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"THE LOSS OF THE LAND"

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On a recent trip to the Caribbean, specifically the Island of Providencia, which is located in the Turks and Caicos island chain about 500 miles South of

Miami, I was impressed by the fact that this island, a British colony, is now being inundated by U.S. and British hotel firms. They are buying up all of the land on the West side of the island, which is the more desir-

able portion in terms of the tides etc. This island, which was stolen by the British and remains in the hands of the thief, is an area where Africans owned land. Now, it seems that this island, as well as various other islands on the Caribbean; and let us not forget in areas here in the United States land owned by Africans is being slowly but surely gobbled up by Europeans. In deed, the most tragic case may be the Out Islands of South Carolina where Africans owned the majority of the land and where now they own none, because it has been

stolen and/or purchased at ridiculous prices by large hotel chains, owned by of course, Europeans.

The technique that was used in the Out Islands was not only the purchase but the outright thievery of land by County and State assessors, who assessed exorbitant amounts of taxes on the land, and then foreclosed on it for failure to pay those taxes. We have a real dilemma here, for if the land continues to be gobbled up the way it is being done now, it portends a very bleak future for our youth. Land

unfortunately is a commodity which is in limited supply and which will not be added on the planet is all that there is, and it ain't likely that there is going to be any addition of land. Furthermore fertile land is even more in short supply, because it is on this land that food is grown, and as anyone who has watched the recent attest to...Food and the growing of food, is not only a matter of individual survival, it is a very potent political weapon. So where does this leave us? If we are not careful as a people, it will leave us out, and the acqui-



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sition of land, whether it is in the Caribbean, the United States, or even the Continent of African itself, by European forces both legally and illegally may one day make us a people like the Palestinians, an entire race of people with its various divisions who have no land to call home.
La Lucha Continua. The Struggle Continues

THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E. WILLIS

"I'M SO PROUD"

"Isn't he cute," the mother remarked as her 5-year-old son danced up a storm in front of an admiring group of adults. "He sure is" said a bystander. "That little boy can certainly dance!" "Go 'head, go 'head," declared the enthusiastic crowd of on-lookers as the little boy deftly pirouetted across the floor to the strains of Arrested Development's "Mr Wendall."

Sound familiar? This describes a group of Black adults giving positive reinforcement to a child for being a good dancer. It's a familiar scene in any number of Black households. Little wonder why the stereotype is that African-American parents are more interested in their children dancing than excelling academically.

Dance is such a supreme art form in Black communities that the time and effort expended to master it many times greatly exceeds study time. Blacks may be more prone to heap praise on children who dance well than they do on those who read, write or excel in mathematics.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not against dancing. Dance is an Afrocentric art form which captures the rhythmic sense of our roots. As an African people, dance and rhythm are outward manifestations of our culture and the very essence of our people.

However, the tendency among us to elevate dance, along with music, to such a high priority takes away from the potential success we could achieve by focusing on the mastery of necessary life-long social and educational skills.

That's why I applaud such ventures as KCEP's "A-Team." Under the program, students who bring their 'A' papers from

school with a teacher's signature are eligible to receive special prizes from the radio station. This is an excellent example of marketing academic success in much the same manner that advertisers market their products to make money. In this case, the reward is educational.

To give our kids a competitive edge when it comes to education, we've got to get on the ball! One of the most unusual ways I've heard of to inspire students educationally is used by the Reverend Johnny Ray Youngblood. Rev. Youngblood is pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Can you believe he actually announces students' SAT scores from the pulpit? This is a unique affirmation of the value of knowledge and education to African-American students.

Our youth, like young people of all races, need positive reinforcement, especially when they excel in their studies.

"I'm ever so proud of you honey," the Black mother said to her daughter. "You are really doing well in your studies and I admire you for your dedication." Never mind that this little girl can't even dance a lick.

To know is to grow.
Until next week.

NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

THE TIME IS RIGHT

By R.K. Brown

Through the years, many scholars have tried to punctuate the need for self help in the black community. Recent articles by our top notch writers have also focused attention to this area. This is the one vital area for black concentration in the next century.

When we say self help, what are we trying to describe? Well, for different people it can mean different things. What I mean, is a gaining of social and economic independence. Scholars have established the fact, that black Americans to this day, are basically modern sharecroppers. We don't own businesses in large numbers, we don't control our educational access, (private black schools that teach advanced forms of math, science, and history, like white academies), and we don't provide food or housing.

Well... the obvious question would be, what do we provide? And there lies the dilemma that all the speakers have tried to address. Sure we may have a private business standout every now and then, greatly spread throughout the whole fifty states. I could name several great black entrepreneurs in the local val-

ley, but as a cohesive group we fall short.

Blacks don't have a network set up to provide the most basic materials for survival. If whites didn't bring in food, we couldn't eat. If whites didn't sell Levis and Nikes, we wouldn't have clothes. If they didn't build homes, we would have no place to live! These are just the most basic of human needs. I would add that we haven't had the same advantages as the white majority who have suppressed us with racist imperialism, but now is the time to turn the tide.

It has been echoed for generations, that we move toward self determination. If you need

another community to provide all of your living needs, then you can't possibly hope to get ahead. If all we do, as a people, is work hard as dogs until we drop, what will we possibly gain? Nothing! We have worked to build American from the ground, and can't show forty acres for it.

Logic suggests that if I work from sun up to sun down to earn money, but I pay for all my needs (food, clothing, and shelter) with the same money, I am working for nothing. Blacks earned over 25 billion dollars last year in America, but they can't show anything for it.

The time is right for us to make a change. With the liberal

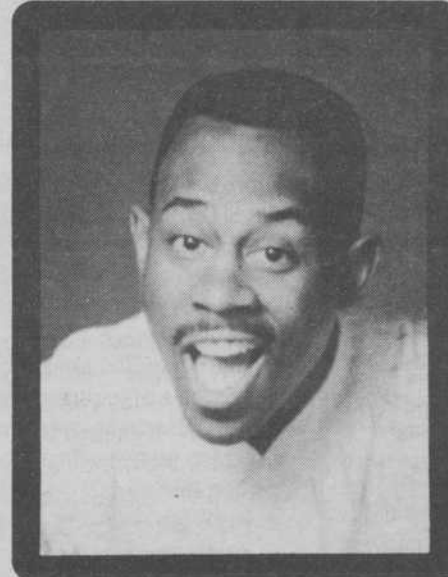
government in office, we will see an increase in small business loans. We all know how hard local banks have been with our money. They want you to put it in, but they don't want you to use the bank for what it is, a savings and loan! Whites take loans and build the Mirage, Spanish Trail, and of course Green Valley.

Like no other time in our past, the time is right to seek the business venture of your dreams. Whatever it is; bowling alley, to a strip resort, this is the time to go for it. It won't be too long before Clinton will be tricked out of office by conservative propaganda, or just get a cap bust at his dome. PEACE...

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