The New Face Of The Black Labor Movement

(First in a series)

By Gail Berkley

Tyrone Freeman is a man on a mission. Freeman is President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare, United Long-Term Care Workers’ Union, Local 6434, California. In this position he is empowering the local’s over 150,000 members across the state.

From his base in Los Angeles, Freeman, 38, is among the new African American leadership in the labor movement.

Inspired by his grandparents, particularly his grandfather who was a steel worker and trade unionist in Pennsylvania, Freeman has climbed through the ranks of the SEIU. “My grandparents really played an important part in guiding the work that I do,” Freeman said in a telephone interview this week. Freeman said he grew up in Pittsburgh and that he learned there the importance of making sure the voices of people of color and women are heard in the workplace.

While working toward his Bachelor’s degree at Allegheny College of Liberal Arts in Pennsylvania, Freeman said he worked in a nursing home during his breaks. From this experience he said he realized how difficult the work is. He said he also worked with the Democratic Socialists while in college regarding democracy issues.

“One place I knew our voices could be heard was in the workplace,” Freeman said.

Later he interned with a local of the SEIU during his college breaks. After graduation he took a job as a union organizer in Atlanta and neighboring areas in Georgia. Freeman worked to unionize workers who were predominantly African American.

His leadership was rewarded when he became Executive Director of SEIU Local 855 in Atlanta in 1994. In 1996, he became the youngest leader in the SEIU’s 90-year history to be elected to the International Executive Board. That same year Time Magazine honored him by featuring him as a leader that is revitalizing the American Labor Movement.

In 1999 he came west to Los Angeles and accepted the position of General President of the SEIU Local 434B, (now United Long-Term Care Workers’ Union, local 6434). During his tenure with local 6434 he has established a non-profit training center for the community; the Homecare Workers Training Center. The center offers homecare workers training in several fields including Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Licensed Vocational Nurse, (LVN) and Registered Nurse (RN). It also offers computer classes for English and Spanish speaking members, basic skills training, as well as First Aid/CPR and the In Home Support Services Series.

Freeman said he is most proud of the fact that he has “united workers of different ethnicities and creeds together to have a voice.” He said the voices of those once silenced and unseen are now the driving force in in-home care in California.

He said the movement is similar to the impact that the Sleeping Car Porter’s union had under the leadership of A. Philip Randolph.

“In home care workers provide longevity to people we care for,” Freeman said. He said the union’s activities have changed the community in Los Angeles.

“We’ve brought together the community, the churches and the union,” Freeman said.

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Senate Confirms CPUC Commissioner Timothy Simon

By San Francisco Bureau

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) last Friday announced that the State Senate confirmed the appointment of Timothy Alan Simon as a member of the CPUC.

“I am deeply honored to have been appointed to the CPUC by Governor Schwarzenegger and to receive confirmation by the Senate,” said Commissioner Simon. “I will continue to work on behalf of the state, its consumers, environment, and economy.”

CPUC President Michael R. Peevey said, “On behalf of my fellow Commissioners and CPUC staff, I congratulate Commissioner Simon on his confirmation, I look forward to continuing our work together.”

Simon was by appointed to the CPUC by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on February 15, 2007. Simon’s term expires January 1, 2013. CPUC Commissioners are appointed by the Governor to serve six-year terms. The yearly salary for Commissioners is $128,109.

Sen. Migden Honors Leaders

State Senator Carole Migden (District 3) hosted her annual Black History Month Celebration and Reception last week in the State Building in San Francisco. During the event seven community leaders were honored and guests also enjoyed inspirational musical selections and a youth oratorical speaker. Among the honorees were Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory School basketball star Tierra Rogers, who received the Student-Athlete Leadership Award. A special presentation was also made to the Rogers family. Activist Terrell Rogers, Tierra’s father, was killed recently while attending one of her basketball games. Shown here are (from left) Tierra Rogers, Sen. Migden, Rogers’ brother, Terrell and mother LaDonna Rogers. More photos on page 1 of Lifestyles section.

Photo by Chris Duffy
Karen Bass Elected Speaker Of The Assembly

By East Bay Bureau

Karen Bass was elected to the state’s second most powerful post—Speaker of the Assembly—last week by her colleagues in the Assembly. Bass, who represents Los Angeles’ 47th District, is the first African American woman to hold the powerful seat. Only the governor has more power in Sacramento than the Assembly Speaker.

Bass will take over from Current Speaker Fabian Núñez who is being termed out this year.

“This is an amazing, amazing moment,” Bass, 54, said after the 80 Assemblymembers voted to approve her nomination. “Members, thank you so much for your vote of faith and confidence in me as your next speaker.”

Karen Bass

Swanson is the lone African American Assemblymember from Northern California. While no exact date has been set for Speaker-Elect Bass’ official assumption of the post, Swanson said he expects a smooth and orderly transition, particularly given Bass’ current position as Majority Leader and her strong working relationship with other leaders in the Assembly.

Swanson said, “I have had the honor to participate in public service for 35 years. I can say without fear of contradiction that Karen Bass is one of the noblest among us, and sets the standard for integrity and professionalism. Her commitment to the children of our state, and to improving the quality of life for all of California’s citizens, is a matter of record.”

With California’s looming fiscal crisis, Speaker-Elect Bass will be one of the ‘big five’ who will share responsibility for crafting a budget that can address the State’s financial issues while attracting the necessary 2/3 support in the Legislature. “I have confidence that Speaker-elect Bass will be able to lead us through this historic budget crisis, returning our state to prosperity and fostering a community that makes education a real priority,” said Swanson.

Since taking office, Bass has made Foster Care Reform her top priority, according to her Assembly website. As chair of the Select Committee on Foster Care, she organized bipartisan participation that has resulted in a legislative package of 25 bills focusing on improving the state’s Foster Care System. She also helped secure $82 million in the 2006/2007 state budget for Foster Care Reform, which is the largest increased allocation in more than a decade and develop new laws to help improve the System.

Chauncey W. Bailey Honored Posthumously With Polk Prize

Former Oakland Post editor Chauncey W. Bailey is to receive posthumously the prestigious George Polk Award for local reporting. His prize will be awarded in April 17 at the Kumble Theater for the Performing Arts, Long Island University in Brooklyn.

Bailey had been investigating a local bakery linked to sexual abuse, intimidation, welfare fraud, and murder, when he was gunned down on an Oakland street. He is remembered as a tireless, hard-nosed journalist who dedicated his life to the concerns of California’s Black community.

Other prizes in 14 categories were for journalists who exposed corporate and government misfeasance, revealed the industrial roots of environmental catastrophe and uncovered the abuse of vulnerable populations including children, the elderly and veterans.

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Freeman also created the Long Term Care Housing Trust Corporation in 2003 that is building affordable luxury homes for union families. In August 2005, the first two homes in the City of Compton were completed.

In the Bay Area Freeman’s union works in Alameda, Santa Cruz, Solano, Napa and Mendocino counties.

He said the SEIU local is particularly interested in working with the African American community to build long standing partnerships. He said the union also hopes to tap into the black youth movement in the Bay Area.

Freeman said he recognizes that the Bay Area population like that of Los Angeles is diverse and that diversity will be embraced. “I come before from building strong coalitions.”

“We’re coming hard and strong,” Freeman said. “We’re doing it in the South Central. We’re coming to San Francisco.”

He said, “In Northern California there are no black labor leaders... but the workers are. We’re going to raise the issue ‘Who’s in charge?’”

In Southern California Freeman also serves on a number of boards.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the International Foundation of Election Systems (IFES). He is also a Board Member of the Prison Industry Board, Chair, SCCLC Los Angeles Chapter, Vice President, LA County Federation of Labor and a Board Member, IFES—International Foundation of Electoral Systems.

He has also won many awards for his leadership including Insti- tute Laboral De La Raza’s Martin Luther King, Jr., Leadership Award, the A. Philip Randolph Legacy Award, from the A. Philip Randolph Institute, Los Angeles; Los Angeles Unified School District, Friend of Career Education Award and The John F. Kennedy “Profiles in Courage” Award (LA County Democratic Party).

He has endorsed Sen. Barack Obama in the Democratic Presidential race and Freeman said members of the union and staff traveled to Texas and Ohio this week to help get out the vote for Sen. Obama.

“We’re excited about our role to be a part of this movement,” Freeman said. “He said the local also has a youth component.

In summing up what motivates him Freeman said, “I’m about empowerment, I’m straight up to power.”
NUL State Of Black America ‘Amplifies’
The Voices Of Black Women

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

Historic tragedies and controversies have marked the beginning of the 21st Century: The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the war in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina, the disparities Don Imus remarks, the Jena Six debacle, the mortgage and sub-prime lending crisis, and the resurgence of noose threats, fueling marches and protests against social and criminal injustices.

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Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League. That is why, he says, this year’s annual State of Black America is dedicated to “The Black Woman’s Voice,” with all responding essays written by Black women.

The report is a stringent contrast to last year.


“This year’s report explores the challenges encountered by the females within our community – the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters who have been the backbone of the Black family. Women typically hold the family together, especially in the African-American community, where the marriage rate is lower than in other communities and where a higher percentage of single mothers are the heads of households.”

He adds, “These women are the matriarchs and leaders of our community. They have risen to the challenge of maintaining the Black family unit in spite of trying conditions and limited opportunity.”

Writing the foreword for this year’s report is Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president emeritus of the National Council of Negro Women.

“Too often, our needs, concerns, struggles, and triumphs are dimin-ished and subordinated to what is believed to be the more pressing concerns of others,” says the civil rights icon. “But who better than us, ourselves and us, to face the very real challenges that our brothers, fathers, husbands and sons face as they make their way in a nation that still has far to go to adequately address issues of race? And who better than us can understand the very real boundaries that all women face in navigating a cultural dynamic that still assigns roles and oftentimes limitations based upon gender. Yet, it is also true, that there are special, dual challenges intricately linked to blackness and womanhood that we black women face and navigate alone.”

Height knows well the loneliness of Black women at the top. A peer of the Big Six civil rights leaders – A. Philip Randolph, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Whitney Young, Roy Wilkins, James Farmer, and John Lewis – she was the only one not allowed to speak during the 1963 March on Washington.

“With no apologies, the time is now, to finally focus on us,” she says. “It is Black women who face most strikingly a double disadvantage in the world of work. Our earnings, for example, are reflective of both a race and gender pay gap. Yet despite this double disadvantage, we clearly understand what it means to work and work hard. Our participation in the labor force eclipses that of all other women and by 2014, is projected to grow by twice the amount expected among White women,” she writes. “Still, in spite of this effort, too many of us continue to live life on the economic fringe; Black women’s poverty more than doubles that of white women and noticeably outpaces that among Latinos. And even with all of the aforementioned struggles that Black women face, it is Black women who, in the final analysis, most likely to be poor.

According to key findings outlined in the report’s tables and essays:

• The economic sub-index for Black America is at 56 percent, meaning it is unchanged from last year. This means the economic standing of Black people is only 56 percent of the economic standing of Whites.

• The poverty index changed only minimally with three times as many Blacks than Whites living 125 percent of the poverty line.

• The gap in totally uninsured people increased this year, with the index falling from 56 percent in 2007 to 53 percent in 2008.

The social justice sub-index is the largest increase and the greatest improvement. Jail sentencing for Blacks decreased 15 percentage points from 93 percent in 2007 to 77 percent in 2008. Also, the average sentence for Blacks decreased from 44 months to 40 months and the average sentence for Whites increased from 34 to 37 months.

In education, the drop out rate for Black high school students decreased from 15 percent last year to 13 percent this year. However, the index showed a 15 percent increase in the number of adults with only a high school diploma.

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Black History Made At University Of Maryland

By Perry Green
Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspapers

It may not be February any more, but the University of Maryland-College Park has still given us reason to celebrate Black history, as they house the only and foremost licensed sports medicine team in all of NCAA Division-I athletics.

For years, African-Americans athletes have increased in number on both the collegiate and professional level. And according to Darryl Conway, assistant athletic director for sports medicine at College Park, you’ll now find more and more Blacks walking the sidelines in roles beyond just athletes.

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Lucas said that he made the decision that he needed to get the contract with the hospital and one of the things he negotiated away was employee’s health insurance. He said that taking away health insurance lowered the cost and therefore he was able to get the hospital as a client. He also said that health insurance is something to be left out in terms of health insurance.

Henry Aaron, a health care expert at the Brookings Institute, said that Lucas’ situation is becoming more common.

“Fully a third of employees, mostly in small companies, do not have health insurance,” Aaron said.

“Almost, the fraction of employed workers with coverage is falling.”

Lucas said that when she talked to the president of Leonard Security, Scott Leonard, he told her that she made a business decision. He told me that he needed to get the contract with the hospital and one of the things he negotiated away was employee’s health insurance.

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Jones said that Lucas should be happy with the package.

“I don’t see what the problem is,” Jones said. “She is getting more money and those days off. She did not have that at Abacus.”

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The report contrasts from last year’s in which Morial outlined statistics showing the underachievement of Black males as being among America’s greatest crisis.

This year’s report was not meant to give a statistical breakdown of the social issues that affect Black women as much as it was to “Look at the problem of the overall community through the voices of Black women,” Morial snipes in an interview on Monday.

The report is not without answers to the persistent problems facing African-Americans. Morial outlines the following recommendations. They include:

• Mandatory early childhood education, beginning at age 3 as well as guaranteed access to college for everyone.
• Closed gaps in health care insurance system to ensure universal healthcare for children.
• Passage of a federal infrastructure bank to fund reinvestment in urban communities.
• Increasing economic self-sufficiency for individuals and working families by indexing minimum wage to rate of inflation and expanding the earned income tax credit.
• Expand “second chance” programs for high school drop outs, ex-offenders and at-risk youth to secure GEDs, job training and employment.
• Require public housing to assure continuing national commitment to low-income families.
• Ensure greater minority participation in government contracting by stringently enforcing federal minority business opportunity goals.

Among 10 other women responding was L. Alex Alex, president of the NCAA Division-I athletics.

The number is definitely growing, A Growing Trend: Better Job, More Money - But No Health Insurance

By James Wright
Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspapers

W hen Bre Lucas decided to change employers to get more money and more leave time, she jumped at the chance to improve her lifestyle and to be able to spend more time with her two young sons.

So when Lucas, a contract, non-union security guard with Abacus Security, went over to Leonard Security, she said that the benefit package was comprehensive.

When she put her name on the dotted line two months ago, she was set to work at Northern Virginia Hospital’s mental health facility in Falls Church and do what was necessary to be a good employee.

However, she discovered earlier this year that something was missing.

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—that is one reason why companies contract employees usually do not get benefits of any kind; that is one reason why companies hire people on contract rather than regular employees.

Lucas’s children are covered by the Prince George’s County health system, she said.

“My kids are fine, but what about me?”
A Gentleman Among Brutes

by Emil M. Thomas

The end of Senator Obama’s 11-state primary winning streak with Senator Clinton’s victories in Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island has caused some to recommend that he “go negative.” His single victory in Vermont in Tuesday’s primaries has caused wild speculation among pundits and prognosticators. Some have cast his campaign as too high-brow for blue-collar workers in rust belt states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Others have said that he has been pampered by a media that has been caught up in his charisma. Others still have suggested that he is no more than a pop star with neither the substance nor the requisite experience for the task. Though Mr. Obama must indeed take his campaign to another level, he must not descend to the political gutter on the way. A large part of his popular appeal is that he is a gentleman among brutes.

Barack Obama’s campaign has generated tremendous activity because he is a picture-perfect paradigm of the change he advocates. The two other candidates represent a return to the status quo. Senator John McCain has a foreign policy more hawkish than President Bush’s: he suggests that Mr. Obama’s mistake was not the surge but failing to do it sooner. He suggests that Mr. Obama was not equipped to deal with an imminent threat to the nation’s security. The Senate goes on to say that Obama seems to have “fundamentally underestimated the threat we face.”

Barack Obama’s primary winning streak is a testament to his ideas without defaming the personhood of his opponents. His speeches package policy positions in prose and poetry. Though he has been compared to the great black leaders of Chicago, he oozes with class. He is change personified.

What America is tired of is the dilemma of all politicians. He can sell his ideas without defaming the personhood of his opponents. His speeches package policy positions in prose and poetry.

Senator Clinton’s campaign has characterized Washington today. President George W. Bush not only rode the wave of the radical right into the White House by manipulating evangelical Christians and rousing neo-conservatives: he drove a wedge between the parties with dismissive and disrespectful treatment of all opponents. He encouraged a new wave of classless right-wing media talking heads that brought shock-jock sensibilities to political discourse. To watch a broadcast of Messrs. Bill O’Reilly or Shawn Hannity is to behold a “host” interrupt, insult, and talk over their “guests” in the most loufian manner.

Mr. Russ Limbaugh’s right-wing radio rants may be insufferable to anyone with civilized sensibilities, but he is par for the course in today’s degraded political environment. Not only are Americans tired of political incivility, they desire a leader who can take them higher.

Remember William F. Buckley, Jr.? He, the author, syndicated columnist, newspaper owner, and founder of the National Review passed away on February 27 at the age of 82. Though his intellectual brilliance influenced the development of modern conservative ideology, he was the epitome of civil political discourse. I remember viewing a debate between him and Jesse Jackson in the 1980’s. They were polar opposites. Though his positions were wrapped in the aristocratic language of the son of an oil baron, and Jesse Jackson’s were framed in the gritty political grunts of a black Baptist preacher from South Carolina; both men traded jokes and jibes that completely redacted the personal nature of the other. Today’s uncouth commentators from the right could learn a few lessons from the dignity and grace of the late Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Obama’s mistake was not in refusing to go negative, but in refusing to go there. There is a big difference between refraining from the high road and not getting on the road at all. When Mrs. Clinton questions his readiness to answer a call at 3:00 a.m., he must respond that she clearly wasn’t ready when she answered one Senate roll call at 2:00 a.m., and rubber-stamped Mr. Bush’s invasion of Iraq. When his opponents show him in African dress in order to raise fears about his Muslim name, he must boldly declare his Christian faith without fear of contradiction. And when he fails—and he has and will—he must acknowledge it quickly. The only thing that people despise more than a gutt politician is an ivory tower intellectual who stands arms distance from the nitty-gritty issue of real life. Mr. Obama is a big boy, and he is now in the big leagues. If he can’t handle a video attack from Mrs. Clinton, then he certainly won’t be able to handle a violent attack from the deadly enemies of our nation.

He is well equipped for the task. When Prime Minister John Howard of Australia suggested that Senator Obama’s opposition to President Bush’s “surge” was a benefit to terrorists, he quickly retracted after Mr. Howard sent 20,000 Australian troops to Iraq. Today, his words were empty rhetoric. A political cartoon recently suggested that Mr. Obama was not brutal enough to be President. But the presidency doesn’t require a brute, but a warrior. So I say to the Junior Senator from Illinois, I’m glad that you talk the talk and walk the walk, but now it is time to fight the fight. Just make sure you fight the good fight.

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Cancel Haiti’s Debt: What Are We Waiting For?

by Nicole C. Lee, NNPA Columnist

There is an old Haitian Creole saying that roughly translates “things are so bad, we are eating dogs.” Today, things are so bad in Haiti that mothers, fathers and children are starving while their country is forced to pay an international debt burden of almost one million U.S. dollars per week.

Once again the plight of the people of Haiti is in the news. There are terrible stories from the nation’s capitol, Port au Prince, where times are so difficult that many Haitians have no alternative but to eat dirt. “Dirt cookies” - cakes made from salt, butter and dirt, while not a new survival tactic -- highlight the grim reality of day to day life for many Haitians. Some 80 percent of the country’s people are forced to live on $2.00 a day, 50 percent survive on a $1.00 a day or less. One in four children are chronically malnourished.

Haiti’s once arable land continues to be deforested as the poor cut down trees in order to burn them for cooking and heat. Health care is inaccessible for so many and the conditions that cause disease—contaminated water, poor shelter, and malnutrition--- are rampant. While Haiti has a democratically elected government, the needs on the ground remain enormous. Due to the strain of the loss of slave labor.

The roots of Haiti’s impoverishment run very deep. Born of a slave rebellion in 1804, Haiti was forced to pay the French for “the loss of its colony,” even the loss of slave labor.

This so-called debt was not paid off until the early 20th century and left the country virtually bankrupt. In the 1950s-1980s, Haiti’s dictators were granted loans by International Financial Institutions (or “IFIs”) such as the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank.

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Although this is a good sign, the International Financial Institutions have continued to lend money to Haiti even though Haiti remains one of the poorest countries in the world. One million dollars spent on debt that could afford each child an education, healthcare and a real future. When world wide debt relief initiatives began to take root, Haiti was left out of those programs. While Haiti had an overwhelming debt, it was not more than the rest of the world. One million dollars spent on debt that could afford each child an education, healthcare and a real future.

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Only recently, the IFIs have committed themselves to canceling some of Haiti’s odious debt. Although this is a good sign, the cancellation is conditional based on further reduction of public services for the Haitian poor and will take a year or more to be effective.

Stopping these conditionalities and speeding up Haiti’s debt relief has received bi-partisan support. But Congress must act now to alleviate the suffering in Haiti. The US government must use its profound influence with the International Financial Institutions to demand immediate cancellation of Haiti’s debt. There is no reason to wait. What could we possibly be waiting for?}

Nicole C. Lee is the Executive Director of TransAfrica Forum
Editorials

We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us. Freedom’s Journal, March 16, 1827.

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Obama-Farrakhan: Guilt By Disassociation

By. George E. Curry

NNPA Columnist

A third person has suddenly appeared in the contest between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton — Minister Louis Farrakhan. Though Farrakhan hasn’t shared the stage with the two Democratic candidates, he has become the litmus test for Obama and any African-Americans seeking public office. Before addressing the presidential flap over Farrakhan, it should be noted that Obama isn’t the only Black office seeker who has pursued to repudiate the National of Islam leader. In Indianapolis, Andre Carson is seeking the congressional seat held by his deceased grandmother, Julia Carson. A special election will be held March 11 to fill the vacancy. Farrakhan delivered a eulogy at Rep. Carson’s funeral last December and though Andre Carson had nothing to do with funeral plans, he is being criticized for Farrakhan’s presence. Not only was Carson uninvolved in planning his grandmother’s funeral, the candidate says he has never been a member of the Nation of Islam and is, in fact, a Sunni Muslim.

In Minneapolis, Keith Ellison, the first Muslim to serve in Congress, is facing criticism because he spoke favorably of the Nation of Islam as a college student. He denounced the Nation of Islam during his successful 2006 campaign, but he is still being dogged by his past.

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Of course, Jesse Jackson’s 1984 presidential campaign became sidetracked until he repudiated Farrakhan, one of his earliest and strongest backers, in a Manchester, N.H. synagog. And Kwesi Mfume, then serving as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, was forced to back away from a proposed covenant between the CBC and Farrakhan.

As Obama would later learn, even when Minister Farrakhan is denounced in the strongest possible terms, that will still not satisfy vociferous critics.

On the eve of the Million Man March in 1995, President Clinton, speaking in Austin, Texas, said: “One million men are right to be standing up for personal responsibility. But one million men do not make right one man’s message of malice and division,” a reference to Farrakhan, organizer of the march.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole of Kansas blasted Clinton for not being even stronger in his criticism of Farrakhan.

“I am shocked and dismayed that President Clinton will not release his moral courage to denounce Louis Farrakhan by name in his speech today in Texas,” Dole said. “Farrakhan is a racist and anti-Semitic, unapologetic by nature. He preys on the African-American public life, and all who would lead must say so.”

NBC’s Tim Russert raised the Farrakhan issue at the debate last week, asking Obama: “Do you accept the support of Louis Farrakhan?”

OBAMA: You know, I have been very clear in my denunciation of Minister Farrakhan’s anti-Semitic comments. I think that they are unacceptable and reprehensible.

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Imus Redux: Talk Radio Needs To Clean Up Act

By. Marc H. Morial

NNPA Columnist

To Be Equal:

Almost one year after radio shock jock Don Imus sent shockwaves through the African-American community with his offensive and inflammatory remarks regarding the Rutgers University ladies basketball team, it’s as if a repeat of history is upon us, in an election year in which an African-American candidate has a serious chance of winning the White House. Back in January, Golf Channel’s Kelly Tilghman seriously botched an attempt at humor when she suggested that younger golf players might want to Lynch Tiger Woods in a back alley in hopes of spicing up the tour.

The comment drew little ill will, at least publicly, from Woods, who reportedly considered the broadcaster a friend, but it prompted her employer to go into full damage control mode and suspend her for a few weeks.

“We believe that while Kelly’s choice of words was inadvertent and that she did not intend them in an offensive manner, the words were hurtful and grossly inappropriate,” Golf Channel representatives said in a statement.

The controversy precipitated yet another nibslikull decision in the media, the display of a noose on the cover of Golfweek. There again, quick action rightly resulted— the sacking of the editor responsible.

But, believe it or not, it seems that the world of sports journalism seems to be aspiring to a higher standard in its response to embarrass and offensive gaffes on air than the world of talk radio.

Earlier in February, radio commentator Laura Ingram put her foot fully in her mouth and down her throat in criticism of President George W. Bush’s invitation of the Rev. Al Sharpton to the White House’s recent Black History Month event. On her national syndicated radio program on Talk Radio Network, she said she had hoped that “they nailed down all the valuables.”

Then, Fox News personality and radio talk show host Bill O’Reilly just had to invoke the phrase “lynching mob” in reference to Michelle Obama’s comments regarding the United States on his syndicated radio show. On MSNBC’s “Countdown” in February, Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson expressed disgust over O’Reilly’s comment.

“There’s certainly nothing at all funny or remotely appropriate about the use of a lynching reference about Michelle Obama,” he said. “It’s - I’m speechless.”

As President Bush pointed out so eloquently during the Black History Month event, the noose represents “more than a tool of murder but a tool of intimidation” to generations of African-Americans.

Nooses not only robbed some of their lives but many of their peace of mind.

“As a civil society, we must understand that noose displays and lynching jokes are deeply offensive. They are wrong. And they have no place in America today,” he said.

Neither O’Reilly nor Ingram has been reprimanded by their respective employers even though the Fox News personality did offer an apology.

But at least O’Reilly didn’t drop the l-word but her suggestion that Sharpton, a former presidential candidate and respected member of the African-American community and beyond, is a petty thief reeks of race-baiting and negative stereotyping of African-Americans and black men in particular.

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Sylvia’s was screaming, ‘M-Fer, I want more iced tea,’” he said.

As the Washington Post’s Robinson sadly observed on MSNBC in Education, “All you can go by is his words and his actions. And he keeps saying these things that sound pretty darn racist to me.”

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God's Covenant With David

Lesson: 1 Chronicles 17:1, 3-4, 6-15

PLACE: Jerusalem

TIME: possibly around 1000 B.C.

GOLDEN TEXT: “I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ruler over my people Israel: and I have been with thee whithsoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee” (1 Chronicles 17:7-8)

A fter David had been living in his new palace for some time he said to Nathan the prophet, “Look! I’m living here in a cedar-paneled home while the Ark of the Covenant of God is out there in a tent!” (The Living Bible, Paraphrased). It disturbed David that the symbol of God’s presence, sat in a tent while he lived in a house of cedar (expensive paneling used in houses which represented wealth). Because the prophet Nathan was David’s personal counselor one might say, and when he spoke David listened, the prophet’s response to David wanting to build God a house was pleasant, “Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.” (1 Chronicles 17:2)

The prophet indeed was humble and exercised wisdom when referring to David. David was a man of war, and God did not want a warrior to build His temple (1 Chronicles 28:3 and 1 Kings 5:3). David shed much blood. Surely, building a temple for the Lord was a good thing but not God’s will. God’s final words to David given through the prophet Nathan in 1 Chronicles 17:7-8, “Go and give my servant David this message: ‘You are not to build my temple!’

The Ark of the Covenant traveled from place to place with no resting place or permanent home, and David was well aware of this. In addition to having “lived” in modest surroundings, God had also “lived” like a nomad, as the house of worship moved from one place to another. In the time of the judges, the tabernacle was at Shiloh (Josh. 18:1) and possibly Nob (1 Samuel 21:1). Before that, it had wandered with Israel through the Sinai desert before being set up at Gilgal (Josh. 4:19; 5:10). At this time it resided at Gibeon. (The Nelson Study Bible, KJV) (1 Chronicles 17:6)

The Lord God spoke once again to the prophet Nathan in 1 Chronicles 17:7, “Tell my servant David, ‘The Lord of heaven says to you, I took you from being a shepherd and made you the king of my people.’ And I have been with you everywhere you’ve gone; I have destroyed your enemies, and I will make your name as great as the greatest of the earth.” And Christians if this was not enough God continued His covenant with David in pronouncing, “And I will give a permanent home to my people Israel, and will plant them in their land. They will not be disturbed again; the wicked nations won’t conquer them as they did before, when the judges ruled them. I will subdue all of your enemies. And I now declare that I will cause your descendants to be kings of Israel just as you are.” (1 Chronicles 17:8-10). Yes, David’s will was to build God a temple but God had much more blessings in store for His servant David. Remember in 1 Chronicles 17:8 when God said, “And I have made you a name like the name of the great men who are on the earth” he meant that David’s reputation as a leader had become internationally known. He was in the ranking with great and well known rulers of various nations. In 1 Chronicles 1:10-12, As used here, house meant dynasty. David had said that he would build a house – that is, a temple – for God, but God told David that He would build a house – that is a dynasty – for David. (The Nelson Study Bible Notes, KJV)

Because God is faithful, look at His continual blessings towards David in 1 Chronicles 17:11-14, “When your time here on earth is over and you die, I will place one of your sons upon your throne; and I will make His kingdom strong. He is the one who shall build me a temple, and I will establish his royal line of descent forever. I will be His father, and he shall be my son; I will never remove my mercy and love from him as I did from Saul. I will place him over my people and over the kingdom of Israel forever – and descendants will always be kings.”

In 1 Chronicles 17:14, we understand and see how God shifted from His servant David now to his son Solomon, Solomon would be the next one in line to succeed his father David, and God would bless David’s son just the same. Yes, Nathan declared and told David everything the Lord God said.

Christians, whatever success we experience in this life is due to the marvelous grace of God 1 Chronicles 17:7-9 – Jarl K. Waggoner

(1 dedicate this week’s column to Sister Cynthia Lewis-Harris who has gone home to be with the Lord – and to Pastor Alfredo Lewis, First Lady Karen Lewis, Mother and Grandmother, Cynthia’s entire church family—we are praying for you)
13th African American Lenten Tabernacle

On Thursday, March 13, the 13th African American Lenten Tabernacle celebration will continue as the Host Church/Pastor is the Missionary Temple Church, 1455 Golden Gate in San Francisco, (415) 921-3324. Rev. Leroy Johnson is the pastor. The preacher for the evening is Rev. Dr. Arelous Walker and the guest choirs will be the Missionary Temple and the True Hope COGIC. The theme is: “The Faithless Challenge His Authority” – St. Mark 11:27-33.

On Thursday, March 20, the Host Church/Pastor is Bethel AME Church, located at 916 Laguna in San Francisco where Rev. “J” Edgar Boyd is the pastor. The preacher for the evening is Bishop Donald Green, pastor of the San Francisco Christian Center. The guest choirs for the evening will be BethelAME and the San Francisco Christian Center. The theme is: “The Agony of Betrayal” – St. Luke 22:39-57.

On Friday, March 31, the SEVEN LAST WORDS service will be held at the San Francisco Christian Center located at 5825 Mission Street in San Francisco, (415) 584-5515; Bishop Donald Green is the pastor. All Congregations within the communities are invited to participate. The Seven Last Words Service will begin at 12 noon until 3 p.m.

On Sunday, March 23 – Easter Sunrise Worship Service will be held at the Bethel AME Church, 916 Laguna Street in San Francisco beginning at 6 a.m. BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE.

Cosmopolitan B.C. Usher Board Hosts Annual Spring Musical

T he General Usher Board of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in San Francisco invites the public to celebrate the Annual Spring Musical on Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m. The Theme is “Singing Praises Unto the Lord” Psalm 98:1-6. The guests include the Echoes of Praise, Sis. Jean Cooper, Bro Richard Robinson, Sis. Carolyn Gage “Praise Dancer”, Sis. Helen Cumming, Bro. Rascol Peters, Sis. Constance Richey and many others. We are looking forward to a great time in the Lord. The church is located at 199 Farallones Street in San Francisco. Sis. Betty J. Moore, Usher President, and Rev. Dr. A. Ray Gentle, Pastor

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Communion Service 1st Sunday Bible Study 1st and 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM
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400 Randolph St., S.F., 94124
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Morning Worship 10:30 AM
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Morning Worship 11:00 AM
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Sunday School 9:30 AM
Consecration Period 10:45 AM
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Union Springs Baptist Church
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San Francisco, CA 94111
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