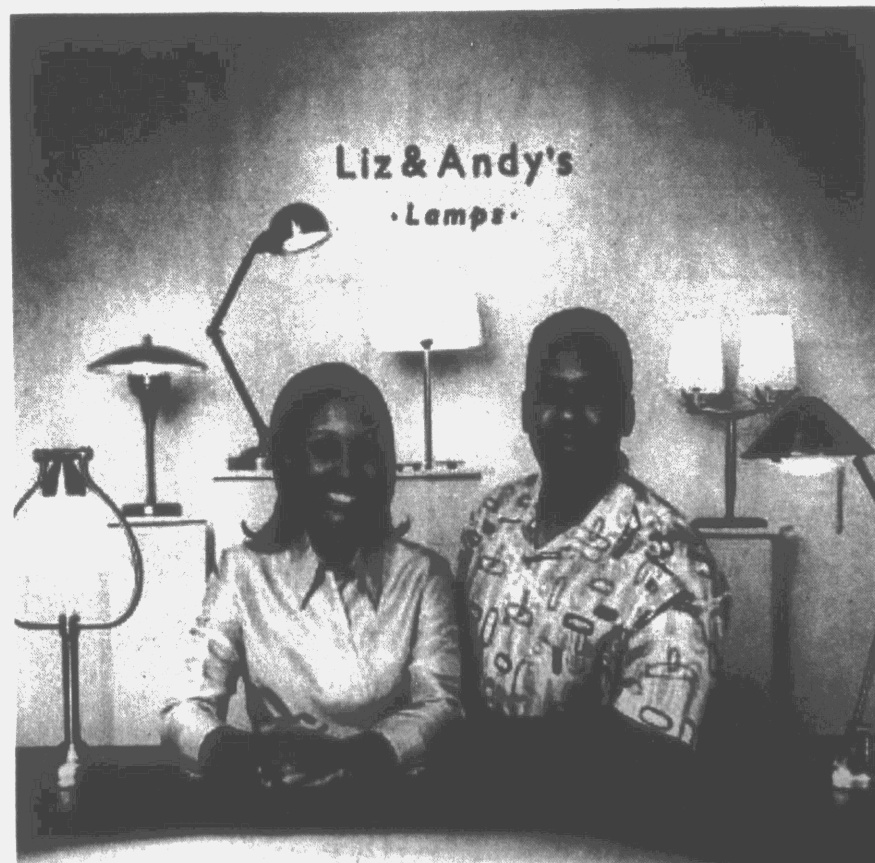
mention of an enslaved "nigger" boy. In the 1700's niger appeared in what the dictionary describes as "dignified argumentation" such as Samuel Sewall's denunciation of slavery, *The Selling of Joseph*. No one knows precisely when or how niger turned derisively into nigger and attained a pejorative meaning. We do know, however, that by the end of the first third of the nineteenth century, nigger had already become a familiar and influential insult.

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W.E.B. DuBois

W.E.B. DuBois, Historian, Sociologist, and Black protest leader, was one of the most influential Black leaders of the 20th century. He was among the civil rights pioneers who used their scholarly skills to advance the cause of Black Americans. DuBois was born in 1868 in Barrington, Mass., where he completed high school. He received a B.A. degree from Fisk University in 1888, and a second B.A. degree from Harvard University in 1888. He went on to earn M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. As a social scientist, he authored more than 20 books and over 100 scholarly articles.



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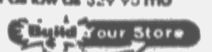
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Take him up on the mountain, Abraham, and plunge a dagger into his heart. I don't know what Abraham went through to decide to obey Allah (God). But his obedience to Allah (God) made him the friend of Allah (God). Abraham loved his son but he didn't love his son more than he loved the Father, the God, the Creator, so he took his son up on the mountain.

I read something once where Satan came to Ishmael (Abraham's son) and said, "boy, he's not planning to sacrifice a ram up there—it's you." But the boy never rebelled. He said if that's what pleases Allah (God), that's what pleases him. He didn't fight his father; He laid on the altar. As the father was about to plunge the dagger into his heart, Allah (God) stayed his hand and He said, here is the father that loves Me enough to kill a son that he had been longing for. And here's a son that loved Me enough that if the father said that this is what (God) wanted my father to do, it's all right with me. Then Allah (God) said His covenant would not only be with the father; His covenant will also be with the son. He used them as a sign of a Father who would sacrifice a son and make him a redeeming agent for humanity. Trials are necessary to bring out of you what is hidden within you. What Allah (God) has put within each human being does not come out without struggle. If you think life should be easy, you need to rethink your position. If you think that because you go to church and tithe that Allah (God) shouldn't bring misfortune into your life, yet the prophets that went before you

and were greater than you and I, had misfortune in their lives. When affliction comes, you wonder, why me? Why should I have cancer? Why should my child die in an accident? Why should these children have died in the fire? You (God) could have stopped it. Why did you (God) let it happen? We have to rise above our emotion and question Allah (God). He's the teacher. He said, didn't I give you authority over all my creatures? The chicken wants to live; the lamb wants to live; the cow wants to live. Maybe the horse doesn't want to be ridden today, but you ride it. So are you any better? If Allah (God) puts the lower lives under our subjection, then our lives are for Allah's (God's) purpose and will. There is no life that leaves here that doesn't leave with a purpose.

I believe that from Mississippi will come the greatest leaders, the greatest teachers and the greatest preachers because you are victims of the greatest tyranny and oppression in the history of the United States of America. Out of that suffering, Allah (God) brings greatness. It is out of suffering that the creative power is unleashed. If you don't suffer, you can't create. So don't run from your pain, run to it. Don't run from your trial and don't turn your back on your struggle. Allah (God) says in the Qur'an that He created man to face difficulty. If you turn your back like a coward because you don't want to face the trials and tribulation that life comes up with—you'd rather drink yourself under or smoke yourself under, you'd rather commit suicide rather than to face difficulty—then you disbelieve

in the Power of Allah (God) to change any reality, no matter how harsh that reality may be.

Allah makes the righteous Everybody is not a child of Allah (God). Satan has children here, too. We hope that Allah (God) is our Father, but he doesn't have to be. Mother, you can't make a righteous child. I don't care how good you are, how good your husband is or how much Bible you read, you cannot make a righteous child. All you can do is put the tools there. Only when Allah (God) steps in and takes your child does your child become a child of Allah (God).

Jesus had an argument with some Jewish people in that day, according to the Bible, and they were claiming that "Allah (God) is our Father. Even Abraham is our father." And Jesus said: *"If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."* (St. John 8:39)

They said to Jesus, even God is our father. And Jesus said: *"If God were your Father, you would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."* (St. John 8:42)

He told them: *"But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham." (St. John 8:40) "Ye are of your father the devil... He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* (St. John 8:44)

He's separating children from a father by means of their work.

So don't say you are a child of Allah (God) until you start doing the work of your Father. Then you can claim Him because he's already claimed you. That's your Bible.

Jesus said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."* If blessed are the peacemakers, then cursed are the warmongers for they shall be called the enemies of Allah (God), the children of Satan. You've got to call it like it is or get out of the pulpit if you're going to preach half-truths. No weak-kneed coward can preach Jesus. Do you think Minister Carthan is calling you into a work that will be easy? Jesus said that if any man would be his disciple, he'd have to first deny himself, pick up whose cross? Your cross. Then what? Follow him. Jesus didn't say worship him; he said follow him. That means that where Jesus puts his foot down, you walk where he walks. You do what he did. And Allah (God) will give you the same blessing and power that he gave to him.

Purpose of church, mosque and synagogue

This is a church, a building of stone, mortar and wood that Brother Minister Carthan and his family have the keys to in order to do a good work. What is the purpose? Why did Allah (God) even allow a church or a mosque or a synagogue or a cloister or a cathedral or a temple to be formed? All of you go to some church, some mosque, some synagogue, some temple, but what are you there for? Is it a social meeting place where you go to check out whose wearing what? Do you go there to gossip, to talk about your neighbor and what you heard that they got into last night or last week? What do you come here for?

It is because Allah (God) knew that Satan was going to be in power for a period of time until the coming of Allah (God). If Satan were going to rule the world for a season, then how would the people of Allah (God) be able to live in Satan's world unless they had a place to go, a place of repair? It's like an automobile mechanic shop. When something goes wrong with your car and you don't know how to fix it, you take it to the mechanic. He may ask you to leave it a day or two. And you come back and get your car and drive on. That's what these houses (of worship) are for. They are for you to come out of the world ruled by Satan and come into a house that's supposedly ruled by Allah (God)—I say supposedly because everybody talking about heaven is not going there. If the kingdom is here (within you), then it's buried under the rubbish of what you think and how you act. When the rubbish is cleared away and the Kingdom of Allah (God) is resurrected in you, then Allah (God) starts moving in you. When Allah (God) starts moving in you, you get a self-accusing spirit that begins to tell you, I shouldn't have done that. Why did I do this? Oh, Lord, have mercy on me. The self-accusing spirit wakes you up in the night and keeps you upset where you can't sleep because you've been wrong and your own self is accusing you. Then you know the spirit of Allah (God) is working in you.

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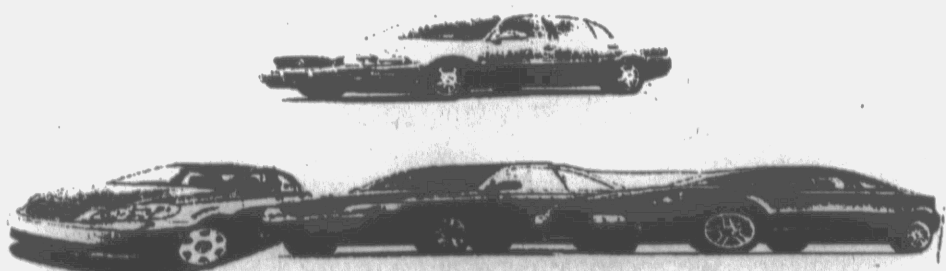
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Mayor pro tem blows a .00 on breathalyzer and is still arrested for DWI



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Mayor pro tem and businesswoman Katherine Moore was arrested and charged with DWI on Wednesday night even though her breathalyzer result was .00. Ms. Moore alleges that the WPD refused her request for a pre-arrest breathalyzer test. She stated that she was injured during the arrest. She was released into her sister's custody.

BY STAFF
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Wilmington Mayor Pro Tem Katherine Moore was arrested by Wilmington police officers on Wednesday night after the regular monthly City Council meeting. Police officers alleged that Ms. Moore was driving while impaired. Ms. Moore indicated to *The Wilmington Journal* that she was treated roughly and

injured during the arrest process. She pointed to a large bruise and lump on her forehead and a bruise and cut on her wrist.

Ms. Moore was taken to the Magistrate's office and was tested with a breathalyzer and measured double zero indicating that no alcohol was found in her system. Based on the no-alcohol finding, Alex Hall, Ms. Moore's attorney, asked the magistrate to make a finding of no probable cause and that the ticket be dismissed

immediately. The magistrate, based on the police officers' testimony that they had observed Ms. Moore driving slowly and making a wide turn, decided that there was probable cause. Since Ms. Moore's breathalyzer test showed no alcohol presence in her blood, Attorney Hall repeatedly asked with what substance was Ms. Moore being charged. Police offered no evidence as to what substance impaired her.

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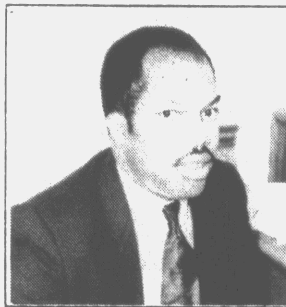
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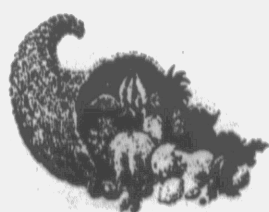


REV. AL SHARPTON AIMS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE DEMOCRATS

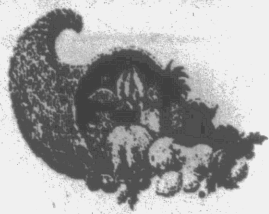
AL SHARPTON'S CALENDAR SAYS IT'S 1988. THAT'S THE year Jesse Jackson, in his second bid for the highest office in the land, transformed the Democratic presidential primary into a tent revival. With a 'rainbow coalition' of blacks and left-wing whites behind him, Jackson won several major primaries and was even an early front-runner. At the Democratic National Convention, Jackson earned 30 percent of the delegates' votes. Since that pivotal moment Sharpton says, black political empowerment has remained at a standstill. "I don't minimize Jackson," says the 48-year-old lightning-rod reverend, activist and politician, in his pulpit-inspired tone. The question is, why did we ever stop running? What did we get from that? Nothing.... We stopped in '88. What did we get from that? Nothing. What did we get from going back inside and playing the cocktail politics? Nothing." That's Sharpton talking in summer 2002, sitting in his Harlem office at the National Action Network headquarters and expounding on one of the most intriguing rumors of the upcoming political season, a rumor that Sharpton promotes as much as he promotes himself - that he will run for president in 2004. Still svelte from his jail stint in 2001, he is wearing a neat navy blue suit. His trademark hair is a slightly tamer incarnation of the mane we once knew. He seems every bit like a man with a plan to pick up where Jackson-whom Sharpton calls his mentor but the press calls his rival-left off 14 years ago. "We've lost a lot of what Reverend Jackson [gained for] us," he says. "We don't have any black governors now. We don't have any blacks in the U.S. Senate. We lost after he stopped running." By early October Sharpton had not officially thrown his hat into the ring. But he had formed an exploratory team to devise a strategy to win the upcoming Democratic nomination (and we all know that "exploratory" is code for 'highly likely to run'). He had announced that he would step aside as president and CEO of the National Action Network in early 2003. He'd even written a book, *Al on America* (Dafina Books/Kensington Publishing, \$27), outlining his political vision. And he'd lined up a host of heavyweights who would likely support him. Among them: BET CEO Robert L. Johnson and Sharpe James, mayor of Newark, New Jersey. "First of all, I wouldn't run if I wasn't running to win," Sharpton says. "I'm the only one running that even if I don't win, the people with me can win in the process."

"I THINK OUR CAMPAIGN WILL BE A SHOWDOWN FOR WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS GOING."

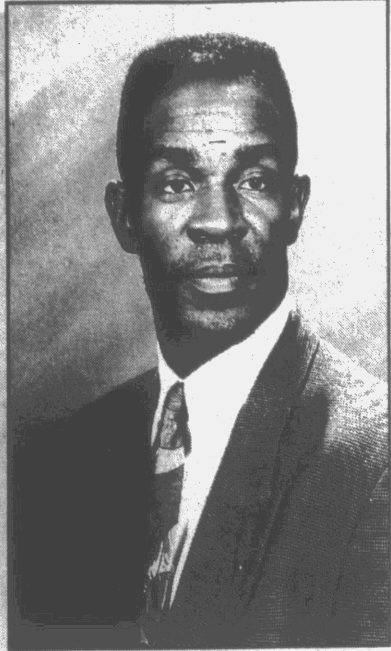
There's no denying the victories Jackson achieved during his two White House bids. He inspired legions of blacks to register and vote, which helped elect a black governor in 1989 (Virginia's Doug Wilder) and a black senator in 1992 (Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois, most recently the U.S. ambassador to New Zealand, now said to be pondering another run for public office). Jackson's bids also provided momentum for Democrats to regain control of the Senate in 1986. Sharpton says he wants not only to restore those gains but also to build upon them. His agenda is nothing new. It's borrowed from the mantra that helped drive the Jackson campaigns: The Democratic party takes African Americans - its most loyal voters - for granted and must be pressured to empower, not abandon, its black base. Sharpton sees the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), a powerful organization of centrist Democrats (he calls them the Democratic leisure class), as one of the driving forces to take the power of the party to the right and consequently away from blacks. "It is a vital time to energize [blacks] and put [them] in power," says Sharpton, "and I think our campaign will be a showdown for where the Democratic party is going." Already Sharpton's message has quietly resonated with some voters. In August a national poll conducted by Zogby International found that a surprising 5 percent of Democratic voters want Sharpton to be the party's 2004 presidential nominee. Sharpton tied with House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. Sharpton scored ahead of such powerhouses as Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina. Only former vice president Al Gore (41 percent) and Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut (6 percent) came in ahead of the reverend. Sharpton is also finding a receptive audience with a faction of Democrats equally outraged by the DLC-leftist whites on the fringe of the party. That support widens his appeal, but a coalition of leftist whites and blacks is fraught with challenges. "There are tensions," Sharpton acknowledges. "If I run, [those tensions] will become creative tensions [that] need to be debated out. I'll give you an example. Many leaders of the gay and lesbian communities have met with me and want to support me. [Yet] some of the [black] ministers who have supported me have disagreed with this. Once we began [sitting gays and lesbians] down in various cities [with] the minister ... [we found] there can be common ground ... you learn how to adjust ... to work for the better good. You can't be against discrimination by race, or based on gender or sexual orientation. So I think that's, where you start bringing these things together." Beyond inclusion, Sharpton also promises to force the Democratic party to address racial profiling, racial disparities in sentencing and the need for job training programs as the economy tanks. Those planks of his platform are meant to solidify his support among blacks. But the most critical aspect of Sharpton's strategy to stem the party's move toward the center - assumes that black voters are left-leaning. In an age when we have a black secretary of state, a black national security advisor and a handful of black CEOs of major corporations, do we need a protest candidate to demand our place at the table? One could easily argue that the party's move to the center actually appeals to many black voters. After all, who was the chief engineer of the donkey's centrist shift and one of the founding members of the DLC? William Jefferson Clinton, the only two-term Democratic commander in chief since Franklin D. Roosevelt and a man some black folks call America's first black president. A Sharpton campaign waged on building black power in the Democratic party would carry another risk as well: Arguably, black power in the party truly picked up steam when Ron Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1989. In 1984 there were 20 black Democratic members of Congress. Today there are 38. Couldn't Al make more of an impact in the Republican party, which had only one black congressman going into the November 2002 elections? "I would not run in the Republican party because I'm not Republican," Sharpton says. "I think that it is time to challenge both parties. I encourage black and Latino Republicans to do that same thing."



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HAPPY 95TH



Mother Willie Ann Wilkes celebrated her 95th birthday on Oct 19 th at the Golden Corral with family and friends. Daughter - Mrs. Dorothy Wilkes Gardner and Husband came from California. What a surprise it was. The Philippi Church of Christ Mother's Board was on hand where she

MOTHER WILLIE
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This verse is talking about
DISCIPLINE

--corporal punishment
--and INSTRUCTION.
God COMMANDS
that parents use both!

Proverbs 13:24 says that parents who fail to physically discipline their children actually HATE them. That their concern for themselves exceeds their concern for the long-term well-being of their children. That may rankle modern parents. But remember, it is GOD--the Creator of heaven and earth, of mankind--who gave this instruction. Rather than dismissing it offhand, shouldn't we try to UNDERSTAND it?

Unlike so many raising teenagers today, God has been interested in maintaining parents' authority over their kids.

"Honor thy father and mother" is the Fifth Commandment--just before "Thou shalt not kill." Teens break it routinely without second thought. You may think the fault lies with the teen themselves, since the law is directed at them (it is not written, "Make sure kids honor their father and mother"). But who teaches children the sanctity of the law? No teen will respect

commandments they were not brought up their parents to respect.

This is a point that was made in a Plain Truth article 36 years ago. It should convict us today all the more. The article stated, "Today's leaders failed their duty--they did not teach the younger generation the real purpose of life. Why? Because they themselves did not the purpose of life. Society never taught it in school because they in turn had never learned it. People simply don't know why they were born!"

("The Beat Generation," March 1966)

Later the article said, "The trouble is society has taught its 'children' directly or indirectly THAT THERE IS NO REAL PURPOSE TO LIFE!"

What about you? Do you understand the purpose of life well enough to teach and CONVICT your children of it? Are you willing to learn? It will be the MOST IMPORTANT THING you could ever give your teenager!

Excerpted from The Philadelphia Trumpet/July 2002

THE SINGLE PARENT NEWSLETTER: "The fight for freedom, authority, and sanity"



Each day is a constant fight and struggle if you are a single parent. The plight of a single parent does not compare to that of a 2-parent household. If you are a single parent, you understand. If you are a single parent of more than one child, then you really understand and I offer you my sanity kit of muscle relaxers, herbal tea, lemonflower body butter, and a bottle of wine.

If you are blessed enough to see happy children everyday, thank your lucky stars! But, if you are like many of us who have children that have attitudes, illnesses, hang-ups, and habits, then I say to you my people, "let's unite." Children are emotional little creatures that constantly have an opinion. By the way, if you forgot to check with your children on who left the cereal all over the table this morning, don't call the school, because I can bet you there will be something else at home waiting for you.

This next topic is one for everyone. Have you ever written down a list of chores for everyone to do and received nothing but complaints and tears? Not to mention the explanations "why?" Children have no concept of time. If children had any concept of time, they would understand that mommy or daddy is tired from working all day. They would understand that your brain is fried, died, and lying to the left side. They would understand that your feet hurt from walking all day. You've also been writing out grocery lists and stretching the bill money while planning the next PTA meeting. IF your children had any concept of time, they would automatically remove themselves from the dinner table and go to bed. It doesn't matter if they are funky, dirty, and stinky. It only matters that they understand that mommy or daddy is fighting against time.

What is a spanking? A spanking is a form of punishment administered to maniacs whom otherwise would be called children. I spank. Do you spank? If not, God bless your poor, confused soul. It seems crazy, but that is the only time I feel as though my voice actually has sound as I begin to fold my lip, curl my toes, and utter the famous phrase, "I am getting the belt!" Doesn't it work for you? If you have found other alternatives to spanking your children, then please let me and the others who believe in a little tannin' from time to time know.

Have you ever been sitting in your bedroom on the phone, talking to a potential victim? I called a boyfriend or girlfriend a victim because at each and every moment your children are looking for an opportunity to make this person feel absolutely dumb. They will use everything in their power to prove to this new person that they know more than he/she. Children honestly believe, with all of the four ideas they hold in their brains, that they can compete with that of an adult. Here is a tip for handling this situation. Look the child straight in the face and say, "do me a favor, go in your room and think of what we can eat for dinner this weekend, and think of a fun activity we can do." That is going to give you about 2 hours of time.

So what have we learned today? We have learned that children are simply that, children. But don't be fooled. They are smart, manipulative, beautiful, funny, and dangerous all at the same time. Remember to stay armed and keep all potential victims away from the maniacs, and just as the maniacs begin to take the form of children ... it may be safe to introduce. CAUTION! AT YOUR OWN RISK!

If you have a personal experience that you would like to share with The Single Parent Newsletter, forward all information to Mdupe Rouse at 600 Cascade Falls Lane Suite 202, Durham, NC 27713. We will publish your experience in the next newsletter.

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From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

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My name is gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim

without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level of society. My victims are the helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches, and indigestion. I spawn suspicion and generate grief. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. Office Gossip. Shop Gossip. Party Gossip. Telephone Gossip. I make headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story ask yourself: Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary?

This powerful essay is worthy of frequent meditation and humble prayer.

In addition to the essay's litany of destruction, gossip undermines friendships and tears families apart. It brings to complete ruin any and every human relationship.

Gossip goes even beyond the essay's statement, "I maim without killing." While maiming is its usual result, gossip does indeed often lead to a killing, whether suicide or homicide.

Worse still, some things are harder to bear than death itself. Character assassination, the loss of reputation, humiliation, and disgrace, not to mention the ruin of personal relationships, are frequently more painful than facing up to death.

Gossip sows the evil seeds of doubt and distrust, even when it spreads the truth. It has negative, destructive way of moving the truth about in places and at times when it is harmful. All the more, when gossip spreads lies, the distrust and devastation are multiplied many times over.

Unfortunately, to the gossip that spreads gossip, it is often of little concern whether the gossip is true or not. The fun of it is in spreading the swill. The joy of it is in smearing the hapless butt of whatever information or misinformation is at hand.

Full of insecurity, suffocated by inadequacy, poisoned by jealousy and insane with envy, the gossip labels himself / herself seething with hatred, ill-wishing toward all targets.

The essay left out one important, distressing category: church gossip. One would expect better from the house of God, from those who minister there and from those who worship there. Yet, gossip goes on happening there and everywhere. If we are to call ourselves Christians at all, we must turn radically toward that contradiction of all gossip: peace to all people.

OUR 139th NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE Host Pastor Reverend William L. Johnson, JR III and the York Memorial AME Zion Church Family at York Memorial AME Zion Church 201 Tyson Street Greenville, North Carolina

The Annual Conference will begin on Tuesday, November 26 and convene through Sunday, December 1, 2002.

Daily Morning Services 10-00 am Evening Services 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Day Services will be held Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast @ York Friday. Evening Missionary Services .. 7:00 pm will be held at the Hilton Convention Center on Greenville Blvd.

Saturday Youth Day

Morning Worship Services and Communion with The Right Reverend George E. Battle, Presiding Prelate will be at York Memorial 1 0:00 am --1 2:30 pm

Lunch will be served at the Weed and Seed @ Thomas Foreman Park 1:00 pm

Afternoon Session Tae Kwon Do Exhibition featuring Mr. Freddy McNeil 2-00 - 2:30 pm

Sally B. Howard Christian Mime Team 2:30 - 3:00 pm

Rap Sessions

Jesus: Something About That Name Primary Ages

Lightening & Thunder Ages 13 - 15

Dare to be Different Ages 16 - 21

Games Stations and Prizes 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Saturday Evening Banquet sponsored by the Missionary Department 6:00 pm will be held at the Hilton Convention Center Banquet Admission Tickets ---- \$30-00

Sunday Morning Services Sunday School begins at 9:30 am Church Services begins at 1:00 am The Public is invited to all services

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'House Negroes' and 'house slaves' - a bad rap

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by: Michael O. Francis
The Washington Afro-American

".....The house Negroes, they lived in the house with master...and they loved the master...they would give their life to save the master's house.... Whenever the master said 'we', he(the house Negro) said 'we' if the master got sick, the house Negro would say...we sick. He identified himself with his master...And if you came to the house Negro and said, 'Let's run away, let's escape, let's separate', the house Negro would look at you and say, 'Man, you crazy. What you mean, separate? Where is there a better house than this? Where can I wear better clothes than this? Where can I eat better food than this?' That was the house Negro...the slave master...used Tom, the house Negro, to keep field Negroes in check...." Message To The Grass Roots (11/10/63)

This statement made by Malcolm X and Harry Belafonte's recent controversial remarks likening Secretary of State Colin Powell to a "house slave" in the Bush administration reflect an age-old notion about "house Negroes" or "house slaves" who lived during slavery. This notion---held by many Blacks --- is: All "house Negroes" or "house slaves" loved and supported their masters, were snitches and "Uncle Toms" and did not resist slavery.

But wait a minute! This notion is not true. The historical record in slavery proves that it is not true. "House Negroes" were often in the vanguard of resistance to slavery.

Toussaint L'Ouverture, who led the famous slave revolt in Haiti, was a "house Negro." Most of the slaves involved in Denmark. Vesey's rebellion in 1822 were "house Negroes". And most of the slaves involved in Gabriel Prosser's rebellion in 1800 were "house

Negroes."

"House Negroes" adopted varying forms and methods of resistance to slavery. They would steal food and other items from their masters. They would lie to their masters, fake illnesses, work slowly, do "sloppy" work, act stupid and dumb, break tools and equipment and refuse to carry out certain tasks.

"House Negroes" would run away, assault their overseers and masters, poison and kill their masters, spy on their masters and inform other slaves about what their masters were "up to" (i.e., they would overhear their masters talking about who on the plantations were to be sold and the "house Negroes" would provide that information to the slaves who were to be sold, who would, sometimes, then run away).

Some slaves masters cited "house Negroes" as being particularly difficult.

Some slave masters stated that "the propensity to laziness" was chiefly conspicuous among house servants. And some slave masters indicated that "house Negroes" did not show appreciation for their status as "house Negroes".

So the fact is, contrary to Malcolm X's claims, all "house Negroes" did not love their masters and were not submissive, bootlicking "Uncle Toms". And in fact, many "house Negroes" resisted and fought the tyranny of slavery.

This commonly accepted notion that "house Negroes" or "house slaves" were traitors to the Black race --- a notion popularized by Malcolm X nearly four decades ago and now echoed by Harry Belafonte --- can be put to rest.

"House Negroes" or "house slaves" who lived during slavery have been getting a bad rap and that bad rap must not end.

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One Killed, Six Hurt in Blast at Camp



MISS JUSTINE McNEILL, Galveston, Texas, lass, who will represent the Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the "Miss America" contest, will select the winner. She is a Howard U. co-ed—Brown, Jr., Photo.

1 Killed, 6 F.D. Vetoes Hurt at Lee Pension

CAMP LEE, Va. — Roy Hartfield, 28, of Iron, 1, Hopewell, was killed when a boiler exploded at an incinerator plant here on Thursday, and six others were injured, one of them seriously.

The hot water storage tank used at the plant was hurled 300 yards by the blast and tore the top from a large tree before it landed.

Although Malcom Emory R. Honic and Ralph W. Bean and Fire Marshal Frederick Dwyer, members of a board of inquiry named by General Charles D. Hartman, had not reported their findings, the blast was believed to have been caused by a faulty pipe.

In Ninth Sector

The explosion took place in the area used by the Ninth Quartermaster Training Regiment. Working at the plant unloading a truck were civilians and soldiers.

Injured civilians are Elijah G. Thomas of Hopewell, who suffered numerous superficial body burns, Charles W. Hill and Thomas Moore of Petersburg.

Members of the Ninth Regiment.

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More Protest Editor's Arrest

BALTIMORE — A rising tide of protests from persons and organizations both here and out-

side have followed the arrest on May 3 of Carl Murphy, editor of the AFRO-AMERICAN News-papers, who was charged with disorderly conduct because he refused to answer a policeman's questions concerning an auto accident.

Not only have the protests flooded the office of Governor Herbert R. O'Connor who has promised to "maintain a close personal interest in the situation,"

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That's the question uppermost in the mind of many a boy in army training centers. Yea, you send him long letters about family and friends—but he'd like to know what's going on around town, too. Why not give him a subscription to his favorite newspaper?

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Kidnapped, Wife Tells Reporters

Florida Lynchers Finally Kill Man

BULLETIN

Heningburg New Dover State Head

AFRO reporters were clumped up to press time today in trying to probe the report that a popular matron living in the 600 block of L Street, Northeast, was kidnapped while waiting for a street

QUINCY, Fla.—A second lynch mob surrounded an ambulance taking the wounded man to the hospital and killed him away. Five hours later he was found dead on a creek bridge north of here.

DOVER, Del.—Less than two weeks after Dr. Richard S. Grossley was dropped from the presidency of Delaware State College, the board of trustees in a special meeting, Saturday, named Dr. Alphonse Heningburg, administrative assistant of North Carolina College, Durham, to fill the vacancy.

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AFRO WHY DID HESS FLEE? WEEK

By RALPH MATTHEWS

Why did Rudolph Hess, the No. 3 Nazi, quit Germany and flee into the arms of his enemies, landing on the Scottish Moors, in what is the most fantastic and sensational occurrence of World War No. 2?

That is the question being asked all over the world today, and it is natural that AFRO readers would be keenly interested in this greatest of modern conundrums.

It's Choice Gossip

Every barber shop, beauty shop, lunch room and meeting place let the routine gossip of

And why should not every American citizen, regardless of race, creed or color, be interested in the spectacular escape itself.

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2 Killed in Blast at Chemical Plant

ORANGEBURG, S.C.—Clam-like secrecy is still being maintained at what was the Wannamaker Chemical Plant, three miles southwest of here, following an explosion on Friday in which two colored workers were killed and a third seriously injured.

The dead are Joseph Pearson, chief electrician, killed instantly, and John Montgomery, foreman of the building, who died soon after being admitted to the

hospital.

Marion Day, the third worker, is reported improving at the Tri-

County Hospital here. All were former students of South Carolina State College.

The plant was engaged in the manufacture of war materials under a national defense contract and was completely destroyed by the blast which was heard for miles.

Sabotage Rumored

Speculation as to the cause of

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They Do It Better in England—No J.C.



Unlike in the United States, no masks in their new quarters; (left) A. P. Beaudry, Ontario; (right) J. Chambers, Saskatchewan; A. Wilshire, Nova Scotia; (center) M. Butlerfield, Ontario; and A. B. Dudley, Ottawa.

Happy Birthday from Jean to Joe



Matron Forced into J.C. Coach

NEWARK, N.J. — Dixie's first reported reaction to the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding equality in railroad facilities came in the form of a violent and brutal attack upon Mrs. Bernice Barnes, 22-year-old housewife of 109 Barclay Street, who charges that she was forcibly ejected by two policemen and a conductor from the car in which she was riding to a car shed when the Atlantic Coastline R.R. Florida

Special stopped in Richmond, Va. Sunday morning. According to the story of the young matron, she had boarded the train, which is a through special from New York, at the Newark Pennsylvania Station at 11:15 p.m.

While the train made a temporary stop in Washington around 2:30 o'clock the following morning a conductor went

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Congressmen Join Foes of Job Center Reform

The forces opposed to the Carter plan for reorganization of the D.C. Employment Center to eliminate racial discrimination have been joined by several members of the House Appropriations Sub-committee, it became apparent this week.

The Carpenter plan, the details of which have not yet been released by the Bureau of Employment Service, became public knowledge several weeks ago when an anonymous person, believed to have been an employee of the center, distributed a circular urging opposition to the plan.

Greater Efficiency Sought

Among the features of the proposed reorganization are elimination of racial segregation of both applicants and employees of the center; establishment of one central office for interviewing all applicants; and the creation of a single master file which would contain all their cards, regardless of race.

The proposed changes, it was pointed out, are designed to increase the efficiency and fairness of operation of the center.

Officials Determined

Although Martin F. Carpenter,

chief of the Employment Service Bureau, Oscar M. Powell, chairman of the Social Security Board, and Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt have expressed determination to shape a fair and efficient policy for the center, strong opposition is expected from Capitol Hill.

The first such opposition was felt on Saturday, when it was learned that members of a House Sub-committee on Appropriations had engaged in a heated debate

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NAACP Thanks School Board for Spingarn Honor

The local branch of the NAACP this week expressed appreciation to the District School Board for the honor paid its former national president, the late Joel B. Spingarn, in the proposal to name a new high school for him.

The letter, signed by John Lovell, Jr., secretary, was addressed to Mrs. Henry G. Doyle, president of the board, and read in part:

"We believe that the example of Mr. Spingarn as a man who preached and practiced true American democracy, regardless of artificial racial lines, cannot be too widely disseminated at this time."

"If Mr. Spingarn were alive today, he would certainly be a leader among those who are trying to keep our nation on the beam of sound internal democracy to match our defense of world democracy."

"We hope that the people of Washington will fully appreciate the significance of your action in advancing the cause for which Mr. Spingarn fought."