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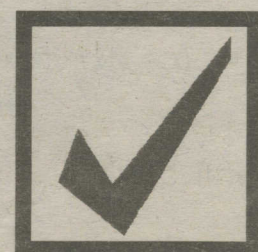
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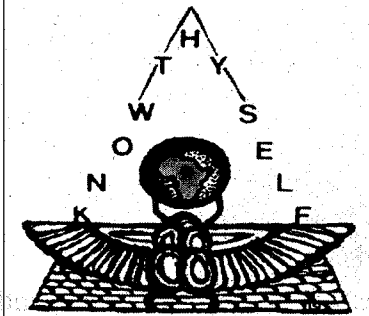
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EDITORIAL

The Revolution Will Not Be Televised

The election of the first president of the 21st century has huge implications on the racial character of this country. Some rational voters may have realized that this election is extremely significant for African-Americans as the United States moves into the new millenium. If not, the revolution will not be televised.

Our next president has the daunting responsibility of appointing at least three Supreme Court justices to the bench and several judges to the 13 federal appellate courts around the country.

Here's the problem. The presidential front-runners have proved their allegiance to their political ideologies. Gore is a die-hard liberal, and Bush practices what he likes to call "compassionate conservatism".

And for blacks, here's the point. Bush favors the appointment of a judge similar to Antonin Scalia, one the most conservative justices in American history. Gore, on the other hand, hopes that justices similar to the late Justice Thurgood Marshall make it to the bench.

A decision in either direction will dramatically sway the Court on decisions of race and morality.

With countless vacancies on the appellate level, decisions rendered on the bench will have to be split along ideological lines. Some of the 1,000 cases heard by the appellate courts may never make it to the Supreme Court.

The federal appellate courts; less publicized but dually important, will alter the interpretation of law for millions of blacks in the form of affirmative action policy, hate crime legislation and welfare reform simply based on the president's appointment.

From the appellate courts on up, the revolution will not be televised. By applying a litmus test, the African-American livelihood hangs in the balance.

BLACKWORLD endorses Al Gore for President.

-D.A.B.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: "The Cultural Divide"

published Oct. 16, 2000

From Eduardo Goldstein

Since it seems to be a good thing to label one's self as a minority, I will begin by saying that I am white, a perfectly white boy reading your newspaper. There can't be too many of us out there...

I am writing in response to Chris Latham's article, "The Cultural Divide". While focusing on the important issue of interracial communication, Chris makes several extremely ignorant statements, which I guess is okay because Chris is black.

Apparently to Chris, being ignorant and black is not as dangerous as being ignorant and white. Should that be accepted as a given? Why exactly is it worse when whites are ignorant? Isn't that a racist statement? Isn't it ignorant of Chris to say that the other race is more dangerous?

Chris introduces us to two white guys, John and Fred. They are ignorant white boys. Dangerously so. Their grave crime? They are Republicans. OH MY GOD!

Without arguing the actual politics of the two parties, I would like to propose that it is ignorant to label someone else ignorant because they have a

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AIDS: The Hidden Agenda

-Millicent N. Ugo

On March 30, 1987, two East German scientists, Jakob and Lilli Segal made a discovery- HIV was not a product of natural evolution. In fact, they claimed it to be a synthetic splice concocted by the CBW (chemical and biological warfare) lab at Fort Detrick, Md. Naturally, their fellow scientists labeled the theory scientifically impossible. Or was it?

Fact: AIDS is the number one killer among homosexuals, addicts, prisoners and people of color- "society's undesirables". This is interesting, if not, odd. In stark comparison to white Americans, African-Americans are twice as likely to contract the AIDS virus.

In the early nineties, the number of Latinos living with AIDS grew 2 times as much as whites.

Unsurprisingly, experimentation on people of color is nothing new. In 1932, the U.S. Public Health Service used 400 black men in a non-consensual experiment dealing with untreated syphilis— the Tuskegee-Syphilis study. It was nothing new in 1989. About 1500 children (majority Latino and African-American) in East and West Los Angeles were subjected to a government sponsored experimental measles vaccine without knowing that they were part of an experiment with an unlicensed drug.

Naturally, "experts" tell us that AIDS originated in Africa. Some complacently agree. Why? Have we gotten used to this familiar pattern. They tell us and we nod our heads. However, when one looks at the whole situation from a certain angle, this situation begins to make a bit more sense. Why is the majority thriving while the "minority" (for lack of a better word) is constantly dying? If it isn't AIDS, then its drugs and if it isn't drugs then it's something else. There is always something else. Isn't there?

So, you tell me... what exactly is going on?

No More Stolen Lives

-Anna Ortega

"...for over thirteen years I don't have no justice," cried a mother from the Bronx, who lost her son to a hail of 14 police gun bullets. The outrage, heartache, and strength of the women and men who lost their loved ones to police brutality took center stage in Times Square on October 22, 2000.

The October 22 Coalition held its fifth annual day of national protest in over fifty major cities. Together, family members, youth, labor organizers, and political groups, demanded there be no more stolen lives— lives lost to the criminalization of youth of Color, repression and police brutality.

The day commenced at 14th Street and Broadway, Union Square, in Manhattan. Onlookers and passersby could not window shop, and carry on with business-as-usual. A multi-ethnic crowd, consisting of the elderly and young alike, gathered to share in a common sentiment of frustration, anger and remorse. The organization Women in Mourning initiated the day of protest.

Swathed in black cloth, women of color formed a circle and read the names of the lives lost this year to police brutality. A gong was struck after each reading, symbolizing, the hollow space remaining in the loved ones left behind. Chalk outlines of murdered youth on the city pavement made all in attendance remember why they came.

Poets and spoken word artists expressed the pain of raising Black male children with cross hair targets, seemingly on their backs. A Mexican labor rights organizer

spoke of the shared struggle of Blacks and Latinos; shouting chants of unity, like "la lucha sigue sigue, Mumia vive, vive."

The youth contingent of the rally led the march uptown to Times Square.

Tired feet and chanting mouths marched alongside, at times, jeering police officers.

Protesters continued forward, despite the

intimidation of a large police presence. Various participants wondered if one day police officers would march alongside those denouncing injustice, not as enforcers of state repression, but as sister/fellow protesters. The answer: not for a long, long, time.

For more information about the National Coordinating Committee of the October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation, or ways to get involved contact: www.unstoppable.com, www.refuseandresist.org, or the author at plumbblossom@hotmail.com.

Sponsored by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Blackworld, Malik Sigma Psi and Bold Hope.

Peace to our and all people.

Free Mumia, Leonard Peltier, Palestine, and incarcerated mothers!



-Compiled by D.A.B	EDUCATION	SOCIAL SECURITY	ECONOMY
GORE	<p>With 90 percent of America's students in public schools, education is one of Gore's top priorities. His plan is to invest more in the tools that schools need to succeed while expecting more of the schools, teachers and students.</p>	<p>He has advocated protection and strengthening of Social Security as well as worked to provide supplemental retirement security through pension reform – essentially putting Social Security in a "locked box" for retirees.</p>	<p>Gore will work hard to continue the longest economic expansion in U.S. history. Under the present administration, the economy has created more jobs, unemployment and inflation are at their lowest and the budget deficit is now a budget surplus.</p>
BUSH	<p>Like in Texas, Gov. Bush will reform the nation's public schools. In his plan, states will be offered freedom from federal regulation, but be held accountable for results.</p>	<p>He will not change benefits for retirees or near retirees. But will save Social Security for the next generation, investing a portion of payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts.</p>	<p>He plans to promote economic growth and increase the access to the middle-class by cutting high tax rates. With the expected budget surplus, Gov. Bush has proposed a balanced economic program that will use the surplus for the future, also paying down the national debt.</p>
NADER	<p>Nader believes that the states and the federal government should work together to guarantee preschool for all children, ensure that the nation's crumbling schools are repaired within three years and guarantee free tuition to public universities or community colleges for all high school graduates.</p>	<p>Nader hopes to defend Social Security from risky and radical privatization plans, ensuring the long-term financial security of retirees. As President, he will make gradual changes to benefits and the revenue structure.</p>	<p>Nader's plan is to shift tax dollars from corporate welfare and a bloated military budget to services for the people. His strategy-- "shift to power".</p>
BUCHANAN	<p>As President, Buchanan will abolish the Department of Education and return its function back to state and local controls. He also supports tuition vouchers and voluntary prayer in public schools.</p>	<p>He would guarantee recipients what they are promised under the current system. Also, he would work with Congress to develop a pay-as-you-go plan allowing Americans to secure a nest-egg.</p>	<p>Buchanan's plan is to put the American Economy before the Global Economy by withdrawing from international organizations (WTO) that threaten U.S. sovereignty and independence.</p>

HEALTH CARE

IMMIGRATION

GUN CONTROL



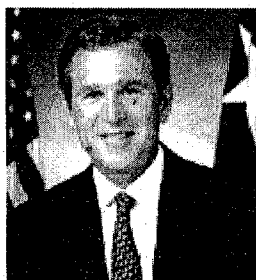
As Vice President and Congressman, Gore worked diligently to ensure that all citizens have access to affordable health care. He will also fight to protect and improve Medicare and Medicaid.

Source:

www.algore.com

Gore's vision maintains a strong, diverse immigrant population. His plan is to improve the quality of life of legal immigrants and provide those families with the tools necessary to participate in the American way of life.

Vice President Gore supported the ban on assault weapons, worked to tailor a compromise on the Brady Bill, and fought for stricter penalties for crimes committed with guns. He also is an advocate for eliminating guns from schools.



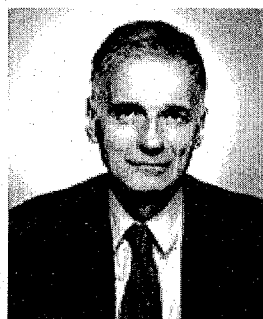
Bush plans to make health insurance affordable for hardworking low-income families. He also plans to remove federal regulations that restrict state flexibility in designing and implementing programs for the uninsured.

Source:

www.georgewbush.com

Gov. Bush is strongly opposed to illegal immigration, but believes that more should be done to embrace legal immigrants. He hopes to establish a six-month standard for possessing immigration applications.

Bush believes that the best way for gun control is to prosecute those who illegally sell guns, those who illegally carry guns, and those who commit crimes with guns. If elected, federal gun persecutions will be a top priority of the Administration, enacting legislation on the unsafe use of firearms.



His health care plan will provide universal health care for the same amount Americans spend on health care now. How? Nader says through a single-payer health insurance system.

Source:

www.votenader.com

Nader recognizes an effective foreign policy with foreign nations that would alleviate the desperate economic conditions that force "desperate people" to the United States.

Easy. One, trigger locks. Two, Strong law enforcement to keeps guns out of the hands of criminals. Three, licensing, licensing, licensing. And four, a ban a certain weapons.



Buchanan believes that the best way to cure the health care system is to allow workers to invest in personal insurance accounts.

Source:

www.gopatgo2000.org

He plans to halt illegal immigration, support a national campaign of assimilation to teach newly adopted citizens the American way of life and restore the average of allowing 250,000 immigrants per year.

Buchanan will guarantee that the Second Amendment is upheld, the American right to bear arms. Convicted felons will forfeit their right; while law-abiding Americans can use guns legally for pleasure or family safety.

RHAPSODIES

Sexual Chocolate

Not a candy bar or a Hershey kiss.
 But I can guarantee this is something you won't want to miss.
 Chocolate chewy center good to the last bite.
 Better take it slow. This is going to last all night.
 All day, all night. All night, all day.
 This isn't Burger King but you can have it your way.
 Chocolate sweetness that melts in your mouth and some on your hands.
 This is a sugar shock you won't be able to stand.
 Sugar dripping down all sticky and wet.
 Our bodies meshed together but the best is yet
 To come, you and I with a thunderous roar.
 "Sexual Chocolate, I gotta have more."
 Taste good going down, coming up, all around.
 My love for you moves the earth and shakes the ground.
 Lick it up, ain't no room for waste.
 Sexual Chocolate, the difference you'll taste.

-Precious Moments '97

In A World of My Own

Only my Lord can judge me
 For my actions is my pass within His place
 And you might look at this as spiritually
 But you can only judge me on what you
 see
 For my words which are written so
 eloquently
 Portray my true feelings for thee
 Because what I write
 Is based on what I think of you
 As I hold my writing utensil tight
 The image, which I have of you
 Is constantly on my mind
 And I wish I were an artist
 So I can draw you and place your picture
 on my canvas
 And as I stand here filled with bliss
 A part of me can only wish
 That my face was in that picture
 And as gaze upon one of God's beautiful
 creatures
 I feel that I am on a high
 Because suddenly you appear
 So I rub my fragile eyes
 To make sure that my vision is clear
 And you aren't there
 But it doesn't matter my dear
 Because the feelings that I have for you
 Touches a part of my brain
 That makes you more real to me than
 anything boo.

-Andre Rawle

Real

Do you ever see me cry?
 To you I am tall, black; beaming
 with pride.
 Don't be fooled everything ain't all
 good inside.
 Equality at the end of the path
 and some of us won't even take
 strides
 Some only talk about foggy paths
 that are easy and wide.
 "Can I hit it raw" means love?
 No more songs of making brides
 It is so sad to see,
 We are taking steps back
 Don't you see their cities and
 bridges
 were built on our backs.
 We need to get right, stay strong
 and without a doubt make good
 equal black.

-Kwame Ennin

BASED ON MY PHILOSOPHY

*I sit in my room thinking about you and me
 As my eyes gazed in the nightly skies aimlessly
 And time, which is a rare quantity
 I spent half of my day thinking about thee
 For the stars is my light
 Which I have counted over a period of time
 And I see past the black and white
 As an image of heaven crosses my mind
 For reality fades away
 And you my darling lady
 Is the reason why I live up to my philosophy
 Because I want to be one with you
 For my emotions, which I believe are so true
 Is overwhelmed by your elegant statue
 And I want to explain further how I feel
 But actions speaks louder than words
 So then, you will see, if what I feel is real...*

What I Am!

Woman! What are you?
 Beauty Sublime
 Woman! What are you?
 Femininity so fine
 Woman! What are you?
 Comfort Indeed
 Woman! What are you?
 I'm yours, if you please!
 To have for eternity The warmth of your
 thighs
 To ever embrace the passion in your eyes
 To love and encounter The kiss in your lips
 To be The time and meter of The rhythm
 of your hips
 To intensely overwhelm by The beating of
 your heart
 The innermost part of my cultivation, my
 art
 To intelligently devise ways to help you
 realize
 That what I am in your eyes
 Is but a reflection in disguise
 When you understand what you are Then
 you will know what I am Woman!

-Julius A. Tommells

I CAN'T

*I can't help stop thinking about you
 Because a women with you statue
 Is what I'm looking for
 And In some way I think I've met you before
 Maybe in another lifetime
 But I feel that you are my soul mate, my destiny
 And I can't get you out my mind
 And why would I
 For you are a blessing to one's eyes
 And as the melody plays in the background
 I think of you and me
 And the song, which is so in-tune with my emotions
 Describes what I really wanted to say
 But it lack to say that someone like you is from heaven
 A rare individual, an angel
 That is why I think God made the best decision
 In creating someone so beautiful like you...*

-Andre Rawle

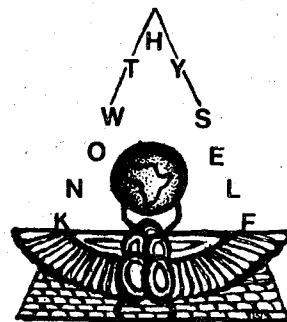
Untitled

Billy's gotta gun...
 Billy's gotta gun...
 yeah a chromed out joint with a black grip
 yeah clip with seven rounds of police chasers i mean
 nigger chasers
 yeah a deadly nozzle with laser sights
 WOE
 yeah a point-blank killer
 Billy's gotta a gun...
 he be pulling the piece out like Joker in Batman son
 around the way niggas call him Wild Bill Hicock
 he's on that frontier wild west shoot-em-up shit
 and still be stealing from the poor giving to the rich
 high noon showdown long arm of the law
 that Billy it's SUNDOWN muthafucka
 oh yeah a shiny shit mad clean
 cock that steel nigga cock it
 the only time he lik in the air is at a 1-8-7
 john wayne bonanza with the pea shooter
 Billy's gotta gun...
 itza big gun that goes BLAK BLAK BLAK BLACK!
 R.I.P. DEADiallo, DEADiaz, DEADorismond
 "niggapaw"

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BLACKS AT HARVARD ANGERED BY REPORT

Preliminary Study on Admissions
Policy and Test Scores Called
Offensive to Minorities

Special to The New York Times

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 4 — The unauthorized release of a preliminary draft of a study of admissions policies at Harvard has renewed tensions between the university's administration and minority students, and led to denunciation of the study by several faculty members and admissions officers.

The students contend that the preliminary report, written by Robert E. Klitgaard, special assistant to Harvard's president, Derek C. Bok, and an associate professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, offended blacks at Harvard by questioning their ability to compete with other students.

Mr. Bok has made efforts to disassociate himself and Harvard from the report, saying that "the draft has no official standing in the university." He added that it did not even represent Mr. Klitgaard's final conclusions.

The 54-page draft deals largely with the usefulness of standardized tests in predicting the future academic performance of applicants to Harvard and some other selective universities. Some excerpts from the report were published in mid-October by *The Harvard Crimson*, the campus daily.

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RONALD REAGAN

Ronald Reagan won by a landslide victory, becoming the 40th President of the United States of America on November 4, 1980.

Beset by skyrocketing inflation, loss of face internationally, due to the "Iran Crisis: American Held Hostages," Americans in search of a "redeemer" swept conservative Republican Ronald Reagan into the nation's highest elected office last week.

Needless to say many people were extremely disappointed by the victory of who they considered by far the greater of two or three evils. However, since there has been no charges by the incumbent, President James "Jimmy" Carter, of poll rigging or any other election frauds, then the obvious decision of the American majority stands until

1984.

Reagan, who will be inaugurated into office in January, has already professed his loyalty to the big business interest of this country. He has talked of lowering the minimum wage which would provide enough slave-labor wages to boost the profits of the corporate sector of the nation. In light of this he plans to reduce government regulation into the private lives of American citizens, and corporations.

Bruised by Vietnam, Watergate, Iran, not being able to go to the olympics in Moscow, Americans who voted for Reagan, including such notable "negro" leaders like Rev. Abernathy, might be willing to follow this former Hollywood cowboy star around the world to make America the economic and military might that it once was. The consequences for the Third World of a mighty military macabre following the greedy tune of monopoly business in their enthusiastic desire to make the world safe for the mockery of capitalism is indeed a threat to their development.

Ronald Reagan, endorsed by that fun loving Klan, the unholy Klu-Klux, told Blacks (before his victory) "Not to label" him because of any past racial slurs, anti-social legislation passed by him while Governor of California and other such ir-

responsible misdeeds. He is no "caricature" conservative, he is for real.

Then there are the rumors and nasty jokes such as "if Jamaica, Grenada and Cuba thought they were in trouble before..." "Klu-Klux-Klan feeling that now they have a license to leave their cages (terrorist camps), and run wild, recruiting on college campuses or in the White House for that matter.

Then there is the nagging notion that "vice" President George Bush was former director of the CIA and what about that respectable historical superstition of a president being assassinated every 20 years?

... and there is more, such as Ronald Reagan's three names are spelled with six letters, 666, the mark of the beast come judgement day. This of course has nothing to do with the fact that the movies *Omen I* and *Omen II* was shown the week before elections. *Omen I* being shown the night after the presidential debate. Last but not least is the longest running rumor of the 1984 doom, unfortunately George Orwell could not be reached.

On the real side (oh?), Blacks in America, or the world over, have no friend in "a high society," therefore be ever so vigilant during these years to come, surely that Great African spirit within might be spurred to more awesome heights in the struggle for TRUE LIBERATION of mind, body and soul against more aggressive odds.

JAMAICA:

By Jefferson Miller

Defined in a formal address to Parliament on November 20 1974 by Michael Manley, the leader of the People National Party (PNP) democratic socialism has come to an abrupt end with the return of power by the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP).

Upon taking office in 1972, after a landslide victory, Michael Manley and the PNP was confronted with an economy that was shattered by the "Industrialization by Invitation" program. Formulated by Professor Arthur Lewis, who now refutes its effectiveness, the "Industrialization by Invitation" program was modeled after the United States' Operation Bootstrap that was to develop Puerto Rico.

Originated by the JLP, the party of the business men and the corporations, in addition to the United States' government, the invitation included numerous tax breaks, cheap labor, and the promise of a plentiful work force hungry for jobs and willing to work for low wages.

When Manley won the 1972 elections on the strength of his called for reforms and a redistribution of

End To Democratic Socialism

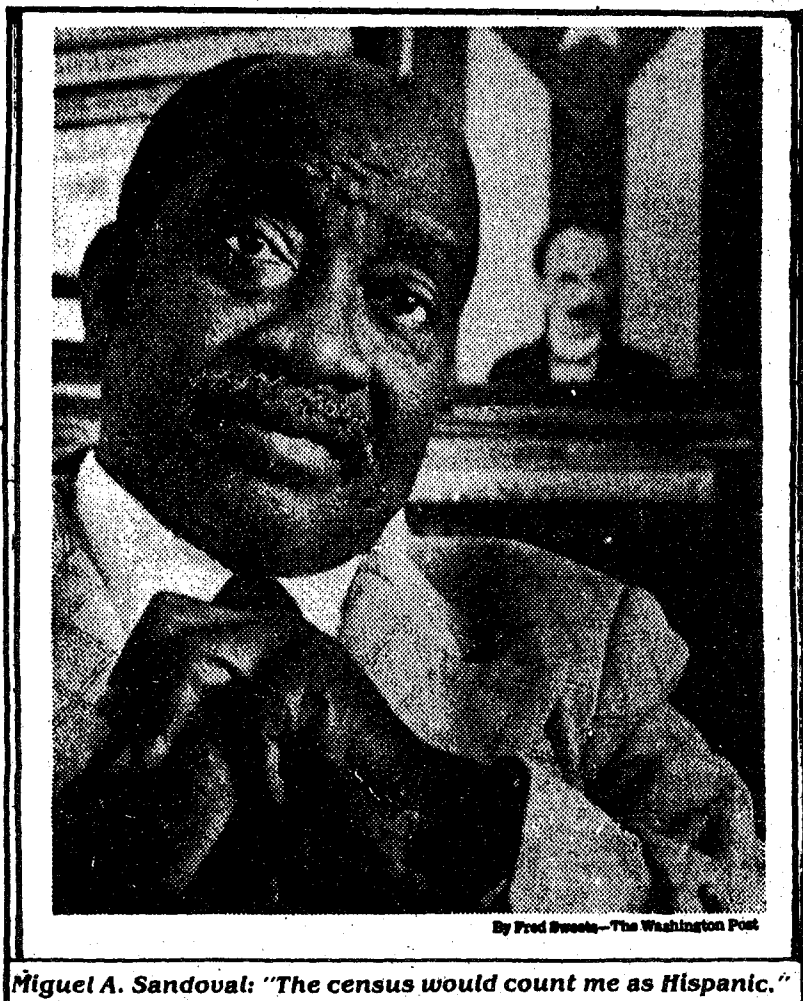
land, power and privilege, Jamaica was a country in which middle-class business men and professionals could live like landed gentry with servants, private schools and splendid homes high on the lovely wooded hills that surround Kingston. It was also a time when the majority of black working class lived in poverty. Unskilled jobs at low wages limited the horizons of the islands' children, condemning them to illiteracy, bad housing and woefully inadequate health care.

Once in office, Michael Manley and PNP decided that the masses of Jamaica had suffered enough under the business men and the corporations that were operating in the country. Manley's declaration of democratic socialism let the upper class businessmen and foreign investors know that the government fully intended to increase its control over the economy and to regulate more closely the activities of the private sector. Under democratic socialism, Jamaica would keep a mixed economy with active public and private sector, and not an active private sector and a subjected working sector. continued on page 10



KWANZA IS COMING!

Black Hispanics: Between 2 Worlds



Miguel A. Sandoval: "The census would count me as Hispanic."

By Judith Valente

Miguel Sandoval arrived in Harlem in 1959 from Havana, where he'd been an outspoken advocate of better civil rights for Black Cubans. Sandoval was Cuban, but he thought of himself primarily as a Black. Yet to the American Blacks in Harlem, he was a Hispanic.

Nine years later, he applied for a job as director of the manpower office where he worked because he had heard that federal officials were looking for a Black to fill the post. But, Sandoval said, he was told he could not have the job because he was Hispanic.

Sandoval convinced the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that he was indeed Black and had been discriminated against, and won back pay. Still, Sandoval, like many Black Hispanics here, has found himself walking a delicate tightrope between two worlds—one Black, one Hispanic—and feeling comfortable in neither. "The U.S. classifies as

Black those people of African origin. Hispanics are classified as people of Hispanic origin or from Latin American countries," said Sandoval, who now lives in Washington. "In that category, I am Hispanic, as I am from Cuba. The census would count me as Hispanic—not Black—even though in fact I am Black. It's a dilemma."

It is a particular social dilemma in Washington, Black Hispanics say, where the population is 70% Black and Blacks and Hispanics have frequently viewed one another as competitors for pieces of the political, economic and social services pie.

Daniel Bueno, the owner of the highly successful Zodiac Records store on Columbia Road, remembers when he first came to Washington 18 years ago, and the Hispanic community was much smaller, he moved in a circle of American Blacks. Bueno looks back now and chuckles—the way people chuckle about their adolescent escapades—when he remembers

how he participated in the 1968 riots here and the Poor People's March.

Now Bueno has cast his lot with his fello Latinos, selling the music of their native countries—and his—in the heart of Washington's "barrio latino" on Columbia Road. "I feel better now. (Latinos) understand me and I understand them. When I go with Blacks, I have to pretend. With Latinos I can be myself. I do my thing," said Bueno, who could pass for a teen-ager at 33 and spends a lot of his time arranging music for well-known Latin singers and groups.

According to the best current estimates, there are about 75,000 Hispanics living in the Washington area. But none of many surveys done on area Hispanics enumerates the number of Black Hispanics. Perhaps that is because it is a curious, confusing question for Black Latinos to have to define themselves in an "either/or" context.

"Here in the U.S., the line of demarcation (between races) is very clear. You are either Black or white," said Roland Roebuck, a Puerto Rican who works in the D.C. Office of Latino Affairs, "whereas in Latin America, you have a lot of shades of Black and white." Roebuck, who is Black, was born in New York City but lived most of his life in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Those Latinos who are dark-complexioned, but not Black, said Roebuck, "suffer a shock when they come here because they are placed in with Black folks and treated accordingly. Here, you are forced to put yourself in a race category. (Black Hispanics) are forced to define themselves (as Black or Hispanic) and often they don't know which way to go."

It is not that racism does not exist in Latin America, says Roebuck and other Black Hispanics. There, a person's color is almost always tied to his economic status. Yet it is a person's economic status, rather than their color, which determines the social sphere they may travel in.

The prejudice was more subtle in Cuba, says Sandoval. When he lived there under the Batista government, there were beaches and clubs where Blacks could not go. "But a white Cuban might say to a Black, 'Oh, you are my brother. I'll sign for you to join the club. But it's a \$1,000 fee.'"

"Now you know and they know

the Black can't afford the \$1,000. So they kept them out that way and it looked like they weren't keeping you out because of color."

Says Dr. Norma Small, a Black from Panama and a chemistry professor at Howard University, "When I was home (in Panama), I didn't see racial prejudice so much because I was darker. It was not so much a color thing as how much money you had. We have Black people in Panama who are very rich and they can go anywhere."

The major complaint of Black Hispanics is that although they belong to both groups, they often lose out on the affirmative action programs of each group.

Small said she knows of Black Hispanics who have applied for federal job training programs for Hispanics, and despite their qualifications, were turned down. "You get the feeling that what they want when they want Latinos, are people who are easily identified as Latinos," said Small, who's lived here 14 years.

Sandoval has recently written to President Carter, who has declared this week National Hispanic Heritage Week, and congratulated him for appointing more than 100 Hispanics to policy-making positions, but complaining that the president "has forgotten that some Blacks are Hispanics, too."

Sandoval, who has worked at Manpower and the Department of Commerce, and is now active in the National Alliance of Spanish Speaking People, says that more than 250 Hispanics are working as employment program coordinators in federal agencies, but only a handful are Black.

Washington Hispanics do say, however, that in recent years, there have been some improvements in the dialogue between American Blacks and Hispanics. Sandoval points to the two-year-old National Working Consent Committee of Blacks and Hispanics, whose members include several national Latino and Black leaders. In addition, a Washington group, the Local Latino, Hispanic and Black Coalition has also been formed.

"We are beginning to understand we have to get together on issues," said Sandoval. "But it takes time. You know, there is not complete unity even within the Hispanic community."

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Diving Through Barriers

-Duane A. Bourne

If white men can't jump, then a black man surely cannot execute the elusive back three-and-a-half somersault. Or can he?

Instead of playing basketball or football, Damien McCreath broke all social barriers in a sport traditionally dominated by young white males-- diving.



To McCreath, color does not matter. What matters is what a diver does on the springboard.

According to the Center for the Study of Sports in Society at Northeastern University, minority athletes are participating in Division I competition more than in the past. The center's research director, Kevin Matthews, gave college sports an A in his 1998 Racial and Gender Report Card, even though the percentages of black collegiate coaches have wavered.

"It think it's great, I'm starting something," McCreath said.

Of the 16 swimmers on the 2000 roster, two are African-American-- swimmer Yohann Littee and McCreath, the only black diver in Stony Brook history.

McCreath, a former U.S. Marine from the Bronx, was walking through the Sports Complex this fall when he saw the team practicing. Without hesitation he went and asked Coach Dave Alexander to join.

"I've always liked gymnastics and flipping," he recalled telling Alexander. "I wanted to tap into new talents."

Since then McCreath has been trying to make a splash. But not only has he to convince his teammates that he should be taken seriously, but he also had to convince his black friends. That was more difficult.

"They was always chückling at me," McCreath said.

He soon ditched his skeptical friends for practice six times a week. Then the old crowd began to respect what he was doing.

He's breaking a barrier," Kathleen Elie, McCreath's girlfriend said. "People are truly amazed and impressed."

Some said at 175 pounds and 5-feet 10-inch, McCreath would not be able to contend with the demands of diving. "I'm heavy for diving," he said. "Most divers are not as muscular, but I'm coming along pretty nicely."

Despite his strides, McCreath admitted that he has to take things slowly. "I think the Olympics helped me a lot."

Collegiate divers can rest easier, though. Stony Brook's only black diver would not make his debut until January. "Not 'til I'm fully ready," he said.

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Where Has the Black Vote Gone?

Young, Black and Republican Youth and the Ballot Box

Long gone are the days of John F. Kennedy. The urgency towards a democratic vote just isn't there. A quarter-century ago Africans-Americans never considered the Republican Party. Now, statistics show that times have changed.

According to the Joint Center of Political and Economic Studies, 80 percent of the African-American population align themselves with the Democratic Party, while 60 percent of blacks between the ages of 18 and 25 identify themselves as Republicans.

In 2000, democratic candidates know that they can't depend on the black vote. Older generations of African-Americans are used to voting for a Democrat. They have been doing so for so long that they haven't realized how much the party has changed in their lifetime.

In major issues, republicans are making a valiant effort to benefit African-Americans. That's where the difference lies.

Take a look at welfare reform. If a mother wants to work while on welfare, Democrats propose a reduction in her check. In short, Democrats do not want people off the program. How can that benefit anyone?

The black youth are thinking though. They are paying attention to the issues. They're registering Republican.

No longer is Colin Powell and Alan Keyes considered the token bunch.

This may as well have been a clever plan, though. If black register republican, then they can vote in closed primaries; maybe moving the party more towards the center.

-Yvonne Belizario

Politic's many agendas help turn young people away from the ballot box, especially black youth. Apathy towards voting extends from their lack of knowledge on electoral issues. But who can blame them, they aren't receiving much encouragement at home.

Statistics show that 27 percent of black communities are not registered to vote, compared to 6 percent of white Americans. When students at Stony Brook were asked why they will not vote in the upcoming 2000 election, 4 out of 5 students said that they did not think that black youths are represented.

If the youth don't know the issues, then it's obvious why they refuse to vote. They aren't receiving much encouragement from knowledgeable adults.

Many middle-class African-American families refuse to vote because they think they are underrepresented and their vote won't count. And the youth follow suit. They are neglecting the 2000 election simply because they are uneducated about politics; they don't care or like their parents, don't think their votes count. One group is hoping to change that.

The D.C.-based, National Coalition helps youth understand the electoral process. Their newest initiative focuses on black youth between the ages of 14 and 29. They hope to empower black youth in the voting age population on the political process and that their vote makes a difference. But that's not easy.

-Shaila Mentore

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Powell, Republican: A Contradiction in Terms



Some people wonder why Colin Powell, a black man, is a Republican. They wonder why such an influential man would lend support to a party whose reputation of negating minority citizens is legendary, the GOP.

One might argue that Colin Powell sees potential in the Republican Party, and is confident that his presence can help to bring about reform that can help African-Americans.

Another, more cynical argument is that Powell is one of those black people who view the Republican Party as a 'dee-luxe-apartment-in-the-sky'; that is, a trend that those blacks who come into affluence become Republican.

A key to finding this answer is to take a look at Powell's priorities. He is obviously dedicated to the minority youth of America: Gen. Powell is currently chairman of America's Promise, an organization dedicated to challenging Americans to scale up their investment in youth. Since chairing the organization's founding event in 1997, General Powell has been committed to making the lives of America's youth a national priority. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Howard University, and of the Board of Directors of the United Negro College Fund. He serves on the Board of Governors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Children's Health Fund.

Some Americans were wary of Bush's offer to Powell for the vice presidency. It was obvious that Bush was trying to show his so-called independence of the Republican Party's conservative base by picking a black, pro-abortion running mate, but what is not clear is Powell's reluctance to accept the position.

Powell made known his awareness of the flaws of the Republican Party at this year's Republican National Convention. He challenged the party to make a commitment to inclusiveness, education, and helping poor Americans. "With all the success we have enjoyed and with all the wealth we have created, we have much more work to do and a long way to go to bring the promise of America to every single American," Powell said.

Powell told those gathered that it would take hard work for the party to again earn the trust of African-American voters.

"We must understand the cynicism that exists in the black community ... created when, for example, some in our party miss no opportunity to roundly and loudly condemn affirmative action that helped a few thousand black kids get an education," he said.

It is a bewildering concept that Powell can be aware of these inherent problems and still supports the Grand Old Party.

-Valerie Caesar

How Ignorant?

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different view. I mean, how can there be acceptance or communication between Chris and his friends if Chris isn't even capable of respecting their views. Granted, affirmative action and abortion rights might be causes very dear to Chris, but he has to accept the fact that other people might feel differently. Chris wants to be accepted and understood, but he is ignorant to think that his way is the only way. We can't have communication and understanding when people feel the way Chris does.

Now, let's take a closer look at Chris' friends. John is from rural New York. His parents are farmers. So Chris immediately says that Johnny has an excuse for his evil evil flaw—dude votes Republican. Is Chris trying to say that white non-urban folks are dumb? And only urban black folks, like him, have any views worth anything? Isn't that ignorant of Chris?

Let's take the other white boy, Fred. Fred sounds like a good person initially. I mean, he's urban. Chris likes that. He even has a brown girlfriend, so I guess he isn't a racist or far removed from racial issues. Sounds like a person whose opinion Chris ought to respect. But alas, Fred likes Republican economic policies. Why can't Chris respect this guy's views? Fred clearly knows what's up. Is Chris being ignorant and unaccepting?

Chris goes on to say that it's scary that John and Fred can vote and reproduce, and thus have a wide scope of influence. If Chris could have his way, would white Republicans be denied the right to vote, and sterilized? Does Chris sound unaccepting? Does Chris sound ignorant?

Then Chris stated that he is not trying "to say that we shouldn't educate our own people as we try to educate others, but we must always keep in mind that it is those others that we ultimately must educate."

I disagree. It is ignorant to say, "I will teach others before I learn myself." That's extremely ignorant. What chance do

you have of teaching others acceptance if you don't have any yourself, Chris?

Chris says another delightfully ignorant thing. He said that white people see black clubs and frats as exclusionary and uninviting. But he says it doesn't matter if this is the case or not because the problem is that "this miscommunication is counterproductive."

In other words, it's the white people's fault for thinking black clubs and frats are exclusionary and uninviting, and it doesn't matter if that's the case or not. In other words, even if black clubs and frats snub white people, the whites should not realize it? Doesn't that sound like an ignorant way to go about it? Wouldn't it be much better to actually work on making black clubs and frats inclusionary and inviting, thus taking away the "miscommunication?"

In other words, dear Chris... examine yourself first. Are there perhaps areas where you might be ignorant and unaccepting when it comes to dealing with your friends? After all, your friends seem to accept you as a Democrat. You ought to have the capacity to accept them as Republicans. Respect their opinions, and that is the only way people will ever respect yours. The change begins with you. There's no excuse for ignorance, whether you're white or black.

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The Real Bush

Compassionate conservative. What does that mean? If heartless comes to mind, then Gov. George Bush is that.

Since the Republican National Convention proves that Bush and his party are beginning to welcome more minorities into the ranks, rich white Americans undoubtedly has the upper hand.

Common sense dictates that rich people, by the very nature of their social status are not the ones that need to benefit from government-funded programs. Contrary to popular belief, Bush's plan to

FACT: Under Gov. Bush's Administration, the state of Texas ranked:

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use the budget surplus to provide a \$1.6 trillion tax cut essentially for the wealthiest one percent of the nation.

Health is also a big issue in this election. But statistics show that Bush, in his tenure as governor, has not made health care a priority. The Texas health care system ranked last among the 50 states.

Even more heartbreaking is Bush's apparent disinterest in minorities. This was evident in his response to the dragging death of James Byrd.

When the family of the deceased went to the governor's mansion to seek justice, Bush refused their audience. He did not want to jeopardize support from the

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Lesser of Two Evils

Gov. George Bush is bonafide monster. Judging from his record as the governor of Texas, his face is what I would expect to see if someone pulled the hood off of a Klansman. After all, he has presided over the lynching of dozens of black men who were sentenced to death by what's considered one of the most biased judicial systems in the nation.



In terms of scariness, President Bill Clinton is right up there with Gov. Bush, though. His administration has been very tough on crime. Clinton has been instrumental in the passage of several crime bills. One created 35 crime categories and hired 50,000 new policemen (H.R. 2837). Another funded the largest prison construction boom in U.S. history (H.R. 4092).

As a result, the U.S. prison population has crossed the two million milestone for the first time. More importantly for the black voter, "the black man's president" had just finished eating Christmas dinner last year when a mother was lamenting over her son becoming the 1,000,000th black man to join the march to incarceration.

Additionally, despite his fondness for crime bills, Clinton has not pushed through any bills against the systematic racial profiling that sends blacks to jail at 13 times the rate of whites.

While his toughness has helped lower the national crime rate, Clinton's new crime laws provide the main reason why there are more blacks in prison than in college. This is equal to an intellectual lynching.

Now his waterboy, Vice President Al Gore, is hoping to fill his shoes. He has put together a platform that calls for more education, less crime and a good economy. He has tried to win blacks over by putting in appearances at the NAACP and wherever else blacks congregate, much like Clinton. And for the most part, he has been well-accepted.

That's not necessarily a bad thing. But the last time a president promised black people more jobs, it was eight years ago. Ever since, the growth in the prison labor supply has been off the meters.

-Ralph Edwards-Ulysses

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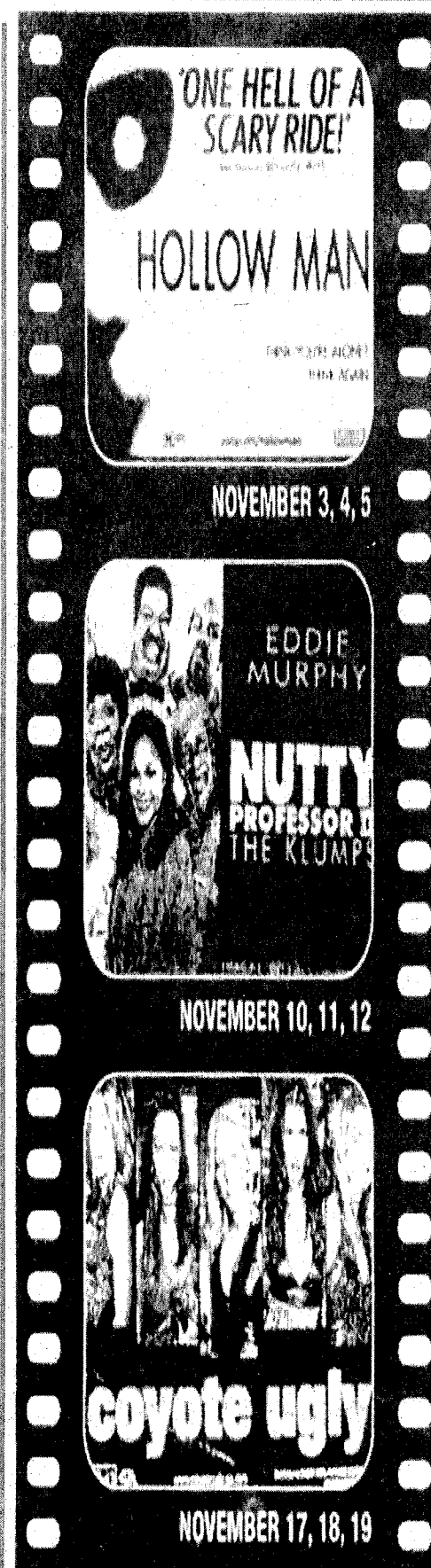
die-hard conservatives.

Even though President Clinton may have a problem with monogamy, he has a great deal of compassion for those in need. Clinton would not have responded to the situation with such distaste and callus selfishness. Bush's party, the GOP, represents the party that got Clinton impeached for his tryst with Monica Lewinsky but his offense poses a graver danger to the moral agenda he and his party supports.

As the election approaches, voters are responsible to investigate the candidates. This essay was just a drop of water in the ocean of Bush's inadequacy as a leader. With less than a week hanging in the balance of the presidential elections, Bush's word will undoubtedly sound appealing; much as the apple in the Garden of Eden did to Eve.

I sincerely hope that every American citizen takes the time to examine our "compassionate conservative" candidate. Does his policies to support the rich promote equality? Or does the idea by which our country was built fly out the window when it comes to Bush?

-Kwame Ennin



Purification of Mind, Body and Soul

"What's fasting? Are you doing it for religious reasons?"

Questions like these seem to always come up in conversations with brothers and sisters when I tell them that I fast. The truth of the matter is, there are hundreds of reasons to fast or even consider fasting. They range from purification of spirit, detoxification of the body, or bringing in a new season. I



cleansing.

Our bodies consume toxins everyday, either in food or other things. All of these things contribute to the reduction of productivity and awareness among our people. They are a problem. In order to uplift our community, we must begin by uplifting our higher selves.

How?

Fasting is one way we can accomplish the unification and purification for our present and our future. With changes occurring every season, we also go through changes of our own. By fasting, we become more in tune with nature-- the essence of life.

Fasting is flexible. It can take anywhere from three to seven to 21 days. Yet, you are in control of your body. It's a temple and ultimately you make the choice on what enters it. With discipline and dedication, you can

obtain inner peace, clarity, and humbleness.

Finding Your Higher Self

From a television fast to a meat fast, the results are powerful. Effort leads to growth and mobility in reaching your higher self. It does not matter where you begin. What is important is the continual journey towards ascension.

But remember, dedication and consistency are the key to a productive fast. With meditation, support and some research, you can improve your health as well as lay the foundation for the next generation. You control your destiny.

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-Nefer Bovea

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On a Lighter Tip... Literally

Keeping on top of current events is essential in this day and age, but we can all agree that it is nice to escape reality once in a while and just enjoy oneself. On October 7, I had the opportunity to do just that.

The Grammy-award winning hip-hop group, The Roots, performed at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City, one stop on the Okay Player Tour. The group, hailing from Philadelphia, Pa., performed for a packed house, and the stage was graced by such talented hip-hop artists as Bahamadia, Dice Raw, Talib Kweli of Black Star, and Dead Prez.

The audience was also blessed with the classy, soul-stirring vocals of the Jazzyfatnastees and Erykah Badu. These talented artists displayed a true skill with words. For a change it was nice to hear positive, uplifting lyrics being dropped instead of being inundated with the usual noise about jewelry, cars, money and women. The conscious brothers of Dead Prez also performed hits off their debut album, "Let's Get Free".

Ironically, one aspect of the concert was particularly interesting-- the makeup of the audience. A friend of mine asked, "Are we in the middle of a blizzard?" referring to the fact that there were so many Caucasians present. We were initially affronted by the situation, until it occurred to the both of us that there was not an overrepresentation of white people at the concert, but an under-representation of black people.

"Where are all the Negroes?" we asked ourselves. There were many blacks in attendance but the audience was more diverse than expected, especially with Dead Prez being on the concert bill. Their lyrics are not exactly geared toward white audiences. Surprisingly, many of them seemed to be jamming harder to Dead Prez than to anyone else on stage. What could be the reason for the audience's makeup? Could it be that black people are not interested in hearing conscious music? Was there a lack of publicity?

Your thoughts are welcome.

-Karlisle Honore

Quotable:

A community is democratic only when the humblest and weakest person can enjoy the highest civil, economic, and social rights that the biggest and most powerful possess.

-A. Philip Randolph

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