

BOOK CASES:

In the Defense of Black Literature

Column's Authors: Lumumba Omowale and Angela Simpson

Lessons From History: A Celebration In Blackness

By Jawanza Kunjufu
Junior and Senior High Edition \$7.95,
Elementary Edition \$6.95.

Reading For Knowledge and Self Development

There are no more excuses. For several years, many of us have been denied the opportunity to learn about our culture and history in school. Black (African) History is still not properly incorporated into school curriculum and often those teaching history do not really know and understand it themselves. We must take on the responsibility to teach ourselves, especially when we have the responsibility to teach others.

Jawanza Kunjufu has made this process much easier for us in his new books **Lessons From History: A Celebration In Blackness**. (There is an elementary edition and also an edition designed for Junior and Senior High).

And what a celebration this is! He has written a well-researched book for reading and discussion, with vocabulary questions and exercises designed for the student and teacher. Also, brief but complete biographies of Marcus Garvey, Granville Woods, King Ramses, Cinque and many other African and African American heroes are included.

The Junior/Senior High edition also deals with the ridiculous obsession that some of us have with light skin and "good" (straight) hair being the ultimate beauty. Geography, strength in the family unit, pride, and African culture are all well-developed and taught in these books.

Now your children and students can have real insight into their culture and background that reaches back to the very first physician, Imhotep, an African.

And, if you are an adult and you are not familiar with these names and concepts, **Lessons From History** is something you must read for your own knowledge and self-development. You can't teach what you don't know.

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**LESSONS FROM HISTORY
A CELEBRATION
IN BLACKNESS**



Atlas Reveals Odd Facts About City

By James Cuthbertson
Post Sports Writer

Want to know something about Charlotte, North Carolina? Did you know that—

...in the first half of the 19th Century Charlotte was the gold mining capital of the United States with the first branch of the U.S. Mint opening in our city. The building is now the Mint Museum.

...Charlotte was the southern end of the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road that brought settlers down through the Shenandoah Valley to settle the Carolinas.

...in 1774 Charlotte Town became Mecklenburg County's permanent county seat.

All of these facts and more are in the latest collaborative effort of Dr. James W. Clay and Dr. Alfred W. Stuart, members of the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and it is like it predecessors, an outstanding unit.

The atlas continues a tradition of local atlases that have been published by UNCC. The first effort was an atlas of population and housing that was released in 1973. Expanded versions were published in 1978 and 1981. Each was received enthusiastically but, due to the rapid growth of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, each quickly became outdated.

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce provided tangible assistance for the developing of the book by paying for printing and marketing.

Reflecting the University's mission of service to the community and the region, the atlas and the associated cartographic excellence is great for uses in planning, cartography, computer mapping, locational analysis, market research, commercial and residential real estate, economic development, and environmental analysis.

Called one of the most useful tools to be introduced in recent years, the joint venture of the Charlotte Chamber and UNCC is a

must for every household in the city with exciting facts and practical information including school attendance areas and zip code.

The 64-page atlas focuses on history, geography, transportation, utilities, communication, education, demographic statistics, land use, finance, government, cultural arts, natural assets and recreational facilities.

Charlotte is the only city in the country to produce such a publication.

WBTV, Shoney's Sponsor "Food For Families"

For the fourth year, WBTV, WBT Radio and Shoney's Restaurants will sponsor the "Food For Families" project, and will join forces for several events to help the Metrolina FoodBank gather food for the needy during November and December.

The drive kicks off on Tuesday, November 10, with Dessert Day at all Shoney's Restaurants. Fifty cents from the price of every dessert sold that day will go to the "Food For Families" fund.

Each person who brings two cans of food for "Food For Families," will receive fifty cents off on a ticket to the Southern Christmas Show, which will be held November 4 through 15 at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart. "Food For Families" collection boxes will be located at the door.

Basketball fans who bring two cans of food to the UNCC-Carolina Coastal game at the Charlotte Coliseum on Thursday night, December 3, will receive \$2 off each ticket.

Again this year, *The Business Journal* is contributing \$5 of every subscription sold between November 15 and December 31 to "Food For Families."

Also, the public is invited to take canned and staple goods to any of Shoney's 24 restaurants in the Metrolina area.

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The National Urban League hosted its first annual "Night of Stars" this week at New York's Lincoln Center. The event, which featured performances by Smokey Robinson, Ben Vereen, Mary Wilson, the New York Boys Choir, Maurice Hines, the Count Basie Band and Joe Williams, was a tribute to 10 Black Americans who were honored as "Living Legends." Pictured with "Living Legend" singer and bandleader Cab Calloway (center), M. Anthony Burns, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Ryder Systems, Inc. and

chairman of the board of trustees of the National Urban League (left) and John E. Jacob, president and CEO of the National Urban League. In addition to Calloway, other award recipients included singer Joe Williams, saxophonist, Dexter Gordon, singer-entertainer Pearl Bailey, singer-actress Eartha Kitt, former tennis pro Arthur Ashe, artist James Demark, actor and union leader Frederick E. O'Neal, former New York Knicks basketball great Walt Frazier, and broadcast pioneer Mary L. Bell.

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