Kids Talk

Color Me winner

MONICA MASON, a fourth grade student at Shepherd Elementary School in Washington, D.C., won the Kids Talk Page "Color Me Family of Knowledge Contest." She received a book; "The Green Lion of Zion Street" by Julia Fields, "Children of Long Ago" by Leslie Jones Little, an assortment of summer toys (bubbles, magical sponges), and a subscription to the AFRO'S KIDS TALK PAGE.
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Scrabble

By Frances Murphy

For the Smart Kid — Find the Money

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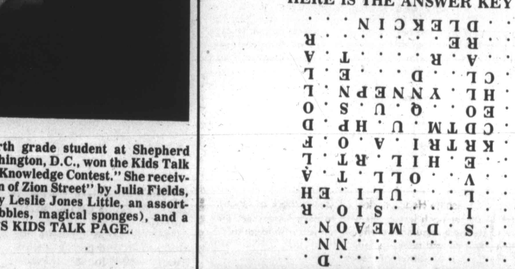

Do you know this person?

She is a rare and gifted educator who founded Westside Preparatory School in Chicago. Her students are black youngsters — fresh from the streets of one of the city's toughest neighborhoods.

She based her educational methods on her firm belief and philosophy that the development of character is the purpose of education. Literacy is paramount, she said. She also believes that children from one parent, welfare homes — like all other children — love to learn.

She bases her teaching on reading skills and she drills her students on vocabulary building and multiplication tables. She requires them to write a composition each day on a topic of her choosing. These methods are all served with heaping doses of teacher-student dialogue and LOVE.

She gained national visibility by being featured on the CBS television program "60 Minutes" and actress Cicely Tyson portrayed her in a TV movie.

Who is she?

Excerpted from Distinguished Black Women 1981-1985 by Black Women in Sisterhood for Action.

Marva Collins

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SOAP BOX
Sugar Ray and Me

By Shannon A. Williams

It was indeed a pleasure to find out that I was the recipient of the $1,000 Paul Robeson scholarship. I had not applied for the award — only a phone call telling me that I had been nominated .

The next day the winner was announced and it was me! I was ecstatic! It was to be presented at the Trans Africa Dinner and I was expected to give a few words.

I was even more surprised when I found out that Darryl Glover, the actor was to be the host and Sugar Ray Leonard, the boxer would be a guest.

When they introduced me I was extremely nervous. A brief biography was read as I looked at all of the people I'd just recently met. Just about everyone was brought around to talk to me and everyone showed a genuine interest in hearing what I had to say.

As I was about to speak someone came to the edge of the stage. It was Sugar Ray Leonard's spokesperson. He told the presenter that Leonard would be adding $1,000 to the scholarship. I was shocked, as was everyone else.

A moment later the man returned and the presenter said he had given the wrong amount. The correct figure was $5,000!

Shannon Williams

This was truly an exciting moment for me!

I was very happy to receive this scholarship which will further assist me in accomplishing my goals. In all, I have received $20,500 in scholarships: From Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,Inc.; $4,000, the Principal's Leadership Award for $1,000, the Prince Hall Masonic award of $4,000, the Council National Gas Scholarship of $1,000 and the Norfolk State Cluster gift of $4,000.

My goal is to attend Howard University to receive my BS degree in Accounting. After this, I plan to become an accountant in the private sector. I am also considering seeking a BS in aviation.

I was fortunate enough to be able to partcipate in numerous school activities while in high school and still maintain a 3.76 cumulative average.

Through such activities as DECA, Student Government, JROTC, Math and Foreign Language Clubs, Volleyball, Sigma Rho Upsilon, and Humanities Council, I have been privileged to meet many influential people who have taught me a lot.

I have developed leadership skills, responsibility, discipline, determination, self-esteem, self-confidence and motivation, that will help me accomplish any and everything I want out of life.

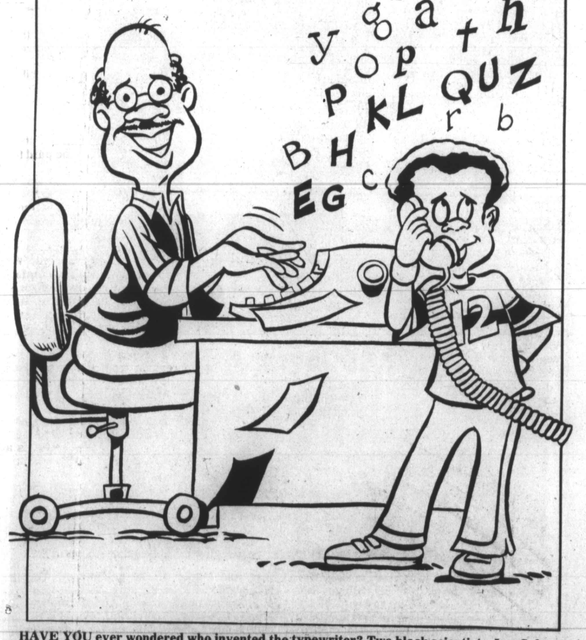
I am glad to have received a great deal from high school and my activities there, and I want to give something back.

To everyone who wants to succeed and achieve great things remember to do the best you can do in life and give the world you've got in you.

Finally, remember to believe in yourself and your capabilities. Good luck in the future.

Shannon Williams is currently employed as a business student trainee at the Army Laboratory Command in Aldelphi, MD.

Color Me



HAVE YOU ever wondered who invented the typewriter? Two black scientists, Lee S. burridge and Newman R. Marshman received the patent number 315,366 on April 7, 1885 for their invention of the type writing machine in New York City.

The standard piece of office equipment was the forerunner of the computer and word processing.

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IN THE STARS / STRICTLY PERSONAL

CANCER (June 21-July 21): According to your cosmic indicators, you should still be on a roll as a result of last week's momentum. Getting yourself, your career and personal life organized is now possible. Your only bumps through the journey of life this week is Sunday and Monday. Slow up a little. Keep your mind open to the highest and rewards will enfold you with the best.

LEO (July 22-August 20): Both Wednesday and Thursday are favorable for resolving outstanding matters and bringing excesses under control. From the looks of things, your weekend is free and clear for any plans you have in mind. Late Monday evening into Tuesday, however, suggests minor reversals or delays if you haven't planned well, so plan well!

VIRGO (August 21-September 21): Guess what? You're "Best Sign of the Week" this time around. Even if you stumble, you're likely to get up smelling like a rose. And because this is a time of opportunity, it would certainly be to your advantage to act with decisiveness. It's how well you plan that'll reap the results of your labors.

LIBRA (September 22-October 20): This entire cosmic period has not one stress day at all for you. Wednesday, but especially Sunday and Monday, should be fruitful and productive days concerning your reputation, getting deeper into your craft or profession and some possible financial gains. Use your time wisely.

SCORPIO (October 21-November 21): Once you get past Wednesday, your week will be pretty good, even though it's a week to work hard, plan well and have alternatives, if needed. Your most important days will probably be Thursday to Saturday, followed by Tuesday of next week. Gains can now be made in the way of needed changes in personal and business matters.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Compared to last week, this time around should be a cinch. Your best days to act with favorable results are Thursday to Saturday, followed by next Tuesday. Your only hurdle this week is Sunday and Monday, possibly regarding misunderstanding and mismanagement of financial matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Use this week for catching up on health matters, important interviews, and be careful of taking on more responsibility than you can possible handle. There is a period of minor stress indicated between Thursday and Saturday. But Wednesday followed by Sunday and Monday should make you want to start planning great things.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): This week is almost a repeat of the last one. Amazingly, just like before, Wednesday and Thursday of next week may test your nerves and patience with others. But it's a matter of attitude. Your favorable days are Sunday and Monday. These days are for making dreams real.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If ever there was a stressful period of an extreme nature, this week is certainly the one. Watch your step between Thursday and Saturday of this month. And if things don't go off as planned, try not to be too disappointed. Your time will come.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): This Wednesday is about the only half way decent day during this entire cosmic period, sorry to say. The next several days may see a lull in your affairs, so it's best not to expect much. Adverse conditions of an extremely stressful nature raises its ugly head on both Sunday and Monday. Make no commitments to anyone or anything during this time.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20): Stay alert against possible setbacks this Wednesday - and more so next Tuesday. These two days are definitely not in your best interest. But good news you should have chance to gain or make headway on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Use these good days to your best advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you feel yourself going into a slump on Wednesday evening, it won't be your imagination. Your planetary aspects are not at their best between Thursday through Saturday. Therefore, be sure to go through this 72-hour period with your eyes and ears open. Sunday and Monday may be your best shot of getting things underway.

Pen Pals

New Jersey man, 39, civil service emplcyee, looking for a lady, 35-50 from New Jersey area with no underage children for serious companionship. Must not be into running with a crowd and can be happy with one good man, enjoys being loved as well as giving love. No alcoholics or drug users. Serious replys only. Write to: J. McCray, Box 89, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

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Single, black male, 42, 6', 160 pounds, seeks correspondence from females of any race to establish relationship. For more, write to: Jay Edwards, 507 Burns Road, Knoxville, TN 37914.

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Very lonely black female, incarcerated, would like to correspond with sincere, intelligent male for possible lasting relationship. Krystal Cole, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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25-year-old incarcerated female would like to correspond with interested males, 28-50 for friendship. Ann Dawson, 20938, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

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Confined male seeks friendship through correspondence with interested females, 25-45. George Brown, 193-910, Post Office Box 7010, R.C.C., Chillicothe, OH 45601.

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Sensitive, lonely, incarcerated male, 24, seeks correspondence from interested females, 20-45. Tony T. Thomas, 200-469, Post Office Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Lonesome Hearts
Pen Pals
Searching

To have a notice published in the Strictly Personal section, write the message you want printed clearly in the space below. Enclose five dollars ($5.00), check or money order for 25-word notice. Additional words will cost 20 cents each.

I would like my Strictly Personal notice to read:

To answer a Lonesome Hearts notice, enclose a check or money order for $1.00 for each letter you wish to have forwarded. Be sure to include the box number of the person you wish to contact. All letters, queries and notices should be sent to:

Strictly Personal
Box 1857
Baltimore, Md. 21201

Lonesome Hearts

26-year-old single, understanding, open-minded female, childless would like to meet single male, 28-35 for mature dating and possible serious relationship. Not afraid of commitment. Make my day and write to CC 64.

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Attractive lady, 62, sincere would like to correspond and meet gentleman, 50-65 who drives. I'm a homeowner and interested in sharing our lives for more happiness. For more, write to CC 65.

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Black attractive Christian lady, 30, seeks caring, affectionate, honest gentleman, 30-45 of same descent for friendship and possible marriage. Can relocate. If possible, send phone number with first letter. CC 66.

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Overweight divorced, black male would like to meet full-figured "Amazon" type lady for fun and possible romance. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. For more, write to CC 67.

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Personable, brownskinned, middleaged lady, who lives in Maryland area, with positive attitude, desires to meet honest, sincere, respectable gentleman, 60-76 for compatible relationship. Absolutely no drug users. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. Write to CC 68.

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Handsome male, early 30's, administrative assistant, Department of Corrections, MD, would like to meet single, sincere, religious young lady, 18-36 for friendship. For more, write to CC 59.

53-year-old Christian, sincere lady, would like to meet interesting gentleman in late 50's who likes church and nice fun. Write to CC 60.

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Passionate male, 44, 6', would like to meet heavy-set, hippy lady, 36-46 who likes to be pampered. No phonies. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. CC 61.

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Lonely, caring lady, 60's, would like to meet lonely, caring gentleman, 65-70 for meaningful, sharing relationship and companionship. No drug or alcohol users. CC 62.

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Single, black gentleman, 38, 6'2'', sensitive and considerate, seeking very lonely, full-figured lady, 35-45 who weighs from 230 to 350 pounds, quiet person and living in Baltimore, MD area. For more, write to CC 63.

Tell it to Jan

If you have a problem you feel our counselor Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.
Write: Tell it to Jan, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Dear Jan:

I'm 38 and lucky enough to have met a wonderful man who wants to marry me. I have known him for nearly a year and have been very happy in his company.

During the last few weeks when he became convinced that I would marry him, I have been in a state of nerves at the idea of marrying and at this moment, I cannot see things clearly anymore.

All of my life I have had to work hard. I now have a job I love. I am unable to have children so work has become very necessary for me because I also help to support my father.

This guy is everything to me and everything a woman could want, but I dread private life and I am afraid I will not be able to make him happy. He is sure I can.

He also supports his father. We would be far from being well off, but I know we could sort this thing out if only I could relax and stop worrying.

He loves me very much and this has a heartening effect on me, but I suppose I am bound to go into things more deeply than if I were at the romantic age of 20.

I cannot bear to think that these apprehensive feelings of mine are a warning that I shall have to give him up and go back to the loneliness of my life before I met him.

I would rather hurt myself than hurt him for I realize that he depends on me for so much of his happiness.

Yet how can I know that I will not hurt him - that I will not be a disappointment to him later?

Do you think people grow on one another? Is love progressive? I know so little about emotions.

I am so happy when I am with him, but when he leaves, my nerves start up all over again and I cannot think straight.

Can you sort this out?

B. M. F.

Dear B. M. F.:

One of the strangest things about human nature is that we do not readily accept happiness.

When we see the possibility of having everything we ever wanted or dreamed of, it gives us an uneasy feeling.

We look for the snags. We believe that it can't last or that it will have to be paid for later with sorrow.

Few people can watch children playing at a high wild pitch of happiness without having the feeling that it will all end in tears.

Unhappiness seems to be much easier to accept. We slip into it far more comfortably, as if it were a normal state to be in. It fits so well that many people can never make the effort or struggle out of it.

I don't know what the reasons for this are - perhaps they have a lot to do with religion as well as well as psychology.

But we should recognize that this attitude to happiness exists. And I think this is a great part of what you are feeling.

It is equally natural to feel doubtful and panicky about any change in your way of life, particularly when it comes after 20 years of routine and loneliness.

It is, after all, a very big step to share your whole life with someone when you have never done so before, and there is no reason why any potential wife should feel that love will iron out all difficulties.

But it seems to me that you do have the qualities that will help to iron them out - and refreshing humility. I don't think I have ever before come across a girl or woman contemplating marriage who has consciously asked herself: "Will I be able to make him happy?" Most wonder, "Will I be happy with him .....?"

If you want so much to make him happy and are conscious that this is not an automatic result of marrying him, I cannot see how you can fail.

Yes, certainly people grow on you.

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Dear Jan:

I am 27 years old. I met this girl and I like her very much. I don't know how she feels about me,but I do think she likes me, too.

My problem - I am too shy to talk to her. Most of the time I can't find words to begin a conversation.

My friends don't understand my problem and wonder why I will not talk to her. I am scared to death.

The two of us had dinner with a few friends and I could hardly eat.

Jan, I love her and would like to show her. My shyness is killing me.

Shy

Dear Shy:

When a 27-year-old man is too shy to talk to his girl, he needs professional help. Talk with your doctor about your problem and he will take it from there.

I hope you don't lose your girl in the meantime.

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Dear Jan:

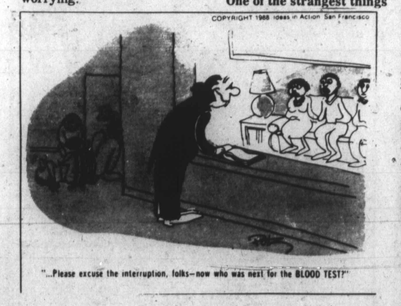
I'm living with a man who really turns me off. He eats like a horse and I really don't love him.

He is very good to me and I need help and money.

Maude

Dear Maude:

Why not get a job and become independent?



INTERESTING PEOPLE