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15,000 Black Jews Return 'Home'; New "Wings Over Ethiopia" (Isaiah 18:1) (Part I)

BY PROFESSOR MCKINLEY BURT Shown in photo, Ethiopian emperor Menelik II (Sahala Mariem) 1844-1913; Known throughout the world as "The King of Kings - Lion of Judah", he represented the oldest royal bloodline in history. Back 6000 years through Solomon and the

Queen of Sheba to Adam. Bold headlines have directed the world's atten-

tion to the latest

move of the Bush administration in shaping a "New World Order". With substantial assistance from the U.S. Government, the state of Israel has just airlifted 15,000 of its "long lost Ethiopian brothers and sisters" from Africa to their Menelk II "ANCESTRAL HOME!" And all over the same world, churches, citizens, politicians and historians are asking, why now? As Marivn Gaye once put it, "What's Going On?" As the savage, decades-long Ethio-

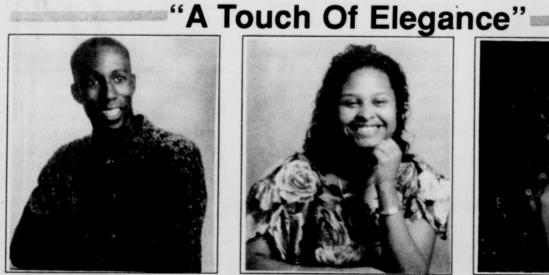
pian 'Civil War' draws to a climax, I

have been on the phone and FAX machine soliciting opinions from African scholars and historians of my acquaintance; John Henri Clarke, Ivan Van Sertima, etal. But before

we go into that, let us review some of the welldocumented background on these ORIGINAL CA-NAANITES, indisputably Black Africans. Many of the facts have been cited right here in this newspaper over the past years as I've drawn from thousands of pages of my research and that of others.

J.A. Rogers: 'Ethiopians, that is Negroes, gave to the world the first idea of right and wrong and thus laid the basis of religion, and of all true culture and civilization. The earliest exposition of this yet found is in the so-called Memphite Drama, which is known only through a copy on a slab of basalt made by order of an Ethiopian

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Anthony Dion Pitre

Les Femmes has chosen 22 high school seniors, to be presented in their 40th Annual Debutante and Cavalier Ball, "A Touch Of Elegance." Dedicated to improving the lives

of African-American youth, while preparing them for life after high school is one goal of Les Femmes. The Portland based organization of women has developed a strict code of ethics and rigorous curriculum for the young people to follow.

To reward the participants for following the ethics code and curriculum, each senior who demonstrates academic success and service to the community will be honored in the formal ball on Sunday, June 23 at 8 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Oregon Convention Center.

Each week through June, Les Femmes and the Portland Observer will feature three young people who were



Carolyn Rose Young

chosen as 1991 debutantes and cavaliers. This week meet Rick Dale Mullings, Anthony Dion Pitre and Carolyn Rose Young.

Mullings, the son of Dorothy Lewis, is a senior at Benson High School. At Benson Mullings is a four year letterman on the tennis team. He served as captain his senior year. Mullings balanced sports and community service by being active in Brothers Gaining Equality and speaking to 8th graders about the transition from middle school to high school. Aspiring for a marketing career, Mullings will attend Oregon State University this Fall and major in business administration.

Pitre, the son of Arnold and Judith Pitre, is a senior at Mountain View High School in Vancouver, WA. At Mountain View Pitre played varsity baseball and basketball. In addition to excelling in sports, Pitre takes time to



Rick Dale Mullings

participate with the Washington Teen Institute and Students Gaining Equality. Pitre is a member of Ainsworth United Church of Christ and is active with their youth organization. He is unsure of which college he will attend, but Pitre will use his talents and pursue studies in graphic and fine arts.

Young, the daughter of L.C. and Rachel Young, is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School. At Jefferson Young was active in the Financial Services Academy, Close-Up, softball and soccer. She also attended Upward Bound for two years. Young has been recognized for her GPA achievement and contributions to the Academy; yet she still finds time to work with SGE and volunteer for the Urban League of Portland. After a four year tour with the U.S. Navy, Young will attend a four year university and pursue studies in computer engineering.

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