Diana C. Smith-Walsh and J. K. Langkans Receive Advanced Degrees From Area Colleges

Her graduation is a notable event in that Ms. Smith-Walsh represents the first graduate from a community based organization to achieve such a high honor. RBOC was established to develop and nurture minority businesses in Rochester and Monroe County.

Ms. Smith-Walsh joined other Rochester leaders graduating from the program at a ceremony at the UofR Eastman School of Music David Kearns, former CEO of Xerox Corp. was the speaker at the commencement.

Ms. Smith-Walsh will utilize her newly acquired skills and the RBOC organization to assist with economic development initiatives within the City and the County.

See Smith-Walsh p. 14

ABC To Hold Open House June 20 To Celebrate New E. Main Offices

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Norman brought fresh ideas and previous experience with him, having been involved with an office consolidation at this previous position in Lansing, MI.

We needed an office environment that was more suitable in many respects. We needed conference facilities, space for staff since many people were doubled up, and we needed to be able to conduct programs if the right location, of necessity for new technologies and equipment. Thirty people were housed at the offices located in a Victorian mansion on Poynter Avenue. Parking was a major problem. Stand-up meetings were held off-site because the conference room would accommodate only 10-12 of the 45 board members.

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ABC’s new 14,000 square foot home was looked at for the first time three years ago. “At that point it was on the market for $650,000,” said Norman.

“We didn’t consider it because we were looking for a bigger building. 25-30,000 square feet. We had planned to bring in 3-4 programs of 200 detractors; at the right size and amenities had been found.”

The building was on the market for a year and the owner, George Mercier, of GMC Management Corporation, had not received an offer he was satisfied with. Mercier decided he would donate the building to a worthy non-profit and ABC was chosen.

The building was then renovated with a $125,000 grant from the Empire State Development Corporation.

The new building is not only an asset for ABC, personnel, but also for the community, because it will translate to better quality of service through the various programs ABC offers.

“While the size of the building is not ideal, you can’t beat the deal,” said Norman, acknowledging his gratitude to Mercier and See Langkans p. 14

Tamara Sheppard and Damien Walker Win Lipton Sportmanship Awards

In addition to softball, basketball, and bowling, Sheppard has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester for six years. Damien is the son of Deborah Conner. He is a senior at Wilson Magnet High School. He has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester for the last three years. Damien plans to pursue his love of basketball playing for a college team next year. He also wants to obtain a teaching degree. The Boys & Girls Club of Rochester provides program opportunities for over 3,000 youth each year. The Club is open 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. most evenings. Young people interested in joining the Club or learning more about the Sir Thomas Lipton Sportmanship Award and other programs may contact the club at 328-3077.
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The Bits 'n Pieces column has been appearing in the VOICE since the 1960s.

--If you haven't already done so, be sure to tell everyone you know about the Clarissa Street Reunion Festival and the Pythodd Reunion happening on August 24. It ain't nothin' but a party!!! Everyone you know will be there, plus some you don't know. People are coming from across the city and suburban areas. We even have a few distribution points in outlying areas, like Mumford, Avon, and in far away to Buffalo. Some local places to look are: Worldwide News, malls, including Village Gate, Marketplace, Goodman Plaza, Midtown Plaza. City buildings, County buildings, Xerox offices, Bausch and Lomb, Urban League, ABC, churches, the business locations of our advertisers, Borders Books, Village Green, Libraries, Hospital and healthcare waiting rooms, Eastman and Little Theatres just to name a few.

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Correction:

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--Photo by Jimmy Hunter

We are always avoiding the temptation to use a "good" picture when held in your hand, but a "bad" picture when printed in the paper.

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--Do you believe it? After that long, cold winter, already it's the mid-dle of June. Enjoy this wonderful warm weather.

--Is it my imagination or do most of the new inner-city schools look like prisons? Some of these 'dead' former prisoners, are suing for $11 million in back pay.

--My least favorite journalist, Armstrong Williams, must have read my column last month! I wrote about the Adoption Promotion and Stability Act which allows for trans-racial adoption. Williams thinks it's a good idea, but then he is always defending Clarence Thomas, so what does that tell you about him? He's probably a friend of Rush Limbaugh too!

--Are you seeing that there is a lot of attention being focused on online services is being able to go out—to the newstand, malls, library, record shops, bookstores, post office, car, and stand hanging out with a crowd and parking and shootin' the breeze, plus a whole lot more—without having to get dressed, leave your house, or drive your car! It's all right there on your computer monitor and we want to be sure you know exactly what he looks like.

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--As some newly declassified government documents prove that the U.S. deliberately declared hundreds of Vietnamese commandos dead, lied to the wives and families, and buried the story under a shroud of secrecy. Each month, colonels from the U.S. military's Special Operations Group systematically declared a few of these men dead, even though they knew many of them were being held in prisons. Some of these 'dead' former prisoners, are suing for $11 million in back pay.

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YWCA Kindergarten Graduates

Celebrating their achievements were graduates, Angelie Gonzalez, Jasmine Huff, Olivia Jackson, McKayla Lott, who was given the honor of being flag bearer, Nathan Lynch, Dominique Richardson, Nathaniel Rojas, Justin Smidwood, and Ethan VanReenen.

Mrs. Janet Yurgosky, Kindergarten Teacher, for the children said, "YWCA Kindergarten class of 1996 is small in number, only nine, and the children are small in size. The tallest is 48 inches, but each and every child is big and proud of their accomplishments made throughout this year. It has been my pleasure to watch them develop in confidence and maturity, both intellectually and socially. The future for these YWCA six-year-olds is an open door towards success."

The YWCA Child Care Center is a NYS-licensed child care center in downtown Rochester offering a multicultural curriculum for children ages 6 weeks through 6 years.

McKayla Lott

A song and skit performed by little little people dressed in bright red caps and gowns was the high-light of the YWCA's Child Care Center Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 12. Jean Carroll, YWCA Exec. Dir. gave the welcome address.

Annie Parks, an employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation and Coach of the Avenue D World Champion Double Dutch Team, carried the Olympic Torch and lit the flame at Manhattan Square for the last leg of the Rochester Olympic Torch Relay.

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After the show, grab your picnic basket and head to the Strong Museum grounds to picnic and gear up for the fireworks (no barbecue grills please). Visit Strong Museum's children's tent first from 6:30-9:30 p.m. While you're at the museum, visit the new, kid-friendly museum exhibit "UneARTifying the Secret City of Rochester.

Still Time for Sponsors, Advertisers, Entertainers and Vendors For Festival

In sixty days, Rochester will rock, swing, and groove with the sound of Gospel, R&B and Jazz at the Clarissa Street Reunion Festival and the Pythodd Reunion. Both events are free.

At 11 a.m. on August 21, the Festival will begin with a parade down Clarissa Street. There will be three stages with continuous music, from noon till 9 p.m. Family entertainment, vendors, a Will of Fame featuring the area's most notable African-Americans of the 1940-65 era and a pictorial history display of 4' x 4' pictures from that time period.

Capping off the day from 5-9 p.m., will be the Pythodd Reunion featuring Jack McDuff and the Heat! System, Gap Mankinge and the Abram Wilson Trio. This will be the first time the Pythodd Reunion has been held at the historic site of the Pythodd Club at Troup and Clarissa Streets.

Former Rochesterians have been contacting the Clarissa Street Reunion Committee (CSRC) so they may attend to reunion with old friends, but also to be part of the jamming entertainment. Roy McCurdy, former Rochesterian and currently the drummer for Nancy Wilson, as well as Pee Wee Ellis, formerly with Maceo, as well as others (not yet confirmed) are expected to attend.

There are still some openings for entertainers and vendors for the festival. Smitty's Birdland is just one of the vendors who will be located in the same spot his business-occupied thirty years ago. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the preparations for this exciting event.

In order to ensure a large parade, the CSRC has issued an application that would like to participate to do so. Included will be marching bands and floats.

A souvenir Journal will be available featuring some of the pictures that will be on exhibit. Anyone interested in advertising in the Journal may do so by calling 385-1950.

Sponsors for the event are also needed. The CSRC has been encouraging African-American business people to lend their support in this area.

Some of the sponsors for the event are: City of Rochester, County of Monroe, Action For a Better Community, Food Link, Floral Boutique, WDKX, Cornhill Floral, Youth Orchestra, The Frederick Douglass Voice. Some of the sponsors for the event are: City of Rochester, County of Monroe, Action For a Better Community, Food Link, Floral Boutique, WDKX, Cornhill Floral, Youth Orchestra, The Frederick Douglass Voice.

The CSRC is holding a Garage Sale and Bar-B-Que fundraiser on Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the parking lot of the Elks Lodge at 285 Clarissa Street. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Clarissa Street Reunion Festival.

For more information on participation in the Festival, please contact CSRC president, Reggie Jeffries at 442-3866.

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**Gospel Concert a Mt. Vernon**

Akoma, a women's gospel choir will be featured at a gospel concert to be held at 6:30 p.m. June 22, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 331 Joseph Avenue. The Rochester Junior Academy Sign Language Choir and Armenta Adams Hammings will be special guests. Also featured will be storyteller, David Anderson/Sankey. Proceeds will benefit Akoma's Mother Nona Chambers Scholarship Award.

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Janey Elected To RMSC Board

Dr. Clifford B. Janey, superintendent of the Rochester City School District, was recently elected as a member of the Rochester Museum & Science Center Board of Trustees. Janey has been superintendent of the Rochester City School District since July 1, 1995, before that he served for 21 years with the Boston Public Schools, first as a teacher and then in various administrative positions.

RMSC president and director Richard C. Shultz believes that the direction taken by the RMSC over the years and those planned for the near future "suggest an even stronger alliance with public education in the City and the County of Monroe."

The RMSC board has 25 seats, each of which carries a three-year term. Janey will serve out the unexpired term of trustee Steve Tierney. That term expires in May 1997; Janey will then be eligible to serve two three-year terms.

Current officers are: William M. Bailey, East chairman; James W. Meyer, vice chairman; Richard C. Shultz, president; and Lyke E. Beach, secretary-treasurer.

Don't Miss "Moe" At GeVa Theatre

Standing Room Only, performances and rave reviews are responsible for the extended performances of "FIVE GUYS NAMED Moe," now running through Sunday, June 30 at GeVa Theatre. "Moe" is a musical by Clarke Peters, featuring Louis Jordan's greatest hits. The Five Guys are Trent Kendall, Earl Moe; Derrick McGinley, Little Moe; Andre Montgomery, Four Eyed Moe; John Eric Parker, Big Moe, and Dennis Slower, No Moe. June Means II is Norma.

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Caribbean Rhythms At Eastman House

The second in the Eastman House’s series of evening garden concerts will feature the upbeat Caribbean music of the Trinidad Tobago Steel Band on Wednesday, July 10. This is the third performance at the Eastman House for this six-piece band from Rochester. The Concert will be held in the terrace garden from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

Sandwiches, salads, beverages, and a cash bar will be available at the concession stand; or guests may bring their own picnic dinner. Concert-goers are also encouraged to bring a comfortable chair or blanket. The minidome for the concert is Wednesday, July 17.

Tickets are $8 general admission; $5 for senior citizens, students, children 13 and over, and Museum members; and free for children 12 and under. Tickets are currently available at the University Avenue admissions desk and will also be sold at the gate on the evening of the concert. The concert series will conclude on August 14 with the Outer Circle Orchestra, "a World Beat" band from Buffalo that plays a combination of African and Caribbean music.

All proceeds from the concerts will benefit the ongoing restoration of the Museum’s historic gardens and grounds.

Who Will Receive the ’96 "Rejoice" Award

The "Rejoice" award is a symbol of appreciation presented on behalf of the people, to a person, group or organization for demonstration and commitment to working within our community to bring about Christian and community unity.

The nominees are those who go beyond their church walls to share God’s word, through various means: radio, television, community events, outreach programs, etc. Some of the 1995 recipients include Rev. Novel Goff, Zion Hill Mission Baptist Church; and the Greater Rochester Black & Gold Youth Community Appreciation Dinner & Award Ceremony on Saturday, August 10 at the Holiday Inn-Geneseo Plaza. For more information call 899-5151.
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**Retiree's Free Gun Locks To "Make A Difference"**

W. Frank Fowler of Bethelhurst Dr., from retirement age 80 and retired from Kodak's Research Labs, clipped the full-page ad that appeared in the Democrat & Chronicle, with an appeal from Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., to "Make a Difference" by volunteering time and talent for activities that enhance Rochester's quality of life. So Frank decided to distribute free gun locks in the city's core area.

His goal is to distribute 1,000 gun locks this summer (200 this month and the rest during the Rochester Against Violence Initiative in July), thanks to generous contributions of $4,500 from the Third Presbyterian Church on East Avenue and $500 from the Paul Wengler Fund of the First Unitarian Church on South Winton Rd. Fowler gave out 34 gun locks at the Cupus Christi Neighborhood Center in just two-and-a-half hours, and plans to give out 50 more at each of the following dates:

- **June 19, 1-5 p.m.** at the Gift Center Ministry, North Street
- **June 22, 10-12 noon** at the Gift Center
- **June 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the North Street Recreation Center

Although not a firearms enthusiast or hunter, Fowler got the idea for giving away free gun locks as a proactive way to prevent injuries while attending meetings of the Rochester Task Force To Reduce Violence. Buying locks with his own funds and an anonymous donation, he has already handed out about 700 of the devices over the last two years, primarily through the "Rochester Challenge." Thanks to additional support from the two congregations, Fowler hopes his gun locks will make an even bigger difference by providing Rochester with security and peace of mind.

**South Africa continued from p. 1**

real problems."

"The new constitution obliges us to strive to improve the quality of life of the people. In this sense, our national consensus recognizes that there is nothing else that can justify the existence of government but to redress the centuries of unacceptable privations, by striving to eliminate poverty, illiteracy, homelessness and disease.

"While in the past, diversity was seen by the powers-that-be as a basis for division and domination; while in earlier negotiations, references to such diversity was looked at with suspicion; today we affirm in no uncertain terms that we are mature enough to derive strength, trust and unity from the tapestry of language, religion and cultural attributes that make up our nation."

"Our pledge is: Never and never again shall the laws of our land rend our people apart or legalise their oppression and repression. Together, we shall march, hand-in-hand, to a brighter future."
CHILD SUPPORT

If you are, or about to be, in the midst of an action for a divorce where children are involved, I encourage you to read this article. Child support is the sum paid by either or both parents for care, maintenance, and education of any unemancipated child under the age of twenty-one.

In New York State, the Child Support Standards Act provides the formula for calculating child support obligations. Initially, the Court must calculate each parent's individual income by taking the gross income figures from the most recent federal income tax returns, including all sources of income (whether or not taxable). The parental incomes are then combined.

The Court then determines the basic child support obligation by multiplying the combined parental income by the following child support percentages: one child-17%; two children-25%; three children-31%; four children-35%; five or more children-no less than 35%. Each parent's actual support obligation is then prorated based upon his or her percentage of contribution, or an independent calculation of the combined parental income.

Although this formula takes into consideration the prorated share of each parent's obligations to the gross amount required for the support of the children, it is only the noncustodial parent (the parent who lives apart from the children) who pays child support to the custodial parent (the parent with whom the children reside). Although the statute permits the courts to deviate from the standard for determining support obligations, experience shows that courts are very reluctant to do so.

Furthermore, the courts may deem the noncustodial parents prorated share of support "unjust or inappropriate" and may increase or decrease the obligation upon consideration of the following statutory factors:

1. Financial resources of custodial and noncustodial parents and those of child.
2. Physical, emotional health, special needs and aptitudes of child.
3. Standard of living the child would have enjoyed but for the dissolution of the marriage.
4. Tax consequences to the parties.
5. Non-monetary contributions that parents make toward care and well being of the child.
7. Child support other obligations.
8. Whether noncustodial parent has other child support obligations.
9. Visitation expenses of noncustodial parent; and
10. Any other factor the court deems relevant.

The absolute minimum support obligation for a noncustodial parent in New York State is $25 per month.

The courts are also empowered, considering the parents circumstances and the best interest of the child, to award educational expenses including those for college tuition, health insurance and life insurance in addition to any other child support obligations.

New York law allows parents to ignore the child support guidance and to voluntarily agree to the measure of child support in agreements called "spousal-out agreements. However, because these agreements must contain very specific and detailed provisions to be enforceable, it is advised that you contact an attorney to draft the agreements and other related court papers.

If the noncustodial parent fails to pay child support, the Court may enforce payment of the child support award by garnishing the wages of the noncustodial parent, if employed, or through the sale of his or her assets. The Court may also order payment of attorney's fees if an attorney is retained to enforce payment of the award.

Parental misconduct is irrelevant when determining the child support obligation. What determines child support obligations is the child's need and not fault on the part of a parent. Therefore, denial of visitation does not constitute justification to withhold child support payments by the noncustodial parent.

It is important to note by statute, past-due payments (arrears) for child support cannot be reduced or canceled. Therefore, if the noncustodial parent experiences changes in circumstances interfering with his ability to continue child support payments, he must apply immediately to the Court for an order for modification of child support.

Once a child support order is set, it is extremely difficult to modify it unless the party seeking the change can demonstrate the there are unforeseen and unreasonable changes in circumstances warranting the modification.

Simply showing that the child is older and that his needs may be greater or that the noncustodial parent is making more money now than at the time the child support order was entered is insufficient.

This article was written by T. Andrew Brown, a member of Brown & Hutchinson, representing both businesses and individuals. For consultation or to obtain a referral, the firm may be contacted at (716) 424-3054.

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Baptist Minister Joins Religious Coalition Staff

Washington, D.C.—The Reverend Carlton Wadsworth Veazey, a minister of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., recently joined the staff of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice as the new Deputy Director, the second highest staff position in the organization. He is the first minister from a traditionally Black denomination to serve on the staff of the twenty-three year old organization.


When asked why he chose to join the Religious Coalition staff, Rev. Veazey said, "It's time. It's time that some of us in the Black church take a stand and bring dialogue about reproductive choice to the community. All of my clergy friends that I contacted when I heard from his colleagues, Rev. Veazey determined to organize a summit of religious leaders in the African American community to discuss teen pregnancy, teen parenting, and other reproductive health issues. Tentatively slated for September of this year, the summit has already garnered support from Rev. Walter Fauntroy, former Delegate to Congress representing Washington, D.C.; Rev. Dr. Geo Roman, pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in Philadelphia; and Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, Dean of Howard University's School of Divinity.

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"My own parents were supportive of choice in a quiet way, but they've never discussed it within the context of the church. They all agree with me that it is time to open dialogue on these issues." In response to the agreement he heard from his colleagues, Rev. Veazey determined to organize a summit of religious leaders in the African American community to discuss teen pregnancy, teen parenting, and other reproductive health issues. Tentatively slated for September of this year, the summit has already garnered support from Rev. Walter Fauntroy, former Delegate to Congress representing Washington, D.C.; Rev. Dr. Geo Roman, pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in Philadelphia; and Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, Dean of Howard University's School of Divinity.

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Suddently May 30, 1996
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BREBEE, Donovan Lee
June 7, 1996
Funeral services were held at Full Funeral Home. Survived by father, Johnny Brebee, Sr., of Milton, GA, mother, Alene Simmons, 4 brothers, John, Johnny, Alphonso, Donald & Ronald Brebee, all of Rochester. Final arrangements by Hall Funeral Home.

BREWYER, Harry Robert
Funeral services were held at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Sam McCalpin, pastor. Survived by son, James Latham, daughter, Kathy Scott, Gary DeWayne Brewer; sister, Betty Lee Brewer; 4 grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Inc.

BROY, Carla Monten
May 28, 1996
Funeral services were held at Lakeside Church. She is survived by family and friends. Final arrangements by Paradise Funeral Chapel, Inc.

BUSH, Theodora "Sandy"
June 5, 1996
Funeral services were held at Mt. Sills Baptist Church, Midway AL, Beloved one of 8 children of late Thereda and James K. B ../1962. Survived by sister, Velma Shareno; brothers and sisters, Walter, Thomas, James, Linda, Gwendolyn, Gena, Elroy, and Ruth Ann; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Inc.

CLINKSCALES, Maxine S.
May 29, 1996
Funeral services were held at Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Mission Joseph E. Harris officiating. Beloved mother of Arthur Matthews; sister of Robert Matthews, Jr. and Geraldia Matthews—loved and missed by her grandchild, Dominique Matthews and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Inc.

JENKINS, Ovon C. "Jenko"
June 10, 1996
Funeral services were held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Jenks, family member of 5 generations. Survived by wife, Carolyn Jenkins; daughter, Theresa Harrison; son, John; granddaughter, Tanisha Harrison; sister, Margaret Carter;grandfather, Robert (Emma) McNairy of Rochester; 3 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Inc.

MCCABE, Albert
May 28, 1996
Funeral services were held at Full Gospel Tabernacle Church, Rev. Robert Thomas, pastor. Her obituary is being served by her devoted family and friends. Survived by children: Joe and Margaret McClelland; 1 daughter, Sonya; a host of family and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Inc.

ROSS, Eugene F.
June 7, 1996
Funeral services were held at New Bethel Church, Rev. Sam McCalpin, pastor. Survived by sister, Mrs. Edna Ross; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Paradise Funeral Chapel, Inc.

SPARROW, Nae Mae
Suddenly June 10, 1996
Funeral services were held at Lighthouse Church of God in Christ, Rev. Leon Morris officiating. Surived by sons, John Potterfield, Jr., Albert and Aaron Sparrow; daughters, Myrtle Forrest, Gertude Smith and Angela; brothers, John Andrew; Rev. Walter Jones. Survived by Edward Jr., John W. Willie George (The Work), Bobby Joe, Luke Charles, nieces, Rosi Lee King, Melvin Johnson, Nicholle Rue Winters, Martin Johnson, Shirley Bruce; 16 grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

YOUNG, Walter S.
June 1, 1996
Funeral services were held at the Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. James E. White, pastor. Survived by wife, Mrs. Dr. Virgil White; 5 daughters, Melvin Parker; 6 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by E. Latimer & Son.

BYRNE, Robin
June 11, 1996
Funeral services were held at St. Paul Temple Church, Rev. Dr. Robert Henderson, pastor. Survived by her family and friends. Final arrangements by Pullen Funeral Home.

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OBITUARIES

Syracuse Annual Jazz Fest the Best

From May 28-June 2, Syracuse NY's popular host of its 14th Annual Jazz Fest. As usual, Frank Mallfano, founder and director of the gala affair, provided jazz lovers with some of the most outstanding talent in the business.


This extremely talented line up didn't disappoint, with the Islam mainstream jazz, Avant Garde, jazz pop, blue jazz, bebop tunes, and engaging funk stylings which were extremely popular in pop and jazz the concert season.

Each group or individual performer played songs that made them famous and popular. The Jazz Crusaders, who were in the top 30 in the world, never sounded better. Founding members were Charles, Joe, veteran of '50s and '60s, Louis of Rochester and swing bandleaders and a host of other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Region Funeral Chapel.

NEWKIRK, Henry M. Rev.
June 9, 1996
Funeral services were held at Full Gospel Tabernacle Church, Rev. Robert Thomas, pastor. Her obituary is being served by her devoted family and friends. Survived by children, son and daughter in law of Clinton and Helen and son and daughter in law of John and Carol. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Inc.

ROSS, Floletha M.
June 10, 1996
Funeral services were held at Price Memorial Church, Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Survived by her loving husband and family. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Paradise Funeral Chapel, Inc.

MCOARY, Donna Eugene
Suddenly June 1, 1996
Funeral services were held at Progressive Church of God in Christ. The service was conducted by Deaconess Celestine. A daughter, Gloria Jean of Martinsburg, WV; a grandson, Keith; Rev. William Scott, Rochester; 1 sister, Cherette (John) Andrews; 4 great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Region Funeral Chapel.

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By Jim Allen

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Pictures from the Annual Highland Bowl Fredrick Douglas Celebration held Sunday, June 9, 1996

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The Case for National Action

access to housing and healthcare. terms of education, income, and Studies such as Reynolds Farley poverty in postindustrial cities. growing problem of pervasive study, The Declining Significance of race relations in 1980s, social scientists attempted to use minority economic policies set-asides, majoritarian-minoritarian legacies from the controversial trial of O. J. Simpson to the 1991 Million Man March, the national African-American community has become largely estranged and alienated from mainstream white America. Simultaneously, black Americans themselves are increasingly polarized by social class and income divides. In 1995, 27% of all African-American households had annual incomes below $15,000, more than one-half of all black households earned under $20,000 annually. Conversely, nearly 10% of all black households received over $75,000 each year. Diverse voices from Los Angeles to Colón Powell reflect the growing internal debate to redefine African-American policy priorities. A new social science addressing these critical developments along America’s color line is now required. Perhaps the most important agenda issues to examine are how African Americans themselves prioritize their own problems and evaluate the effectiveness of their own leaders and political organizations. How do blacks view white America today, a generation removed from the Civil Rights Movement? Through the use of survey research, by conducting confidential interviews with hundreds of black households across the U.S., we can better understand how black America sees itself.

What is required is a new relationship between black political organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Congressional Black Caucus, and a consortium of research centers and scholarly institutions focusing on black issues at major universities across the country. White conservatives have a large number of “think tanks” from the Heritage Foundation to the Hoover Institution. The black agenda to move forward, we need to have ongoing dialogs and long-term research projects which connect the best African-American scholars with our own political organizations and civil right groups. While reactionary Republicans understand all too well that “knowledge is power,” we need to understand that principle as well.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University, New York City. “Along the Color Line” appears over 275 newspapers and is featured by 80 radio stations across the U.S. and internationally.

Margaret Dixon New AARP President

WASHINGTON, DC—Long-time educator and volunteer Margaret A. Dixon, of Clinton, Maryland, has been elected president of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). She is the first African-American to serve in this position.

Dr. Dixon received a gavel of the 75-year-old association from outgoing President Eugene L. Lehmann on Wednesday, May 22, 1996 during the organization’s biennial convention in Denver. During her two-year tenure as president of America’s leading organization for people age 50 and older, Dr. Dixon will work to ensure that AARP continues to be a dynamic presence in every community.

“The first wave of baby boomers turn 50 this year, bringing a whole new perspective to the meaning of aging,” said Dr. Dixon. “Their knowledge and experiences, combined with those of their parents and grandparents, will enrich the aging experience in our society. And by making AARP accessible to all Americans over 50, we hope to improve the quality of life for them, their children, and their grandchildren,” she added.

Dr. Dixon became involved with AARP in 1988 to help implement its Minority Affairs Initiatives. Serving as a spokesperson, she helped to increase the presence and involvement of minorities in AARP’s education, advocacy, and community service programs.

Since then, she has served on the board of trustees of the AARP Investment Program from South Carolina, as trustee of the AARP Group Health Insurance Trust, and on the Board of Councilors of the Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontology Center at the University of Southern California. She also served as National Secretary of AARP and as a member of the Board Audit Committee and the Chapter Advisory Committee.

Dr. Dixon was elected Vice President of AARP in 1992. In 1994, she succeeded automatically to the position of President-elect in 1994. Currently, Dr. Dixon serves on the AARP Executive and Board Finance Committees, on the National Legislative Council, and as Vice Chair of the AARP Andrus Foundation Board of Trustees. She also serves as Chair of the Board Strategic Planning Committee and as member of the Board Operations Committee and the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) Task Force.

A graduate of Allen University in her native Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Dixon earned a degree in Education. She holds Masters of Arts degrees from Hunter College and New York University, and a Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University.

During 35 years as an educator in the New York City school system, Dr. Dixon was a teacher of physically-challenged students, director of a computer-assisted early learning program, and a principal of a large urban elementary school, where she developed an innovative bilingual program. Her leadership resulted in the school being chosen as a campus for the Brooklyn College Teacher Education Program, of which she was the supervising principal.

Following retirement, Dr. Dixon was appointed associate professor and served as director of the Teacher Education Program at Allen University, and as consultant to the South Carolina State Department of Education. Dr. Dixon also pursued volunteer opportunities in literacy tutoring, Multi-Plus Wheelers, and visits to a facility for the mentally handicapped.

Among the many honors and recognition Dr. Dixon has received are: the Delta Sigma Theta Lifetime Award for Meritorious Service in Community College Education; a Ford Foundation Fellowship for graduate study in education leadership, and a graduate fellowship from the U.S. Office of Education for study in the education of persons with disabilities. She was recently honored as an outstanding graduate at Allen University’s 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Dr. Dixon and her husband, Octavius, have three children and an array of grandchildren. Her AARP is the nation’s leading organization for people age 50 and over. It serves its needs and interests through independent advocacy, research, informative programs, and community service provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country. The organization also offers members a wide range of special membership benefits, including Modern Maturity magazine and the monthly Bulletin.

Advertising and article deadline for the next issue of the Voice is July 5.
How will you pay for your children's college education? The answer to this question has become more complex over the past decade and a half. According to the College Board, the annual average cost for tuition, fees and room and board at a private university now approaches $16,000; at public universities the average price tops $8,000. The cost of attending some top-rated universities now exceeds $25,000 a year.

Multiple these numbers by four years and two or three children, and you see the dilemma. For many people, college—not home ownership—is the single greatest expense in a lifetime. How do you solve this financial planning problem? The answer to this question has become a matter of time and your financial circumstances.

First, examine your financial means. You either qualify for financial aid, you don't qualify, or you're eligible for some. Most high schools and colleges have a standard financial aid application that will help you determine your eligibility.

Those who qualify for some, but not total financial aid, must maneuver the trickiest path. In this situation any, grants, aid, gifts or additional income reduces the amount of additional aid available to you.

Another pitfall to avoid: the financial aid formula assumes students can spend three times the assets that parents can. Then there are families who qualify for no financial aid. Now you have two choices: save for college costs early or pay as you go. In the latter situation, federal PLUS loans are available to the parents of college students. Other parents take out a home equity mortgage—the advantage being tax-deductible interest—and still others pick up second jobs, borrow from company pension plans and shop around for the most cost-efficient college. The tradeoff? Many parents delay or interrupt saving for their own retirement.

There is one way to win the battle against college costs, however—save early and regularly. Most financial planners agree that growth mutual funds, those that invest in stocks and bonds, provide the best potential return over the long term. As your child nears college age, move your money into more liquid, short-term investment vehicles such as money markets and some bond funds. Variable life insurance and annuities, which also invest in stocks and bonds, have grown in favor recently, too. Variable life insurance policies and annuities offer the greatest appreciation. The tradeoff? The cash value of variable life insurance policies is tax-deferred until you withdraw it. That's an outlay of almost $60,000. The time value of interest makes up the difference. If you wait until your child enters college, the monthly costs over four years may be up to $5,500. For all but the wealthiest people, the latter figure is hard to swallow.

Consider these options: payment on a home, a down payment for future college costs at a time when they are raising a young family and perhaps buying a first home. If you're lucky, the cost of college savings may be offset by the cost of college. However, with the cost of college rising faster than the rate of inflation for goods and services, the cost of college will go up even faster. No matter what investments you choose, consider the following. If you cannot afford college costs, you may have to enter college in 15 years and you project college cost at about $15,000. You would need to save about $140 a month, assuming an eight percent return, to fully fund college costs. That's an outlay of almost $60,000. The time value of interest makes up the difference. If you wait until your child enters college, the monthly costs over four years may be up to $5,500. For all but the wealthiest people, the latter figure is hard to swallow.

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Langkans also found time to co-found a new forum for higher learned David Anderson/Liberal Studies from SUNY Brockport in 1996. She received her Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences from Monroe Community College in 1992 and is a 1989 graduate of Cornell University’s F. W. O. Y. International Studies Program. Ms. Langkans is also listed in the 1991 edition of Who’s Who Among High School Students.

Ms. Langkans civic involvement includes board and committee representation with the City of Rochester and the United Way’s African American Leadership Development, as well as several community organizations, including African American Youth Cultural Development, Inc., Boys & Girls Club, Honoring Diversity Consortium; Rochester Kwanzaa Coalition and the WYCA.

Hospital Workers Marching To Keep Benefits

Staff at Strong Memorial Hospital held a memorial service to symbolize the threatened death of their health benefits. The event took place outside the new Hospital lobby on the Crittenden Avenue walkway (the bus loop) on Sunday, June 16. A march from the hospital to the UoR President’s office is planned for Wednesday, June 18.

Two hundred unionized hospital employees marched to the opening celebration of the Hospital’s Ambulatory Center on June 13. They stood in silent protest over the lack of a new union contract.

On June 14, an employee delegation submitted petitions with over 700 signatures to the Hospital’s Director requesting his intervention in settling the contract dispute. The petitions were addressed to CEO Leo Bridenton and to U of R Vice President Dr. Gary S. Stinchcomb.

A delegation of University Campus employees made a similar petition with over 100 signatures to UoR Vice President Richard Mullen. The union contract has been extended three times since its May 25 expiration. The present contract is currently in force on a “day-to-day” basis requested by the Federal Mediator. Federal officials are expected to call for a meeting early this week.

The key differences in the negotiations center around health benefits for employees and other benefit changes proposed by the union. The hospital is seeking to maintain present health benefits package; the hospital is unwilling to keep these benefits. Strong is also insisting on cuts in retiree health benefits, tuition for employees, and holiday pay.

The union contract covers 900 staff of Strong Hospital and the U of R. The hospital is the largest health care bargaining unit in the Rochester area. The types of employees covered include: patient care technicians, nursing secretaries, other non-licensed personnel, nurses aides, management employees, dietary employees, housekeeping employees, and other support staff.

For further information contact Bruce Popper at (716) 244-0830.

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J. K. Langkani, Manager of Community Initiatives, Rochester Area Foundation, and Patricia Zuroski, Educator, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc., have been chosen to serve on the YWCA Board of Directors for a three-year term, expiring in 1999. Langkani lives in Rochester and Zuroski lives in Penfield.

Elected to serve on the 1996-97 Nominating Committee from the Board of Directors are: Bridgette Baruch, Director of Communications, City of Rochester; Sarah Ayer-Giusti, Assistant Corporate Counsel, ACC Corp.; and Kim Robbins, Planner, Action For A Better Community, Inc. All three women are Rochester residents.

Nominating Committee members elected from the General Membership are: Wyorna Best, Vice President of Communications, Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce (Victor resident); Patricia Malgieri, President and CEO, Center for Governmental Research (Brighton resident); Sandy Bernard, Executive Director, Rochester Women’s Network (Victor resident); and Ethel Ford-Granger, Community Fellow, Rochester Arts Foundation (West Henrietta resident).

The Boys & Girls Club of Rochester is holding its Annual Summer Bazaar weekend of Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30. Friday will be the special “Sneak Preview and Sale,” which will be held inside the Club from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission for the “Sneak Preview and Sale” is $2.

On Saturday there will be a “Summer Bazaar & Sale.” Admission is free. Saturday and Sunday the sale will take place in the parking lot of the Boys & Girls Club at 500 Genesee Street, across from Wilson Magnet High School. In case of rain, all days of the sale will be held indoors.

Proceeds from the Club’s Annual Bazaar will be used to fund some of the Boys & Girls Club’s special projects and initiatives, like PACE—Peaceful Actions for Community and Excellence—and Summer Respite Camp. PACE is the Club’s youth anti-violence project, which involves intervention, case management, and family advocacy and counseling. Summer Respite Camp is a new program established in conjunction with the Office of Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Services. The summer program is designed to provide constructive, yet fun, recreational opportunities for developmentally disabled children ages 6 to 12.

The Boys & Girls Club is accepting donations of new, gently-used items for the bazaar. In some cases of rain, pick-up of donated items can be arranged. Call Rochelle Watson at 328-3077.

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STRESS REDUCTION

No one in this right mind would argue against the fact that the slavery experience for blacks in America reached the peak of man stress. The conditions under which the black slaves were brought to America were stressful to add to this was the inhumane way in which white America treated the slaves. The stress for blacks in America did not end with the Civil War and the establishment of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Stress has been perpetuated for blacks by America. America—a country that was built on freedom and democracy, America—a country that proclaimed God as its leader. America—a country with the Statue of Liberty, with her flaming torch, welcoming foreigners to the land of the free.

This is the same America that has sent out mixed and inconsistent messages to the blacks from Africa and their descendants for three hundred years. Mixed and inconsistent messages can be a major source of stress.

A number of rats were separated into two groups. The first group of rats lived in a stressful environment. The second group of rats was also required to pass over a specific area before they were able to receive their food. Again, the rats were exposed to electrical shock. At other times, these rats were required to make their way through the front door. You can imagine the emotional effect this would not have. After a period of time, this inconsistent pattern of stress responses would happen to your nervous system, and eventually, your general health.

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Malcolm X once said that African-American society made the Negro hotter than hell for over 400 years. Quite literally, the burning continues. The history of the Negro in the South has left many African-Americans holding their hands to the sky. The questions are many and the answers are almost non-existent. As usual the same government that can yank a corrupt dictator out of his country like a thief in the night cannot find one single clue that would shed some light on the question.

Our experience in America has been nothing short of a spiritual war of the highest order. We have endured the indignities heaped upon us on a daily basis by White people for the games they play, just as African American jazz musicians are indebted to the Euro-American music industry to allow them to participate in a vital life element. Every human being needs an opportunity to find itself. To the Euro-American society did not want us to be a part of this fulfillment-seeking on equal terms. The only thing worse than that is not being allowed to set up and operate your own spiritual institution free of hindrance. And there we are, never being allowed to fully participate in all aspects of the “American Dream.” Never being allowed to be left alone with our segregated status.

We are truly stuck between a rock and a hard place. But the spirit can go places the body cannot. A confinement of the body does not have to mean a confinement of the spirit. And when the spirit is allowed to journey to that higher ground, we will find a new world to live in. The Church has been a place where we could sing our song in a spiritual land.

The following comments are excerpts from an editorial entitled “Let me tell you, I use the word Negro,” which appeared in the D & C, written by Stanley Crouch, a columnist for the New York Daily News. Below is the response to that editorial by Dr. Okoye:

Stanley Crouch, apparently ruffled by criticism of some readers of his column, recently attempt ed to rationalize his continuing predilection for the phrase “Negro.” (Let me tell you why I use the word “Negro”) appeared in the May 29, 1996 issue of the Democrat and Chronicle. The arguments he advanced not only reveal a man terribly brainwashed, but also a man very ignorant of African, African American and African realities.

The columnist’s self-proclaimed preoccupation of several works on African history, art, religion, and other matters during the years of his Black Power movement did not make it possible for him to internalize the fact that Africans became the objects of special abuse only after European capitalists concluded that they could not successfully exploit the land of the New World without a heavy reliance on the servile toil of Africans.

Had Crouch read Abd Al-Rahman A\I-Sadi’s Had Crouch read Abd Al-Rahman A\I-Sadi’s *Fettach*, Ibn Battuta’s *Travels in Asia and Africa*, Leo Africanus’ *The History and Description of Africa*, Basil Davidson’s *The African Slave Trade*, Pre-Colonial History 1456-1850, Adu Boshie’s *Topics in West African History*, Raymond Mauzy’s *National Negro Et Culture*—A Review of the *Journal of Negro History*, edited by J. E. Ade Ajayi and Ian Espie, he would have realized that West Africa, the ancestral home of most African Americans, produced during the Middle Ages lots of distinguished doctors, judges, historians, geographers, theologians, military workers, and other notable individuals.

Ignorance of African history caused Crouch to leave readers of the article with the erroneous impression that persons of African descent became accomplished in “politics, education, technology, the military, and the arts” only after millions of them were forcibly transplanted to America.

What concerns us here is a latter-day articula tion of the canard that chattel slavery was, for Africa, a blessing or a positive good. This truth makes it easy for all right-thinking people to understand Crouch’s belittling representations of Africans in Africa, his pooh-poohing of black nationalism and his unwillingness to identify himself as an African American.

The man in the employ of the *New York Daily News* must have asked himself when he asserted that African American athletes are indebted to the Euro-American media for the “game” they play. Just as African American jazz musicians are indebted to persons of European ancestry for their instruments, Crouch’s argument is that he prefers the term “Negro” rather than the term “African American” because the former term lacks the former term is a fabrication of those that absurdly call themselves white people. What is the name of an ignobly son of Africa in exile in the United States still has not grasped is that persons of European ancestry—as the writings of William booth, Hugh Cudere, Robert Du Bois, Robert E. Lee, Finley, James Otis, Moses Mather, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and practically every colonizer that participated in the pamphlet war that preceded this country’s War of Independence make chillingly clear—tended to take it for granted that “Negro” is another term for “slave.”

The identification with Africa by the proud exiles, an identification that made his black’s formal submission to the British Empire in 1776, was not prompted by simple-mindedness as Crouch would have us believe. It was rooted in the recognition that the persisting reality of European people’s active hatred of humans distinguished by a black skin, curly hair and inconspicuous nose practically guarantees that they will always be targets of hate and fear.

Slavery was not what the ill-informed columnist claimed it was, namely “the harsh crucible of our ancestors.” It has been weaker, but still has a pulse. Female parishioners still outnumber the males. Many of the youth through no fault of their own, have not been able to see the light like generations past. Other institutions that derive their strength from the Black Church have suffered because of this. Their reliance on contributions from lukewarm allies has left most of the burden on the Black Church to carry the load. And now while the Black Church has been struggling to hold the community together, a familiar foe comes along to put it in place and what to do—indeed.

Every day forces us to add a new injustice to the long, long list of unacceptable behaviors. These church burnings have to stop—NOW! We were all taught that certain inalienable rights bestowed upon us at birth by the creator. The group that has been stung the most should ask God across the world to the “uncivilized savages” has been the group that has hardest demonstrated the high level of intelligence the can speak. Hypocrisy is indeed the greatest luxury. My father replied, “That they know Jesus.”

Hiyynammoy.

“NEGRO” IS A SYNONYM FOR “SLAVE!” by Dr. F. Nwabueze Okoye

Long Live The Spirit Of The Million Man March

Dr. F. Nwabueze Okoye is Professor of Department of African and Afro-American Studies, College at Brockport, New York
The Chicago Bulls captured the NBA title in six games over the Seattle SuperSonics in Chicago after many fans, followers and well wishers began to doubt their killer instincts.

The Bulls were up 3-0 over the Sonics. The Fat Lady was waiting in those moments. It was a case of the cloudburst, and the champagne was chilling on ice. Some had called the psychic connection and the World Cups champs and T-shirts were waiting to be donned in Seattle.

But Gary Payton and the Sonics didn’t cooperate. The hopes began when Seattle went down 3-1. They appeared to whip Chicago in Game 5. The sets of “a comeback” could be heard everywhere—that Seattle would win it all if they forced Game 7.

I remember what Dennis Rodman said about the Orlando Magic during their series when the Magic tried to make a late run in their 0-4 match with the Bulls. “The young players are out of gas but it takes them too long to reload.”

Seattle reloads and hit two games on all cylinders in Games 4 & 5, but the Bulls at home, reloads and took the last glimmer of hope that flashed before the Sonics eyes.

It was a great series and we were privileged to see great plays by some of the greatest players in the game. In the same time, Hugh Hollings and his cast of Refs made some petty calls on both teams and let it be known that if a foul call is questioned adversely, a technical would be called—and Men were they called!

In basketball, a non-contact sport, picks are set and these towings can be made to start a flush run inside, bump, push-off, hook, elbow, hold, shove, flagrantly foul and trash talk each other, to gain advantage on the court.

Any of the above plays can be made on any given play. The Refs are keen on some calls, and on others they are downright ridiculous. Let them play as the game was intended. Personalities and emotional clashes are always present and are meant to be controlled by The Stripes without prejudice or malice.

The Bulls were 72-10 in regular season play (best in NBA history) and 87-13 through the playoffs. That’s an amazing accomplishment. The Bulls won these games by not letting their opponents or the Refs defeat them.

Oscar De La Hoya defeated Julio Cesar Chavez to win the 140 lb. title bout. De La Hoya cut Chavez early, with razor-like jabs and aixed open the cut with an overhead right. In round 4, he broke Chavez’ nose. Even without Chavez being cut early, I believe Oscar would have taken him apart in the later rounds.

De La Hoya is the most popular active fighter in the world and everyone wants a shot at him, including Rochester’s Charles Murray (that would be a BIG payday), who has to convincingly defeat Jake Rodriguez on June 25 to even be considered an opponent.

Charles should fight him even if it’s not a title fight. He must redevelop himself and be the shape of Superman if he gets a chance to fight De La Hoya because this young man has devastating punching power in both hands. He needs to improve his foot, upper body and head movements.

The O.J. saga continues. See you next time sport fans.
Wallace Roney

Chick Corea & Friends Play Tribute To Jazz
Pianist/Composer Bud Powell At Artpark June 27

Chick Corea & Friends Play Tribute To Jazz pianist/Composer Bud Powell at the Artpark Theater on June 27 at 8 p.m.

The all-star quintet will feature pianist Corea joined by saxophonist Joshua Redman, trumpeter Wallace Roney, bassist Christian McBride and former Bud Powell sideman Scott Amendola. Ear "Bud" Powell was born in Cleveland, Ohio on May 20, 1929 and was an acknowledged piano prodigy in his early teens. He became a principal of the avant-garde and made many significant musical contributions to modern jazz, becoming known as "bop" or "bebop." Powell was also a complex, brilliant man who experienced much documented mental difficulties tied to encounters with racism and institutional neglect.

After seven troubled years in Europe that produced landmark recordings with Dexter Gordon and Coleman Hawkins, Powell returned to America and recorded his last album, "Cosmic Monk" in 1966 and died shortly thereafter.

Winner of eight Grammy awards as a studio and concert pianist, Chick Corea, will lead the quintet, backed by his own undying tribute to Powell, pianist Bud Powell, as well as Chick Corea's own quartet and trio. Chick Corea also founded the hugely successful fusion group Return to Forever in the 1970s and later, his Electric Akoustic Band of the 1980s. Recent solo projects and collaborations with Bobby McFerrin have drawn rave reviews.

Joshua Redman is the young tenor saxophonist, highly regarded for having recorded a handful of successful albums with a variety of jazz groups, all while still in his 20s. A winner of the 1991 Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Solo Competition and a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard, Redman has kept up a consistent schedule of touring and recording, including his latest release, "Spirits of the Moment: Live at the Village Vanguard.

Wallace Roney is considered to be one of the top trumpeters of his generation. Roney is an alumnus of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers and was asked by Miles Davis to solo along side him at the Montreux Jazz Festival, a performance that was captured on his Grammy Award winning "After Davis: death, Roney" compilation. Roney has played with every major jazz musician of the last 30 years. He was recently commissioned to create a major new work for the International Academy of Jazz Hall of Fame. Tickets are available at the Artpark Box Office, or call 1-800-659-5555 (7275) or (716) 754-4754.

White Man's Burden

by Nate Brown, Jr.

What about a movie where there is cultural role reversal? What about a movie where the white folks just have to grin and bear it while the black man and Harry Belafonte as the ruling, wealthy class black. (Hey, isn't Harry rich in real life?) Anyway, John gets fired by someone in the ruling class" and the white folks just have to grin and bear it while the black man and Harry Belafonte as the ruling, wealthy class black. (Hey, isn't Harry rich in real life?) Anyway, John gets fired by someone in the ruling class. The time is 1973 and we are in Las Vegas, everybody is watching everybody. To happen. This video is Rated PG: 2 and a half

Andy Dunston Checks In by Kara Brown

This new video is about an orangutan named Dunston who, along with his jewl thief owner, checks into a five-star hotel. Dunston will use his monkey tricks to rob the rich hotel guests. Dunston is played by a nine-year-old son, Kyle. Kyle and Dunston become the best of friends as Kyle tries to help Dunston escape from the mean jewel thief. The little boy and the orangutan have a real good time together trying to outsmart the jewel thief at his hotel. I really liked this movie even with all of its monkey business, especially its lesson about helping others. This is my Released: 3 Popcorn boxes.

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