

Naomi's View

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"One job at a time" and "learn the right way" are important factors for success in life. It is disconcerting to see and deal with people who try to do everything at one time, yet never accomplish one thing, and then go to another. Mind set determines everything. The difficulty arises when thinking is not done properly and time not used wisely. Learning the right way to do anything is the direct way, and gets results without undue loss of time. The wrong way doesn't do anything but bring confusion, and a confused mind is dangerous.

Another important factor concerning success is to discipline ourselves not to put off until tomorrow what we can do today. When we keep a schedule and go by it, we end the day with a feeling of genuine accomplishment. A schedule should be planned, and then worked by. It is the lack of order and system that produces a disorderly mind, resulting in haphazard actions. When we organize our thinking, it is easy for us to organize our acting.

Attitude counts most concerning life; it is what we are rather than what we know which determines the kind of contribution we make to society as a whole, and above all, attitude reveals character. It is out of the right attitude that we build the morale that means so much in daily living.

The key to real living is constant progress; people who are rolling stones, drifting from this to that, are never satisfied because they gather little moss. When they learn to avoid the negative and accentuate the positive in thought and action, to have stickability, to work cooperatively with people, to be honest and not deceitful in actions, their lives will be happier and worth living.

The chief difficulty is that so many people go through life without facing up to situations, without arriving at conclusions, and without putting decisions into action. Naturally they live haphazard and frustrated lives.

One of the marks of the successful person in any endeavor is the ability he has developed to concentrate his attention over a long period of time on the problem before him.

Life is a series of experiences, and from those experiences we learn that glamour is not greatness, but doing one job at a time, learning the right way, planning properly, thinking properly, being thoughtful and conscientious. Stickability enables a person to live a happy life.

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Latinos who faced foreclosures and their ability to read lien-sale contracts:

"You bet your ass they are hard to read," and added truthfully, "If you're reading them over the watermelon or tacos."

It is reported that witnesses recalled that Wallace "thumped a desk with his hand" and "smirked."

I'd like to hear the master of the ambush explain that. Wallace, who tried to keep

this tape out of circulation, prides himself on dirty jokes and Jewish jokes and, he added, "I'm Jewish."

As I said, that really makes what he did an especially sorry affair. And if he's truly not a bigot, he will confront me on television and prove it.

**TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL, the television series, will premiere on public television Tue. Feb. 9, on Channel 26 at 7:30 p.m.**

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The King's Birthday Bounce, which has dancers who thought Martin Luther King a nonviolent wimp, while he lived, now threatening violence to get his birthday declared an official holiday.

The ERA Holdout, in which grim-faced dancers keep moving their feet long after the ball is over and the musicians departed.

The Bob Jones Jerk, in which any dancers who stray across the color line are religiously jerked back to reality.

The Let-'Em-Eat-Cake Walk, in which rich dancers agree not to apologize for being rich if poor dancers promise not to apologize for being poor.

The Boll Weevil Wiggle, in which you dance with the handsome stranger, no mat-

ter who brought you to the ball.

The Gypsy Moth Mazurka, same as above, except you do it backward.

The Supply-Side Strut, in which you keep doing the same steps no matter how often the music changes.

The IRS Arson, in which you first smash the fire extinguishers because you don't like the way they were designed, then submit a proposal for new ones after the house is on fire.

The Predecessor Point, in which you claim personal credit for all the good news while blaming the guy who preceded you for all the bad.

The Civil Rights Reverse, in which the dancers are kept busy competing for prizes they thought they had won 20 years ago.



**Lucky Plate**

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will increase to \$30 and we'll feature another license plate. Our jackpot will increase weekly by \$10 until a winner claims his or her prize. Keep an eye out!

**Reflecting On Our Past...And Future**

Afro-American History Month. Black History Month! A time set aside to honor the contributions of black people to America and the world!!

The idea that an observance of this nature was necessary was the brainchild of noted historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

Dr. Woodson-- in his wisdom -- believed that for too long African and Afro-American history had been distorted and/or ignored by Caucasian "scholars." Indeed, as the pun goes, social science books reflected only HIS-STORY: a "lily-white" view of the world which glorified "European" civilization and debased that of African and Asiatic peoples.

Dr. Woodson set out to alter this unsavory, immoral practice, and in the

process made "history" himself.

Through his work with the Society for the Study and Preservation of Afro-American Life and History, Dr. Woodson encouraged his colleagues to research and publish treatises to refute the lies, distortions and omissions regarding African and Afro-American history that were permeating this nation's educational system.

Through his own writings - notably, "The Miseducation of the Negro" - Dr. Woodson presented concise analyses of how the Afro-American (and Caucasian) minds had been warped by the "mis-educational" system of this country. He cited politicians, schools, churches and so-called academicians as the primary culprits for the perpetua-

tion of institutionalized ignorance!!

Because of his untiring sacrifice and commitment to truth, Carter G. Woodson is proclaimed as the "Father of Black History" and is credited with the founding of Afro-American History Month.

And while there may have been other Afro-American historians, perhaps more scholarly (e.g. W.E.B. Dubois), or reknowned (e.g. Benjamin Quarles, Lerone Bennett), no one can deny the depth of the contribution to enlightenment made to our people (and this country) by Dr. Carter G. Woodson...

Yes, I concur with those critics who argue that Afro-American History should be taught/celebrated year-round, and not confined to the shortest month of the

year!! Further, I agree that there must be a comprehensive integration of African and Afro-American contributions into every field of study presently taught in America's educational system - from preschool to post-graduate! Needless to say, this task will take time, hard work and a thorough re-education of the mis-educators. But, clearly, it must be done.

However, in the meantime, it is our individual and collective responsibility to educate ourselves and our children about the glorious past and heroic struggles of our ancestors.

We would also do well to take advantage of the numerous Black History programs being offered throughout February by the East Winston Library,

**CLIFTON GRAVES**



Winston-Salem State University, Wake Forest University, the School of the Arts, and various churches and civic groups in our community.

For his part, this writer, will profile selected figures in African/Afro-American

history whose very lives have made a difference in the way we live today.

Thus, as you celebrate this special month in your homes, schools, churches and organizations, remember Chaka the Zulu and Toussaint L'Ouverture, W.E.B. Dubois and Frederick Douglass, Sojourner

Truth and Harriet Tubman, Martin Delany and Marcus Garvey, physicians Daniel Hale Williams and Charles Drew, Langston Hughes and Gwendolyn Brooks, Booker T. Washington and Mary M. Bethune, the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet and the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Dr. Martin L. King

Jr. and Malcolm X...as well as the countless others who have contributed to African-American achievement, excellence and progress.

We owe nothing less to ourselves than to appreciate our past; for without that, we surely cannot effectively chart our future....

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