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## A Rising People Full Of Potential Force

**The Pioneering Era, 1870-1901: Laying the Foundation for Reconstructing a Nation Through Congress**

By: Frank Dexter Brown

For people of African descent living in the United States, representation in the nation's highest elected legislative body of government has long been difficult to achieve. The enslavement of African peoples, of course, lasted long beyond the founding of the federal government and election of the first Congress in 1789.

Indeed, over the next seven decades, while much of the national debate and legislation passed in Congress addressed issues tied to African enslavement, African men were not allowed to vote or be elected to office. These rights were not guaranteed until after the end of the Civil War, with Congress' passage of the Reconstruction Act of 1867, and the Supreme Court's verification of the Act's constitutionality. Ratification of the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution, and eventually the passage of the 1875 Civil Rights Act, were other key legislative actions.

At the time, five states—Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina—had majority Black populations, which led to Blacks turning out to vote in large numbers, and, in turn, Blacks being elected in

various capacities of local, state-wide and federal offices. However, these numbers of Black elected officers was disproportionately low for the African population sizes throughout the entire southern region.

Emancipation? Still, No Guaranteed Rights....

Indeed, though African people had won the right to vote and seek office, these rights were still largely opposed by whites. Contested electoral victories were the norm, and from the beginning, men of African descent, elected to serve their constituents, confronted antagonism inside and outside the halls of Congress. Most were forced to spend a good portion of their legislative time in court defending their rights to hold office, or arguing before other members of Congress.

While the "pioneering era" of African American congressional representation, that began with the reconstruction period of 1867, led to 23 African men who served from 1870 to 1901, most of these men faced challenges to their being seated. Five of the first twenty were denied their seats, ten others had their terms interrupted or delayed. All faced charges that were at best frivolous and most frequently were fabricated, and oftentimes went unproved (though the legislators were still not seated). All were elected through the Republican party, although many eventually faced challenges

from reactionary elements within the GOP, as well as by Democrats. And all were from the South.

James Lewis, John Willis Menard and Pinchney B.S. Pinchback are three examples of the challenges these men experienced. All were elected from Louisiana. All were denied from taking their seats despite that no charges had been made by any person or group in the state of Louisiana. Pinchback, in 1868, would have been the first Black to serve in the Senate; and in 1869, Lewis and Menard would have been the first Blacks to serve in the House. In fact, when Menard on February 27, 1869, defended his credentials, he became the first African person to speak in the halls of Congress. Pinchback, who had never been enslaved (would later become known as the first and last Black to serve as governor of a state until Douglas Wilder was elected Virginia's governor some 120 years later), was so impressive a leader that he had been simultaneously elected to seats in both the House and the Senate. He too was twice certified by his state legislatures. Nevertheless, members of Congress challenged Pinchback's credentials on the basis of charges of voters fraud. And his three year fight to be seated was forever doomed.

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Rising People



### The First Colored Senators And Representatives

## Black Women In The Pulpit

Female pastors discuss the challenges of leading congregations

By RONNETTA S. SLAUGHTER

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."  
— Philippians 4:13

When people first meet Pastor Vivian Duff, many assume that she is the wife of a minister, not the leader of a congregation. Amidst Sunday sermons, her voice takes a powerful stand against traditional stereotypes which prohibit women preachers. "God doesn't tell the men to do it all," admitted Pastor Duff, who leads The Anointed Gospel of Truth Ministries. "Women have to receive themselves in Christ and listen to what the Lord is saying about their lives."

Over the last 25 years, Pastor Duff has experienced some rejection from fellow ministers and church members. Her ministry defies gender roles that specify how women should assume a more passive position within a religious atmosphere. "(God) doesn't care whether I'm a man or a woman," she says, noting her desire to please God through helping others.

Although the Bible outlines diverse relationships between men and women, Pastor Duff acknowledges that practices banning women in the pulpit still

exist. Her congregation of 50 members eagerly support her outreach ministry and guidance.

Recently she baptized her nephews and faced resistance from their Alabama Baptist church which initially refused to honor the ceremony because a woman had performed it. "There is definitely a change taking place. I've seen my ministry touch a lot of people's lives," said Pastor Duff, suggesting that more women accept their "calling" to the ministry and assume pastoral leadership roles.

As Rev. Vashti McKenzie became the first woman bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church four months ago, Black women pastors are steadily increasing.

African-American women head approximately eight churches in Indianapolis. More than 50 women oversee associate pastoral positions and specialized ministries including prison outreach, chaplain services and youth programs. In addition, numerous Black women are currently attending local seminary schools.

"African-American women have always been at the center of church life, and the substance of the Black church experience," said Rev. Angelique Walker-Smith, executive director of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

By shattering myths about women

not holding pastoral positions in Baptist churches, Rev. Walker-Smith was ordained in 1983 at Convent Avenue Baptist Church (New York City). She recommends that Black women and men work together to understand the religious discipline while developing partnerships among one another.

"Some churches are embedded in their traditions, and will never accept African-American women in ministerial leadership," said Rev. Walker-Smith. Women must break through theological barriers, she says.

Dr. Willie Robinson, pastor of University Community Christian Church, believes that Black women have to conquer race, gender and religion issues simultaneously when pursuing ministerial positions. "A blessing is not earned by your gender, but by your deeds," he says. Black men must examine their own mission statements as pastors, and acknowledge that egotistical ideas go against Biblical references and Godly values.

African-American women such as Sojourner Truth clearly laid the foundation for leadership roles that guided many people towards salvation and confidence. Black women exemplify abilities far beyond limited stereotypes, and such diverse characteristics outline women succeeding as mothers, daughters, wives and ministers.

## Get Out The Vote Nov. 7th



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Pictured above Chief Justice Henry Frye, Court of Appeals Judge Jim Wynn, GK Butterfield and Burley Mitchell, caught by our "M" Voice Camera as they encourage everyone to get out and vote. These great men are living proof your vote makes a difference!

Photo by Jim Rouse



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## It Has Always Been About The Money

It Has Always Been About the Money  
By James Clington

With many of our "leaders" finally jumping on Booker T. Washington's and Marcus Garvey's economic bandwagon, I think back to the movie, "Marathon Man." The particular scene that comes to mind is the one in which Dustin Hoffman was about to be tortured with dental instruments by Laurence Olivier, who kept repeating, "Is it safe?"

It's the same question that some of our leaders have been asking for quite some time. Some 35 years after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, our leaders have apparently answered that

question with a resounding "Yes." It's finally safe to deal with economic empowerment without offending the establishment.

During our "struggle" to gain high-political office and high-level corporate jobs, we felt it was not safe to discuss economic empowerment because we could lose our individual creature comforts and newly found status.

For the last 35 years we acquiesced to the ridiculous notion that we had made tremendous progress. Now we find ourselves, having followed the leaders who chose individualism over collectivism and politics over economics, mired in last place in the wealth-building

race. But economic empowerment is in vogue now. Jesse Jackson, both father and son, are saying this is our next great fight — the fourth movement of a freedom symphony — with the release of their book, "It's About the Money: How You Can Get Out of Debt, Build Wealth and Achieve Your Financial Dreams."

What amazes me is that now, after three decades, Brother Jackson has come to the conclusion that it's all about the money. It's always been about the money — even in 1968. Why does it take us so long to wake up?

# Election Day Nov. 7th

## EDITORIALS

### Maybe, collectively, we can lead ourselves to freedom

Lately, many people are decrying a lack of compassionate leadership in the African-American community, leading us to ask, just what is good leadership?

Some ages back, human beings did not have leaders, per se, but affairs were governed by councils of elders much like primitive and/or tribal cultures. This kind of group leadership does make perfect sense, because, with it, it is possible to bypass individual personalities that are saturated with brainwashing abilities.

In modern society, more than often, anyone with any kind of name recognition is called upon to be a leader. In fact, whenever two or more people gather for any type of activity, somebody emerges as a leader. Seemingly, the chosen few choose themselves. This is especially true of Black leaders in America today. With close examination, it is evident that the ones who have emerged as leaders are the ones who have decided that they want to lead. They feel that they have strategies that can help the Black community navigate through the waters of bigotry and oppression here. Or, they have the charisma to mesmerize the masses, having the wherewithal to lead them where they want them to go. Moreover, en masse, they can take them to their leaders. There are (those out of media lights) and have been some like Malcolm X and the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who have been exceptions—ready to go down for the real cause!

But, with a little more examination, we find that what often passes for leadership in America is actually a "cult of personality." Possibly, this is why athletes, rock stars, wrestlers and other entertainers are now leading governments the country over, blatantly

showing that close tie between Hollywood and Politics. These individuals may or may not have administrative talent, but as long as they are well known they are fair game for leadership positions.

We suggest that African Americans move away from the notion of individual leaders and look more toward leadership collaboratives, simply because individual leadership is showing to be vulnerable to fickle circumstances. And, now it's too easy to be "on the take" for personal gain.

Then too, if the leader or head is cut off, the body is left to flop around wildly like a beheaded chicken. Take a look at us now.

On the other hand, if leadership is a collaborative or collective effort, it is shared, making sabotage (payoff) difficult, if not impossible. We also find, under close scrutiny, that other groups, unlike African Americans, don't put disproportionate weights on the shoulders of their leaders. We also find that African Americans seem to always look for the Black leadership that has the White stamp of approval on it. When we know anything, we have our leaders, whether to include the Black community's interest or whether to maintain the status quo, which is almost always the case.

What we conclude, folks, is this. Freedom is an individual thing, and, we know now that it is he whom the Son sets free....

Now is the time for us to realize that we're all leaders; that we are all responsible for our own destinies, which are determined by our characters and whatever love is shed abroad in our hearts. Moreover, the collective destiny of a people is determined by collective character working together—in love—for the common good of all humankind.

### Zero tolerance for drivers riding unbuckled children

It is time for zero tolerance for drivers riding around with unbuckled children. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for American children of all races. While driver errors like speeding and running red lights can cause collisions, most children killed in crashes die from another, more lethal form of negligence—six out of 10 of them are completely unrestrained. Nearly half of these kids would be alive today if drivers had only taken the time to properly buckle them up. It's the law in every state that children must be restrained. We should be using every means possible to make sure that every child is buckled up.

At the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), we are particularly concerned about the increased risk African-American children face out on the roadways. Recent research by the John Hopkins University and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety shows that African-American children are three times more likely to die in crashes than other children. Clearly we must do more to protect the youngest members of our community.

That is why in May, NOBLE actively participated with law enforcement agencies in all 50 states to conduct Operation ABC Mobilization, declaring zero tolerance for drivers who are endangering children by neglecting to buckle them up properly. Drivers who did not obey child passenger safety laws were stopped and enforcement action was taken. We know that these nationwide crackdowns

are making a difference and saving lives. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that the Mobilizations conducted in 1998 played a key role in prompting 19 million more Americans to buckle up—the largest, single-year increase in seat-belt use in eight years. It is estimated that this increase will result in 1,500 lives saved each year.

Nothing is more devastating to an officer than breaking the news to parents that their child has been killed or critically injured. And, knowing that enforcement not only works but will spare families a lifetime of pain and regret, we must declare zero tolerance for drivers with unbuckled children.

Our officers will also be stepping up enforcement on adult seat-belt laws, because it's a proven fact that most adults who don't buckle up themselves, don't buckle up kids. Recent studies have found that a buckled driver is three times more likely to buckle up a child. According to a study published in *The Journal of Public Health*, African-American seat belt use is 10 percent to 12 percent lower than the national average, putting African-American children at even greater risk of being unbuckled.

We can no longer tolerate so many preventable tragedies—hurt and despairing families. We must stop drivers who don't buckle up kids. Our children's lives depend on it.

(Guest editorial by Robert L. Stewart, executive director, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.)

### Queries and more queries on violence in our schools

Violence! It seems to be the order of the day. And it seems to be the order of the day within our schools. For all of the news that's in the media about violence in schools, how about the news we never hear?

Is it necessary for all of our schools—from elementary to high school—to have metal detectors? Is it necessary for our schools to have police officers on the premise during school hours? What are the safety measures to assure that the lives of students and faculty are secure?

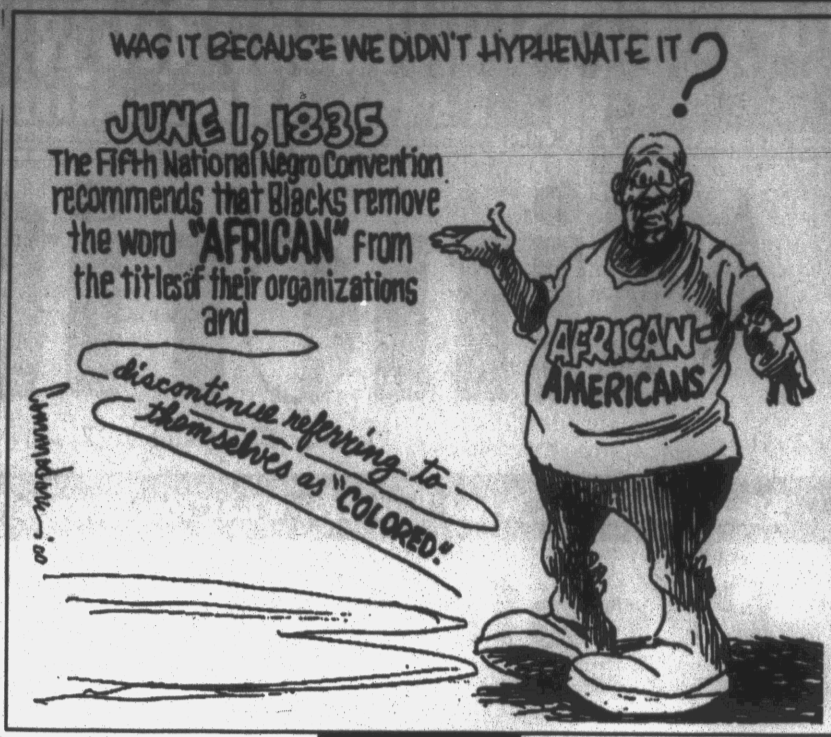
Violence—what can we do? Does it start at the home? What regulations do we need to assure that children (yes, readers), our children, do not get guns? Does the freedom to have a gun allow adults to have a gun where a child can get to it? Our children are intelligent creatures, and, at an early age, they are able to get around. It is a shame that some of them have found guns, shot and killed loved ones or friends because they could not comprehend the seriousness of what they were doing.

What role does the entertainment industry play? Do they have the right to show our impressionable youth violence that is sometimes unimaginable? How about the violence in video games? Where does the responsibility rest? Who shoulders the blame for youngsters who pick up guns and shoot others, either fellow classmates or family members?

It's about time that parents, relatives, educators, businessmen and businesswomen, community leaders, church pastors and laymen stop and assess what needs to be done and then do it. We must realize that we can overcome some of the sad and shocking violence taking place in our schools.

Those of us who are 30, 40, 50, or 60-years-old grew up in an environment that did not have the violence so prevalent in schools today. Then too, we didn't have guns, knives or other tragedy-producing items stalking our school routes, playgrounds, classrooms and hallways.

But, please remember, that it was then that we, with trembling, fear and respect, enjoyed the extended family.



## COMMENTS

### Actually, nobody really qualifies to be President

by Sheldon Richman

The chief argument of the Democrats against George W. Bush is that he's not qualified to be president. They're right. He's not qualified. But, neither is Al Gore. Nor Dick Cheney. Nor Joseph Lieberman.

No one is qualified to be president. NO ONE!

This is not a statement born of cynicism. It's cold fact. How could anyone be qualified to direct a \$2-trillion-a-year behemoth—also known as the federal government—designed to micro manage the lives of every individual in the U.S. and quite a few overseas as well?

The president of the U.S. is expected to "steer" the economy, but this grossly misconceives what an economy is. It's not a ship. "The economy" is a figure of speech. In reality it's just a bunch of people engaging in production and trade. "Steering" the economy translates into telling people what to do. Aside from the moral issue involved (telling then what to do violates their freedom), no ones knows enough to intelligently direct 265 million people's activities.

Perhaps some think the term "central planner" doesn't apply to the U.S. land of free enterprise. Well, what was the case against Microsoft if not an attempt to centrally plan the computer software industry? The government decreed that web browsers must not be integrated into operating systems. Anti-trust chief Joel Klein, bureaucrat, said so. Or, how about his decision that MCI Worldcom could not merge with Sprint, because a combined company would not conform to his vision of the long-distance industry?

The president hires the attorney general, who hires the antitrust chief. These are just two examples of how the president and his men design to plan "the economy"—our lives.

The alphabet agencies staffed by the president—EPA, OSHA, FDA, FTC, ad nauseum—exit to enable social engineers to carry out their visions of our futures. Thanks, but I have plans of my own, just as everyone else does.

Gore and President Clinton feverishly take credit for the last several years of economic growth. They'd have us believe that their big 1993 tax increase and similar measures are re-

sponsible for all the good things we see in the private sector. Clinton and Gore assumed office several months after a mild recession had ended. The budget was deeply in deficit—not because tax cuts reduced revenues in the 1980s (that myth dies hard), but because the government spent well over a buck for every buck that taxpayers were forced to pony up.

The Clinton-Gore theory is that by showing "fiscal restraint" and attacking the deficit, the administration reassured the financial community, bringing down interest rates and stimulating economic growth. Nice fantasy. Clinton showed no interest in killing the deficit before the Democrats lost control of the Congress in 1995, and then he dragged his feet. He never advocated fiscal restraint—read his State of the Union addresses. Non-military spending has grown dramatically.

As the Cato Institute points out, the Republicans were accomplices: the 106th Congress is the biggest spending Congress since the Jimmy Carter—Tip O'Neil years.

So what accounts for the prosperity? Technological innovation made possible by people like Bill Gates and corporate innovation made possible by people like Michael Milken do. Their accomplishments unleashed by productive efforts of millions of people, which in turn flooded the government coffers with surplus revenues. The tax take is a record peace-time high. If Clinton and Congress can take credit for anything, it's for-cutting the capital gains tax in 1997.

Far from deserving credit for the prosperity, the Clinton bureaucrats still maintain impediments to productive activity. The President can't bear the idea of a tax cut that doesn't compel people to act in prescribed ways, and he's pushing myriad new spending programs. Gore holds the same philosophy, motivated as he is by his messianic environmentalism and disdain for industry. Would George W. Bush be much different? Does "prosperity with a purpose" sound like a call for economic freedom to you?

Presidents can do a million things to screw up an economy, but they can do only one thing if they want general prosperity: Leave it alone! Now that's what they're qualified to do.

(Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va., and editor of Ideas on Liberty magazine.)

### Some special messages for very special people

by Rev. Gregory C. Guice

As we continue this school year, I would like to offer a special message to our children, parents and educators.

The responsibility of educating our children is not limited to just one institution nor to a select few. We equally share in this responsibility, beginning first with the family, those parents and family members who provide for that child's well-being.

The special message for the educational system is one that empowers us to cultivate and develop our children and to improve in the quality of service given to them at all levels of their educational development.

As a community, the message is this: We first must embrace our children with love and guidance to structure for them a safe and moral environment that will provide for them a sense of security, peace, prosperity and trust.

The message that I extend for this school year is not new, for its beginning has always been with us. I call upon us as parents to provide our children with love that will encourage them to believe in themselves and know that there are no mountains, nor valleys that they cannot overcome and to establish within our homes an environment that promotes learning and responsibility and rewards our children's persistence and determination to be the best that they can be.

To our teachers and school administrators, the message is simply this: See each child as a child of God, endowed with special gifts, talents and creativity. Believe that every child has a right to the best education that can be provided for him or her. Know that there is no child that cannot learn. Cre-

ate an institution of learning that demands the best from its teachers, staff and children—an institution that sees the school in partnership with the home.

To those of us within the community, including businessmen, clergy and politicians, we must understand that it does take an entire village to raise a child. Know that we can be the mentor, the friend and the caring and loving support that applauds our children's achievements.

Finally, to the children: Your task is the one that cannot be overlooked, for no matter what others may or may not do, you must still achieve, you must have the determination, the faith and the willingness to work for what you hope to gain. You must have the determination to accept the responsibility for that which is yours; to look for no excuse, only for the results, knowing that you apply your best, only the best will be returned to you. Believe that God has brought you here for a special purpose. Set your goals high and walk tall knowing that you are the best, for there is nothing you cannot achieve.

Mary McLeod Bethune, in her last will and testament, left us these final words:

The world around us belongs to youth, for youth will take over its future management. Our children must never lose their zeal for a better world. They must not be discouraged from aspiring towards greatness, for they are to be the leaders of tomorrow. We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends."

(Guice is pastor of Unity Christ Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.)

## LETTERS

### Read The "M" Voice

#### 'Scathing' over institutionalized racism

Dear Editor, Scathing according to The New Merriam-Webster Dictionary means "bitterly severe." Scathing is what a dear friend said of one of my opinions. I share my emotions about the sufferings of Black people, yet White racists are not the only enemy we have. I focus on any and every fault-line in America's social structure, including the shortcomings of Blacks.

If I'm scathing I hope you would understand my motives, rather than hope I go away. That's what racists want of every Black man and woman who speak against their racist propaganda. We're weak to the truth and they know it. Lies that sound good are believable to us, and this must be stopped by us.

Scathing? You bet! Black men being intimidated by White cops using their badges as levers of intimidation. A young daughter of a friend being told by the White girl to, "Shut up. I ought to slap you," for answering a question in class. Inherited racism. A campus cop tells her that this was not a threat. The White male teacher tells her he didn't want her in his class because she was a troublemaker. Reinforcements of young racists. Then she is told that she had been deprived of a scholarship being a 4.0 student. This is Memphis State in the year 2000.

I feel scathing because we didn't fight hard enough the battle, to prevent our young Black students from having to endure 'historic' anguish.

Reparations for slavery is due, but my feelings call for the end to deprivation. Because we've been and still are being blocked by racism from opportunity advantages, billions of dollars in income are being taken away from Black folks. Thousands of Black doctors, lawyers, CEOs, et al we don't and won't have. Now our children are being targeted putting our future in jeopardy. And we sit back while the racists find it sporting to stand in their way. Yes indeed I feel scathing!

When I think of the frustrations we vent on each other because of failed career dreams, I know that time has come for us to stop contributing to our own demise. Scathing yes, but it's not my intent. In the foreword of "100 Years of Lynching" it says the "race-hater is inwardly a man who hates himself." And that "he finds it necessary to shift to others his own unconscious feelings of guilt." This same principle applies to us educated, sophisticated, misled, programmed intellectuals.

We imitate the racist's criteria for success (and separation). Over the last five years I've tried to interest Black folks in saving W.C. Handy's legacy. I hit deaf ears, or "nothing we can do," or total complacency. That man should be immortalized among all Memphians. Melrose stadium should be a shrine to him erected by Black folks, because of his support and yearly half-time interludes (standing on a wooden box on the center of the 50 yardline), at the annual Blues Bowl Game. The last two years he got up from his sick bed to do so. Now my perdition has come true that the statue of W.C. Handy would be taken off Beale Street.

While it is still "Handy Park," it's behind a wall. Contrary to the promise by "good White folks," W.C. Handy's house is behind a tall fence. It protects a badminton net for "good White folks." Soon we Black folks will get our wish for White folks to stop using "our" Beale Street to get rich—when it becomes 'Elvis Presley Way.' And the statue of Elvis will be the one visible.

Scathing? Yes! We're still chasing the "old" American Dream; still looking for a piece of some imaginary pie. It is well past time for us to re-think and make relevant changes in our priorities. Networking is a novel idea we can do. Networking will bring us to unity as individuals and groups.

In parting I quote a friend who said he'd rather say "I is rich" rather "I am poor." Rich in culture. Rich is pride. And rich in the pocketbook. And once we stop inviting the downtown politicians to things we do, we can say with unity, pride, and without fear—"Free at last."

T.R. Lawscha Sr., Memphis

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# Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



## THE FORCES WE FACE

God is not interested in Religion, but He is tremendously interested in life. You cannot read the New Testament without realizing that the Lord Jesus did not hesitate to break the Sabbath regulations of His day when those regulations violated the real need of a broken human being for healing. God is not nearly so interested in stained-glass windows, hanging chandeliers, purple carpet, organ music, congregational hymns, or pastoral prayers as He is in producing love-filled homes, generous hearts, and brave men and women who can live godly lives in the midst of a dark and evil world. His goal for our lives is what we be people of undefiled minds and undefiled hearts, living and projecting His truth and His character in a sin-ridden world.

I am deeply convinced that we can only understand life when we

see it as the Bible sees it. That is why the Word of God was given—to open our eyes to God's perspective on life and reality. The world we see all around us—the world of entertainment and nightly news and instant information on the Internet and political infighting and social upheaval—that is a world of illusion. Though we usually call it "the real world", it is facade that is destined to fade away. What God calls reality is something that exists beyond the flimsy walls of this world, and it is far more real and lasting than our so-called "the real world." Our eyes and minds are constantly deceived by the distorted perspectives, twisted beliefs, false values, and temporary programs of this dying world.

But when we come to the Bible, we learn the truth. Here reality is laid before us, and we see the world as it really is. When we get down to the bare essentials of life and strip off all the confusing illusions, we find that life is exactly what the Bible records it to be.

We may not want to hear what the Bible has to say to us. We may think the Bible's diagnosis of our condition is too harsh, or its prescription for our healing is too difficult—but if we reject its truth, we only succeed in deceiving ourselves. We would prefer to "cherry-pick" God's truth—to highlight the verses we like and edit out the verses that expose our sins and failures. But it is not up to pass judgment on God's word.

Rather, we must submit ourselves to the judgment of God's Word, because it is inspired by God Himself. We do not have the authority to "correct" His words; rather, those words are the authority that correct our lives.

So let's stop this silly business of sitting in judgement upon the insights of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this world, we are continually confronted with the choice of whether to accept the flimsy, fallible, "authority" of mere human beings of the certain, unfailing, clear Word of the Lord Jesus Christ. But as Christians, as people who bear the name of Christ, we must continually reduce every argument to this simple consideration: "Am I to accept this person's word—or the Word of Christ? If this person's word agrees with what the Lord says, then fine, it is truth. But if this person's word does not agree with God's word, then I must reject it, because there is not authority greater than that of God.

From: Spiritual Warfare by Stedman.

William M. Kunstler: The Most Hated Lawyer in America by David Langum

William M. Kunstler (1919-1995) brought to the courtroom an eloquent, sweeping contempt for racist laws, judges, prisons, corporations whatever he saw as a source or injustice. He was a 1960's radical, David Langum argues, almost from the day in 1961 when he saw

five Freedom Riders arrested in Mississippi while he was visiting—as an observer for the American Civil Liberties Union. Ten years later he found himself standing with inmates at Attica prison during an uprising, hearing one or them ask, "Brother Bill, will you be our lawyer? Will you represent the brothers as only you can?". Soon he was shouting "Remember Attica!" and moving on to place radical law in the service of those he called "the damned" from Black Power leader's to Arab terrorists. In "William M. Kunstler: The Most Hated Lawyer in America," Langum, who teaches law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, describes the tactics Kunstler offered to the Chicago Seven, the American Indian Movement, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, and Jack Ruby, and paints a large sympathetic portrait of a keen and angry man who believed there was no higher honor than to stand in righteous contempt of court.

Reviewed by Ford Burkhart

Note :William Kunstler came to North Carolina during the 1960s at the request of Attorney Jerry Paub of Greenville, to be his consultant during the Jo Anne (Joan) Little-murder trial. Attorney Paul was representing Miss Little, a young black woman on trial for the ice-pick murder of a white jailer while she was incarcerated in the Beaufort County jail.

Submitted by: Suetje A. Jones



Community Leader, Pictured is Rock Brown and his lovely wife, for years Mr. Brown has been a pillar in the community leading the way for young entrepreneurs to continue his legacy.

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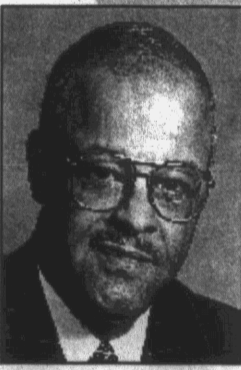
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## Election Day Nov. 7th

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## ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

**ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR. (D-NY):** Ushering in the Coming of Black Political Power" (145-67; 69-71).

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., in 22 years in the House, grew to be the most powerful African American legislator ever (and one of the most powerful ever of any ethnicity), and possibly the most powerful Black in the US at the time. In 1961, Powell took over as chair of the very powerful Education and Labor committee. From this post, he oversaw the passing of more than 60 pieces of legislation (most by any person of African descent) as he chaired the committee during the major struggles for Civil Rights. In fact, over seven years only two bills reported from his committee were defeated. Powell was thereby responsible for ushering in the most vital legislation beneficial to African Americans since reconstruction.

Powell had come to Congress after years of activism from his Harlem NY base, where he ministered from the pulpit of the century-old Abyssinian Baptist Church. It was from Abyssinian, which his father had built into one of the largest congregations in the US, and from his position on the New York City Council and as publisher and editor of the People's Voice newspaper, from which Powell led desegregation campaigns against department stores, hospitals, and other segregated institutions, and from which he fought for the rights of the homeless, the unemployed, and others in need.

"race man" who supported his people in the face of US racism and class warfare, but that he also was a fighter for Pan Africanism, and against imperialism, and supported the rights of oppressed people of color globally. He attended the 1955 Bandung conference of African and Asian nations (later to become known as the Non Aligned Movement), which was a ground breaking meeting bringing together progressiveness peoples and people of color from newly independent states, along with representatives from various national liberation movements. As such, he supported African independence struggles in Ghana, Kenya, Algeria, South Africa, etc. Needless to say, Powell, like the early trailblazers, DePriest, and others since, was targeted by his opponents and eventually forced from his congressional seat. Still, his congressional record, and feistiness in the face of entrenched racists, served as the perfect transition into next stage of Black congressional representation: the founding of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As J. Wyatt Mondesire, in his biography of Powell, High Priest of Harlem, wrote: "He was prophetically named. At the genesis of Black political power—before Jesse, before Andy, before Martin, before Malcolm, there was Adam. This man called Adam, more accurately Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.—parons of Black America's most prestigious house of prayer, populist, author, twelve-term congressman and committee chairman and flagrant



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**PRESIDENT CLINTON POSES** with, from left, James Lee Witt, administrator of FEMA; Congresswoman Eva Clayton; Sally Katzen, deputy director of management, OMB and Delia Perkins, mayor of Princeville N.C. and members of a committee established to solicit federal aid with flood recovery in Princeville, NC. This is one of the oldest towns in the United States chartered by African Americans.

## Study says hurricane-devastated town needs infrastructure, jobs

By Sonya Ross  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Despite an outpouring of help after Hurricane Floyd, devastated Princeville still must correct "long-standing deficiencies" in order to draw tourism and investment that are key to the town's survival, a federal report concluded Monday.

President Clinton recently received the final report of the commission he created in March to find how to help Princeville, which was established by former slaves more than a century ago, and destroyed by floods when Floyd struck last year.

The council said Princeville immediately needs a better dike and drainage system, to stave off flooding, and housing that is sturdier in the face of natural disasters. Over the long term, the town needs "the capability to create and promote tourism" and attracts related industries.

"This is the final report, but it's not the end of the line," said Council Chairwoman Sally Katzen. "We are going to continue working to fulfill the expectations that are generated by this report."

Katzen presented the report at the White

House along with Princeville Mayor Delia Perkins and Rep. Eva Clayton, D-N.C.

"More people know about Princeville today than ever knew before," Clayton said. "So, in some ways, the suffering had some redeeming grace in that they are now poised to build back better than they were before."

Perkins said offers of help are pouring in from around the country, and the town would be in a better position to make use of the offers if it had better infrastructure.

"Life in Princeville is much better now," Perkins said. "We are rebuilding, we are getting our citizens back in town. We are just totally grateful for all the help."

Princeville is considered the oldest U.S. town chartered by Blacks. It was chartered in 1885 but was established as Freedom Hill at the end of the Civil War by former slaves who settled alongside the Tar River under the protection of Union troops.

In Sept. 1999, a rain-swollen Tar River practically absorbed Princeville and neighboring towns, killing 51 people. Clinton toured the area and pledged to help the town rebuild; the recovery has been steady, but slow.

The council suggested three phases of recovery: Returning the town to its pre-flood condition, implementing "an enhanced program that would correct long-standing deficiencies in services and infrastructure" and initiatives that would bring economic opportunities to the town of 2,100.

Other elements of the recovery plan included:

- \* Federal Highway Administration assistance with plans to establish a Princeville Heritage Trail, which would include a park and restoration of the old town hall. The administration would also look into funneling fiscal year 2000 state highway funds to North Carolina for use in Princeville.

- \* A \$1 million pledge from the Sara Lee Foundation to create a job training center that would also house a Boys & Girls Club and a child care facility.

- \* A new QVC home shopping channel distribution center near Princeville that has created 380 jobs and will eventually employ about 900 people.

- \* Efforts between town officials and the U.S. Postal Service to establish a Princeville zip code, stamp and post office in the new town hall.

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- Expanded the Smart Start program
- Passed school violence/discipline control measures
- Increased funding for community colleges
- Passed Clean Air and Clean Water legislation
- Appropriated \$120 million to rebuild state's "Rainy Day" fund following Hurricane Floyd flood relief efforts
- Appropriated \$30 million for Clean Water Trust Fund
- Appropriated \$1.5 million to support East Carolina University's transition to a Doctoral/Research institution
- Supports Community College and University Facilities Bond Referendum
- Appropriated \$100 million for repairs/renovations of state buildings
- Refunded \$240 million in intangible taxes
- AND didn't raise taxes!

- Mayor, Town of Grifton, 1997-1998
- Commissioner, Town of Grifton, 1992-1997
- 1999 NC Business and Professional Career Woman of the Year
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- B.S. in Business Administration, East Carolina University
- Master in Library Science, East Carolina University

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#### Experience

**Education:** Graduated from Chicod High School  
 Attended NC State University  
 Attended Pitt Community College

**Occupation:** Agri Business

**Church:** Commissioned Lay Preacher in Presbyterian Church  
 Member of Hollywood Presbyterian Church

**Organizations/Offices Held:**  
 Served Board of Trustees, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, 1973-82  
 Served Board of Trustees Pitt Community College, 1984-1992  
 Past Master of Greenville Lodge #284  
 Currently serving on Pitt County Board of Education, District 6

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# CULINARY CUISINE



5 spoons-by pass this place  
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3 spoons-good to eat here  
2 spoons-excellent

So, my friends, I take you to my first review of the year 2000. B&E Restaurant, 1441 Old River Road. This place is located at the beginning of Old River Road and has a sign above it that just says Restaurant. I can assure you fans of good old country, down home, mouthwatering, mama put her foot in it, all you can eat cooking, this is not just any restaurant. The buffet is surely temptation, it beckons you and cries out to you... "Eat me!" "Tell your friends about me!!" "Come Back!!!"

With such appetizing delicassies

as smothered chicken, pigtails, (baked or bar-b-que), fried chicken, oxtails, pork chops, chitterlins, Salisbury steak, collards, cabbages, macaroni/cheese. I could go on and on, but why bother when I know your mouth is watering already. I have often wondered how one little restaurant could turn out such a delicious menu. If you want to know what heaven tastes like and how the angels dine -go to B&E Restaurant owned and operated by Bobby & Ernestine Harris.

Price-Buffer 6.99

1 meat, 2 vegetables 5.99  
This restaurant is rated 1 spoon for excellence.

Bye for now. The Invisible Food Editor

Well I'm back! I've been away for awhile getting myself and my family together. I'm proud say, I now have a beautiful granddaughter, 1 year old Destiny Ken'asia, so needless to say we will also be sampling more family friendly foods and restaurants. Without further ado, let's get back on track. First the rating system.



**Great Pioneers,**  
Shown above is Red Eaton and his lovely wife. Mr. Eaton is a member of Mount Hermon Lodge, and has opened many doors for integration in Greenville. The "M" voice Salutes Red Eaton and other fathers who have paved the way for today's generation.  
Photo by Jim Rouse

## Pitt Community College Plans for Change

### PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE SIFE TEAM ANNOUNCES PLANS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON OCTOBER 28

Students in Free Enterprise Join Almost 2 Million Volunteers Nationwide

As Make A Difference Day participants, the Pitt Community College SIFE Team is joining almost 2 million Americans in thousands of communities across the country who will spend Saturday, October 28-the tenth

annual Make A Difference Day-involved in volunteer projects. Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of doing good. In addition, SIFE is extending its efforts throughout the week of October 22-28 for "SIFE Make a Difference Week".

The Pitt Community College SIFE Team will share information with local citizens concerning the upcoming higher education bond referendum at the Wal-Mart store in Greenville from 8:00-1:00 pm by passing out flyers and stickers. "It is important that citizens know

that the future of our economy depends on passing these bonds so we can continue to educate our students and attract companies that pay top wages", said Freer, SIFE Team Advisor.

Students in Free Enterprise is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to help college students take what they're learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations.

For further information contact Leatrice Freer 252-321-4395.

## The Issac Jacob Center

### THE ISSAC JACOB CENTER

After three years of planning and lots of hard work, we are pleased to announce the construction of the 5,000 square feet Issac Jacob Center is complete and the doors have opened to serve the needs of the greater Pitt County Community. The facility is named in honor of the visionary leader who led his congregation in building a rural Center for the purpose of providing Christian

based training and practical assistance to disenchanting youth, failing families, and indigent populations of this community.

On Saturday November 11, 2000, the Holy Temple Church will hold open house and dedicatory ceremony for the Isaac Jacob Center. The open house will begin at 5PM and the dedicatory ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. The Issac Jacob Center is a Christian Training and Youth Outreach

Center and is located at 1587 Briley Road, Greenville, North Carolina.

Contributions should be made to Holy Temple Church in support of the Center. All contributions whether cash or in-kind will be used exclusively to support the Center. If additional information is needed please feel free to contact Elder Issac J. Robinson at 252-830-9285.

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# When Blacks See Racist Under Every Bed Sheet

EARL OFARI HUTCHINSON

When Blacks see racists under every bed sheet  
Midway through his witt speech at a small North Carolina college, "Prince of Tides" author Pat Conroy got a rude introduction to the politics of racial correctness. He quipped that his mother was so poor that she was almost Black. Conroy spoke from fact and experience. The poverty rate of Blacks in his home state of South Carolina is among the highest in the nation, and it's been that way for decades. Growing up in the state, Conroy correctly associated poverty with Blacks. If anything his quip could have easily been taken as an effort to call public attention to the appalling poverty of Southern Blacks. Three Black students didn't see it that way. They promptly marched to the stage, commandeered the microphone, and demanded an apology. Conroy is a thoughtful commentator on poverty and racial oppression and had fully backed the NAACP's campaign for the removal of the Confederate flag from the South Carolina statehouse. Yet he was a White man who had committed the unpardonable sin of speaking honestly on the hypersensitive issues of race and poverty. When Conroy did his mea culpa and apologized for the remark, he joined the ranks of White notables Cincinnati owner Marge Schott, Sports

tensions. It forces many Whites to walk in mortal fear that if they say anything about Blacks no matter how trivial they will be called on the carpet. This racial walking on eggshells also leaves Blacks wide open to the charge that they propagate double standards on race. The use of the "N" word is a near textbook case of this. When White comedians, politicians, talk show hosts, and even educators have slipped and used the word, there were firestorms of protest. They are instantly apologize and solemnly swear never to do it again. Yet Black rappers, comedians and writers have made a virtual fetish out of using the word, and there are no angry outcries from other Blacks. Some Black writers even go through tortuous gyrations to justify using the word. They claim that the more a Black person uses the word, the less offensive it becomes. They claim that they are cleansing the word of its negative connotations so that racists can no longer use it to hurt Blacks. Comedian-turned-activist Dick Gregory had the same idea some years ago when he titled his autobiography, "Nigger." Black writer, Robert DeCoy also tried to apply the same racial shock therapy to Whites when he titled his novel, "The Nigger Bible." Many Blacks say they use the word endearingly or affectionately. They say to each

"Twenty years ago 'nigger' was self-defeating. When we say 'nigger' now it's very positive." This skewed racial logic reinforces the notion that everything that happens to African-Americans from the suicide death of Black teen Raynard Johnson in Mississippi to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is part of an on-going orchestrated assault on Blacks. The racial paranoia theory goes like this. Following the urban uprisings of the 1960's, the ghettos were flooded with drugs, alcohol, gangs and guns. During the 1980s, AIDS was imported in. The "White establishment" wanted to stop Blacks from developing unity, strong political organizations and programs to counter oppression. The plot was to get Blacks to self-destruct. There is no evidence that any of this is true. However, a long parade of Black politicians, ministers and sports icons know the drill well. Whenever they are accused of or nailed for sexual hijinks, bribery, corruption, drug dealing, and even murder they reflexively shout that they are victims of a racist conspiracy. It's a well-worn ploy but it's a sure fire crowd pleaser because many Blacks are conditioned to believe that anything Whites do or say is evil and malicious. The problem is that the victims of the misdeeds of Black miscreants are almost always other Blacks. The

commentator Jimmy the Greek, and Dodger executive Al Campanis victimized by their mouths. The difference, however, is that these three uttered racist epithets or made remarks that pandered to the most vile racist stereotypes about Blacks. The colossal danger in lumping an innocent such as Conroy in with bigots is that it deepens racial resentments and heightens

other, "You're my nigger if you don't get no bigger." Or, "that nigger sure is something." Others use it in anger or disdain, "Nigger, you sure got an attitude." Still, others are defiant. They say they don't care what a White person calls them, words can't harm them. Comedian Russell Simmons went to the outer limits of racial self-flagellation when he said:

well intentioned, but naive Conroy was the latest to get whacked hard by racial correctness. And as long as many Blacks see racists under every bed sheet he won't be the last. *Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of "The Disappearance of Black Leadership." E-Mail him at ehutchi344@aol.com.*



**Having A Great Time!**  
Shown having a great time at the 18th Annual Gospel Labor Day Family Reunion is Tommy Ellison lead singer of the Five Singing Stars, WTOWS Ervin Chessom, and Promoter Jim Rouse who pulled all the groups together for this special day.

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*Come One, Come All to...*

Pitt County Schools

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(Optional teacher workday for Grades 9-12)



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October 31, 2000  
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- ~History degree from St. Lawrence University. Graduated Phi Beta Kappa.
- ~Law Faculty Scholar, Wake Forest University.
- ~1992: Clerk at the Court of Appeals in Raleigh, N.C.
- ~1993 to present: Attorney at the Public Defender's Office in Greenville, N.C.
- ~Married to Colette Antinore, registered nurse at the Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

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# From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



**NEVER DIE EASY, AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF WALTER PAYTON**

by: Walter Payton with Don Yaeger

Walter Payton, called "Sweetness," the most prolific running back in the history of the National Football League, the star of the Chicago Bears' only Super Bowl Championship, eleven times voted the most popular sports figure in Chicago's history.

Some excerpts: Regardless of how much money one has or how famous one was, without good health none of it mattered. Look at the time we waste doing trivial things. Spend quality time with family and good friends. Children, think through the consequences of your actions. It's what you do with the ability you have.

Hold to your dreams, hopes, desires. I talked with my Mom about things I wasn't sure of. Sometimes you need to go through tough times to prove you're a tough person. Walter never complained. He led by example. In the midst of adversity, he's still shine. Set your goals impossibly high. Work hard. He was humble and humorous, loved and grateful. Nothing lasts forever--nothing--retirement. Leave while you're on top. Enjoy what you do, have fun, enjoy people around you. He despised people who complained. He played football for the love of the game, not the money. He loved laughter and music and cars. He was well-loved and respected in the business world and he thrived on helping people. Too many of us take but never give. Football made me wealthy man. He was a role model. Fame is what you have taken, character is what you give. Jarrett was the first son to introduce his Dad for induction to the Hall of Fame. Jarrett was 12 years old. My wife and family were the most important people in my life. My children brought me lost of joy. He adored his children. Please spend time with your children, sit down, one on one, and talk with your children. From the day you're born, your

clock doesn't run forward, it runs backward. Life is more than all the great runs and everything else. Life is to be lived at every moment and you gotta be courageous in life and in death, and he was. Call somebody, be there for somebody. Pray for somebody, uplift somebody. Make every day count. Appreciate every moment. Hold your head high because you have every right to tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself. You can make your life anything you wish. If you love someone, tell him or her, for you never know what tomorrow may have in Store. Tomorrow is never promised to you. Never let a day go by where you neglect to tell your loved ones that you love them. Remember me a winner. A winner is somebody who has given his best effort, who has tried the hardest they possibly can, who has utilized every ounce of energy and strength within them to accomplish something. Life is about a fight, life is about a struggle. Life is about every day of your life being thankful for getting up. Life is about making a difference every day. To love God is to love your fellowman.

### PASSING IT ON

Sincere, loving, caring, parents, teachers, and friends have told children: "You're just no good at that", "Your room is always a

mess. " "Can't you do ANYTHING RIGHT?", "YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER," which always seems to be said when the child has done something wrong. "hy can't you be more like your sister or brother," "You'll never be an artist or athlete, etc. " "You just don't try," "You never listen to me," "I tell you to do something and you do just the opposite.", "You never study." "Your grades are atrocious." "You're lazy," "You don't even know where home is anymore," "You're determined to cause problems," "You just don't think," "And some children, even while you are reading this, are being told the most assuredly destructive words, "you'll never amount to anything."

Let's Look At a Few Of the More Common Habits with Which All Of Us Are Familiar:

1. Putting things off or procrastinating
2. Smoking
3. Working too hard o not working hard enough
4. Arguing
5. Ignoring Problems
6. Over-Sleeping
7. Forgetting names or other important things
8. Being a complainer
9. Making excuses
10. Losing things.



### I'm Voting For Eva Clayton !

Walt Morehead is pictured with Congress Woman Eva Clayton who is running for re-election. Mr. Morehead a long time supporter of Congress Woman Clayton, believes she will do a great job in Congress, as she has done years before.

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# A Rising People Full Of Potential Force

Men of People: Establishing an African Congressional Legacy

There was a consistency in these elected officers that reflected the intelligence, virtues, and principles that were needed to reconstruct a nation. At the same time, these traits, and the pioneers' steadfast commitments to their people, were the very characteristics that drove racist white elements seeking to continue exploiting African peoples by maintaining policies of second-class citizenship, to fight even harder.

No doubt, these were strong African men. The majority of the 23 legislators of the pioneering era taught, and men of the people—one a bricklayer by trade, another a barber turned reporter and broker, still others, farmers, ministers, lawyers, and labor organizers—who knew intimately the needs and hopes of their constituencies. Most importantly there were men of conviction and courage.

From the beginning, they established a strong tradition of service, commitment and perseverance that was to be modeled for generations. These pioneers, so focused on their cause of empowering a nation of people once enslaved, and building a truly democratic society, pushed for a social agenda that extended far beyond their own congressional districts. Even while few in number, they pushed hard. They pursued legislation to address inequitable educational opportunities and facilities, to improve health care, to enforce civil rights and voting rights laws,

Senate, and six in the House of Representatives: Jeremiah Haralson of Alabama, John Adams Hyman (NC), John Roy Lynch (MS), Charles Edmund Nash (LA), Rainey (SC), and Robert Smalls (SC).

The state to elect the largest number of Africans to the House during the pioneering era was South Carolina with eight, North Carolina had four members to be credited in the House, Alabama three, and five other states, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Virginia, each elected one Black. Except for Louisiana's election of Pinchback (who, as read above, never took his seat), Mississippi was the only state to elect a Black to the Senate, with two being seated. Below we profile the first two African men to sit in each house of Congress: Senator Hiram R. Revels and Rep. Joseph H. Rainey.

## Hiram Rhoades Revels: Trailblazer in the Senate

Senator B. Hiram Rhoades Revels, in 1870, was the first African to be seated in the Senate. He was elected to finish the Mississippi Senate term of Jefferson Davis, who had vacated his seat to become President of the Southern Confederacy, and to fight the Civil War. Revels was born in Fayetteville, NC, in 1827, of free parents, attended schools and seminaries, including Know College in Galesburg, IL.

He was a man of many diverse skills and interests. But most of all he was a man of strong

He traveled to St. Louis in 1863, where he established a school for freedom. He moved on to New Orleans, Louisiana, then back to Natchez, Mississippi, in 1866, where he was elected as alderman in 1868. On January 20, 1870, he was elected to fill the term of Davis. But when he brought his papers to the Hall of Congress, white members blocked his being seated, both physically and legislatively. He eventually won the right to be seated and was confirmed February 25, 1870.

## Joseph Hayne Rainey: House Pioneer

Joseph Hayne Rainey of South Carolina was sworn-in as a member of Congress on December 12, 1870, making him the first African person to be seated in the House of Representatives. He became a member of the Commitment on Freedom's Affairs, and pushed civil rights legislation, including those that addressed the needs and rights of Native Americans. When in May of 1874 he briefly replaced House Speaker James G. Blaine in the Speaker's chair, he became the first African to preside over a House session. However, after numerous challenges of accusations of voter fraud, including challenges to his being seated in 1874 and 1876, following charges of irregularities, he eventually was defeated for office as the Democratic Party regained control, and he left his seat on March 3, 1879.

## REMEMBERING THE PIONEERS

\*\*\* Shared Characteristics  
Intelligent, well-read, gentlemen (unlike many whites in congress), with multiple degrees, diverse professional undertaking, committed to their people, and the rights of others of color.

\*\*\* Issues addressed during terms:  
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Lynching, land reform, voting rights, economic empowerment, protection of ports and harbors,

establishment of Freedom's Savings and Loan.

\*\*\* Common attacks and challenges led to removal from office: Major step in the loss of African rights and advances was the amnesty given to southern insurrectionists (which led to the restoration of rights to confederate leaders). The 1876 contested Presidential election of Rutherford B. Hayes (R), which resulted in a Republican/Democratic deal requiring the removal of federal troops in southern states, was the next major factor. These acts led to the other challenges that came through litigation, and voting tallies being questioned, and altered. There were also poll taxes, literacy tests, and violent attacks against Black voters and elected officials (the KKK, the Knights of the White Camellia, the Pale Faces, and the Brotherhood were founded during this period as a means of retaking power, including elective representation).

\*\*\* The Legacy  
Their experiences, both positive and negative, portended what were to be common experiences of almost all representatives of African descent who have followed.

## THE 23 MEMBERS OF THE PIONEERING ERA ..

### SENATE:

HIRAM R. REVELS (R-MISS.) 1870-71

BLANCHE K. BRUCE (R-MISS.) 1875-81

EDWARD W. BROOKE (R-MASS.) 1967-79

### HOUSE :

JOSEPH H. RAINEY (R-SC) 1870-79

JEFFERSON F. LONG (R-GA) 1870-71  
ROBERT B. ELLIOTT (R-SC) 1871-73

ROBERT C. DeLARGE (R-SC) 1871-73

BENJAMIN S. TURNER (R-ALA.) 1871-73

JOSIAH T. WALLS (R-FLA.) 1871-73

RICHARD H. CAINE (R-SC) 1873-75; 1877-79

JOHN R. LYNCH (R-MISS.) 1873-77; 1882-83

ALONZO J. RANSIER (R-SC) 1873-75

JAMES T. RAPIER (R-ALA.) 1873-75

JEREMIAH HARALSON (R-ALA.) 1875-77

JOHN A. HYMAN (R-NC) 1875-77

CHARLES E. NASH (R-LA.) 1875-77

ROBERT SMALLS (R-SC) 1875-79

JAMES E. O'HARA (R-NC) 1883-87

HENLY P. CHEATHAM (R-NC) 1889-93

JOHN M. LANGSTON (R-VA) 1890-91

THOMAS E. MILLER (R-SC) 1890-91

GEORGE W. MURRAY (R-SC) 1893-95; 1986-97

GEORGE H. WHITE (R-NC) 1897-1901

## PROFILE: GEORGE H. WHITE

Rep. George H. White was the last of the formerly enslaved Africans, and the last Black legislator of the pioneering reconstruction period. In 1894, he lost in an attempt to win the Second District seat of North Carolina when he ran against his brother-in-law, Henry P. Cheatham. But in 1896 he was victorious. He was the sole Black representative to take the oath of office in the 55th Congress in 1897, and in the

56th in 1899.

White was a member of the Architecture Committee, but especially used his congressional seat to attack Congress, and the nation in general over lynchings. On January 20, 1900, White introduced the nation's first anti-lynching bill, making such acts a federal crime, punishable by death (between 1889 and 1922, 3,436 Blacks were "officially" designated lynching victims—thousands of others had similarly been killed, but were not officially classified as victims of lynching). His actions were unprecedented—while others had spoken out against lynchings, White was the first to introduce a bill. The bill never made it to the floor for a vote, instead the judiciary committee allowed it to linger. White also fought for financial support for two of his African colleagues elected to Congress but not allowed to take their seats—Robert Smalls and P.B.S. Pinchback. He sought financial support for other victims of white violence and other forms of racism, and he called for the enforcement of the 14th Amendment in states where Blacks were disenfranchised. And while he won reelection in 1898, it soon became clear that his presence on the Hill was no longer to be tolerated. As the last of the formerly enslaved Africans to serve in the House, White delivered his now famous Congressional departure speech from the floor in January 29, 1901. The following is an excerpt, which has since proven prophetic:

"...This, Mr. Chairman, is

perhaps the Negroes' temporary farewell to the American Congress. But let me say, phoenix-like, he will rise up someday and come again. These parting words are in behalf of an outraged, heartbroken, bruised and bleeding people, but God-fearing people, faithful, industrious, loyal people...rising people, full of potential force...."

It would be almost three decades before another Black was to serve in the nation's highest legislative body.

to protect small farmers, and to bring lynchings to an end. They also fought strongly and aggressively for the rights of Native Americans.

The largest number of Africans to serve at one time during this period was seven, both in 1871 (41st & 42nd Congresses), and in 1875. In 1987, this included Senator Hiram Rhoades Revels of Mississippi, and Representatives Robert C. De Large (SC), Robert Brown Elliott (SC), Jefferson F. Long (GA), Joseph Hayne Rainey (SC), Benjamin Sterling Turner (AL), and Josiah Thomas Walls (FL). In 1985, this included Blanche Kelso Bruce (MS) in the

spiritual and ancestral beliefs. He was ordained as a minister at the age of 18 in 1845 in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, traveled to share the word and assist in founding churches in Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, and became a pastor of St. Paul AME in St. Louis in 1852. Eventually his calling led him back to Baltimore where he took a pastorate in 1860. With the outbreak of the Civil War, he assisted in recruiting two African regiments in Maryland, and served as a regiment chaplain in Vicksburg, Mississippi, while also founding churches there.

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## Remove the horrid stain of felon voting bans

A year ago the Sentencing Project, a Washington D.C. prison reform group, issued a report that found that seven states permanently barred ex-felons from voting. With the gaping racial disparities in prison sentencing, the vote ban has fallen heaviest on Black men. One out of four Black males were disenfranchised by these laws. Civil libertarians screamed foul and called it a return to Jim Crow segregation days when Southern states routinely used poll taxes, literacy laws, political gerrymandering, physical harassment, threats and intimidation to bar Blacks from the polls. If they were appalled last year at the number of states that permanently ban felons from voting, the latest report from the Sentencing Project is even more appalling. It revealed that two more states have slapped a permanent ban on ex-felons voting. And the racial disparity is even greater. Black men now account for one out of three ex-felons barred from the polls.

Even worse, the number of Blacks disenfranchised by the anti-felon voting laws will probably soar even higher. More than 1 million Blacks are now behind bars. The draconian drug sentencing laws, three strikes laws, racial profiling, and the disparities in prison sentencing virtually insure that more Blacks will be arrested, convicted and sentenced more harshly than Whites. The estimate is that in the next few years 40 percent of Black men will be permanently barred from the polls in the states with this restriction.

This terrible, racially-tinged policy wreaks much havoc on African Americans. It drastically cuts down the number of Black elected officials, increases cynicism, if not outright loathing, by many young Blacks for the criminal justice system, and deprives Black communities of vital funds and resources for badly needed services that result from their increased political strength.

The rationale for keeping and putting more felon vote bans on the books in more states is that they make it rougher on lawbreakers. This is nonsense. The U.S. is the only country in the world with blatantly discriminatory laws that ban a person from voting for life based on a criminal offense. Many of the men that are stripped of their right to vote are not convicted murderers, rapists, or robbers. They are not denied the vote because of a court imposed sentence, since no states

require that a judge formally bar an offender from voting as part of a criminal sentence, due to the seriousness of the crime, or severity of the sentence.

In fact, many offenders don't even serve a day in prison. They have been convicted of felonies such as auto theft or drug possession. They are more likely to receive a fine or probation. Most of these offenders were young men when they committed their crimes. The chances are good that they didn't become career criminals, but hold steady jobs, raise families and are responsible members of their communities.

Yet the states that stamp them with the legal and social stigma of being a one-time felon deprive them of their basic constitutional right to vote and relegate them to second-class citizenship in perpetuity. This cruelly mocks the notion of rehabilitation and gives lie to the fondly repeated line that when criminals pay their debt to society they deserve and will get a second chance.

While surveys show that a majority of Americans think that the felon voting ban is bad policy, only a handful of civil liberties groups and the NAACP in Virginia and Florida have challenged these restrictive laws in court. At present the only recourse that ex-felons have in the states that permanently bar them from voting is to seek a pardon from the governor. This is a dead end for most. Governors read the fierce public mood on crime, and know that many Americans consider ex-felons pariahs that deserve any treatment they get. So few ex-felons even bother to request a pardon.

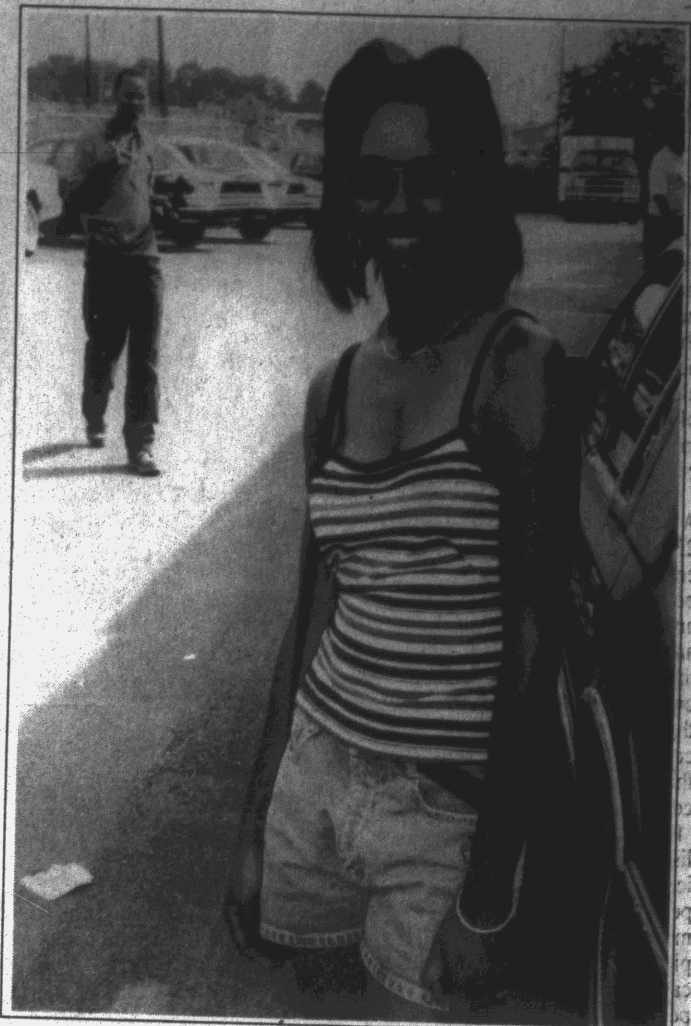
Civil liberties groups have urged state legislatures to rescind the laws or at least resist the temptation to place new voting restrictions on the books. The only state to heed their call and do the right thing is Delaware. Last June lawmakers in that state restored voting rights to some ex-felons. The exclusion of thousands of Blacks from the voting rolls thirty years after the civil rights movement waged a titanic battle to abolish Jim Crow voting bans is worse than a travesty of justice, it's a horrid stain on American democracy. It's a stain that state officials should immediately wipe away. *Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of "The Disappearance of Black Leadership."* E-Mail: ehutchi344@aol.com.



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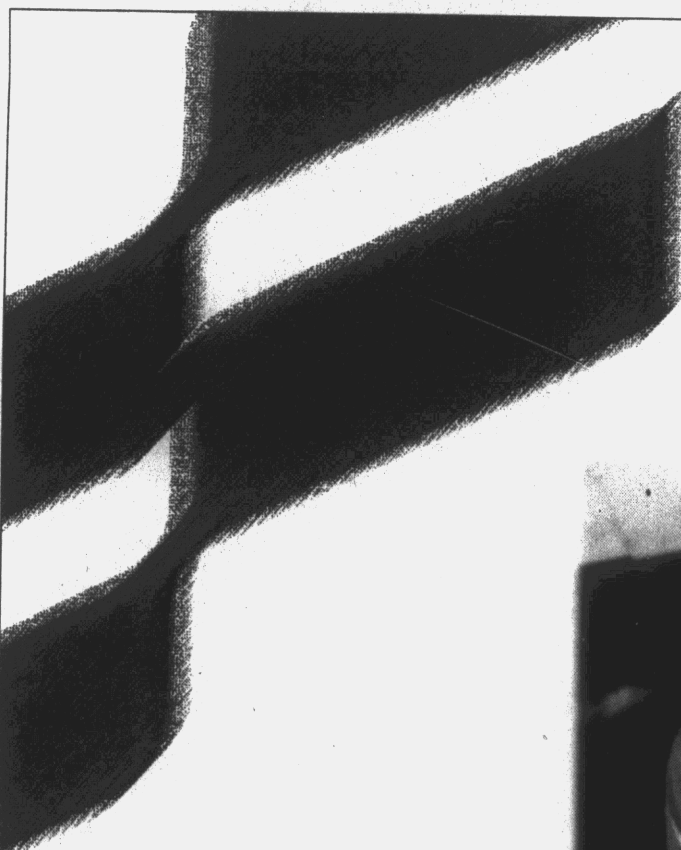
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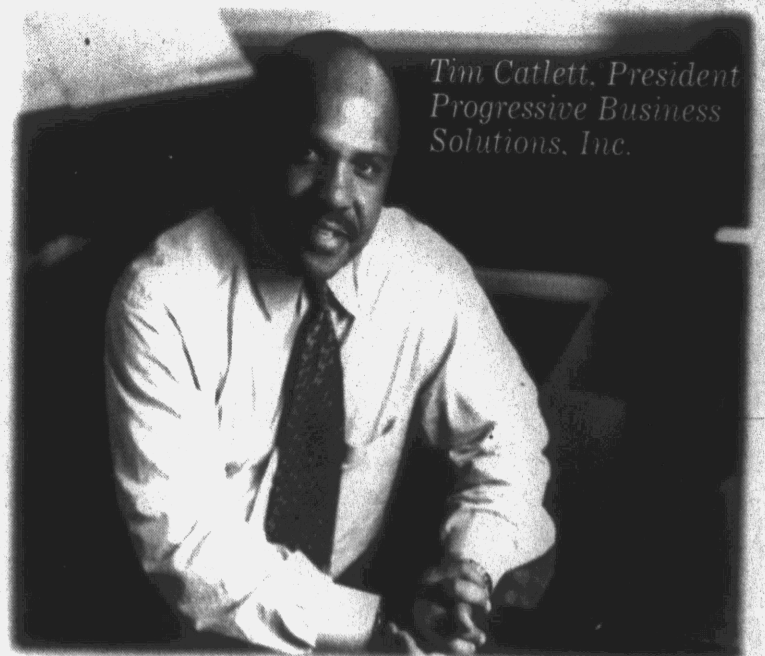
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**Get Out The Vote !**  
Mayor Pro-Tem Mildred Council and Hilton Owner are pictured with Congress Woman Eva Clayton encouraging everyone to Get out the Vote November 7th, 2000.

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# A Blast From The Past, The "M" Voice Archives & History





**THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT**  
by Dr. Lenora Fulani

**AMERICA GOES WEST WINGS AND LEFT WING**

The official political analysts have observed the following post-Labor Day features of the presidential race:

- 1) George Bush has lost a 13-point lead over Al Gore;
- 2) The two are now in a statistical dead heat;
- 3) The Bush campaign is floundering on media and message; and
- 4) Al Gore has become a populist.

From this set of empirics, the analysts of record have deduced that:

- 1) Gore might win, and
- 2) Bush might lose

Consequently, the media focus is turning to factors like whether Gore's arrogance will get the better of him and turn off the voters and/or whether Bush can create a more intimate and vulnerable person by actually asking Americans to vote for him.

This kind of analysis is sort of fun

and interesting - kind of like the game the country just finished playing with the television show "Survivor," where persona, more than fitness, determined who remained standing. But is there anything of historical note in the current electoral dynamics left and populist. It propels "West Wing" to a sweep of the Emmys. And it is dramatically changing the equation in presidential politics.

George Bush constructed his drive for the Republican nomination by positioning himself at the center, well to the left of the party's previously dominant conservative wing. The majority of the American people have rejected social conservatism and Bush has had to put enough distance between himself and the far right to be viable.

Campaigning against the calcification of the Beltway elite is popular in American politics nowadays and Bush did well with it - well enough to establish a commanding lead over Gore.

Of course, as a veteran of the "Champagne Unit" (the Texas Air National Guard). Bush often comes across (and is!) above the Beltway, rather than outside of it. As long as he managed to hold on to the projection that he was going beyond the usual conservative Republicanism to a pro-people anti-establishment philosophy, his biography of privilege was not much of a negative.

But when Bush made his vice presidential selection, his new populist persona crumbled and he tumbled in the polls. Dick Cheney, a hard rightist and a pillar of the Republican establishment sent out the wrong message. Bush had flinched, gone to the right, and left a portion of the more left-leaning electorate behind.

Al Gore, no doubt counseled by the ever-wily Bill Clinton, was quick to capitalize on the Bush stumble. The pundits were a

little startled by his declarations of class war against the powerful interests, and analyzed it as a play to the Democratic Party's core constituencies, which are well to the left of the party itself. Surely, it was that. But it was something else, too. It was part of Gore's effort to re-invent himself in accordance with the new progressivism in America.

Gore's selection of Joe Lieberman was the coup de grace on this score. Lieberman is an anti-affirmative action, pro-Wall Street Democratic Leadership Council-style conservative Democrat. Thus, he placated the party's center and right, yet had many negatives with Blacks and liberals. But he was also a Jew. And in the not-so-subtle lexicon of American political culture "Jew" equals "left".

Thus Gore managed to go left with Lieberman and populist with his rhetoric without disturbing the center and the right. Presto! He's closed down Bush's lead. And, what's perhaps most telling is that he seems to have gotten away with it, meaning that he made the play without paying a price.

Now that Bush's lead has plummeted to zero, the Texas Governor must figure out how to recover. Traditional conservative voices like Bill Bennett are publicly urging him to go on the attack against Gore as too far left. But Bush's Austin advisors are so far resisting.

Austin is looking for their own brand of populism, hence, Bush's newfound emphasis on "real plans for real people." His new ads do not target Gore's liberalism, but his credibility as a reformer, by underscoring the disconnect between the Vice President's call for a campaign finance overhaul even as Gore racked up an impressive list of campaign finance violations.

Still, the movement toward progressive populism on the part of the American people does not automatically accrue to the benefit

of Gore and the Democratic Party. Gore's postmodern leftism aside, both he and Bush and their parties have wholly capitulated to the most craven globalist agendas. Populist America is fearful that while many economic indicators environment and the social contract for protection.

That is the appeal of independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader, who combines explicit anticorruption with a record of consumer advocacy that Americans associate with a much-desired incorruptibility. It is also the potential appeal of John Hagelin, the dark horse of the independents, whose political fortunes are now in the hands of the Federal Election Commission and soon the courts, which will decide whether he or Pat Buchanan will be recognized as the Reform Party presidential nominee.

As independent politics has turned from a center/right movement pressure to the Teamsters, the United Auto Workers, Friends of the Earth, and other labor and environmental groups to sign on with him. They have acquiesced. But Gore will have to stay strong on those populist themes in order to remain a contender. If he flinches, the independents will gain ground and could cost him the election.

That's the new diemna in presidential politics. America is moving left and the parties have to keep pace.



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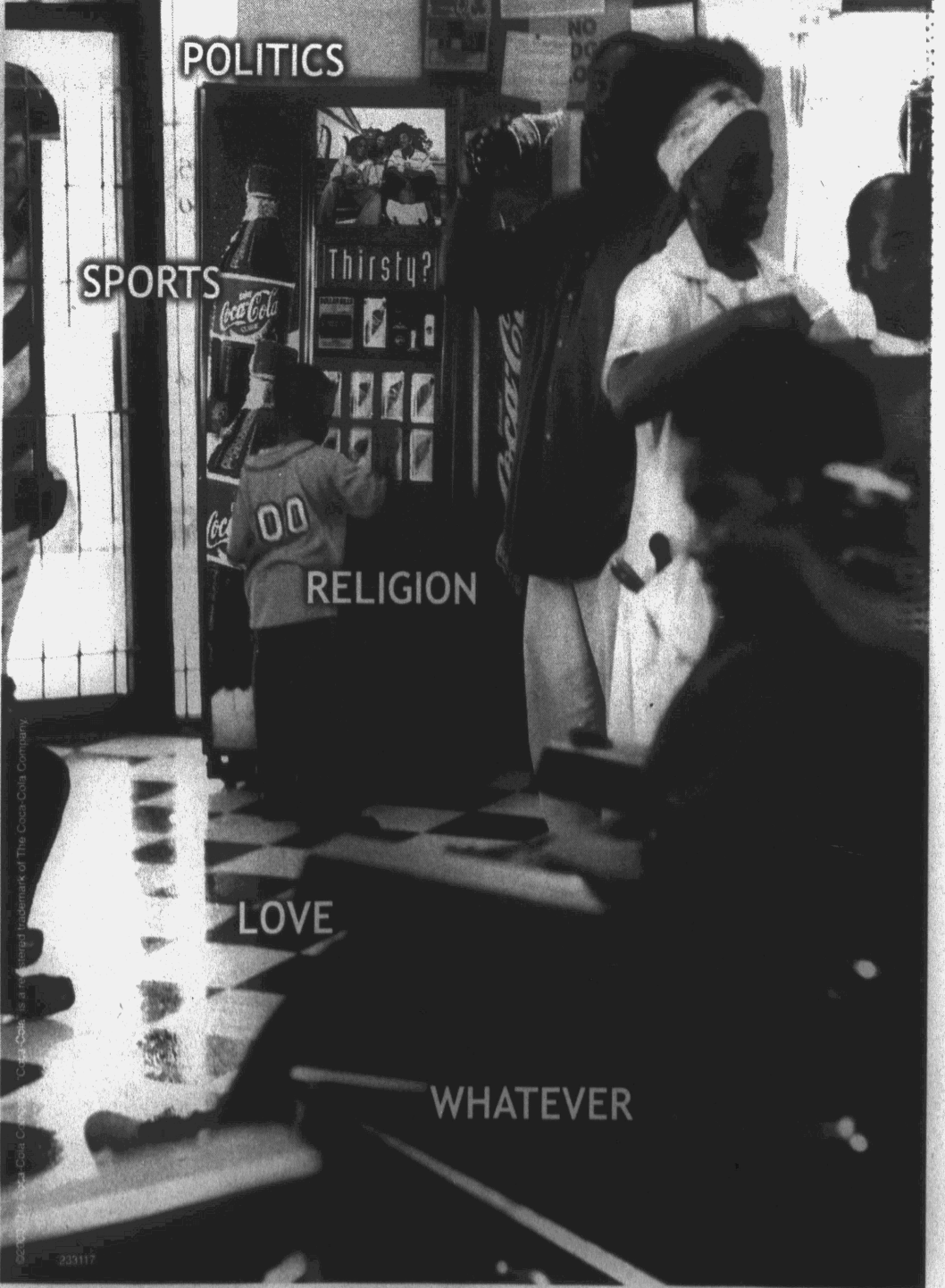



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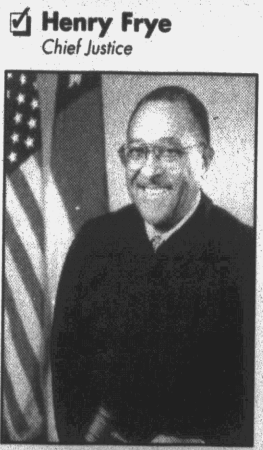
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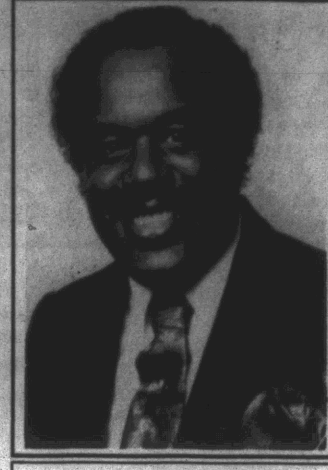
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We sometimes sing the song, "To be like Jesus." Do you really mean it? Do you really want God to have His way in your life? It costs to be like Jesus. Most of us want the results without being willing to pay the price. To be Christ-like means you

life on a "flowery bed of ease", with all burdens, trials, hindrances and disappointments removed, but honestly pray "Have thine own way." Knowing that this is His will for you, submit to Him; whatever He does is "according to His purpose," and His purpose is that you might daily become more like your Savior.

If you learn this secret, you can praise God at all times and in all places, and under any circumstances. Learn this lesson, and you can meet every condition and event in life with a "Praise the Lord." "God sent it, so it must be good for me." It is a joy to know that we are in God's hands-our life, our destiny, our possessions, (things) our all! With this surrender to His will there is a calmness and victory that does not depend upon outward surroundings, but is based on the blessed assurance that, "things work together for good." God can mightily use Christians who stay cool in a hot place, sweet in a sour place, big in a crushing place, and little in a big place.

They threw Paul in prison and out of that dungeon came some of his most precious epistles. Paul did not pray for God to open the

mumble, grumble or complain. He submitted to the will of God with this spirit: "God, you have called me to preach, and I cannot do any preaching in this; but if this is where you want me to be, then it is exactly where I want to be." They banished John to Patmos, and from his exile came the Revelation. Had John been like most of us, he no doubt would have complained against God, and cried out, "Now why did this have to happen to me? What have I done to deserve such treatment? God send a rescue ship, I do not have time to spend out here alone." Nevertheless, I am glad that John submitted to the will of God. Much of what we know about the future and our heavenly Home we learn from the Revelation. They murdered Stephen, but out of his death came the conviction of Saul of Tarsus. In conclusion, I will leave you with a question for thought. During your darkest hour and most difficult time of testing, what can be said of you? Will you come out as the victor over circumstances or a victim of circumstances?



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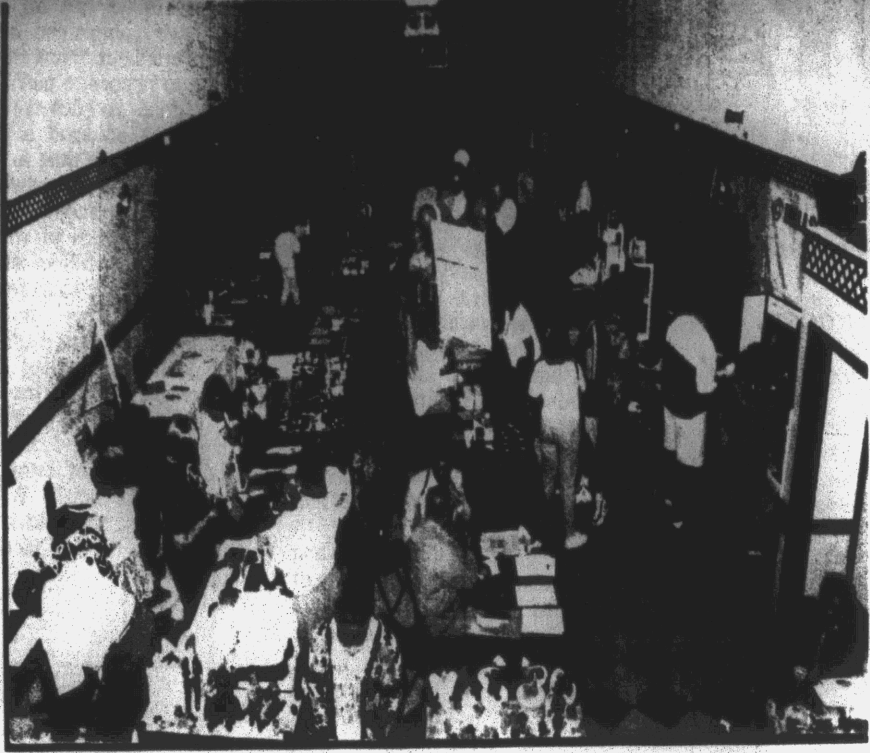


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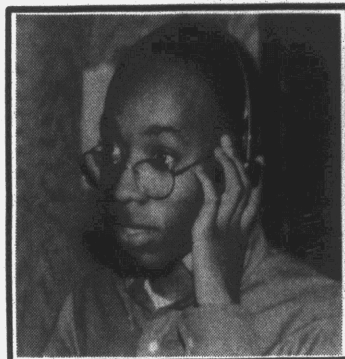
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