

# A SERIES: THE BLACK FAMILY AND THE CHALLENGES OF THE 80'S

## PART VIII — FOR OUR CHILDREN...

### THE QUEST FOR TRUTH... OUR BEST LIVING REALITY

By Maudra Jones

#### ... SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS

NOTE: This week we will share another portion of the full text of the historic address delivered by Governor Mario Cuomo at the Democratic National Convention, as part of our continuing dialogue.

*"We must make the American people hear our 'Tale of Two Cities.' We must convince them that we don't have to settle for two cities — that we can have one city — indivisible — shining for all its people."*

"... It's an old story — it's as old as our history. The difference between Democrats and Republicans has always been measured in courage and confidence. The Republicans believe that the wagon trains will not make it to the front (sic).

Ever since Franklin Roosevelt lifted himself from his wheelchair to lift this nation from its knees, wagon train after wagon train — the new frontiers of education, housing, peace — the whole family aboard — constantly reaching out to extend and enlarge that family—lifting them up into the wagon on the way — Blacks and Hispanics and people of every ethnic group and Native Americans — all those struggling to build

their families and claim some small share of America.

For nearly 50 years, we carried them all to new levels of comfort and security and dignity — even affluence. And remember this—some of us in this room today are here only because this nation had that kind of confidence — it would be wrong to forget that!

So, here we are at this convention to remind ourselves where we've come from and to claim the future for ourselves and for our children.

Today our great Democratic party which has saved this nation from depression, from facism, from racism, from corruption, is called upon to do it again — this time to save the nation from con-

fusion and division — from the threat of eventual fiscal disaster — and most of all, from the fear of a nuclear holocaust.

But that's not going to be easy . . . Mo Udall is exactly right — it won't be easy. And in order to succeed, we must answer our opponents' polished and appealing rhetoric with a more telling reasonableness and rationality. We must win this case on the merits. We must get the American public to look past the glitter, beyond the showmanship to the reality — the hard substance of things. And we'll do it; not so much with speeches that sound good, as with speeches that are good and sound; not so much with speeches that will bring people to their feet, as with speeches that will bring people to their senses.

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must convince them that we don't have to settle for two cities — that we can have one city — indivisible — shining for all of its people.

Now . . . we will have no chance to do that if what comes out of this convention is a babble of arguing voices. If that's what's heard throughout the campaign — dissonant sounds from all sides — we will have no chance to tell our message.

To succeed, we will have to surrender some small parts of our individual interests, to build a platform that we can all stand on at once and comfortably — proudly singing out! We need a platform we can all agree to, so that we can sing out the truth for the nation to hear in chorus . . . its logic so clear and commanding, that no slick Madison Avenue commercial — no amount of geniality

— no martial music will be able to muffle the sound of the truth.



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We Democrats must unite . . . we Democrats must unite so that the entire nation can unite. Because, surely, the Republicans won't bring this country together. Their policies divide the nation into the 'lucky'

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and the 'left out' — into the 'royalty' and the 'rabble.' The Republicans are willing to treat that division as victory. They would cut this nation in half — into those 'temporarily better off' and those 'worse off than before' . . . And they would call that division recovery . . .

(Continued next week)

NOTE: To our kind, responsive reader I'd like to preface my answer by calling your attention to the fact that grass does grow through concrete. Take a look around. Meanwhile, feast on some of the answers found in Gov. Cuomo's keynote address printed, in part, here.

#### CHURCH MOTHER OF THE WEEK

*It's OK to live in Las Vegas*

### Mother Nancy Grove is optimistic on life

"Don't forget to tell them that we have been married for 60 years 'come' October," said Mother Nancy Grove, church mother for the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1100 No. "D" St., where Rev. S.N. Addison is the pastor. She was referring to her happy marriage to her husband James Grove, now retired for the past 20 years. He had been in construction work.

Mother Grove, now ill, is blessed with the company of one of her sisters, Beatrice Palm, who has been visiting here since July 2 and plans to return to her home in Louisiana sometime in the early part of next month.

Mother Grove was born in Madison Parish, Louisiana some 78 years ago. She has 4 sisters and one brother — all



NANCY GROVE

living.

"When I am able I go to church. I do so two or three times a week and I once taught the "cradle" group in a Sunday School class," she said enthusiastically.

Mother Grove has been a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church for 30 years and is very proud of her accomplishments.

Each week, the sponsors of this project, Mid City Furniture, 501 N. Main Street, salutes the church mothers in the West and North Las Vegas areas. They forward a lovely gift to the church pastor who, in turn, makes a formal presentation to the honored church mother during the Sunday morning services. This week's honoree is Mother Nancy Grove.

Congratulations!!!

#### NBCC Next Mixer To Salute Its First President

Sarann Knight-Predy, the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce first president and the first woman to head a



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local chamber post, will be saluted at the Chamber's next mixer to be held at the People's Choice, 805 W. Owenson Friday, July 27 at 6 p.m.

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