

Broken Utterances

Recapturing 19th Century Black Women



"If these broken utterances can in any way help to a clearer vision and a truer pulse-beat in studying the nation's problem, this voice by a Black woman of the South will not have been raised in vain."

- From *A Voice From The South* by Anna Julia Cooper, 1886.

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STATE OF DENIALby HERB BOYD
Special to the AmNews

It was not until the second panel was seated at the sixth annual State of the Black Union in Houston last weekend that an issue surfaced to spark a debate, which, in effect, gave the summit a feature characteristic of the past. When Minister Louis Farrakhan

of the Nation of Islam noted that the previous discussions

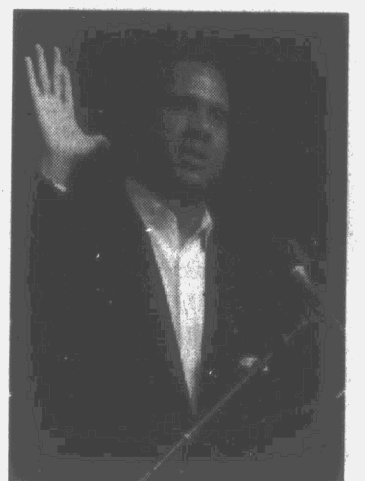
King made to Harry Belafonte about America being a burning

said Farrakhan, recalling Dr. King's remarks. "We don't see

Church and to viewers of C-SPAN. Farrakhan praised the book that was recently published by Third World Press, observing that it "demonstrates our impotence."

Farrakhan's conclusions, which must also be viewed within the context of his lambasting American hypocrisy, deceit, and criminality, drew sharp responses from Smiley, Belafonte, and professor Cornel West of Princeton. Their rush to offset Farrakhan's impressions gave the summit a point of contention that was reminiscent of the historical debates that enlivened the Negro Convention Movement of the 1830s where the issue was whether Black

Americans should emigrate from America or rightfully claim a land



Tavis discusses state of Black America
their blood and sweat had fertilized. It was reminiscent too

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Farrakhan's "Let the house burn" comment applauded, debated

had adequately presented a political and an economic analysis, but no spiritual analysis, he cited a comment Dr.

house, aflame with injustice and iniquity. "I fear that I'm integrating my people into a burning house,"

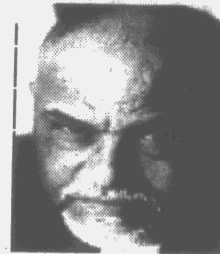
the fire, but the house is burning. America must be burned," Farrakhan charged. "I don't really care what anyone thinks. We can't make a covenant with death."

His comments indirectly addressed the summit's theme, "The Covenant with Black America," and the book the convener and moderator Tavis Smiley repeatedly waved to an audience of 5,000 assembled in the Gamma Center at St. Agnes

Mary Races for Pitt County Commissioner

She keeps running and running and running... Shown with her supporters noted for her repeated attempts to win the N.C. House District 8 Seat is Mary Williams (2nd from right) recently surprised Pitt and Martin County voters by opting to challenge incumbent Pitt County Commissioner District 2 representative Eugene James in this year's election. This photo from the M' Voice archives include Rev Ozzie Hall (to her left) and other supporters of the Mary Williams campaign. **RUN MARY RUN!**

photo Jim Rouse

The Story of the Maroon Rebellions**Professor Haile Gerima**

By: Kwame Brathwaite
The Final Call

Ethiopia's famed award-winning film producer, Haile Gerima, spoke at Brooklyn's

156-year old Berean Baptist Church at a preview of his latest film *The Maroons*, which documents the story of rebellion by African captives in the Caribbean, South America, Mexico and the US, and their escapes from slavery.

Mr. Gerima, who is a professor of Film-making at Howard University, is a fierce defender of African culture. Many of us know him for his very popular film *Sankofa*, which was released in 1993. No major company would distribution company, called Myphehuh Films, and took it to 35 cities, grossing over \$3 million. He now distributes not only his own films, but also quality films by other Black filmmakers that can't gain access to the establishment's distribution.

His films are noted for their exploration of the issues and history pertinent to members of the African Diaspora from the continent itself to the Americas and Western Hemisphere. Often corrective of Hollywood versions of slave stories, his films comment on the physical, culture and psychological dislocation of Black peoples during and after slavery. His films are distinguished by narratives told from the perspectives of Africans and members of the African Diaspora, rather than being sanitized and/or misinterpreted by more commercially oriented filmmakers. His unique film-making aesthetic is coupled with a personal mission to correct long held misconceptions about Black peoples' varied histories throughout the world.

His films almost always deals with our culture and stories about our victories. *Adwa*, his 1999 film, a true story about a battle in 1896, wherein an African nation, largely armed with spears and knives, defeats a well-equipped and organized Italian military bent on colonization. He is currently working on *Adwa, Part II- The Children of Adwa*, dealing with the return of Italy to Ethiopia during World War II and the gallant determination of the Ethiopians to remain free.

Mr. Gerima's talk and screening of *The Maroons* Film Project held the audience spellbound, young, and old alike. The documentary, which features noted historians such as Professor Asa Hilliard, Herbert Aptheker, Keith Baird and Dianne Baird N'Diaye, is pegged as "a work in progress" because there will be a sequel that reveals what has happened in areas where Africans fought and won their freedom and established their own towns and cities.

Although it is well known that Africans rebelled in Jamaica, Brazil, Mexico, and Haiti, established their own territories, the establishment never revealed the fact that is happened here in the US, for fear of inspiring other revolutions.

Berean Baptist Church is a historic Black church located in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. It was founded as an outgrowth of the Abolitionist Movement. It was incorporated Aug. 15, 1850 — 13 years before the abolition of slavery in

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Judge Hatchett is a nationally syndicated weekday courtroom series created to appeal to young adults as well as viewers of all ages. Presiding in the courtroom is Judge Glenda Hatchett, one of the youngest and most distinguished African American women ever to serve as the presiding judge of a state court.

Glenda Hatchett is a compassionate but tough advocate for young people—trying to keep families together, promoting

reconciled relationships and showing young people in trouble that they can do better. Out of court, she's the same way—trying to make sure that her two adult sons know that they are her top priority, promoting children's welfare issues on the lecture circuit.

Judge Hatchett is admitted to the bar in both Georgia and the District of Columbia. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Hatchett was a Senior Attorney as well as National and Interna-

tional Spokesperson for Delta Air Lines. Before joining Delta, she served as U.S. District Court Law Clerk to the Honorable Horace T. Ward. Judge Hatchett was selected by the National Bar Association's local affiliate as the Outstanding Jurist of the Year, and she was selected by the Spelman College Board of Trustees to receive the Outstanding Community Service Award. She also received the 1995 NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award, and was selected as the Outstanding

Alumni of the Year by the Emory University School of Law. Judge Hatchett is a member of the faculty of the National Judicial College sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She chaired the National Forum on Youth Violence for the U.S. Department of Justice. She is a graduate of the Emory University School of Law and of Mount Holyoke College.

Editorials/Opinions



My journalism 'Be-Be Kids'

By George E. Curry
NNPA Columnist

Last Saturday, I celebrated a homecoming. I was invited to address the opening session of an 8-week Urban Journalism Workshop, sponsored by the Washington Association of Black Journalists. Two decades ago, I served as founding director of the workshop.

Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of the St. Louis Minority Journalism Workshop, a program that I helped create and served as found-

ing director before moving to Washington. With the assistance of the New York Association of Black Journalists, I served as founding director of a similar workshop there after I left Washington. In all, about 15 workshops around the country are patterned after the St. Louis model.

Over the years, hundreds of high school students who sat through Saturday sessions have become professional journalists. I call them my journalism Be-Be Kids — they don't die, they multiply. They include: Ann Scales, an editor at the *Boston Globe*; Marcia Davis, an editor at the *Washington Post*; Everett Mitchell, editor of the

Nashville Tennessean; Mark Russell, managing editor of the *Orlando Sentinel*; Ben Holden, executive editor of the *Columbus, Ga. Ledger-Enquirer*; Celeste Garrett of the *Chicago Tribune*; Andre Jackson, assistant managing editor for business at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; Bennie Currie, formerly of the Associated Press; Russ Mitchell, an anchor/reporter for CBS News; Warren Woodberry, a reporter for the *New York Daily News*; Jennifer Golson, a reporter for the *Newark Star-Ledger* and the list goes on. Three of my former students — Alvin Reed, Marcia Davis and Betsy Peoples — worked on my staff when I was editor-in-

chief of *Emerge Magazine*.

In addition to directing three high school workshops, I taught in summer programs at the University of Missouri, School of Journalism and a Washington-based program sponsored by Northwestern University. Out of the Northwestern summer program, designed to reach students at historically Black colleges, came Jacque Reed, an anchor for BET News, David Cummings, a reporter for *ESPN Magazine* and Emile Wilbekin, who served as editor-in-chief of *Vibe Magazine*.

By no means did I do any of this alone. In each city, the workshops were sponsored and staffed by the

local affiliate of the National Association of Black journalists. After I moved to New York, the Washington workshop was directed by Ken Cooper, a *Washington Post* national correspondent and former member of my St. Louis staff; Sonja Ross and Darlene Superville of the Associated Press and Robin Bennefield of the Discovery Channel. Keith Alexander, who participated in the Pittsburgh program started by Christopher Moore, another former St. Louis staffer, taught in the Washington program while serving as president of the Washington Association of Black Journalists. Obviously, the instructors were as enthusiastic about the workshops as the students. In addition to Chris Moore in Pittsburgh, Rochelle Riley, who served on the Washington workshop staff, started programs in Dallas. Cheryl Smith took over in Dallas after Rochelle left for Louisville, where she started another program before moving to Detroit.

Some of our former students not only became professional journalists, but started similar workshops — Bennie Currie and Celeste Garrett in Memphis and Mark Russell in Cleveland.

When I looked into the bright eyes of about 50 aspiring journalists on Saturday, I told them about some of the students that had gone before them. Around the time I was speaking to them, Mark Russell was preparing to leave Orlando and

travel to New York, where he would be serving as a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes.

A profile on Mark in 2003 for the McCormick Fellowship Initiative at Northwestern University mentioned our relationship. It noted, "After watching Curry in action as a reporter for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* during the 1970s, he decided that 'this is the guy I want to be like.' Russell, then 17, abandoned his original plan to be a football player or a banker making lots of money."

On Monday, I received an e-mail from Juan Diasgranados, one of the students in the audience on Saturday.

"I just wanted to say that I have many future hopes in being a TV anchor or a radio personality one day, and the words of wisdom you told us really motivated me. I have been let down by some people saying I am not good enough, but I really think I can. I just want to thank you and wish you the best of luck in your career. I hope one day I could be like you."

That's what Mark Russell said. It wasn't so much about me as it was about my profession. Like Mark, I am sure Juan will realize his dream. I'll be looking for him on TV.

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Marian Wright Edelman
As tax season approaches, the Children's Defense Fund is helping to spread some important good news about tax credits and free tax preparation help for working families. Many of the country's working poor may not know they are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a refundable tax credit for people who work full- or part-time but earn low wages. These are the hard working low- to moderate-income families who are playing by the rules but still struggling to stay ahead.

Good tax news for working families

This federal credit can generate a cash refund for them of as much as \$4,400, and it can be even more in states that offer a supplemental state Earned Income Tax Credit. In addition, the Child Tax Credit can be worth up to \$1,000 per child for some working families. More than 21 million workers collected billions of dollars in EITC refunds in 2003; and those families were able to use that money to help cover key expenses like rent, utilities, food, medical bills, child care, and even to put a down payment on a home. The EITC is the most effective work support and anti-poverty tool we have today. But even though most low-income working families with children qualify for both the EITC and the Child Tax Credit, up to 20 percent of eligible workers do not receive them. Some unscrupulous commercial tax preparers take advantage of workers who are likely to be

eligible for these credits by targeting them for "rapid refunds" through Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs). These are short-term, high-interest loans that tax filers take out against their expected tax return. Tax preparers aggressively market these loans as a way to get cash fast instead of waiting for a tax refund, and most of their customers are low-income taxpayers who need their refunds quickly to pay for basic needs. During 2003, about 7 million low-income workers purchased RALs. But these loans undermine benefits like the EITC by costing low-income workers large portions of their tax refunds in interest and fees. Across the country, low- to moderate-income working families who claimed the EITC lost more than \$900 million of their earned refunds during the 2004 tax season in exchange for collecting those refunds about 10 days sooner, in some cases.

There are ways for families to learn about the benefits for which they are eligible and receive free, fast, tax help at the same time.

Throughout tax season, the Children's Defense Fund and others across the country are operating free tax filing sites. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program was created by the IRS and is supported and overseen by the agency. VITA sites offer free tax preparation help to families making \$38,000 or less per year. Volunteers are trained to help families claim the EITC and other valuable federal, state, and local tax credits to which they are entitled and collect their refunds quickly without the unnecessary high fees of commercial preparers.

Even those who aren't required to file a tax return based on earnings should file a return because they may have had too much taken out of their pay-

checks during the year or they might qualify for a refund through the EITC. Volunteers are also able to help working families who failed to file their taxes or claim the EITC tax credits in the past claim them now, because they have up to three years to do so.

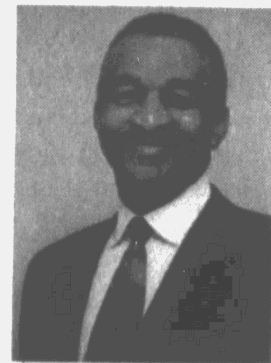
VITA sites are set up in convenient locations such as shopping centers, libraries, community centers and schools. Families visiting them are also able to receive information about other government benefits, including food and nutrition programs, health care, housing, child care and energy assistance.

All of CDF's state offices in New York, Texas, Minnesota, Ohio, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, California and the District of Columbia participate in the VITA program. Child poverty would be reduced by 20 percent and the number of families living in extreme poverty would be

reduced by 70 percent if all families with children participated in the government programs for which they are qualified, including the EITC. The CDF is part of the movement to help make free tax assistance available, accessible and well-publicized for everyone who can use it.

Could the VITA program help your family? To locate the site nearest to you, call 1-800-829-1040. If you have Internet access, you can also learn more by visiting the Tax and Benefits section of CDF's Web site (www.childrensdefense.org).

Marian Wright Edelman is president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.



James Clingman

They conceived him, they created him, they sustained him, they supported him, and now he has turned on them. We can break out our popcorn and Mary Jane candy because just like the old Frankenstein monster movies we used to watch, the latest version of Frankenstein, known as Frankenbush, shows the dreaded monster turning on his creators. That's right; those metal things that protrude from Frankenbush's neck have been charged by hundreds of lightning strikes and now, because he has so much power, he doesn't have to obey his masters any more. The Frankenbush monster thumbed his nose at his conservative creators by threatening to cast his first veto ever on the shipping ports deal. Dr. Frankenstein

The Return of Frankenstein's Monster

himself, Bill Frist, is leading his clones — House Speaker Hastert and the others — in an attempt to stop Frankenbush, but the monster is defiant and refuses to capitulate to their commands. Yes, the puppet is turning on the puppet masters; Chuckie is on the attack. Can anyone stop him before it's too late?

As I have said many times, it's always about the money, and you would think, listening to the moaning and wailing of "the people," that we just discovered this stark reality. Treasury Secretary John Snow, and the rest of those corporate crooks who have been stealing every dollar they can get their hands on, have pulled off another monetary coup with this port deal. Everywhere you look there is a connection from Frankenbush to his corporate cronies. And you thought he was accountable to the Congress. Silly you.

It was the Congress, at least the majority of Congress that created Frankenbush, giving him all the nourishment he required to get stronger and stronger. Now, he has turned on them and is exposing them as the weaklings

they are. All they can do, now that the monster has been unleashed, is try to destroy him. If they don't come up with the silver bullet Frankenbush will destroy them in November 2006. Can't you hear Vincent Price's spooky laugh in the background as you slide down in your seat, afraid to watch the scary climax of this B-movie? The minor plots abound. The bride of Frankenbush, "Condi," as he calls her, is threatening folks all over the world. After all, she has the monster on her side. Again, I think about our prophet, Gil Scott-Heron, when he called Henry Kissinger, the "International Godfather of Peace." Just like Richard Nixon and his boys wanted "a piece of Laos, a piece of Angola, a piece of Viet Nam, a piece of Cuba." Condi also says she and Frankenbush want peace, a piece of Iraq, a piece of Iran, a piece of Syria, a piece of Afghanistan. Apparently the Frankenbush peace process calls for Condi to threaten leaders of these countries, as well as the duly elected leader of Venezuela, Caesar Chavez. Can anyone stop this monster?

Frankenbush, fresh from a recharge in 2004, hackneyed, skewed, discombobulated, and confused, is on the loose, running rampant and destroying everything in his path. He and his bride are bent on taking over the earth. It's Boris Karloff and Elsa Lanchester reincarnated. Keep your children in the house.

I have to believe that any person with an ounce of gray matter knows Frankenbush is an abject failure, at least as it relates to governing this country. But, as for filling his pockets and those of his cronies, he has been a rousing success. He has done what he was told; they trotted him out on the stage, after wiring him with an earpiece, and he stood there and delivered — exactly what they told him to say. Of course, there are always exceptions every time Frankenbush makes his feeble attempts to speak without assistance.

His inarticulate ramblings and mechanical movements and gestures are striking indications that Frankenbush is unsure of his balance, insecure, and unstable, at least that's the way

it used to be. Now, the monster is walking on his own, still not making very much sense when he speaks, but he doesn't need to, considering the raw power he possesses.

Soon we will see how powerful Frankenbush is as he has thrown down the gauntlet before his creators. Now they must find a way to destroy him before he destroys them — and the rest of us. Can they do it? Surely there is much awry in this, the latest Republican laboratory experiment. The monster is running wild, not obeying the orders from those who thought they were his masters; they didn't know he had other masters; they thought they had him under control, but the corporate hidden hands are giving Frankenbush his orders. We are in deep trouble if he is not neutralized soon.

Doesn't all of this make sense now? Frankenbush said he didn't know the levees would break; he didn't know Osama had plans to fly planes into buildings; and he didn't know about the Dubai deal; he didn't know Hamas would be elected. Isn't it obvious that he doesn't

know about a lot of things? After all, he is the most ignorant, uninformed, and disconnected president in the history of this country. That's because he was created in a laboratory by devious, greedy, mad scientists like Rove, Cheney, Wolfowitz, Abramhoff, Ken Lay and the rest of their diabolical surgical team.

Yes, they created a monster and now, after turning on the people, the monster has turned on Congress, a collective body that assumed it had control of the monster. Wow! I can't wait to see the end of this horror movie.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's African American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and has written several books, including Black-o-Knowledge-Stuff.

Community News

From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

obey your parents in the Lord for this right."

and avoid raising your blood pressure by over activity, over fatigue, over anxiety, and towering age.

Some words to live by.....

1. Speak to People. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at People. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. Call People by Name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and Helpful. If you would like to have friends....be friendly.
5. Be Generous with Praise. Cautious with criticism.
6. Be Alert to Give Service. What counts most in life is what you do for others.
7. Be Thoughtful of the Opinions of Others. There are three sides to controversy; yours; the other fellow's and the right one.
4. Slacken your pace in prevention of, and certainly after, a heart attack.
5. Avoid strokes by proper diet, calm action, rest and relaxation, elimination of violent emotional or physical outbursts.
6. Cancer is controllable if detected early, and a major cure may be found at anytime. A check-up each year is the best defense, plus a visit to a doctor on any major suspicion.
7. Don't smoke or drink to excess. Give up either habit rather than let it doom you.
8. Maintain a confident attitude about health, but observe and respect symptoms and conditions that call for medical attention, and slacken your pace of life.

The Three R's are important — Reading, "Ritting, and Rithmetic, but Equally Important are Good Manners, Discipline and Respect for Authority.

"A youth, when at home, should be respectful to his elders," said Confucious and Ephesians 6: 1 says, "Children

do we deal with these issues? Without strong moral values these problems will only get worse. People search for answers from government, money, or education...and find none.

It seems like fun to get bombed. But the morning after is murder. I wonder where this party life is really leading? I'm getting a little light-headed. My good time party-life is not a party anymore. Having a baby is an awesome thing. Having a baby when I'm not married is something else....scary!

We must have something beyond ourselves....not just better laws or a higher standard. Efidence shows that Jesus is the solution, and provides answers for every problem. This Jesus not only took the punishment for our sin, He provided the way for us to be reunited to gift that can't be bought at any price. There's no way to earn it....or deserve it. Fantastic! He is a friend who loved me even before I heard of him. I could use a real friend.

Strength for Life: Phillippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strenghteneth me."

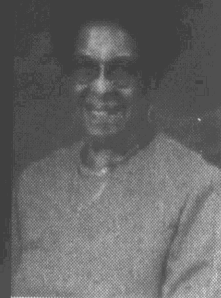
Help for Problems: Matthew 11:28-29. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest..."

Primary Election - 05/02/2006

Voter registration deadline for the Primary election is April 7, 2006. One-Stop No-Excuse Early Voting will begin April 13, 2006, and will continue through April 29. Locations are at the Elections Annex, 1800 N.Greene St. and at the New Community Schools Building, 4561 County Home Road. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday, April 29, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Any voter having questions about their registration should call the Elections Office at 902-3300.

MY VOICE

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John Poppy's Formula for a Long Life

1. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables.
2. Eat whole grain products every day.
3. Limit meat, eggs, poultry, fish.
4. Keep servings of meat to the size of a deck of cards.
5. Eat regular meals, including breakfast.
6. Don't snack between meals.
7. Keep your weight within 20% of average.
8. Don't smoke.
9. Exercise about three times a week.
10. Sleep seven or eight hours a week.
11. Drink in moderation or not at all.
12. Two or three servings of milk, cheese or yogurt a day.
13. Use fats and oils sparingly.
14. Take vitamins to help balance your diet.
15. Eat regular meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Shriveled muscles, clogged arteries, frail bones, a middle-age spread, we used to believe these things were the inevitable results of age. But more and more researchers are finding that inactivity, not aging, is to blame. "Nobody really lives long enough to die of old age. We die from accidents, disease, and most of all, disuse", says Walter M. Bortz, M.D., and expert on aging at Stanford University and the author of WE LIVE TOO SHORT AND DIE TOO LONG. By maintaining muscle strength and flexibility, regular exercise can help you remain independent and active no matter what your age.

Exercise has also been found to lower blood pressure, reduce cholesterol levels and improve heart functions.

Finally, staying active helps you maintain a healthy weight, which reduces the risk of numerous diseases, including heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

GENTLEMEN VS. LADIES

A gentleman is a courteous, gracious man with a strong sense of honor. A lady is a woman who is polite, refined, and well-mannered.

Today, the world needs more ladies and gentlemen. Please mothers and fathers, let your children see these qualities/attributes/characteristics in you, for "more is caught than taught."

Ladies still respect men who open doors, walk on the curb side, have table manners, allow them to

precede them through doors, assist older or feeble ladies up steps, take off caps/hats when introduced, rise if seated to shake hands, instead of saying "excuse me for not standing", is careful about his language, and who sneezes or coughs in a handkerchief, among many other courteous behaviors. All of us can check up, read up on common, everyday courtesies. Right?

Good manners is never obsolete. These really judge a gentlemen (or a lady). As Jesse Jackson says, "Any male can get a baby, but it takes a real father to rear him."

Would your son nominate you a his role model? Would you be deserving if he should?

OUTWARD APPEARANCE...

"Men judge by outward appearance, but I look at a man's thoughts and intentions." 1 Samuel 16:7

REBELLION

"Rebellion is as bad as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness (s as bad as worshipping idols." 1 Samuel 5:23

POSITIVE STEPS TOWARD KEEPING UP YOUR HEALTH

1. Avoid if possible the three main destroyers — heart disease, cancer, and strokes.
2. Have an annual medical checkup, and keep in touch with a good doctor.
3. Avoid hardening of arteries by good diet,

Community Voices

Reflections, Expressions & Reviews



Sudoku

The World's Most Infectious Puzzle

A year ago, Sudoku was almost unknown outside of Japan. Barely a year after its introduction to the West, this unassuming little puzzle can now be found in more than 140 newspapers around the world, including at least 30 in the US. Fanatics can also buy Sudoku calendars, board games, and jigsaw puzzles, and download Sudoku grids to their mobile phones. One psychologist calls Sudoku a classic idea that spreads rapidly from one person to the next. It is using our brains to propel itself across the world like an infectious virus.

Every Sudoku puzzle starts with a nine three-by-three regions. The goal is to fill the 81 squares with numbers from one to nine

in such a way that each row, column, and three-by-three region contains exactly one of each number. Each puzzle starts with a certain number of squares already filled in; how many is one of the factors that determines the level of difficulty. An average puzzler can do an easy grid in 10 minutes, while a tricky one might take an hour or more. One thing that makes the puzzles appealing is that despite all the numbers, there is no arithmetic required. Solving a Sudoku is basically a matter of scanning the grid for patterns. A true Sudoku can have only one possible solution, and it is unforgiving of mistakes. Catch an error too late and you often have to erase everything and start from scratch.

Modern Sudoku began life in the US as Number Place, an occasional feature of Dell puzzle magazine in the late 1970s. The puzzle was imported to Japan in 1984. Since the Japanese alphabet is poorly suited to crossword puzzles, Sudoku

took root with little competition. But if Japan didn't invent Sudoku, America can't take complete credit either. Sudoku evolved from Latin squares, which was created by a Swiss mathematician.

Sudoku got back to America when a native or Hong Kong became hooked on Sudoku during a trip to Tokyo. He spent the next six years writing a computer program that could create the puzzles. Subsequently, he contacted the editor of the London Times and began to publish his Sudokus. From there it "traveled" to the USA Today and The NY Post. Today it is found daily in our own state's News & Observer.

The simple grid, Sudoku, can be addictive. It's a battle between you and the puzzle, with no intervening dictionaries, reference books, computers, or other aids. Psychologists say solving the puzzle creates a high almost like a drug. Filling in the correct numbers in each Sudoku puzzle is most difficult

at the beginning, but puzzlers then get a sudden rush as a tipping point is reached; at the end, the numbers almost fill themselves in. This gratification is enormously potent for some people. Others say puzzlers find escape in deep concentration. For all these reasons, you can do more get bored of Sudoku than you can get bored of reading novels.

Extracted by: Suejette A. Jones

Note:

If you are a Dollar Tree Shopper, as I am, you can find Sudoku books for a dollar, otherwise they are costlier. Sudoku is one of my pastimes as they keep me mentally alert and challenged.

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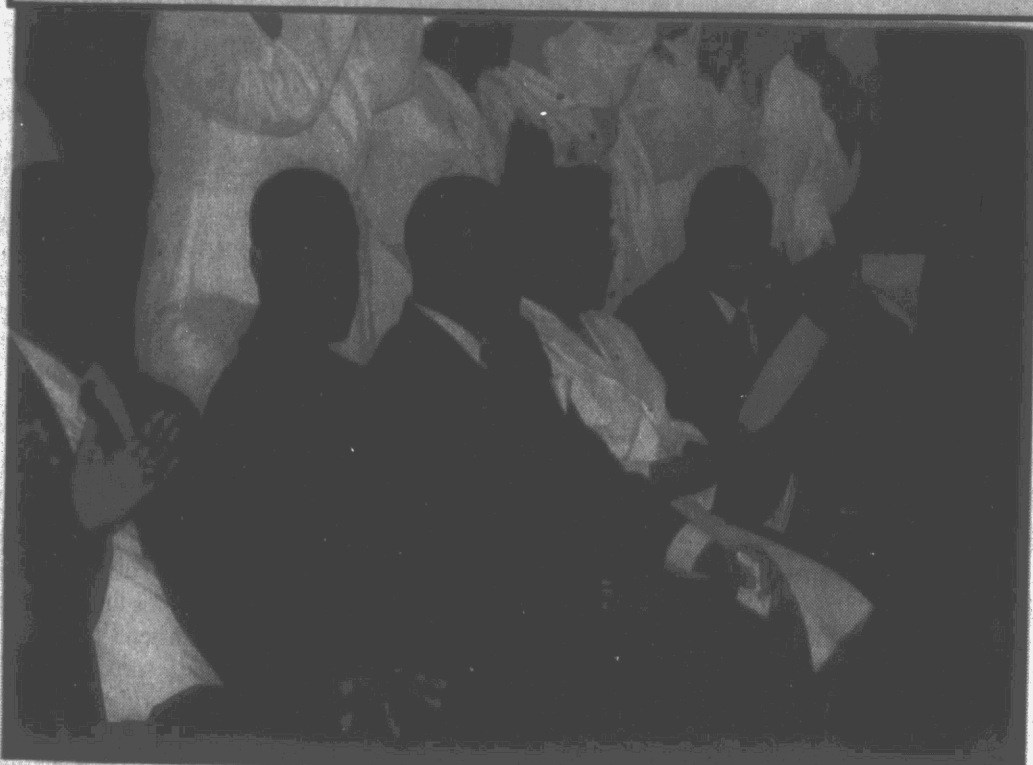
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A Royal Celebration



A Royal Celebration . . . Recently at the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, NC worshipers from area churches and political officials gathered to give honor to the work that Bishop & pastor of the Philippi Church of Christ, Randy B. Royal, (seated 3rd from left) has been involved in during the years of his tenure here in Greenville. Bishop Royal is recovering from a recent surgery. Along with all of our community we pray for the Bishop's continued recovery.

photo by Bro Jim Rouse



The Family that prays together . . . Pitt County Businessman, Joe Wright and his wife, Deniece with children Courtney and Joe were on hand to shoe their love and support for the service at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church held in honour of Bshop Randy B. Royal

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Three Generations of Deathcare . . . Retired Funeral Director Dan Worthington of Norcott & Co. Funeral Home was on hand to show support along with former Norcott affiliates (left to right) Wife, April (Sutton) Williams with thrid generation Funeral Home Director and CEO of Willoughby Funeral Homes Inc.J.T. Willoughby III and father Quincy of Norcott.

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Campaign Kickoff... at one of Greenville's top restaurant, Chef's 505, where Derrick Brown who is campaigning for a seat in the NC House(not pictured) is Derrick's father Atty. Earl Brown (extreme left) and mother Dr. Hazel Brown with supporters of Derricks campaign.

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WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS

Congratulations to Lorie Michelle Tyson Savage

Lorie has been nominated to the Who's Who Among Students In American Universities & Colleges 2006 Honors Program. She is a member of the Philippi Church Of Christ where the pastor is Bishop Randy B. Royal. She has two children; Rodney Smith 10yrs, Alexis Savage 7yrs and a loving husband in the person of Roy Savage. Lorie is currently majoring in psychology and socialology at Shaw University. She plans to become a licensed professional counselor specializing in the field of substance abuse. Lorie gives God all the glory in her life and thanks her mother who has been a strong spiritual inspiration in her life. Lorie say that "you're short if you don't believe that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you."

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of the ideological turmoil of the sixties when the Black power movement was split by the race/class dichotomy, as well as those who favored the differing tactics and strategies put forth by King and Malcolm X. "There is so much to be marinated in this book," was Smiley's retort, adding that he was casting no aspersion on Farrakhan. "This book belongs to us. It's a covenant with us, and we must take control of our destiny." Cornel West, too, addressed his remarks with love and respect to Farrakhan. "I resonate with love for my minister, but he's not right in his conclusions," West asserted. "I'm not integrating into a burning house. I want to tell the truth about the house, and to rescue people from it." Rather than watching the American house of misdeeds and mischief burn, Belafonte said the flames must be put out. King, he said, would never say, "Let it burn." He (Dr. King) charged our morality: Do you stand by and watch the house burn? That's the choice we have to make. We, Black people, are morally responsible for America's destiny." The applause that followed Belafonte's remark was almost equal to the applause Farrakhan received when he was introduced.

Given the aforementioned fireworks, the other two panels on economic empowerment and emerging leadership were tame by comparison, though the latter, time wise, was given short shrift. "We are the direct descendants of the civil rights movement," said Malia Lazu of the Institute of Policy Studies, "and we must not only register to vote, we must seek office too." It would have been interesting to see some of the emerging leaders - Dr. Ian Smith, filmmaker Shola Lynch, Eddie Glaude, Jamal Bryant and Trish Millines Dzigin - have an intergenerational dialogue with the likes of Rev. Al Sharpton, Wade Henderson, Angela Glover Blackwell, and Julianne Malveaux. Since the panelists were ordered to use the book to cue their remarks, it perhaps made sense that they, for the most part, mirrored the guidelines put forth by the text. Some of the veteran activists must have been struck by resemblance of the ten-chapter Covenant to the Ten Point Programs once proposed by the Nation of Islam and the Black Panther Party, though the Covenant hardly addressed African affairs, the Diaspora, the prison industrial complex, labor,

unemployment, housing, homelessness, child welfare, the pandemic of AIDS, political prisoners, reparations, or police brutality. These issues were given but passing attention by the panelists, whose ranks included no notable Black nationalists or individuals identified with the political left. But as Smiley notes in his introduction to the book, "the Covenant is not revolutionary, but evolutionary," which may explain the absence of individuals from activist groups and political formations currently doing battle with a racist society permeated by white supremacy. Among the highlights was the appearance of Katrina survivors. This was a nice touch and it complemented all the criticism leveled against the Bush administration and its slovenly response to the Gulf Coast disaster. Practically every speaker found a way to weave the hurricanes and their aftermaths into their comments. Smiley and his entourage are slated to host summits in six more cities, including Brooklyn this past Tuesday. By then they should have received the necessary tests and feedback to assist in transforming the Covenant's words into action.

Honoring African Americans In Song . . .

Pictured to the right is (front) Tonia, Tonette and Phyllis of the Exciting Edward Singers recording group and below is (front) Joe Louis, Lil Willie, (back row) Jarvis Jr., Johnnie Ray and Bobby of the group Lil Willie and The Fantastic Spiritualaires. It was another successful gospel program held at the South Greenville elementary School in Greenville, NC. For an inspirational gospel program that you will never forget we advise you to take advantage of the opportunity to join these artist in concert whenever possible.

photo Bro Jim Rouse



Baseball: First woman elected to the Hall of Fame

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Jack Curry

The New York Times

Effa Manley, a savvy businesswoman whose gravestone reads, "She Loved Baseball," became the first woman elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame when 17 people from the Negro Leagues and the predecessor era in black baseball were selected by a special committee.

Manley, who co-owned the Newark Eagles with her husband, Abe, handled the daily business operations of the team and was considered an expert in marketing and advertising. She was also diligent in fighting for better conditions for the players on the Eagles, who won the Negro Leagues World Series in 1946.

"While Abe had the money, she was really the one running the show," said Leslie Heaphy, a Negro Leagues historian and member of the voting committee.

Manley's mother was white and her father was black, but Larry Lester, a member of the voting committee, said she had

been conceived in an affair her mother had with a white man.

Manley, who had mixed-race siblings and lived in a black neighborhood, lived her life as a black woman. She was instrumental in making sure that owners of Negro League teams were compensated for their players by major league teams who signed them once Jackie Robinson integrated baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. Branch Rickey, the Dodgers' general manager, did not pay the Kansas City Monarchs any money for Robinson when he signed him off their roster.

The election was a byproduct of Major League Baseball's giving the Hall of Fame a \$250,000 grant for an in-depth analysis of black figures in baseball from 1860 to 1960. Before this election, 18 players from the Negro Leagues were in the Hall.

Manley's challenging childhood had shaped her into an aggressive executive. Manley wrote letters to the Hall lobbying for various Negro Leagues players to be considered for induction before dying at 84 in 1981. Now she is joining the Hall.



AP File 1973

Effa Manley, left, who co-owned the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League, looks over a scrapbook with Don Newcombe, one of her former players, in August 1973 at her home in Los Angeles. Manley became the first woman elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame Monday, when a special committee voted in Manley and 17 others from the Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues.

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Pitt County Schools office
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Battle of the Books Competition

The 16th annual Battle of the Books (BOB) district competition will be held at 9:00 a. m. on Thursday, March 16, 2006.

BOB is a middle school competition with a game-like format with teams competing against each other by answering questions about 27 books they have read during the school year. The games will consists of rounds of 12 questions with two schools facing off for points.

The team with the most points will be declared district winner and the school's name will be placed on a plaque. First and Second place teams will receive medals and a box of BOB books. The winning team will advance to regional competition April 7 at Hertford County Middle School. The winner of the regional competition will go to the state competition May 5 at UNC/Greensboro. Pitt County was represented by E.B. Aycock Middle in the region last year and they became the 2005 State Champions.

The competition will be held at Saint James United Methodist Church located at 2000 E. 6th Street in Greenville.

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Another child's death rattles NY Agency

Boy, 4, was beaten and slammed into wall

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest child to die in a series of abuse cases that has rattled the city's child welfare agency was slammed into walls and beaten by his mother's boyfriend while she did nothing to stop him, police said.

Investigators believe 4-year-old Quachaun Brown died Sunday following a beating by Jose Calderon, who later claimed he was angry because

he thought the child caused a television to fall over, police said.

The child's mother, Aleshia Smith, didn't report any trouble until early Monday.

Smith, 26, was arrested Tuesday on a manslaughter charge; Calderon, 18, was charged with second-degree murder.

It was unclear whether the suspects had attorneys, and prosecutors had no comment.

Police said they suspect the abuse began last summer, after Calderon moved into the apartment with Smith, Quachaun and his four sisters.

Singled out for beatings
Two of the girls, ages 6 and 9, have told investigators that the boyfriend singled out the boy for regular beatings, which included shoving him face-first into walls.

Autopsy results were pending, but police said there was preliminary evidence that the child had a fractured skull, a damaged liver and atrophied leg muscles.

Police responding to a 911 call around 3 a.m. Monday

found Quachaun dead in the family's filthy Bronx apartment. They said the apartment was in disarray, with cold air blowing in through a broken window, no food in the refrigerator and the children poorly clothed.

Smith had told police the television fell on the boy Sunday and that he began vomiting blood the next day.

In November, Administration for Children's Services caseworkers had visited the apartment and reported it "to be in order," agency head John Mattingly said.

The agency underwent a shake-up after the January 11

death of 7-year-old Nixzmary Brown, who was allegedly tortured, abused and beaten by her stepfather.

Reports of her suffering had been made to several agencies, including schools, police and child welfare. Her death followed recent homicides of three other children known to the agency



Jose Calderon, 18 is charged with second degree murder.

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In The News . . . In the studio of WOOW Radio Station our camera catches Ms. Meredith White of WITN 7 News as she interviewed Bro Jim Rouse (ceo of WOOW, WTOW and The Minority Voice Newspaper for a segment on WITN for Black History Month

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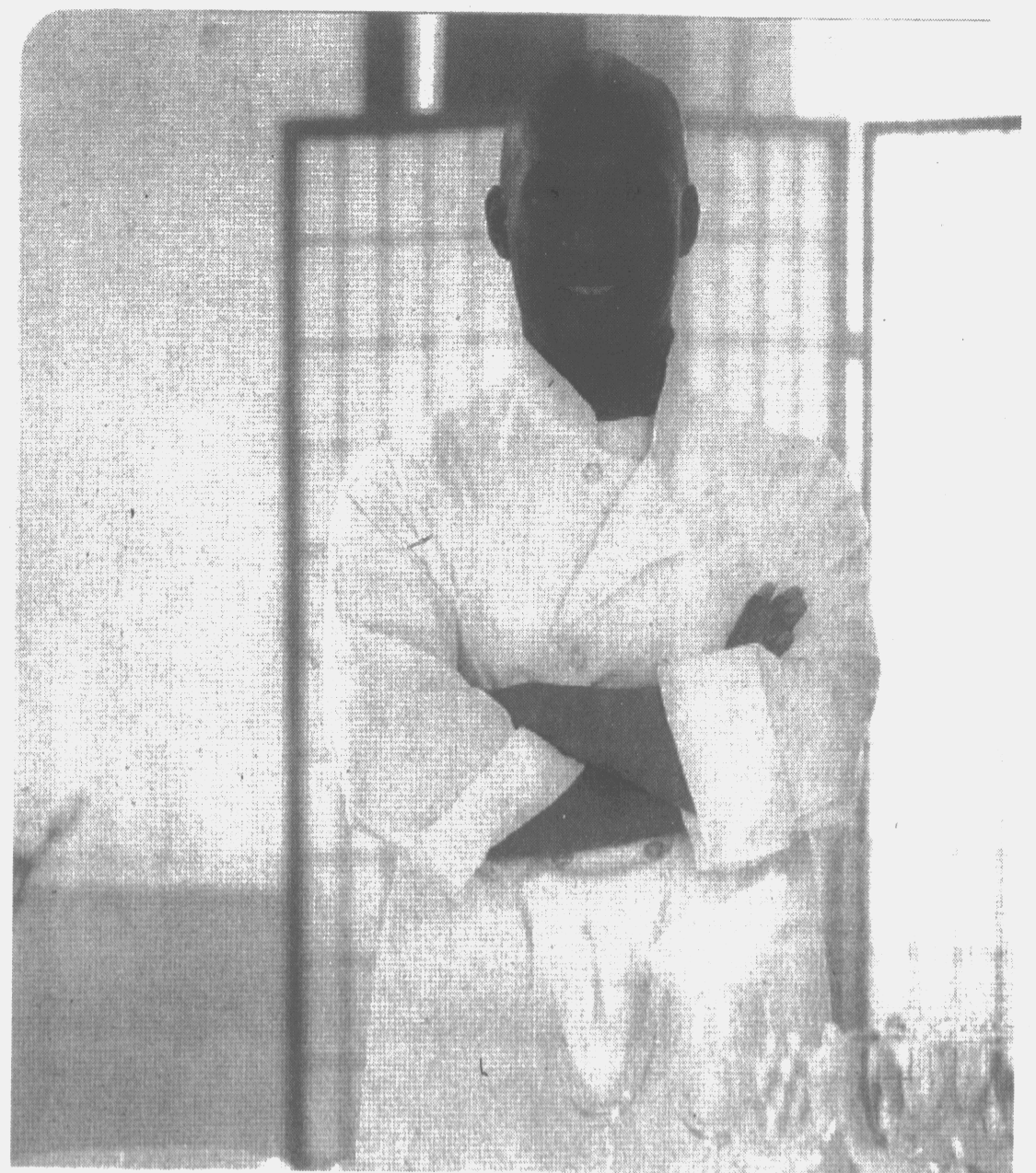
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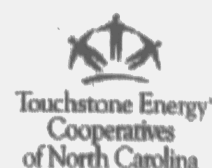
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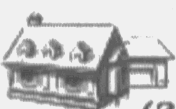


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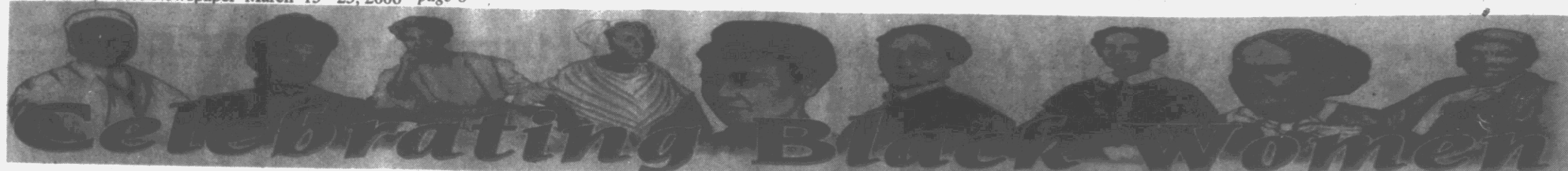
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Frances Ellen Watkins Harper was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on September 24, 1825 to free parents. At the age of three, her parents died and she was sent to live with an uncle Reverend William Watkins, a teacher at the Academy for Negro Youth and a radical political figure in civil rights.

At the age of 13, she went to work as a nursemaid, but she continued her education on her own. She was allowed to use the library of the family she worked for and while still in her teens began to write poetry. In 1839, Harper's first poems were published in abolitionist periodicals. In 1845, her first collection of verse and prose was published in a collection entitled *Forest Leaves*.

In 1850, Harper left Baltimore in order to become the first woman to teach at Union Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio.



Sarah Parker Remond was born in 1826 in Salem. Her mother Nancy was the Newton-born daughter of a man who fought in the Continental Army; her father John was a free black who arrived from the Dutch island of Curacao as a boy of ten in 1798. The Remonds settled in Salem, where they built a successful catering, provisioning, and hairdressing business. Although they were prosperous free-citizens of Massachusetts and protective parents, they could not shield their eight children from racial discrimination. The family set great store on education, and in 1835, Sarah and her sister passed the examination to enter the Salem High School. Within a week, they were forced to leave the school by a segregationist school committee. Outraged, the Remonds moved to Newport, RI, where Sarah attended a private school for blacks. John Remond mounted a campaign to desegregate the Salem schools, and when he succeeded in 1841, the family returned home. Sarah continued her education by reading widely and attending concerts and lectures. In 1856, at the age of 30, she went to work for the American Anti-slavery Society. She had first come to public notice three years before when she was ejected from a Boston theater because she refused to sit in a segregated gallery. She was handled roughly by a policeman, and successfully sued the theater's owners for \$500 in damages. In 1856, she began her career as a public speaker, touring New York State with a team of lecturers that included her brother Charles and another courageous Massachusetts woman, Abby Kelly Foster. Abby Foster's example and encouragement were critical in Sarah Remond's decision to take the step of becoming an anti-slavery lecturer.



"Seven Future Events That Will Shake The World"



Faith May

In the last issue I gave you information from the Bible predicting at least seven future events that are destined to shake the world in the "last days". I gave you three of the seven events. Here are the other four.

4. Two Dead Men Walking - Revelation 11:3-12 predicts the appearance of "two Witnesses" who will proclaim the message of Jesus in Jerusalem in the days following the rapture. Their clear message will be accompanied by miraculous signs that indicate their functions will be like that of Moses (plagues) and Elijah (fire from heaven). These are also the two witnesses that appeared with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-3).

The antichrist will suddenly turn against these two men, kill them and leave their dead bodies in the streets of Jerusalem for public display. But after three and a half

days, they will be miraculously resurrected and raptured into heaven (Revelation 11:11-12). This dramatic event will be witnessed by the whole world, presumably on satellite television. It will serve as a final warning to those who have rejected the Gospel and been left behind during the great tribulation.

5. Jewish Temple Rebuilt - The first Temple in Jerusalem was built by King Solomon. It was destroyed in 586 B.C. by the Babylonians. The Second Temple was built by Zerubbable in 515 B.C. It was later remodeled by King Herod and destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. Today, there is no Jewish Temple on the sacred Temple Mount for more than 1,300 years, since AD 691. Nevertheless, the Bible predicts that the antichrist ("man of sin") will enter the Jewish Temple in the last days and insist that he be worshipped as God (II Thessalonians 2:3-4). This prophecy presupposes the existence of another Jewish

Temple in the future. Since the Dome of the Rock and the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple in its place, perhaps under the auspices and protection of the antichrist himself.

6. Holocaust Eclipsed - One of the most serious biblical prophecies points to the invasion of Jerusalem in the biblical last days. While Israel is dwelling securely, she will suddenly be invaded by hordes of old Gentile nations. Both the Old Testament (Ezekiel 38:39; Joel 2:1-11; Zechariah 14:1-3) and the New Testament (Matthew 24:15-28; Revelation 16:1-2) predict an assault on Jerusalem in the end times.

7. God Comes To Earth - The great climax of biblical prophecy is the triumphal return of Jesus Christ described in Revelation 19:11-16. He returns from heaven to earth to win the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16), defeat the Beast and the

False Prophet and cast Satan in to the abyss for 1,000 years (revelation 19:19-20:3). Only His return will bring peace to the planet and an end to human hostilities. In the Person of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, God comes to earth to reign and rule in peace and righteousness. This will be an unprecedented time of blessing and prosperity only to be

exceeded by eternity itself when all the saints of God dwell together in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22).

The final prophecies of the Revelation ends with an invitation. Jesus speaks one last time, urging us to "testify...these things in the churches" (22:16). Then the Revelation adds: "And the Spirit

and the bride say, come. And let him that is thirsty, come. And whoever will, let him come" (22:17). Prophecy is not written to frighten us, but to invite us to come to Christ while there is still time. You and I have an invitation to dine with the King. But we must decide to accept His invitation before it's too late (Revelation 3:20).



Goji Juice... Sister Faye Howard is shown at the Gospelfest held at the South Greenville Ele. School, promoting the Goji juice that can help your body and mind. Call Faye for your order of the Goji Juice today.

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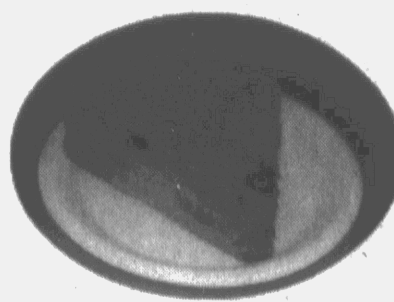
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Maroon rebellion continue from front page

the US — and believed to be the first Black congregation in Brooklyn to erect an edifice from the foundation. It is a church determined to leave a legacy of building structures that edify and empower a community, and building people that edify and empower each other.

It's a pastor, Dr. Griffin, states, "as we move into the 21st Century, we want people who were disenfranchised and dispossessed to be empowered. We want them to determine their social and political destinies and to be players in forging the society — not to be victims of the situations they find themselves in." AMEN

Shelly may rat on Clarence Norman

BY NANCIE L. KATZ DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver may testify against Clarence Norman at his trial on charges he illegally sought reimbursement for travel to and from Albany.

As jury selection began for Norman's third felony trial in less than a year yesterday, Brooklyn prosecutors identified Silver as one of the witnesses they plan to call.

If he takes the stand, Silver likely would be asked if Norman - his former deputy

speaker - was allowed to be reimbursed for travel between Brooklyn and Albany even though the borough Democratic Party he chaired was already paying for it.

Norman, already sentenced to two years in prison for the other convictions, could face up to an additional seven years if convicted of larceny and 76 counts of filing a false instrument for travel vouchers he submitted in 1999-2002 totaling just over \$5,000.

Once a Brooklyn kingpin, Norman was knocked from the

Crown Heights Assembly seat he held for 23 years and his 15-year chairmanship of the Brooklyn Democratic Party when a jury convicted him of campaign corruption in September. He was also disbarred.

In December, a second jury found him guilty of stealing a \$5,000 check made out to his campaign committee.

He has managed to stay out of jail pending appeals of the two convictions

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Obituary

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CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF DR. MABLE KING LANG

Obituary

Mrs. Mable King Lang, born October 20, 1915 to the late Jack and Sarah McMillan King of Robinson County, North Carolina, passed Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Mrs. Lang was a retired educator of 37 years with the Greenville Public School System in Pitt County. She received her elementary and secondary education from the Red Stone Academy in Lumberton, North Carolina, Bachelor of Science Degree from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, and pursued further studies at North Carolina Central University in Durham, East Carolina University in Greenville, and School of the Arts in Chicago. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters Degree from Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh, NC.

Mrs. Lang was not silent nor still in her retirement. She moved swiftly and humbly to accomplish the tasks at hand. She was an active member of the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville where she has served as President of the Junior Ladies Auxiliary, President of the Willing Workers Club, Sunday School Teacher for the Junior Class and Girl Scout leader; President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Middle District Union of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

As a retired school teacher, Mrs. Lang continued to be active in the community and in education through her involvement with the National Education Association, the North Carolina Teacher's Association, Vice President of the Retired Teacher's Association, Vice President of the North Carolina Girl's Counsel, Deputy of the United Order of Tents, and member of the NAACP.

Noted across eastern North Carolina as an activist on behalf of the Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, Dr. Lang worked endlessly for the viability of these two institutions. For over ten years she has served as coordinator and orchestrator of Eastern North Carolina fundraising efforts. Though not a graduate of Shaw, her commitment to Shaw is unquestionable and unequivocal.

Dr. Lang was preceded in death by her husband, the late James H. Lang. She leaves to cherish her memories: (3) Sons, James H. Lang, Jr. of Huntsville, Alabama, Frederick D. Lang of Greensboro, NC and Joseph J. Lang of Greenville, NC & (1) Daughter, Mrs. Annie Perry of Eagle River, Alaska and a host of Family Members and Friends.

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By Noria Namaz

Many were the people who came to this country in bondage. They adopted Christianity to become closer to the society that was rejecting them. I realized that if the religion of the country was Hinduism, Buddhism, or even Islam, they would learn it and adopt it as a natural progression towards acceptance. However, at some point, an intelligent person must ask, "What is God's true religion?"

My religious classes taught me Jesus did not like people who gave lip service to faith. In his gospel he challenged his people to seek out the truth. Knock on the doors of knowledge; do not be afraid to ask questions. He implored his people to cut their dependence on their Rabbis and

spiritual leaders. He says the truth will set you free. Implying that without the truth you cannot be free. Though speaking to his people, the Jews, this was a fact that all nations could ponder. Subjugated people cannot establish God's laws and only God's laws can release us from tyranny. But you must be a free people to establish God's laws. The Jews knew very well their position as helpless captives in their own land.

If mankind was to have a chance at a better life, a people must rise with God's message.—a people free from bondage. Jesus tells his disciples a prophet was coming after him, who would lead all of mankind to all truths. Thus, the opportunity to have absolute freedom would be available to everyone who wanted it. But it was not coming from Jesus because Jesus knew he was the last prophet from the Children of Israel, and the Children of Israel were unable to act freely. God was shifting this

responsibility to the descendants of Ishmael, Prophet Abraham's first born son. Jesus was not the first messenger from God who predicted this. Moses in Deuteronomy also spoke to the Jews about this man and the scholars of Jesus time asked him if he was that prophet.

According to both messengers of God, the last Prophet of God, would be a religious leader, a military commander, and a statesman. Reviewing history you find six hundred years after Jesus, a Prophet came from the Arabs, just as Moses predicted. As Jesus predicted he spoke to the people words that did not come from him. His name was Muhammad and the words he spoke are verses from the Qur'an. A Book God promises to protect until the end of time. In this Book God says He perfected our religion and chose for us Islam as the True Path to Him.

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March 25, 2006 (rain date April 1, 2006)

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Bill Campbell's Campaign for his Life

The Minority Voice Newspaper March 19 - 31, 2006

Bill Campbell's Campaign for his Life

by Maynard Eaton

Special to the NNPA from the Atlanta Voice

ATLANTA (NNPA) – For 20 years Bill Campbell was the consummate politician – the quintessential child of the civil rights movement who courageously integrated a North Carolina grade school.

He then parlayed his prestigious law degree into an Atlanta city council seat that surprisingly catapulted him to stunning victories in two bitter mayoral campaigns against opponents pundits perceived to be more savvy and popular – former Fulton County Chairman Michael Lomax and, four years later, former Atlanta City Council President Marvin Arrington.

Now Campbell, the charismatic and controversial former two-term Atlanta mayor [1994 to 2002] is mired in a mess – three weeks into a hotly contested, racially charged and contentious federal trial – that could imprison him for decades because prosecutors allege he used his office as a criminal enterprise.

Despite damning testimony suggesting Campbell's culpability for bribery, racketeering and fraud – as well as embarrassing evidence of his salacious five-year extra-martial love affair with former WSB-TV anchorwoman Marion Brooks and other women being unearthed during the taxing and telling trial thus far – the former Mayor has employed and attempted to engineer a public relations strategy that amounts to a

poignant political campaign for validation and vindication.

It's perhaps the most critical campaign of his life because it really is for his life.

Campbell has been omnipresent, appearing at Black churches, public functions, senior citizen homes and Coretta Scott King's funeral and defiantly maintaining his innocence.

The Atlanta Voice caught up with Campbell at a Midtown media-mixer recently sponsored by the Atlanta Press Club.

Q: How is the trial going from your perspective?

A: It's now been two weeks and virtually everyday has been terrific. The first

Q: How long do you expect that to last?

A: Everybody's saying I'm great or the trial. In terms of the government's case, I think it will go another two or three weeks.

Q: What do you think of the prosecution thus far?

A: I've never thought much of them.

It's a terribly flawed prosecution and a terribly flawed prosecution team.

Q: Can you give me one example why?

A: It's like [Franz] Kafka said, 'First the verdict, then the trial.'

This has been an almost eight-year inquisition where they have gone through every aspect of my life. They've paraded every friend that I have in front of the Grand Jury – every golfing friend, every poker buddy, every African-American businessman who did [City Hall] contracts – they've all been hauled in. It is shameful what they have done. Their conduct has been nothing short of disgraceful.

Q: Is race a factor here?

A: There is no doubt that race plays a factor in this prosecution. For anybody who saw the disgraceful response to Hurricane Katrina; anybody who was living in some fantasy land who thought that race does not play a role in America today that should have been a stark reminder that race continues to be a problem.

Q: Are black mayors and politicians still being unfairly persecuted in your opinion or are you perceived as just a bad apple who got caught with his hand in the cookie jar?

A: Every Black mayor – [San Francisco's] Willie Brown, [Houston's] Lee Brown, [New Orleans's] Marc Morial, [Newark's] Sharpe James, [Philadelphia's] John Street, [Atlanta's] Maynard Jackson and Andrew Young – it's no accident that a roll call of every Black mayor in America over the past 20-years has been investigated in some way, shape or form. That's a shocking statement about how things are. It's more of an indictment of the system than it is of those mayors.

Q: This is the trial of your life. It has to be daunting and fearful.

A: The only thing that concerns

me is the entire weight of the Justice department. They have a courtroom full of FBI, IRS and government agents. When it is all said and done, the case is paper-thin. It really has no connection with me. But I will prevail. I will be vindicated. I don't know of a civil rights leader worth anything that hasn't had to endure the weight of government investigations on them. Name one.

Q: This has been costly and personally painful, has it not?

A: No doubt. It has cost both financially and emotionally. What hurts is to hear people hurting about you.

Q: I heard you tell a well-wisher that this is like a campaign again. Is that how you see it?

A: Somebody that's mayor of Atlanta, you are always campaigning in a sense. I used to go out with Maynard Jackson and Andrew Young; you are always the mayor of Atlanta, no matter where you go or what you do. So to that extent, it is always a campaign mode – people want to know about you and what you are doing. They are interested in your life because you have played such a role in their lives in the city of Atlanta.

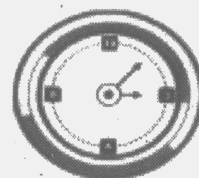
Q: When this trial is over and if you are exonerated, what will you say or do then?

A: I will go to church and give thanks because I have had such spiritual support. It has been humbling to have the support of so many people of faith. I don't think I have walked by anybody in Southwest Atlanta during the past six months who hasn't said, 'I'm praying for you.'



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