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The Watts Prophets: Talk Up, Not Down

By Cheryl Brown

The Watts Prophets, who were the original Watts Central Committee, were a group of African American leaders who formed in 1965 to reflect on the Watts riot in Los Angeles and how African Americans were treated in Los Angeles. The Watts Prophets, led by Brother Melvin Cooper, organized a series of meetings to discuss the issues of the day and to provide a platform for dialogue and understanding. The group's meetings were open to all, and they aimed to challenge the status quo and promote a more just society.

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Thursday, April 8, 1999

Open Letter for Help
Justice Not Racism

We hereby request an investigation into the murder charges being brought against my son John Lincon Ellis Jr. (PC 187a), PC 275h). Our son was killed in a shooting incident which occurred in the middle of the night. We feel that the police response to this offense may be getting away uncharged because he is a White female with a weak afids that implicates my son, an African American.

Concerns about his treatment of this offense may be getting away uncharged because he is a White female with a weak afids that implicates my son, an African American. He is being treated by the police as if he were guilty before proven innocent; an all too common problem with our case. Consequently, the local police department's conduct of this investigation reveals some very disturbing information that has been overlooked or ignored by the LAPD, the prosecution and the justice system involved.

We can only conclude that his has been a very biased and prejudiced investigation and we can only conclude that the justice system has a pattern of incidents that can only be termed as racist, unfair and unjust.

In any case, we are not only treated in the same way as every other citizen. We, the Black community are not being held accountable for the damage that is being done.

It is important to note that our son, John Lincon Ellis Jr., is not the first African American to be murdered by the police. The police are the ones who are responsible for the death of our son.

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Family Talks

The story of Af-Ammor, my son, begins in America. It is a story of family, friendship, love, and loss. It is a story of the struggles and victories of the African American community. It is a story of the power of love and understanding.

Our family has been touched by tragedy, but we have also been touched by the love and support of our community. We have learned that love is the most powerful force in the world.

In this time of crisis, we have found strength in each other. We have found strength in the love of our family. We have found strength in the love of our community.

We are grateful for the support of our family and friends. We are grateful for the love and support of our community. We are grateful for the love of our family. We are grateful for the love of our community.
When Adopt-A-Bike founder, Charlie Seymour turned 80 months it was the biggest celebration of his life. There was an all day golf tournament, an evening of pampering for women and a dinner at the National Orange Show attended by about 300 people.

As the golf tournament where he promised to shoot his age or less he shot a 77 and the organizers were happy. They told participants were better he couldn't shoot 80 so they were so happy if he did. Fifty-one players and 1,500 spectators.

At the pampering of women held at the National Orange Show, International Skin and Body Care treated women to a relaxing facial, perfections hand massage, hot body massage, as they were served fruit/vegetable, cheese, and sparking apple cider. Each left with gifts from international Skin and Body Care and a red carnation presentation bouquet.

The golf tournament held at the San Bernardino Golf Course was so fun for all, there was former Panther Kermie Alexander who helped to organize the day and his literal last finger for the singing group The Platters, J.C. Performance.

Many heading San Bernadino Mayor, Prededing's birthday. Many spoke of his work with children and his forward thinking ideas. The feeling about him reached a common theme. Charlie doesn't know what "no" means.

Counselwoman Betty Dean Anderson and her husband was about to arrive and asked us how one good meal, it would be Charlie.

Rachell Clark, City Clerk, called the wonderful kind effective and caring the reflected back on what he had done for the last 20 years in the community. Phyllis Poole, Field Rep for Jerry Eaves, said I gave him a big hug, I hope to be just like him, 90 is the person I know of older than me. Frankie Jones from Morgan Family and she is proud to be a Charlie's Angel. All kind of a service to a field director Rose Dixon, a retired registered nurse. Besides that he is a good person. Rose Dixon, a retired registered nurse, said some people around block walls Charlie goes through it.

Through his foundation Seymour has incorporated a component and a golf academy. He teaches participants to repair the computer they will eventually take home just like the bikes they repair. The golf academy is designed to wash participants, self disciplines and honesty. It is an outgrowth of his Charlie Seymour Christmas Day Tournament whose proceeds went to the House of Neighborhood Service. "Golf is the only game that teaches skills that children need. It teaches responsibility, discipline and honors. Golf is the only game that you monitor yourself. There is no cheat." he said.

"We can get away with it." is one way to change behavior," he said. When many were proud to be a Charlie's Angel he was just as proud to have them as angels. "Nothing better than angels," he said.

To all those who missed his day he says he is embarrassed he didn't notice everyone but the event was overwhelming. "My daughter Charlotte Stephenson's and my friend called him off," he said.

Adopt-A-Bike can be reached at (909) 888-689.

Our Bodies

Emmett L. Lawlor, M.D.
F.A.C.L.P., F.A.C.P.M.

If you bottle, crave or have dia­betes one to two beers after you eat you may have a harmless ail urance along with 70 percent of your fel­low African-Americans. Individuals of Jewish and Asian decent are also affected.

The deficit is not serious but can make your life miserable.

These individuals are deficient in enzyme that digest lactose in milk products from your diet.

The proof is in the diarrhea or lack of it.

For some unknown reason cancer of the prostate is eight times more common in African-Americans males as compared to Whites. This cancer is slow but it can be detected by a seminal exam and treated. All it takes is a finger wave by your doc­tor.

One out of four African Americans have high blood pressure. You must be on the look-out for this silent killer from cradle to grave. Once afflicted the readings are generally higher with more fre­quent complications in Blacks than seen in Whites.

Cancer in general raises his risk more frequently and is diagnosed later in African-Americans.

The cause could be exposure to more serious chemicals and substances in the environment, at work and/or at home. Late diagnosis is due to lack of access to adequate health care in a conducive environ­ment.

There are host of other diseases which leaves a greater impact in terms of disability and death in African Americans like Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Diabetes, Glaucoma, Circulatory problems, Cancer and AIDS to name a few. The reason is poverty and the un­constrained lack of education, lack of health maintenance, lack of early diagnosis coupled with lifestyle and inadequate late treat­ment.

Dr. Levister in care of Voice News, P.O. Box 1581, Riverside, CA 92502 or visit his website at http://www.ene.org/levister

POLICE CHIEF on Hot Seat

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he responded, "I am not for a scrap heap!"

The meeting organizers indicated they would continue to have such meeting until justice is done to the Trimble Miller case and a Chief's Retirement Banquet in place.

DID CITIZENSHIP

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but a slumdog to fight against Goliath but with faith and determination David won," he said.

The Beat Goes On

Adopt-A-Bike Founder Seymour Turns 80

By Cheryl Brown

Seymour congratulated by guests.

adopt-a-bike founder charlie seymour...
John F. "Jack" Azzaretto, dean of University Extension and Summer Sessions at the University of California, Riverside, has been appointed Vice Chancellor for Public Service and International Programs at UCR.

In his new position he will keep duties at University Extension and take on the coordination of UCR's expanding public service activities. "Jack will provide leadership and coordination in the development, encouragement, and implementation of public service activities and programs targeted to social, workforce and economic development," said Azzaretto.

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Friends of Ray Quinto will host a reception honoring Quinto at the Calimesa Country Club in Calimesa, California on Thursday, April 15, 1999 beginning at 6:00 p.m. For reservations and information, call (760) 367-7216 or (760) 795-4428.

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Mother Blanchard Ballard

By Sonya Walker

"Mother Ballard" is a well loved member of the Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church where she is also the most seasoned evangelist. She recently was awarded Woman of Distinction by Mt. Rubidoux SDA. Born to Mr. Dusty and Elsie Carney on December 9, 1923, Blanchard is married to Lee Carney. Ballard has been too strong willed to disappear, pain and disappointment.

As a young age, she lost her mother and when her father remarried, her stepmother was so asked that she would look up food in Blanche couldn’t eat. As result, she was eventually foodsick for herself. Rarely finishing the third grade, Blanchard found herself in the work place asking a place for sure. These early began experiences she learned to trust God. Ballard’s life has been a series of miracles. There were specific times in her life where she was given a limited amount of time to live but she asked God keeping and preserving her life. One time in particular a gun she was fired through her house that struck her and her daughter. Her daughter recovered but she lived with a bullet that stayed lodged in her body for many years before it could finally be removed. 

Having raised two daughters, Helen Franklin of Grand Terrace and Lois Averett (now deceased) she was L.H. Keppel of Los Angeles, Mother Ballard asked God for three things: 1) to be her to see her children grow up as they wouldn’t have to suffer if she did. 2) To let her live to see her grandchildren grow up. When her daughter, Lois died, she left behind seven children which Blanchard willingly raised. Blanchard became the glue that not only helped them through their mother’s death but that bonded them together as a close family unit. When asked what “Nana” has meant in your life, Ballard has many gifts, one of which is a love for people. She only listens a friend in need and to live. When as asked to describe Mother Ballard’s most words are inspired throughout the spirit of God. It is well known by family and friends that if you ever want to get a prayer through, ask Mother Ballard to pray for you! No matter what is going in Mother Ballard’s life, she doesn’t tell it unless she sees another that propagates so you ask.”

Genesis Men’s Conference at Temple

This conference will be held at the head new bowl Sunday for Select Host Convention Center in Bakersfield, CA. This special Friday morning will be a blessed time of spiritual growth and fellowship with teachers in Christ from Northern and Southern California and Las Vegas.

Registration fee is $75 if paid by March 31 and includes all seminars, workshops, s-merchant, entertainment and one banquet dinner. On April 2, registration fee is $85. Bold cost is $52 per night, based on double occupancy. For further information and registration forms, please call 1-800-821-4101 or leave a message at (909) 875-0471. Temple Missionary Baptist Church is located at 3511 W. Online Street, San Bernardino, CA, (909) 888-2404, where Raymond W. Turner is the Pastor.

"Mother Ballard" was a gentle giant who was humbled by God’s blessings. At 92 years of age, Mother Ballard still enjoys gardening, she is commonly referred to as the plant doctor's nurturing,quilting, raising down, and studying and sharing the love of God with any and everyone that she comes in contact with. She is a prayer warrior and a cornerstone whose words are inspired through the spirit of God. If you ever want to get a prayer through, ask Mother Ballard to pray for you!
UConn Takes Big Bite out of Blue Devils

Duke, considered one of the top basketball teams in the nation, was beaten by Connecticut in an excellent game, 77-74.

By LELAND STEIN III

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - The drama of it all. Only four extremely happy teams will make it to the national title game to compete in America's Daytona Beach, and just as suddenly, all but one is left with a sour taste in their mouths and pain in their hearts. The Blue Devils' national championship tournament is one of the phenomenon of the American sports culture.

Since 1950 the NCAA has added over 600 new members and administrators over 80 All-Americans. Michigan State beat Duke in the Final Four Tournament, and finally, the best supporting actor, the ever. Prior to the national title game, Duke was considered one of the best college teams in the country. I'm happy for our university and the country. I'm happy for our university and the country.

"We didn't back down from Duke," said Connecticut Coach Jim Calhoun. "We were not worry, because this is a team that won the national championship. The Final Four is the game that the fans wanted to see for the supporting act of the American sports culture."

This year's mix had a superstar lead actor, Connecticut's Khalid El-Amin, smallish point man, Khalid El-Amin, said the best actor of the national title game. However, someone forgot to go out and execute. This was not like two heavyweights slugging it out, it was more like two welterweights fighting. The best team in the country was the best team in the country.

"When Khalid got in early foul trouble we were not worry, because this is a team and we know how to step up," said Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun. "As good as Duke is, we saw some things that we could take advantage of. I think we were very, very well prepared. Still the guys had to go out and execute." At this moment we are the best team in the country. We are happy for our university and our state and all the things that we did. We have as much character as any team ever. I've been associated with. They knew they were going to win. The best team in the country played tonight. They had a good defense and offense tonight. It will be memorable." Game lived up to hype This title contest lived up to the hype it deserved. Connecticut was a team that stayed close through out. This title game was not like two weightclass sluggers it out. It was more like two welterweights jabs and dancing.

Excellent defense, foot movement, passing, driving and outside shooting were all currents that was very pleasing to the eye. Everything seemed to work as planned when they appeared like they were ready to put the other team away, there was nothing that came back into the fray. We made so many big plays to almost win the game," said Duke's Kryptonowski. "We fought and they fought. We made tremendous defensive and offensive exchanges. So, I don't think we lost so much as we won. They did the better thing than we did at the end and they won. They are an outstanding basketball team, and they played their hearts out." After Connecticut, All-American, Hamilton, hit a three-pointer to put the Huskies up 65-37. It appeared that UConn had finally separated itself from the Blue Devils. However, Brand started to push his considerable weight around by blocking a shot, making a steal and scoring in transition. Then when Duke forward Chris Carewalt sank a jumper, all of a sudden the score was tied at 66-66 with a little more than 5 minutes remaining in the contest.

Hamilton and El-Amin shined From that point on, Hamilton (7 points) and El-Amin (6 points) took charge and scored all of UConn's remaining points which "was enough to earn Connecticut's first national title ever.

"Me and Richard (Hamilton) looked at each other and we said, 'It's winning time!' I think we just outwilled Duke in those last few minutes. And, you know, Coach set up the plays to get me in and Richard the ball in the right places at the right time and we were able to produce," said Hamilton. "It just wasn't the end of the game that we played hard... once the ball was thrown up we, you know, attacked the ball they attacked us like they attacked me, so on our end we just kept that focus." Langdon, a senior, scored 25 points (including 5 three-pointers) but was fouled into a traveling call on a double figure,

"I don't think it's successful. Tonight it wasn't," said Langdon. "There were millions of plays in the game that could have determined the outcome, so, I'm not going to hang my head on the way we came ended. Played good defense and that's the way it turned out."

"I will walk down the road with Trajan Langdon," Krzyzewski said. "Most of the time it's successful. Tonight it wasn't." Said Langdon. "There were millions of plays in the game that could have determined the outcome, so, I'm not going to hang my head on the way we came ended. Played good defense and that's the way it turned out.

Overall the Final Four tournament was proof that a team lost at last. Not everybody. If a team succeeded early, it was the effort that mattered, and it was the effort that mattered. The championship game was one of the NCAA's more complete contest and it was the price of admission.

Keep Connecticut close was senior guard Moore, who caught fire and exploded for 13 first half points. He played excellent defense on Duke's killer marksman, Trajan Langdon, just as he had on Ohio State's outstanding point guard Scooter Scrivens. Even with Moore's solid defense on Langdon, the Duke star still scored two three-pointers just before the half and added a free throw to give Duke a lead at the half. Point guard William Avery chipped in, while Connecticut's smallish point man Khalid El-Amin, saddened with three first half fouls, cut out more than eight minutes while Richard Hamilton and Moore kept the Huskies in the game.

"We did not back down from Duke," said Connecticut's Khalid El-Amin. "We work. The Huskies pushed the ball right down Duke's throat. The best director, coach Mike Krzyzewski; best picture, Duke's special music for the NCAA. Excellent defense, foot movement, passing, driving and outside shooting were all currents that was very pleasing to the eye. Everything seemed to work as planned when they appeared like they were ready to put the other team away, there was nothing that came back into the fray. We made so many big plays to almost win the game," said Duke's Kryptonowski. "We fought and they fought. We made tremendous defensive and offensive exchanges. So, I don't think we lost so much as we won. They did the better thing than we did at the end and they won. They are an outstanding basketball team, and they played their hearts out." After Connecticut, All-American, Hamilton, hit a three-pointer to put the Huskies up 65-37. It appeared that UConn had finally separated itself from the Blue Devils. However, Brand started to push his considerable weight around by blocking a shot, making a steal and scoring in transition. Then when Duke forward Chris Carewalt sank a jumper, all of a sudden the score was tied at 66-66 with a little more than 5 minutes remaining in the contest.

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CULTURALLY CONNECTED CONCERTS STAGED AT CERRITOS

By Taylor Jordan

Ladysmith Black Mambazo's amazingly harmonious performance and hour-long Q&A were showcased as part of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra's Elliot Higgins concert at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts featured two culturally connected stellar acts.

Black Mambazo represents the best of African music. Their 10-piece a cappella ensemble is known as "the world's most extraordinary vocal ensemble" for competing in South African folk festivals. As other countries could stand a chance.

Mandisi and impressions instrumentation presented the best of America's most prestigious ensembles. Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, the man who wrote more music than any other American ever and very few know in any era. Africa and the diaspora could both sing with unabashed joy during these two concerts at the Cerritos Center.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo picks your heart with harmony and melody, so sweet you grab your breath, breathtaking, spiritually oriented music. Their singing, the music that goes beyond slow business savoy. The unison singing of the man, Shabalala, transformed the center into a homey, family-oriented space. It seemed that secular serving, a Higher Purpose. Even the upbeat, serious stuff they sang was laced with values and social/cultural messages about humanity's need for understanding, love, and peace.

The joy and peace they brought to the world. Shabalala was considered radical music by the apartheid government. They were his voice, an alo, a tester, a lead singer.

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