

Forum

Time for sharing other thoughts

NEW YORK -- I spoke recently at the Tampa NAACP Branch's annual dinner. About 2,000 paid admission to one of the biggest and most successful events in that Florida city. Among those in the audience was one William E. DuBose Jr.

I didn't meet Mr. DuBose that day, but once back in New York, I received a letter from him. Like so many people with ideas, Mr. DuBose could not get a public platform.

I'm sharing my space with this black man -- not because I agree or disagree -- but because he seems sincere and his ideas are well thought out and reasonable. Mr. DuBose made the following statements:

"Sad to say, most of us have been led to believe that the government of America will one day make it possible for black Africans here to achieve higher standards of living and become a real part of the mainstream through small grants, loans and other handouts.

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"The government of America has brainwashed us to the point that we forget that we are the richest race of people in the world and need not have most of us living in poverty.

"Black Africans in America do not realize that unless a race of people have ownership and control of land, and the raw materials of that land, they will be under the control and at the mercy of others.

"God gave us the richest land in the world. All we have to do is start using it to make ourselves fully free of the American government's economic control and mercy. This land is located in our native country, Africa. We need not live there in order to use her vast resources.

"Our leaders have to realize the facts of life and stop leading the rest of us to believe that we have no ties with our native coun-

try and our brothers and sisters living there. They should strive to emphasize the importance of the fact that we are black African-Americans and not black Americans.

"They should make sure that we (especially children) understand and realize why the American establishment refers to us as black Americans and not black African-Americans. Isn't it strange that all other races of people in America are referred to by the name of their native country (citizens or not) and we are not?

"We have to realize that the ownership of a grocery store, small plumbing company or restaurant is not going to get us (as a whole) into the mainstream of America.

"Only when we own companies such as airlines, car manufacturing, electronic manufacturing, ship building and oil producing, can we as a race enter the mainstream of America and have control of our employment. The American establish-



ment will never make money available to us for these types of enterprises, no matter what we say or do.

"Last, but not least, black Africans in America must start keeping abreast of things that are taking place in our native country (especially South Africa) and do everything we can to let our brothers and sisters there know that we are truly with them in their fight for freedom and will do whatever is necessary to help

them gain that freedom.

"We must stop allowing the American establishment to make us believe that our native country and our brothers and sisters living there are totally wild, backward and will never have the ability to govern themselves to the point of becoming a world power. Africa is in fact the most beautiful and richest country in the world, and our brothers and sisters living there are very, very intelligent.

"The American establishment wants us to believe otherwise in order to keep us from claiming Africa as our native country and taking a real interest in the things that take place there."

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A 'Small' plea for mercy from the city

First, I would like to thank the *Chronicle* for the editorial dated June 18 asking the aldermen to "just say no." Don't we feel good when we've done a good deed and can rest a little easier at night? Doesn't it make our smile a little broader? If the public hasn't read it, please do so.

My concern is that I am on the corner of Fifth and Liberty street with a business, TES Dress Shop. I am one of the 14 businesses in that area asked to relocate. Our business merits praise, for it has grown with little support and no loans.

If we should relocate, I'm sure our rent would be higher and we would suffer as a result. A loan

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By THELMA SMALL

would be out of the question because of my age. Out of this building would probably mean out of business. While the city would spend a tremendous amount of money otherwise, they could save thousands of dollars if they relocated on other sites and would only be required to relocate two or three businesses.

The paperwork of the committee reflects a tremendous amount of thought and good work, but we must remember that anything can be sold on paper. We must look at the facts and use good

judgment and ask ourselves the question: What effect will this relocation have on the small businesses around Fifth and Liberty?

Up to this point, as far as can be ascertained, no one has asked to move. No one has the desire to move. Certainly we citizens, business people, devoted and positively disciplined and obedient individuals who have held our peace, while a few individuals and domineering men forcibly tell us of our plight, deserve more respect than we are allowed.

We feel as though we are being mistreated and are not satisfied with being relocated. We will not be satisfied if moved to a higher

rent district and certainly would not seek anything undesirable.

Does this answer the many questions that have not been and may forever remain unanswered? We see conditions as they are -- a group of men and women in business who have been accepted in Winston-Salem as citizens, who as gentiles, Jews, Greek, blacks, Indians and Orientals have learned to work and live together as brothers and sisters. Here is a melting pot -- people of different races and walks of life working together peacefully in downtown Winston-Salem around this one block. No other area can say this.

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The message -- racial and otherwise -- of Goetz's acquittal

To The Editor:

I would agree with some black leaders that the refusal to convict Bernhard Goetz for his crimes of cold-blooded and spontaneous murder gives a racial message. It also gives other messages, racial and otherwise.

For instance, maybe White America is becoming more black; or more black in a certain way.

Many people have known in the black community for many long and arduous years that, if someone gives you the proverbial smack upside the head, you have several alternatives. Goetz can be seen to have taken a very familiar alternative to the black community.

He didn't go nowhere; he pull-

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ed out his gun and fired on the dudes! Bam! Bam! Six-Gun Goetz -- not much different from the need for a Gun Armistice Day in the Detroit schools.

How can we take Mr. Goetz as a poor passive white fellow minding his own business when his response to the usual begging one encounters in the city was, by his own confession, something sounding like "Bedford-Stuy. Comes to Utah"? Take that! And that! A brutal scene acted out dramatically on a dark New York subway car.

If the movie rights to the book are purchased from him, how

could they possibly replace the spectacled and mildly hawk-nosed face of this meek electrical technician staring intently, that we find out has dark dreams of black violence? He's not so different from the rest of us. Maybe he would agree to discuss it with me in a New York restaurant over a glass of very cheap champagne.

Suppose, however, you insult a clerk in a department store, inadvertently, and the clerk responds by punching you in the chest. I'm sure this would be terribly disturbing to most black people. Is the best response to being harassed by the actions of blacks to respond blackly?

Another and perhaps even more persuasive message given by the acquittal of Mr. Goetz is the

idea that if Americans, white or black, apparently, think of you as scum, by whatever circumstances of birth and experience, not only might you not get a fair trial; but if you are a victim of vile incidents and murder, your attacker, or killer, might be proven fairer than thou by virtue of his color or position in society.

Carl Martin
Winston-Salem

Food for thought

To The Editor:

On the night of June 11, I entered a very prominent restaurant, the Newmarket Grill, with the intention of having a

special graduation dinner with my friends. I was treated rudely and turned aside and told that I was not welcome in the restaurant.

Having worked in the restaurant before, I feel that my reasons for quitting my job and relationship with my past employees may have contributed to this behavior. However, I feel that personal opinions have no bearing as to the treatment of a paying customer in any restaurant.

In other words, "Business is business."

Dennis Wilson
Winston-Salem

Taking a stand

To The Editor:

Once again, the argument over whether or not blacks are capable of coaching on the professional level has come to light. This frankly is a moot argument. Are we to believe that blacks can be successful in business, politics, medicine and every other walk of life -- but that they cannot coach on the professional level?

What of the many blacks that coach on the high school and college level? True, being the head coach of a professional team is more demanding, carries more pressure and is more com-

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CHRONICLE CAMERA

How happy are the residents of Happy Hills?

Some residents in Happy Hills Apartments were sitting out on their front porches after temperatures dropped following

Monday afternoon's shower. A Chronicle reporter caught several of them and asked the question, "What do you like about living in

Happy Hills?" Answers varied from "nothing" to "it's cheap." Most of those questioned like the com-

plex but many of the older residents expressed concern over their personal safety, especially after dark.

The answer most often given to this week's question was: "Because it is inexpensive." But people like living in Happy Hills

for many reasons including good neighbors.

Below are the answers of five of the people surveyed.



Well, for my part, it's convenient -- the rent's not so high, and we don't have to pay all the utility bills and all that. 99
Lizzie Fulton



It's economical, really. 99
Rosalyn Davis



It's quiet. The rent is cheap. We don't have any disturbances. 99
Bessie McNeil



I like living here. I have been living here the last 13 or 14 years. If I didn't like it, I would be gone. 99
Prince Moultrie



We've been staying here for over 10 years. Winston-Salem is all right, but I don't like living in Happy Hills too much. I've got to stay until I can do better. 99
Ida Mae Bradley