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I, Too, Sing America



by Langston Hughes (1945)

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in
the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.

Besides,
They'll see how beautiful
I am
And be ashamed—
I, too, am America.

Black History Month: The Crisis in Black Education



Paul Quinn President Michael Sorrell speaks with students at Paul Quinn College in Texas, where 20 percent of this year's incoming students are Latino. - Photo Credit: David Pellerin / AP

This February, across America, we once again celebrate Black History Month. In 1976, the week was extended for the entire month and celebrated all over America. Although, Black History Month was primarily established to celebrate and honor the work of African Americans and historic leaders of the Black community, the revelry signifies unity and recognition cutting across all racial and geographical barriers.

This year's national theme for Black History Month is "The Crisis in Black Education" – directing our focus on the chronic and still widening achievement gap we see among African American students and their white counterparts.

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EMMETT TILL'S ACCUSER ADMITS IT WAS ALL A LIE

By Stacy M. Brown (The Washington Informer/NNPA Member)

More than six decades after the horrific, racially-motivated murder of Emmett Till, the White woman who accused the Chicago teenager of verbally and physically accosting her in Money, Miss., in 1955, has admitted she lied, according to a new book.

Till had allegedly whistled at and groped Carolyn Bryant, a 21-year-old White woman, while at a country store in the small town.

After the encounter, Roy Bryant, Carolyn's husband, and J.W. Milam tracked young Emmett down, kidnapped him, tortured him, shot him, and then tied his battered body to a cotton gin fan using barbed wire and dumped him in the muddy Tallahatchie River. Later, the two men were acquitted of the murder by an all-White, all-male jury after an hour's deliberation. Till's brutal killing and photos of his open casket at his funeral helped spark the Civil Rights Movement.

During the trial, Carolyn Bryant testified that Emmett, who was 14, had made physical and verbal advances toward her, a sensational claim that increased tensions surrounding the case. She testified that Emmett had grabbed and threatened her inside the store – and that he had used an "unprintable" word when he told her he had been intimate "with White women before."

But according to a 2007 interview, newly revealed in the book, "The Blood of Emmett Till," Carolyn Bryant admits that it never happened.

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EDITORIAL PAGE



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A Little Bit of Faith: Have a Thankful Heart

You know, we all have difficult situations that we go through. Life is a journey, not a destination. If we can keep this in mind, it can help us to realize that whatever situation we might be in, we can still find some joy in it. Oh, I know, it is difficult finding joy when we are in the mist of the storm being tossed back and forward and finding ourselves constantly being battered by life. Yet, in the book of 1 Thessalonians

we are reminded to always be joyful and to stay prayerful. It says, "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

When we are in our tough situations, it is difficult for us to be thankful to God. It's easy for us to complain, be angry, and lash out at God. This is typical. However, for those of us who believe in

Christ, we need to remember that we are not alone in our dark and dreary situations, He (Christ) is with us.

So the next time you feel like lashing out at God because you're on a difficult part of your journey in life, instead be thankful. Look at your situation as an opportunity for you to show God that you're still thankful to Him in spite of the situation that you may find yourself in. When you have radical

joy, nothing can take it away from you because the world did not give it to you and the world cannot take it away from you.

Whatever you're going through this week, "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Amen? Amen.

Roosevelt McClary III Motivates Students During ESSA/NNPA Workshop Youngest Broward Teachers Union Secretary Motivates Students at NNPA's Mid-Winter Conference



ESSAWORKSHOP Roosevelt McClary, the secretary of the Broward Teachers Union (left), speaks as NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. (center) and Westside Gazette publisher Bobby Henry look on during the ESSA/NNPA student workshop at the 2017 NNPA Mid-Winter Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

By Nicole Narae
(NNPA Newswire Contributor)

On Thursday, January 26, almost 200 students from Broward County-area high schools participated in an education workshop hosted by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The special, student-focused program was coordinated in conjunction with the NNPA's new national education campaign that is supported by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant supports work designed to raise public awareness about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA); the law, signed by President Obama in December 2015, reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and also works to address achievement gaps in K-12 education.

The Broward Teachers Union (BTU), the fifth largest teachers union in the United States, co-sponsored the event.

"The Broward Teachers Union gets it," said Roosevelt McClary III, the secretary of the teachers union in Broward County,

Fla. "They understand, because most of the members of the Broward Teachers Union are teachers, who are also parents. So, it helped in making an unusual, but quick, decision to support the National Newspapers Publishers Association Mid-Winter Conference."

At 29, McClary is not only the first African American to be elected as Secretary of the Broward Teachers Union, he's also the youngest.

McClary opened up about his personal life to help motivate the students in attendance during the workshop. When a routine health screening returned with negative results, a physician recommended that his mother terminate the pregnancy, a decision that would have ended his life before he was even born. Fortunately, McClary said, his mother ignored the advice and he was born without any physical or mental limitations. He went on to college and graduated from Full Sail University.

The Broward County native said that he also understands the needs of students in urban communi-

ties, because he grew up attending public schools on the rough eastside of Fort Lauderdale.

When he was asked what advice he would give to kids growing up on the eastside of Fort Lauderdale, who are trying to stay out of trouble now, he said, "Remember your associations," and you will only "go as far as your top 10 friends."

McClary is on a mission to strengthen relationships between paraprofessionals and teachers. He served as an educational support professional for six years, an experience that helps him to identify with the unique challenges facing paraprofessionals, inside and outside of the classroom.

The young secretary is very adamant in serving the members of the Broward Teachers Union. He said that, as he continues to address the needs of the union members, leading by example, he thinks that the teachers will genuinely give back their time to help find solutions so that BTU can have a stronger voice and better relationships with teachers, parents, and the school district.

McClary pointed out that

he is very intentional about setting goals, adding that he approaches each one optimistically. The young union secretary made it clear that one of his long-term goals is to be elected the first and youngest African American U.S. senator to represent the state of Florida.

"I didn't tell anyone in my family yet," said McClary. "I didn't tell anyone."

His advice to students striving to succeed is to find 1,000 ways to keep going and achieve your goals, instead of getting lost in the ways that you can fail.

"Anything can happen," said McClary. "It all depends on your mindset."

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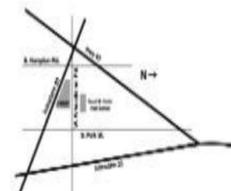
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Super Bowl LI: Patriots vs. Falcons in Houston, Texas 02.05.17

By BARRY WILNER, AP Sports Writer

(AP) — There's this football game planned for Feb. 5 in Houston. Let's hope it turns out much better than most of the postseason matchups the NFL has provided this year.

To say Sunday's championship games were duds is being kind. Blame the two losing teams, the Packers and Steelers, who were so helpless that they looked like they should have been done playing last month. All credit to the Patriots and Falcons, of course, who could give fans an all-time great shootout in two weeks.

But don't count on it considering how eight of the 10 playoff contests were, well,

no contest.

Wild-card weekend was everything except wild. Routs galore. Inept performances by the undermanned Raiders and Dolphins, inconsistent Giants, and they-don't-belong-there Lions.

It didn't improve any with the mismatches on the first day of the divisional round: Houston had no business being on the same field as New England, and only the Patriots' sloppiness kept that game relatively close for a while. Atlanta passed Seattle dizzy and cruised.

The respite from such lopsided and at times barely watchable matches came the next day with a classic Packers-Cowboys game. It was worth waiting for from beginning to end — the

kind of product that entrances everyone — and was followed by a tight Steelers-Chiefs game that seemed to bode well for the conference finals.

Then, deflation.

Sure, it was sweet for the folks in Georgia and New England, and they deserve to celebrate. The Patriots (16-2) are seeking even more history, including Tom Brady going for a record fifth Super Bowl crown by a quarterback. The Falcons (13-5) are an exciting offensive machine with an improving defense and a coach likely to entertain in Dan Quinn.

Odds-makers expect a close one, too, making the Patriots merely a 3-point favorite.

"It's an honor to get to go

and play in this game," Patriots receiver Julian Edelman said Sunday night. "This is what you fight for. This is what you train for. This is what you get hurt for. This is what you get yelled at for, and prepare for, and go through the ebbs and flows of a season."

Unfortunately, the NFL this month has seen far too many ebbs. The conference championships punctuated that, which was surprising because the Steelers and, in particular, the Packers had performed so well in their previous two outings.

Maybe that was a big part of the letdown Sunday. Green Bay and Pittsburgh made so many mistakes almost from the outset that they never gave themselves a chance to reach Houston.

Perhaps they simply ran out of steam, while their opponents had a wild-card bye that kept them fresher.

Seemingly much fresher.

"If this has taught us anything, it's how important home-field advantage is," Aaron Rodgers said. "Being able to sleep in your own bed and practice and not have to travel and have the fan support, it makes a big difference. We've played in three of these now and all on the road. It's tough to win on the road."

For the Steelers, it's nearly impossible to win in Foxborough, where they are 1-5 since 2002; Brady was injured for the one Pittsburgh victory in 2008.

They might not have won against Boston College with the kind of showing they

made this time.

"A lot of guys were feeling good about this game, the game plan and everything else," right tackle Marcus Gilbert said. "Then the whole climate changed, we weren't moving the ball, we weren't converting third downs. Then they scored and we were behind, we tried to play catch-up, and that's when bad things happen. You aren't going to win football games like that."

"There is no next game, so I can't say we need to work on it. It's a disappointing way to end the season."

Just as, for the most part, it's been a disappointing postseason. Perhaps what the Falcons and Patriots bring to Houston will make folks forget that.

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Black History Month: The Crisis in Black Education

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Countless members of the African American community have called attention to the social crisis that results from persistently imposed racial barriers to equal education. 50 years after, *Brown v. Board of Education*, it seems the vestiges of separate and still not equal remain, albeit under the surface – in the statistics. The touted benefits of education remain elusive to many blacks of all ages, and these short comings can be consequentially linked to the growing crisis in our criminal justice system. Tragically, poor performance in school too often serves as pipelines to prisons, and these youth are more often than not black and brown. A lack of a quality education results in a lack of skills, ultimately leading to high unemployment and an increased likelihood to become entangled with the prison industrial complex.

Systemic economic and racial injustices continue to

inhibit efforts to make a quality education available to all American students. Despite years of education reform the achievement gap in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolis is large and still growing. According to the Education Equality Index (EEI), a rapidly shrinking number of students from low-income families in the metropolis are likely to attend schools that put them on an equal playing field with their more advantaged peers.

Despite increasingly polarized politics, Congress can still and has in fact found common ground in the world of education – giving more control to local authorities to tailor their programs to meet the unique needs of students in different parts of the country. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law by President Obama on December 10, 2015. This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the nation’s national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity. Most

importantly, the ESSA maintains an expectation that there will be accountability and action to effect positive change in our lowest-performing schools, where groups of students are not making progress, and where graduation rates are low over extended periods of time.

We celebrate Black History month as a means to be better stewards of the privileges we have gained. There is perhaps no greater privilege gained than the great equalizer that is education. As students from low income families in our own community fall further and further behind, across the state and nation we must ensure that our most vulnerable children have the opportunities they need to thrive. We have a long way to go but by remaining aware and engaged with our political process and directly in our communities, we can ensure a better future for our most prized resource --our children.

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Wine, Waistline and Mozart

Are you losing weight in 2017? What does grapes do in the body? Do they stimulate weight loss or have a role in weight control? Does the acids in grapes have the ability to delay growth of fatty cells? How much extreme stress, necessary and unnecessary, do you allow in your space daily?

The most notable resolution made in 2017 was to lose ten pounds. Weight loss and weight control is on the minds of 80% of Americans. That is a staggering revelation!! And there is no law, executive order, prescription or hotline headlining the ‘urgency of an overweight nation’. It is quietly ignored except at doctor visits.

I have some news to ‘smile’ about. It is largely known that red wine has a high antioxidant content that separate it from others wines. The antioxidant “resveratrol” boost metabolism and is highly regarded as some protection against heart disease. Some scientists have added anti-aging as a love connection in fine wines. Red wines in mod-

eration is a ‘happy’ healthy food. Let’s define moderate consumption as one glass a day or for especially stressful days. . . two glasses.

Wine has history. Among the works of Shakespeare are 56 references to wine. The word wine is part of 145 Bible passages. Doctors relate the size of your waistline to mountainous unmanaged stress, which is directly linked to the condition of your health. Tapping into your waistline “requires some happiness in your life, purpose and regimented exercise” says renown winemaker Jean-Charles Boisset (Wine Enthusiast’s 2012 American Winery of the Year). Cabernet Sauvignon is arguably the world’s most noble red grape – grown in nearly every wine producing country across the globe. CNN notes wine and waistline as partners in weight control. Wine will curtail your appetite, which makes it a favorite at night in lieu of a snack that leaves crumbs in your bed. So many of my audiences remember the series we produced on ‘Sleep Apnea’

with former pro football players. A sleep doctor told us repeatedly, ‘if you are not sleeping, you are dying’. Sleep is not an option.

What does Mozart have to do with this article? As a young music student with classes at the University of Houston, my professor would serve wine in tiny elegant glasses, after recitals. The rationale was certain wine styles and music do result in perfect harmony. Meaning great wines like great music is not easily produced. His choice of music was Mozart. . . because Mozart “changes the flavor of wine”. I still love wine and Mozart.

The loudest message here is commit to lose weight . . . and just do it. We need you. . . in good health.

Coming Up: “Where did Etiquette Go?”

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Emmett Till’s Accuser Admits It was All a Lie

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“That part’s not true,” she told writer Timothy Tyson, according to “Vanity Fair,” though she claimed she could not recall what happened the rest of the evening at her husband’s country store, where Emmett stopped by briefly on Aug. 24, 1955, to buy two cents worth of gum.

Till was shot in the head and was found with barbed wire wrapped around his neck; one of his eyes was gouged out.

“Nothing that boy did could ever justify what happened to him,” she is quoted as saying.

Bryant’s testimony was out of the earshot of the jury, but helped to frame the case publicly.

“I was just scared to death,” she said in court.

The two killers later admitted their guilt, after Emmett Till’s murder

became the flashpoint for the American Civil Rights Movement. Mamie Till-Mobley, Emmett’s mother, had even insisted on an open casket at his funeral, leading to photographs of his battered corpse being spread across the country, which helped focus public attention on what was happening in the heart of the country.

In 2004, the FBI reopened the case to see if any accomplices could be hauled to court, but a grand jury decided three years later that there was insufficient evidence to pursue charges.

The young Carolyn Bryant went into hiding after the murder trial — divorcing and marrying twice more — and remained mum on the case until she gave the interview with Tyson, the “New York Post” reported.

Bryant is now known as Carolyn Bryant Donham. Donham told Tyson that she

“felt tender sorrow” for Emmett’s mother, who died in 2003, but Tyson doesn’t mention if Donham expressed guilt or apologized.

Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks has said she thought about Emmett when she refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., a few months after his death.

The shocking crime was memorialized in the arts and literature; in Nobel laureate Toni Morrison’s play “Dreaming Emmett,” a Langston Hughes poem, and a song by Bob Dylan.

The whereabouts of the now-82-year-old Donham are unknown.

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Life Still Has A Meaning

by Author Unknown

If there is a future there is time for mending-
Time to see your troubles coming to an ending.
Life is never hopeless however great your sorrow-
If you're looking forward to a new tomorrow.
If there is time for wishing then there is time for hoping-
When through doubt and darkness you are blindly groping.

Though the heart be heavy and hurt you may be feeling-
If there is time for praying there is time for healing.
So if through your window there is a new day breaking-
Thank God for the promise, though mind and soul be aching,
If with harvest over there is grain enough for gleaning-
There is a new tomorrow and life still has meaning.

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