



Joy Myrick shows her father, Charles Myrick, art work of youngsters who participated in "Education For Summer Fun" at the King Neighborhood Facility, during an open house Tuesday afternoon. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Hendrix represents Oregon

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National Cemetery and the Pentagon.
Reginald also received the special privilege of having an in-depth tour of the Pentagon, which was conducted by his cousin Lt. Commander Stewart McGee.
Other highlights were a welcoming speech to Boy's Nation by President Carter and a personal discussion between Reginald and Oregon State Senator Mark Hatfield.
When asked about the benefits he received from his experience, Hendrix expressed: "My experience was mainly cultural. I enjoyed talking with the other boys around the nation. Many had different accents and different ways for asking for soft drinks. This experience served to broaden my mind to the diverse types of people in the United States and the function of our government."
Since Washington, D.C., is a City that has a predominately Black population, I asked for Reginald's assessment of their career status.
"There are alot of Blacks in D.C., but most of them hold menial

jobs such as janitors, waiters, cooks, etc. Even at the University where we were staying, all the cooks and janitors were Black."
Ironically, with all of Reginald's early political experiences he doesn't plan to pursue a career in politics. Instead he views himself as a business oriented person in the area of economics. "I want to be a businessman, but I would like to attain a law degree. Most of our congressional Senators in Washington have studied law or have a law degree."
In response to Reginald's interest in business, I stated that he could have his cake and eat it too. Big business plays a crucial role in our government, both in influencing it and controlling it. Reginald's response was coupled with a smile: "Yes, another benefit of my experience in Washington, D.C., was seeing how government and business work together."
Boy's Nation may have been a mock session of how our real government functions and operates, but this experience will certainly help train and build the leaders of tomorrow. Reginald Hendrix will definitely be one of those leaders.

Cell Talk

By Asmar Abdul Seifullah
(aka Joe West # 40404)

By Sulaimon Shah Khayree

I am writing in hopes that maybe, just maybe this wonderful State of Oregon will realize the blatant racial and religious discrimination it practices inside these walls of Oregon State penitentiary.
This germ is so viable, cancerous, malignant and deadly, that without the proper antidote, Oregon will kill itself.

It almost did just that a few weeks ago during the bloody shooting that left an already helpless old man almost dead. He suffers so much from old age, it takes 10 minutes for him to walk 200 feet to chow each day. He was shot-gunned won. Point blank range, fired into his stomach without cause. Then kicked and beat on. "Was he Black?" "Oh No!" was the reply. "If he is still breathing, you can bet your ass he's no nigger..." claimed one officer as I questioned him about the shooting that left 6 badly bleeding.

They claim bird shot but the appearance is more like buckshots, as a leg was blown off and guts blown out and a face is left with deep scars. they also claimed they shot below the belt...a low blow.

It was my first week here as I had been transferred from Lavenworth via El Reno federal prison.

Serving a sentence for taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from the people of Oregon, I write to you as a convict who knows the need better than you on how I must transform so I can really begin to live again.

Yes, to transform my moral consciousness into a more productive (for all concerned) way of life is necessary. However, please excuse me for upon my release I may be transformed into not what you thought your tax dollar was buying you.

I speak for the Bilalian (African American) inmate who because of murder being committed on us

here, now and again tomorrow, is screaming "HELP ME!!!" so I can help you instead of myself to your belongings or more importantly, to your life.

The murders here are committed by the administration who daily breeds racism that is systematically killing the confidence within us by destroying the belief that white and Black can live peacefully with freedom and justice for all.

After serving years behind walls like these, some of us are forced to submit to the fact of how our lives are wasted because we tried it "our way." We come to bear witness with this reality. However, murder has taken place in he mind when our new learned trades and ole trade master tells us "You ain't got a chance nigger" or like when the head of the education department said to me the other day when I asked him: "How come there are no Bilalians (African Americans) working here as school teachers?" "Why are there no Black history classes?" I continued that we have an absolute constitutional right to this education. He replied: "Niggers only have the right to remain silent." Should I have expected this type of attitude from such a learned man or should I have ignored it as I did the attitude of warden Cupp when he threatened me during a meeting for questioning why didn't he employ at least one Black to his staff.

Three weeks is not enough time for me to see the problem as he states his 32 years experience has. No wonder he hasn't resolved the racial bigotry...he's still looking.

In the beginning of this article I spoke of religious discrimination as well. Actually, what I'm saing is really religious persecution. You see, through August 14, 1980 is a most holy month called Ramadan. During this month the Holy Tora was revealed to Moses, also the

Holy Scriptures was revealed to Jesus and the Our'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad Ibn Abdulla (may the peace of GOD be upon Muhammad and all the prophets before him). Because this month is so special, we see all the faithful in Jerusalem, Jordan, Egypt, Mecca and even China and Russia, USA and all over the entire Muslim world take part in the Ramadan Fast and Prayer. This is the time when the sincere desires to get much closer to GOD and establish a closeness with each other that will set the mood for the rest of the year.

Besides this being a compulsory fasting and praying time when during the day light hours we abstain from all food and drink. Eating once in the early morning and again after dark, with congregational prayer for unity and understanding, during the day. This beautiful time has ended traumatically before it began.

The enemy has attacked us with the venomous hatred so frequently used to stop the unity and moral conscienceness that is produced more in this month than in any other. Our enemy is ignorance.

My inmate brothers and sisters will experience this Ramadan, blatant racial and religious persecution as warden Cupp and his administration will not permit us to pray together and as a further deterrent, he has not provided the membership with the Holy Book of which we read 1/30th of each day for 30 days as prescribed by the teachings of Al-Islam. To discourage us even more, instead of hot meals with coffee and milk as other religions are provided, we get a cold sack lunch sandwich to be brought to our cell and water to drink for dinner.

Is it Ayatollah Khomeini that has turned these people attitudes hostile towards Islam, or is it the fact our membership includes caucasians to the faithful who pray side by side with us here?

I'm screaming, I'm screaming for all concerned to stop this disease by not feeding it.

Someone told me there are approximately 2% Bilalians in the total population of Oregon, but 17% are behind the walls. Why is this? Why is it then, Bilalians do not enjoy employment in the following:
1. The Warden's entire staff and administrative personnel, 2) Counselors, case management, 3) Psychiatrists, 4) Psychologists, 5) Doctors, 6) Dentists, 7) All hospital personnel, 8) Teachers, 9) Work foreman, 10) Clerks, 11) Sergeants, 12) Lieutenants, 13) Captains, 14) Religious personnel.

What's left are the security prison guards (whom we refer to as turnkeys). To put it succinctly, there are approximately 5 Bilalians who are employed full time here behind these walls.

The powerful propaganda warden Cupp is so well known for, who spreads his message to the media via Governor Atiyeh. Of course, there is the ever so popular bald headed Uncle Tom inmate who reminds you of "Knuckle Head" the puppet that

shuffled his way to TV on the Howdy Doody show of long ago. This puppet is so similar that I caution you. Don't be confused about this Knuckle Head being Howdy Doody's pal. Oh yes, the strings are still there and the moves are the same. However, this one is alive and Black and rewarded with furloughs and passes to the outside for his news media false propagation of the way it is in O.S.P.

The facts are, soon these gates will crack open for us Bilalians too. Before this cancer spreads further into your neighborhood, lets put a stop to it here in your capital.

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FROM THE FRONT DOOR

By Tom Boothe

From the front door, I am continuing with Human interaction zones. You will recall that last week, I described the Social-Acceptance zone, and the week before that, I described the Family Zone. Now, this week, I will be describing the POLICY BELIEF ZONE of human interactions.

This zone is the first zone that goes beyond that of Animals and Insects. Animals, insects, fish and fowls, instinctively respond and respect their respective family zones and their respective social-acceptance zones, many do a much better job with their responsibilities and accountabilities, then some civilized human beings. I feel this is true and possible because none of the non-domesticated animals can confuse and mix these respective zones; but, civilized human beings can and will mix and confuse these zones, and thus, produce illusionary expectations through the mixing and confusion of these zones.

There is a clear demarcation of the POLICY BELIEF ZONE. This zone encompasses all of our history, teachings, governments, religions, opinions, philosophies and all beliefs. Some of the above subjects may be deeply imbedded, while others may be changeable and very superficial. This is the zone that causes most of man's conflicts with man, it is the root of all wars, all cast systems, all prejudices, all racism and all enslavements. On the more positive side, this zone has also motivated discoveries, it has perpetuated industrial technologies, it has communicated civilized solutions to social problems. It is the foundation to knowledge, understanding and wisdom. It is the father of economics. The POLICY BELIEF ZONE sprang from the grounds of the social zone and the rest between the social zone and the economic zone.

What needs to be known and understood is that in order to be successful in any civilization, number one: you must respect your FAMILY ZONE and become responsible and accountable to it. Number two: you must respect your SOCIAL ZONE and contribute to its wholeness and cleanliness. Number three: you must develop positive POLICY BELIEF, principles and respect them with Courtesy, humility and understanding of others on a consistent basis.

From this knowledge comes the awareness of the spiritual deminision, the mental-intellectual dimensions and the physical dimension. This awareness is then carried back down through the social-acceptance zone to the family zone, where it becomes a cultural reflection on that particular societal civilization. This collective interpretation is then reflected back through the social zone and becomes the belief zone, like the social and family zone always tell the truth, regardless of the situaton or circumstances, blame factors or excuses, your policy belief zone reflects the exact quality of your policy belief principles.

NEXT WEEK THE ECONOMIC ZONE.

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