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Tempest Hits Olivet Baptist Church...

By Virginia L. Porter
Tri - State Defender

The raving tempest at Oliver Baptist Church is still tossing high billows against some of the church's "concerned members," leaving them overshadowed under black skies, wondering if shelter is nigh.

"The Master" cares whether or not their ship, steered by the Rev. Kenneth T. Whalum Jr., will perish. There's a war going on: New school tactics, backed by Whalum, v/s Tradition, embraced by many of his members.

And, amid the waves of dissension beating against Whalum's pulpit behavior that members say include mistreatment of some of the flock, profanity and sexually-provocative sermon demonstrations to visually drive his message home, the concerned are now trying to track down church funds.

Under query is: Where is the money-most of the \$1 million that was in its coffers-when Whalum took the helm? Why did he give himself an \$80,000-a-year raise, bringing his salary up to \$140,000 annually? Why did he buy his wife an \$80,000 luxury automobile? WHY is he NOW the only authorized person of the church to sign church treasury checks when

it used to require the signature of two other authorized officials. Why has he had the locks changed on everything-the church and its car fleet and some 33 pieces of property in an around the church?

Why has the pastor seemingly turned against his father, the Rev. Kenneth T. Whalum Sr., leaving him (the father) simply "bewildered and poised to take the church back?" And, why has some 40 deacons and 9 preachers left the church, under fire because they were given the option to either pray for the Holy Spirit, get Him, or resign?

"Master, the tempest is raging..." and not just from the pastor's new school of pulpit behavior and language, but, money-mismanaged funds that belong to church tithers and those that give offerings for church salaries and expenses. "The love of money is the root of all evil..."

Following the June 4 "confusion," when some members came to the church, ready to hold their private, before-service meeting with Whalum, were instead met by him and some other members dressed for spiritual warfare-fatigues, boots and all. From that point on, "all hell seemed to break loose..." Security officers and policemen were on the scene to

keep things "decent and in order." Whalum called for a voice vote of the congregation. He had children pitted against parents, members against members...them calling those against Whalum demons.

A court battle followed and a ruling gave Whalum "a temporary victory." He preached his last sermon until July 2 when this goes back to court.

He says that if he gets kick out, he will be preaching at some other church. He also says that the whole matter is not about his style, him or conduct but about what to do with the Holy Ghost. Whalum also said "I will still get my bump on AND resort to profanity-if I have to. I will back as soon as the HELL is over!"

Whalum states that his church does not want to change over. He says that his church opposed to "unbecoming church behavior that is not decent and in order," are making more than ripples against new-school methods which they say include bump-and-grind dancing, profanity and sexual demonstrations right in the pulpit which is meant to represent the "Holy of the Holiest."

Whalum says that everything he does or intend to do is what the Bible says he can do.



In Touch...Pastor Hawkins and a few of the willing workers of Tabernacle Church of Deliverance take a break for the "M" Voice newspaper during the In Touch Festival
photo by Jim Rouse

Life Insurance Settles Race Case

By DAVID ROYSE, Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Bessie Jones didn't earn much as a domestic worker and she didn't want her death to be a financial burden to her two children.

For much of her life, she gave a door-to-door salesman a few cents a week for burial insurance. What the 71-year-old grandmother didn't know was that as a black policyholder, she was being charged more than whites with similar risks.

American General Life and Accident Insurance Co., based in Nashville, Tenn., may not have known either that several smaller life insurance companies it purchased had long-time dual pricing systems based on race.

But faced with a national investigation by insurance commissioners and a class-action lawsuit in federal court, American General settled charges of fraud and racial discrimination Wednesday, agreeing to pay holders of 9.1 million policies nationwide a total of \$206 million.

The settlement affects tens of thousands of people, many of them poor minorities who live in the South. All 50 states are expected eventually to join the

agreement.

Many of the customers not only were overcharged because they were black, but also paid thousands of dollars in premiums on policies that will pay only a few hundred dollars when they die.

Jones, a retiree who lives in Sarasota, said her children wouldn't have gotten much out of the policies she paid for over the last several decades.

"They wouldn't have had enough money to bury me anyway," she said.

Under the settlement, American General, one of the nation's biggest life insurance companies, also will pay \$2 million to the NAACP and \$7.5 million in penalties to several states.

In Florida, which has the most policyholders, Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson said several insurance companies now owned by American General began discriminatory sales practices decades ago, mostly to poor, uneducated blacks in the rural South.

"It's tragic this discrimination and exploitation occurred in the first place," Nelson said. "But it's incomprehensible this practice occurred up until just a few days ago."

the settlement is fair.

"We strongly believe that any pricing based on race is unacceptable and will not be condoned," Chief Executive Robert Devlin said. "American General moved swiftly and responsibly to correct the regrettable historical practice of differential pricing."

There are more policies under the settlement than customers because some people bought more than one policy.

In the most egregious cases of race-based overcharging, more than 300,000 people will be eligible for increased death benefits, and more than 100,000 of those people will also see premium refunds of at least \$150, Nelson said.

Many customers still paying premiums to companies owned by American General will get premium reductions.

In addition to Florida, where 184,587 policies for which blacks were overcharged are in effect, the most affected states are Georgia, with 176,930 policies, Virginia, 172,302, and Tennessee, with just under 80,000.

EDITOR'S NOTE - American General's number for people who think they may be eligible for a refund: 1-800-681-4944.

Father and son moment "M" Voice Archives

This picture taken from the "M" Voice archives shows a moment where father (Alonzo Price), and son (Adrian Moye) at age 11, were together on one of the many times of Adrian's many athletic events while growing up. Adrian who has been recruited by numerous colleges in the country will be attending North Carolina A & T State University playing football. He will be playing the position of free safety. Adrian, like dad, excels in all sports. Adrian is a good example that shows there are a great number of our young people who are not on the corner just hanging out. It's a sad truth, but the so called main stream media will seldom report about this. Hence, the "M" Voice Newspaper brings you another moment in our history we can be proud of. Another note, we are not all dead beat dads. We all pray for the continued success of this young man.



AIDS Still Ravages Africa

Aids Still Ravages Africa, Un Says
By Stephanie Nebehay

GENEVA (Reuters) - The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to ravage Africa, where one in five adults is living with the deadly virus in some states, the United Nations said Tuesday. In Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, at least one in every two 15-year-old boys will die of AIDS, according to a grim report by the UNAIDS program.

In the West, gay men in New York, San Francisco, Sydney and London have become complacent, engaging in unprotected sex, often with multiple partners, the report warned.

But it saw glimmers of hope, noting HIV/AIDS rates had stabilized in most high-income countries due to awareness campaigns and better treatment. And infection rates had dropped in a few developing nations, including Thailand and Uganda.

"A lot of progress has been made, but it is unfortunately not everywhere," Peter Piot, executive director of the joint U.N. Program

on HIV/AIDS, told a news conference in Geneva.

"In the West...the impact of treatment has been spectacular. Mortality has really collapsed from AIDS. There is really a much better and longer life for people with HIV."

70 Percent Of Victims In Africa
The picture in sub-Saharan Africa was very different. There, four million people were infected last year alone -- making up the bulk of the 5.4 million new cases worldwide.

"The lifetime risk of dying from AIDS has become really incredibly high in several countries," Piot said.

In South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe, today's 15 year olds are more likely than not to die of AIDS.

Africa will need between \$1.6 billion and \$2.6 billion to step up prevention programs just to contain the epidemic, said Piot, who backed debt-relief for the hardest-hit countries.

AIDS is the fourth biggest killer worldwide. About 18.8 million people have perished since 1983, including 2.8 million last year,

according to the report.

"Nearly twice that many -- 34.3 million -- are now living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Barring a miracle, most of these will die over the next decade or so," the report said.

The epidemic has orphaned about 13.2 million children.

About 24.5 million or 70 percent of victims are in sub-Saharan Africa. The highest number -- 4.2 million -- are in South Africa, the region's most populous country.

The report listed 16 countries where over 10 percent of the 15-49 age-group were infected with HIV: Botswana, Burundi, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

In seven countries, all in the southern cone of Africa, at least one adult in five was living with the virus. Hardest hit was Botswana at 35.8 percent, followed by Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Zambia, South Africa and Namibia.

From the "M" Voice Archives



Family Day...The mother of Dr. Issac Artis (center) is shown here with her children, grandchildren, and other relatives during a family reunion.
photo by Jim Rouse

OPINION

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The Black Press believes the America can best lead the world away from racial and natural antagonism when it accords to every person regardless of race, color or creed, fill human rights. Hating no person fearing no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

EDITORIALS

Blacks being short-changed in Title VI funds allocations

Over the years, Title VI has received various nicknames, including the sleeping giant, the great equalizer. Yet, the underlying message is the same. Title VI, if fully, and truly implemented, would greatly alter the economic landscape of this city, county, state and nation.

In the last wave of Civil Rights laws, Title VI was among many passed in 1964. A law that is so short in length that you would overlook it in a search. But this little law, in the hands of "right thinking people" could level the playing field for the historically disadvantaged and disenfranchised segment of our communities.

The law "Sec. 601." states: "No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Short and sweet, but what does it mean to our community? In the past, it has meant little or nothing that has directly impacted our neighborhoods beyond a superficial basis. However, if the simple steps are taken to include the broad segments of the community it would, for the

first time, bring us, the African-American community, to the decision-making table. We would see first-hand where and how these tax dollars will be allocated.

To receive Title Funds an entity must, we repeat, MUST complete an economic study. This study should indicate how the funds would impact the target community. Putting a new building, or paving streets is just an outward, cosmetic treatment for a serious, underlying problem — poverty. To truly impact the community these studies should show how the citizens of the target community could be "pulled" into the economic mainstream through gainful employment, and business opportunities. How can we, the African-American community, be expected to pull ourselves up by the bootstraps when the straps are constantly attached to someone else's boots?

It is little wonder that the millions of dollars that were pumped into the various inner-city communities have not had the expected outcome. The reason being is that we, the Black community, are only important when it comes to showing need.

The Constitution stands for our American values

On the Fourth of July we celebrate our birthday, a colorful and exciting event, but the true beauty of our Declaration of Independence marks the day that led to our Constitution.

We have all seen our share of foreign enemies to our Constitution — communists, Nazis, and fascist dictators who are now pretty much vanquished to the slime pit of history. There will always be foreign enemies to our Constitution, but those we can handle. The real threat to our Constitution today, however, is domestic.

Today's enemies to our Constitution are not armed with guns and tanks. They don't wear camouflaged fatigues and bunker in the jungle. They wear black robes and expensive suits. Their bunkers are courtrooms, classrooms, cloakrooms and news rooms. Their missiles are law suits, legal dictates and media misinformation. Their casualties are parents, children, teachers and apathetic Americans struggling to do what is right and busy earning a living.

We see our Constitution assaulted almost daily by those who were trained on the playing fields of the elite, most of whom have never seen a battlefield. Their battle cry is that

toleration for offensive and evil conduct is essential to freedom, that pornography is protected speech but prayer is not. They are masters of psychological warfare. They know if they can change the language, they can change our minds. They rant and rave about civil liberties and never mention civil responsibilities. Their armor is a distorted First Amendment. Their target is the Constitution. They are determined to mold it to their valueless ideals, never mind the ideals of the founding fathers who created it.

The enemy these elite fear most is an informed, alert active populace. They would change the battlefield from courtrooms to living rooms and start a slippery slope that could return the Constitution to the people. Justice Hugo Black said: "Our Constitution was not written in the sands to be washed away by each successive wave of new judges blown in by each successive political wind."

The flags we pledge to will wear out and be replenished, but our Constitution is ageless and must never be replaced. The great patriots we honor on the Fourth participated in the defeat of all the foreign enemies of our Constitution in this century.

When it comes to our votes, stop playing us cheap

African-American voters should have gotten the best political education money can buy when the Republican National Committee announced plans to spend more than \$10 million to attract Hispanic voters — but virtually no money to attract Black voters to this year's presidential election.

The issue of color has been at the forefront of Black consciousness since the first African slaves were shipped to this continent some four centuries ago. Since then, battle for Black liberation appears to have been over Black and White issues. The lesson to be learned, however, is that from the beginning, the color at the focal point of this ongoing race war has actually been green — U.S. dollar green.

The race war is still about "them dollars." The primary function of government is said to be the redistribution of wealth: The government changes tax laws, government investments and Company A profits while Company B losses; a city passes a landlord-tenant ordinance and small independent rental companies go out of business while major property management firms make a high-dollar killing; the president and Congress declare war on some distant eastern nation and the tax collectors empty the citizens' pockets and use the booty to fatten the defense industry's pockets all supposedly in the name of national security. More often than not, we get played. African Americans have always taken the sucker bet with regard to politics. Although we've switched parties and other allegiances countless times, we've always worked hard for those politicians in whom we so desperately believed would deliver us. So where's the payoff?

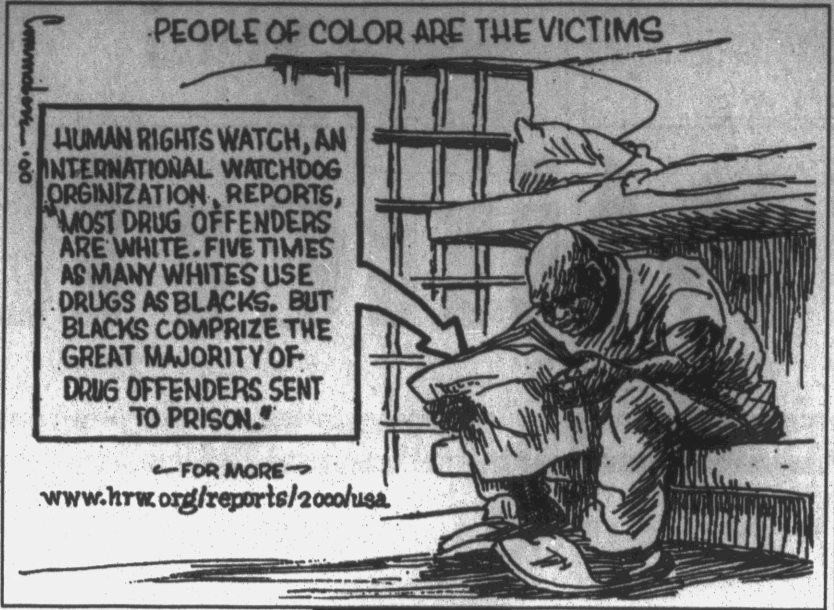
We stuff envelopes, knock on doors, make telephone calls and stand up and grin during stump speeches for our heroes and all we ask for — and get — is a handshake and photo op with this mayor, or that senator for thanks. Or maybe we get a four-year job with a title, but less pay and prestige than our White peers.

We can't, however, blame the politicians who are only being smart consumers. Everyone wants a bargain whether they're buying a car or political support, and we come cheap. The Democrats don't pay us, because we don't demand anything more than a good Sunday sermon from them every now and then promising that things will get better for us — only after things get better for them. Of course, they'll need our help getting them elected.

The Republican know we've sold out cheaply so they won't waste money on an empty store — as happened in the recent RNC advertising campaign announcement. Instead, they use their money more wisely, giving a few of us an "exclusive" deal to show they don't consider us to be like the "others." Some of us go for it because we so badly want to feel important in other folks' eyes, and it keeps the rest of us from dropping too many bombs on their camps given that some of our own are there, too. In the meantime, we all stay broke.

It's time to stop all that. Stop stuffing those envelopes, licking those stamps and wearing out your Air Jordans until you can see some real justice delivered to the Black community — major financial investment.

If politicians want our business, they should be willing to do for us what they do for others and pay us — but we've got to stop coming cheap!



COMMENTS

Jackson's right, it is time to invest in America's workers

by Alexis M. Herman

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. of Illinois spoke eloquently on the House floor recently of the urgent need to provide Americans with the skills needed to keep our economy growing.

"This strong economy gives us the rare opportunity to bring skills and jobs to individuals and communities that have for too long been left behind," Jackson declared. "We cannot afford not to invest in skills training programs!"

At issue was Jackson's proposal to restore \$1.25 billion that the House Appropriations Committee has cut from President Clinton's programs to provide jobs and skills and other services to young people, dislocated workers, workers whose skills need upgrading and others who need help moving into the mainstream of our economy.

As Jackson points out, America is working today. Our nation's unemployment rate has reached its lowest level in 30 years. All across the nation, employers are crying out for the skilled workers they need to keep their businesses growing. In Chicago and many other communities, business and labor are working in partnership with federal and local government, schools and community organizations, to reach out to previously untapped pools of workers and provide them with skills training.

These potential workers include Americans with disabilities, people formerly on welfare, the elderly, part-time workers, ex-offenders, high school dropouts, and those who need help with day care or transportation. We estimate that, even with today's record low unemployment, there are 13 million potential workers in these groups. It has never been more clear that we don't have a worker shortage in America, we have a skills shortage.

Over the past seven years, the Clinton-Gore Administration has made skills training and lifelong learning for America's workers among its highest priorities. The bipartisan Workforce Investment Act of 1998 streamlined our national employment and training system with new neighborhood One-Stop Career Centers where businesses can find workers and workers can find jobs.

Working with Congress, the Department of Labor has also invested in the new Youth Opportunity program which provides job training and placement to tens of thousands of young people in urban and rural areas that still face high unemployment. Programs also serve workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own when their employers close plants or downsize. These are investments that literally work for America.

The people who enter these programs to learn 21st century skills are not statistics — they are our neighborhoods, real flesh-and-blood men and women who want to work and to support their families. As I travel around America I meet them.

Unfortunately, all of this progress is threatened by the House Appropriations Committee. The Committee has approved legislation that would cut off opportunity for hundreds of thousands of Americans, endanger the health and safety of millions more, and may ultimately threaten the longest period of economic growth in our nation's history.

President Clinton's budget for Fiscal 2001 proposes to increase America's investment in Labor Department programs to help America's workers work smarter, faster and safer. But under the House proposal, the One-Stop Career Centers, the Youth Opportunity projects, programs to retrain dislocated workers and protect pensions, help for homeless veterans, rules to make workers safer — all would be cut, crippled or even eliminated.

This is so terribly shortsighted. If we want our economic boom to continue tomorrow, then we must invest in training the workers we need — today. The President has made clear that he will veto the House bill in its present form. He is right. This is time to lift people up, not leave them behind. The president has proposed a budget that will help us make the promise of America the practice of America. Congress should follow Jackson's lead and restore Clinton's funding so America can keep on working — and growing.

(Herman is U.S. Secretary of Labor.)

Our Constitution guarantees justice and juries for all

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and J. Mark Rogers

Wouldn't it be good to have a law that would make careless corporations, insensitive insurance companies, despotic government bureaucrats, out-of-control cops, child molesters and drunk drivers accountable to ordinary Americans? And when people are harmed, a group of average citizens could carefully examine the facts, and those who were in the wrong — no matter how powerful — may have to pay for the damage they've caused.

We have such a law; it is written into the Bill of Rights of our Constitution. The Seventh Amendment guarantees the right to trial by jury in civil cases. In fact, the first generation of Americans believed this right was so important that they threatened to reject the entire Constitution if such a right was not included.

In the years leading up to the American Revolution, with an increasing number of abuses by British administrators, Americans would have loved to have had the chance to do what John Wilkes did. When agents of the Crown in London seized his opposition newsletter under an illegal warrant, Wilkes sued and won a large punitive-damaged verdict. The jurors for that case were cheered on both sides of the Atlantic.

Colonists had so much opportunity. When the English governors tried to enforce the Stamp Act tax and other hated acts of Parliament in criminal and civil actions, colonists appealed to local juries for relief. But the Crown said these cases would be tried by judges alone.

Loss of the right to a jury was closely associated with taxation without representation. When the Americans published their Declaration of Independence, they made a list of "repeated injuries and usurpations" committed on the part of King George, including "...depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury."

On a September day in 1887 in Philadelphia, as the delegates were about to go home after months of wrangling over a plan for the new government, one representative pointed out that no provision had been included for the right to a jury in civil cases. The exhausted delegates voted not to open up debate over a bill of rights.

The proposed Constitution met with heavy criticism. Some opponents, known as Anti-Federalists, were dead-set against any strong central government. Many Americans were particularly incensed at the absence of the jury right. Patrick Henry in Virginia railed against the lack of a civil jury provision.

No problem, Alexander Hamilton wrote in the Federalist Papers. Congress can be counted on to legislate as to when the jury would be required.

Anti-Federalist said Congress was part of the problem — distant from ordinary people and likely to be controlled by wealthy special interests. Judges, too, would identify with the elite, rather than with common folk. Americans finally ratified the Constitution only after the Federalist committed to adding a Bill of Rights including the right to trial by jury.

These days there are some people who choose to ridicule the American jury. The media circulates stories of "crazy" verdicts — though the stories almost always turn out to be gross distortions or even fabrications. The perpetrators of jury-bashing are frequently the same wealthy and powerful interests that the anti-Federalists warned about.

The rule of law in America helps ensure freedom of expression, the sanctity of contracts, the rights of workers, the safety of products and services, the preservation of the environment and all the underpinnings of civil society. It is worth considering that those who fashioned the nation's fundamental law — the Constitution — insisted that the civil jury "shall be preserved."

(Middleton is president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Rogers is president of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association.)

PEOPLE

JULIUS ERVING

Missing son still alive: Erving

Julius Erving returned to the city of his greatest basketball success Monday to plead again for help in finding his missing son.

The NBA great said he thinks 19-year-old Cory Erving is still alive, and might have been using drugs at the time of his disappearance in late May. Cory has had a history of drug and alcohol abuse as well as run-ins with the law. "I don't think he was clean," Erving said this week on ABC's *Good Morning America*. "I think he was still participating." Later, at a news conference, Erving said one of Cory's friends claimed Cory had been using marijuana and "roofies" — a slang term for the illegal sedative Rohypnol — the night before he disappeared. But Erving noted that the friend was talking "without trying to incriminate himself." Erving, an executive with the Orlando Magic, appeared at City Hall with his other sons, 26-year-old Julius III and 27-year-old Chico. Both choked back tears as they described their brother as a fun-loving prankster and pleaded with him to come home.

MATTHEW HALE

Supreme Court denies racist appeal

The Supreme Court rejected the appeal of an Illinois White supremacist who says the state committee that denied him a law license violated his free-speech rights.

The court, acting without comment this week, turned away Matthew Hale's arguments that Illinois has established "orthodox religious and political beliefs to which (an aspiring lawyer) must subscribe as a condition of admission." Hale, an East Peoria resident and leader of the segregationist World Church of the Creator, was denied a law license last summer even though he graduated from Southern Illinois University's law school and passed the state bar-exam. State bar officials noted that Hale had "dedicated his life to inciting racial hatred," and said "he cannot do this as an officer of the court." The Illinois Supreme Court refused to hear Hale's appeal last November. Hale's appeal said he cannot lawfully be excluded from the legal profession "on the basis of his beliefs."

MICHAEL JACKSON

Jackson's promoter sues

Michael Jackson's longtime promoter is suing the singer for \$21.2 million, saying he backed out of a plan to perform New Year's Eve concerts on both sides of the international date line.

German-based promoter Marcel Avram filed suit, claiming Jackson agreed to four performances, including two Dec. 31 in Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia. Jackson performed at the first two concerts, but in October pulled out of the New Year's Eve shows. When Jackson dropped out, Avram said, he "was left to explain Michael Jackson's erratic behavior — and to pay all of his bills." A Jackson representative could not immediately be reached for comment.

MIKE TYSON

Lewis: Tyson is a 'train wreck'

Lennox Lewis wants to fight Mike Tyson, and calls him a "train wreck ready to happen."

After Tyson stopped Lou Savarese in 38 seconds in Glasgow, Scotland, the former heavyweight champion said of Lewis: "I want your heart. I want to eat your children." Tyson added that when he does fight Lewis, "I'll pull out his heart and feed it to him." Lewis dismissed Tyson's taunts and said he's ready to give up his IBF belt to fight him. "He's a train wreck ready to happen," Lewis said in British newspapers. Lewis said he would fight Tyson ahead of his ordered IBF title defense against David Tua, scheduled for November. "The Tua fight doesn't really matter to me," Lewis said. "I'd give up the IBF belt. Right now the belts don't matter to me because I'm still undisputed. If he's (Tyson) mentally and physically right I'd fight him tomorrow. I would get a lot of money, but the main reason for getting in the ring would be to knock him out." Lewis is training in the United States for his July 15 fight in London against Francois Botha.

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New Bibles Reclaim African Heritage



By Shelvina Dancy
Special to the Informer

Biblical characters are a familiar part of the lexicon of American pop culture, surfacing in everything from catch phrases ("What Would Jesus Do") to animation (Moses in DreamWorks' "The Prince of Egypt") to band names (Jesus Jones). Less well known are some other characters from the Bible. African characters. Like Rahab, the woman who hid the spies Joshua sent into Canaan, an ancestor of King David and Jesus. Like Apollos, an evangelist who worked alongside Paul in Corinth. And Hagar, the slave who bore Abraham's son, Ishmael. Zipporah, the wife of Moses.

"It's important for blacks to see black culture doesn't start with the slave trade," said the Rev. Cain Hope Felder, professor of New Testament language and literature at Howard University School of Divinity. "Many blacks have long believed they have been born with no significant history traceable back to biblical days, but black civilization goes all the way back to

ancient Greece, ancient Rome and the ancient Nile valley. We're a part of the biblical story."

In the past year and a half, three Bibles highlighting the role of Africans in biblical history have hit bookstores: the African American Jubilee Bible, the Children of Color Storybook Bible and, most recently, the Women of Color Study Bible, released in January.

Readers are thirsty for more, said Mel Banks, founder and president of Nia Publishing, which co-published the Women of Color Study Bible along with World Bible Publishers.

"When women see the bible, they just get crazy," Banks said. "Women feel they have been neglected in Scripture for so long; preachers usually talk about the men in the Bible. Women are happy to finally see themselves represented."

Those three works joined a growing field of Bibles shining the spotlight on the black presence in biblical history. The African American Heritage Family Bible appeared in 1996, following the Children of Color Holy Bible, the African-American Devotional

Bible and The Original African Heritage Study Bible.

"We're just now producing African-American Bible scholars, male and female, who can go to the texts themselves and see how we have been excluded," said Felder, who earned a doctoral degree in biblical languages and literature at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. Felder is also editor of the African American Jubilee Legacy Bible (published by the National Baptist Sunday School Board), which makes its debut this month. "If a person wants a story told they have to tell it themselves. We ourselves had to right the scholarly literature."

Weaving lessons in ancient and modern black history among Scripture, the Bibles are as much historical education as spiritual edification, offering maps of biblical Africa and articles written by both black and white scholars on a range of topics from the history of black denominations to the martyrdom of ancient African Christians and stories of black women who preached in the United States and Europe during slavery.

"In the Jubilee Bible, we included articles that correct some of the misinterpretations of Old Testament texts, particular the text of Ham which legitimated for some in the white community the institution of slavery," said Fred Allen, who helped compile the African American Jubilee Bible. "We included other articles that were about the schisms in the predominantly white churches that led to the birth of black denominations. For example, the birth of the AME church came as a result of black people not being allowed a part in the life of the church."

An article in the Original African Heritage Bible points out that "the ancient land of Canaan was, culturally and geographically, primarily an extension of the African land mass," while another shows that the Hebrew of the Old Testament falls within the same family of ancient languages used in several parts of Africa.

Still another article points out that Mary's "appearance probably approached that of a typical Yemenite, Trinidadian or African-American woman today."

The Women of Color Bible offers page after page of tidbits about black women in the Bible, from Asenath, the wife of Joseph, to Abraham's African wife Keturah.

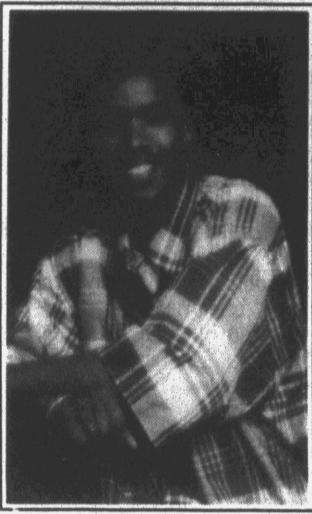
The book also relates the life experiences of biblical women to that of modern women, finding in the stories of women like Rachel and Sarah inspiration for women

struggling with infertility. Or, in the story of Dinah, hope for women victimized by rape or other sexual abuse.

"Affirming the presence of Africans in the Bible is not an attempt to elevate Africans above other people. Rather the purpose is to help correct the distortions, which have occurred over the last three (hundred) to 400 years," wrote Marjorie H. Lawson, general editor of the Women of Color Study Bible in her introduction to the book. "During biblical times, the color of a person's skin was irrelevant, a nonissue. If anything, people of African descent were

revered, not because of their color but because of their abilities. Only during the last three or four centuries have concerted attempts been made to eliminate the presence of people of color from the Bible."

Bibles such as the Jubilee Bible and the Women of Color Bible not only educate readers about a long-neglected past, they also play an important role in bolstering readers' sense of self as they encounter a part of African and black American history never taught in the classroom, said Diane Ritzke, editor of the Jubilee Bible.



Christopher Lee Cox

Christopher Lee Cox graduated from Hampton High School, Hampton, Virginia with honors recently. He received the Cox Family Memorial Scholarship.

Selection is based on character, personality, academic achievement and financial need.

Christopher will attend Virginia State University in the fall, he is the son of William and Josephine Cox of Hampton, Virginia and grandson of Sally and the late William Thomas Cox of Farmville, North Carolina.

Singer Johnnie Taylor Dies

DALLAS (AP)—Johnnie Taylor, whose 1976 "Disco Lady" was a hit on the dance floor and the pop charts, has died of an apparent heart attack. He was 62.

Authorities said Taylor was stricken at his home in suburban Duncanville and died Wednesday at Charleton Methodist Medical Center.

The Crawfordville, Ark., native was nicknamed the "Philosopher of Soul" by Memphis' Stax Records.

"I do love music because it's always loved me," Taylor told *The Dallas Morning News* in 1999. "It gives me a certain kind of feeling."

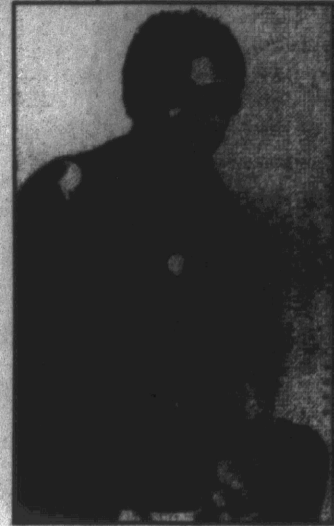
"The material I choose isn't black music or white music," he said. "It's just music—real, honest music."

Taylor was a protege of Sam Cooke and took over the Soul Stirrers after Cooke left gospel for rhythm and blues in the 1950s.

In the mid-1960s, he decided to settle in Dallas after playing a show in the city. He lived there more than 30 years.

In 1968, Taylor scored his first

No. 1 on the R&B charts with "Who's Making Love," his first million-seller, followed by a steady



JOHNNIE TAYLOR

run of other hits. When Stax went bankrupt in 1975, Taylor signed to Columbia Records and had his biggest commercial success with "Disco Lady."

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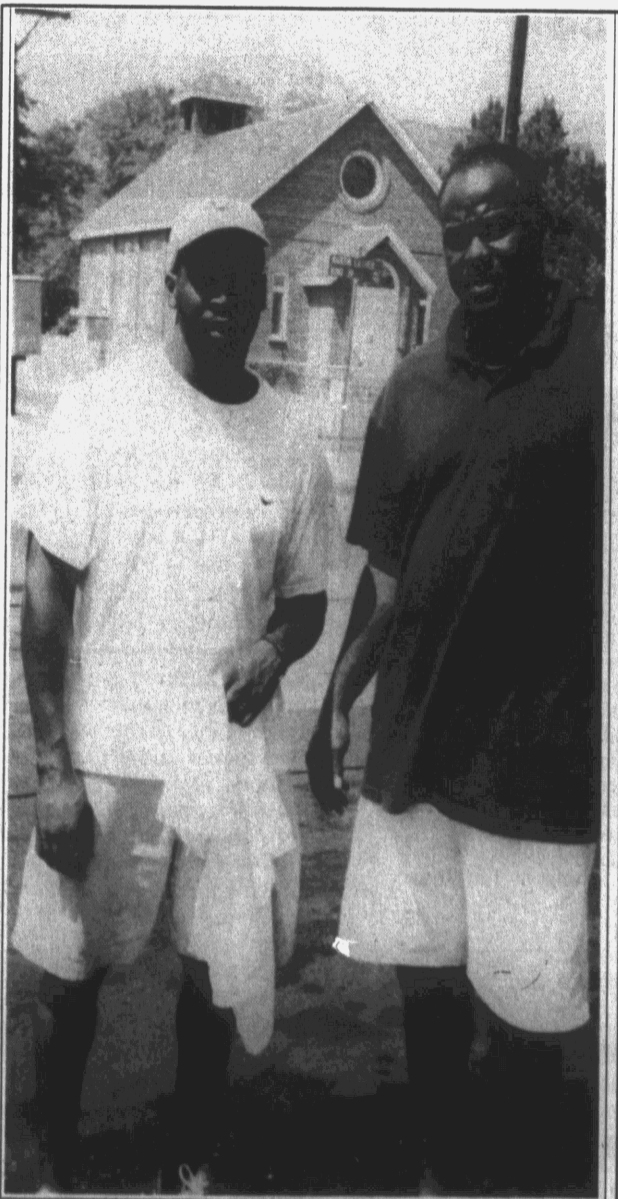
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Tuesday, June 27, 2000 the local Daily Reflector carried an article which stated that the Winterville Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted an \$8.5 Million Town Budget. This represents a 23% increase over the current year's budget. Much emphasis was placed on the outline areas such as new substation on Tar road and a water extension for Forlines Rd. and a very deserving pay raise for our employees.

Very little was said about the inner part of our community. We continue to have many items left undone from year to year without any effort being made for improvement. Yes, we know why. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to interpret why. There always seem to be a reason why our part of the community is passed over. Items are allowed to go unnoticed year after year. Why do we have to be branded a troublemaker when we take a stand against "The Good Ole Boy" system?

Please allow me to say that I feel that this fiscal years budget is one that is being disbursed at the expense of the taxpayers. It continues to ensure deep seeded racism and favoritism in our community, and these are facts not fictions. There are those who sit quietly by and go along to get along, having very little or no input into the decision making process. With false hope of being accepted and a guarantee of being re-elected. Yet, these are the ones we allow to represent

us. Bill Chapman was absolutely right, and indeed it is a disappointment that very little is being done for our public library, which is one of the most important avenues to education for our children. And yes, it should always be first class and take precedence over other items of less value to the community that was included in this year's budget, such as restoring old housing at tax payers expense.

It is time that we as citizens of this community get out of our comfort zones and get involved, and stop others from spending your tax dollars without you having any knowledge of how it is being used. Don't take for granted it is always for your benefit. We must hold our elected officials accountable at all times, and not believe all we read, but most of all get involved. After all you are the government by the mere fact that you are a citizen and a registered voter.

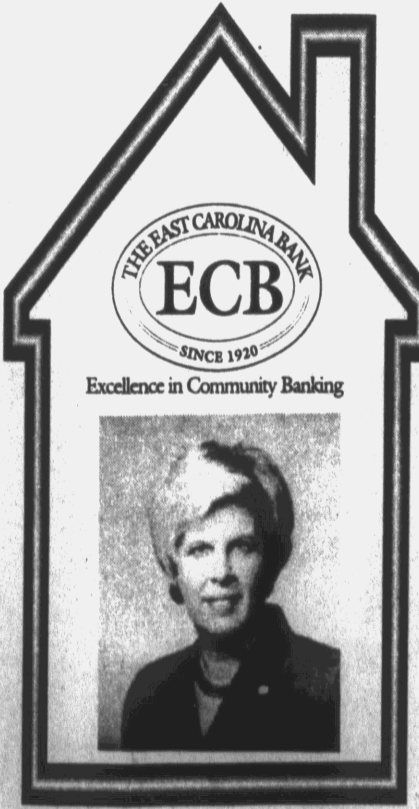
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NEWS RELEASE

The Recovery Center for Families is holding summer camp for youth in grades K-9 at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. This intergenerational camp offers small group opportunities for youth in the areas of enrichment, remediation, character building and fun through mentoring. The camp targets flood victims. This camp partners with Philippi Church of Christ, Baptist Life Insurance, NC Rural Economic Development Center, Boys and Girls Club, the 4-H, and the Hope After Floyd Initiative. The director, Janet M. Bullock, invites parents to call 752-6776 for more information.

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3. Don't drink too much diet soda - it may keep that sweet-taste craving going.

4. Do drink plenty of flavored water and seltzer. Add some lemon, lime or even a small amount of fruit juice if you desire.

5. Don't forget your goal. Think about it when you're tempted to indulge.

6. Do nip others' good intentions in the bud. Politely say a no to cakes, cookies and candies.

7. Don't be intimidated by large portions when you're dining out. Just have half your meal wrapped to go.

8. Do keep tempting foods out of sight. If the kids insist on keeping cookies and chips in the house, tuck them away on a high shelf.

9. Don't eat when you're not hungry. Ask yourself, on a scale of 1(starving) to 10(stuffed), how hungry am I? If the number is in the middle, find something else to do - fast.

From: Woman's Day, June 6, 2000

Excerpts from: BOYS INTO MEN: RAISING OUR AFRICAN TEENAGE SONS, by Nancy Boyd Franklin and A.J. Franklin

Teach your sons early how to open doors and show respect for their mothers and other women early.

Teach your sons that they do not have to prove their manhood by sexual encounters and escapades. Sexual responsibility requires that your son learns to love and respect himself, only then can he love a woman and treat her properly.

AIDS is an insidious killer. AIDS is the number one killer of Black males between the ages, 24 - 44. Give your sons a strong message about the responsibility of fatherhood.

Keep communication open and honest and let your kids know that they can come and talk to you as issues arise.

Twenty-five per cent of all fourth-graders in the United States are pressured by their peers to try alcohol and other drugs.

The average national age of first drug use is now twelve.

Fifty-two percent of adolescents age 12 to 17 drink alcohol.

22% Aged 12 to 17 are drug involved.

Alcohol is sneaker threat to our adolescent.

"You cannot fix what you will not face." James Baldwin

Parents are taking a big risk by using alcohol in front of their children. Kids tend to respond to what we do rather than what we say.

Many instances of alcohol abuse begins with kids sneaking drinks from their parents' liquor cabinets.

"Strategy is better than strength." African proverb

Take control of your anger before your anger take control of you.

You are responsible for your own behavior. This you can control. Model positive, nonviolent behavior; children and teens learn what they observe.

Get to know your son's friends. Insist that he brings them home once in a while.

Get to know the parents of your son's friends.

Model anger management and control.

"If you are on a road to nowhere, find another road." Anyone who is having problems in life can benefit from therapy.

Family problems such as divorce, separation, remarriage, angry arguments, bad physical or sexual abuse, can trigger depression in adolescents.

Some parents are so busy talking at their kids that they have a hard time listening.

Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on.

A Parent's Survival Guide

1. Be good to yourself.
2. Give yourself "quiet time."
3. Exercise.
4. Pamper yourself.
5. Read a good book, rent a video, watch television.
6. Talk to a friend - Don't be alone. Isolation is deadly.
7. Believe in miracles.
8. Count your blessings.
9. Keep hope alive. Stay focused on a positive outcome. We all want to live on in some way after we have gone - in words, deeds, monuments, memories.



Hello. My name is LaShonda Horton. I am seventeen years old, and currently a junior at J. H. Rose High School with a 3.0 GPA. Since the beginning of my high school career, I have been very involved in my school. My activities in school include involvement in SGA, Bible Club, Drama Club, Library Club, Band, JV Volleyball, three year Letterman in Varsity Basketball and Track. Now, I am state indoor shot put champion. I have ranked fourth and fifth in shot put and discus in the state as a sophomore for track and field and have been honored as a Who's Who Among America's High School Students two consecutive years and an National English Merit Award Winner. Out of one-hundred and twenty athletes in the United States. I have recently been invited to the IST (International Sports Tour) in Europe for track and field. This event will take place on June 26 until July 13.

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A low-fat, well-balanced diet can also help reduce your chances for disease. Follow the Food Guide Pyramid for tips on a heart healthy diet. The pyramid reminds us that grains should be our first food choice, followed by fruits and vegetables, meat and dairy and lastly sweets.

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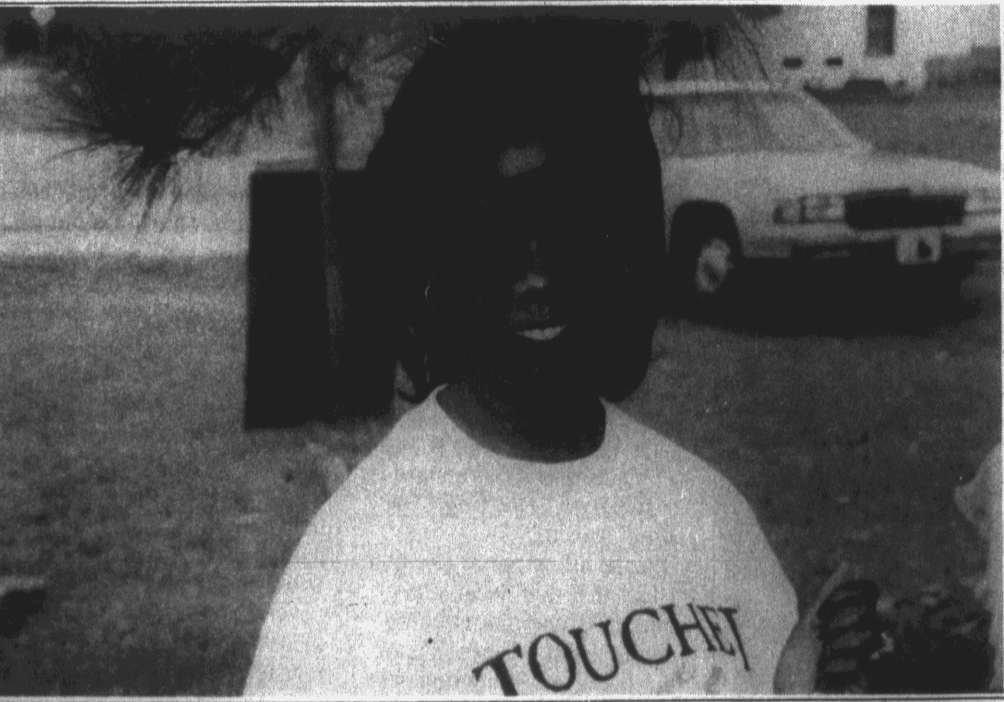
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Words of Faith



MISTAKEN CALLS TO PREACH

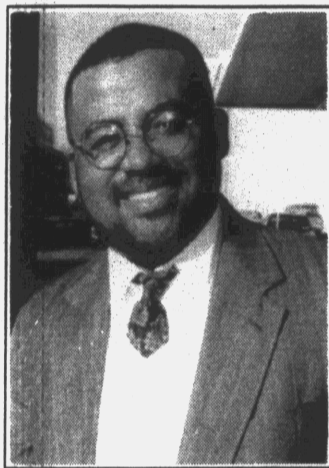
A considerable number of people declare that they received of the Lord a call to preach the Gospel: perhaps they add in the next breath that they never knew why, or that they are aware that they have no special qualifications for the service, or that circumstances have always seemed to hinder them from responding to the call. Questioning them respecting the nature of the "call", develops the fact that it was merely an imagination or false

idea. One felt impressed at some time in his experience (perhaps before becoming a Christian at all) that he ought to devote himself to God and his service, and his highest ideal of God's service was drawn from his meager church experiences, represented in the preacher whose services his family attended. Another felt impressed and said to himself---How I would like to be able to wear the robes and receive the respect and titles and salary of a preacher---even a second or third-rate one. If possessed of a large self-esteem, too, he probably felt still further impressed that as the chosen apostles were "untalented and ignorant men," so, possibly God had him specially in mind because of his lack of talent and education. God has favored many such, and his cause as well in not opening the way to their ambitions, mistaken to be his call to preach.

Every member of the New Creation is called to preach; not by his ambitions or imagination, but by the Word, which calls upon all who receive the grace of God not in vain to "show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9) This call includes, therefore, all begotten of the spirit of the Truth---male and female, bond

and free, rich and poor, educated and uneducated--black, brown, red, yellow and white. What further commission is needed than this---"He hath put a new song in my mouth." even "the loving kindness of Jehovah"(Psalm 40:3:107:43) True the Lord did specially choose and specially call the twelve apostles for a special work; true also he has proposed that in so far as his people will hearken to His words He will "set the various members in the body" as pleases Him---some to one service and some to another. "to every man according to his several ability." (Matthew 25:15) But He clearly shows us that many will seek to "set" themselves as teachers; that it is the duty of the Church to look continually to Him as their true Head and Leader, and not to favor the self - seeking brethren. Neglect of this duty will mean neglect of his word; consequently neglect of love and obedience and will surely be to the spiritual disadvantage of such a Church, as well as to the disadvantage of such a Church, as well as to the disadvantage of the "self-set" teacher.

(To be continued in next issue)



Keith Cooper

list of multiple candidates. She was and is the best qualified. Whites and blacks on the committee selected Shahid-El. Aminia Shahid-El is a person who breathers education. She has been associated with education for over 20 years. Additionally, she is a national director of a popular advocacy group, Parents for Public Schools. I've have known Aminia as a person who gets along well with diverse groups. She is a consensus builder. This is what the board needs. After numerous attacks on the board by different forces, the board has pulled its pants down to be spanked yet again. Can't these guys do something right? Board Member Ralph Love was right when he made a motion to defer the appointment until the return of Jill Camnitz, who had made plans to be away from the county for two weeks. The motion did not carry. All board members should be present for such an important vote. After all, school board members make school policy, and qualifications and accountability should be the criteria used to select a replacement. Don Carson and Sidney Scott are from predominantly black districts. They should not be on the board. The black community never should allow two whites to insult the intelligence of blacks by exploiting the black vote and giving nothing meaningful in return. If it is difficult in many cases, impossible for black can-

didates to get elected from majority white districts, then it should be difficult for whites to ease in the backdoor or majority black districts. Let's wake up and smell the coffee. The choice of Barbara Owens, the white wife of Commissioner Owens, was about race and not qualifications. She doesn't register in comparison to Shahid-El. The black community, on that infamous day, received another psychological lynching. The tree was anchored at the school board meeting room at 1717 West Fifth Street in Greenville. The noose was provided by Carson, Barnette, Scott, Gaskins, and Collins.

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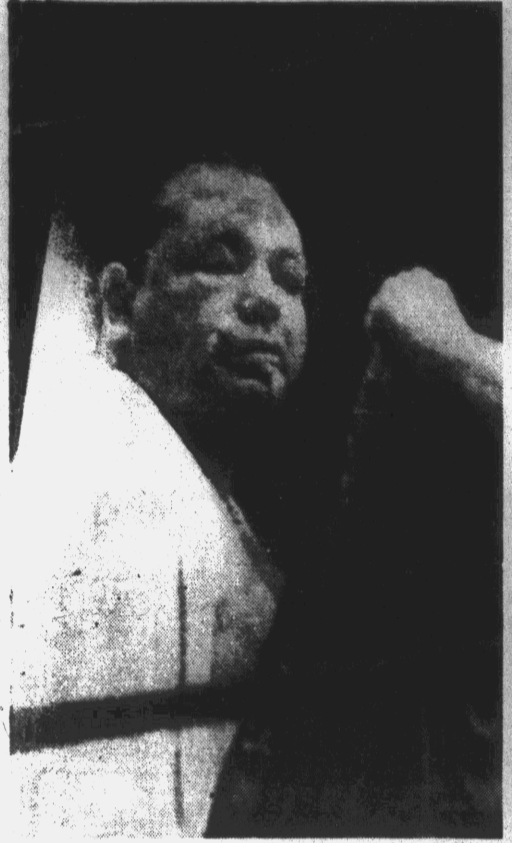
HOUSE BALKS ON AIR BILL

JOE SENDS TONY SPRAWLING TO FLOOR IN SECOND ROUND

Joe to Get \$96,000

NEW YORK—The Louis-Galento championship bout was a sad disappointment from a financial angle, the match drawing only 34,852 fans, who paid \$283,303.68 to see the fight, according to official estimates.

The net receipts, after deduction of State and Federal taxes, are \$240,807.81, of which Louis will receive 40 per cent or \$96,323.12, with Galento cutting in on \$42,141.37, representing the challenger's share of 17 1/2 per cent.



Tony Galento as he appeared at the end of his quest for Joe Louis's title Wednesday night, his face scarred and patched. The hands are those of Joe Jacobs, Tony's chief second and manager, who covered the beaten challenger with his robe.

Joe Mows Tony Down

Batters Rival to Bloody Pulp; Referee Halts Bout

By ART CARTER

(AFRO Sports Editor)

RINGSIDE, YANKEE STADIUM, New York—Belting Two-Ton Tony Galento with everything he had in his thunderous fistic armament, Joe Louis successfully defended his heavyweight championship with a technical knockout over the Jersey Nightstick before 35,000 roaring fans here tonight.

The end came after two minutes and twenty-nine seconds of milling in the fourth round, after Louis himself had taken Tony's Sunday punch and gone down, but came up to win without serious damage.

At the end, Tony was a bloody, gory mass of humanity, draped on the ropes like a helpless hermit, who suddenly found life too miserable for good living.

Tony had waded into Joe with everything he had, then Joe opened up and plastered him with a two-fisted attack that drew blood from every direction and had Tony grasping for the ropes in a pitiful fashion.

Helped to Feet

Referee Arthur Donovan grabbed the gallant and globular fighter and helped him to his feet. At the same time, Donovan waved Joe to a neutral corner and signaled the end of the championship match—a technical knockout for Joe.

Anything Could Happen

There's no telling what may have happened, if Donovan had not acted in Tony's behalf at that juncture, because Louis had become a fierce, slashing gladiator out to avenge the honor that belongs only to the name of Louis. Tony was so weak from the beating, the worst he has taken in his eleven years of fighting, that his seconds took fully ten minutes to restore him to semi-consciousness before the Orange, N. J., beer tavern owner was able to leave the ring on his own locomotion.

His forehead was cut, his right eye half closed, and there were cuts all about his face, partially patched up by the sympathetic seconds.

Louis, on the other hand, was not matted, although, he doubt-

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Galento Game, Says Champion

Says 2-Ton Caught Him Off Balance, but Didn't Hurt

YANKEE STADIUM, New York—The Louis praised Tony Galento as a game and courageous fighter in his dressing room after the bout.

Joe was unmatted and seemed to be as perturbed as reporters did questions at him from every angle.

He explained the knock down in the third round, by saying Galento caught him off balance. Most ringers thought Tony hit Joe with a left when he went down, but Joe said he was expecting a left hook and moving away to avoid it when Tony let him have a right swing that hit him while off balance and sent him down.

Didn't Hurt Him

Joe declared the blow didn't hurt him.

Louis said Tony was a rough, tough fighter with plenty strength, but he could beat him anytime.

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Round by Round

ROUND ONE

Galento started off in a crouch, while Louis stood almost straight up. Galento landed the first blow, a looping left to the mid-section of Louis. Louis let go with a diving left, and Tony, by force of his weight drove Joe back to the ropes.

They went into a clinch and Referee Donovan separated them. Galento let go a very low blow and followed up with a looping left which staggered Joe, and forced him to hang on. Donovan brought them back to the center of the ring and Galento tried a long right which went wild and Louis tied him up into a knot.

Louis drove Galento to a corner and referee separated them.

Louis tried another long left which landed on Tony's jaw and they went into a clinch. Louis got the left to Galento's face

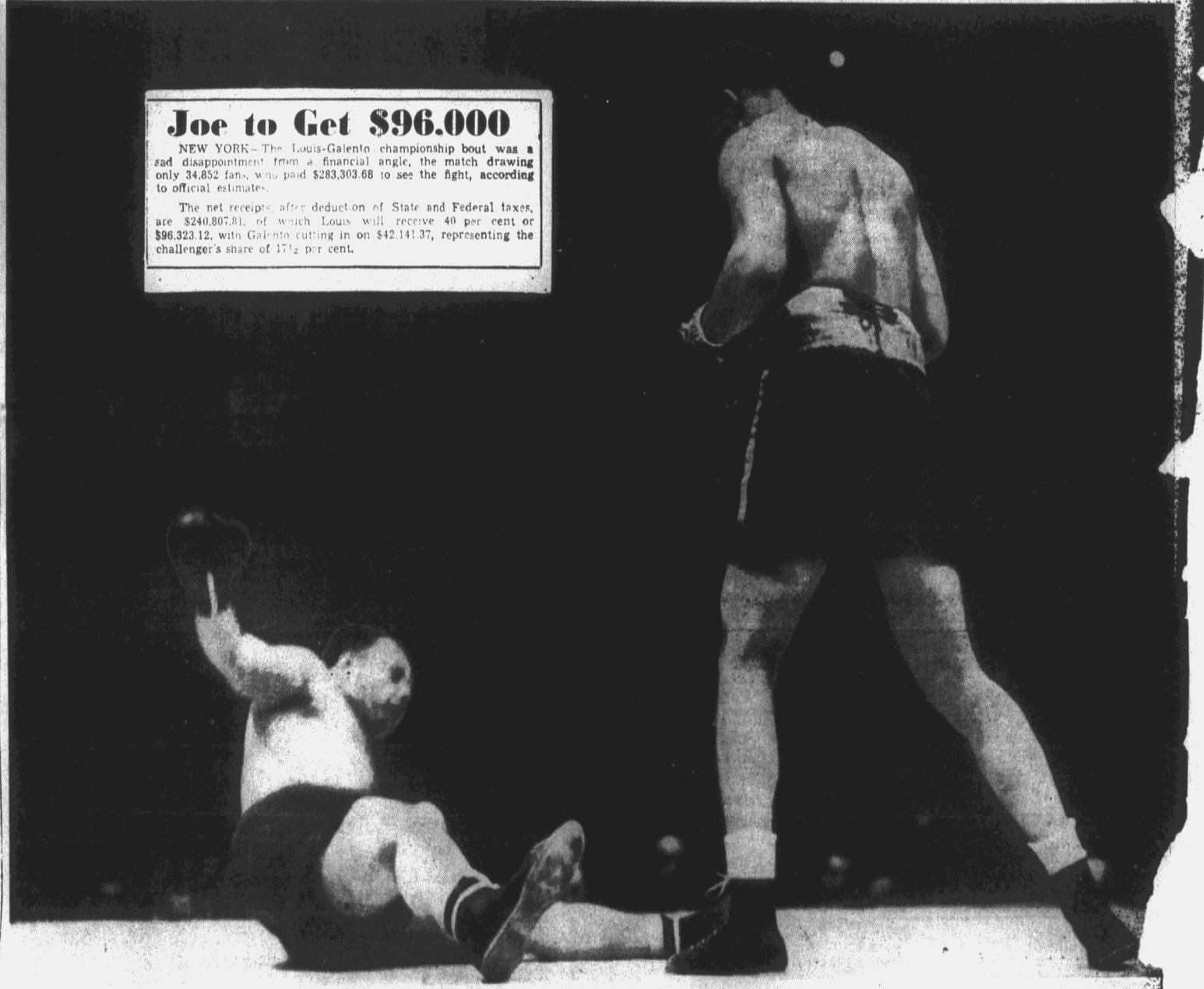
midsection. Galento tried a left again but this time Louis caught it.

Galento gave ground. They went back to the center of the ring. Louis let go with that flickering left again. He then landed the hardest blow of the fight, a hard right to the chin and Galento followed with a left, which landed just off Louis's shoulder.

Louis piled rights and lefts into Galento's midsection and Galento was forced again to give ground. Galento landed a left hook without much force, and they went into a clinch at the bell.

ROUND TWO

As he came out of his corner, Joe looked for an opening and tried that flickering left that landed off Galento's forehead.



Galento, arms outstretched, on the canvas after being floored by Louis in the second round. Joe won on a technical knockout in 2 minutes 29 seconds of the fourth round.

Won't Earmark U.S. Funds for Colored Pilots

WASHINGTON

Before passing the supplemental Military Appropriation Bill, Thursday, without a record vote, the House struck out an amendment earmarking for the training of colored pilots \$1,000,000 of the \$7,901,859 carried in the measure for air training.

On a separate vote on the amendment, demanded by Representative David D. Terry (D., Ark.) it was rejected by a vote of 47 ayes to 207 noes.

Roll Call Falls

Efforts to get a roll-call vote on the amendment failed when only thirty-nine members of the House voted for a record vote. Edgar G. Brown, president of the United Government Employees and Washington representative of the National Airmen's Association, who has been active in efforts to insure inclusion of all races in the proposed program, said the battle was only temporarily halted.

Senate Drive Planned

"The fight has just begun," he said, "and as the \$300,000,000 War Department Appropriation Bill now goes to the Senate, the United Government Employees, the Elks, veterans' groups, Airmen's Association and others will again insist on earmarking not only one million, but ten million."

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Prince Will Wed NY Girl

NEW YORK — The marriage plans of Miss Harriet Mercer were given an ironic twist here Wednesday when Carson C. Rollins, a Pullman porter, declared that she is

his legally-wedded wife.

A native of Wilson, N.C., and a Cheyney graduate, class of '31,

she is said to have developed during the prince's recent visit to the World's Fair, on his first trip to America. Disdaining native custom permitting polygamy, Miss Mercer said: "He is more secure than American men, and besides, I'll have his four other wives to help me out."

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MISS HARRIET MERCER

Miss Mercer has been a relief client, WPA teacher and, more recently, a laundress.

Social Workers Shun St. Louis Bid for 1940

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (ANP) — Continuing its policy of meeting in only those cities where hotel and other accommodations are open to all its members, the National Conference of Social Work, last week, declined the invitation of St. Louis for the 1940 session, in favor of Grand Rapids, Mich.

In its decision, reached on Tuesday, the conference concurred in the recommendation of the time-and-place committee, which favored the Michigan city by a vote of 18 to 3, the minority votes being cast, not for St. Louis, but for Atlantic City.

Foster Led Fight

A. J. Foster, executive secretary of the Chicago Urban League and lone colored member of the executive board, led the fight against St. Louis.

The entire board approved the selection, at a joint meeting with the time-and-place committee, whose membership included John C. Dancy of the Detroit Urban League, and J. S. Jackson, formerly of the Seattle Urban League.

A record number of colored delegates—more than two hundred—were registered. They were housed in all the leading hotels here, including the Statler, conference headquarters; the Buffalo, Lafayette, Ford, Niagara, Stuyvesant, Graystone, Westbrook, Fillmore and Lenox.

"I Shoulda Knocked Him Out"—Galento

NEW YORK — "I wasn't hurt, just cut over my eyes," said Talkative Tony Galento in his dressing room after the fight.

"I got a little careless there, and let my guard down," he admitted. "I shoulda knocked the guy out. I demand a return match."

Armstrong Faces \$10,227 Judgment

WARSAW, Ky.—Judgment for \$10,227.50 was returned in Circuit Court here, this week, against Henry Armstrong, welterweight boxing champion, as a result of an automobile collision last January 29.

The plaintiff, Miss Sarah Reynolds, white, Covington (Ky.) teacher, charged that Armstrong's car swerved to the wrong side of the road, striking her automobile and causing her severe physical injuries.

The Champion Answers One for the Record

NEW YORK — Asked Galento hit him hard, Joe Louis gave one of his replies:

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Spiritual Thoughts

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:
This spiritual thought will conclude "Praying Effectively"

Using God's Word on purpose, specifically, in prayer is one means of prayer, and it is a most effective and accurate means. Jesus said, **The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life** (John 6:63 AMP). When Jesus faced Satan in the wilderness, He said, "It is written...it is written...it is written." We are to live, be upheld, and sustained by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Matt.4:4.) James, by the Spirit, admonishes that we do not have, because we do not ask. We ask and receive not, because we ask amiss. (James 4:2,3.) We must heed that admonishment now for we are to become experts in prayer rightly dividing the Word of Truth. (2 Tim. 2:15.) Using the Word in prayer is *not* taking it out of context, for His Word in us is the key to answered prayer - to prayer that brings results. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. (Eph. 3:20.) The power lies within God's Word. It is anointed by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God does not lead us apart from the Word, for the Word is of the Spirit of God. We apply that Word personally to ourselves and to others -- not adding to or taking from it - in the name of Jesus. We

apply the Word to the *now* - to those things, circumstances, and situations facing each of us *now*.

Paul was very specific and definite in his praying. The first chapters of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 2 Thessalonians are examples of how Paul prayed for believers. There are numerous others. *Search them out.* Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We can use these Spirit-given prayers today!

In 2 Corinthians 11:1, 2 Corinthians 9:14, and Philippians 1:4, we see examples of how believers prayed one for another - putting others first in their prayer life with joy. Our faith does work by love. (Gal. 5:6.) We grow spiritually as we reach out to help others - praying for and with them and holding out to them the Word of Life. (Phil. 2:16.)

Man is a spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a body. (1 Thess. 5:23.) In order to operate successfully, each of these three parts must be fed properly. The soul or intellect feeds on intellectual food to produce intellectual strength. The body feeds on physical food to produce physical strength. The spirit - the heart or inward man - the real you, the part that has been reborn in Christ Jesus. It must feed on spirit food which is God's Word in order to produce and develop faith. As we feast upon God's Word, our minds become renewed with His Word, and we have a fresh mental and spiritual attitude. (Eph. 4:23,24.)

Likewise, we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God (Rom. 12:1) and not let that body dominate us but bring it into subjection to the spirit man. (1 Cor. 9:27.) God's Word is healing and health to all our flesh. (Prov. 4:22.) Therefore, God's Word affects each part of us - spirit, soul and body. We become vitally united to the Father, to Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit - one with Them. (John 16:13-15, John 17:21, Col.2:10.)

God's Word, this spirit food, takes root in our hearts, is formed by the tongue, and is spoken out of our mouths. This is creative power. The spoken Word works as we confess it and then apply the action to it.

Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (James 1:22.) Faith without works or corresponding action is *dead*. (James 2:17.) Don't be mental assenters - those who agree that the Bible is true but never get on it. *Real faith is acting on God's Word now.* We cannot build faith without practicing the Word. We cannot develop an effective prayer life that is anything but empty words unless God's Word actually has a part in our lives. We are to hold fast to our *confession* of the Word's truthfulness. Our Lord Jesus is the High Priest of our confession (Heb. 3:1), and He is the Guarantee of a better agreement - a more excellent and advantageous covenant. (Heb. 7:22.)

Prayer does not cause faith to work, but faith causes prayer to work. Therefore, any prayer problem is a problem of doubt - doubting the integrity of the Word and the ability of God to stand behind His promises or the statements of fact in the Word.

We can spend fruitless hours in prayer if our hearts are not prepared beforehand. Preparation of the heart, the spirit, comes from meditation in the Father's Word, meditation on who we are in Christ, what He is to us, and what the Holy Spirit can mean to us as we become God-inside minded. As God told Joshua (Josh. 1:8), as we meditate on the Word day and night, and do according to all that is written, then shall we make our way prosperous and have good success. We are to attend to God's Word, submit to His sayings, keep them in the center of our hearts, and put away contrary talk. (Prov. 4:20-24.)

When we use God's Word in prayer, this is *not* something we just rush through uttering once, and we are finished. Do *not* be mistaken. There is nothing "magical" nor "manipulative" about it - no set pattern or device in order to satisfy what we want or think out of our flesh. Instead we are holding God's Word before Him. We confess what He says belongs to us.

We expect His divine intervention while we choose not to look at the things that are seen but at the things that are unseen, for the things that are seen are subject to change. (2 Cor. 4:18.)

Prayer based upon the Word rises above the senses, contacts the Author of the Word and sets His spiritual laws into motion. It is not just saying prayers that gets results, but it is spending time with the Father, learning His wisdom, drawing on His strength, being filled with His quietness, and basking in His love that brings results to our prayers. Praise the Lord!



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by Faith May

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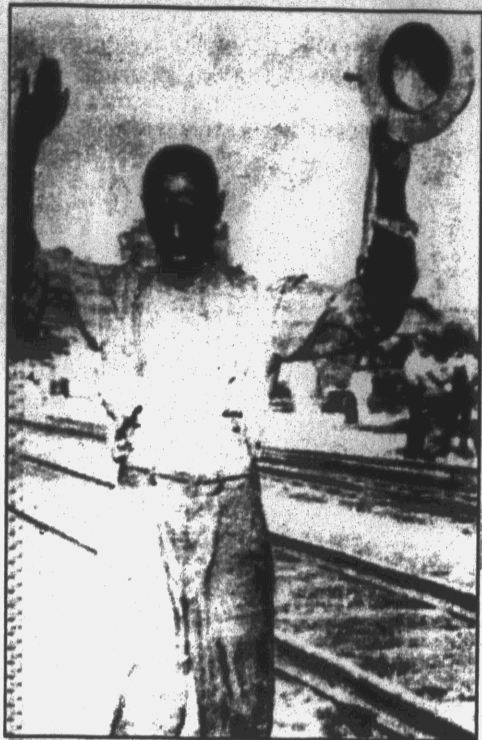
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Compelling Documentary Exposes the Story Behind One of America's Worst Race Riots

One day in 1921, a young black man, Dick Rowland, stumbled while entering the elevator of a Tulsa,

Later, a white lynch mob gathered at the jail where Rowland was held, as did a small group of African Americans determined to protect him. A shot rang out, and pandemonium ensued. By the time the dust settled, two days later, more than 300 people were dead and an entire community had been burned to the ground.



RACE MATTERS—Using archival photographs, rare film and interviews with historians and survivors, "The Tulsa Lynching of 1921: A Hidden Story" exposes the story of the largest mass murder and cover-up in U.S. history which left at least 300 dead—when the Cinemax "Reel Life" documentary debuts Wednesday, May 31.

Oklahoma building, accidentally bumping a white female elevator operator. Her startled reaction—and the assumption that she had been assaulted—led to the young man's

business, as well as comments from historians and recently discovered photographs. Newspaper accounts and writings of eyewitnesses are read by a troupe of distinguished

actors headed by Tulsa native Alfre Woodard.

In the early 1900s, Tulsa had the greatest per capita wealth of any place on earth. Dubbed "The Oil Capital of the World," it had a Chamber of Commerce, an opera house, a Petroleum Club ... and a Ku Klux Klan membership of more than 3,000. Despite its prosperity, Tulsa was a powder keg of racism waiting to explode.

The Greenwood section of Tulsa was known nationally as "The Black Wall Street" for its affluent residents, successful black-owned businesses, elegant new homes and beautiful new churches. Although a source of pride for its residents, it was a source of growing envy and resentment among less successful whites, many of whom had returned home from World War I armed and unemployed.

Across the country, KKK membership was on the rise, and there was an average of two lynchings per week in the U.S., with local newspapers often turning a blind eye or even seeming to condone such occurrences. When "all hell broke loose" outside the jail where Dick Rowland was held, police tried to cope with the situation by deputizing a group of white civilians, one of whom was overheard saying, "Now you can go out and shoot any nigger you see."

Before long, truckloads of whites, armed with military weapons, were driving through Greenwood, shooting blacks on sight. Families fled into the countryside with just the clothes they were wear-

ing, while their homes were looted and burned, sometimes with people still in them. Firefighters were prevented from reaching the neighborhood. Telephone and telegraph lines were cut and the railroad blocked, cutting Tulsa off from the rest of the world so the destruction could

continue unabated. By dawn, Greenwood was reduced to flames, ashes and rubble.

The National Guard arrived from Oklahoma City by train shortly after 9 a.m., promptly set up camp and ate breakfast while North Tulsa burned. At 11:30 a.m., martial law

was declared and all surviving blacks were rounded up and placed in makeshift detention camps. The white-owned newspapers called the riot a "military adventure" in which blacks were "the enemy." Armed whites were "soldiers" in a "volunteer army" while blacks were "snipers" in a "mob."

The official death toll was 37, but evidence points to at least 300 fatalities, with possibly hundreds more murdered. Bodies of victims were fur-

in crates, buried in unmarked graves or dumped into the Arkansas River. The cover-up was exacerbated by a massive "conspiracy of silence" among whites seeking to avoid prosecution and blacks fearing more violence if they spoke up.

Ultimately, more than 1,200 homes had been burned and another 320 were looted; 4,000 people were homeless; and more than 1,000 spent the winter in tents. Although the Red Cross tried to help with food and clothing, it was overwhelmed. Blacks filed 1,400 insurance claims for their losses, but not one was paid. Charges against Rowland were dropped. It is not known what happened to him or the elevator operator.

In addition to Alfre Woodard (as survivor Mary Parrish, who wrote about the tragedy), actors providing voices for "The Tulsa Lynching of 1921: A Hidden Story" include John Vernon, Bill Cosby, Celeste Holm, Courtney B. Vance, Ed Asner, Mary Kay Place, Mary Steenburgen, Mike Farrell, Nell Carter, Rae Dawn Chong, Roscoe Lee Browne and Bill Cobbs.

The Cinemax documentary is written, produced and directed by Michael Wilkerson. The Cinemax "Reel Life" series of original documentary programs has attracted critical praise, as well as numerous prestigious awards. "Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien" received the 1997 Academy Award for Documentary Short Subject.



LET THE TRUTH BE KNOWN—"The Tulsa Lynching of 1921: A Hidden Story" exposes the story of the largest mass murder and cover-up in U.S. history when the Cinemax "Reel Life" documentary debuts Wednesday, May 31 (6:30-8 p.m. ET), the 79th anniversary of the riot.



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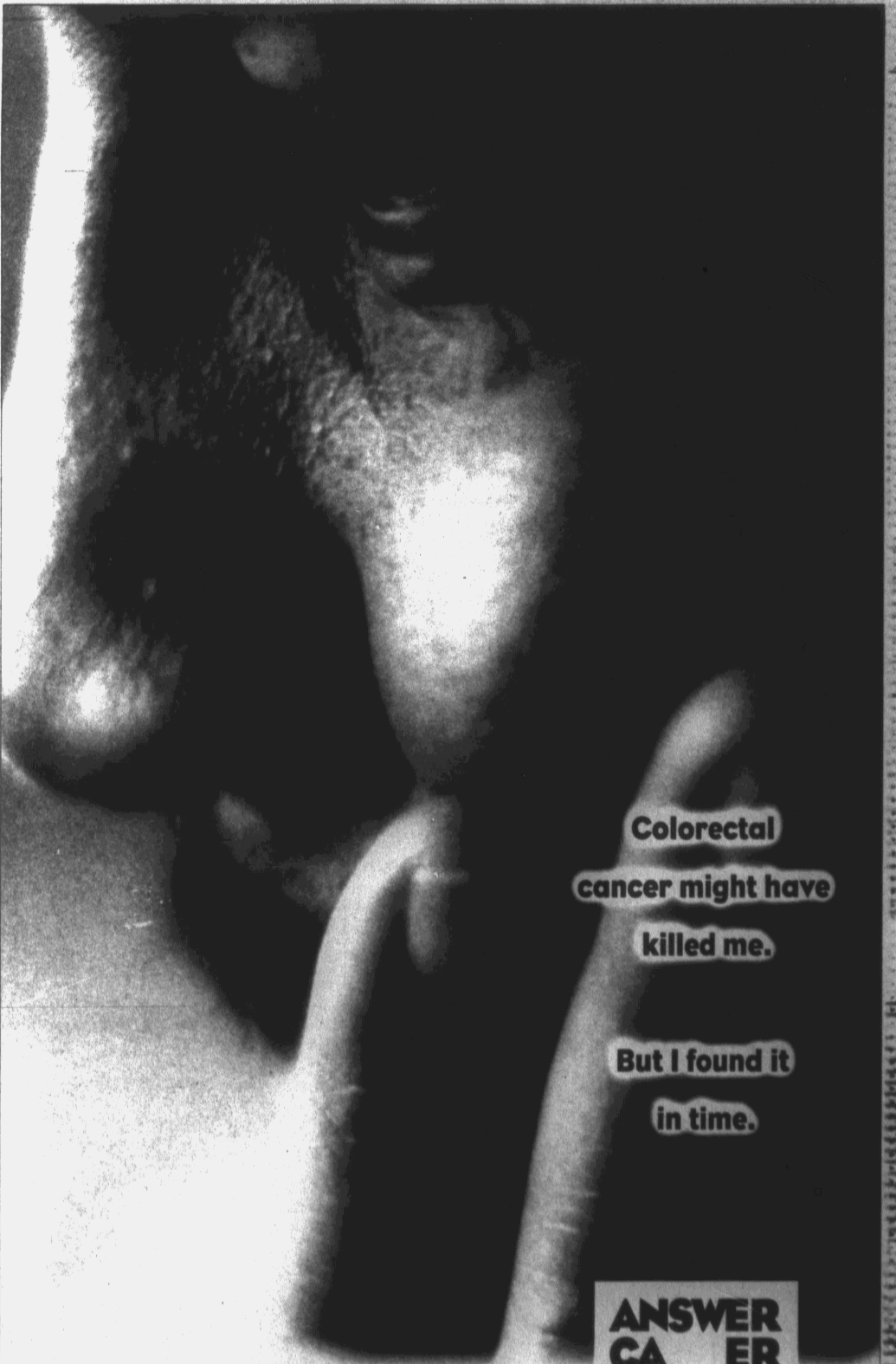
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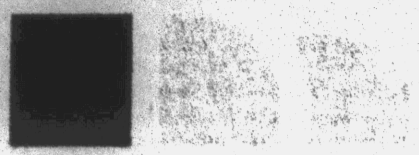
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