

WE CAME FROM KINGS AND QUEENS

BY JAMES B. WILLIAMS

The Egyptian royal family had its genetic roots in Nubia, the black nation just south of Egypt.

The Egyptian pharaoh Akhenaton or Ikhna'aton was one of the earliest monotheists (worshipping one god) in ancient history.

He succeeded his father, Amenhotep III, in 1379 B.C. and immediately began building a new type of roofless temple to the Aten (sun god). The Aten was represented as the disc of the sun. In 1374 B.C., he changed his name from Amenhotep (amen means satisfied) to Akhenaton (aton means beneficial) and left Thebes to establish a new capitol at Tellamarna. He soon forbade the worship of other gods, except he declared that Aton had replaced the Amen.

This religious reform came to be known as the Amarna Revolution because of the aforementioned new capitol. Living there with his queen, Nefertiti and their six daughters, he fostered a new lifestyle that led to an outpouring of art, sculpture and literature which all glorified Aton.



King Akhenaton

Unfortunately, his beliefs were not widely accepted and after his death in 1362, his successors, King Tutankhaton (Tut), restored traditional religious and the Aten temples



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were demolished. Tutankhaton removed the aton from his name and became Tutankhamen.

Akhenaten was a complex figure whose historical significance is still debated. He has been characterized by some historians as being somewhat physically retarded and his mental capabilities have been called in question on occasion. He is defended by other historians who contend that his physical features have been exaggerated in contemporary art and there is no evidence to



Hatshepsut

support the charge of mental instability.

At one part, Akhenaten lost Egyptian held territory in Syria and Palestine but maintained Egypt's sta-

tus as a great and powerful empire. Within the boundaries of his kingdom, he combined religious reform and skillful tactics to strengthen absolute royal power over the bureaucracy and the army and his monotheism was innovative.

Queen Katshepsut Ruled With Strength

Talking about a bad sister, her majesty the King-Egyptian Queen Hatshepsut ruled over the great civilization as well as any man.

Hatshepsut was the daughter of the Pharaoh Thutmose I. She had three brothers, two of whom died while Thutmose I was still alive. After the death of her father in 1493 B.C., the third brother was named Thutmose II. He then married Hatshepsut (his sister) in order to keep the dynasty pure and strengthen his right to the throne.

They ruled together for eight years before he died. Thutmose II had only one son. The child was the product of an affair between him and one of his concubines. At the time of his death the child was six years old. Although he was proclaimed Thutmose II (pharaoh), Hatshepsut ruled the land.

When she became the ruler of

Egypt (during the period of the New Kingdom), the power of her empire was tremendous, it stretched to the Middle East to the north and Nubia to the south. According to David Sweetman "Women Leaders in African History," she is regarded as the most outstanding female personality from the ancient world because she tried to bring stability and consideration to Egypt.

The intelligent queen was also an awesome warrior.

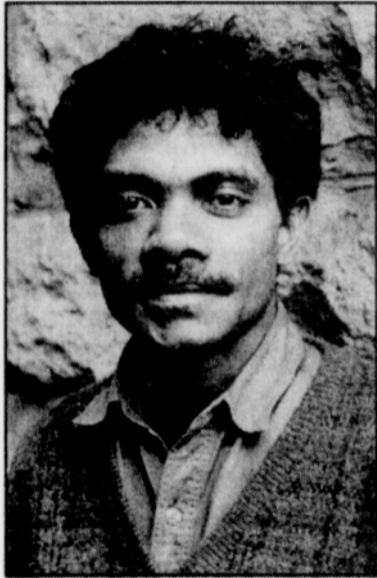
She dressed as a man in traditional attire for pharaohs, including a fake beard. Several historians believe she led the Egyptian army in battle. Some priests of her time did not like her tactics and believed that she should not have been left in power. This angered her so she had the roof of their temple removed and then erected two enormous obelisks of gold and silver which had her triumphs and achievements engraved.

Although no one is sure about how Hatshepsut fell from power, it is believed that she was poisoned.

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Witness To East Timor Massacre To Speak In Portland

Portlanders will have a rare opportunity to hear East Timor resistance leader, Constancio Pinto, discuss his country's 20 year struggle for freedom. Three years ago, Mr. Pinto narrowly escaped the "Santa Cruz Massacre" in Dili, the capitol of East Timor, where many of his friends were gunned down by Indonesian occupation troops. As an organizer and leader of the civilian resistance, Pinto was being hunted by the Indonesian security forces. He was forced to flee his country shortly thereafter. Mr. Pinto will be speaking in Portland this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 15th - 16th, as part of a West Coast lecture tour that takes him from San Francisco to Vancouver, British Columbia. He will be speaking first at Cramer 53, on the P.S.U. campus, at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15th ("Oregon Business in Indonesia... partners in Genocide?"); next at the First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park in Portland, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16th ("1975-1995: Constancio Pinto tells the



Constancio Pinto

harrowing story of his people's struggle for freedom"); and he will take part in a seminar and discussion in Room 338, Smith Center, on the P.S.U. campus at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 17th. For more information, please call the East Timor Action Network of Portland at (503) 235-4986.

How Safe Are Your Money Market Fund Investments?

BY OMARI KENYATTA, J.D.

Sometime back, I wrote an article for this paper on how rising interest rates affect all investments such as bond funds and other income securities etc.

At that time, I talked about how the money market managers in Japan, Germany and other countries were selling their bond funds and other long-term securities because of rising interest rates.

There have been several money market funds that have collapsed as a result of this action by these money managers. If you are investing in money market funds, you might want to think about selling your capital and investing in something that is somewhat safer because of what is going to happen in the stock market within the next few months in 1995.

You should not believe just because the fund that you are invested

in has a big name that it is safe. This is not what counts in this situation. You should not dare to ignore this warning. If the bond fund that you own was bought when interest rates were at their lowest point, you are probably invested in a high volatile, low liquidity derivatives and every time interest rates rise you are going to lose money on your investment. Interest rates rose six times in 1994, and they are going to rise several times in 1995.

Let me give you a good example of what has happened in the past year with bond funds etc. As a result of interest rates rising, the losses are as follows: (1) Corporate bonds \$250 billion, (2) Municipal bonds \$140 billion (3) Treasury securities \$320 billion, and (4) Mortgage and mortgage back securities, \$470 billion.

What you should do now is take your calculator and total up these figures. What you will come up with

is a grand total of \$1,180 billion dollars. This is what investors have lost in the last year. These figures should tell you why you should take your investment out of bond funds and long-term securities. Especially the ones that are in the high risk category.

If you feel that you need to invest, my research indicates that you should take a look at short-term treasuries-T-Bills- they are a good investment. You can purchase T-Bills directly from the Treasury Department, and you do not need to have a broker to do so. All of this can be accomplished by making a telephone call and the purchase of a postage stamp. You can reach the Treasury

Department by just calling (202)-874-4000, press 1, then 233. You will then be able to listen to the message. You should leave your name, address etc. Within a few days, you will receive a package of information from the Treasury Department that will explain to you how you can buy treasury T-Bills directly from the government.

You do not have to have a broker to take care of this transaction for you. With a little effort on your part, you can accomplish the same thing as a broker would and save yourself several hundreds of dollars.

What you have to understand is that brokers are in business to make a profit.

Furse Introduces Term Limit Bill

Rep. Elizabeth Furse, D-Ore. has introduced a Constitutional amendment to limit the number of terms served by members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

Furse, a long-time supporter of term limits, said her joint resolution would help open public office to more citizens.

"Oregonians support term limits and I wanted to follow their wishes," Furse said. "My amendment would make sure that Congress is a place for public service and not for a lifetime career."

Furse's proposal, which must be approved by two-thirds of both the House and Senate, would limit House

members to three consecutive terms and Senators to two consecutive terms. Once approved by Congress, three-fourths of the states must pass the proposal within seven years. This Constitutional amendment mirrors Oregon's term limit law, which was approved by voters in 1992.

This joint resolution now goes to the Judiciary Committee for consideration.

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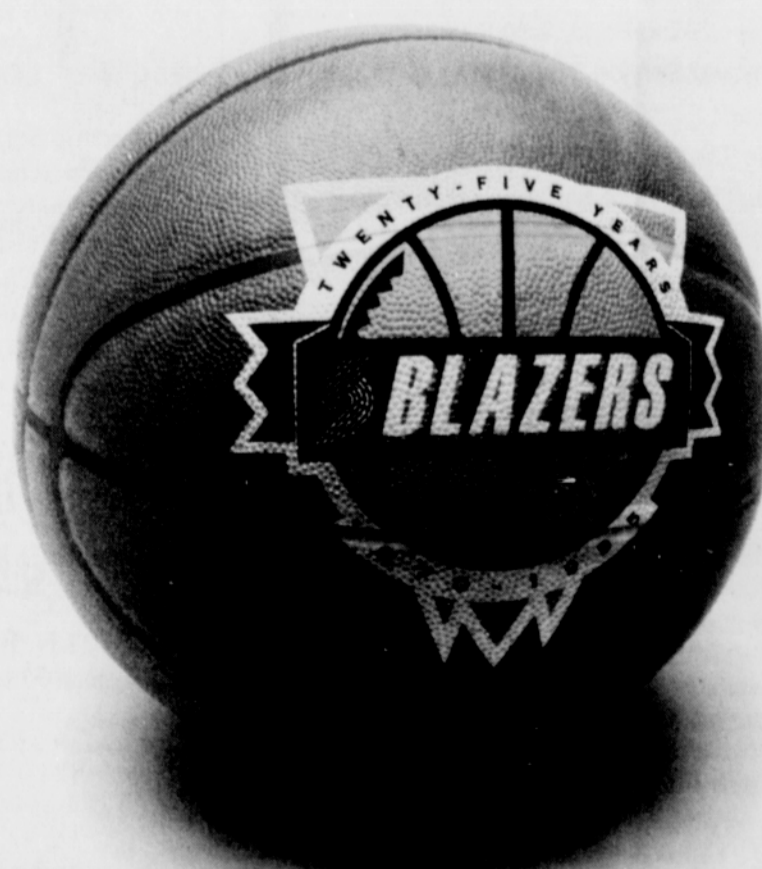
After seven years of operation, Lamont's department store at Jantzen Beach Center will close its doors by January 28, 1995.

Store Fixtures, office furniture and equipment, and visual display items, as well as merchandise will be sold to the general public in an on going sale.

The store is located at 1700 Jantzen Beach Center, and hours of public access are as follows: Monday - Friday, 10am to 9pm; Saturday, 10am to 6pm; Sunday, 11am to 6pm.

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