Reality Cup Challenges Ryder Cup: Shine Spotlight On The 'real' Rochester

First Essence Music Festival: An Exercise In Love and Celebration And A Lot Of Music

News From South Africa

U.S. Investment Body Pledges $50 Million To South Africa

On June 27, a new U.S. investment body pledged to promote "safe investments" in southern Africa to fight poverty. Andrew Young, head of the $100 million Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund and former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., said despite bloody conflicts in the region as a whole.

"The purpose of the Reality Cup is to demonstrate that the problems of America and Rochester can no longer be ignored," said Minister Franklin Florence, pastor of Central Church of Christ, former president of the F.O.R.B.T. organization, and community activist.

Minister Florence was speaking to a crowd of over 100 people and most of Rochester's news media at a press conference recently at the House of Mercy, Hudson Ave.

The Ryder Cup, an international golf competition ranks in prestige, just hit the height of the Olympics.

"The Ryder Cup is expected to bring in 50 million dollars to Rochester. Local companies are purchasing seats on the golf course (Oak Hill) for $125,000 and some nearby homes are being rented for as much as $30,000 for the three-day event," Florence concluded.

During the real condition of Rochester, Florence said, "We rate 13 in the nation in child poverty. We are first in the nation in redlining. While the past 30 years has witnessed continued prosperity of the affluent white community, the suffering of those of color and lesser economic advantage has not only continued, but has increased over time at an alarming rate. Like other cities, we are two communities, one will be shown, one will be forgotten."

Organizations, leaders and national personalities, from as far away as Los Angeles and as close as Washington, DC have pledged their support and are expected to come to Rochester to participate in the upcoming activities.

"This is not a demonstration of disruption, but one of inclusivity," said Florence. "We will put a spotlight on the plight of people in this community and across the nation... It's obscene that all of the wealth in this community and our problems are going begging. We're asking for a place at the table to make changes in our lives.

Seventy million people questioned Minister Florence as to specificity of planned events Florence's responded, "Why would I tell this on TV?

There will be a meeting on July 23, 7 pm, at New Bethel Church, 2711 Street and a huge rally will be held in August.

When asked by a media reporter, "Who came up with the Reality Cup?, Minister Florence responded, "Why would I tell this on TV?"

For further information call the Reality Cup Committee at 544-1537.

David "Fathead" Newman

Time Warner American MusicFest Will Rock Downtown Rochester—Story and Photos by Jim Allen

Two of jazz's most accomplished musicians, pianist Marcus Roberts and multi-saxophonist Dave "Fathead" Newman, are scheduled to appear at Rochester's first Time Warner American MusicFest.

The event will be held at Brown Square Park on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23. From 11 am-9 pm. Other headline performers will include Roberta Flack, the Staple Singers, the Clamsall Trio, the Nightbirds, Rosie Havens, Seno Del Solar, Nathan and the Zydeco: Cha-Cha- Cha-Cha, and several local groups.

Roberts, who was the pianist for Wynton Marsalis' group for five years, is one of the leading exponents of his instrument.

During the 1992 Jazz Festival in New York City last month, Roberts paid a musical tribute to the late George Germswin. He played along with a 40-piece ensemble.

The renowned pianist composer who has also harmonized himself with the works of Ellington, Monk, and others is fast approaching legendary stature himself. He has played or recorded with some of the most celebrated names in the business.

Renowned for his long association with the Ray Charles band, "Fathead" Newman was nominated for a Grammy in 1990. This homecoming is a result of his work with Dr. John and the late great Art Blakey.

The musical project was entiled BlacktoTriangl

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Angeles Times wrote recently "Aftersixmonths, the NicoleBrown--Happy Birthday Miss Lena, (my granddaughter). She'llbe two--Remember when carshad that little pie-wedge shaped sidewindow--You ah, don't have to ah, ah, be able to ah, ah, talk in order to be ah, ah,ly on you? It kept your hairdo intact. Wish they'd bring them back. which, when open just a crack, deflected the wind from blowing directly--It's obscene that a movie star can make $20 million, just to act in a movie.--This falls under the Is Anyone Surprised? category: The Los--It's our individual and collective responsibility to support our Black businesses. Their successes make our communities stronger and more viable. Their successes assist us in developing our collective--Absence really does make the heart grow fonder!"
Letters to the VOICE:

Dear Ms. Howard,

Before the battle of the budget was fully over, local officials from July 19, 1995 budget. Most have admitted that, even if they are able to raise these taxes on utilities to replace the revenue they will lose under Pataki's taxes, they will still be forced to raise local property taxes. All of these taxes, especially the property tax, hit middle-class families the hardest.

The Republican state budget, which George Pataki is touting as the first state budget to reduce expenditures in his lifetime, does not do so. He is citing only the General Fund, which is only one of four different budget funds. The truth is that the total pot of state dollars to be doled out will actually increase by about 2.4%, or $1 billion over last year.

Pataki's original budget would have delivered over 60% of any tax cuts to people making under $50,000. Thanks to Speaker Sheldon Silver and Democrats in the Assembly and State Senate, a greater proportion of those tax breaks has been redirected to people making $50,000 and less. The Democrats also restored the Home Health Care program for the elderly, and cut by half Pataki's cut to the elderly.

The battle of the budget is over for this year. And while we would all welcome tax cuts and reduced spending, the deficit that has been built into future state budgets does not bode well for the hard working men and women of New York State.

Sincerely, Judith Hope, State Chair
New York State Democratic Committee
60 E. 42nd Street, New York, NY 10165

Dear Mr. Blackman,

I read your Commentary in the May 24, 1995 edition of The Frederick Douglass Voice with great interest and agreement. There were two additions that would be welcome. First would be your analysis of the situation presented by George Pataki in the state's system. The second would be recognition that we all need to stand together - black, Latino, white, Asian-American, Native American. All of us can make a world in which all people are able to develop their humanity with a decent standard of living in a healthy natural world. There are powerful interests that are always trying to divide us and there are powerful movements that are always trying to bring people together, regardless of race, gender, national, or whatever divisions can be exploited to keep us divided and controllable. Unfortuna
tely human nature is such that we do have a tendency to in-group/out-group exclusions.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the June 12 Policy Alert, Welfare Update, from the Center for Community Change. Thanks again for your valuable insight into the welfare system in the United States.

Sincerely,
Richard Trowbridge
Grant Information Coordinator
Spanish Action Coalition Inc.
933 N. Clinton Avenue
Rochester, New York 14621

AL-ISLAM IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Peace be on you (As-Salama-Alaykum):

My name is Yusuf Sharif (Islamic Religious Leader) from the Islamic Dawah Community Center. I'd first like to thank the editor for this opportunity to share our beliefs and solutions with the community of Rochester through this prestigious newspaper called the Frederick Douglass Voice.

I believe AL-ISLAM (Islam) is a religion in Rochester among African American Muslims is always being “mis-understood.” AL-Islam is based on five pillars or principals. The first being SHAHADAH, second SALAT (Prayer), third ZAKAH (Charity), fourth SAJJAM (fasting in the month of Ramadan) and fifth, a pilgrimage to Mecca once in our life. Many people believe "Universal Religion" to Blackmen or Racism and Terrorism! That is NOT true at all! Islam is about Peace and Submission to God (ALLAH) our creator. As Muslims believe that ALLAH is the creator of the world, all the families, and our cultural family, to know our history, where we come from, what we are and where we are going and what it is going to take us to get there. This is my way of life. All Islam can be and is, accepted by all people and all mores in Rochester and throughout the world.

Our Holy Book (QURAN) teaches about many beliefs and values, such as family life. Our religion stresses having “Toughness in the family”! The Quran says Allah "has created male and female, his mate, to unite in love and peace together.” I believe that is an instruction from God for husbands and wives to be peaceful toward each other and their offspring (children). Many families among African Americans are divorced and always in the courts for divorce. Or the women are calling 911 on the husbands for being abusive. These are problems of reality that have to be dealt with. I believe that if these social ills were less promoted through TV, movies and some newspapers, most people would not be influenced by these family ills.

Also, if these individuals who are guilty of these immoral behaviors learn to respect each other and to respect what God wants from them, I guarantee these problems will slowly dissolve. PUT GOD FIRST! Muslims do not have the privilege to say that God wants from us, I guarantee these problems will slowly dissolve. PUT GOD FIRST! Muslims do not have the privilege to say that God wants from us.

As a child of God, this teaching teaches us to love one another and to understand our culture.

Yours sincerely,

Yusuf Sharif, Imam
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No. There is too much doubt.

The time of death has never been established. O.J. doesn’t fit. O.J.’s alibi seems solid, despite the media digging deep. And, the times involved are solid and unstructured. We have yet to see the film in which O.J. at the time of death on the lawn of his home. It didn’t burn that at the same time.

Get busy, if you agree with me.

Rev. Dr. Douglass needs to take office with some respect in numbers. Don’t just stay home and assume he will win. I can’t vote for him, but if you live in the 25th District, you can. Give him the respect of some numbers.

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Artpark Holds Auditions for Play

Artpark will hold auditions on August 4 at the Artpark Theater, foot of South Fourth Street in Lewiston, for its fall production of Beehive. This production will be on stage at the Pfeifer Theatre in Buffalo October 10 through November 18 in matinee and evening performances.

Appointments for auditions are required and can be made from July 27 through August 3 only by calling Kerry at 784-9000 ext. 264, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Those interested in auditioning must be available on August 4 for both singing auditions from 10 am to 1 pm and dancing auditions from 3-5 pm. Roles are available for females over 18 years of age only. Artpark is looking to cast six roles with women of various ethnic backgrounds. All those auditioning should be prepared to sing one 1960s Rock 'n' Roll song and provide sheet music for the accompanist. Callbacks will be held the same day.

Beehive chronicles popular songs of the girl groups and prominent female singers of the 60s including The Andrews Sisters, The Shirelles, Brenda Lee, The Supremes, Lindsy Gorr, Tina Turner, Jana Joplin, Aretha Franklin and more. Originally created in New York City by Larry Gallagher, Beehive opened off-of-Broadway in 1966 at the Village Gate and has played for years worldwide to sold-out audiences.

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District 1199 Has New Location

The Rochester Health Care Employees Union Office has relocated. The new address is 46 Prince St., Rochester 14607. The telephone number remains the same, 244-0830.

Red Cross Holds Open House

The American Red Cross will host an Open House targeting the African-American and Latino communities on Wednesday, July 26 from 3:30-5:30 pm, at 75 College Avenue.

The Open House is intended to strengthen the ties between the two communities, and to educate them about Red Cross programs, services and volunteer opportunities.

There will be presentations and demonstrations, and informational literature will be distributed. Lots of hands-on and visual information will be available.

Refreshments will be served. Please call Shirley Thompson at 226-1252.

Franklin Alumni Search Continues

Members of the Benjamin Franklin Class of 1975 are being sought to participate in 20-year reunion events.

For more information send inquiries to Benjamin Franklin 1975 Class Reunion, 7654 S. Paxton Ave., Chicago, IL 60649 or fax to (312) 221-4491.

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**Exhibit of HIV/AIDS**

Explore Youthful Action Front Center are holding an exhibition by youth which focuses on youthful perceptions of HIV/AIDS.

**Rochester Choir Union Hosts Full Gospel Event**

Celebrate the power and tradition of Black Gospel music with "Remembering the Inner City," a full gospel fundraising event, hosted by the Rochester Choir Union.

The concert will be held at the Restoration Center Church of God, 595 Frost Ave. on Saturday, August 19 at 7 pm, is free and open to the public.

The Union will also hold a workshop for their choir members only on Friday, August 18. Along with fellowshipping, the workshop will include music instruction and new singing techniques from Choir Director Brother William Ellis.

The choir ensemble will bring together 150-200 voices of members from all over western New York. For more information call 637-3984 or 654-9045.

**The Carifest '95 Extravaganza**

This year's Caribbean celebration, Carifest '95, will be held at the Downtown Festival Tent, Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12.

Featuring will be One Drop, the Trinidad & Tobago Steel Orchestra, and Harmony Uprising Steel Band from New York City.

The hours on Friday are from 2 pm to 5 pm and Saturday from 11:30 pm to 3:30 am at the Downtown Festival Tent. On Saturday, the Carifest Parade starts at Liberty Pole Way at 11 am. Tent admission for both days is $5.

Tickets are available at the Museum Shop or by calling 271-5361 ext 218.

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Golfers will enjoy 18 challenging holes of golf, with 4 person scramble. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.

Dinner and awards follow the tournament at approximately 4:30 pm.

Proceeds from the tournament provide scholarships to local high school students who will be attending college.

This year the Association awarded 31 scholarships totaling $3,000. Their goal is not only increase the dollar amount of the scholarships, but to increase the number of local students awarded a BBA Scholarship as well.

Call Lisa Alaimo at 454-2220 if you would like to play in the tournament, deadlines is August 14, also if you are interested in advertising in the Tournament Program Book, the deadline is August 1.

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Simeon Banister

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) announced that Simeon Banister has been named an All-American Scholar. The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who exceed in the academic disciplines. All-American Scholar Awards must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Simeon Banister, who attends Frederick Douglass Middle School, was nominated for this award by the Frederick Douglass English Department. Simeon will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published by the USAA.

"Recognizing and supporting outstanding youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Award should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Exec. Dir. of the USAA.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendations of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students are recognized by the USAA for other honors. Simeon is the son of Thomas and Sadie Banister. His grandparents are Thomas and Sadie Banister (deceased) and Iris and Mable Sulcer of Oklahoma City, OK.

Simeon says, "This award is important to me because it tells me that I am on the course that I have chosen for myself. I am in pursuit of excellence in my studies, my experiences, and my living. I want the integrity of my life to reflect the excellent greatness of my achievements. I thank God for the pattern and path that my forefathers made for me and my generation." There is no telling the great things I can do with the USAA.

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Simeon is a young man who knows who he is and what he is capable of to miss any of the entertainers. But it was a great evening, a very nice event.

This was the couple's first visit to New Orleans. "We were excited to take in some of the seminars," Jenkins said, "but we also wanted to see New Orleans too."

All in all, it was a wonderful experience. Everyone who attended; entertainers and spectator; is looking forward to partying again next year.

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—Emerson, Self-Reliance

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Simeon Banister Receives USAA All-American Scholar Award

The Voice is looking for young writers and reporters to write on subjects of interest to Rochester's youth.

If you have an interest in working with the newspaper, please give us a call at 234-8544.

Women Voters Have New Goal

A "new politics" based on the ideals of individual voters and aimed at eliminating negative campaigning makes the League of Women Voters (LWV). The League is asking voters if they are frustrated with the political campaigns are negative, a significant percentage of voters don't bother to vote, a general distrust of elected officials limits their ability to function, and a sense of frustration with government correlates; and other qualified sponsors are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

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Rich Array of Local and Regional Artist to Perform at MusicFest

Twenty-six favorite local and regional groups will join the star-studded line-up of nationally acclaimed music stars at the Time Warner American Music Festival.

The groups represent a broad spectrum of American music from folk to blues, old-time country to R&B, and Dixieland to Gospel. There will also be a heavy concentration of jazz artists performing at the four festival stages.

Local favorite jazz groups include Terrace Bruce +3, Chet Catallo and the Cats, Sonny Miles and Smiles, the John Nygerges Quartet, the Rochester All-Stars, and the Hochstein Jazz Quartet.

Nancy Kelly and the Phil Freeman Quartet will deliver jazz vocals. The Smootown Stompers and The Beatles Bandwagon will play Douxland favorites. Paradigm Shift will perform its version of jazz and contemporary pop.

Blues also will be prevalent at the Music Fest. The John Coles Blues Band will play straight blues, The Coop will perform contemporary blues, and Joan Burton will perform a combination of folk, rock and blues.

Big bands include the swing leader Gaterswingers, the contemporary blues Gap Mangione Big Band and the Flower City Concert Band performing popular marching and show tunes.

Nationally known countrywestern vocalist Jessie Waverell and the Rosewood Band will cover the country music and bluegrass front.

In addition there will be a wide variety of other music styles represented. The Orquesta Antoñetti and Los Bravos del Merengue will play Latin jazz. Big Roots will do reggae.

Arpegio will perform its own jazz style of Puerto Rican Jibano music.

The Combattals Ceili Band will play Irish folk music, and the Mark Hamilton Group will perform folk dance music.

The Brown Brothers gospel group rounds out the line-up of local performances.

Leading national artists performing on Saturday, July 22, include famed roadhouse rockers Johnny Shines and Delbert McClintock, America's premiere gospel R&B family.

The Staple Singers, legendary jazz vocalist Herbie Mann — known for his versatile talent and deep, soulful voice — and vocal band David "Fathead" Newman, the veteran bandleader of the Umbrellaphone, will also appear.

The party continues all weekend at the festival site at Brown Square Park. Mayor William Johnson, who himself is a jazz enthusiast and had the original idea for a city-sponsored music festival, will hold a special ceremony.

Tickets for the music starts with a free pops concert by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. After the concert, the City of Rochester will present the annual Aronson Phugge Jazz Quartet in a free performance of the New Orleans Jazz Festival at The Center At High Falls. The crowd is expected to grow.

Tickets for the MusicFest are available at Ticket Express and TicketMaster. To charge tickets, call (716) 232-9171. Admission is $10 a day in advance, $15 per day at the weekend of the festival. Children under 12 will be admitted for $2, and all children under 12 are free.

The Time Warner American Music Festival is sponsored by the City of Rochester, and sponsored by Time Warner Communications and Time Warner Cellular. Festival producers are Carl Anderson and John Schenck, directors of Rochester Festival Associates. Kevin Davis, executive producer of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, serves as festival consultant.

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**HEALTH ALERT**

**HYPERTENSION, THE SILENT KILLER**

-Education Campaign to be Launched by Black Health Professionals and Bayer Corporation

The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), in partnership with Bayer Corporation, have announced a nationwide educational campaign to educate African Americans about hypertension and low cost alternatives for treatment.

Entitled "Bring It On Down!," Affordable Alternatives for High Blood Pressure Treatment ("Bring It On Down!" national education campaign encourages African Americans to learn how to prevent and control high blood pressure, and investigate low-cost alternatives for treatment with their doctors.

"The more people know about high blood pressure, the more people are aware of another silent killer," said Linda Burnes Bolton, president of the NBNA.

"High blood pressure afflicts eight million, or one in four, African Americans. Approximately 80% of African Americans over 65 have high blood pressure, also known as the "silent killer" because its warning signs appear long before death may become serious.

Younger African Americans also are at risk: hypertension is two times more prevalent in African Americans as males ages 35-44 than white males of the same age group.

More than three times as many African American women as white women ages 55-64 have the disease.

Hypertension make as a result, 15.5 times higher than it did white people.

"Multiple complications are common among people with hypertension, including this group's higher incidence of stroke, diabetes, obesity, high salt diet and substance abuse.

"Hypertension is also less likely to be treated thus severely, usually not sufficiently or adequately treated, and treated in a timely manner, which can result in serious complications and even death.

"The seriousness of this problem and high medical expenses associated with not taking your medication can all be avoided if patients could simply afford their medication in the first place.

Cost should not be a barrier to good health, especially for chronic conditions like hypertension," said Neil B. Shulman, M.D., associate professor, Henry P. Decker Medical School, co-author of "The Black Man's Guide to Good Health." (Berkeley Publishing Group Inc., 1994). "We are calling on health care providers to promote patient adherence to hypertension treatment and compliance."
Sexual Harassment On The Job

Over the past several years, sexual harassment litigation has been on the rise. These claims were made more popular as a result of the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill showdown during Thomas' confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court Justice. While these claims may be brought by men or women, the large majority are brought by women.

Sexual harassment consists of two basic types. In Quid Pro Quo, the employer is required to provide sexual favors in exchange for some job benefit. Such benefits may include job promotion, additional vacation, preferred employee alleges continual harassment arising from having sexual favors in exchange for some job benefit. Such benefits are brought by men or women, the large majority are brought by women.

Sexual harassment claims may be brought in state or federal court, or before the designated state or federal administrative agencies. In New York State, an employer may bring a sexual harassment claim before the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR), the agency designated to enforce New York laws against employment discrimination.

One reservation about bringing a claim before the NYSDHR is that the fact it may be as long as six years before it is resolved. If the employee chooses to bring an action in state court, she has up to three years to do so.

The employee has the right to file in federal court. Before commencing a federal court action however, the employee must have filed a claim with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). This claim must be filed within 30 days of the alleged incident.

If a claim is filed with the EEOC, the employee may later request a right-to-know notice from the agency giving the employee the right to file an action in federal court. To preserve the right to file a claim in federal court, an employee who files a claim with the NYSDHR, should request that the Agency, which will obligate, to also file with the EEOC.

If the employee proves that the harassment took place, the court and the NYSDHR have the authority to award damages against the employer. If the harassment led to termination or to a demotion, the employee is entitled to reinstatement to her former position, and back pay and lost benefits for the entire time that she was out of the position.

The employee is also entitled to compensatory (pain and suffering) damages and punitive damages (which punish the employer for permitting the conduct). Attorney’s fees and litigation costs are also recoverable.

If a charge of sexual harassment is contemplated, be aware of the very short time in which to bring the claim, especially if you plan to go into federal court, where most of these types of cases handled by attorneys are handled.

Early consultation with competent legal counsel in this area will enable you to determine whether you have a valid claim and the extent of your recoverable damages.

Tim Reid, an attorney engaged in the private practice of law with the law firm of Brown & Hutchinson, representing both businesses and individuals. For consultation or to obtain a referral, call (716) 454-5500.

Community Vigil Against Violence by Tim Reid

"Let peace begin with me" was the theme for the candlelight vigil held at 7 pm, Wednesday July 12. The Urban League of Rochester, Families and Friends of Murdered Children and Action For A Better Community, sponsored the program which was held at the Sawyer Street home of Elder Ota and Katie Potter, parents of one of the victims. The vigil was held to memorialize the violent deaths of seven young people: Darryl Potter, 21; Dorian Prescott, 22; Rodger Breedlove, 34; Ronald McKnight, 38; Tyshawn Flugler, 15; Vanthny Khomhuy, 34, and Allison Smith, 25.

Family, friends and concerned residents came out to show support and to take a stand against violence. The group, all carrying lit candles, marched from Sawyer Street to Millbank Street, down to Genesee Street and returned to the Sawyer Street home. Tribute songs, personal testimonies and remarks from clergy and the police, set the tone for the vigil.

Captain Fred Bell of the Rochester Police Department said, "I'm tired of coming to these programs and I don't want to get back to our roots if we're going to win this war on the streets. We must respect each other and resolve out differences by talking it out, instead of shoot- ing it out."

All too often we hear of these shootings, these robberies in our neighborhoods, but we really can't understand the violence until it touches us personally. Shirley Roberts understands it personally. Her brother, 38 year old Ronald McKnight was murdered while home was being vandalized. "The vigil can make the community aware of the problem of violence on our streets. The community must get involved to eliminate the deaths of innocent people," she said.

Violence is a never-ending daily problem. The only way to stop it is to fight it. We, as a people, must respect one another and take responsibility collectively for the conditions that exist in our neighborhoods. Once we "get back to our roots," and begin to respect and appreciate the significance and value of a human life, maybe can
delit vigils will be a thing of the past.

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- Does the design enhance my face? (Don’t be fooled by pretty trimmings—remember, look at the overall design and whether it flatters your facial features and your appearance as a whole.)
- How does it look in relation to my height and proportions?
- How much of my wardrobe—including shoes, bags, and other accessories—will it go with? Does it suit my lifestyle? My image of myself?
- How does it interact with what I’m wearing? Does it enhance it, do nothing for it, or work against it?
- If I like that hat, but not the way it looks with what I’m wearing, would a different outfit show the hat to a better advantage? (For example, would a more open or revealing collar allow it to "breathe" in a way a turtleneck won’t? Would a hat that appears dramatic with large ears somehow suit my face? (Don’t be fooled by pretty trimmings—remember, look at the overall design and whether it flatters your facial features and your appearance as a whole.)
- How does it evolve with the staff is paid to advise you as well as to take your money.
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In his years on death row in Pennsylvania, Mumia Abu-Jamal has refused to be silenced. His political analysis and commentaries have been published in a new book, Live From Death Row. But on June 2 this year, the Governor of Pennsylvania signed Jamal’s death warrant. If nothing is done to halt this legal process, Jamal will be executed on August 17, 1995.

We take a stand for justice in the struggle to stop the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal. We urge all persons to contact the Governor of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania legislature to halt this legal process.

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Mumia Abu-Jamal at AKA Math & Science Awareness Week in November and be featured on the cover of AKA's magazine.

Michigan had the largest number of winners, with six; South Carolina had five; Georgia and Illinois each had four; Florida, Missouri, and Oklahoma each had three; California, Louisiana, New York, and Texas each had two, and Arkansas, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, and New Jersey each had one.

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**How Much Insurance Do You Need?**

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Did you hear the story about the man who walked into the candy store and said, "I want to buy a jellybean!" When the proprietor excitedly asked him how many jellybeans he wanted, the man said, "Just one." He then paid for it and walked out.

"It's amazing," said the proprietor. "Everyone who walks into the store wants to guess how many jellybeans are in the jar, but no one has ever come close."

"I know," said the man. "Who would believe that a jar this small could hold...how many beans?"

Twelve thousand, four-hundred and fifty," said the proprietor. "That's right," said the man. "There are 12,450 jelly beans in the jar."

"You've just won the candy store and won a bean!"

There are 12,450 jellybeans in the jar. How many would you like? How many do you need in retirement? How much money will Uncle Sam demand? How much will today's money be worth tomorrow? How much insurance does your agent have? Will your children be able to afford to pay for your funeral? Do you know how much insurance fits your needs?

Make your agent ask you the following questions. You're the only one who has the answers. If you're getting numbers thrown at you by someone who hasn't asked much more than "Do you want term insurance?" "What's your phone number?" it would be wise to show that person the door. A reputable, experienced and knowledgeable agent will insist on spending quality time with you, gathering all the information you can provide. Here is your assessment of your needs.

In the insurance business, such assessment is critical management. Each person's goals and comfort levels are as different as people themselves. Avoid like the plague the agent who has a stock answer for everyone.

"What's a product that people buy?" he might ask. "You are unique and your insurance coverage should be too.

Here are some questions you should ask your agent before deciding how much insurance is enough:

- How much do you have?
- Should your children be able to afford to pay for your funeral?
- How much will you need to help fund your retirement?

And you'd be interested. Or, perhaps you have so much money that it doesn't matter how much of your estate is taxed when you pass on to the great beyond. But most of us do care about estate taxes, and we do want to help your survivors.

Now come the big finale. A reputable agent has asked you all the right questions. Perhaps you included a question or two yourself. You have taken your time to come up with reasonable, thought-out answers. And that answer is...

Like the propertor and the jellybean contest, only you have that definitive answer to give. It's your life, your family's financial future. Your answer—and the needs that led you to it—are unique. Only the questions remain the same.

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**CHICAGO, IL—"The creative person is at the heart of a society's capacity to improve the human condition," said Adolph Simons, MacArthur Foundation president.**

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Boxing

The game is back in Rochester and Charles "The Natural" Murray (34-3) is the reason why. He defeated Fitzroy "The Whip" Vanderpoel (11-3) Saturday night at the War Memorial. Murray was on a roll to regain the NABF title with a match against current champion Reggie Green who defeated Jose Fernandez on the same card.

Murray was too slick and too fast for Vanderpoel who could not stand up to the barrage of punch-es that finally plummeted him against the ropes before finally losing the canvas. Charles saw that his opponent was hurt and the killer instinct to finish him showed championship form.

Murray's friend, who is also a Rochester favorite, Robert "Pushup" Frazier (6-6) was taken to the limit and knocked down for the first time in his pro career by Derrick Coleman of Detroit. But Pushup was able to get up and pull out the victory.

The ingredients are there and Rochester fight fans are hungry for frequent matches at the War Memorial or, if the weather cooperates, Silver Stadium.

Basketball

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by Jermaine Jackson

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Gives you comfort and security
And boisterousness and scrutiny.

The Soul of a Man
Gives him true dedication
Gives him true aspiration
Gives him true education.

It is the root of his drive
Towards excellence and superiority
It is a strong protective shield
Against vulnerability and inferiority.

It gives him true love
In the sense of liberty
It gives him true pride
In the sense of dignity.

It gives him true honor
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The Soul of a Man
Gives him true sanity
In a world gone mad
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The Anti-Review

by Mumia Abu-Jamal © 1995

It's been several months now since the book, Live from Death Row has been released. The book, published by Addison-Wesley, is a pocket-sized compilation of my prison writings.

To this date (with the exception of Prison Life magazine) it has never been reviewed.

"You're wrong," some will thunder.

"I saw it done in the Inquirer, the Poet," another will point out.

But I would calmly, pointlessly disagree.

"Read it again," I would urge the disbelievers, and they would find they are re-reading something else; something called an anticipation.

These anti-reviews feature charges and counter-charges from both sides of the controversy of my so-called "trial"—but not the book.

And this is not by accident.

The forces in this country that publish big city newspapers are those who labor to shape "public opinion," they are corporate, big money backers of the status quo.

Every so often they take a politician to task, for being drunk in public, or for stealing money last time you read of them challenging, not a politician, but the public system. Think about it. It ain't in the interest of this forces that publish big city newspapers to publish a book, which is full of truth, they suck.

So rather than challenge the book, which is full of truth, they attack the writer, on a false premise: "A criminal profiting from crime!" A lie, if there ever was one, but coldly calculated to sell newspapers—while ignoring the book.

Within it, you will find, not only that the big media blatantly lied about it, but you will have to wonder: "How come I've never read about this kind of stuff in my paper?" (especially for those who do this column).

It ain't in the interest of this period.

For writing Live from Death Row I've been convicted by the prison system of "engaging in a business or profession of journalism in a way, that's their review."

Prisoners like John Bunyan wrote Pilgrim's Progress; Oscar Wilde wrote Ballad of Reading Gaol; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote Letters from a Birmingham Jail; Alexander Berkman wrote Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist; Death Row's Caryl Chessman wrote Cell 2455, Death Row; and Bobby Sands wrote Hunger. Lonely Song: An Anthology of Prison Writings of Bobby Sands.

To my knowledge, none of those guys ever got convicted, by a prison misconduct board, of "engaging in a business or profession of journalism."—except this writer.

Makes you wonder, don't it? Read Live from Death Row. Find out why.

Dan-Nufawa's Book Corner

An African Prayer Book: by Tutu

Fly Girl: by Omar Tyree

Brotherman: The Odyssey of Blackmen in America by Herb Boyd and Robert Allen

Preparing Black Children For School and Life: Building Blocks to Success by Beverly A. Davis, Ph.D

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Urban Romance: by Nelson George

Why Black Men Tend To Shout: by Ralph Wiley

Sister To Sister: by Julia Boyd

Adam Where Are You: by Kunjufu

Bad Blood: The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment: by James H. Jones

Live from Death Row will be available at Dan-Nufawa Bookstore the week of July 24.

If you would like your event listed free in the Good to Go community calendar, Call Demitrius Robinson at the VOICE - 234-5844.
Marriage, A Best Man's Perspective
by Joel Tolliver, Jr.

I recently had the opportunity to participate in the wedding ceremony of one of my best friends. Making it a very special occasion for me was the fact that he chose me to be the best man. I had attended weddings in the past, but it wasn’t until I was up there on the pulpit, watching my friend the wedding ceremony of one of my best friends. I was up there on the pulpit, watching my friend look in their eyes went beyond the ceremony itself. It was as if their past, present and future looked, I listened, and I learned. The first thing I noticed was the determination and desire of my friend and his bride to be. The look in their eyes went beyond the ceremony itself. It was as if their past, present and future were combined into one shining moment for all to see. In that moment as they stood together before the significant body of work dedicated to the institution of marriage. Marriage is not to be taken lightly. In fact, two of the ten commandments make reference to marriage. Marriage is for those in love, not lust. Marriage is for those in love, not lust. The preacher talked of how lust is often confused with love. Lust only lasts as long as the attractive physical qualities do. If someone puts on say, 20 pounds, the relationship usually fizzes out as fast as it started. If something better comes along, that also spells an end to the perceived love affair. The preacher emphasized that the union of marriage is for those in love, not lust.

The last thing the preacher said in his mini- sermon was that marriage involves more than just physical desire. He tried to hammer home the point that once you are married you are stuck in the relationship for better or worse, for richer or poorer, etc. Those sentiments have probably been stated at many a wedding, during the wedding vow. But alas, we know better. I am unequivocally convinced that there is no longer a middle or neutral ground. Either we are for or against fundamental, progressive change.

A Brief Summary of the History of the Black Educators Association of Rochester (BEAR)

From the outset of this report, I should have stated that it is not intended as wholesale, negative criticism of the BEAR’s leadership or followership. Any criticisms contained with the report, are meant to be positive, constructive criticisms, and part of the ongoing process of analysis relative to strategies and changes that must be implemented in order for us to literally and practically make a difference. When I joined BEAR recently, I was surprised to discover that the organization is connected to a history of efforts, dating back to the early 70’s. Reportedly, during that time, Rochester’s first official African American education organization came into being. The organization was known as MERGE (Minority Educators of Rochester Generate Excellence). The current BEAR organization is a product of an evolutionary process that dates back to the establishment of MERGE. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, in coalition with African American RCSD employees, realistically and solidly united (as opposed to lip-service unity) around a specific agenda, I would like to reiterate and reemphasize the important point that the “FORCE” is, or should be, represented by BEAR members, realistically and solidly united (as opposed to lip-service unity) around a specific educational and political agenda, in coalition with African American parents, students, and community members.

I am unequivocally convinced that there is no longer a middle or neutral ground. Either we are for or against fundamental, progressive change. If we claim to favor such change, then our actions must reflect our words. A synthesis based on correct theory and practice is the only accurate measure of commitment. All else is merely talk. If we are committed to change and progress for our students and ourselves, we must accept the general job with which we’re faced. This includes educating, agitate, and organize within the RCSD and the larger African American community.

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I will speak more specifically about this enormous task in Part III. TO BE CONTINUED.

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