

From Harlem To Soweto



A United Front Of Consciousness as Arrested Development Release Their Second Single

"I call on the red, and the black and the green... United we stand united we fall"

The lines are from "United Front" and with the release of the second single from their acclaimed Zingalamadni, Arrested Development take their multi faceted, multi cultural vision to the next logical and soulful step.

Inspired by the continuing struggle for justice around the globe, "United Front" is an uplifting message that took on an added urgency when the Grammy Award winning AD had the honor of performing in Johannesburg, South Africa this past June as part of that city's annual Soweto Day concert.

Traveling to the newly liberated South Africa and meeting President Nelson Mandela was an experience that proved

to be both educational and inspirational for the members of the Atlanta based Arrested Development. Speaking for the group, chief songwriter and rapper Speech commented, "It was powerful to have met Nelson Mandela. His determination and wisdom is what made it so powerful." For the further empowerment of the African people, Arrested Development presented a \$10,000.00 check to Nelson Mandela which will aid the National Youth Development Coordinating committee and National Children's Rights Committee.

The wisdom and heart, inherent in the South African Struggle and the music of AD has flavored the video for "United Front" which was shot in South Africa and Harlem, USA. In a sly and telling reflection on the

current state of freedom, the sequences that were filmed in Harlem are in somber black and white, while the footage from the Motherland is bathed in a glow of triumphant color.

A stirring exaltation to keeping the faith and a renewal of pride, "United Front" is a clear, vivid portrayal of the spiritual connections between Africa and the US, a connection that AD profoundly felt. "Shooting Untied Front in South Africa was like doing a video in the neighborhood," remarked AD's Headliner.

Asked to sum up the vibe behind "United Front" dancer/vocalist Montsho Eshe replied, "It's different cultures, races and musics, all united together, into one united mind."

A United Front.

Fairs: A Visit Through Time

(NU) - Time machines were a highlight of the old Alley Oop comic strip, but a similar scenario takes place each year at the local fair.

Many of these annual events feature horse-pulling contests, antique farm machinery, spinning wheels, quilt making and other practically lost arts of the way our forefathers

made their way through life. Crank the time machine a couple of notches forward and the newest and often prototype models of farm equipment, automobiles and appliances show up right before your eyes.

Turn the time machine to a different mode and you can find the

same for entertainment, from horse-shoe pitching to musical programs on the main stage using all the up-to-date lighting and sound technology.

So, step on the time machine and make the annual fair the place to be.



ANOTHER VIEW

African Americans ... Coming Home to the GOP

By Haley Barbour
Chairman, Republican National Committee

(NU) - Earlier this year in a stirring speech to the Republican National Committee, Tony Brown, the nationally syndicated columnist and GOP convert, spoke on the need for the Republican Party to reach out to minority voters, saying that for too long Republicans conceded the black vote to the Democrats and let them define and misportray our party in the black community.

He is right. Yet one of the unwritten stories of the Republican victories in 1993 and this year is the major increase in minority support gained by GOP candidates.

For too long, many minority groups have been overwhelmingly Democratic in their voting. African-American voters in particular have often given Democrats almost monolithic support.

Some Republicans fell into the trap of not pursuing the support of black voters because the community was viewed as unreachably loyal to the Democrats. This created a kind of circle in which the Republicans ignored the African-American vote, and African-American voters felt alienated from the Republicans. It was bad for everyone.

Common Ground

As a Republican from Mississippi, the state with the highest percentage of black voters in the country, I always thought conceding the African-American vote *in toto* to the Democrats was stupid. To me, it is more than a matter of mathematics. It is a matter of winning the votes of

people who agree with you.

While Republican candidates nationally have typically received about 10 percent of the black vote — and appreciably less in many areas — virtually every poll shows 25, 35 or even 40 percent of African Americans agree with the Republican positions on most issues. A similar percentage of African Americans identify themselves as conservatives.

Why then did GOP candidates win the votes of half or fewer of the black voters who agree with them on issues? I'm not sure I know all the reasons, but one reason was obvious to me: lack of effort.

Many Republican candidates simply wrote off the black vote.

Guest Commentary They decided not to "waste the effort."

This is wrong-headed thinking; and the good news for Republicans is many of our candidates and party leaders not only believe we can tremendously increase our share of the African-American vote, they are proving it.

Success Stories

Mayor Tom Fetzter of Raleigh, N.C., State's Attorney Jack O'Malley of Cook County, Ill., and Governor Christie Whitman of New Jersey, were all elected with the margin of victory supplied by an increase in the number of black votes they got versus what President Bush received in 1992.

None of these candidates had a different message for the black community than for whites, but all three

aggressively marketed their message to African-American voters. In this they joined a growing number of Republican candidates across the country who realized there is significant support for their candidacies among black voters if they will seek it.

We urge our candidates to be like Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler, the Republican who won 68 percent of the vote in a 65 percent minority population city. We tell them to take their message into the black community and advocate it with passion.

Let African-American voters know why lower taxes, less spending, more police on the street and school choice are in the best interests of the black community and of individual black families and voters.

As they do so our candidates find a sizable group of African-American voters who share our views on issues and many others who see Democratic, big-government solutions have failed and are willing to try something else. By aggressively seeking their support, Republican candidates can double or triple the percentage of the black vote for GOP presidential candidates.

Republicans will not go from 10 percent to a majority of the African-American vote overnight. But there is a significantly large black vote available to GOP candidates, and we are learning that actively seeking those voters and advocating our principles and values in the community produces positive results at the ballot box and in governing.

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Black Officers Added To Police Force

Three African-Americans police officers are joining the Portland Police Bureau, among five new employees hired. The additional support increases the number of sworn officers in the bureau to 963.

Officials said the officers will be assigned to the department's training division and will attend the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth. The new hires were identified as Leo Myron Besner, 31, Timmy Evans, 29, Tonya Renee James, 22, Mark William Kruger, 26 and Dawn Angela Wilson, 22.

Kruger, Evans and Besner have law enforcement experience.

Evans, Wilson and James were tested through the African-American Minority Recruitment Program operated by the Police Personnel Division. Wilson and James attended South Carolina State together and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice.

Remembering When

It was a formal reception fit for diplomats and heads of state - but the event that followed this reception was one the world would not soon forget.

One of the honored guests at the event was a young dancer - a dancer who could only pretend to enjoy the evening's festivities - a dancer who desperately wanted to leave the reception but could not. To do so could ruin his family, end his career and maybe even his life.

After the reception ended, while being escorted to a waiting bus the dancer suddenly turned and fled into the dark Canadian night. Pursued by his Russian guards, he narrowly avoided capture by flinging himself into a waiting Canadian police car.

The event took place just 20 years ago. The dancer who escaped his Soviet guards to freedom that evening is ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov.

Consumer Brief

Protect Yourself Against Telephone Credit Card Fraud

Each year thousands of unsuspecting consumers have their personal telephone calling card numbers stolen while they are making phone calls from public telephones. The numbers are taken by someone looking over a caller's shoulder while they dial.

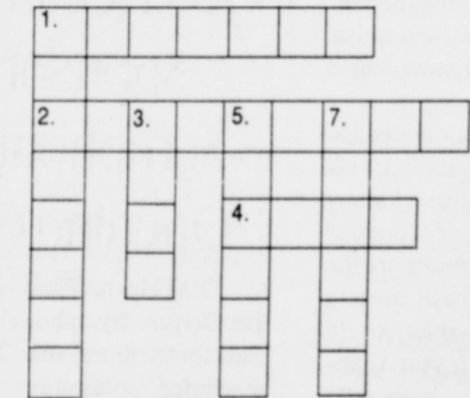
Once a thief knows your private authorization numbers he or she will sell them to others who then charge phone calls to your account. By the time your next telephone bill arrives, the thieves and their accomplices across the country can have charged thousands of dollars to your telephone bill.

You can protect your card by becoming more aware of people around you and shielding the numbers you are dialing from others.

Quick Cross Challenge

In The Supermarket Across:

- You probably spend the most time with this supermarket employee
- A spread made from refined vegetable oils
- A drink or type of cracker



Down:

- This food company used to feature two chubby kids in its advertisements
- A cereal grass seed widely used for food
- If you are looking for something, it will be in one of these
- Ethnic food from the East or West

Today's Issues

Should Prisoners Be Eligible For Heart Transplants

No! There is a severe scarcity of heart donors, and hundreds of law-abiding individuals are desperately waiting for the opportunity to receive a lifesaving heart transplant. How can we justify giving an incarcerated criminal a new heart just to beat out precious life behind prison walls, or maybe help extend his or her life to commit another crime? The moral character of a heart transplant recipient must be included in the criteria of who will, or who will not, receive a new heart.

Yes! To deny someone a lifesaving heart transplant simply because they are serving time in jail is the equivalent of sentencing them to death. The medical establishment cannot ration a life-sustaining procedure based on moral principles. Any transplant decision must be based only on medical criteria, nothing else.

Potpourri

An early religious practice evolved into a sport that is now widely enjoyed around the world.

Historians have traced modern bowling to a religious ceremony dating back to 3rd century Germany. The practice centered around the wooden club which people carried for self-protection. During the ceremony, the club, which represented the uncivilized, was set up at the end of a "lane." The club's owner would then roll a stone down the lane trying to topple the club. To be successful represented a symbolic overthrow of the heathen.

While this religious practice was soon discontinued, the basic game continued to be enjoyed outside of church and eventually flourished into the modern sport of bowling.

the Wonder of Words

What is a Bartizan

- A medieval dance celebrating a wedding
- A form of primitive currency, e.g., sea shells
- A structure which protrudes from a building and is used as a lookout or for defense
- A round brass footrest found in British pubs

Answers

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| Across: | Down: |
| 1. Checker | 1. Campbell's |
| 2. Margarine | 3. Rice |
| 4. Soda | 5. Aisles |
| | 7. Indian |

A **bartizan** (c) A projecting building structure used as a lookout or turret

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