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## African American Jubilee Bible launched

## How to ruin a good woman

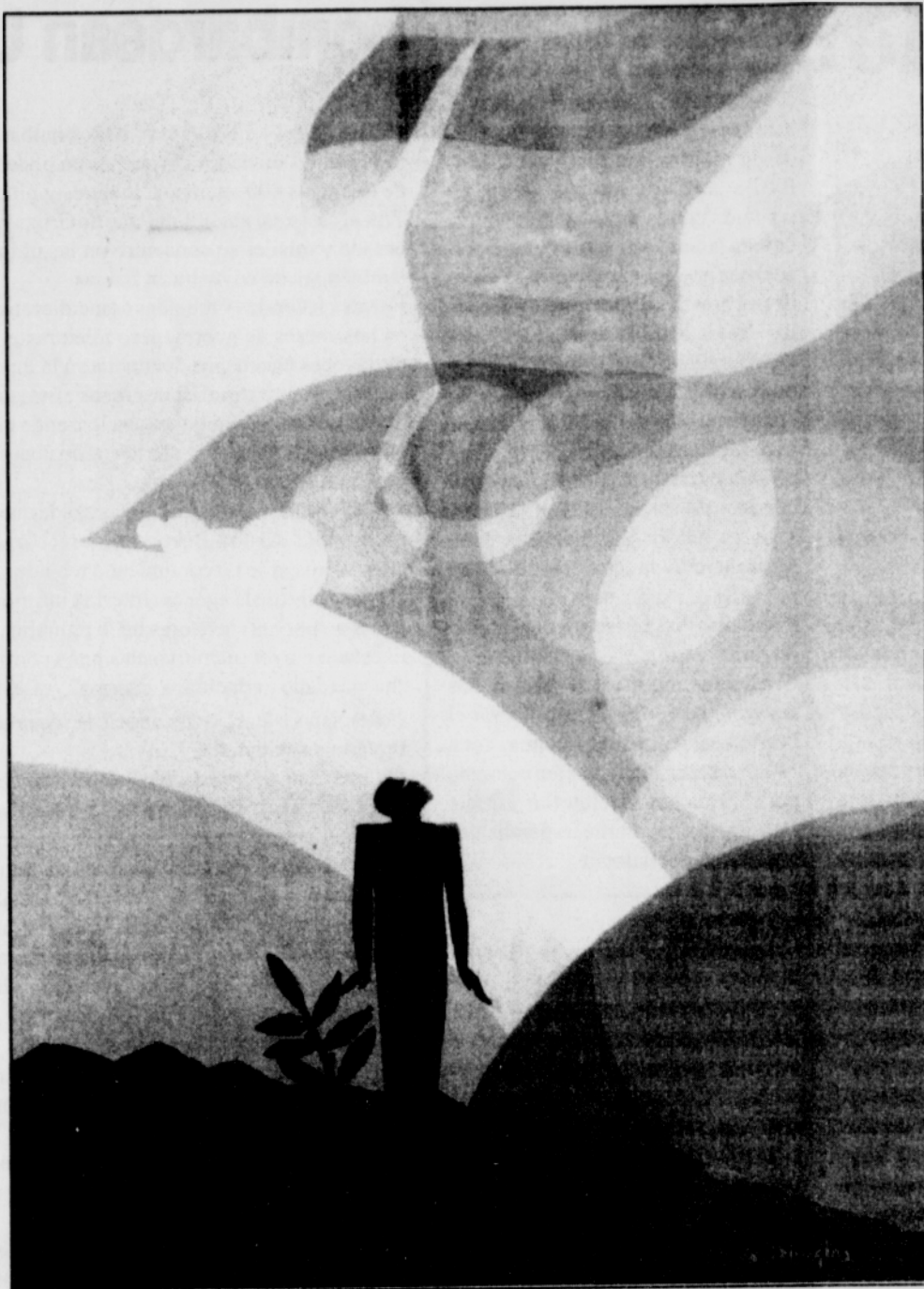
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African American Jubilee Bible documents heritage of hope and worship, African culture, Africans in the Bible, slavery, Black church activism and Black struggle around the world.

The American Bible Society (ABS) announces the launch of the African American Jubilee Edition of the Bible. A source of tradition and strength, the Jubilee Bible addresses the biblical understanding of jubilee, offering comprehensive commentary on African American history, culture and faith formation. It documents the African American heritage of hope and worship, chronicling African culture and tracing the presence of Africans in the Bible, the period of slavery, achievements of Black Church activism and the Black struggle around the world.

In addition to the Old and New Testaments, the Jubilee Bible contains more than 300 pages of text and full-color illustrations, providing an authentic record of faith and tradition. "There is an extraordinary amount of new material in this edition that sets the context of the Bible within the African-American religious experience," says Dr. Eugene Habecker, president, American Bible Society. "The Jubilee Bible, both text and fine art, is helpful to pastors, church members and all individuals who want a better understanding of the role and place of the Bible in the African-American experience." Available in the King James Version or the Contemporary English Version, the Jubilee Bible is ideally suited for devotional Bible Study, Sunday school, group meetings, cultural awareness and heritage celebrations, as well as multicultural programs.

The Jubilee Bible is designed to help readers connect Black history, cultural images, moral visions, and perspectives



to the ancient Scriptures in such a way that the Word of God becomes authentic, relevant, and intimate. Readers are invited to examine and study the Bible through African-American historical and cultural understandings of the Scriptures. Prominent African-American scholars and new voices in biblical scholarship contributed to the Jubilee Edition including Dr. Cain Hope Felder, Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr., Dr. Virgil A. Wood and Dr. Edwina Maria Wright. The Jubilee Bible

reflects on the African-American experience from Africa the United States, the West Indies and South America, a journey of faith and faith-based freedom. Culture is explored through kinship, religion, worship and music. Leadership and politics are chronicled through Black Church preaching, music, education and family. Articles in the material that accompanies the Jubilee Bible explain the practice and celebration of the spirit of Jubilee in everyday lives. To purchase a copy, call 1-800-21-BIBLE, or [www.jubilee bible.org](http://www.jubilee bible.org).

BY MIKE RAMIE  
FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

In November, my wife, Adele, and I celebrated another marriage anniversary. I wanted to let you, my brothers, know this in particular. Every time one of us has marriage success, we should let others know about it.

Having said this let me remind us via this column that we have hit upon a broad range of topics concerning men, women and relationships. For the record, just as there are great numbers of men of quality in our society, there are great numbers of women of upright character who have not bowed their knee to the goddess of feminism that permeates our age. However, brothers, there are ways that we can still blow it with our wives—and soon-to-be wives. Ten of them immediately come to mind:

1. Being Unequally Yoked: This simply means that, if you are a Christian man, do not marry a non-Christian woman, no matter how pretty she may look!
2. Forgetting To Honor God in Your Home.
3. Comparing Your Present Flame To Your Past Bonfires: When you find the right one, keep her number one! Cut those past loves, photos and all!
4. Belittling Her in Public.
5. Forgetting To Wear That Wedding Ring.
6. Ignoring Her Strengths and Focusing on Her Faults.
7. Abdicating Leadership In Your Home.
8. Spending More Time With Your Friends Than Her!
9. Letting Alcohol and Drugs Consume Your Finances.
10. Putting Work Life Over Home Comforts.

The reason why I am putting this out in the marketplace is that, lately, I have been coming across media reports indicating that cases of workplace adultery are 'supposedly' on the rise, especially among those who travel to conventions and other 'out of town' business ventures. Add to this the number of sexually aggressive, liberated women (both married and unmarried) in our workplaces and your next business trip could end on the road to disaster! Brothers, I'll make it plain, adultery—no matter what the talk shows call it—IS STILL WRONG! If you want to continue as an inspiration to other men in your community, keep your home fires burning-period.

"The Early Show" and Bryant Gumbel:

In November, the morning news show wars are heated up with the return of broadcast veteran Bryant Gumbel to co-host "The Early Show" on CBS. Gumbel has always been a class act. His addition signals the recognition by network powers—that be that men of color have clout at the cash register. The

money pie up-for-grabs in national morning network news (according to a PBS segment on "The News Hour"); in excess of 600 million dollars—and growing, as nightly network news offerings are dwindling in both popularity and viewership. Welcome back to the front lines, Bryant! May you have a long run!

Warrior In Need Of Our Help:

In October, I received a letter from Rev. C.E. Wright Jr., out of Sabinsville, Pennsylvania. His church is going through some hard times. He is looking for men of faith to stand with him, pray for him, and help with time, talent, encouragement, and finances. Drop him a line to 2751 Phoenix Run Road, RR #1, Sabinsville, Pennsylvania, 16943. The time is now to circle the wagons and help out. Don't wait until the well runs dry!

More On Y2K:

When it comes to the issue of Y2K, brothers, preparation is the best plan to spiritual and physical survival. Yes, God can protect, but the Bible is plain as to what men are to do when danger threatens; pray and prepare!

Look at it this way; two boys were crossing a country pasture, when they saw a bull—and the bull saw them. The bull charged. One of the boys said; "Let's pray for God's protection!" The other boy said; "Let's run and pray for God's protection!" We are already in the fourth economic quarter, and the price of those staple items you need to have on hand are going up. Just ask those who have survived hurricane season if warning and preparation are important!

Recommended Readings:

"The Little Book Of Big Questions" by Diane Booher (1999, J. Countryman Publishers, 112 pages) offers sound advice for some of those sticky areas of life. Then, there is the power-packed "Lessons From The Pit" by B. Joseph Leininger (1999, Broadman & Holman, 201 pages). Leininger offers sage advice to Christians who work inside, and outside of pressure-packed professions. "I Don't Want Delilah, I Need You" by Bishop Eddie L. Long (1998, Albury Publishing, 250 pages) has a lot of biblical and common-sense advice on relationships, using the biblical characters of Samson and Delilah. Rounding out our reading list, from the academic arena is "The Church Impotent" by Leon J. Podles (1999, Spence Publishing, 288 pages). Podles traces the involvement of women in our churches from a historical view, and what it will take to get men more involved. All these books are available at your local library, Christian and regular Bookstores, and on the internet.

Want to communicate with Mike Ramie? Drop him a line at "the Manhood Line", P.O. Box 20131, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46220.

## Ecumenical Ministries calls for debt cancellation support

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By resolution passed on November 17, 1999, the board of directors of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon endorsed the Jubilee 2000/USA campaign to cancel the crushing burden of unpayable debts owed by at least 52 impoverished countries as "a matter of justice and compassion. "Titled "A New Era for Justice, Forgiveness, and Freedom," the resolution also encouraged EMO member denominations to affirm the campaign as well and to engage in their own denominational efforts with local congregations.

The resolution officially links this regional ecumenical body to Jubilee 2000, an international campaign now based in 80 countries, which was initiated by churches and interdenominational agencies for the reduction of poverty and injustice, particularly for the planet's two billion people who are suffering the most.

Pope John Paul II and Archbishop Desmond Tutu are among key leadership promoting debt cancellation. EMO Executive Director David Leslie said, "our affirmation of Jubilee 2000

helps to lift up the life realities of debtor nations. Our commitment to Jubilee 2000 is both an expression of solidarity with the people of those nations and a sign of hope that cancellation of oppressive debts will result in new opportunities for community and social development. We invite Oregonians to join us in this critical movement."

The Jubilee 2000 campaign has catalyzed official affirmation from many of the US. National religious bodies, including the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Mennonite Central Committee, the

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Other organizations such as the National Council of Churches in Christ in the U.S.A., Bread for the World, and the American Friends Service Committee, along with regional ecumenical and interfaith councils throughout the nation, have not only endorsed the campaign but have produced educational materials, liturgical guides, and action alerts for their constituencies. For more information about Jubilee Oregon, call Andrea Vargas at (503) 221-1054.

## Portland community observes World AIDS Day

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"A Positive Life: Honoring Women Living With HIV/AIDS" is the theme of this year's World AIDS Day observance on the evening of Wednesday, December 1, 1999. This year's observance will be held at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland (MCC Portland), located at 2400 NE Broadway near Lloyd Center in Portland. This event is jointly organized by Women's Intercommunity AIDS Resource, Outside In, NAMES Project, Our House, Coalition for AIDS Education, Oregon Health Division, and MCC Portland.

A series of photographs depicting the lives of women living with AIDS will be displayed at MCC Portland starting Tuesday, November 23, 1999 and running thru the observance on Wednesday evening, December 1, 1999. The evening's observance will commence with an AIDS quilt panel display at 6:00pm, offering a visual representation of the lives of those lost to AIDS. The Four Winds Drum, a Native American singing group, will perform just before the main program starts at 7:30pm. The Coalition for AIDS Education will present their annual Red Ribbon

Awards to this year's outstanding AIDS educators in the Portland metropolitan area. Ms. Karen Pancheau, who is HIV-positive, will be the main guest speaker. The program will also feature a "Gorilla Theater" presentation by Voices, the gay and lesbian focus group of Outside-In, a social service agency in downtown Portland which serves homeless street youth, many of whom have been impacted by HIV/AIDS. Also, a second set of photographs, depicting the lives of women with AIDS, as well as several AIDS quilt panels, will be on display in the lobby of the State of Oregon building during business hours on Wednesday, December 1, 1999.

The building is located at 800 NE Oregon Street near Lloyd Center in Portland.

According to Ms. Judith Rizzio of the Coalition for AIDS Education, women are the fastest-growing group of those newly infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Women account for about 44% of all those infected between 15 and 25 years of age in the US.

There are about 40,000 new cases of HIV infection in the US each year. And despite recent advances in AIDS medications, about 10 to 15% of all new AIDS cases in the US are drug resistant.

MCC Portland is the largest gay/lesbian/bisexual, transgendered Christian congregation north of San Francisco and west of Denver. MCC Portland is part of the Universal

Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), which seeks to affirm the lives of these people in their individual journeys of Christian faith.

## Obituaries

In loving memory of

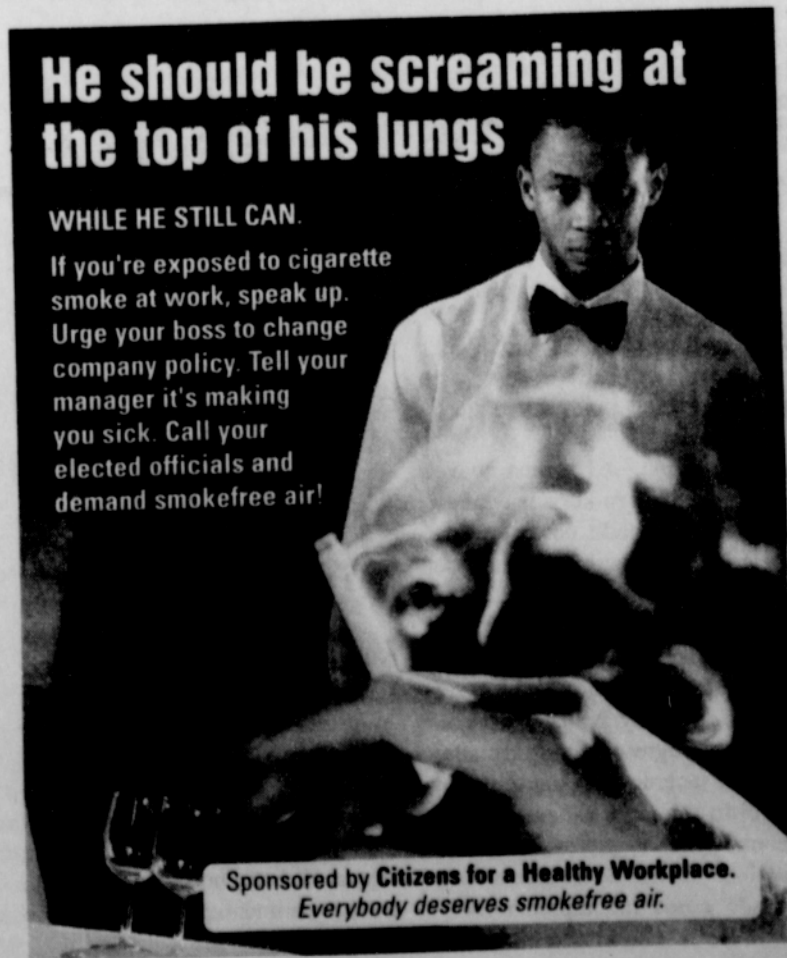
Norman Perry Horne

Norman Perry Horne was born on December 26 1924 to Raymond Perry Horne and Leona McCoy Horne in Omaha Nebraska. He entered into matrimony with Elva Mae Williams, who preceded his death. He served as a railroad dining car waiter out of Omaha Nebraska and subsequently transferred to Portland, Oregon in the late 40's where he met and married Elva Mae on November 18 1951. As a result of this union he became the stepfather to her 7 children and their sibling's. After retiring from the Railroad he worked for Crown Zeller Back many years until retirement pursue his lifelong ambition as a handyman. Many of these activities were pro bono. Norman leaves to cherish his memory 2 sisters Delores Harrison of Los Angeles, California. Jeanette Brown of Omaha Nebraska and a brother, John M. Horne of South Field, Michigan, a step daughter Teri A. Williams Hoard, Of Gresham, Oregon and a host of other relatives and friends.

He should be screaming at the top of his lungs

WHILE HE STILL CAN.

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