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Reprerations Sought Decades After Race Riot Members Of Congress Visit WOOW

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By Scott Gold, Times Staff Writer

TULSA, Okla. A dwindling number of race-riot survivors some more than 100 years old will finally have a chance to make their case for reparations, eight decades after a white mob tore into a thriving black neighborhood, leaving as many as 300 people dead.

At a federal courthouse here this morning, lawyers representing more than 100 survivors and 300 descendants of victims are scheduled to have their first opportunity to argue that their lawsuit seeking damages from the city and state should proceed to trial. The city and state have asked Senior U.S. District Judge James Ellison to dismiss the suit.

Advocates on both sides see the case as a bellwether in the national campaign to secure reparations for descendants of slaves. Civil rights leaders believe it could shape the reparations movement's legal strategy and help persuade the public that society bears some responsibility for centuries-old offenses.

Thursday night, in anticipation of today's hearing, more than 250 people of various races held a vigil. One woman held a hand-painted sign that read, "Tulsa: Two Cities."

The Rev. Milford Carter, one of the city's religious leaders, told the crowd that Tulsa had been "stunted" by a legacy of racism. "God loves justice and he loves justice now," he said. "From this day forward, an action begins that will not stop until it finds ultimate commitment."

The vigil was held at Greenwood Cultural Center in north Tulsa, not far from where the violence erupted May 31, 1921. That day, a local newspaper carried a young white woman's allegation that she had been assaulted by a black teenager. A white lynch mob walked to the jail where the teen was being held and was met by a group of blacks. A shot rang out, and the riot began.

Thousands of whites descended on the nearby community of Greenwood, a bustling black neighborhood that included a business district known across the South as "Black Wall Street"

because of its enterprise and success.

By the next afternoon, as many as 300 people, mostly blacks, were dead. Thirty-five square blocks of Greenwood were reduced to ash and rubble. More than 1,000 buildings, including churches and schools, were destroyed.

A city investigation concluded that the riot was a "Negro uprising." No one was ever prosecuted, nor were blacks compensated for the loss of property. Authorities also never prosecuted the teenager on the assault claims.

Though accounts vary, some historians believe that the teen mistakenly stepped on his accuser's foot in an elevator, causing her to fall, and that she screamed when he tried to catch her.

The survivors' and descendants' lawsuit seeks reparations for the death of family members and the loss of homes and businesses.

Plaintiffs' lawyers, accusing the city and state of participating in a "conspiracy of silence" after the riot, are seeking unspecified financial damages. They also seek several other means of redress, including a declaration that the state grand jury that carried out the first investigation, exonerating all whites, was a fraud, said Michael D. Hausfeld, a leading attorney for the survivors. The lawsuit seeks to have the state establish a new grand jury that would identify people responsible for the riot.

The state has argued that the 11th Amendment, which typically shields states from federal lawsuits, made it immune from the claims. The

city says the statute of limitations for a case such as this is two years, making the lawsuit invalid.

"These arguments are past their time and should not go forward," said Oklahoma Assistant Atty. Gen. Wellon Poe. "It could very well end here."

Today's hearing is expected to address only the requests to have the case thrown out. The judge is not expected to deliver a decision immediately. The loser is expected to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver.

Several architects of the case, including Harvard University law professor Charles Ogletree, are key players in the reparations movement for descendants of slaves. Proponents of reparations believe that 246 years of unpaid labor helped the United States become a superpower, and that the economic disparity between whites and blacks today can be traced directly to slavery.

Ogletree compared the Tulsa case to the early work of Thurgood Marshall, a civil rights icon and the first black Supreme Court justice. As a young lawyer, Marshall picked his first cases carefully, pursuing a strategy that resulted in a landmark decision *Brown vs. the Board of Education*, declaring segregation in public schools illegal and helped set the stage for the modern civil rights movement, Ogletree said. "There will be evidence that this problem is far larger than Tulsa," he said. "This is just the tip of the iceberg."

Opponents of reparations see parallels too and, as a result, say it is paramount that government officials win the case.

"The liberal mind-set that is bringing the action in Tulsa is the same liberal mind-set that would bring national reparations," said state Sen. James Williamson, a Tulsa Republican. "There were a lot of wrongs perpetuated against the Oklahoma Indians too. Do we allow them to sue as well? How far do you go? Do the Egyptians today pay for the slavery of Israelites?"

The riot was rarely discussed until 1996, its 75th anniversary, when the Oklahoma Legislature created the Race Riot Commission.

Among other findings submitted to the state in 2001, the commission reported that scores of whites were deputized by the Tulsa police that night and that the deputies joined the riot and plundered Greenwood.

"These people were told, 'Go out and get a damn black person' except they used more offensive language than that, as you might imagine," said Alfred L. Brophy, a University of Alabama law professor. Brophy, a specialist in race and property law, is to testify today for the plaintiffs.

Analysts call the allegation that the government was complicit in the riot a crucial point. If the strategy succeeds, similar claims could be made in other cities where race-related riots took place, including Houston, Chicago and East St. Louis, Ill. The tactic also could be important in pushing for slavery reparations, because many state and local governments passed laws shoring up the institution of slavery, leaving them open to allegations that they were complicit in the institution, civil rights advocates say.

"This lawsuit is the vanguard of a political movement, the beginning of a national discussion," Brophy said. "There are fundamental issues to address. Is America truly a land of unlimited opportunity? Or is it a place where some people have unlimited opportunity and some people have been left behind? Reparations represent a new way of talking about the Great Society."



Congress Visit WOOW, & The Minority Voice Newspaper

Both commitment and dedication of informing our nation of what is happening in our state, has brought both Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Congressman Frank Ballance for a visit to WOOW radio station for a live interview. Issues affecting the citizens of Pitt and surrounding counties were the topics of conversation. (pictured left to right) Congressman Frank Ballance, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Ann Huggins, Taffy Clayton, City Council Woman Mildred Council, and City Council Woman Rose Glover.

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Get Registered Today



Sister Mary Williams is pictured at the Pitt County Board of Elections filing to run for the 8th District for the House of Representatives in the coming election. Sister Mary is pictured with campaign manager Ozzie Hall Georgina Jackson and supporters

Photo by William Clark

Unarmed Black teen killed in New York

by Herb Boyd
The Amsterdam News

NEW YORK (NNPA)—A White NYPD housing cop who turned a Black unarmed teenager's shortcut into a fatal path, faces possible indictment.

Brooklyn District Attorney, Charles J. Hynes has indicated that he will ask a grand jury to seek an indictment against Officer Richard Neri, 35, who gunned down Timothy Stansbury Jr., 19, a recent morning while patrolling the roof of the Louis Armstrong Housing Complex in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

According to sources close to the incident, the district attorney will probably request an indictment for criminally negligent homicide, which carries a maximum sentence of four years, or second-degree manslaughter, a more serious charge, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years. Police Commissioner Raymond

Kelly quickly responded to the tragedy at a press conference, announcing that "the shooting appears to be unjustified."

Officer Neri, accompanied by Officer Jason Hallick, encountered Mr. Stansbury when both apparently arrived at the exit door to the roof at the same time. The officer had his gun drawn and when he opened the door to check the stairwell, the gun discharged. One shot was fired and the youth tumbled back down the flight of stairs onto his two companions.

The bleeding youth made it down four flights of stairs to the building's vestibule, where he expired.

Officer Neri, a resident of Long Island, has been placed on modified duty and has yet to tell his version of what happened to the district attorney. But sources have reported that he has no recollection of the shooting, that it happened too fast to remember. "He is telling friends that it was an accident," according to sources who have spoken to him.

"He had his gun drawn, so he intended to use it," said Phyllis Clayburne, the youth's mother. "We want justice. I had great hopes for him. They are killing our dreams."

Mr. Stansbury had no prior criminal record and was employed at a McDonald's not too far from his grandmother's house, where he was killed.

"He was never in any trouble, and spent most of his free time playing basketball," said his grandmother, Irene Clayburne. His grandmother said it wasn't unusual for the boys to use the roof exit to travel from one building to another in the complex.

Stansbury, according to witnesses, had left a fourth floor apartment in one building to go to the fourth floor in another building. This was easier than going all the way down and coming back up again. It was reported that he had gone to retrieve more CDs for a party that was underway.

to patrol the rooftops with their guns drawn because of the danger of encountering pit bulls and criminal activity on the roofs. This practice is currently under review by an internal panel established by Commissioner Kelly.

Patrick Lynch, president of the New York police union, said he felt Commissioner Kelly's comment that the shooting was not justified was a "rush to judgment" predicated on "politics and emotion."

Lynch said: "The one person who knows what happened on that roof, the police officer involved, has not had the opportunity to be interviewed by the district attorney's office as of yet."

Mayor Bloomberg supported the commissioner's response, telling the press that "a tragedy occurred that there was no justification for that we could see at the time, and the public has a right to know."

"Rhetoric is fine, but we want action," said Councilman Charles Barron, commending the mayor, but

demanding more. "Let us hope that this is more than public relations on the part of the mayor. This was a cold-blooded murder and it demands justice."

If Neri is indicted, the chances of his being convicted are not good, given the recent past cases in which NYPD officers have been tried or even indicted.

Last spring, unarmed Ousmane Zongo was killed by a policeman at a mini-storage in Chelsea. The case has not gone to a grand jury. The cops who shot 41 bullets at Amadou Diallo, hitting him 19 times, were indicted, but not convicted. No officers were indicted in the killings of Gidone Busch and Patrick Dorismond.

"We must embrace our community," said Rev. Leonard Hatter, a clergy liaison who has comforted families in three recent fatal shootings in the area, including Stansbury's. "These tragedies must come to an end, and they won't until we come together in love and unity."

Racial Lawsuit

By Michael Ellis

DETROIT (Reuters) - The credit arm of U.S. automaker General Motors Corp. reached an out of court settlement on Tuesday in a racial bias lawsuit that said it charged blacks more than whites for car loans.

The class-action lawsuit, which had been scheduled to go to trial this month, alleged that black car buyers collectively paid millions of dollars more interest for loans than whites even though they were just as creditworthy.

The case was one of several class-action lawsuits filed against major car loan companies in the United States alleging that their practices discriminate against minorities. Japan's Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. agreed to cap its dealer mark-up when it settled a lawsuit charging racial discrimination in loan practices.

The GMAC lawsuit was filed in 1998, when Stewart said some black consumers were charged finance rates as high as 33 percent on car loans.

The settlement included no payments to the plaintiffs, whose legal fees and expenses are capped at a total \$9.6 million.

Marriage is not the solution ...



Witness for Justice

BY BERNICE P. JACKSON

Now, let me first say I am not against marriage. On the contrary, I am for marriage when the partners are mature and understand themselves and each other, know what marriage really is and really is not and are committed to the same life goals and to each other. After nearly 13 years of marriage, I can testify to the wonders of marriage.

But marriage is not the solution to everything. It is not a one size fits all shirt which fits all bodies. But the Bush administration seems to think so. It is so convinced that marriage is the answer for poor women that it has proposed spending \$1.5 billion (that's right, billion) for training to help couples develop the skills for a "healthy" marriage.

This proposal was initiated by some conservatives who have put forth the theory that

being single causes women to be poor and thus keeps so many children in poverty. Moreover, religious conservatives are pushing for marriage between men and women who live together ("in sin") and also now are pushing the concept that marriage is only between a man and a woman and that gay and lesbian relationships threaten traditional marriage. But that's another story.

Former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich recently wrote an article which pointed out that marriage is an institution which fewer and fewer Americans of any economic status are choosing. In fact, more Americans are choosing never to get married than ever before. While the divorce rate remains about the same as it has for the past 20 or so years, the rate of those never married has increased dramatically. Reich says that for some women this is because there is less stigma attached to not marrying than there was a generation or two ago. But, he points out, part of the reason for the dropping marriage rate is that a generation ago men were the sole breadwinners for the family, with stable jobs, health insurance and other benefits in

a manufacturing economy. Today many of those jobs have disappeared. In the meantime, women have joined the economy *en masse* and some no longer have to rely on their men for income.

Reich's point was that marriage is not the solution for poor women and children - good paying jobs are the solution and health insurance for all is the solution. In fact, he wrote, "It's not being single that causes women to be poor. It's being poor that makes it less likely they'll marry." Most of the men in the lives of these poor women are either unemployed or only working part-time, most likely without health insurance. So the women see little reason to get married to these men. The biggest barrier to marriage is jobs or, more precisely, the lack of them.

The New Yorker magazine published an article last summer in which it followed several members of a marriage training course who lived in one of the low income housing projects in Oklahoma City. This glimpse into the lives of these poor women, none of whom were on welfare, showed how each day is a financial

struggle for them.

But as much as the low income women may want to enter into a good marriage, they were very realistic about it all. They asked why they should marry a man who still has a relationship with other women, including the mothers of their children. While they agreed that our nation has too much divorce, they looked at the percentage of married couples who say they are unhappy and asked why a woman should stay in an unhappy, sometimes even dangerous, marriage. "Why isn't it better to be alone?" (than unhappy and married) one asked.

Yes, these women understood that two people means two paychecks. Yet their own life experiences had told them something else as well. Many of those who had children had been left by the children's fathers, often without any income from them. Many had been victims of domestic violence and some had been involved with men in prison. Two of the five women in the class had been sexually abused as children themselves. And many of the men in their lives were not supportive of self-improvement efforts by the

women. "In short, it required an imaginative leap to believe that a committed relationship with a man would rescue a woman from poverty. At Sooner Haven [the housing project], relationships with men were often what stopped an ambitious woman from escaping," said the New Yorker article.

Then there is the question of efficiency of spending the little money that we as a nation are setting aside for programs here at home. There have been few objective evaluative studies of marriage training programs, and anecdotal evidence seems to show that attendance is low and the programs ineffective. Many use out-dated manuals written for a different cultural and economic context than many of the women in our nation's poorest communities and few men seem to attend at all.

I am not against programs which help poor women and poor men to build better relationships and to become better parents. I have often called upon churches to do exactly this. But I am opposed to our federal budget putting aside \$1.5 billion for unproven programs at the very same time we

are talking about cutting programs such as Head Start, which have 40 years of history of assisting both poor women and their children. I am against our government forcing poor women to get married when other women have other options.

Wouldn't it make more sense to put aside this money for child care programs for poor working women? Wouldn't it make more sense to provide health insurance for every American? Wouldn't it make more sense to provide transportation to the few jobs available to these women, many of which require a car or multiple buses to get to? Wouldn't it make more sense to provide more dollars for job training for these women? Wouldn't it make more sense to provide low income housing for our nation's growing poor? Wouldn't it make more sense to put aside the funds for job creation for poor men and women?

Let's put the horse before the cart, and not the other way around. The solution is not marriage, the solution is jobs and economic security.

Exercising Black political clout



NNPA Special Commentary

BY RON WALTERS

The results of the South Carolina primary were instructive in many ways but they primarily showed that Black voters are all over the map, splitting their vote almost equally between Democratic presidential candidates John Edwards and John Kerry at 37 percent and 34 percent, respectively, with Rev. Al Sharpton getting 17 percent, which was less than half of what Edwards received. This says at least two things. First, it says that if the Black vote has lost its unity, then it

has lost its significance in the 2004 election. What does it mean for Black politics if the top candidates - Kerry, Edwards, and, to a lesser extent, Clark - to have the Black vote split among them? It means that a split in a minority vote will hardly be recognized by any of them. On the other hand, more unified Black vote could not be ignored by any of them.

Furthermore, this means that if this pattern of a split Black vote in national elections continues, while we all may be having fun asserting our "individuality," what we really will be asserting is political impotence.

Judging by the numbers, what Black voters seem to be saying is that we are just like every body else; we are going to hang free, let the chips fall where they may and vote for whomever is the best-looking,

best-sounding and has the best chance of getting elected in November.

The truth is that we cannot vote just like everybody else. The decision by many Blacks to join the bandwagon of "electability" means that we have lost our clear vision of how to use power to impact on the election system. Blacks were 47 percent of the primary voters in South Carolina and it would have been far better for them to have voted 100 percent for one candidate rather than split the Black vote.

The media has been always drawn to the dramatic feats of Black politics - asking why are Blacks behaving differently than anyone else. This kind of action is the stuff that draws attention to the agenda of Black voters. If the Black vote were used to make or break one of the leading candidates, then they would be beholden to that

Black vote and their issues. Given that the White vote was distributed among the five candidates, the Black vote could have determined the winner. But that didn't happen.

Black voters, "just like everybody else," seem to be shifting from their early allegiance from Howard Dean to Kerry. Dean received only 4 percent of the Black vote in South Carolina.

Right now, the media seems to be telling Black voters what to do and shaping the race according to its own balance sheet. I don't support Howard Dean, but the media seems to have ejected him like a foreign substance from the body politic just because of the so-called "I Have a Dream" speech following his loss in Iowa. Sure, Dean looked un-presidential, but I still don't think we get it. The media wants the classic fight: a well-known senator from inside

the Washington power circle pitted against George Bush, the incumbent president. It doesn't want a firebrand governor who will flame out before they have had a chance to sell many newspaper ads or TV commercials.

The plain fact is that Blacks need a strategy and we need leaders to devise it, lest we expend their precious energy in this election season all for nothing. Sharpton may be vulnerable because he has won only a few delegates and scandal is brewing about his connections to Roger Stone, a prominent Republican strategist who is said to be bankrolling his operation and providing his campaign with research.

If Sharpton does not turn out to be the man that Jesse Jackson was even during his first time out in 1984, then leadership in this election season needs to gravitate to other

Blacks. The key is that since Richard Gephardt, Joe Lieberman and possibly Howard Dean all have Black delegates pledged to them and they are either out of the race or on the brink of it, a pool of such delegates could come together and form a super-delegation, going to the convention to exact some accountability from the eventual nominee on behalf of Black issues.

That should work. Now, who will do it?

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Extend emergency unemployment benefits



To Be Equal

BY MARK MORIAL

On the one hand, the latest federal unemployment figures track the continuing slow return to health of the nation's economy.

The national unemployment rate fell to 5.6 percent, from December's 5.7 percent - its lowest level since October 2001; and employers added 112,000 new jobs - the best monthly job-creation performance since December 2000.

And yet, the essentially gloomy character of this economic recovery continues to, at least shadow, if not overwhelm, the good news.

Nothing better illustrates that description at present than

three numerical benchmarks. The first might be best put in the words "six weeks, and counting."

That's the length of time since Congress refused to extend the federal unemployment extension insurance program.

This means that since late December, those jobless Americans who've exhausted their regular state unemployment benefits have no longer been eligible for the additional 13 weeks of unemployment checks the federal program provides.

The second benchmark is 500,000, and counting.

That's the estimated number of jobless Americans who in the last six weeks have exhausted their regular state unemployment aid and have been left bereft, without a paycheck or unemployment benefits.

The final statistic is two million.

That's the estimated number of Americans jobless workers who by June are likely to be in

the same predicament: at the end of their support from regular state unemployment insurance programs; having had no luck at finding a job, and with no federal emergency lifeline in sight.

Having let pass a chance to extend the federal emergency program in December, the House of Representatives last week took a step in the right direction by approving a re-extension on a 227 to 179 vote. The unanimous Democratic ranks were bolstered by 39 of their Republican counterparts in support on an amendment sponsored by Representative George Miller, of California, the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

However, a carbon-copy measure would have to be approved by the Senate, and then Congress would have to vote separately to fund the re-extension in order for the benefits to show up in the pockets of those jobless workers now facing very hard times.

Unfortunately, the prospects for that happening are, to use an appropriate word, gloomy, even as the boon a re-extension will provide to both needy individuals and the economy is apparent. Not only would those emergency funds keep the former from falling into dire poverty, the spending by the unemployed would help the economy as a whole, too.

And the government's latest monthly unemployment report shows that this economy still needs help badly.

For example, the 112,000 new jobs created in January, welcome though they are, were still far short of the 175,000 forecasters were expecting, and of the 150,000 new jobs monthly economists say are necessary to draw enough jobless workers back into the workforce to significantly begin to dent the country's 8.3-million unemployment total. Even as federal officials raised their estimate of new jobs created in December to 16,000, from the paltry original estimate of 1,000, they

simultaneously lowered the total number of jobs created since August to 229,000, from an earlier estimate of 278,000.

Further, the disparity in the racial and ethnic impact of joblessness in America continues to show itself in dramatic ways.

The January monthly report determined that while the unemployment rate among whites declined from a flat 5 percent to 4.9 percent, the rate among Hispanic Americans increased from 6.6 percent to 7.3 percent, and that of African Americans rose from 10.3 percent to 10.5 percent.

A new study by the National Urban League's Institute for Opportunity and Equality adds further insight to how deeply America's job losses have cut the significant economic gains African Americans recorded during the boom years of the 1990s.

The report determined that college-educated and highly-skilled black workers suffered greater job losses than their

white counterparts; that African-Americans make up nearly 30 percent of the long-term unemployed, compared to 21 percent for whites; and that from 2001 to 2003 the median household income of blacks fell 3 percent, compared to a loss of 1.7 percent for white households.

These are just a few of the welter of statistics which show that the recession that struck America in 2001 has been beaten back and the economy is recovering at its high levels, albeit slowly.

But it's a different story at the middle and lower levels, and along the color lines, of our society. In those precincts, the pain remains sharp and widespread; and, if Congress refuses to act when action is necessary, it will grow.

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Matters of Opinion

Weapons of mass denial



NNPA Analysis

BY GEORGE CURRY

David Kay, the expert tapped by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to serve as the chief nuclear weapons inspector in Iraq, couldn't have been more direct in his recent report: There are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

In an interview with Reuters News Service, Kay was asked: "What happened to the

stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons that everyone suspected to be there [in Iraq]?" He replied, "I don't think they existed."

What is clear from Kay as well as newly declassified CIA documents is that the basic rationale for last year's preemptory strike against Iraq was flawed because there was nothing to preempt.

Rather than face up to having misled the U.S., the U.N. and the world, Bush and his top advisers are essentially playing a childish, though deadly, game of what has been described as I-hit-him-before-he-could-hit-me.

"I repeat to you what I strongly believe: that inaction in Iraq would have emboldened

Saddam Hussein," Bush said last Sunday on "Meet the Press." The president continued, "He could have developed, you know, a nuclear weapon over time. I'm not saying immediately, but over time. Which would then have put us in what position? We would have been in a position of blackmail."

Bush knew exactly what he was doing when he ordered the unprovoked attack on Iraq. Mark Crispin Miller, a professor of media studies at New York University, said by shifting the nation's attention from domestic issues to foreign affairs, Bush went "From Bozo to Churchill."

Writing in his book, "The Bush Dyslexicon: Observations of a National Disorder," Miller

observed: "...before you knew it, the seeming bozo was our savior. Not only were his famous foibles magically erased, but Bush's entire political pre-history also slipped right down the memory hole - the fraud and tuggery in Florida, the Supreme Court's complicity, the appointment of John Ashcroft, the budget-busting tax cuts, the moves against Social Security, the screw-you foreign policy, the slash-and-burn environmental policy, the lame prescription drug plan, the Jeffords controversy, California's power black-outs, Dick Cheney's Enron black-out

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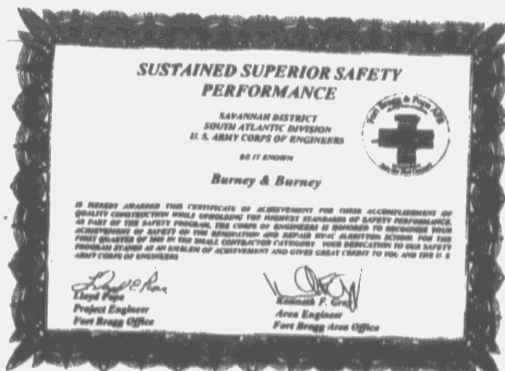
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18. Slide a split clothes pin under the door, it makes a good door stop.
 19. If ice-cube trays stick, wipe bottom dry with cloth before replacing.
 20. To keep old potatoes from darkening when they are boiled, add a small amount of milk to the cooking water.
 21. Dip a new paint brush in linsed oil, it helps prevent the paint from becoming imbedded in the bristles.
 22. After washing greasy dishes or pans, always flush drain with hot water. This helps to keep your drain from clogging up.
 23. Pie crusts will brown beautifully if you brush them lightly with milk just before putting them in the oven.
 24. Instead of dipping your meats, fish, etc., in a dish of flour, keep flour in a large salt shaker and dust on foods. It's easier and less wasteful.
 25. To check your refrigerator for proper sealing. Close the door on a strip of paper. If paper slips out easily your door is not sealing properly and you are wasting electricity.
 26. Denatured alcohol will remove pencil marks sponge with denatured alcohol and water.
 27. Put a nylon stocking over your hair brush, it will brush and clean your hair and not destroy your wave.
 28. To broil meats over live coals, it is essential that they do not smoke, so after the coals have burned down, throw a handful of salt over them. This will lower the flames and deaden the smoke that arises.
 29. If baking powder is old and lumpy, heat it in the oven.
 30. When boiling corn on the cob add a half cupful of milk and a teaspoon of sugar to the water. Corn will taste better.

Advice: Don't believe everything you hear. Don't attempt what is beyond your limitations. Once you have made a mistake, forget it and plan for tomorrow. R.J. Hastings

Keep an open mind.

Bible Study from the Book of Genesis Ms. Mae

1. According to Genesis, what was the first thing God said? Find in Genesis 1:3
2. What were the first things in creation God saw as "good"? Find in Genesis 1:4,5
3. On which day of creation did God bring about humans? Find in Genesis 1:27-31
4. What did God say would happen to the man if he ate from the forbidden tree? Find in Genesis 2:17
5. What happened just prior to God's creation of Eve? Find in Genesis 2:20
6. Which of the following were NOT part of God's curse for Adam and Eve's disobedience?
 - A. Athlete's foot
 - B. The death of Cain
 - C. Banishment from Eden
 - D. The cursing of the ground
 - E. Pain in childbirth
 Find in Genesis 3:14-19
7. Why did God put a mark on Cain? Find in Genesis 4:15
8. How old was Adam when his third son, Seth, was born? Find in Genesis 5:3
9. This man walked with God, and one day God simply "took him". Find in Genesis 5:24
10. Genesis alluded to a race of giants which existed before the Great Flood. What were they called? Find in Genesis 6:4
11. Although Noah's ark was measured in cubits, about how many feet long was it? Find in Genesis 6:15
12. According to Genesis Chapter 7, how long did the flood waters cover the earth? Find in Genesis 7:24

Vital Issues Ms. Mae

- The vital issues - family, health, and happiness - Enjoy these at any age.
- Losing weight is about three things: limiting the amount of calories and fat in your diet, getting exercise and eating the right things.
- Pray away your stress. When you have peace in your life, you'll have less stress.
- The three arch-enemies of life - hurry, worry, and debt. Newell Dittil
- The three gifts of life: Love, patience, and will power.

Household Tips Ms. Mae

1. Wrap cheese in a cloth dampened in vinegar, then place in air tight container. This will keep it fresh.
2. If windshield wipers smear your windshield, clean wipers and windshield with a solution of 1/4 white vinegar and 3/4 water, wipe dry.
3. To clean your combs, put 1/2 tablespoon of ammonia into your wash basin with warm water. Let the combs soak in this solution for about half an hour, then remove, rinse and dry.
4. Soak jewelry in solution of one part household ammonia to five parts warm water, brush with old toothbrush, rinse and dry.
5. It takes nearly twice as much sugar to sweeten fruit if added before cooking. Cook first, then sweeten to taste.
6. Store coffee in refrigerator after opened. I believe you'll like the better taste.
7. Parboil a sausage or roll them in flour before frying to prevent bursting.
8. A dash of salt in coffee cooked too long or reheated will refresh the taste.
9. A pinch of salt put in fresh milk will keep it much longer.
10. Your pancake will not stick and there will be no smoke or odor if you make a little salt bag and rub your pan with it instead of using grease.
11. Tea will taste mellower if a pinch of salt is added to it.
12. The dust will slide off easier if you wax your dust pan.
13. Heat milk before adding it to mashed potatoes. They stay warm longer, taste better.
14. To hold icing on cake, dust a little cornstarch over the cake before icing.
15. A clean blackboard eraser, carried in glove compartment, is a handy gadget to clean steam-up windows in your car.
16. Begin with cold water in making coffee. Warm water produces flat tasting coffee.
17. One ounce of gelatin to pint of water makes a perfect

Reflections Expressions & Reviews



Suetette Jones

History of African-American Nursing in North Carolina

On October 18, 1896 the St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh opened its doors for African-Americans. By today's standards, St. Agnes would not even be recognized as a hospital. There was a single cold water faucet in the kitchen and water was heated over a wood stove to sterilize equipment. During its first six months of operation, the hospital cared for 17 inpatients and 35 outpatients. An additional 223 people received medical and nursing care in their homes.

Marie Louise Burgess, an African-American graduate of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, was the first head nurse at St. Agnes. Students would clean, cook and make beds during a six-month probationary period. If their work was acceptable and they wanted to pursue a career in nursing, they entered the hospital as student nurses. Most of their education was on-the-job training.

Student nurses worked with the matron, staff nurses, and physicians on the wards, in the operating room and home visits. In addition, they heard lectures that focused on the diseases and conditions of the current patient population. In 1898, St. Agnes graduated its first two nurses from an 18-month training program.

Lincoln Hospital in Durham opened its doors in 1901 as the third hospital for African-Americans in North Carolina. Construction costs were met by Washington Duke, (a Durham philanthropist) and it was open to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. The Lincoln School of Nursing opened in 1903. Its first director served in nearly every leadership capacity. She was known to prepare meals in the kitchen, dispense medicine from the pharmacy, and help where needed. By the early 20th century, North Carolina had three strong schools of nursing for African-Americans: St. Agnes in Raleigh, Lincoln in Durham, and Good Samaritan in Charlotte. As late as 1937, African-American nurses seeking employment in community health could only find jobs in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Weldon, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem. By the 1940s, racial injustice was being questioned by more and more people. Organized nursing was in the forefront of breaking down racial barriers in North Carolina. During this decade, leaders of the North Carolina Nurses Association and the organization then known as the North Carolina Colored Graduate Nurses Association created a plan to merge. In 1949, the Colored Graduate Nurses Association voted itself out of existence and the North Carolina Nurses Association voted to open its membership to all registered nurses in North Carolina. It took more than a decade after merger of the professional organizations for white schools of nursing to accept African-American women.

Condensed from the News and Observer Supplement

Some Local Identities:

The late Mrs. Charlotte Foxhall Flanagan, a native of Washington N.C. and wife of the late W.E. Flanagan (prominent Greenville mortician) was one of the early graduates of St. Agnes School of Nursing. She came to Greenville as a nurse to assist the late Dr. James Baile.

Miss Sallie Mac Norcott of Greenville held a position as nutritionist at Lincoln Hospital in Durham from 1948-1955.

The late Dr. Harold Kelly and Charles Thompson who practiced medicine in Greenville during the late 1940s and early 50s did their internships at Lincoln Hospital.

Note:

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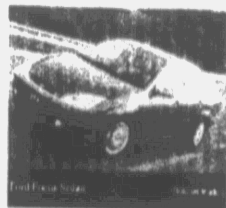
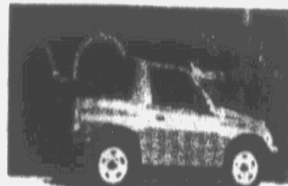
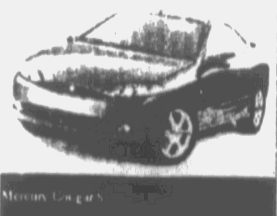
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Commentary



EARL BYRD
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Dear reader, I could think of no better Black History Month story than the one I wrote last year.

Boy, son of Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle. Super cool. Lived in a tree house, and had a chimp for a pal. The jungle was his home, not an overcrowded ghetto slum. Boy talked to the animals, and swam in a clear, cool lake. When an alligator threatened him, his father killed it. Putting his arms around Tarzan's neck, Boy splashed water, laughed and hitched a ride to shore.

Frustrating tears of envy ran down my face in that dark movie house. I wanted to be that little White boy. Even without knowledge of myself or my proud African history and heritage, I somehow instinctively felt ashamed for

the intrusive thought.

I was too young to appreciate how I had been trained from birth to arrive at that painful moment of introspection. Miseducated in school, bombarded all my life with negative images of Black folks, it was easy to subliminally hate myself. We were trained to feel inferior to the larger society. In school, textbooks, the movies, everywhere. Like when my grandmother would take me with her to the White woman's house where she cooked and cleaned so we could eat.

Images. The way we see ourselves. One day my grandmother took me on a train to visit the place of her birth in North Carolina. There before me were acres of land, and proud African-American farmers, landowners. My heart swelled with joy and pride.

Melvin Williams told me just last night in the confinement of Super Max, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

He and I know only too well.

A lot of African-American educators like Charlie Simmons, president of Sojourner-Douglass College, believe that "the best education will not come to the masses until the community runs its own colleges and educates its

own students to create and manage our own educational institutions."

Perhaps when and if that ever happens, there will be no more need for Black History Month. Until then, I celebrate this single month each year when our children are taught about themselves. I believe that in the equation of our children's failure in school - 71 percent dropping out, 12,000 truants playing hooky every day and 42,000 students failing last year - the answer lies in teaching them about themselves.

As a child in desperate need of self-esteem and role models, America allowed me five days out of the year to study about myself during "Negro History Week."

The importance of images and Black history to a child is incalculable. If I had children, I would create daily adventures of self-discovery. Inspire in them a love for reading. My first crime was breaking into the adult section of the library. So, following dinner, bedtime or anytime, inspirational stories would be part of our family routine.

The story of the little slave boy, Frederick Douglass, is an example. How he learned that reading and writing were the keys to freedom.

Little Fred stood at the edge of an immense cotton field where men, women and children toiled under a blazing sun. Looking up at his slave master, he asked why it was against the law for slaves to learn to read or write.

The old slave master affectionately put his arm around the boy's shoulder and chuckled. "Education make a nigger crazy," the slave master explained. "Make 'em wanna be free."

The kids would laugh at my outrageousness, but they figure it out, ultimately ask what happened to that little slave boy.

"Little Fred," I'd explain, "learned to read and write behind the master's back. He escaped to freedom, came to Baltimore to live, and when he grew up, he became the consul general to two countries of color, Haiti and the Dominican Republic."

Lerone Bennett, renowned African-American historian, says that our story "has been distorted and pushed into strange shapes by a massive propaganda campaign based on powerful myths and lies that hide Black people from themselves and their greatness."

Children need to know that they come from strong stock. A lesser people would have been destroyed by the trials and

tribulations we went through collectively.

Some 15,000,000 Africans were stolen and only an estimated 10 percent survived the Middle Passage. The Atlantic was awash with the blood of the dead, and sharks learned to follow the slave ships for dinner. This was the horror of the Black holocaust.

While I grew up with distortions like Tarzan, school failed to teach me that 20 Africans landed at Jamestown as free men in 1619, a year before the Mayflower even landed at Plymouth Rock.

Children still aren't taught how slaves communicated while singing spirituals to trick the slave master, or how there's evidence that Black sailors explored the New World before Columbus. We were Minutemen, Pilgrims and cowboys.

When my grandmother took me home to the South, she took a picture of me sitting on a white mule. I was up there like a little idiot, sick in my brain, taught to hate myself by a racist society, feeling like cowboy hero of the day, the Lone Ranger. If I'd had a gun, I was so sick psychologically that I might have shot a couple niggers for spite.

Even when I played Indian - a change from being a White

cowboy - back home in the ghetto. I had no idea that the Buffalo Soldiers fought Crazy Horse, captured Geronimo and tracked down Billy the Kid.

Crawford Goldsby - Cherokee Bill - was more feared than Jesse James. Born in 1894, he formed the Cook Gang, mostly Black men with Indian blood. Hey, that's me!

They liberated the Cherokee Nation of federal money being paid to people with claims to Indian land. He killed a couple of people, including Sheriff Ellis Rattling Gourd.

These cats were Black and beautiful and full of daredevil excitement. The Cook Gang robbed banks, stores and stagecoaches, and anyone who got in their way was shot dead.

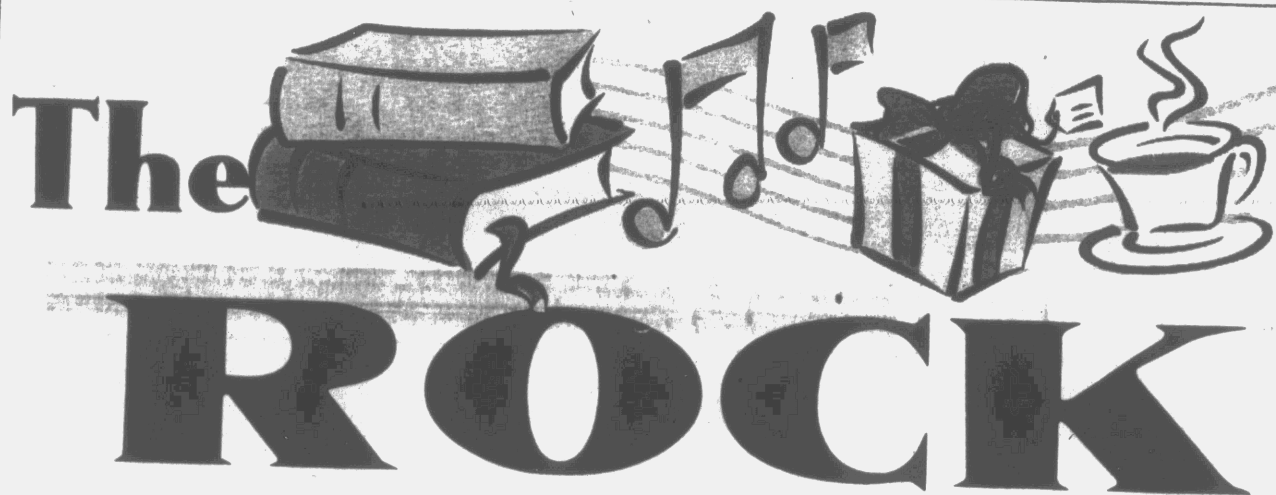
A girlfriend snatched on Cherokee Bill after he shot a cowpoke through a window for looking at him. He was hanged on March 17, 1896, shortly after his 20th birthday.

Fifty years after crying in that movie theater, I'm still dreaming about being somebody else. Only now it's to be one of those Black cowboys who have Indian in their blood, out on the range, living free.

Now that's America to me, with a Black perspective.

Earl Byrd is an AFRO reporter.

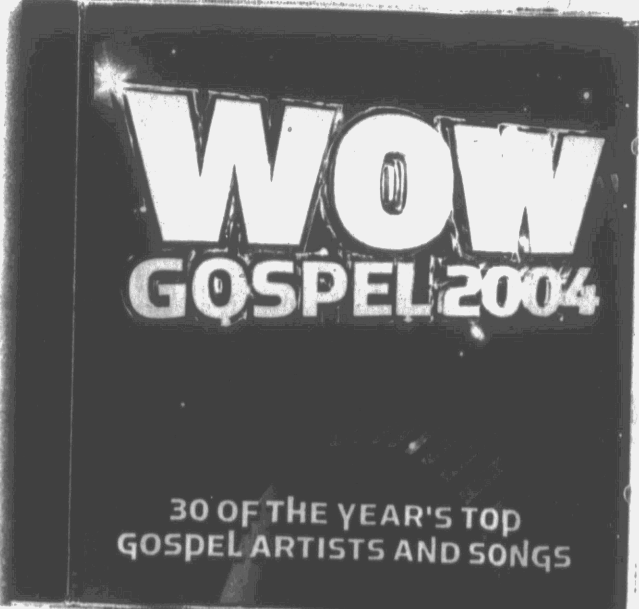
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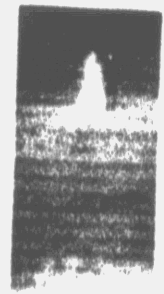
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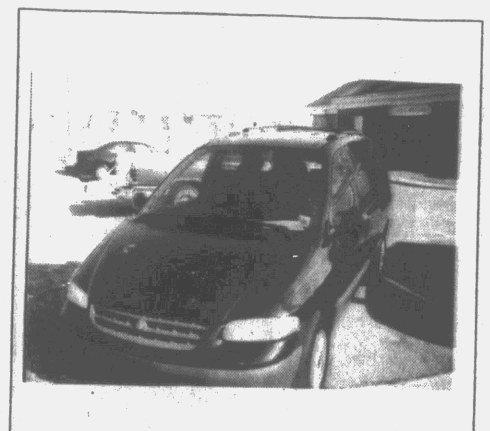
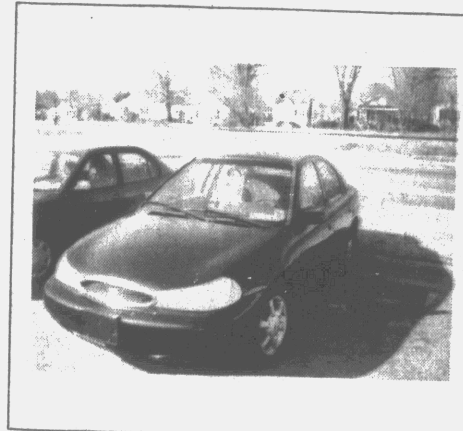
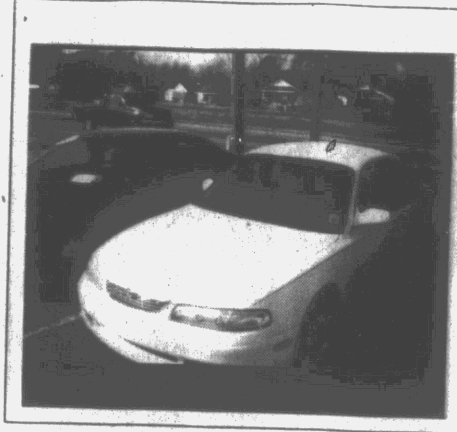
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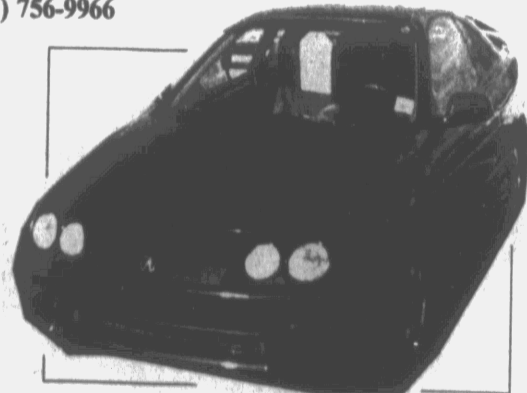
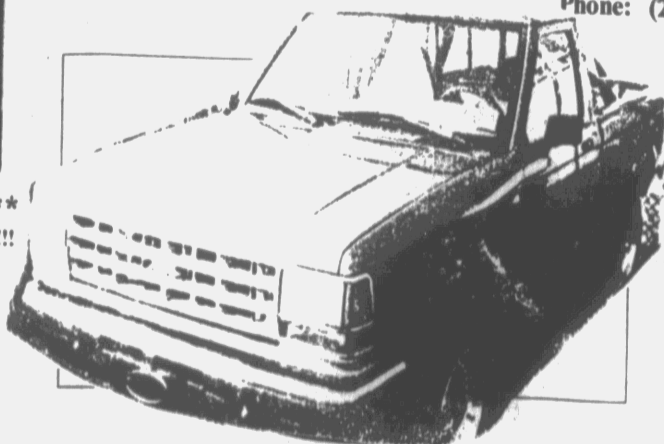
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AIDS Infection Upsurge Seen in Black Male College Students

Author: DANIEL Q. HANEY, AP Medical Editor
 SAN FRANCISCO (February 10, 2004 6:08 p.m. EST) - A sudden, surprising increase in HIV infections has been discovered among male black college students in North Carolina, and officials fear the same is probably happening across the South.

The upsurge is driven by young men having risky sexual encounters with other men. Typically they do not consider themselves to be gay or bisexual and may even have girlfriends, as well. "It's a public health emergency. I don't know any other way to put it," said Dr. Peter Leone, HIV medical director at the state Health Department. The increase was first noticed in late 2002, and officials now believe it

began in mid-2001 and is still continuing. The high rate of AIDS infection among U.S. blacks has been one of the most striking difficulties of AIDS prevention. Blacks are 11 times more likely than white Americans to get AIDS. Even though they make up 12 percent of the population, they account for 39 percent of AIDS cases and 54 percent of new HIV infections. Among black men, like whites, the leading cause of infection is sex with other men. Experts have long lamented the high rate of risky sex among gay black men. Poverty is often listed as a strong contributor, so the new findings among relatively well-off college students were unexpected. "We are very concerned about it," said Dr. Ron Valdiserri, deputy HIV chief at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Most Americans would not think about college students as a high-risk group." Indeed, a CDC study on 10 campuses in the 1990s found a very low infection rate. The North Carolina data were presented Tuesday in San Francisco at the 11th Annual Retrovirus Conference. Also at the conference, officials presented newly gathered data on HIV infections in New York City. Overall, 1 percent of the city's population carries the virus, including 4 percent of men in their 40s. Nationwide, an estimated 900,000 people have HIV. The CDC says that in recent years infections have risen somewhat among gay men of all races and fallen slightly among women. The North Carolina researchers found 84 newly infected male college students over the past three years, 73 of them black. Only one black student admitted using injected drugs, and just two said they had sex only with women. The rest apparently were infected through sex with men.

"The concern is this is our best and brightest within the minority population who are coming down with a lifelong and potentially lethal infection," Leone said. The researchers said they suspect a similar upsurge may be occurring among black male college students across the South. "We have no reason to think this is limited to North Carolina," said the CDC's Dr. Lisa Fitzpatrick. Leone said HIV appears to have been recently introduced among black college students. People are much more likely than usual to pass on the virus through sex during their first weeks of infection, and this might explain why so many students have caught it. When the students were questioned, three-quarters said they thought they were not at high risk of HIV, despite frequent anal intercourse without condoms with different male partners. "Part of it is message fatigue," Leone said. "They've grown up hearing this thing. It's old stuff to them. They just ignore it." Another possible factor may be an especially intense stigma against HIV and homosexuality in the South, making the students less likely to discuss their sexual identity or consider themselves gay. "We have a very marginalized group," he said. "They don't identify with the messages targeted to gay white men." Medical Editor Daniel Q. Haney is a special correspondent for The Associated Press. Copyright © 2004 AP Online



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Black History needs a newer testament

By Roy Douglas Malonson

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United Negro College Fund Has New Leader

By APARNA H. KUMAR, Associated Press Writer

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The company is concerned about the soaring number of homes going to foreclosure. For more information to save your home, log on www.HelpSaveMyHome.com or call 301-925-2500 today for a free consultation.

Who Is The Real Minority?

by: KWAKU PERSON-LYNN, PH.D.

Watching movies, television programs, posters, billboards, most magazine covers and instruments of mass media, the first impression, as it relates to categories of people, is that people of European descent are the dominant people on planet earth. Observing audiences at professional sporting events, major concerts, university student populations and most major business and academic conferences and so forth, one could come to the same conclusion, along with the term, "white privilege."

Juxtapose this with the perspective of Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, psychiatrist, author, lecturer, and one of the few scientists to make her life's work studying, understanding and creating ways to eliminate the most vicious system known to humankind; racism/white supremacy. She states, "People who classify themselves as white are a tiny minority on the planet representing less than 1/10th of the human population."

That number may decrease further when people classified as white, who are not, such as many: Egyptians, Arabs, Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and other cultural groups are correctly defined. Anyone who has the experience of traveling throughout the world, other than Europe and North America, will find that the large majority of the people one will see are people of color. The only whites seen are usually tourists, military personnel, corporate employees or persons who just happen to be there.

Image making is a very persuasive instrument. Movies are the most effective propaganda tools ever devised in the so-called civilized world. People refer to movies more than books when referencing a particular topic. Even credible scholars may

use a movie to make a point. The deliverer of the propaganda, television, is the most efficient brainwashing implement ever created. Not only are they in every home, but almost every room in every home. Most parents are not good monitors of what their children watch, so children are being conditioned from their earliest beginnings of consciousness. Breaking this cycle takes a lot of hard disciplined work. The point is, there are times when surfing through channels, minus non-white channels, when almost everyone on the screen is white, and even in some of the commercials, some of the people of color look white.

Mentally, that establishes the perception that being white is the standard, and the model for humanity. In other words, if one did not aspire to be like white folks, one is less than a full human being, or inferior. Worse yet, people of color will voluntarily call themselves a minority, one of the great linguistic success stories of white supremacy. Even deeper, it relegates the history and culture of a person of color inferior to anything that is not of European descent, though many African and Asian civilizations had high cultures, sciences and advanced mathematics long before any place called Europe, Greece or Rome existed. European archeologists, paleontologists and historians themselves have verified this.

On a human level, with more logical and scientific proof than one could ever consume that people of European descent are a tiny minority on the planet, is not a reason to utilize this information in a negative fashion. Courtesy is still one of the great human principals. Besides, people of European descent still control the mass media and can literally assassinate the char-

acter of anyone who attempts to make a negative campaign out of this information. No matter what one's cultural heritage, we are all still members of the human race.

What makes that statement so pathetic in today's reality is the existence of racism/white supremacy; the proposition that people of color are inferior, affecting every area of human behavior. Dr. Welsing made the most profound statement on this subject in a recent interview. It is the answer to the world's greatest psychological problem, "There will never be justice, until white supremacy is terminated."

Dr. Welsing will appear at Compton Community College, Friday, Feb. 6th, 7:00pm.

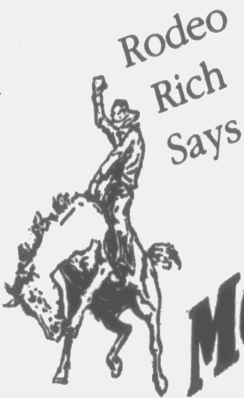
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THREE ESSENTIAL BOOKS TO READ FOR BLACK HISTORY

Invisible Man
By Ralph Ellison
(Vintage, 608 pages, \$12.95)

Published in 1952, Ellison's *Invisible Man* shared a title and mission of social commentary with H. C. Wells satire of the previous century. *Invisible Man* has been for many reasons an enduring American presence. Ellison's nameless protagonist is invisible not through his own agency but precisely because people refuse to see him. This depiction of societal invisibility is haunting in light of the paradoxical hypervisibility and invisibility of the black segment of American society.

The Fire Next Time
By James Baldwin
(Vintage, 128 pages, \$9.95)

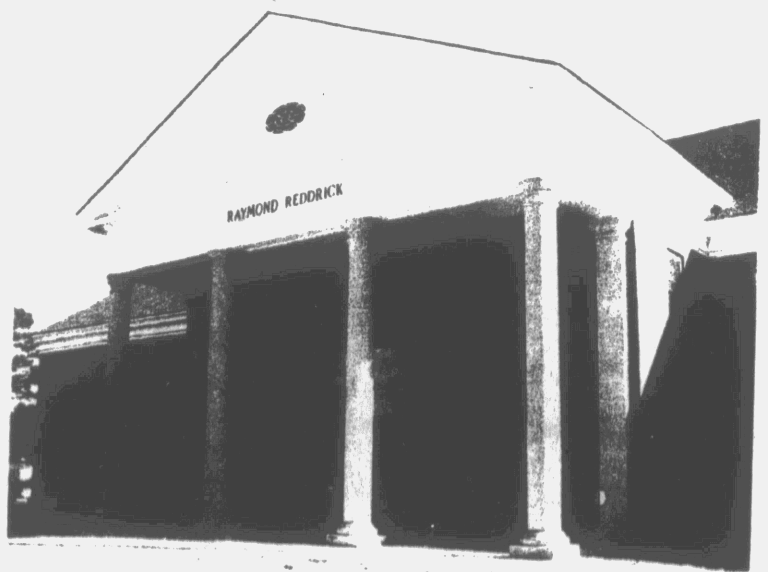
Baldwin's contribution to American society may well be his delineation of both the possibilities and limits of turning the other cheek. He is nothing if not a frank practitioner of tough love, his essays telling the country and the people he cherishes how it really is: And I know, which is much worse, and this is the crime of which I accuse my country and my countrymen, and for which neither I nor time nor history will ever forgive them, that they have destroyed and are destroying hundreds of thousands of lives and do not know it and do not want to know it.

Their Eyes Were Watching God
By Zora Neale Hurston
(Perennial, 244 pages, \$13.95)

Called by June Jordan the prototypical black novel of affirmation, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* describes among other things, the colorism and classicism that divide black communities as well as the bedrock of faith and hope that unites them. The novel tells of Janie Crawford's self-discovery, with otherworldly elements woven throughout a physical journey that takes her through the swamps of Florida, very much grounded in this world.

RAYMOND REDDRICK BUILDING DEDICATED ON PCC CAMPUS

On Sunday, November 16, Pitt Community College dedicated its newest building on campus to Mr. Raymond Reddrick, Jr., Chairman of the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees. Friends, family and co-workers gathered at a ceremony which honored the many years of service given to the Pitt County community by Mr. Reddrick.



The 44,718 square foot building will house classrooms, computer labs, and offices. The portrait shown at left will hang in the lobby of the building. It is an honor for Pitt Community College's Board of Trustees, students, faculty, staff, and alumni to recognize Raymond Reddrick, Jr.'s service to his profession as an educator and an active community leader with the dedication of the Raymond Reddrick Building.



5 Tips on Making College Affordable

The rising cost of tuition has put many families in a bind. A survey conducted by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges found that tuition at public institutions increased in 37 of the states that responded. In Arizona, California and New York all surveyed schools reported in-state tuition increases of at least 20 percent. Tuition at the State University of New York has increased by 30 percent and at the University of California by as much as 40 percent over last fall's levels.

While all parents want the best education for their children, financial constraints can be a burden on the long-term investment in their child's education. However, with diligent planning, families can work together to develop solutions to this problem and be able to afford the best education for their children. Ray Loewe, college planning expert and advisory board member for the GE Center for Financial Learning, offers the following tips on college planning and ways to make the transition back to school more affordable.

- While tuition costs are on the rise, interest rates for paying back college loans will drop to an all-time low. It's good news to those already paying off loans or who will start paying in the near future. According to "The Chronicle of Higher Education," someone with \$25,000 in debt could save about \$5,000 in 20 years if he or she consolidates at this rate.

- Students should try and find a part-time job. Jobs offered on a college campus are ideal because employers know from the outset that they're hiring college students with their irregular schedules, tests and exams. They know that education is a priority and are usually more forgiving as a result.

- Many parents think that saving for college will just disqualify a student from getting financial aid. The actual fact is that income most often keeps students from qualifying for financial aid, not their assets. At the same time saving for education is an investment.

- There are four types of financial aid: scholarships, grants, loans and work-study employment. Colleges are not created equal regarding financial aid. Become familiar with your college's financial aid packages.

- Apply for a loan. Loans are financial aid available to both parents and students. They are subsidized by the federal or state government, financial institutions or the college and may have lower interest rates than regular loans. Generally, you do not start paying back these loans until after college graduation.

There are many ways to prevent future financial hardships that can arise from paying for education, but having a plan is crucial. Web sites such as the GE Center for Financial Learning (www.financiallearning.com) can help you and your family take action to ensure an easy and trouble-free return to school each semester.

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Jim Crow, Chapter and Verse

A sampling of Jim Crow laws from various states:

- [The County Board of Education] shall provide schools of two kinds; those for white children and those for colored children. Texas.

- Books shall not be interchangeable between the white and colored schools, but shall continue to be used by the race first using them. North Carolina.

- The state librarian is directed to fit up and maintain a separate place for the use of the colored people who may come to the library for the purpose of reading books or periodicals. North Carolina.

- The marriage of a white person with a negro or mulatto or person who shall have 1/8 or more of negro blood, shall be unlawful and void. Mississippi.

- It shall be unlawful for any parent, relative, or other white person in this state, having the control or custody of any white child, by right of guardianship, natural or acquired, or otherwise, to dispose of, give or surrender such white child permanently into the custody, control, maintenance, or support, of a negro. South Carolina.

- Any negro man and white woman, or any white man and negro woman, who are not married to each other, who shall habitually live in and occupy in the nighttime the same room shall each be punished by imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or by fine not exceeding \$500. Florida.

- There shall be ... separate [hospital] entrances for white and colored patients and visitors, and such entrances shall be used by the race only for which they are prepared. Mississippi.

- No person or corporation shall require any white female nurse to nurse wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed. Alabama.

- No colored barber shall serve as a barber [to] white women or girls. Georgia.

- It shall be unlawful to conduct a restaurant or other place for the serv-

ing of food in the city, at which white and colored people are served in the same room, unless such white and colored persons are effectually separated by a solid partition extending from the floor upward to a distance of 7 feet or higher, and unless a separate entrance from the street is provided for each compartment. Alabama.

- The warden shall see that the white convicts shall have separate apartments for both eating and sleeping from the negro convicts. Mississippi.

- Every employer of white or negro males shall provide for such white or negro males reasonably accessible and separate toilet facilities. Alabama.

- The Corporation Commission is hereby vested with power and authority to require telephone companies ... to maintain separate booths for white and colored patrons when there is a demand for such separate booths. Oklahoma.

- It shall be unlawful for any amateur white baseball team to play baseball on any vacant lot or baseball diamond within two blocks of a playground devoted to the Negro race, and it shall be unlawful for any amateur colored baseball team to play baseball in any vacant lot or baseball diamond within two blocks of any playground devoted to the white race. Georgia.

- It shall be unlawful for a negro and white person to play together or in company with each other at any game of pool or billiards. Alabama.

- All circuses, shows and tent exhibitions to which the attendance of ... more than one race is invited or expected to attend shall provide for the convenience of its patrons not less than two ticket offices with individual ticket sellers, and not less than two entrances to the said performance, with individual ticket takers and receivers. Louisiana.


- The white and colored militia shall be separately enrolled, and shall never be compelled to serve in the same organization. No organization of colored troops shall be permitted where white troops are available. North Carolina. U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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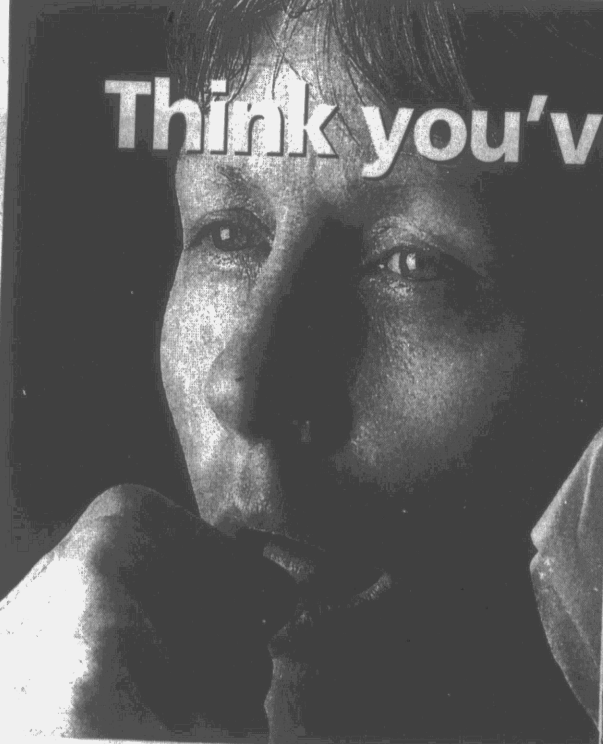
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Know Your Black History

Think you've got the flu?



Need help?

Many people in Pitt County and surrounding communities are sick with the flu. Complications from the influenza virus can cause serious health problems. If you or a member of your family has flu symptoms, you should contact your family doctor at once.

Symptoms of flu include fever, coughing and sneezing, joint aches and headache, fatigue and sinus congestion.

If you don't have a family doctor, you can get help from one of the medical resources listed at the right.

This information is provided as a public service by your local physicians, Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the Brody School of Medicine who are working together to make sure you get the care you need during this flu season.

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1204 East Firetower Road
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Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Family Practice Center ☎ 744-4611
600 Moye Boulevard
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - noon
Sunday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Physicians East Urgent Care Center
☎ 355-4357
1913-E Firetower Road
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Examining 'The True Black History: The Black Holocaust'

By JENNIFER BIHM
Sentinel Staff Writer

"We (black Americans) must develop a new attitude toward life," says businessman-turned-author, Dr. Romeo L. Taylor with more than a hint of passion and frustration. "Education is our only hope for survival." This is the reason for *Exposed: True Black History as it Has Never Been Taught*, he explains of his debut literary effort.

community in general. With concrete and reputable sources in each chapter, Taylor disproves the general consensus by other races around the world that black people demonstrate sub par intelligence, are lazy and basically non-productive. More than a few blacks, he says, were inventors, scientists, mathematicians and even U.S. presidents (surprise!).

"Over the years our intelligence has been challenged, lies have been told," he says. "I'm just angry that a lot of black educators didn't (and still don't) stand up against the system and teach the facts." Besides

aiming to correct the perception of blacks around the world, with *Exposed*, Taylor says he wants to bring to light the atrocities experienced by blacks at the hands of whites especially. Other races, he says make sure that their stories are told and never forgotten. They have fought and won reparations and compensation for their suffering.

Black suffering, however has often been romanticized in television, movies and textbooks, creating a sense of apathy by most in the community and making the case for reparations hard to present. As one activist put it, "(Taylor's) book represents the best evidence and proof that reparations are owed to black people for 400 years of forced free labor and the atrocities they were forced to accept." Part of this evidence is presented in a gruesome photographic section showing hangings, burnings and other torture administered to blacks in all its ugliness throughout the years.

Finally, Taylor says, "I want to



DR. ROMEO L. TAYLOR

let black adults, who are discouraged know that its never too late to pick yourself up and realize you dreams." Blacks are intelligent (stats in his book show how, with opportunities, black children outscored others on standardized tests), they are hard workers and have and still do contribute much to society, he emphasizes.

The information presented in *Exposed* has been available for more than 40 years, says Taylor. However he has done the work of compiling it into an easy-to-read paperback in which he cites all of his sources, leading readers to study the facts more in depth. This is a good book for those who are less likely to pick up one. Although it is classified as a reference book, the language isn't cumbersome making it more palatable to the young as well as the old. *Exposed: True Black History as it Has Never Been Taught* (ISBN: 0-9639907-1-3) is available at Eso Won Books, or by calling (310) 693-0096.

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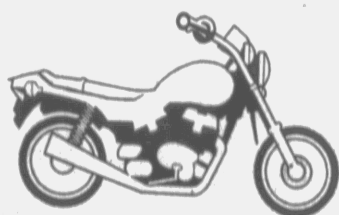
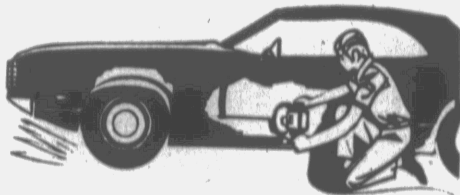
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