

Black World

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Do You Know... By: Jacqueline Richards

"The Father of Black History Month?"

When speaking about Black History Month, people, most often Blacks, joke about the fact that it falls in February, the shortest month of the year. They think that "the white man" gave Black people the shortest month in return for America's deep-rooted history of injustice towards Blacks. It is then more than likely they do not know who Carter G. Woodson was. He was a BLACK man, with a vision and a purpose that manifested itself in what we now know to be Black History Month. He spent the duration of his life striving to ensure that Blacks' contributions to the founding of the United States are realized and acknowledged.

To work at modifying the absence of a Black presence from recorded history, Woodson along with other intellectuals founded The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915, whose official mission is to "promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community." Woodson believed that awareness of one's own history cultivates dignity and contributes to pride in one's race. He also believed that it would mobilize Black youth to strive for greatness and greatness alone.

The title given to Woodson as "the Father of Black History" comes from the fact that he started "Negro History Week", which was initiated on February 12, 1926. The second week of February was significant to him because the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln fell within that time period. In his opinion, they were key figures in the advancement of Black people in the United States, so he saw it fitting to celebrate their birthdays along with acknowledging and celebrating Black history. As America became 200 years old, in 1976, the celebration of Black history expanded from a week to a month. Although Woodson preceded some of these events



in history, the following are also reasons to celebrate Black history in February. There was the passing of the 15th amendment, which gave blacks the right to vote, on February 3, 1870 and in the same year. On February 25, 1870, Hiram R. Revels was sworn into office, becoming the first Black U.S. Senator. There was also the founding of the NAACP on February 12, 1909. And the first sit-in occurred in Greensboro, NC on February 1, 1960, which became a pioneering moment of the Civil Rights Era. Sadly, five years later on February 21 was the assassination of Malcolm X, a man whose life and accomplishments need to be celebrated.

The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which was eventually renamed the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, creates the yearly theme for Black History Month. This year's theme is "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism." The theme references the work Woodson did, along with other activists, to encourage the conservation and observance, rather than neglect, of the various cultures that were brought here by immigrants. He felt that cultural diversity was a

compliment of democracy, and it was contradictory to proclaim the acceptance of newcomers, but reject of the cultures they brought along with them.

Woodson started "Negro History Week" with the goal that some day it would become unnecessary. He believed that Black history would eventually become integrated into mainstream history, and therefore, the need to designate a week (now a month) to Black history would not exist. Do you think that in this day and age, Black History Month is redundant? The entire public education system, including the texts, would need to be revised for this to be true. Sadly, I do not feel people have realized the significance of Black history. It has been ninety-six years since the founding of "Negro History Week" and fifty-eight years since Carter G. Woodson's death. When will his dream be realized?

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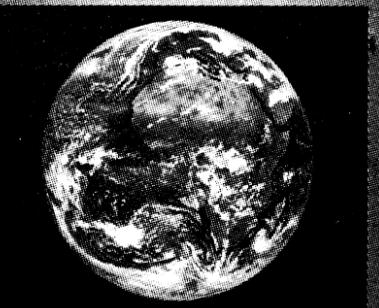
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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

First I would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. The one thing that is great about the New Year is that it gives everyone the chance to start fresh with whatever they choose to take part in. We are having a lot of positive vibes for this year and it has been carried over into this issue of BlackWorld. We are almost at the end of Black History Month and it has been a successful one here at Stony Brook. There has been an abundant amount of programs hosted by various organizations on campus. Hopefully you were able to make it out to at least one. With out any further delay I am going to step aside and let BlackWorld educate your mind with this Special Edition Black History Month Issue

Mamusu Tucker
Editor In-Chief

Black History Month Opening Ceremony

By: Christine Vargas

Cherry Chambers started Stony Brook's Black History Month Opening Ceremony. The event took place in the SAC auditorium. The event schedule's front page-program's front cover stated, "Human Rights and Social Justice... Lessons From the Past, Challenges For The Future," it recognized the black community's historical efforts for social justice and inclusion in American history and movements. Black History Month was first called Negro History week. As time passed it then was expanded to a month and the name was changed to Black History Week. [it was first called Negro History Week – visit the link I sent to you] Black

History Month was first established in at Harvard [he graduated from Harvard but it was through his association that he established the event] by: Dr Carter G. in 1926, in order for African American hHistory to be remembered. [you might want to mention the name it was called up above and then here you can say "later Negro History Week" was expanded to a month and the name was changed..."] At first Black History Month was called Negro History Week.

Nicely decorated the tables at the ceremony were set with color food and calendars of events happening all though out the month. Faculty and students enjoyed the entertainment provided

by the school. On the side lines of the SAC auditorium were African based sororities, fraternities, and other organizations such as the Caribbean Student Organization. Trushia Sylvain sang the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," written by James Weldon Johnson. People sang along with Sylvain and recalled many memories of the old days in America the United States. The [which gospel choir?] Stony Brook gospel choir sang a very inspirational song. Randall Pinkston, CBS News Correspondent, was the guest speaker at the event. The theme of Pinkston's speech was, "Reporting While Black; An African American Journalist's Reflections

on the Impact of Race in His Work." The Black History's Mmonth Oopening Cceremony this year was a very successful event, many hope that next year's can live up to it's expectation.

[I would suggest that you highlight some events that will be occurring after the 18th of February such as the Essay and Speech Contest, the bus trip to the African Burial Ground, the Closing Ceremony, etc. For a list of events: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/bhm/calendar.shtml>]

I believe it would be better if the events were just stated else where.

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The Rhythm of Africa By:Christine Vargas

In SAC Ballroom B February 6, 2008 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Theta Kappa Chapter had an African Dance Workshop in which people of all races were invited. "We decided we wanted to do something more interactive with the students, something healthy," said Aleicia Hutchinson, president of the chapter, senior, and health science major. Most of the audience consisted of females, but certain members of Alpha Phi Alpha were not afraid to join the fun. Persephone Decosta was in charge of leading the dancers through the steps. Decosta and her fellow instrument player and music producer Justin Kafando are from the Batingua Art School, in which they have been working for over five years. Kafando played two djembe and a doumbek with drum sticks. The djembe is a type of base drum originated in West Africa. It is West Africa's most popular drum, which is accompanied by a smaller one. The doumbek is a small drum made in North Africa or Turkey. The bottom of the doumbek drum is decorated depending from what region it came from.

At the African dance workshop Decosta incorporated African dances with exercise. Before starting, the group did a couple of stretching warm ups. The group did a "Coco" dance which became one of the most famous dances during the 20th century in Africa. Traditional dances have a certain rhythm which lets the dancer know what steps to do and when. Some of the ladies at the workshop became confused and tired, but luckily Decosta was very patient and counted out the steps. Narine Galoyan, senior, biology, recalls her experience, "it was fun, a little hectic though with the fast pace." The African Dance workshop was a success with many organizations as supporters coming out such as Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Caribbean Studies Organization (CSO), Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated, Latin American Students Organization (L.A.S.O), Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.



Black AIDS Awareness By:Sarah Demezier

"AIDS knows no age, no gender, nor race."

—Dr. Floris Cash

On Feb. 8th in SAC Ballroom A an event like no other was held. This event focused on an epidemic that affects everyone's lives, AIDS. One of the leading causes of death for African Americans, particularly women, comes from the HIV virus, which has the potential to develop into AIDS. African Americans have the highest percentage of reported AIDS cases, which is ten times higher than Caucasians. Miriam Couch, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and President of 100 Black Women, along with the rest of the board, came to show support and speak at the event. Even though attendance was lower than expected, the twenty people who took the time to attend made the day special. Dr. Melody Goodman, a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. was introduced by one of her undergraduate sisters, Marsha Sommervil. Goodman displayed a very informative and scary presentation based on the statistics of people who have contracted the virus. Among those

that have the virus, 50% of them are African Americans. African Americans comprise of only 13% of the U.S. population.

According to Goodman's presentation, the three states that have the highest number of people affected with the disease are: Georgia in third place, Florida in second place, and New York. Suffolk County falls 5th in ranking with the highest number of people with AIDS in the country. That is a pretty scary number in light of the fact that Stony Brook University is located in Suffolk County. Goodman went on to explain that problems that affect the black community as far as treatment and getting tested, are knowledge and something referred to as John Henryism. John Henryism is a term that explains why African Americans are more prone to diseases—it

is because blacks are "exposed to psychological stressors that will require them to use considerable amounts of energy every day." Due to John Henryism, their bodies respond negatively and there is less immunity. Other factors such as, incarceration, mistrust of doctors, and Tuskegee's legacy, which is the fear of abuse and exploitation by medical professionals also explain why African Americans are afraid

to seek help.

After Goodman's presentation, Jackson Georges of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. recited a poem from a boy in Africa who is living in Kenya with AIDS. It was very touching and reminded the audience that this disease exists beyond the borders of this country, it affects the whole world. Djenane Paul of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. introduced the next speaker, Dr. Aletha Maybank who also gave

a presentation, which described the timeline on exactly when AIDS was first introduced and how over the years people began to take it more seriously. Initially, HIV was known as a virus that can only be contracted from homosexual males but it was soon discovered that the virus can be contracted through heterosexual intercourse. Ryan White, as well as many black artists, were unfortunate to contract this disease through blood transfusions or sexual intercourse. "AIDS has killed more people than the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars combined." The only way to fight this disease that has no cure is through testing and prevention. The more you know, the better decisions you will be able to make.

Anonymous HIV Counseling and Testing is available by calling 800-541-2437

"We must walk on in the days ahead with audacious faith in the future." -MLK

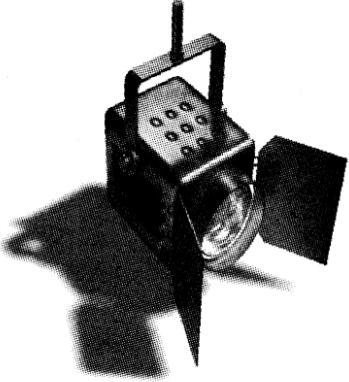


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By:Jacqueline Richards

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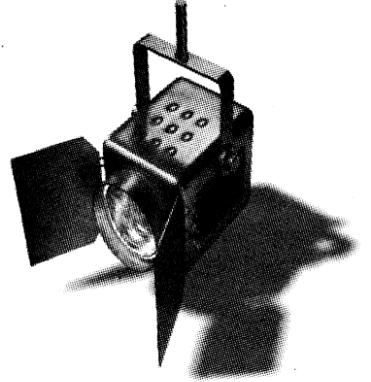
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PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS, INC.

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As a freshman, I was told a thousand times that Jessica was someone I should get to know. Maybe it was the fact that she was from Educational Opportunity Program and Advancement on Individual Merit (EOP/AIM) class of 2004 and I was new at Stony Brook—she could have been a mentor to me. Or perhaps it was the fact that I was considering a major in Business Management and she was a founding member and president of the Stony Brook Chapter of National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA). Whatever the reasons, I am glad to know her, and I hope that her exemplary leadership skills and the way she attracts people will rub off on me. The following are answers to questions I asked Jessica to answer regarding her academic experience at Stony Brook, her childhood, and the EOP/AIM program.

I am the first in my family to attend college and that in itself has been a driving force motivating me to excellence. I have to set the standards! My mother has always stressed the importance of higher education. I have always dreamed big so whenever I would say that I wanted a fancy car, she would say that I need to get an education so that I can get a good job and get that fancy car.

The driving force behind the leadership roles that I have assumed is my desire to succeed. Honestly, I hated my freshman year of college. Not because I hated my classes, but because I was bored. I had nothing to do but watch TV. As I became more involved on campus, I started enjoying being here. The more I accomplished, the more I felt successful. I remember that during my sophomore year, I was one of the Activities Coordinators in the

EOP Student Association and we put on a talent show for the James A. Nobles Memorial Scholarship. At the end of that event I felt proud that I had contributed to the success of the show. That feeling drove me to do more.

As for career paths, to me business was common sense and I thought it was easy, so I decided to do it. Now I understand how complex business can be, especially accounting, but there is no doubt that I made the right choice. I've learned to follow my

heart and I have no regret about the decision that I have made. As for motivation, my motivation comes first and foremost from within. If one does not choose to be motivated, no one can motivate them. Secondly, my motivation comes from helping others.

My immediate objective is to graduate from college and successfully transition into corporate America. My long term goal is to acquire enough wealth that will allow me to ensure that my family lives comfortably. My driving passion is giving back to individuals less fortunate than myself by sharing the knowledge I have or through community service. The EOP/AIM High School Initiative program has enabled me to exercise this passion and allowed me to share knowledge with youth who may have a background similar to mine, about the importance of education and the various

opportunities that are available. NABA has given me the opportunity to share knowledge with other students that can be beneficial in their career searches. NABA has also given me an outlet to do community service that has ranged from raising money for March of Dimes to participating in Meals on Wheels. This passion will last for a lifetime and can only be advanced. At the end of the day the feeling of helping someone outweighs any amount of money that I may earn.



Currently, I am active in EOP and last year I served as the president of the EOP/AIM Student Association. Prior to that I served as an EOP Activities Coordinator for the 2005-2006 academic year. I was an Academic Peer Advisor in the

Fall of 2006 and I am a tutor. I am also the founding President of the SBU Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. I was personally introduced to NABA while attending a Diversity Summit at Goldman Sachs. NABA has had a tremendous impact on my personal life, as well as my career choices. I have met lifetime friends through NABA and I have advanced my career through NABA. The reason why I chose NABA is that I felt a sense of family from the very first meeting that I attended at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. Everyone was there for the same reason, had your best interest in mind and it just felt good to be around successful

people that looked like me.

Managing it all is not easy!!!! It takes time and patience. It is very important that students learn these skills now. What most people don't realize is that when you start working you work all day from 9 to 5, sometimes longer. Being able to function effectively all day, everyday, is a good skill to cultivate before leaving college. Most of us have Monday to Thursday classes, maybe two classes a day, three maximum. That is not real life. Real life is working long hours five days a week and sometimes week-ends.

EOP has had the biggest impact in my life and has played a significant role in my academic career. Opportunity programs are important because they help many students afford college. However, it is not a free ride. We have loans just like everyone else. Not only does EOP help with college costs, it also gives us that extra support needed in college. Our academic advisors have a genuine interest in our success and it translates into how EOP students perform in college.

After graduation I plan on becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and I will be starting with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP as an External Auditor. In closing a quote from Chuck Swindoll, "The secret of living a life of excellence is merely a matter of thinking thoughts of excellence... it's a matter of programming our minds with the kind of information that will set us free."

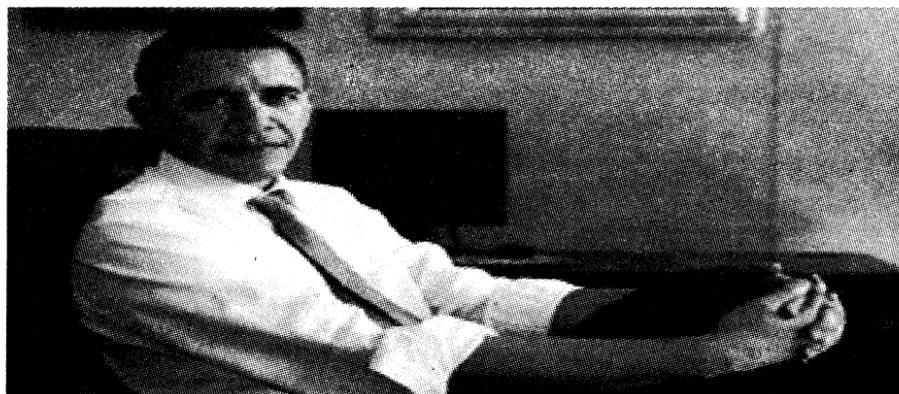
NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

YES WE CAN By: Charlotta Beavers

A week ago, presidential hopeful, Senator Barack Obama, swept three states and won the Maine caucus. Most pundits believed there would be a clear Democratic Presidential Nominee after Super Tuesday, but Obama and the machine behind him, which is composed of millions of grassroots volunteers in the physical and digital world, have upset business as usual. Obama is making history on many levels. He is the first viable African American presidential candidate, who is one of two contenders in a primary race that is so close it may need to be decided on the Democratic Convention floor, spurred on by record breaking numbers of Democrats who are showing up to vote at the polls. For many this is the most exciting election that they have witnessed in their lifetime.

The momentum that surrounds Obama surges in waves and is fed by a number of factors including grassroots organizing, a message of change, strong youth appeal, celebrity power such as Oprah Winfrey and Robert De Niro, effective use of the internet, and sound policy positions. Obama's youth appeal asks the divisive baby boomers to step aside and make room for the Millennials,

who are civic-minded and engaged in politics. His campaign uses MySpace and Facebook, social networking sites that allow supporters to coordinate their actions and keep tabs on the latest campaign news. On a grassroots level, thousands of volunteers are trained to set up semi-inde-



pendent community-based offices that allow Obama's campaign to customize canvassing and phone bank messages to match local concerns. And to top it off, Obama Girl appears on national television with videos endorsing Obama, while Will.i.am's Yes I Can Song (www.yeswecansong.com), an adaptation of the speech Obama gave following the New Hampshire primary, has received over two million hits on YouTube, and over 15 million total hits on the internet in just over a week, making it one of

the biggest viral videos of 2008 reported eMediaWire.

This movement is led by a charismatic leader, who is young and energetic. Obama opposes the Iraq war and favors U.S. troop withdrawal. He favors rebuilding the Gulf Coast and strengthening the levees. He recognizes that "No Child Left

Behind" needs to be reformed so that it is properly funded and places less emphasis on test taking. He plans to increase teacher's pay, invest in intervention strategies to decrease drop out rates, and support programs that prepare low-income students for college. Obama's plan for healthcare would offer affordable, comprehensive, portable coverage. He understands that immigration reform involves better control of U.S. borders but he also realizes that the factors that push Latin Americans to the North require a change in U.S.

economic policy with their neighbors to the South. Obama intends to restore taxes to the wealthy and provide tax cuts to working families. He will work to create a fair trade policy and help develop programs to help workers transition to new clean technology jobs through retraining programs. And most importantly, while Obama can be hawkish at the appropriate time, his cornerstone of foreign policy is diplomacy, not war.

Obama wants to move politics beyond the Bush and Clinton dynasties and the divisive culture war of the baby boomers. For him the choice is very clear, as he said, "The choice in this election is not between regions or religions or genders. It's not about rich versus poor, young versus old, and it's not about black versus white. This election is about the past versus the future."

In the coming issues, I will offer a closer analysis of Obama's positions. Meanwhile, for more information visit Barack Obama's website at: <http://www.barackobama.com>

West Memphis 3 By: Sarah Demezier

On May 6, 1993, three second grade boys, Steven Branch, Christopher Byers, and Michael Moore were found dead in Robin Hood Hills tied ankle to wrist. One of the boys was found in a nearby creek and the other two were found not far from his body. Christopher Byers was repeatedly stabbed in the groin and was castrated, while the other two were severely beaten; one beyond recognition. The murders of these three boys shocked the entire town of West Memphis, Arkansas and left people outraged and seeking revenge on the person or persons responsible. The West Memphis Police Department, who were not properly trained for an investigation of this magnitude, sought suspects to this gruesome murder and pointed fingers at anyone they could find. Unfortunately for eighteen

year old Damien Echols, sixteen year old Jason Baldwin, and seventeen year old Jessie Misskelley, were accused and arrested for the murder of these three boys. Misskelley had been interviewed by the police prior to his arrest and had confessed to the police that he was present but did not take part in the murder of the little boys.

The controversy surrounding Misskelley's confession alleges that he was manipulated by his interrogators and pressured to confess to the crime. Misskelley has an IQ of 72, which is substantially below the average, and the investigators' case was based on his confession. All three suspects were arrested based on insignificant evidence, which was being guilty of listening to metal rock and wearing black clothing. Largely, because they did not fit

the "norm" of this Christian town, they were automatically victimized.

These three men have been in jail for seventeen years because they were labeled as satanic worshipers. Without any physical evidence or a legitimate reason besides the fact that they were different, Echols, Baldwin and Misskelley were sentenced to life in prison, with Echols currently on death row. Recently, attorney Alice Whitman Leeds, filed a Second Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus finding evidence that there is absolutely no connection between the evidence collected at the crime scene and the three men. However, there was DNA evidence at the scene that matched Terry Hobbs, the step father of one of the victims, and Pam Hobbs, his ex-wife. Right

now, the three wait in jail for a response. Hopefully, their convictions will be overturned in court and whoever is really responsible will be brought to their rightful punishment.

As for the "West Memphis Three," they are a prime example of the injustices that occur in our nation. You might link this to a similar court case involving the six gentlemen in Jena, Louisiana. They were convicted for attempted murder and it is a well known fact that because they are black, they were being charged more harshly than if they were white. If you believe that the West Memphis three are truly not guilty or want more evidence you can go to www.wm3.org.

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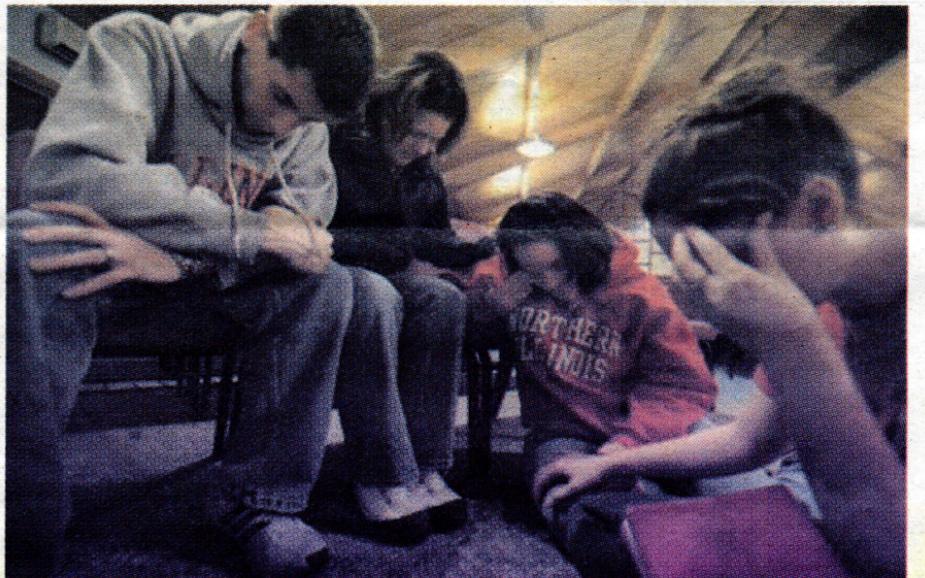
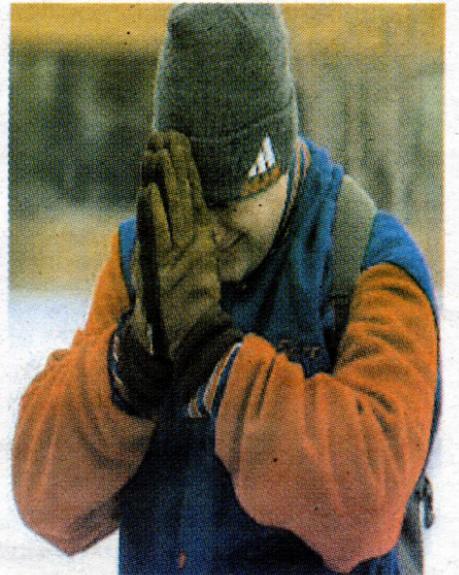
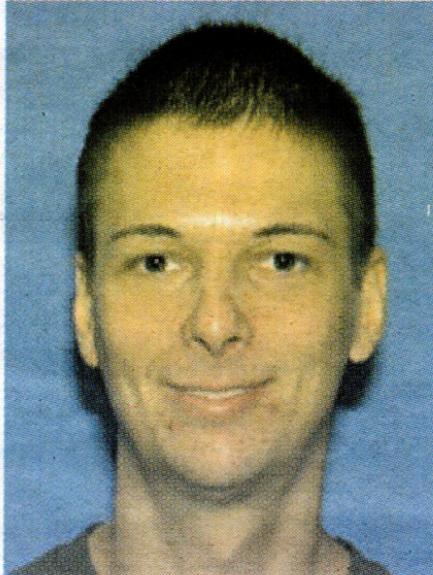
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NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

Undemocratic Corporate Globalization Accelerates Via a Proposed "Super NAFTA" by 2010

By: Matthew Rammelkamp

It is no secret that the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), set up by Globalist Kingpin David Rockefeller, exists to push for a world government. Carroll Quigley, mentor to Bill Clinton, and member of CFR, says himself, "The Council on Foreign Relations...believes national boundaries should be obliterated and one-world rule established." In an effort to make this a reality, they have used incrementalism as a way to gain gradual acceptance for their plans.

The first step, with the European Union, and now North America, was trade blocs, then misnamed protectionist "free trade" zones, then the physical merging of key infrastructure - military, legislative, and other bodies. This whole process is done with a blind eye from Congress and the mainstream media - with the exception of CNN's Lou Dobbs. It is also being done with the full approval of all the Presidential Candidates of both major political parties with the exception of Ron Paul.

CFR President Richard Haass believes "states would be wise to weaken sovereignty in order to protect themselves" and that "Globalization thus implies that sovereignty...needs to become weaker." Admiral Chester Ward, former CFR member and Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy has stated, "The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations in promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence and submergence into an all powerful, one world government. Once the ruling members of the CFR...have decided that the U.S. Government should adopt a particular policy...the very substantial research facilities of the CFR are put to work to develop arguments, intellectual and emotional, to support the new policy and to confound and discredit, intellectually and political, any opposition."

Corporations have influence or control over all the

Presidential candidates, Congress, and the mainstream media. It is the corporate goal to accelerate the flow of both cargo and people across this country's Northern and Southern borders. They want an international NAFTA superhighway even if it means using eminent domain to steal people's ranches and farmland. Another dream is to have a workforce consisting completely of illegal immigrants who they can underpay off the books and save money on wages, taxes, and

institutions. They are protectionist communities who compete with other trade blocs like the European Union and soon-to-be Asian-Pacific Union. While touted as free market to get the approval of conservatives, the NAU is anything but a free market. In laissez-faire economics, no institutions exists to hinder the free flow of goods from one place to another. The NAU, like the EU, would have an external tariff, making imported goods more expensive and hurting the free choice of the consumer, in

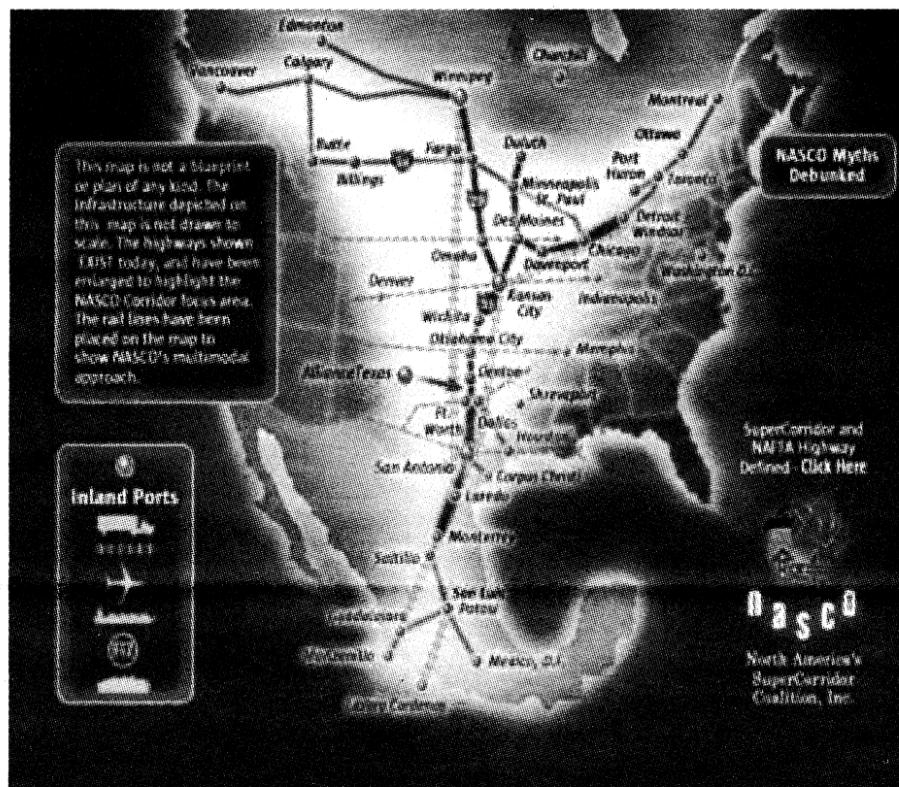
modeled after the Soviet Union's Constitution...Our rights will not be inalienable but they will be granted by government, who can also take them away. You will have a [North American] ID Card with a Radio Frequency Identification Chip in it." -Stan Jones, U.S. Senate Candidate, Libertarian Montana

It is important to note that every Presidential candidate (besides Ron Paul) is a CFR member. The Obamas, John Edwards, and the Clintons included. A Democratic Party administration will not save us from the oncoming but not inevitable North American Union. It is not inevitable if we join the informed uprising - the "Ron Paul Revolution" of people who will not simply demand but physically become the leaders who will adhere to the Constitution and who will swear an oath to protect National Sovereignty, and of course never join the CFR and reject its undemocratic goals.

"Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure - one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it." - David Rockefeller, *Memoirs*, 2002, page 405

"We are on the verge of a Global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order." - David Rockefeller

"The interests behind the Bush Administration, such as the CFR, the Trilateral Commission - founded by Brzezinski for David Rockefeller - and the Bilderberg Group have prepared for and are now moving to implement open world dictatorship within the next five years." - Dr. Johannes Koepl - former official of the German Ministry for Defense and adviser to NATO.



benefits. Their goals are sadly being accomplished as the Bush administration fails to enforce this country's border laws, even in the wake of 9-11 and terrorist threats.

We've had a record three million illegal immigrants migrate into this country in the last year, yet all you hear the Bush administration talk about is our "security." So instead, they've decided to take away our Constitutional rights. The Bush administration has signed agreements at the Security and Prosperity and Partnership meetings that are physically creating a North American Union under our eyes, all without public discourse or open debate.

Despite their name, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the NAU - just like the EU - are not free market

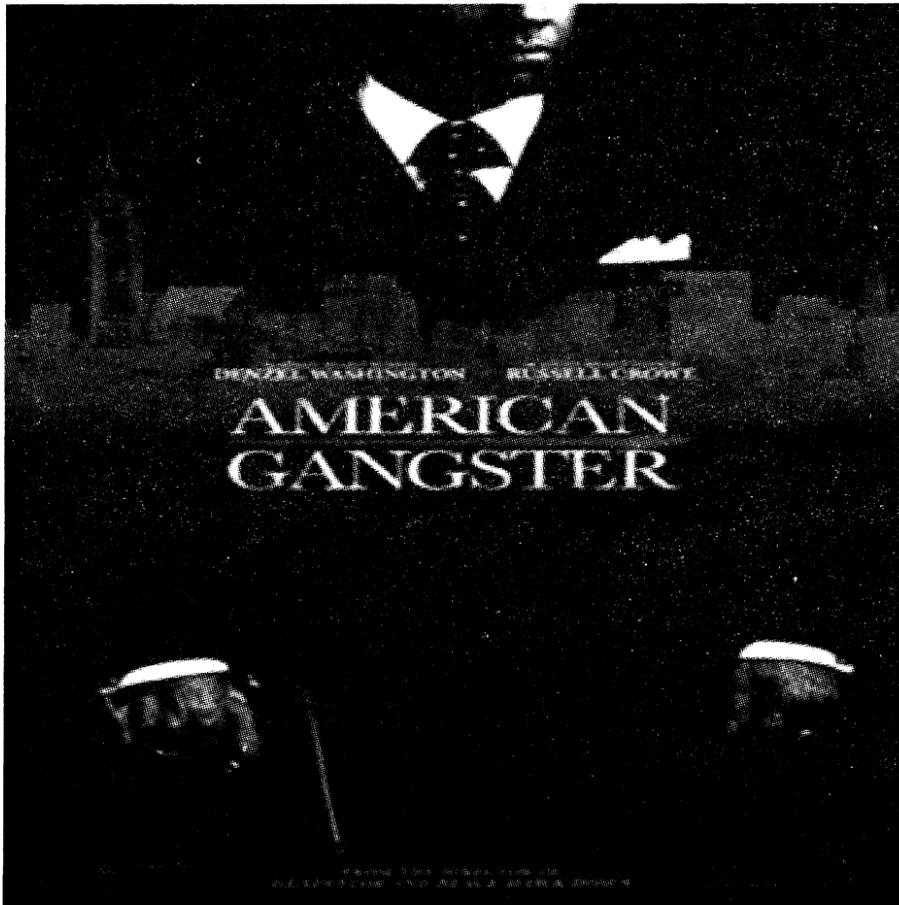
order for governments and corporations to generate enormous profits.

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NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

Who's the Real American Gangster By: Saajida Stacker



If you asked anyone what Denzel Washington's latest movie is most people would say American Gangster without a second thought. Those who haven't seen this movie, have, at least heard about it. American Gangster was publicized through advertisements and interviews, even Jay-Z's latest CD was entitled American Gangster. Now I'm not hating at all! I happen to like Denzel Washington, he's one of my favorite actors but I think it is necessary to look on the flip side of the coin. Everyone that I come in contact with has said that American Gangster was a good movie. But there is more to this movie than what people are talking about. When talking or thinking about American Gangster it is important for us not to take this as "just another movie", this is an actual period of time in history! I want us to get out of this Hollywood mindset and analytically dissect this movie to see what American Gangster is really showing us.

American Gangster is based on the true life story of Frank Lucas, played by well known actor Denzel Washington. Lucas grew up in Southern-segregated North Carolina. He later moved to Harlem, New York and became a major drug dealer because he came up with an idea that people hadn't thought of yet in the 1960's/1970's. Instead of buying drugs from a middleman like other dealers, Lucas decided to get an uncut or pure form of heroin as his drug supply. He

bought large amounts of heroin directly from the producers of this drug in Asia. He flew all the way to Asia to get heroin because when it's in its pure state then the drug is very potent. The stronger the drug is the more the drug users would want to purchase it and this will ultimately put other drug dealers out of business. Lucas arranged to have his heroin shipped to the United States in the coffins of dead U.S. soldiers being flown home from the Vietnam War. It is said that Lucas made approximately a million dollars a day. That's a whole lot of money! But at what cost and in the end was it really worth it?

So, what was going on during the 1960's/1970's? Let's go back there for a minute. Back in the sixties and seventies there was a high level of black consciousness and love among the black communities. There were many black leaders and organizations speaking about Black Power; such as the Nation of Islam, Black Panther Party, Deacons of Defense, Nation of Gods and Earths, and other black conscious groups. Ask your parents who were teenagers or young adults and they will tell you that the love that black people had for each other and showed each other then was different than it is today. After the assassination of Malcolm X in 1965 and then the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, many black people were collectively outraged and a lot of them began rioting. According to the Final

Call newspaper, "It was at that time, a purer form of heroin was introduced within the Black Community".

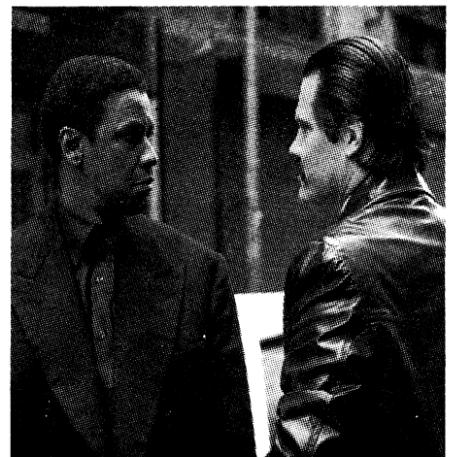
What's interesting to me is that after black people were becoming angry, beginning to unite, and were standing up for themselves; all of a sudden this drug enters into the black community. It leads me to think: Was this by coincidence or was this planned? Just think about it! We have family members who lived during this time who know the stories so instead of just accepting what the history books tell us, we should ask our parents and grandparents who lived through this period, what happened.

Honestly, do you really think that Lucas had all that juice by himself? Maybe he was just "allowed" to do all those things that he did in the movie. Even though the movie seems to glorify Lucas, he was actually a pawn used to drug his own community and his own people. That pretty much sums it up! Let's not sugar coat this! He was a black man that had drugs imported into the U.S. in order to become rich. Lucas, among many others, is responsible for assisting with the degeneration of the black community along with drug users. Many people don't talk about this! He had drugs pushed into Harlem and many remember seeing addicts sticking needles in their arms, snorting, and drugged up off of heroin. One man couldn't do all of this alone! Lucas was used, permitted to use his smarts to affect a whole community. So I ask, who is the real American Gangster? Is it the one who brings the drugs in or is it the one who has the power to let you bring the drugs in?

I leave us with a few more things to think about. Why is the movie, American Gangster glorified when we see what this man, Lucas was about? He was only interested in benefiting himself and his blood relatives. Even though most people know this to be true, many people have yet to voice any concerns about this movie! What is the message being portrayed to young black males? Since this movie is being glorified in the media, one might think that selling drugs to your community is an okay thing to do in-order to make a buck. It seems as if this movie was put

in the media to have young black people, men in particular, marvel over Lucas's life and think that they could do the same thing and reap the same financial rewards. And then the cycle continues! Is "American Gangster" supposed to inspire young people to a criminal lifestyle? When movies or icons such as these are presented to us, let's put these things under a microscope and try to put them into perspective. Originally, according to an 1828 edition of Webster's Dictionary, the term American was defined as "Native of America; originally applied to the aboriginals, or copper-colored races, found here by the Europeans; but now applied to the descendants of Europeans born in America." So how can you or Lucas be an American Gangster? According to this definition he's not even an American!

Throughout the movie we see how police officer, Richie Roberts pursues Frank Lucas and arrests him, which leads to Lucas receiving a 70 year sentence. He then turns around and becomes Lucas's lawyer and represents him in court (Lucas eventually receives a 14 year sentence). Roberts was even paid by Lucas and receives fame for his involvement in the case of one of the biggest drug dealers of that time. So I ask you, who's the real American Gangster???



NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

Local News By:Jahlecia Smith

Third meningitis fatality in Long Island

There has been two deaths in the New York area that have been linked to Meningitis. One incident was out in Queens, another in long island. This past week an eight year old boy from Medford Suffolk County long island passed away from what is suspected to be a fast moving form of bacterial meningitis. The result of the autopsy will confirm if his cause of death was actually due to meningitis or something else. If so, he would be the third meningitis fatality. Meningitis is a disease that attacks and inflames the outer membrane of the brain and spinal cord. Some symptoms associated with meningitis are nausea, vomiting, confusion and sleepiness. For further information you can search the web about meningitis and learn how to protect your self.

City plans to aid ex-inmates

The Manhattan district attorneys office has a new program called the "fair chance initiative" set to help ex inmates get resettled in the city. The DA Robert Morgenthau says that this program will be used to help address some of the issues that ex-inmates face such as substance abuse treatment, job training and finding housing. They hope that by initiating this program, in the long run will save the city a lot of money and increase public safety. Ex- inmates enrolled in the program will get help from social services and the DA would provide alternatives to jail if they are arrested for nonviolent crimes.

Montel Williams Retires?

After seventeen years on air, Montel Williams calls it quits. His show will end after this last season. But, recently people have began to speculate that the talk show host may have been forced to retire due to some comments he had made earlier in the week. Montel was on a Saturday show on Fox when one of the hosts asked him to comment on the death of Heath Ledger. Montel instead took this opportunity to condemn the media and American culture for focusing too much on Heath Ledgers death and ignoring the war in Iraq. He felt that the soldiers who died serving the country names never get mentioned. According to Montel, stations like Fox do it for the ratings. After a commercial break, Montel was no longer seen on the show and a few days later Fox issued a report saying that Montel had retired. Do the incidents seem to be related?

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Are u Serious By:Lady D

Raz B

Remember the group B2K? Raz B was the full lipped, kinda chubby, light skinned member. Well I don't think that description helped much. Anyway, about a month ago he accused his former manager and cousin Chris Stokes of molesting him when he was still a member of B2K. Okay, molestation is not funny in anyway so I felt sorry for him after seeing a video on youtube with his explanation of the situation. But within two weeks of telling that story, Raz B retracted the statement, made a public apology for lying, and even posed for a few photos with Chris. Oh and he just so happened to release his new single on youtube in that same time frame. Can you say publicity stunt? Sorry Razz, the song you released is still wack. Pulling some mess like that just makes you more of a loser and still just that unknown member of B2K.

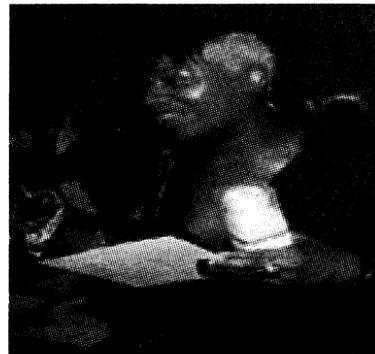
Ashanti and G Unit?

So it's been said that Ashanti might be joining G Unit. Why oh why? We already know the old label she was on, Murder Inc., is murdered (no pun intended). But wouldn't that be a sign to her to stop making music? One, she cant sing. Two, she can't sing, and three she can't sing! Her going to G Unit is just as bad as Mase when he joined. By the way, what happened to him? It's the G Unit curse I tell you!



Flavor of Love 3

Come on, are you serious???? Is he really doing another season of this show? Come on Flavor, this is getting a bit too much! And for the ladies who are auditioning for the show. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? This is a bit much to say but I think Flavor Flav is probably the ugliest man in America and yet these women are throwing themselves all over him like he is fine. I saw the pre-views, this season has more fights, more ugliness, and more girls lowering themselves to get a man. And you know what I think? This is going to make for some interesting television and I will be watching!



Fantasia

My goodness! What in the heck happened to Fantasia? She really looks a hot mess. I think she was trying to go for the Storm(You know, Storm from X-Men?) look here. You would think that winning American Idol would teach her how to look on point. I think she has lost touch with reality. Come back to earth Fantasia!

New York and Tailormade

So um... There isn't much to say about these two. It looks like they are still together, even after the show. As a matter of fact, they are actually engaged. So maybe you can find love on reality television (I still think Buddah should have won, even though he is kinda crazy). I do wonder how long this will last. Well as long as he's still a punk who let's New York push him around, they will be happy.

POETIC POWER

Our
 boys don't
 want to be men
 and our men are
 regressin'
 into a state of depression
 but are afraid of admittin'
 to their mistakes and shortcomin'
 and now our children are having chil-
 dren
 and marriages end up in divorcin'
 and women are left hurtin'
 from a heart that's broken
 and wounds left wide open...
 what happened to love that allowed healin'
 not pain or a black eye from mistreatin'
 now death is the seed that we are reapin'
 down an endless spiral he keeps goin'
 and the past smothers the growin'.
 the lies our men choose to believe in
 that between a chick's legs lies satisfaction
 but behind your status you cannot keep hidin'...
 so deep down inside your cryin'
 and through the ice your meltin'
 and because you believe in nothing
 you fall for anything
 and behind the bars in prison you're rottin'
 and anger once again is festerin'
 and the curse of the generations is continuing
 leaving loved ones abandoned...

 but the vicious cycle needs to come to an ending
 Man up and stand in your calling
 On you we are waiting
 we just need you to stop stalling.
 Embrace love even when you're hurtin'
 Enough of the hiding and runnin',
 and Your fears it's time to start facin'
 So maybe we can be a family again...

 your society needs a leader
 your children need a father
 your women need a provider
 your God needs a soldier...

Marc Jacques

Stranger's Reflection

By: Sajida Stacker

Stare in the mirror

Image blurry

Can not see

Is it you? Or

unrecognizable me?

A stranger's reflection

Looks familiar

Hide in thoughts

Ran by actions

Live like you want

As you want

In an unlocked cage

Never to know whom I'm

to be

Recognizable to you

Unrecognizable to me

GAMES

Sudoku #1

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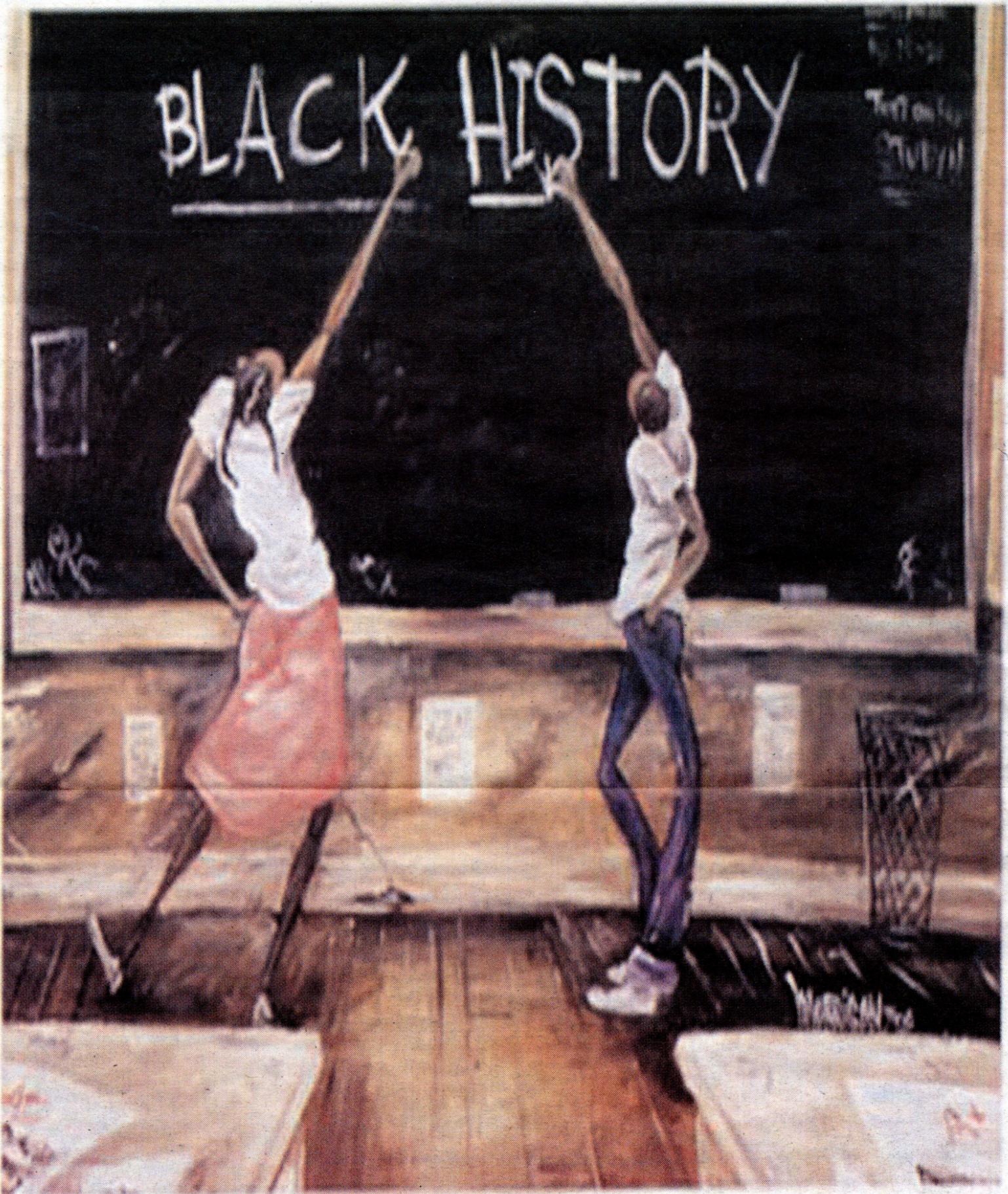
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Sudoku #2

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