Mildred Johnson Speaks

Mildred Johnson is coevaluating at her home. We ask you all to join us in praying for her quick recovery and we look forward to her return.

BAKER RECEIVES ROLE MODEL AWARD FROM NANBPW

New York City—Gwendolyn C. Baker, national executive director of the YWCA of the U.S.A., was a recent recipient of the 1992 Outstanding Women Award, the Model award given by the New York Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs.

Dr. Baker was one of 17 of New York’s most outstanding women from thephilanthropic, political, business and entertainment fields to receive the award. Other notables included New York City Mayor David Dinkins, actress Billy Holiday, Betty Allen, President of Harlem School for the Arts, and Rev. Patricia A. Rezzerg, executive director, Council of Churches of the City of New York.

Founded in 1935, the NANBPW has thousands of club members in the United States, Bermuda and Africa. The organizations work to improve the quality of life in their communities, to provide positive role models to young black women and to promote and protect the interests of black business and professional women. The organization enjoys observer status at the United Nations.

The YWCA of the U.S.A., founded in 1858, is a women’s membership organization dedicated to the elimination of racism and the empowerment of women. Currently, it serves over two million girls, women and their families through more than 2,600 YMCAs in 4,600 locations across the United States.

NATIONAL EASTER SEAL NEWS

There is a national search underway for persons with disabilities who are serving their communities.

Persons with disabilities who are active in their communities, or elected or appointed officials or members of community volunteer organizations are invited to participate in a special national project designed to help people with and without disabilities become involved in a “book to community” movement.

Potential participants are invited to send a brief biographical statement with current contact information to: Eileen Gordon, Sr. U.P., Corp. Communications, Nat. Easter Seal, 70 East Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60601. Please send information by June 15, 1992.

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“Happy customers from all walks of life.”

Smitteny recently remarried, wife, Marie, and they are working together to rebuild the business. Smitteny cooks and chats (the sage advice and unique culinary perspective can be as enjoyable as the meal itself). Marie Orchestrates the meals, and will take your money only after she’s sure you enjoyed the meal. All in all, it’s comfortable.

Will Smitteny have a place of his own or will you have to ask, “Where?” with the best known African American business and entertainment figure? He just smiles urbane and asks his head animal to look into the side like Ronnie Reagan said, “well now, I don’t know...”

If there’s a number one lesson in owning a business, it’s most likely that you have to have support. Support is a tall order to back Smitteny for, apparently he’s not given up on his dream, which includes rebuilding the business. The food is well prepared and well served. In fact, Smitteny sets the standards on his own wings -- the whole wing...

The program calls for Beefeater participation in festivals and events all over the country, markets through partnerships with African American community organizations. At each event Beefeater will be involved in flavor and entertainment ceremonies; showcase the “Art of Good Taste” premiere art collection, provide opportunities for consumers to purchase poster reproductions of the artwork and provide advertising support for events and special occasion advertising.

There is also a sales promotion aspect to the program, which will enable Smitteny to participate in the program with store displays, fulfillment of advertising and a variety of items inspired by the African American art.

“The Art of Good Taste” program is being specially commissioned for this event and will be created by celebrated artist, Calvin B. Jones of Chicago.
by Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

As I walk along the streets of this metropolis, I experience a flashback to the social climate of a mid-western city some twenty-four years ago. I was a newly recruited Peace Corps volunteer then. Filled with enthusiastic response to John F. Kennedy's challenge, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." After a day of training, a group of us would walk along the streets talking and socializing in groups of twos. We were a racially-mixed group. And frequently in those days we were assailed by the pro-families and racial slurs of white boys driving at high speeds along the boulevards. I shutter to think of those days, and it frightens me even more today to see the climate reverting to that of racial hostility and unrest.

The atmosphere and hatred which they create is injurious to our national unity. And the climate must be addressed by presidential leadership.

Presidents of the past confronted great issues and gave wise counsel to the people. Kennedy warned us that a nation divided against itself cannot stand. Franklin D. Roosevelt counseled us about the hazards of that fear can do to us. And Kennedy challenged us again, to put our country first, to honor the preservation of our union, the indivisibility of our nation was the first priority. We see now "one nation indivisible." This priority is crucial to America's existence and, in the late 1980's it must be repleted with the conviction and urgency that the present social climate demands.

The United States of America is a pluralistic nation in the sense that its citizens have made up of diverse racial, ethnic, and religious groups. Nothing will change that, no matter the resistance to it. But the concept of pluralism means something different as well. It means that while groups retain their cultural autonomies, they must cooperate and tolerate one another within the confines of a common civilization.

There are continuing hostility and hatreds and resentments are by their nature uncontrolled. And the climate makes a need for the demonstration of his understanding of the fears and frustrations associated with pluralism and the consequences of their rejection and the need to recommitment to national unity. The person who accedes to the office of president must demonstrate his understanding of the fears and frustrations associated with pluralism in our society. He must honestly acknowledge his understanding of the public, and avoid saying everything is all right when everything is clearly not all right. He must honestly apprise the people of the consequences of their irrational behavior and, with sensitivity to contemporary social dynamics, the need to rise out of the wisdom of the past and out of his knowledge of political leaders who have demonstrated the wisdom. He must be able to put the power of the great offices to bring harmony rather than perpetuate divisive- ness.

The social climate and unity of the nation rest upon a strong pluralistic society whose religious, ethnic, and social components are autonomous yet respectful of one another and contributing to the strength of our nation as a whole. A good president is one who preserves and secures the unity that a nation must have to exist as a unified nation. He accomplishes this not so much by physical force and might, as by the force of his morality, his reason, and his example. We need to think about this.

Dr. George L. Bennett is a writer and former educator with offices in Northern Virginia.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Governor Mario M. Cuomo has reintroduced its Conventional Rate Mortgage Program for first-time homebuyers who have limited funds for downpayment and closing costs. SONYMA's Conventional Rate Mortgage Program provides 98 percent financing for the purchase of one-to-four family dwellings, including cooperatives and condominiums, as little as two percent downpayment, plus standard closing costs, qualified borrowers can become homeowners. For further information and a brochure, call 741 Homebuyers can call 800-382-1964.
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• The Community Alcoholism Services, Future, provides individuals and families suffering from alcoholism and related problems with confidential outpatient treatment and support services.

• The Childhood Development Project Head Start PLUS Program provides comprehensive early childhood development services, and Day care services for children ranging in age from infant to twelve (12) years.

• The Comprehensive Employment Opportunity Support Center provides public assistance recipients with children under the age of 6 with comprehensive education, vocational and job placement services.

• The Community School Improvement Center assists parents of school-age children to develop skills that will enable them to become instrumental in their children's schooling.

• The Energy Conservation Program provides households with weatherization services and conservation education.

• The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program provides youth 16-21 years of age with opportunities to develop job skills through work experience.

• The Health Careers Opportunity Program provides Hispanic youth ages 14 to 16 with four days of basic remediation and 1 day per week of health careers exploration activities at local hospitals.

• The Health Training and Employment Program provides education and work experience as Home Health Aids and Nursing Assistants.

• The Home Energy Assistance Program provides households with emergency and basic grant assistance in combating high fuel bills.

• The Ontario County Community Action Program is a community partnership between ABC, Inc. and Ontario County working to ensure maximum long-term impact on the needs of the poor in Ontario County.

• The School to Employment Program provides high school drop-outs ages 16 to 21 with job readiness and placement services while preparing them to return to school or to obtain a GED.

• The Youth Work Skills Program assists out of school youth 16 to 21 years of age to improve their reading and math skills, job seeking capabilities and employability.

• Project Re-Direct provides youth between ages 16 and 23 with direct services to effect a positive change in the manner in which youth interact amongst each other, as a means of reducing violence.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Two additional programs have been added, Family Service Center and Youth Educational Project.

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

JAMES McCULLER LEFT US A GIFT. IF WE THAT SURVIVE HIM FAIL TO CARRY ON THE WORK THAT HE STARTED THEN WE ARE NOT SINCERE IN OUR LOVE FOR HIM. WE ARE NOT GRATEFUL FOR THE SACRIFICES HE MADE ON OUR BEHALF.

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THE ROYAL TREATY WITH PAUL C. WENDT
WE ARE FAMILY

BLACK FAMILY PLEDGE

Because we have forgotten our ancestors, our children no longer honor us.
Because we have lost the path our ancestors cleared kneeling in perilous underground, our children cannot find it.
Because we have banished the God of our ancestors, our children cannot be blessed.
Because the old ways of our ancestors, have faded before our hearing, our children cannot hear us crying.
Because we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and fathering, our most beloved children give birth to children they neither want nor understand.
Because we have forgotten how to love, the adversary is within our gates, and holds us up to the mirror of the world, shouting, regard the loveless.
Therefore, we pledge to bind ourselves to one another, to embrace our loveless,
To keep company with one another,
To educate our illiterates.
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LIFE IS PARENT: Welcome to the world of parenthood! Why didn't someone tell you there were going to be days when you would feel old before your time, tired before 11 a.m., and too upset to think straight.
Have you believed them, it they had?
The fact is, you're a parent now, and those children are yours. But are you alone? (Note: paren's feel the way you do, but things can get better.)
So, take a few moments, just for yourself, and learn how to make the rewards of parenting equal the demands.
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR KIDS:
One of the nicest things about being a parent is that you don't have to understand everything. The job, like the child, grows gradually, and you have to be on the job training.
BIRTH TO ONE YEAR: Learn the basics.
How do you bath a baby? Or change a diaper? You can learn! Read and talk to your parents and other parents.
School-Age: Recognize your interest. Check homework, talk about what is happening in school, ask their friends over, and find time to see your children's teachers occasionally.
COMMUNICATE. If there's a single golden rule for parents, it's this: Talk to your children. (And listen too.)
Assign kid-sized chores. Kids love to help. Just make sure the chores fit each child's capabilities. Nothing makes a child lose interest faster than having to do something too difficult, or too easy.
Adolescence: Refuse to get complicated. Part of growing up is acting like a total adult. Don't be afraid to say "no". Expect your teen to do this, and be prepared to comfort, reason with, and, on occasion, lock the other side.
Face the facts. Your teen will probably say "I know that" when you talk about the facts of life, but do it anyway. As a parent, you're the only one who can share the values that go with the facts.
Let your affection show. Cool the physical demonstration, especially when their friends are around, but make it loud and clear: You're happening.
Cut those apron strings. Old values, taught from the cradle, may fade away during the teen years, but they can be back again with ground up children you'll be proud to know. Trust you to learn to do it all the way.
Discipline. Nothing helps your survival as a parent more than discipline. But, to be effective, discipline must teach a child how to avoid repeating unacceptable behavior and what to do instead. It should also be given in dose that suit the age of the child, and the size of the error.
More Specifics.
Babies are never candidates for discipline, they're too little. Disciple sparingly. All children react better to approval and affection! Discipline only when reasonable expectations are not met. Define clearly, in advance, what you want them to do! Be consistent. Whatever style of discipline you choose, use it. It's true every situation, even in public, the grandparent's are visiting. Reuse expectations regarding discipline, there are no perfect children.
If your children are not meeting your expectations, the expectations probably need changing, not the children.
Discipline, rejection, withdrawal, or preferential treatment are the last thing a parent over another have no place in discipline.
For further information, contact your telephone directory for local health, mental health, social service, and children service agencies or call 1-800-345-KIDS.
MATILDA CUOMO was the mother of five, and great grandmother of five. Raising children is a challenging job that requires a vast amount of skill and patience. She says that all parents need assistance at one time or another.

NEW YORK'S WAITING CHILDREN

There are more than 1,000 children with special needs waiting for adoption in New York State. The children in the picture are currently in foster care and are in need of permanent, adoptive families. If you would like to know more about these children please call toll-free 1-800-345-KIDS.

"When I grow up I want to be a professional basketball player." -- Jim 15 yrs.
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ART OF SEED TASTING: continued from p. 1

Jones, a 1967 gradu- uate of the Institute of Chicago, has a named the late H. N. A. M. ART and his work is collected by serious art lovers nation- wide. The series of ten sepia draw- ings depicts themes which are unique to African American culture.

Prospects for reproductions of the signature art, entitled "The Life of a Pattern and Ritual," will be available at a limited edition print sale price of $20 each. There will also be available 23" x 17" limited sets of the total collection of seven prints. The auction artists are offered, on average, 150 tickets to every 23" x 17" posters, authen- ticated numerically and signed by the artist, will also be available at $500 per set. A major por- tion of the proceeds from the auction will go into a grant that will contribute annu- ally to community arts programs and minority scholar- ships in culinary sciences and retail business.

For more information about "The Art of Good Taste," contact Sharon Morgan or Morgan Group, the publica- tions agency that is handling the na- tional tour and prom- otional effort at (312) 854- 4684.

"Can we all get along?"

Rodney King

AFRICAN-AMERICANS NEEDED FOR GROWING HEALTHCARE PROFESSION

Rockville, MD— Facing the need for almost 15,000 more healthcare professionals by the year 2000 as well as increasing numbers of patients who are minorities, the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) is targeting African-American, Hispanic and other minorities in an effort to recruit more personnel.

Central to the campaign is the introduction of materials designed specifically for African Americans. American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) is targeting African-American, Hispanic and other minorities in an effort to recruit more personnel. This new professional perspective, written as a resource for students and practitioners, is designed to help minority practitioners more sensitive to black patients and their special concerns. "We don't need more minority practitioners to just help make non-minority practitioners more sensitive to black patients and their special concerns," said Cotton. "We need more minority practitioners to just help make non-minority practitioners more sensitive to black patients and their special concerns."

In addition, African American ther- apists are needed to help make non-minority practitioners more sensitive to black patients and their special concerns. "We don't need more minority practitioners to just help make non-minority practitioners more sensitive to black patients and their special concerns." Paul Cotton, President of the Black Occupational Therapy Caucus, said "The shortage of therapists and certified assistants currently about 25% and expected to increase as demand continues to grow is a serious problem. Jobs are readily available for everyone who is qualified. " According to statistics compiled by AOTA's Research and Information Department, graduates of accredited edu- cational programs are offered, on aver- age, four jobs each. Cotton said, "But there is another important reason for African Americans to choose an occupa- tional therapy career."

"We need more people of color in this profession! In particu- lar, Blacks are needed to help increase the number of American role models in the occupational therapy community. Role models are crucial not only for the successful recruitment of minority therapists, but also for the retention of minority therapists once they enter the field. Role models provide the support and encouragement necessary to suc- ceed.

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