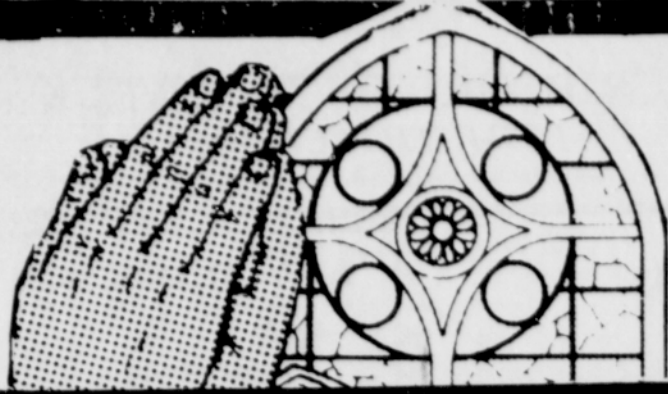




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"Young Man With A Vision"



Jerry André Marbury II

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

In a time of trends and diverse behaviors, we find that the standards for customary roles are rapidly interchanging.

Jerry André Marbury, II is a relatively quiet, well-mannered young man who speaks in tranquil tones. He stands about six feet, or maybe a shade less than; but nevertheless, when you see him on first glance—you know that there is something special about him.

There was nothing really spectacular about the manner in which he was born or the place where he was born. He was born in Portland, Oregon to Nancy and Jerry Marbury; he's one of four children and he is a people-person.

André attended and graduated from Benson Polytechnical High School in 1985. He participated in the gymnastics program and lettered in the track program.

Following his high school experience, André (the name he prefers to be called), had to make a choice as to what profession he would most like to be employed in and be a success at it.

He, then, chose to attend the Cosmetology Careers Unlimited Beauty School. He completed his training and received his license in May of 1986. He, also, attended Portland Community College Cascade Campus where he studied Business Education. "I am seeking a challenging position where I might utilize my present skills. I am also interested in developing additional skills," says André.

André, then, found employment with the TONDALAYERA's Designer Salon located at 5401 Northeast Cully Boulevard. He's been there now for two years. But, in those two years—he has truly proved he can be successful in any and every field. He has accomplished so much in so little time.

André is a member of the National and the Oregon Cosmetology Associations. He passed the exam and became a member of the Oregon Hair Fashion Committee. This is a group of select hair designers in the state of Oregon who train other hair dressers (beauticians) the latest trends and styles. On May 23, 1988, he took the Practical Exam which included: a demonstration in general techniques of all hair dressing principles; then, the written exam

on theory of hairstyling; followed by a show in Eugene, Oregon. This exam required six (6) strenuous months of training.

He has received several awards, such as: 2nd place in Barbering at the Astoria Trade Show and 3rd place in Total Look at the Red Lion Lloyd Center Hair Fair in 1986. (Roux Cash-n-Carry Show).

He is the youngest person to ever hold the office of Acting Vice President of the Portland Cosmetology Association. This position description requires the office holder to act as the Educational Director in charge of enhancement classes and forums. He received the appointment in April of 1988 but won't take over the office until September of this year. He has also held the office of Historian of the Portland Cosmetology Association, and was the Chairman of the 1987 CUT-A-THON.

"I am able to work well under pressure and communicate and coordinate work with others. I take considerable pride in the quality of my work and am prepared to work long hours to meet whatever deadlines are imposed," says André. "I am a licensed barber, hairdresser, cosmetologist, and manicurist. I enjoy my work and I do it well."

André's father is a retired county employee. He was the director over the Edgefield Manor; which was a retirement home. His mother is a Practitioner with the Christian Scientist. A person who helps others gain an understanding of themselves and develop a oneness with God through the strict study of the Scripture.

André commented on some things that really bother him and needs changing: (1) "seeing young people in the public with those plastic cap (or bags) on their heads, (2) black on black problems because of GANG related violence. It's so self destructive ..."

"A person must first have success in education and this will create success for them throughout their entire lives. If you can achieve with God and achieve in education, you will have a "Total Look" in life.

The solution for all is: GOD + EDUCATION = SUCCESS."

American Gospel Music

by Hilary Clay Hicks
The American Gospel Arts News Service

Snowy-haired, cowboy-booted **Ralph Carmichael** of Newbury Park, Calif. is an unlikely figure to be regarded as a pioneer in Black Gospel music.

A former big-band conductor and musical director who has worked with people like **Bing Crosby**, his initial claim to fame was "Gospel jazz" with a big band sound, something that shocked the conservative white Christian world in the 1950s...but that is another story.

Twenty-three years ago, he founded **Lexicon Music** and the **Light Records** label. Although this company has had numerous white artists over the years, it is best known for its Black Gospel successes, such as **Andrae Crouch**, **Sandra Crouch**, **Douglas Miller** and **Vanessa Bell Armstrong**. Light had enjoyed the phenomenal success of the "Love Alive" series of albums by **The Hawkins Family**, which sold millions.

Among the firm's many assets were favorite songs like "My Tribute" and "Bless His Holy Name" by **Andrae Crouch**, "Changed" by **Walter Hawkins**, "Holy Holy" by **Jimmy and Carol Owens** and **Ralph Carmichael's** own "He's Everything To Me."

About five years ago, after a stint of being distributed by the huge **World Records** system, **Lexicon Music** opened its own distribution company. By 1986, it was handling a great deal of records for other companies, such as **Command Records** (home of the hit group **Nicholas**) and **Birthingright**, a pioneering Black Gospel company owned by **Dr. Byron Spears**. It seemed as if **Lexicon Music** had become the biggest thing in Black Gospel.

Then the roof fell in. **Lexicon Music** found itself crippled by unrealistic contracts that could not be met. Several leading artists left **Light** and the distributed labels pulled out. **Carmichael** reorganized his staff but found himself literally millions of dollars in the hole. "It was very painful," says **Carmichael**. "I promised everyone 100 cents on the dollar and I'm sure that many did not believe they would ever see their money."

Under the direction of his new Executive Vice President, **Alan**

Light Records Rebounds With Stars Like The New Jersey Mass Choir

Abrahams, Light continued to produce hit albums, which by mid-1987 included "Look Up And Live" by the **New Jersey Mass Choir** (famous for their performance on the pop rock hit "I Want To Know Where Love Is" by **Journey**), and "Go Tell Somebody" by **Commissioned**. Light also enjoyed best sellers by **Douglas Miller**, **Sandra Crouch**, **Andrae Crouch**, **Shirley Miller** and **The King James Version**.

Light recently released the single "We Shall Behold Him" and the album "Be Encouraged" by **Vickie Winans** (wife of the famous **Marvin Winans**). "I'm more excited about this record than about anything we've done in years," says **Carmichael**. "I predict a fast climb for her music. She's got her own style and record stores are already reordering."

The revenue was still just not enough to keep up with the obligations...until a miracle happened.

A group of investors from Nashville, led by **Bob MacKenzie** (former president of **The Benson Company**) purchased **Lexicon** Distributing and 2,700 of **Carmichael's** song copyrights for a healthy sum.

With this action, **MacKenzie** formed a new major force in Gospel music of which he is president, **Lexicon/Spectra Distributing**. **Carmichael** remains president of his firm, **Lexicon Music**, which owns **Light Records**. Light and other Gospel labels are now distributed by **Lexicon/Spectra**.

"Now **Light** can get back to the business of continuing to do what we do best," says **Carmichael**. "That's making great Black Gospel music."

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In **The News**: Superstar **Phillip Bailey** is putting the finishing touches on an album he is producing of the 100 voice **King Baptist Church Choir** of **Denver, Colorado** (Bailey's home town)....
...And **Jesus** is still the **King of Glory** and worthy to be praised!

Atlanta Leader Alfonso Crim Honors Martin Luther King, Jr. In Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Israel, June 26, 1988: As Israel during 1988, the twentieth anniversary of the **Civil Rights Leader's** death. **Jerusalemites** of all ages gathered Saturday evening, June 25, to hear a special lecture by **Dr. Alfonso Crim**, Atlanta's Superintendent of Public Schools.

Dr. Crim's lecture entitled "The Moral and Ethical Elements in **Martin Luther King's** Philosophy and their Significance Today," was the highlight of an evening at which a special exhibit of **Dr. King's** life and works was officially opened. The exhibit, in Hebrew, was prepared by the **International Cultural Center for Youth**; it will travel to schools throughout Israel to help Israeli young people to more fully understand **Dr. King's** philosophies.

Also participating in the festive evening was **Mr. Yitzhak Navon**, deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture. **Mr. Navon** welcomed **Dr. Crim** and spoke of the strong connection between Israel and the ideas put forward by **Dr. King**. He also emphasized the importance of keeping the memory of the **Black Leader** alive in Israel.

Dr. Crim opened his remarks by reading several quotations from **Dr. King** which he felt has particular significance to Israel at this time.

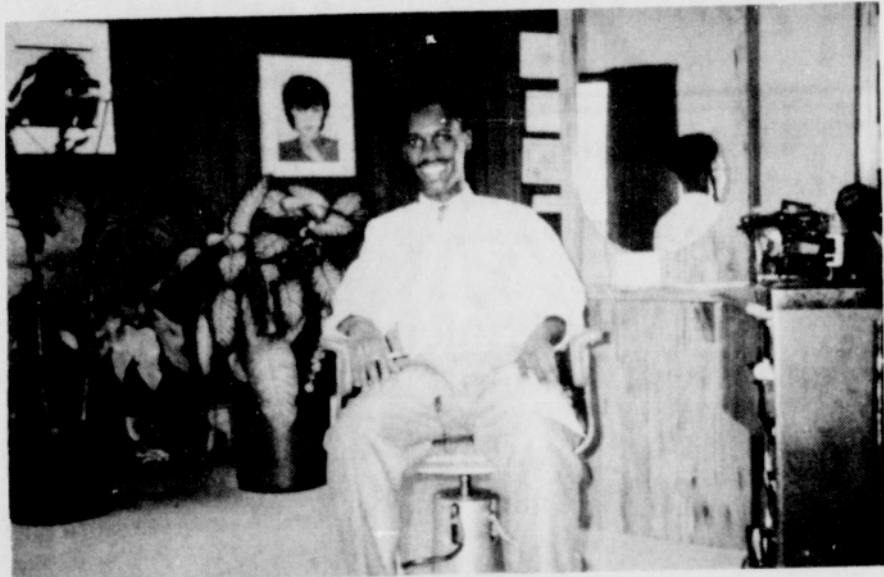
"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenged and controversy," **Dr. Crim** quoted to the audience, using additional quotations and facts highlighting the course of **Dr. King's** life. **Dr. Crim** stressed that the leader's ideas were as relevant today as there were during his lifetime.

Superintendent Crim spent this past weekend in Israel as a guest of Israel's Ministry of Education and the American-Israel Committee to commemorate **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

While in Israel, **Dr. Crim** also had the opportunity to visit his son-in-law **Lavan Mercer**, a star player on the **Hapoel Tel Aviv** basketball team. **Mercer** and his wife, **Dr. Crim's** daughter, currently reside in **Tel Aviv**. His daughter, he noted ironically, is on a brief trip outside of Israel.

Two years ago, ceremonies were held in Jerusalem to dedicate a street named after **Dr. King** in the **Liberty Bell Park**.

This past winter, on January 18, 1988, Israel's entire educational system devoted the day to a series of discussions, lectures and audio-visual programs to mark the 20th Anniversary of the **Civil Rights Leader's** death.



André at his station in Tondalayera's Designer Salon.

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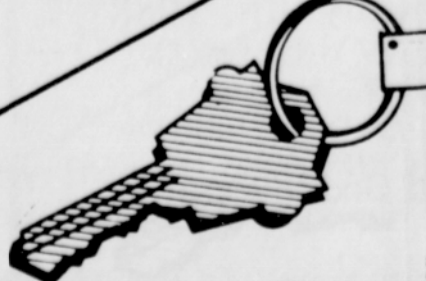
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