Some of Rochester's Black Men comment on The March

We must harness the energies of the millions of Black men—both those who attended the march and those who were not able to attend—who are committed to this cause to build upon this auspicious beginning. Only sustained positive action will make this effort truly transformational and have a lasting impact on our communities. Otherwise, the march will have only symbolic value.

The action agenda that is now imperative in Rochester and communities across the nation, is clear: the reduction of violence, especially among our youth; greater political participation—through registration and voting—in local, state and national elections; higher academic achievement in all levels of education; a higher level of parental responsibility and, among our youth, a pledge to refrain from becoming a parent until they are economically and emotionally able to raise a child; and greater economic development and empowerment within African-American communities.

As Mayor, I am prepared to work closely with any and all people in this community to achieve this agenda. I will be meeting with local organizers any time to assure that this will happen.

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I have some serious mixed emotions about the Million Man March and the attitudes and comments being made about it from both blacks and whites. The phrases, adding to the polarization of the races, and spreading of lies and anti-semitism, and message of malice and division, are shameful terms to use in conjunction with The March, because The March was about The Truth.

For people and the media to focus on two men and identify them as, one a racist and anti-Semite, the other an alleged sexual harasser, is a truly hypocritical attitude! Especially when the President of the USA and many other Presidents before him are adulterers. Especially when a good percentage of our government 'leaders' are thieves and liars. Especially when a multitude of our elected officials are using their positions to put money into their own pockets—taking from the poor to give to the rich, taking from the rich to benefit the rich. Accepting sick backs, and selling their votes. Especially when the very history of this country is a chronicle of injustices to all of mankind.

And then to focus on one man, Colin Powell, as if his popularity among whites and the possibility of his popularity among blacks is some kind of factor. It is. It is as if his popularity among blacks is some kind of factor. It is. It is as if his popularity among whites and the possibility of his popularity among blacks is some kind of factor.

How much did Colin Powell cost us? These people are using their position to put money into their own pockets—taking from the poor to give to the rich, taking from the rich to benefit the rich. Accepting sick backs, and selling their votes. Especially when the very history of this country is a chronicle of injustices to all of mankind.

I'm a bit confused and I wonder if that little piece of news is anything to do with 'The Million Man March.' It is. It is as if his popularity among whites and the possibility of his popularity among blacks is some kind of factor. It is. It is as if his popularity among whites and the possibility of his popularity among blacks is some kind of factor. It is.
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Street Talk:
by Jim Allen

Do you feel that Justice was served when the jury acquitted O. J. Simpson?
The Voice posed that question to various members of the community. Their responses follow.

Sampson Broom
Contractor

Yes, justice was served. It's about time. The system has a habit of messing over black men. Look at what they did to Mike Tyson, Mayor Berry of Washington and singer/entertainer James Brown.

Mildred Buckner
Retired

I don't know what to think. Did he do it, or is he innocent? However, people should respect the verdict.

Wille Brundage
Construction Worker

Definitely. Any man who goes through what he did for that length of time without blowing his stack is innocent—beyond a reasonable doubt.

Keith McKenzie
Musician/Printer

O. J. was innocent all the time. There is no doubt in my mind that justice was served.

Robert L. Jackson
Retired

You know the brother was innocent all the time. Yes, justice was served. You would have to be crazy to think otherwise. It was a Mafia hit all the way. Get Real!

Clarence Butts
Student/Self Employed

I think that he was guilty all the way. I really can't say whether justice was served or not.

Willie Johnson
Retired

Yes indeed! However, any time a verdict goes in a black man's favor, the white man's system wants to change the rules, and even rewrite the English language.

Be on the lookout for the Voice photographers, you just might see your picture and comments here!!

Straight... no chaser
by Gloria E. Winston

In the final analysis, I have concluded that acquitting O.J. Simpson was really on trial. The Not Guilty verdict handed down by the jury left the scorecard marked with an unacceptable victory by many racist Americans. The African-American-1, Racist-0. They came from all walks of life. Openminded, outspoken, and unwilling to accept the fact that an intelligent, charismatic African-American attorney had successfully battled, and in so doing brought to the forefront, many of the institutionalized flaws that exist in our justice system.

That he had the audacity to be articulate, educated and had, unlike Chris Darden—their unfortunate pawn—a genuine respectable presence. Unlike the prosecution, Johnnie Cochran and Company successfully did their job. They were paid to defend their client and according to law, once convicted where there is reasonable doubt.

The defense kicked so many holes in the prosecutions case that if OJ, Marcia and poor Chris had planted it in a parachute, they should have used a material more durable than a racist cop with a verifiable history.

The prosecution should have been prepared to explain how a bloody glove managed to appear with no other signs of blood in the vicinity. The fifteen questions Johnnie Cochran posed to the jury still go unanswered.

My race barometer tells me that there is still unacceptable, if you are African-American, to expect any less than outrage from the racist element in America. Most appalling are those who seek to further their own cause.

Personally, NOW does not speak for me or any other true African-American. I am not interested in being a man or competing with men. I feel that all women should rid themselves of their materialistic values, stay home, and raise their children.

That's right! Stay home and get out of your man's way. That issue is another article in itself. However, the harassment and obvious intent to destroy O.J.'s ability to make a living is coming from the NOW organization as a means of exploiting the race issue.

The courts have spoken. NOT GUILTY! Picket signs and demonstrations can't change that.

Bigots and racists are crying "foul." They are even alleging that the case was won at the time of jury selection. How preposterous! But then if you are a proponent of the Bell Curve, it follows that you would not expect the African-American jurors to have enough intelligence to carry out justice with a neutral emotion and race being factors in their decision.

The reality of this case and its outcome suggest to me that we are presently watching a lynching on nationwide TV. The verdict has in fact caused a revolution. The only things missing from this debate and outrage, are magnolia trees, burning crosses and men in black turbans.

Ehouman Therese
Student/Hairdresser

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Dave Ferguson
Rochester

National Black Churches will help White students. Anything that helps Black students will help White students.

Ladies Program At E. Henrietta Road Church of Christ

"God's Precious Jewels" taken from Proverbs was the theme of the Annual Ladies Day Program, chaired by Willa Jones.

More than 200 women from area Churches of Christ, including Buffalo and Syracuse came to celebrate. The program started with sister Dashiya Bowling of New Haven, CT, share her thoughts on how Christian women should refine themselves, how precious they are to their families, churches and community and how they must help mold their children into what the Lord desires them to be.

The seminar concluded with a special fashion show featuring models "with attitudes"—"green with envy," "chip on shoulder," "wolf in sheep's clothing," but the recommended attitude was: become the light of the world. The luncheon was a joy to behold. The host church ladies decorated tables, to reflect their uniqueness, with themes of Kwanzaa and Christmas, African traditions, a Hispanic theme, a baby shower, and simple settings using china, crystal and silverware.

All in attendance left with great joy and a challenge to take your role seriously: whether he be leader, teacher or servant, each has a contribution to make.

—Noruma Dunwoody

CHURCH NEWS

Islamic Da' Wa Commun-

ity Center, 514 W. Main St., holds weekly services on Sundays at 2 pm. Bring you fam-

ily and learn about "Ali Islam." All are welcome.

Mujahid-Mujahidin, 46 Grover Road. A Black History Month Retreat. At 2 pm, Shaykh Khalid Mawakki Ali Alakbr , Convener. The public is especially invited to attend.

Black History Classes are taught every Saturday from 4:30-5:30 pm, by Rev. John Walker at his Christian Friendship Baptist Church, 359-0899, 2010 New York Road. For more information call the church at 716-248-2787.

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**Trick or Treat**

Calling all witches and Ninja Turtles, vampires, and Power Rangers!

Don your favorite scary costume, climb aboard your broomstick, and come to Strong Museum for a Hallowe'en Party for preschoolers Tuesday, Oct. 31! From 10 am-3 pm, children can decorate their own trick-or-treat goody bags to get ready for the action. Costumed staff members will help them trick-or-treat safely through the museum, visiting several locations to pick up party treats (no tricks allowed!).

At 11 am and 1 pm, partycrafts can gather in a ghastly decorated room for tasty Halloween refreshments and ghastly story-telling. Howard Edmonds tells short, participatory tales suitable for young children. He won't use any Halloween props, so the stories are only as scary as your imagination.

The Hallowe'en Party is free with regular museum admission.

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**New Health Education Series Begins**

Outreach Services, a program of The Health Association, invites you to attend a new Health Education Series beginning Thursday, November 9.

July O'Neill, from St. Mary's Health Promotion Service, will present "Hypertension: Your Heart & You" at the Brighton Reformed Church Fellowship Lodge located at 805 Blossom Rd.

The program will begin at 10 am and last approximately one hour.

Ms. O'Neill will speak on hypertension and cardiac wellness as well as nutrition and exercise and the part they play.

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First Community Interfaith Institute Celebrates 25 Years

First Community Interfaith Institute, Inc., a non-profit cultural organization and teaching church, will celebrate its 25th anniversary on November 2, 1970 by Minister Lawrence Lee Evans while a student at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He graduated in 1972.

The mission of the Institute is to educate the African-American community about their culture and history. The Institute provides tutorial services for youth and adults, and Minister Evans has developed the concept of "DOOLOGY," which is reflected in the events and services of the Institute.

DOOLOGY is a spiritual and philosophical concept. The Kwanzaa holiday, celebrated in December will also be discussed.

New Life Church Holds 2nd Annual Singles Conference

The Eisenhart Auditorium at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., will be the site of the Second Annual Singles Conference to be held by the New Life Fellowship Church Nov. 10-12. The keynote speaker for the Conference will be New Life's Associate Pastor Darryl Boone. Workshops will be held on Saturday from 8 am-3 pm.

If you know you only had six months to live, what changes would you make? Call Leta Griffin at 263-3639

Million Man March Now work begins

Follow-up of the successful historical Million Man March has begun in our city.

Plans are being made and your participation is sought. For more information please contact any of the following organizations by calling 342-0891:

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- AAYCD, Inc., 20 S. Clinton Ave.
- Dr. James H. Evans, Jr., Pres. of Cornell/Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary (the Divinity School), will be offered at the Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman St., Nov. 4 and 5 from 9 am-4 pm both days.

The cost for the two-day workshop is $195 or $175 for organizations sending three or more people—for registration information call 262-4440.

The workshop is offered for individuals in business, industry, church, social service, health care, and community development organizations. Participants will gain understanding of the hidden dynamics and ethical dimensions of conflict, learn to recognize their own conflict styles, and develop more effective skills in dealing with and mediating conflict in ethically appropriate ways.

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Expressions of Wisdom From Freddie X Thomas

As Remembered by Waddell X (Johnson)

Cornell/Divinity School Offers Workshop on Conflict Management

A two-day workshop in Ethical Conflict Management for Individuals and Organizations, jointly sponsored and led by Cornell University and Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Hesley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary (the Divinity School), will be offered at the Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman St., Nov. 4 and 5 from 9 am-4 pm both days.

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NAACP President Puts Rochester Police Department On Notice

Out of eight that were appointed in August, seven were white and one Hispanic. Goff said, "This leads to concern as to whether equal treatment and opportunities are being given to African American officers."

Goff noted "Given the current climate of our society and specifically in our community we call to action Chief Warshaw to begin the necessary steps to appoint an African American as Police Chief here in the city of Rochester."

The NAACP is also calling to action, concerned citizens to set up strategies for greater citizen participation, to register voters, and to establish forums to address the concerns and issues that face the community.

Goff said that in the aftermath of the O.J. trial and the recent display of unity at the Million Man March, the NAACP is requesting a call to action on the part of the entire Rochester community. The NAACP will be working with other community organizations to organize a Mega March to be held on Monday, January 15, 1996 in support of Martin Luther King's dream.

"This is the year to believe in The Dream. The Mega March will include everybody, blacks and whites, marching, on the exact date of King's birthday."

Rev. Goff added the underlying goal of all of these initiatives is "to make Rochester a better place to live, not just for some, but for all."

"I'm not that blind. There were more than a million."

—Stevie Wonder

Talking about the crowd estimates for the Million Man March.

NAACP Million Man March, cont'd from p. 1

Comments on The March from some of Rochester's Black Men

"I called my mother long distance and I asked her permission to allow me to represent my father, my grandfather, my uncles, all of the men in her life that she knew who would not be able to stand on her behalf and her defense, if she would allow me to be the one to stand in their place. After she granted me permission, I asked my wife if I could do the same, I asked my daughters if I would be worthy enough to stand for them and they all agreed and gave me their speed and said whatever comes if you are not able to come back to us, we appreciate the fact of what you are sacrificing on our behalf. That meant a lot to me."

Bren Waddell X Johnson, Author, "Expressions of Wisdom from Freddie X Thomas"

"The community that formed October 16 on the nation's last but not least blessed reaffirmation of our humanity—a down payment on amends for shuffling and half-stopping to imitations of media models. One million brothers opened the book and revealed the fresh, new, they are not able to take a stand, to preserve our poetry and our performance. Brothers is it up to time."

The record of our day's success as page one. It vibrates with the call to us to seize the opportunity to define our humanity every day, and to write our story out of the collective work and responsibility we now claim and must perform." David Anderson

Author, Storyteller, "The Million Man March was instrumental in reflecting the anger, frustration, and discontent with our current political environment. This was a tremendous response to the Angry White Male movement in America."

"The next step is voting in a new Congress that is sympathetic to the needs of all people."

William G. Clark, President Urban League of Rochester

"It was a meeting of the ancestors."

Robert Laird

ABC Deputy Director

"In my opinion the Million Man March was the most significant gathering of Afrikan American people in the history of this country. It was a tremendous show of unity, mutual support and understanding, and if directed properly could lead to an immense healing of our communities.

It was also a profound spiritual experience where brothers and sisters, no matter what background, were undeniably equal. The leadership of Minister Louis Farrakhan is indeed a blessing for Afrikan American people in this country."

Talik Abdul Basheer

(Eugene Lockhart

Owner, All Day Sunday)

"It was truly a spiritual experience. Over 1.5 million people and not a negative vibration. I truly think that we're going to see a change, even if only on a individual basis, and when you change on an individual basis, and you multiply it by 1.5 million, it's going to be something different going on."

"It was a historic and uplift- ing occasion to see the Black sea of more than a million men. I will never be the same. It was powerful!

The truth is however, the challenge is in getting these black men to take the words spoken on this day and turn them into action in the days to come in their local communities."

Simone Bamister

Student
Mayor Bill Johnson Talks About His Visit to South Africa

Conclusion of the Voice's exclusive interview with Mayor Johnson.

FDV: It sounds as if the people are happy and waiting to see what's going to happen. Did you find this to be true, and are they very supportive of Mandela?

MAYOR: Mandela is almost revered in a God-like sense, even by whites. I heard no one speak ill of Mandela. Everybody is very respectful and they say, "Look, this man had an almost impossible job and he has to have time in order to get things in order."

When the whites turned over control, they left him with a lot of problems, a lot of debt. So people are in a very understanding mood about that. But you can only ask, "How long are they going to be patient?" They were politically oppressed and they left him with a lot of problems, a lot of debt. They are very supportive of Mandela.

FDV: The whites are pretty much in place aren't they?

MAYOR: They've got jobs. They've got a nice comfortable lifestyle. If they can put up with all the hassles, if they can put up with the crime, the violence, the carjackings, the inconveniences of having to do a little bit more of the work than they were once required to do—because a lot of folk now are not going to take some of the jobs that they have in the past in order to survive—if they can get over that, I think that they will have conquered this problem because they'll still be in control, they haven't given up anything. They have not given up anything!

Mayor Johnson addresses mayors and officials from the Sister Cities visit to Johannesburg, South Africa.

FDV: How are they dealing with Affirmative Action issues?

MAYOR: When I took time to look at the job listings, it frequently said, "This is an Affirmative Action job, meaning they would hire blacks. But the problem is that even some of the blacks are reacting. They get jobs, they get a nice impressive title, their pay is increased three or four times, but they don't have anything to do. They're more window-dressing than anything else."

I read a story in one of the papers where people were complaining. They said, "Look, we took these jobs because we thought we were going to be trained and we're not getting trained and people who are my subordinates are doing major stuff."

Probably a similar situation to what was going on in this country 25-30 years ago when affirmative action first came into vogue and people were seemingly moved up.

I talked to one man, a black American, who was over there doing consulting work and his thing was that they [blacks] were trying to seize control of the means of production. They want to own the manufacturing facilities and yet at this time, there are only a few people who are actually paid, either because they have the capital or because they have the experience, to really do it. They're relying a lot on outsiders like himself.

I've got to go back in another couple of years and actually see where they have come, they've started their second year in office. The elections were in April '94, so they are 16-17 months into this, and a lot of things haven't even gotten off the ground yet.

FDV: You said that people are not being trained, is that intentional?

MAYOR: I think part of it is, and I can give you a classic example. One of the businesspeople with us on the trip owns a construction company in Arkansas. He met with the heads of the major construction companies in South Africa, and he shared his experience with me.

They [the government] have a commitment to build one million units of housing, in the next five years. This man is black and the people he met with were white and they really didn't have much interest in talking to him. But he found out that South African construction workers only had one skill to do one job. It's almost like an assembly line. One person comes in and builds a door frame. Another person comes behind him and hangs the door on the frame. That means that he or she doesn't get any skills in carpentry or the like.

What the guy [from Arkansas] was saying was that these folk will never become general contractors, because they aren't getting the full range of experience and skills that it will take to be a GC.

So one could assume that there is a deliberate attempt being made to limit the amount of knowledge that a person gets.

FDV: One of the things promised was the building of homes. Did you see any evidence of new homes being built?

MAYOR: I heard talk about it but that's one thing that disturbed me greatly. They were going to build 200,000 units a year. They're already one year behind schedule. So that means that in order for them to have that many units built by '99, they've got to build 250,000 units per year, and you just don't see any signs that there is any big construction going on.

So you have to ask yourself, "What's happening here, why is it taking so long?"

From my vantage point, if this housing program went forward, not only would it create a better stock of houses, but it would create jobs. You just don't see it happening.

FDV: Healthcare for all is a major issue. Did you see any signs of malnutrition or serious health conditions among the black South Africans?

MAYOR: I didn't see any evidence of malnutrition and we spent most of our time around the cities. What I saw was a lack of activism. It's like having cleared this first hurdle [end of apartheid], there seems to be a level of contentment that in my mind, is not quite warranted.

It's like, "You haven't gotten there yet. All you have to do is look around you and see all the signs. Not only haven't you gotten there, but your neighbor hasn't gotten there and your neighbor's neighbor hasn't gotten there, your neighbor's neighbor's neighbor hasn't gotten there, and it's just like, endless. So, why are you so contented."

One thing we can do for them is to get them jobs. I had to finally say to them, "If I get any jobs out of Kodak, I'm going to try to
VOICE Sportswriter, Jim Haynes: One Man's March

Early this year, the Honorable Louis Farrakhan announced a March on Washington, DC for October 16, 1995, to atone/reconcile for our sins.

I think I'll attend. It's been 3 years since the Civil Rights Movement March to the Dark Country (DC) led by Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr. I was a teenager in the south at that time and was not of mind or means to attend. This time around I have a teenage son and together this would be a good way to start a bonding experience for both of us.

Now I must inquire beneath the skin the reason for this March. On an invite by Brother Harmon of the Genesee Street Mosque, I attended several Sunday sermons and began to listen to Minister Farrakhan's TV messages and also the reason for the March from the mind and spirit of the Nation of Islam, led locally by Minister James X. I also attended the Mosque sponsored rally at the Dan-Nefass book and magazine organization Road along with Brother Avery Blackman and many, many young, intelligent and the young men of this community. There was a lot of talking, sharing knowledge about the plight and the rightful place of the Muslims in America.

As the date of The March drew near, the crowds of pupils to divide further, the cohessiveness of the over 150 National Black organizations that met near, the media began its campaign to distance or totally denounce The March.

On the day of August 31, 1995, Minister Farrakhan would not speak until there was a crowd of 100,000 or more. By 6:30 a.m. we were approximately 200 yards from the March stage on the lawn of the Capitol.

The town's light told the right Good Morning and the sight of the multitudes that the night had hidden, crept from the shadows into the sunlight, bringing with it the most sensational feeling that a heart can hold. I knew everyone there and everyone knew everyone. I was so touched. I felt the war, we all knew why we were there.

There was a buzzing but serene sound of human beings shaking hands and greeting each other in the most humble manner. As you moved forward you could not help but make contact with another and gentle pleasantries were exchanged. "Excuse me," said one person, "I'm sorry, no harm." "No problems Brother," whereas back in the 60s, to today's popular African American music. We paradied the mall and walked over to the Convention Center to rest.

By 7 a.m. there were several hundred thousand assembled and they came, and they came, and they kept on coming without admonishment or incident. The spirit was that of an old fashioned revival which I can best describe as "a multitude in the presence of Our Lord."

The remainder of the morning was filled with the scheduled speakers, Dr. Ben Chavis, other clergy, and African dancers. The marchers strode to get coffee, or food, and to wait in the long lines to refresh themselves. Everyone looked like someone you knew or had seen sometime before. (We do look alike. The strong seeds were evident.)

Winders wandered through, playing music to sell their wares. I imagined it to be a marketplace in ancient Persia. The clothing wore was everything from the dashikis of the 60s, to today's popular African American music. There were bands and greeting each other in the most humble manner.

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We learned that Minister Farrakhan would not speak until 2:30 or 3:00. So we ate and then my son and I, popped out, fell asleep in the car while listening to "The March on the radio."

T. Andrew Brown's

Will Return in the November Issue.
THE MILLION MAN MARCH
October 16, 1995
A HOLY DAY

Photos by Earnest Miller
When I hear a white person complain about affirmative action, I think they are being facetious, sarcastic. After all, in the nineties, quotas and affirmative action were hot topics, yet I often wonder if they understand the aversion of discrimination and bigotry.

Actually, it looks humorous seeing all those powerful white guys claiming or feigning under-seeing all those powerful white men. The word 'powerful' has a highly unlikely name of black conservative, after all, they are the ones behind their white ideals, mining them, hollowing, shouting, killing, pushing them to understand. They may just lack the emotional and cognitive skills to understand that facetious, sarcastic. After all, in the nineties, quotas and affirmative action were hot topics, yet I often wonder if they understand the aversion of discrimination and bigotry.

But just as George Wallace blocked the doors of the University of Alabama in order to prevent Vivian Malone and Jim Hord from enrolling, so too with Conservatism. We can talk about the black conservative movement but make them successful compromising the goal of being black, and many black men, through the power of suggestion, have learned to hide their skin. After all, it is really a great thing to be of African descent and have dark skin, yet when it comes at a very high price. More than a few men are not ready or willing to pay that price. Adopting conservative values is one way to escape that pressure, sort of a reverse Al Jolson effect, better to mask over your true face. What would motivate a black adult to join a people who have expressed so much disdain for them? The conservative calls himself an 'angry white mule.'

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Talking The Talk with... JOSHUA REDMAN, MUSICIAN CORNELIUS EADY, POET

Maurice Community College and Noteworthy Inc. present an evening with Joshua Redman Oct. 6 at the MCC Theatre. The concert was part of the 1995-96 Jazz Series. Redman, the son of tenor legend Dexter Redman, is recognized as a major talent on the tenor saxophone. He was the winner of the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Saxophone Competition and was nominated for a Grammy for his first album, "In Search of..."

Q. What musicians have had a major influence in your music? A. I've had a lot of influences. If I have to name a favorite saxophone player it would have to be Lester Young, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, also by Stuff, The Temptations, Aretha Franklin, and of course, no great classic soul.

Q. Do you think that the jazz experience has been experiencing time temporar... A. Jazz has seen itself through the toughest of times economically and competitively. It's been influenced by hip hop. But there is a renewed interest within popular culture in jazz. There has been a slight shift towards the mainstream in terms of interest. This is a trend which has the potential to continue and to develop into something and it also has the potential to die out. The key is to take advantage of this trend towards mainstream interest.

Q. Now that you're an adult and have matured as well as you have, how do you feel interacting with your Dad? A. I feel great! People can't understand that there never really was a negative feeling between my father and I. There never has been any recent on my part. From Cornelia Eady... Q. As a poet, what do you want your audience to know about you? A. That I exist. Being an African American poet, I have to deal with the idea of double consciousness. We are all American poets writing in the same country, in the same ear. As an African American writer, you will be identified as such, whether you choose to or not. There is no land called African American, or Italian American. I'm telling a story that needs to be told.

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Q. Who were your biggest influences? A. There were many of influences. Most of my writing comes from different kinds of threads. One thread were the poets who were publishing in post WWII, there was a kind of realism. On the other hand, there were poets like the Bents who dealt with Eastern philosophy and jazz and the concept of modernism...The Invisible poets, or African American poets, Sterling Brown, Ewoldyn Brook... A. No, I wasn't always certain that was going to be my career. Like everyone else I thought about becoming a doctor, a lawyer, or going into the army. But when I began writing at John Marshall, at the age of 12ish, I was thinking about poetry and eventually that led me to the path of becoming a career poet...I really enjoyed playing and marketing lan... A. That I exist. Being an African American poet, I have to deal with the idea of double consciousness. We are all American poets writing in the same country, in the same ear. As an African American writer, you will be identified as such, whether you choose to or not. There is no land called African American, or Italian American. I'm telling a story that needs to be told.

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Q. What is your message to young aspiring writers? A. Read History... Network. Language as a way of negotiating, with the real world... Language is the best weapon, as Johnnie Coakley proved in O.J.'s defense during closing arguments.

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The Million Man March
by Dr. Manning Marable

There is a great divide, but the real evil in America is not white flesh or black flesh. The real evil in America is the idea that undergirds setup of the Western world, and that idea is called white supremacy. "Louis Farrakhan declared in his two-hour keynote speech before the largest public demonstration of African-Americans in United States history.

On October 16th, hundreds of thousands of black men from across America gathered in Washington, DC, in front of the Capitol. The U.S. Parks Service conservatively estimated the crowd at four hundred thousand. Independant observers placed the demonstration between six hundred fifty thousand to over one million people.

In one opinion poll, 85% of all Americans who participated in the March for not aggresively attacking the Republics "Contract With America."

Although many feel that these are not significant issues, one must keep in mind that sometimes the majority of African-Americans favored the appointment of Clarence Thomas to the United States Supreme Court. Thomas's subsequent conservative philosophy has represented a disaster for black people.

Although the brothers who came to Washington, DC, should be embraced and applauded, we need to remember that popularity by itself is no guarantee that the masses are pointed in the right direction. The real question which must be faced is: What happens next?

The March agenda spoke relatively little about contemporary public policy issues, such as affirmative action, immigration, and welfare reform. It emphasized the need for blacks to assume "personal responsibility" for their own circumstances, and challenged African-American males to provide leadership for their families and communities.

This successful demonstration of mass support instantly capitulated Farrakhan. He was a significant figure in black and national politics as media and public leaders hastily attempted to draw a distinction between the "March" and the "messeengers."

General Colin Powell, for example, explained, "While I deplore the message of Minister Farrakhan, I cannot ignore what his brothers have done to remind us of the need for blacks to take personal responsibility for their own lives."

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute of Research in African and African-American Studies, Columbia University, New York City. "Along the Color Line" appears in over 350 newspapers and is featured by 80 radio stations across the U.S. and internationally.

If you have ever been concerned with the growing numbers of "children having children" and wondered how you could help, the YWCA's Schoolage Parents Program may provide just the volunteer opportunity for you. The Schoolage Parents Program is looking for women who can volunteer four to six hours per month to provide friendship and support to a pregnant or parenting teenager referred by the program.

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The only qualifications for becoming an adult partner are a minimum commitment of 12 months and an interest in helping a teenager. Orientation and training are provided.

For more info or to volunteer, contact Rebecca Fino at the YWCA Community Support Office at 546-5820, ext. 261.

October 30, 1995
LONG-TERM CARE: SEARCHING FOR THE NEEDLES IN THE HAYSTACK

Few subjects are as mysterious as insurance, and few types of insurance confuse buyers more than long-term care.

What is long-term care (LTC) insurance? Who needs this coverage? Exactly what does LTC protect against?

Long-term care is, in its simplest terms, the help required by people who suffer a long illness or disability. That help can be as advanced as nursing home care or as simple as home custodial care, in which a person needs assistance with the activities of daily living, such as dressing or bathing. It is not medical insurance.

Who requires long-term care? National studies show that the older the person, the more likely long-term care will be required. Almost half of all people over age 65 will need some type of long-term care during their lives. For those age 85 and over, one in five will require nursing home care. But not all of these people will need LTC insurance. People with an estate value of less than $100,000 (excluding homes) and those with over $2 million in assets are not prime LTC candidates. In the first example, LTC may not be appropriate due to cost, especially when purchased after the age of 70. This group is more likely to qualify for Medicare assistance after "spending down" their assets, although freedom of choice is sacrificed in these instances because the government decides the appropriate care and facility. The latter group obviously has the means to meet long-term care costs. But beware: annual nursing home care can cost $50,000 and up.

Will the government provide some kind of LTC coverage for all people as part of its national health care reform? When you consider the enormity and cost of providing basic health insurance for all citizens, you have to wonder how the government will come up with additional funds for long-term care.

What should you look for in an LTC policy? Guidelines offered by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the body of state insurance regulators, provide a good starting point.

First, a good company will offer a buyer's guide that can help you decide if the coverage is appropriate. A flexible LTC policy does not require hospitalization or nursing home confinement for benefits to take effect. It should also guarantee that coverage cannot be canceled because of age or medical condition, and it should offer an inflation protection rider.

Pay close attention to the fine print. A reputable company will offer LTC that covers cognitive diseases such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's. Some will exclude these. Also, check the time and financial limits on nursing home stays and home health care costs.

Remember: the majority of long-term care providers are family members. A middle-aged person can spend as much time caring for a parent as raising children. Although they are costlier than more restrictive policies, LTC coverage based on the loss of function—dressing, bathing, feeding and such—is more flexible, allowing for benefits to flow to a family member who may have left a full-time job to care for a parent.

Finally, cost must be considered. An 80-year-old can pay as much as four times more for the same coverage as a 65-year-old; nine times as much as a 50-year-old. Few people own LTC coverage today. Many who do have bought the coverage because personal experience has frightened them into the decision.

For many people, switching from disability insurance (which protects against lost income due to disability) to LTC near retirement age, is a painful transition. A person who needs long-term care is every bit as disabled as an employee or business owner who can't work. So LTC offers asset protection as opposed to disability insurance, which is income protection. And as our population grows older, together, LTC is something that more of us will need to consider.

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The Susan Smith case and the O.J. saga continue.

Remember the local trial of LeRoy Anderson, who was whisked off to prison by an all white jury when DNA was the overwhelming evidence. White America is upset because the system worked for a black man while the world was watching. O.J. was judged by a jury of his peers—3/4 black, who could not render an opinion or remark because no one, or any proof, had pushed my pen to make an opinion.

Those of you who read my column regularly can remember that I believed my sports report, I would end with "The O.J. saga continues." I felt that O.J. was innocent until proven guilty—without a reasonable doubt.

Rather, to assume him innocent because no one, or any proof, had pushed my pen to make an opinion or a remark is hogwash! that the jury wasn't impartial, but rather, arrogant, biased, prejudiced, racist and prejudiced.

"The Natural" Wins Championship

The Atlanta Braves beat out the Cleveland Indians to win the World Series. How about those Atlanta Braves? We are the Ables and the Braves. We are colorful and exciting. You watch and instant our every move! When we love you, you know we love. When we dislike you it's up to you.

We are a compassionate people and we walk with God. For he is the chosen people and we will multiply and dominate. Until you are extinal. My soul says Yea!!

MAN

By Lin

For he who is a man shall always find his place in the world as the Black Man has done or in the past.

BASKETBALL - NBA

Dennis Rodman is traded from San Antonio to Chicago. I won a bet that Michael Jordan had any influence in that trade, as he makes a run for another championship. You bet he did! Rodman is the NBA's best rebounder and will get the ball on the out in the running Bulls.

See you next time sports fans!

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Quote of the Week

"At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Of had I the ability, and could reach the nation's ear, I would today, pour out a fiery stream of burning ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, the earthquake. The forgiving of the nation cannot be quickened; the conscience of the nation must be roused; the vanity of the nation must be startled; the hypocrisy of the nation must be exposed; its crimes against God and man must be proclaimed and denounced." -Frederick Douglass, in a speech in the 1800's.
**Good To Go**

by Demitrius Robinson

Million Man March, follow-up meeting. Call 342-0491. (Story p.5)

Tuesday, Oct. 31: Halloween Party. Children, 10 am-3 pm, Strong Museum. Free. (Story p.4)

Thursday, Nov. 2: 25th Anniversary Social Hour, dinner, 6 pm, First Community Interfaith Institute, Inc. RSVP required. 461-0379. (Story p.5)

Thursday, Nov. 2: Cancer in the Classroom. Workshop, 7:30 am, U of R Medical Center, Helen Wood Hall Lounge. $10, info 634-5555. (Story p.4)

Saturday, Nov. 4: An Evening of Stars. Black Tie Gala dinner and dance, 8 pm, Riverside ConventionCtr. Tickets $158. (Story p.5)

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 4-5: Ethical Conflict Management for Individuals & Organizations. Workshop, 9 am-4 pm, College of Divinity School 105, Reg 262-4440. (Story p.5)

Sunday, Nov. 2: Shaqgy, Wilkayon, Brian & Tony Gold, concert, 8 pm, Harro East. Tickets $12-20 advance, $15 at door. Ticket Master 232-1900 and Ticket Express 222-5000.

Monday, Nov. 6: Toni Morrison, author-lecture series, 8 pm Eastman Theatre. Tickets 473-1498.

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**Stunning Diva Captivates all at Eastman Theatre**

Famed soprano diva Jessye Norman held a capacity audience in the palm of her hand Saturday evening, Oct. 14 at the Eastman Theatre in a benefit performance for Action for a Better Community (headed by her brother, James Norman).

Ms. Norman opened immediately in flawless German. First, Zurueichung, the lover’s dedication, followed by Allesseelen, an impassioned vow of love.

Next came Ruhe, meine Seele!, a brief but beautiful expression of repose. Mit deinen blauen Augen, was her next selection. This is an elegant poem expressing the wonder of romance. It was followed by the passionate Caraïbe, which excited the audience with its bold sentiment.

Before taking an intermission, Ms. Norman delighted the audience with a masterful vocalization, set to the music of Maurice Ravel, which demonstrated the power, range and control of a seacap opera singer. Two works from Carmen, Habanera and Seguidilla, concluded this portion of the program.

Following the intermission, the Alvis Paris Singers performed a selection of spirituals.

Ms. Norman returned, gracefully sharing the stage in two duets with the choir.

Ms. Norman received thunderous applause and three standing ovations. In retrospect, it may be more appropriate to have Ms. Norman, a master of her craft, appear in the solo format. The ear is so attuned to her that it is difficult to appreciate the spirit and effort of any other group at the same time.

The overall effect of the performance was a stunning education in voice control.

The benefit concert was part of the year-long celebration of ABC’s 50th year.

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**Devil In A Blue Dress** (Denzel Washington, Jennifer Beals) Rated R

Denzel does it again in this 1940s style film, set in Los Angeles. Denzel plays Easy Rawlins, a middle class black man who is fired from his factory job. Accepting an offer to find a woman (Jennifer Beals) to make some money for his house payment. Jennifer you’ll remember from the movie Fame. Along the way Easy becomes drawn into a world of political corruption, racism and murder. Down the line, a sidekick comes into play who is quite convincing. An innocent, simple assignment for a few dollars, sets the stage for a very good suspenseful drama, providing us with a black detective equal to the like of Sam Spade or Philip Marlowe.

This movie is slow at times and seems to drag a bit, but for the most part I enjoyed it very much and would pay to see it again. (Clue Greece, Sony Pittsford, 181 minutes, Rated 8 out of 10)

**Canadian Bacon** (John Candy, Dan Akroyd) Rated PG

I saw this movie because I remembered a few of the actors from the old Saturday Night Live shows in the 70s. I should have left the past buried! I saw it out-of-town so I don’t think it’s here yet. It’s a comedy that is off-beat and silly. It’s about a nuclear arms factory laying off because Russia is no longer a threat to the U.S. So in order to be able to rehire workers, the country looks for another enemy it can make. Guess who they choose? That’s right, Canada!

The filming was done in Niagara Falls, Canada and Toronto. Wait for the video, then rent it at your own risk. (120 minutes, Rated 4 out of 10)

**The Tuskegee Airmen** (Larry Fishburn) Rated R

Larry Fishburn was excellent in this made for HBO movie about the first all black fighter pilots of World War II. I became really enthralled with this film. It was historically correct and quite educational. More and more movies are blasting the old stereotype that John Wayne and his all-white army won the wars. Blacks,日本人 Americans, and women, are now getting the credits they have always deserved in movies about war and serving their country.

This particular movie rings with the same pride as another movie about all black regiment in the civil war called Glory. My father fought in World War II for four years and I had grown up with the true stories of what Blacks had really accomplished to help end it. These films really confirm the facts. Live footage taken from news reels back in the war are combined with the actors in a very effective way. Showing actual fights and acabatices of the planes and their black pilots.

(HBO, 135 minutes, Rated 10 out of 10)

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New films not reviewed yet, but look good in the television trailers:

Clockers, Dangerous Minds, Dead Presidents

**ATTENTION:** Free stories for the family at Sony Theaters Webster, 2190 Empire Blvd. Free admission for children, adults $1. Times vary, call 671-0941.

Movie: The Indian in the Cupboard, Nov. 3-9.

**Dizzy Gillespie received his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame posthumously Oct. 20.**

*Photo by Jim Allen*
Are people born basically good or evil? Or are people born neutral and early on in life take on the properties of their environment? I have found myself asking this question more and more as the types of behavior have been going on since time began, but is it me or do it appear that something bad is just around the corner. It has been a dramatic confrontation between good and evil in the world.

I must confess that I have long since become a doubter. I have come to think of Good and Evil as some sort of absurdist thing, that appears and disappears five years from the year 2000? It would appear that nothing good lasts long. The forces of evil inevitably rise up and suppress the forces of good. Some day this thing has become apparent is the predictability of response. It has become easier if not easy to suppress. What is evil will respond to the efforts of the good. A great man once said that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. It sets back people of color in California will most surely be duplicated somewhere else. Underlying these attacks are our basic liberties are good and equality. Are the people who support these measures evil? Do greed and racism equate to evil? What does it take for people to reject these attacks? Do passiveness and an inability to mobilize equalize evil?

One of the foundations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy was that of loving the person, hating his actions. You love the person because that person is a creation. I suggest that assumes that all people are good and that sometimes good people do evil things. Being basically good, they can be made to see the evil in the things they do. The successful execution of this philosophy during the movement provided a wealth of evidence to suggest that people are basically good.

If this is the case, then we may have a blueprint for our struggle to be used from this point onward. I say "maybe" because it appeared that this technique was not as effective as when it came to getting to a economic solution. But, there's a lot riding on the determination of whether people are born good or evil. From that determination stems the actions and game plans necessary to push forward.

Every last murderer, manipulator, thief, gang-banger, prostitute, warmonger, racist and human-rights violator was a new babe once upon a time. And I don't mean to minimize the fact that their thing in their environment made them slip from the path to evil. It is true that they have been forced to be good by the law and social norms, there may be no way out with society and the threat of a death at a young age in a endless volcanic eruption - an eruption that will certainly drive some to permanent insanity.

I have to postulate that this may not be an either/or situation. Perhaps there is a case of good people being born good and evil. This may explain why people of like types tend to be drawn to each other like magnets - good with the good, bad with the bad. This may clarify why is it that people can be a metaphor for the Holy Spirit. The next question must now be posed: Can people be possessed by spirits of an ungodly nature? Maybe we are all possessed by the spirit of the enemy.

A struggle that encompasses the first world, the black community.

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