

NEGROES LEARN THEY CAN "REWARD FRIENDS AND PUNISH ENEMIES" -

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"PUDDIN' HEAD"



"TELL'N IT LIKE IT IS--- AND
PUTT'N IT WHERE IT'S AT"

THANKFUL, YES - SATISFIED, NO!

Last week it was Thanksgiving and Puddin' got to studyin' and sized up a few things we should be thankful about, and a few other things that's unthankful.

Blood, we got to admit what's the truth, and omit what ain't best for the future. We got to be thankful for all the progress that's been made in Bro's struggle to be equal. We also got to fess up that even though things ain't what they should be, they a bit better than they used to be.

BABY, HEAR ole Puddin' real good now! Puddin' ain't sayin' Bro should be satisfied with what he got, and with where he is--and with how fast he movin' to the goal of equality. Puddin' only tryin' to say that cause it was Thanksgiving he was lookin' for somethin' to be thankful about, and decided that things could be a little worse (like they used to was) for Soul Folks, and Puddin' was thankful. Not satisfied, Blood, just thankful.

Baby, the moment we Blood Brothers get satisfied, we dead. You hear? We damn good and dead and all the gains will be reversed. Be thankful, baby, but don't be satisfied. We got a long row to hoe, and the time is runnin' low. We got to get with it, baby, and we got to keep a ploddin' and keep a movin' toward the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Now, Blood, if you stop movin' ahead and just stand still admirin' all them pretty colors in the rainbow and start feelin' real happy and satisfied, you goin' to miss the boat. They goin' to move that pot of gold while your eye is on the pretty colors and when you look again the pot won't be there. Baby, you know just what Puddin' is puttin' down. You won't have a pot nor a window.

KEEP MOVIN', baby--be thankful but don't never be satisfied till you got both the pot of gold and the window.

You want to know how you got to keep movin' ahead? Puddin' done told you at least a zillion times, but one more time, and, baby, get the message good this time--we got to go together--all of us together. They call that togetherness and togetherness gets the job done good--togetherness gets the job done right--togetherness gets the job done fast--togetherness gets the

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An Early Thanksgiving For A Grateful Family



ELI M. GRAY, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. E.M. Gray, 1113 Wyatt Ave., gave his parents what was probably the most joyous Thanksgiving in the family's history. And with reason.

Eli returned home for a three-day visit with his family from a year of combat duty in Vietnam the first of the month. He was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division "Golden Dragons".

War heroes are notably reticent about their exploits, and Eli is no exception. However, it is a fact that he received the Bronze Star for Heroism, Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance of duty under combat conditions, and the Purple Heart.

Eli is a graduate of Rancho High School and attended UCLA for three and a half years where he majored in Theatrical Arts, which qualified him for his Vietnam assignment for covering combat action in Vietnam for television news-reel coverage of the Vietnam Theatre of War.

The handsome Vietnam veteran left here Nov. 21 to report to his new duty station at Oakland Army Terminal, Oakland, Calif.

"Black Officials Must Have Right To Fail"

HOLLYWOOD - (NPI)--Negro public officials should be accorded the right to fail as well as to succeed, according to newly-elected Gary (Ind.) Mayor Richard G. Hatcher.

People seem to expect black office-holders to be infallible, he said. "We have to meet standards and criteria not expected of others.

"Until we can say a Negro not only has the right to succeed but the right to fail, we have not reached political-racial maturity.

"Cast in the uncomfortable role of 'symbol of our people,' officials such as Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes and I must be able to deliver on our pledges to rebuild our cities.

"Our every move will be examined microscopically," the Gary mayor asserted, adding: "We would not fear this, but welcome it."

Crime Rate Not Alarming But Taking Care Helps

The recent incident of two public armed robberies occurring within a 48-hour period, coupled with reports to the VOICE office of several purse snatching cases in the community, occasioned a visit to the office of Police Chief Loren Bunker by the VOICE publisher for information on the relative safety of residents in the area.

It is reassuring to hear that Chief Bunker "debunks" any hysteria about a crime wave in the local community. The department reports that only two percent of the population engage in criminal activities here. Regrettable as that percentage is, the department feels that, comparably, it is a low percentage for any community. Moreover, Chief Bunker feels that the police department is pretty well aware of the identity of those who engage in criminal activities in the area.

STILL, THERE is no reason to become complacent. There is always the possibility that an innocent citizen may become tomorrow's headlines.

With reason, there is grave concern over the problem of juvenile offenses, particularly the increase of narcotic use in the juvenile population. This is a situation that warrants editorial comment, and which will be forthcoming.

The VOICE feels that responsible citizens deserve protection of the law from law violators and the newspaper is willing to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in any responsible effort to protect law-abiding citizens from being victimized by criminal activities.

Offered here are suggestions for protecting your automobile and personal property against theft prepared by the Las Vegas Police Department. It is wise to follow these tips--the car or the valuables you protect from theft, may be your own.

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Crimes against property show an increase each year during the Christmas season. Thieves are attracted to automobiles because of the valuables often found in them, especially when people are Christmas shopping. We suggest these safety precautions, which if followed, may prevent you from becoming a Xmas crime victim.

When you leave your car to shop, always shut and lock the wing vent windows, roll up all other windows and lock the doors. Seventy-six percent of the vehicles stolen last year were unlocked. Never leave valuables or packages of any sort inside the car in plain sight. Lock them in the trunk where they cannot be seen.

Do not leave your keys in the ignition while you are away from your car. If you own a General Motors vehicle, be sure to turn your ignition switch to the locked position before removing the ignition key. Fifty-nine percent of the cars stolen last year had the keys in them. Most of these cars were stolen by young people. Don't encourage young people to start out on a career of crime by leaving keys in the ignition or the ignition switch unlocked.

AND ABOVE ALL - DON'T SPEND WHERE YOU CAN'T WORK