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Atlanta: So close, so far

It is uncharacteristic of the FBI to go public in a criminal investigation until it is absolutely sure of its case.

One of the reasons why the late FBI director J. Edgar Hoover had so much clout is that he could boast throughout his often ugly reign that his agency's arrest and conviction record was impeccable.

In other words if the FBI did not think it could win in any criminal prosecution following its investigation it dropped shaky criminal proceedings like a hot potato.

A good way to always look good is to never try anything you are in doubt about.

We do not know if the FBI is changing from the Hoover insistence of sure bets but in light of its actions this week in the questioning and release of a young black Atlantan, a free-lance photographer, we can only wonder.

William Webster, FBI director, on the night of the arrest of this latest suspect, declared himself very much "optimistic" about this development on public television but by the next day, Thursday, June 4th, the newest hot lead seemed to have evaporated.

It may be that the FBI is correct in going public with this suspect and that when the fabled FBI crime lab is done with its work, the G-Men will have the kind of solid case they have built their reputations on.

But if this is just a case of looking busy then of course the Atlanta killings will continue.

We hope the FBI is indeed on the right trail and that this national tragedy is soon brought to a halt.

Police story

We think Del. Troy Brailey was wise to ask that Commissioner Donald Pomerleau meet not just with him but with a broad-based group of leaders from our community on the issue of police promotions, demotions and related issues.

On the other hand we think it also wise on the Commissioner's part to agree to meet with Delegate Brailey alone, his position probably that since the 40th district political leader made the charges of discrimination, he was the man to deal with.

In any event the legislator and the commissioner are at a point of stalemate. We have heard no more from either.

A tangential issue at best, in this controversy which at heart has to do with the permanent selection of a black law enforcement officer to head the police department of a predominantly black city, is the situation regarding Major Herbert Armstrong who has been forced into retirement.

No one within the police department will state what exactly has transpired with the veteran black police administrator beyond a claim that he disobeyed a superior.

Yet we have the distinct impression that some elements within the department are using Armstrong's troubles to discredit all high-ranking black officials who would be qualified to run our city's police force.

We find this reprehensible.

Our position does not change. Deputy Commander Bishop Robinson is eminently qualified to head our law enforcement apparatus and it is high time Baltimore followed the lead of Washington, D.C., Cleveland, Newark, Richmond and other majority-black cities and named a black to head the police force.

Donald Pomerleau, warts and all, might have been an effective boss cop. He has had his time.

The times demand a shift from the leadership image he purveyed.

MTA's pollution master-blasters must go!

MADELINE MURPHY

My way is right

By Madeline W. Murphy

Looking at the benevolent face of our "sainted" President, so recently snatched from the jaws of death, one is reminded of the father of our youth, who usually intoned after some obstinate disgression from the established family pattern of behavior: "This hurts me more than it hurts you."

Hard to believe as you lay prone over the commode feeling you had been right yet fearing the first whack of the hair brush.

The insistence of "my way is right" oftimes flew in the face of reason or open communication.

Thus the image of the obdurate father, more anxious to wield power than to show compassion and understanding fits President Ronald Reagan to a "T."

For we see this same philosophy in budget cuts, with supply side economics that in truth is the warmed over "trickle down theory".

In addition, it seems that all this budget cutting hysteria favors the truly greedy rather than the truly needy who must anxiously position their mouths at the end of a long funnel hoping in vain for even one drop of subsistence.

With layoffs affecting thousands of teachers, policemen, firemen, city and state workers, plant workers both in steel and auto shops, then most of them and the poor being threatened by impending cuts in Social Security benefits, all of which are the fallout from balancing the budget, Reagan blithely boosts a grotesquely extravagant military budget going into the trillions of dollars by 1985, to satisfy his paranoid need to be number one in military power in the world.

NATO countries, according to a recent article, already have 19,000 nuclear warheads; Warsaw Pact countries have about 12,000, any one of which could blow up Baltimore and a 100 mile radius, without our escalation. In the words of George Kennan: "We have built weapons, helplessly, almost involuntarily like victims of some sort of hypnotism, like men in a dream, like lemmings heading for the sea."

And in my words, we are hell bent for destruction.

Yet, despite criticisms from left and right, there is still this insistent, charmed smile of the president, that seems to intone as our fathers did, "This really hurts me more than it hurts you, but my way is right. Trust me."

And while Ronald Reagan the confident father figure rides on the wave of increased public popularity, there is the contradiction of what people say they want in the polls and what Ronald Reagan sees for people in his stance of "my way is right."

Also in spite of the fact that the president is Popular at the moment the collision course is at hand between what the moral majority perceives to be the will of the people in its peculiar brand of puritanism and how the majority of the people polled favor abortion (36) gun control (60) passage of ERA (61) and sex education in the classrooms (70). —Time Yankelovich poll.

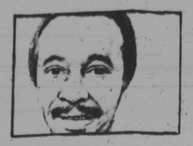
In addition, not too far off will be the revolution of that scant 27 per cent (the so-called mandate) who voted for Reagan and the 40 per cent who stayed away from the polls in frustration and confusion. Combined, they will soon learn that you can't equate banality with competence nor outmoded values of a 30's western with realities and tough decisions in the 80's.

It will be those now enjoying an uneasy honeymoon with a quick study Reagan, who will again see the country can't be run by a cardboard character with a charming smile and a glib tongue.

More's the pity that Congress misreads the conservative mood of the country to mean cutting off social programs that have a multiplier affect upon employment, urban survival and the added financial responsibilities of the states. This in the long run will increase taxes as well as the burdens of local governments.

Right now the Congress may be listened to the old jack leg preacher, seen with his ear to the ground, who explained he was listening for the trampling feet of his congregation so that he could run out in front of them and lead them!

As in the case of the father, after you have endured the humiliation, the hurt and anger of that endless moment of punishment, it will be small comfort later on to have him concede that his way wasn't so right after all.



PARREN MITCHELL

Social Security 'reform'

My office has been deluged with letters opposing President Ronald Reagan's proposed "reform" of the Social Security benefits program. In this instance, "reform" is a thinly veiled, trick-word used to promote the reduction of the already meager benefits enjoyed by millions of retired and disadvantaged Americans.

Specifically, the administration intends to eliminate or change four Social Security programs proposing to save $100 million in budget authority and $1 billion in spending for fiscal year 1982. The cuts would cause an estimated three million households to lose all or part of their Social Security benefits.

First, the president proposes to eliminate the $122 million minimum monthly payment program in order to reduce fiscal year 1982 spending by $1.3 billion. Presently, every Social Security recipient receives some level of benefits from this program. The administration's own estimates cite that this cut would affect about 1.5 million of the 2.9 million present beneficiaries.

However, at the same time, the president claims that only 17 percent of these beneficiaries are "truly needy", and that 74 percent receive additional retirement income.

Second, the administration intends to eliminate benefits for children of deceased, disabled, and retired workers who attend college. Benefits for present recipients would be cut and phased out over a four year period. No new recipients would be eligible during the phaseout.

Third, to reduce fiscal year 1982 spending by $400 million, the president proposes to "revise" eligibility standards for disability insurance which really means to "cut out" all but the indigent; "improve" program administration meaning to terminate more federal employees and, impose a cap on disability payments.

These proposals would affect at least 55,000 people. They would prevent disabled workers from receiving disability payments which exceed prior earnings, and would require them to have worked six out of the last thirteen calendar months.

Last, the administration is seeking to eliminate the $225 burial payment when there is neither a child nor a spouse to receive it, so as to cut fiscal year 1982 spending by $200 million. This proposal would affect 700,000 individuals.

As you can see, President Reagan has taken it upon himself to break a contract between the American people and the U.S. government which guaranteed the average worker a chance to retire in dignity and security, without fear of catastrophic consequences, depletion of life savings, or personal humiliation.

The harshness of the administration proposals seem almost ideological in nature — a first step in dismantling a system that Republicans opposed when Franklin Delano Roosevelt began it forty-six years ago.

Of course, the rationale for these "reforms" is that the Social Security system has become too expensive, and that soon no money will be left in the fund.

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President Reagan has acted foolishly and irresponsibly by attempting to play upon the fears of retired Americans.

Our family affairs

South Africa denounced

By Gerry Harewood

The "vicious" policy of apartheid in South Africa came under heavy attack Saturday evening by speakers at TransAfrica's fourth annual dinner in Washington.

Master of Ceremonies, Sidney Poitier, America's most accomplished and best known black actor, described his experiences while in South Africa for 16 weeks making a film, as "mind boggling." He promised he would devote his artistic ability as a small bundle "towards dismantling of that system."

Randall Robinson, trans-Africa's executive director, and Gary, Ind. mayor Richard Hatcher, denounced the system as "the most vicious since Nazism." Hatcher is president of Trans-Africa.

Feature address at the dinner attended by some 1300 persons, was to have been delivered by Bishop Desmond Tutu, General Secretary of the South Africa Council of Churches. He could not attend, however, as his passport was seized by the South African Government, which claimed he had abused his privileges when he spoke out against apartheid during a recent visit to the United States.

Instead, a message recorded by the Bishop was introduced by his wife, Leah, who said her husband's passport was confiscated because he refuses to be a second-class citizen in the country in which he was born.

The Bishop stated it would be a very sad thing if black South Africans and black Americans forget two things that bind us together. "One is color. If you were to go to South Africa now, you would get the same cruel treatment of a black South African," he advised.

"The other bond," he noted "is the fact that you have come out of a situation of slavery, oppression and injustice and we are, as it were, oppressed in the same sort of way."

He asked that black Americans, who have ways of influencing the government, bring pressure to bear on the U.S. government on the issue of change in South Africa.

Glenview tenants protest decision

By Marion Banfield

Everybody didn't have a happy Mother's Day.

If you know someone whose children are living but were not very responsive on that day, wonder why. Although a lot of people talk and write about the changing role of family, mothers remain special to their children.

Of course, there are a variety of mothers. There is the mother who gave birth to children because she knew so little about birth control. She endured and persevered. She may have loved each baby or she may have grown to dread each new birth (only she knew how much love she could share with passing years each child self-identified how much love came from that mother.

I remember a client I had who was angry because of the lack of love she remembers from her mother who died of cancer at age 36 shortly after the birth of her seventh child. My client was child number 6.

As my client, whom I shall call Mrs. Williams, recounted her poverty-ridden childhood, I tried to get her to identify with the woman whose husband worked when he could.

He felt that keeping root, clothing, and food were his only responsibilities to his family. He bragged about never having changed a diaper. Mrs. Williams could not remember a word or gesture of affection between her parents.

There is the mother who devoted her time, presence, energy and interest to her children expecting each child to repay with unswerving loyalty, devotion and obedience. If a child's mind develops in a way that errs from what that mother has ruled as sacred to her, then that child loses some, much, or most of the love from the matriarch.

We have known the single mother (by death, divorce, no marriage, or separation) who clings to her offspring expecting fulfillment of most of her emotional needs. That mother grasps her child or children so closely that often a child is not free to marry. Love for another is viewed as betrayal.

When meeting an aged mother who mourns because her children don't pay enough attention to her, we tend to scold the children. Perhaps we might wonder just how much attention she demands or expects. We can also recognize that we do not really know what relationship she had throughout the years.

It seems easy to "judge" another "goodness" or "badness." Such is easy only if one is ignorant of the complexity of human relationships.

A mother can try to look at her past relationship and wonder what happened. Sadly, she may have considered herself a religious, just, upright, woman. Her children may remember her as a self-righteous, punitive woman.

On the other hand, children can love less when there is a remarriage. Adult children can resent mothers changing from being an all-giving, sacrificing female to an assertive, relatively self-sufficient growing person.

Changes in our culture affect old and young. Sometimes the young find it difficult to cope with a modern grandmother who does not fit into the rocking chair mold.

It's too bad that family relationships aren't dealt with more widely in our churches and schools.

—Letters

Dear AFRO

Three weeks ago, Lyon Miller, a previously convicted negligent landlord, appeared before a special session of the city's housing court presided over by Judge Larry Lamson, a Southern Maryland visiting judge.

The judge was brought in because Miller claimed that he couldn't get a fair trial from city judges Miller has been convicted 23 times on housing code violations, and was actually sentenced to jail on two previous occasions.

But we, the tenants of the Glenview-Parkington apartments, feel that Miller still did not receive a fair trial—we feel that the proceedings and the sentencing was slanted in his favor.

The judge agreed to a request from Mr Miller's lawye, Thomas Hennessey, that tenants who merely wished to observe the proceedings be sequestered as possible witnesses for Miller. These tenants had to wait outside the courtroom for twelve hours, and were never called. We feel that Hennessey was harassing us, and that Judge Lamson allowed this to happen.

The tenants, who had been embroiled in a prolonged rent escrow proceeding with Miller for ten months, had taken the landlord to court this time to protest his cutting off of their utilities without their permission or knowledge.

This is clearly in violation of the retaliatory clause of the rent escrow law.

Judge Lamson, after finding Mr. Miller guilty, changed his decision to probation before verdict, something which is usually the case when the defendant is a first offender. But Miller has been convicted of housing court violations so many times that he has been named one of Baltimore's ten worst landlords by the city's housing department.

We feel that Judge Lamson's decision to give Miller probation without judgement shows a lack of sensitivity to the needs of Baltimore tenants almost as great as Miller' ambivalence.

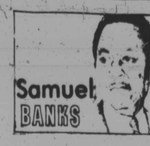
We are also concerned about the disparity of sentencing, whereby a white couple was given damages out of their escrow account, (which may be illegal), while in two cases involving black tenants, Miller merely had to give money to charity, a tax deduction which costs him nothing.

We urge all who are sympathetic to our plight, especially city tenants, to realize that if Miller can get away with this, what kind of law is there to protect you from your landlord?

ROSS TABOR
GENEVA HARVEY
Co-presidents, Glenview-Parkington Tenants Association

AFRO welcomes letters

The AFRO welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and must bear the writer's name and address. All letters will be given consideration for publication.



Samuel BANKS

Blacks as the majority- treated as a minority

By Dr. Samuel L. Banks

The treatment of Baltimore's black majority, numbering over 450,000 local denizens or 55 percent of "Monumental City's" approximately 845,000 residents, constitutes a national disgrace.

Historically, going back to the promulgation of the concept of majority rule in America, when the weary, apprehensive and exuberant sojourners on the "Mayflower" in 1620 agreed to be governed by majoritarian principles majority rule has been in place.

It is lamentable and grievous that 361 years later in Baltimore, the minority white community governs and dictates to the black majority.

The locus of power is firmly in control of the white minority community in Baltimore; the "reform" is a thinly veiled, trick-word used to promote the reduction of the already meager benefits enjoyed by millions of retired and disadvantaged Americans.

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struggle for power and social justice.

The group includes retired black educators, black clergymen, with a few widely known exceptions, professors at Morgan and Coppin, and municipal and federal workers who, as the result of the manifold and painful sacrifices of black precursors in the "Struggle," have been able to rise a few notches above entry level positions. Their overall performance is both scandalous and abysmal.

In view of the failure of these groups, by and large, the draconian and malevolent socio-economic cutbacks, debilitating and harsh for blacks and the poor, of President Reagan and the Congress may well be a blessing in disguise.

The black middle and upper income groups here in Baltimore and across the nation will be forced as a necessary condition of maintaining their won affluence and survival, to join hands, locally and nationally, with the masses of our brothers and sisters.

Our intellects, resources and creativity must, if we hope to go forward, be utilized to affirm human possibilities and freedom for all.

The proposition, stated another way, is simple; We as black people will advance in proportion to the masses of our brothers and sisters who are shut-out of the socio-economic mainstream of Baltimore and the United States are able to advance and enjoy the socio-economic and political freedoms of the total society.

There are, to be sure, locally and nationally, a plethora of doleful and malodorous events, which should serve as catalysts for social actions; the 28 gruesome and troubling deaths in Atlanta the punitive and unfeeling economic agenda of the Reagan administration the projected termination of local teachers and other municipal employees the dreadful report of the Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development (i.e., BUILD) which shows that 15 Baltimore banks lent the black community only about 2 percent of approximately 42 million dollars lent to the majority white community the not-too distant gubernatorial election in 1982 and mayoral election in 1983 the continuing calamitous levels of unemployment and underemployment; the proliferating evictions from houses and over 28,000 utility cut-offs in the metropolitan area, the continuing and worsening crisis at Morgan State University the blatant assault on the 1965 Voting Rights Act, especially Section 5.

The time for action within the body politic is now. There is nothing heretical, un-American or subversive about a majority group, in this case over 450,000 black Baltimoreans, exercising power, enjoying a representative slice of the corporate wealth and making and implementing policy.

Now is the time, in the historic American tradition, to seize the power with the ballot. Baltimore, let us be about our way. Always bear in mind that a failure in life is no crime, but low aim is.

Power will not be given to the city's black majority through pious homilies, extravagant and flashing shibboleths and ringing and sonorous rhetorical banalities, but through careful and informed Planning, adroit and thoughtful execution and follow-through, judicious and widespread utilization of the ballot and energetic, arduous and assiduous implementation of humane and just policies which benefit all citizens in an equitable manner.

Then, too, the ballot must be utilized wisely and selectively in order to remove ineffectual and self-serving political and educational sycophants and "metoers" who, in reality, are followers rather than leaders.

A community climate must be generated and sustained through letters to-the-editor of local papers, public affairs programs and commentaries on the media, in civic and neighborhood groups, in church, sorority and fraternal groups concerned with social action, in ministerial associations, educational groups, in brief, wherever people meet to improve the quality of human life through action.

Now is the time, late as it is, to bring, in actuality, black majority rule to Baltimore. To defer, to be sure, will mean continued socio-economic and political impotence and dependency, and mendicancy for the city's black majority.

Now is the time to forswear fear, apathy and longstanding stultification.

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN "behind your back" it seems, as some folks pull the wool over others eyes.

THE MANY GRADUATIONS AT THE Civic Center are causing some trouble about photographs the parents want of their children receiving their precious diplomas.

WE RECEIVED complaints that a certain photographer said he has a CONTRACT and no one else can take photos. He charges the parents and makes a gob of money.

DR. JOHN CREW, superintendent told us Tuesday, "I will not have anyone spoiling our children's graduation. Not one soul has any such contract."

He called the Civic Center officials and was assured they gave no one permission to bar the children's photographers or parents' cameras.

DR. CREW said neither the School Board nor he has given anyone blanket permission and that anyone claiming to have a "contract" will have to answer to him.

WE TOLD Dr. Crew, "There's lots of needles in that haystack."

HE REPLIED, "I'll take care of the haystack."

THEREFORE — GRADUATES AND PARENTS GET THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO TRIES TO POSE AS A PHOTOGRAPHER "UNDER CONTRACT" AND LET DR. CREW KNOW.

TWO GRADS who received diplomas from Walbrook High Tuesday are the twin sons of Francis and Deiores Handy. The AFRO got the photo.

The youngsters, Quincy Von Handy and Quintin Ross Handy, age 18, proud as can be, are proud of their Mom, a senior teacher at MLK Elementary No. 254 and Dad, a Baltimore firefighter for 26 years.

QUINCY will enter Towson State and QUINTIN will attend Morgan U.

QUINCY was a three-year member of the Varsity wrestling team and lieutenant (JG) of the Naval Junior ROTC.

QUINTIN was an ensign of the Naval Junior ROTC, member of the Science Club, the Photography Club and two-year member of the Varsity Wrestling Team.

Prior to entrance at Walbrook, the twins attended Boys Latin School.

CONGRATULATIONS to the fine youngsters who have mighty fine parents.

CONGRATULATIONS also go to Dr. Flossie M. Dedmond, our AKA sister and fellow Dr. Lillie Carrol Jackson Museum Board member.

A longtime resident of Baltimore, Flossie has been appointed by Governor Hughes to the Appellate Judiciary Nominating Commission of 13 members, representing the various appellate circuits.

THE COMMISSION makes recommendations to the Governor for appointees to the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals.

ACTIVE in a number community, civic and national organizations, Dr. Dedmond is a member of the Advisory Board of the Maryland Food Committee; a board member of the Lillie Carrol Jackson Museum; vice-president of the Coppin State College Development Foundation; board member and officer of the Fourth Democratic Organization; board member of COPE-'83; national vice-president of the National Black Women's Political Leadership Caucus and national committee member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

CITY FAIR 1881

The Baltimore City Fair plans its 12th annual urban celebration, Sept. 18, 19, 20 at Inner Harbor North, on Piers 4, 5, 6, Market Place and Pratt between Gay and Falls.

THE FAIR will highlight the Neighborhoods and four stages of continuous entertainment, institutional exhibits, a myriad of foods, arts and crafts area and amusements.

Joan Mobley is chairman heading a steering Committee of nearly 100 volunteers. Some 3000 additional volunteers are sought to work on the event. For info or to volunteer, call City Fair office: 547-0015.

DUKE ELLINGTON Primary School, 790 W. North Ave., had the most exciting June Week ever from June 1. Awards Assembly thru June 2 Fashion Show; June 3 Bazaar; June 4 - Toronto Productions; June 5 - All Day students acting as staff.

CONGRATS to such an interested staff and faculty.

WAXTER CENTER COUNTRY FAIR

THE WAXTER CENTER for Senior Citizens will hold its second annual "Country Fair" in the Waxter Center Courtyard, 861 Park Ave., Thursday, June 11, 10:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Special attractions include the "Country Store," Games, Nearly New Items, Bake Sale competition, and the famous "Pafe" LA Frankfurter" hot dog stand for refreshments.

THE EVENT is open to the public free. The Country Fair is a project of the Creative Skills and Education Division. For info, call Edith B. Smith, 396-1328.

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD to hear from Michael Lee, 1928 U of Md. Law School grad, who tells me his brother, Franklin M. Lee, 25, passed the bar and was sworn in before the Court of Appeals of Maryland on May 21.

BOTH YOUNG LAWYERS are the sons of Thomas and Francis Lee.

Michael reveals his brother is to be married July 4 to Dr. Coleen Jude who is graduating May 29 from the U of Md. School of Medicine. The wedding will be at St. Katherine's Episcopal Church.

MEANTIME, Franklin is employed at the Federal Trade Commission in D.C. in the Enforcement Division and is flying all over the country getting corporations to comply with federal laws.

MICHAEL, now in the City Solicitor's office, is planning to go into private practice and will be in the office of Michael Mitchell downtown.

MICHAEL is president of the Northwest High School Alumni. Wednesday at 2 p.m. the Alumni donated some art to the Orphans Court where Judges Ben Foreman and Archie Williams are jurists.

For all we know

Too many needles in the haystack

PROUD GRADUATES — Quintin Ross Handy and Quincy Von Handy, twin sons and graduates of Walbrook High School are shown with their equally proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Dolores) Handy before they received their diplomas Tuesday night.

MARK GAIL PHOTO

A SPECIAL session was declared for the presentation and reception for seniors, artists Larry Ressin and Nathan Young.

BILLY GRAHAM

Dr. Billy Graham is recognized as the foremost evangelist in the history of the Christian Church.

The demands for his services are beyond comprehension.

He literally receives hundreds and sometimes thousands of invitations to speak each day.

FOR MORE than 10 years, the members of the Baltimore Breakfast Group have prayed that God would direct Dr. Graham to the Baltimore area. Success came.

He was the guest speaker this morning (Friday) at the Mayor's Breakfast.

THE BREAKFAST GROUP is an interdenominational fellowship composed of scores of men and women who believe in the power of prayer.

Each week the believers meet for a short period of Bible study and prayer.

The purpose is to discover biblical principles for living.

You are invited to attend the Baltimore Breakfast Group, held each Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is served promptly at 7:30 a.m., followed by a message from God's Word and short season of prayer.

DATE:
EACH FRIDAY MORNING
PLACE: MILLER'S BROTHERS RESTAURANT — DOWNTOWN HILTON HOTEL.
TIME: 7:30 A.M.
COST: $4.25 FOR BREAKFAST BUFFET.

DISGRACEFUL — It's being whispered that Nancy Raegan will take to London in July a wedding gift for Prince Charles and Lady Diana — a gift that will be the most talked about since the Wise Men showed up at the stable with Frankinsence, gold and Myrr.

The question is: How could she when USA citizens are in such great need of food, jobs and necessities of life. What a pity.

Nancy's going but Raegan isn't, they say, because his first visit abroad should NOT be for fun and games.

THOSE TWO could win a few friends (which they need) if they would refuse the wedding invite and say, "We'd rather stay home and save that money for our citizens."

HATS are said to be the fashion note of that wedding and there will be no mink. Mink capes and wraps are OUT and shawls are in.

That's one good thing. Toooooo many ladies have the exact same kind of weary mink dangling from their shoulders to the extent that it's tiresome. Looks like anybody can get a mink throw.

Tony Brown's Journal

Blacks & cancer: Part II

CANCER AND BLACKS

In part I of this two-part series, I discussed the impact of selenium, a trace mineral that some scientists claim can cut the risks of heart attack and arthritis, slow down the aging process and, most significantly, combat cancer.

Evidence of selenium's potential capabilities—which operates in conjunction with Vitamin E—are documented in such cases as an experiment which found that the breast cancer rate of American women is four to five times greater than that of Japanese women. In the Japanese diet selenium is plentiful, in the American diet, it is scarce.

However, selenium is not the cure-all for cancer, not to mention that excessive amounts are toxic. A proper intake and healthy diet are essential, as prescribed by Dr. Richard Schrauzer, conducter of the experiment on breast cancer.

Cancer is a "disease of civilization,"—the result of health-destroyed living, and, especially for blacks, poor early detection.

One of every four will develop cancer during his or her lifetime and one of every five will die from it. We also know that 95 percent of cancers are extrinsic, that is, not due to our inheritance or genes.

However, on first look at the statistics on the incidence of cancer among blacks compared to whites, it would appear otherwise. Twice as many blacks will die from major cancers as whites.

Analyzing the recent survey of urban black Americans conducted by the American Cancer Society, the program points out that six out of 10 regard a diagnosis of cancer as a death sentence although, in fact, the lives of 41 percent of all cancer patients are now being saved.

The study, however, uncovered a deeper and more disturbing finding; Urban blacks are unfamiliar with most of the early signs of cancer and tend not to seek early treatment.

A member of the national board of the American Cancer Society, Dr. Harold Freeman, who is director of surgery at Harlem Hospital, explains; "Black Americans underestimate the prevalence of cancer in general and are less likely than whites to think that they will get cancer.

"In other words, they don't trust the modalities that are used to treat cancer, such as surgery, radiation, chemotherapy.

"Blacks are less exposed than whites to cancer information. I believe this is a very critical point. Finally, lower income black Americans know less and do less about cancer."

Obviously, the more we know about this dreaded disease the better. In addition to chemical poisons in foods and processed foods, the cancer incidence is in direct proportion, studies show, to the amount of animal proteins, particularly meat, in the diet.

Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons and Navajo Indians, who eat little or no meat, have a small incidence of cancer."

Dr. William J. Visek, of Cornell University, says that the high-protein diet of Americans is linked to the high incidence of cancer in the U.S. because of ammonia, the carcinogenic by-product of meat digestion.

Moreover, in order for selenium to be effective as an anti-cancer agent, it must be taken along with necessary vitamins and minerals.

In addition to selenium, many biological and naturopathic doctors have suggested along with the elimination of carcinogens, such as smoking or inhaling another's smoke and chemicals in the air, water and food and a change in diet to remove all animal proteins, some raw goat's milk, raw egg yolks and soured milk products such as yogurt or acidophilus, a good source of "friendly" bacteria.

The best source for information of an anti-cancer diet is "Cancer, Causes, Prevention and Treatment" by Dr. Paavo Airola. The address; Health Plus Publishers, P.O. Box 22001, Phoenix, Arizona 85028.

More and more the American Cancer Society and informed scientists and medical doctors are stressing the individual's role and responsibility in preventing and curing cancer.

A good vitamin and mineral supplement with the following anticancer vitamins is advised: Vitamins C, A, B3, the B-complex, E. Choline and brewer's yeast, a wonder food which contains 40 percent quality protein, a source of the B-complex vitamins, organic iron and most minerals and trace elements.

Moreover, brewer's yeast gives improved resistance against cancer development and is one of the best sources of selenium, the important anti-cancer mineral.

What chemical drug could possibly top nature? That's why more than 75 million Americans now take vitamins and minerals.

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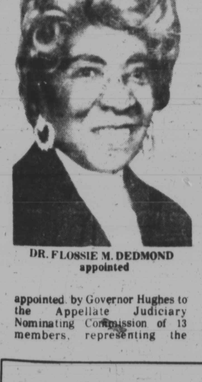

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Hill artist aims for big time

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"SO-REAL" ARTIST — Katibah Charelene Bridgeford displays one of her works, a full-sized portrait of singer Theodore Pendergrass.

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The recording artist smiled out from the picture, with a grin as warm as the luxuriant fur coat he was swathed in.

"It looks so real," said one of the reporters gathered around the picture. And indeed it did. Besides the life-like nature of Theodore Pendergrass' portrait, it was made even more graphic by the addition of real fur to form his coat.

The portrait is the creation of Katibah Charelene Bridgeford, a 25-year-old artist and model.

"I call my style iso-realism," she said softly. "I use gold, money, and even hair in my portraits."

She said that Pendergrass actually has an earlier painting of hers, and she plans on selling him her latest work. She has also been featured at recent exhibit at The Closet nightclub, and in July she will host a one-woman show at the Kromah galleries.

She has been at her craft since her childhood.

"I started when I was nine," she said, "because it was so interesting. It just attracted me." Her unique style was also cultivated during her youth. "I used to take a teddy bear's eyes and put them on a painting," she admitted.

The 1974 Walbrook High school graduate said that she has received no formal training, but she is in high demand in the area.

But art isn't her only interest. She is a model, and also a songwriter.