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A. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

1.) Public Schools #29 and #42, Elementary & Junior High School

Indianapolis, Indiana

1955-1962

Achievements: * Skipped Grade 2, recommended skipping Grade 6 declined

* Graduated 2nd out of 98 in grade point average

2.) Shortridge Public High School College Prep Degree

Indianapolis, Indiana *science major (ranked nationally in the *math and history minors top ten high schools)

1962-1966

Achievements: * Graduated 32 out of 480 in grade point average

* **National Honor Society**

* **Key Club (Kiwaniis) State Treasurer**

* *Senior Class Treasurer*

* Band & Orchestra Band Master

* *City-wide Band Member*

3.) University of Chicago College

Chicago, Illinois

1966-1970

Pre-Med Prep: B.A. Degree

*General biology major

*Math and history minors

Achievements: * Academic Scholarship all 4 years

* Worked Term-time 20 hours/week

* Studied political economics with author Robert Rhodes, PhD.

4.) University of Illinois

Chicago, Illinois

1970 1976-1977

School of Dentistry

* Bio-Dental courses

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5.) George Washington University

Washington, D.C.
1975

School of Engineering

* Managerial Systems Analysis
* Accounting

6.) Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, Virginia
1976-1977

School of Medicine

* Bio-Medical courses

Achievements: * Entrance letter of recommendation from U.S. Congressman Andrew Young.

**7.) International Monastery:
University of Eternal Light
Consciousness**

Alfred "Dr. Roots" Patterson, HD.
Apprenticeship Coordinator
Los Angeles, CA
1984-1986

**Doctor of Herbology (HD) Degree
Priest of Theology Degree**

Achievements: * Documented via *experimental anthropology* the history and technologies of the primordial **Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF)** system as found in ancient Egypt (the *Annu* peoples), ancient Peru (the *Inca*), ancient Mezo-America (the *Toltec*, *Mayans* and later *Aztecs*), ancient Israel (the *Esenne*), ancient North America (the *Mississippi River Valley Mound Builders* and Four Corner's *Anastazi*) and modern Hunza Province of Pakistan (the *Hunzacuts*); and refined it to the modern challenges of growing "organic" food in semi-arid and desert, short growing season and marginal land use areas.

* Documented the Pre-Dynastic and Dynastic History of the *Ancient Egyptian Mystery School of Annu (On)* and its spirituality system the "*Path of Aten*" made famous by monotheist Pharaoh Akhenaton and Queen Nefertiti at their short lived sustainable city of *Amarna (Akhetaten)*.

* Researched & developed the *Ancient Egyptian Mystery School of Annu (On)* holistic herbology system (nutritional & medicinal) and its use of "radionics" (pendulum) practiced by Vizar Imhotep and refined it to modern herbological practice.

* Further documented and verified the black African *Annu* peoples as the founders of the pre-dynastic and dynastic Ancient Egyptian and Nile River Valley cultures first identified by French Egyptologist Abbe' Emile Amelineau (1899 & 1916) & Senegalese Nuclear Physicist Chek Anka Diop (1954).

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B. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1.) **U.S. Postal Service**
Parcel Post Division
Chicago, Illinois
1970-1972

Position: Clerk

2.) **MIND, Inc.**
New York City, N.Y.
(subcontracted to the **Baltimore**
Maryland Employment Office)
Baltimore, Maryland
1972- 1973

Position: Employment Counselor

3.) **Synergistic Research & Development**
Columbia, Maryland
1973 -1974

Position: Project Director
Founder

Accomplishments: * Prepared the proposal for a Data Processing Center on the *Quechan Indian Tribe*; and led the presentation to both the *Tribe* and **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**.

4.) **Control Data Corporation**
Arlington, Virginia
1974 -1976

Position : Management Analyst

Accomplishments: * Developed proposal and *Project Directed* a Rural Health Research and Development evaluation study for the **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary** ('75).
* Recipient of **CDC's Regional Award for Work Excellence** ('74).
* Led "in house" development of an innovative policy formation information system, resulting in a proposal to the **National Science Foundation** ('75-76).

5.) **JWK International, Co.**
Annandale, Virginia
1977

Position: Project Manager

Accomplishments: * Project Managed the "first phase" of a policy department information system for the **U.S./DHEW/Division of Rehabilitation Services**.

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6.) Synergistic Research & Development, Inc.

Washington, D.C.
1977-1980

Position: Executive Director
Founder

- Accomplishments:**
- * Received an “*Outstanding Service and Contribution to Navajo Food and Nutrition*” Award in 1979 from the **Navajo Tribe Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)**, Window Rock, AZ.
 - * Developed proposal & project directed the **Navajo Tribe FNS “Solar Greenhouse & Organic Gardening Project”** (‘77- 80).
 - * Helped raise over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in grants for the **Navajo Indian Tribe FNS**.
 - * Federal level advocacy for the **Navajo Tribe** leading to the expansion of the **W.I.C.** and **Donated Food Programs** (‘79).

7.) Blacqendian Royal Coop Association (BRCA)

Fort Defiance, Arizona
Navajo Indian Reservation
1980-1984

Position: Executive Director
Founder

- Accomplishments:**
- * Developed the proposal and Project Directed the **Navajo Tribe/Manuelito Chapter’s “Biological Garden and Cooperative Food Warehouse Project”** funded by the **U.S. Administration on Native Americans** (‘82).
 - * System designed and Project Managed the CPA certified accounting system for the **Manuelito Chapter Government’s** project cited above; the system operation passing Tribal audit (‘82-83).
 - * Operated the **Fort Defiance Senior Citizen Council (SCC)** solar greenhouse and installed a “biological garden” on the **Fort Defiance Chapter** compound after 10 years of **SCC** failure (‘81-84).
 - * Conducted the corruption investigation including financial analysis for the **Navajo Tribe\Fort Defiance Chapter Vice-President**; leading to the resignation of several persons involved and prevention\remediation actions (‘83-84).
 - * Conducted several community policy development workshops on the prevention and monitoring of local government corruption on the **Navajo Reservation** (‘84).
 - * Developed and prepared proposal selected for funding by the **U.S. Department of Labor** to establish an “alternative high school” on the **Fort Defiance Chapter Compound** (‘84).

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7.) BRCA (continued)

Accomplishments: (continued)

- * Lectured on minority history and “biological agriculture” at the **Fort Defiance AZ. High School** ('83-84) and the **Crownpoint NM. Skill Center** ('82).
- * Consultant to the **Community Warehouse** (Washington, D.C.) in “biological agriculture” at its Delaware, Maryland and Jamaica, West Indies land sites ('80-81).
- * Refined the ancient “biological gardening” system in a prototype private site in the **Navajo Reservation’s Oak Canyon Chapter** area; including a solar greenhouse home scale design ('82-83).
- * Developed and implemented proposal originally for the **Community Warehouse**, to cooperatively import from Jamaica, West Indies & distribute nationally “organic” food duty free with “biological insecticides” ('80-84).

8.) Blacqendian Royal Coop Association (BRCA)

Position: Executive Director

Los Angeles, CA
1984-1992

- Accomplishments:**
- * Developed a 1/4 acre prototype urban garden demonstrating the “biological agriculture” system ('86).
 - * Established an innovative “organic” food retail outlet utilizing volunteer labor with commercially comparable prices ('87).
 - * Demonstrated a home delivery of “organic” food operation with prices comparable to commercial food retail outlets ('88).
 - * Conducted “organic” gardening course in the **Los Angeles Unified Public School District (LAUPSD)** “alternative high schools” **Whitney Young HS** and **John Hope HS** ('89-90).
 - * Developed proposal for **Sustainable Life Science Curriculum** for **LAUPSD** especially targeting inner city youth ('89).
 - * *Project Directed* the establishment of a “biological garden” in the Twin Lakes Chapter (New Mexico) on the *Navajo Indian Reservation* as an ongoing training center ('88- 92).
 - * Conducted weekly to monthly public education series of lectures covering health, history & political economics ('88-92).
 - * Delivered lectures at **Cal State L.A.** and **Long Beach California Universities**; and Los Angeles' CA. **City** and **El Camino Junior Colleges** and **Fremont High School**

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9.) Rainbow Natural Foods Distributing

Position: Operations Manager

Los Angeles County, CA
1988-1990

- Accomplishments:**
- * Established 12 midnight open dock policy 'Designed and implemented a manual inventory and management Information system; flow charted on HDQ Controller request
 - * Charged with upkeep of computerized inventory subsystem and its validation via manual system
 - * Demonstrated the *concept of a "holistic" produce operations manager* simultaneously overseeing the office and dock floor procedures
 - * Monitored the inventory via computer and manual systems for internal security purposes
 - * Handled Saturday cooperative customers and documented any produce donations to non-profit organizations
 - * Proposed concept of a "holistic" produce distribution operation

10.) BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project, Inc.

Positon: Executive Project Director

Los Angeles, CA
1992-1995

- Accomplishments:**
- * **USDA\Forest Service Grant #92-LA- 5** funding the **Hope LA Horticulture Corps Project** that achieved **CNN (Cable Network News), Associated Press** coverage and **L.A. City Council Commendation** as a 2 year horticulture training program for gang and at risk youth and young adults
 - * Contracted *Master Gardener* for the **USDA\Forest Service** funded project at the **L.A. County Probation Department** and L.A. County **Board of Education's Camp Karl Holten Detention High School** administered by **Dignity of Man\Offspring Urban Farms Inc.**
 - * Established the "*John Hope High School Botanical Garden and Arboretum and Horticulture Program*" which was judged overall second place winner in the **L.A. Botanical Garden Contest** 1993, with first and second place winners in 1994 and 1995
 - *Executive Producer* of "**Lost Woman**" **Music Video** featuring _____ the single from the **Light and Sound Band** album "**Annu Ancestors**" (Transformation of South Central, L.A. Vol.1)

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10.) BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project, Inc. (continued)

Accomplishments: (continued)

- * Designed the “**Transformation of South Central, (L.A.) Demonstration**”, a holistic enviro-economic development project based on the concepts of “*urban sustainable agri-forestry*”, sustainable small scale economic development and synergistic political-economics
- * Founded the **Coalition for the Transformation of South Central** and the annual **CTSC Conference** directed at implementing the **TSC Demonstration** through a network of corporate, government and grassroots organizations and individuals ('93 -'95)
- * Designed, funded and demonstrated via the **L.A. Unified School District** and the **L.A. County Board of Supervisors** the **Sustainable Life Science Curriculum** especially directed at the scientific employment and survival skills of gang and at risk youth and young adults ('92 - '95)
- * Produced the ‘**94 & ‘95 Earthday Benefit Concert: Transformation of South Central, L.A., UCLA Pauley Pavilion**

11.) BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project, Inc. **Position: Executive Project Director**
Indianapolis, IN.
1995-1999

- Accomplishments:**
- * Delivered on site **Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF)** Technical Assistance to organizations and individual land owners in CA., AZ., NM., TX., TN. , CT., NY., VT., VA., FL., GA., IN. & OR.
 - * Established **Sustainable Agri-Forestry** demonstration sites in Tucson, AZ.; Bedford Styvesant, NYC, NY.; Watts-South Central, Los Angeles, CA.; San Francisco, CA.; Nevada City, CA.; Navajo Indian Nation (AZ. & NM.); Ridgway & Durango, CO.; East Dummerston, VT.; Chattanooga, TN.; Bridgeport, CT.; Houston and Austin, TX.; Charlottesville and Richmond, VA.; Atlanta GA., Santa Fe, NM. and Indianapolis, IN.
 - * Presented the **SAF Model** to the 1998 **Bioneer's Conference** in San Francisco, CA.
 - * Attended via \$7000 Scholarship the 1997 San Francisco, CA. **State of the World Forum (SWF)** & Presented the **SAF Model** to **SWF Sustainable Agricultural Roundtable**

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12.) **BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project, Inc.** **Position: Executive Project Director**
Brattleboro, VT.
1999 - 2001

- Accomplishments:**
- * Received 1999 **US DOL Welfare to Work Competitive Grant** Federal Funding Certification Eligibility from the local welfare offices of Los Angeles, CA.; Oakland & San Francisco, CA.; Chattanooga, TN.; Bridgeport, CT.; the Navajo/Dine' Indian Nation; New York City, NY.; and the State Economic Development Offices of Arizona (2), California (2), Connecticut, Colorado, New York and Tennessee for proposals to apprenticeship train and employ urban and rural welfare recipients and the homeless in **Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF)** demonstration sites.
 - * Successfully demonstrated the "**Snow (All Winter) Garden**" technology in the Bedford Styvesant **SAF** in Brooklyn, New York City, NY. 1998/99 winter, and in the East Dummerston, VT. **SAF** 1999/2000 winter; the latter covered by the Brattleboro VT. Reformer Newspaper March 4-5, 2000.
 - * Elected as **Brattleboro VT. Food Cooperative Board Member** in March 2000 based on platform of developing a **Sustainable Agri-Forest (SAF)** demonstration addressing the area's working poor, unemployed & homeless residents.
 - * Served on the Board of the **Brattleboro Community High School** proposing the implementation of a **SAF** based *Sustainable Life Science Curriculum*.
 - * Lectured at the 1998 **Governor's Youth Conference** at the **School of International Training**.
 - * Guest Instructor at the **Green MT. High School** in Chester, VT. 1998 - 2000.

13.) **BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project, Inc.** **Position: Executive Project Director**
Indianapolis, IN.
2001 – present

- Accomplishments:**
- * Expanded the **Hope Project Web Site** from an archival to e-Commerce Web Site www.hopelusa.org with full streaming audio/video and on-line credit card acceptance
 - * **Sustainable Agri-Forestry** work included in the 2001 urban gardening documentary showing nationally, directed and produced by Daniel Tripoli of **Metro Gardens Media** of LA, CA. entitled "**Sweat Equity**" (68 minutes).

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13.) BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project, Inc. (continued)

Accomplishments: * “Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Food Security in Rice Project Funding and Promotional Consultant” for **AID-Camilla, Inc.** of Camilla, Bangladesh in South-Central Asia targeting 9,000 small farmers (2002-present)

C. REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO TAPES ISSUANCES

- 1.) Evaluation of Rural Health Research, Vol. I, II, & III; 1975 in the **U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Technical Information System (NTIS) & NEA’s Education Research Information Center (ERIC)**
- 2.) Public Policy Development Information System Design for the Federal-State Rehabilitation Services: First Report, 1978
- 3.) Esoteric Atannuology, Egyptology & Rastafariology, Vol. 1, 1986, revised, 1998
- 4.) The Egyptian Mystery ‘School of On (Annu)’ : Esoteric Atannuology, Egyptology & Rastafariology, Vol. 1, 2002 (e-Book on CD and paper hardcopy)
- 5.) Original Prevention of Sickness: General Nutrition Instructions, 1997, rev. 2000
- 6.) Biological Agriculture (1987 lecture transcript), Suntee Systems, Tucson, AZ.
- 7.) Various lecture audio, video and music/song poem tapes, refer to the *Hope Project Web Site* at URL <http://www.Hopelausa.org>

D. ART ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 1.) Co-leader of the **“Return to the Future Experience” Band** (‘90), leader of the **“Golden Age Band”** (‘88-90), leader of the **“Annu Light and Sound Band”** (‘86 - 88), and leader of the **“Light and Sound Band”** (‘92-present)
- 2.) Voluntary *Holistic (Nutritional and Medicinal) Herbology Practice* (‘86-present)
- 3.) Volunteer Staff Assignments for Congressman Andrew Young’s Administrative Assistant Stoney Cooks (‘75-76)
- 4.) Voluntary Produce Manager of **Good Life Health Food Center** (LA, CA.) (‘90)
- 5.) *Producer, Light and Sound Band’s “Annu Ancestors” and “Esoteric Rastafari” Albums* (Transformation of South Central, L.A., Volume 1 & 2 (‘95-97)

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E. SPECIFIC SKILLS

- 1.) **Project Director** (Project Administration, Management and Security)
- 2.) **Project Concept Developer** and **Proposal Writer**
- 3.) **Systems Analyst** (Human, Administrative and Computer Subsystems)
Human General Systems Theorist (HGST)
- 4.) **Web Master**, Desk Top Publisher, PC Maintenance and Operator
(IBM Type Computer Data Entry, Multimedia Development including *Quicken*, *Lotus*, *Corel Word Perfect*, *Microsoft Word 2000*, *Adobe Page Mill*, *Adobe Photo Shop*, *Adobe Premiere* software)
- 5.) **Sustainable Agri-Forester** (Biological Agriculturalist and Organic Gardener)
- 6.) **Political Economic Analyst**
- 7.) **Sustainable Community Economic and Human Developer**
- 8.) **Horticultural Therapist** (Individual and Group Counseling, Conflict Resolution, Life Skills and Job Preparation/Maintenance)
- 9.) **Non-Profit Organizational Developer and Management Analyst**
- 10.) **Middle and High School Teacher::** July, 1990 *California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) Scores: Reading 63 (average 40-60), Math 63 (average 40-60), Writing 53 (average 40-60)*
- 11.) **Nutritional Herbologist**_____ Food Preparation and Vegetarian/Vegan Cook
- 12.) **Developmental/Experimental Anthropologist**
- 13.) **Historian** (Pre-Dynastic and Dynastic Egyptology and Black Studies)
- 14.) **Theologian** (Comparative Religion specializing in the ***Ancient Egyptian Mystery School of On (Annu)*** and Non-Denominational **IRS "Vow of Poverty" Priest**)
- 15.) **Individual and Group Counselor, Motivational and Technical Trainer**
- 16.) **Debate, Extemporaneous and Lecture Speaker**
- 17.) **Musician** (Writer, Producer, Bass Guitar and Conga Player, Band Leader)
- 18.) **Poet and Non-Fiction Writer**

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F. GRANTS, DONATIONS AND AWARDS SUMMARY

1. 1978 through 1980 **Federal Grant (\$150,000)**, "Navajo Solar Greenhouse and Organic Gardening Project" as Consultant for the ***Navajo/Dine'*** Indian Food and Nutrition Service, Fort Defiance, Arizona from the **US Community Services Administration**, Washington, D.C.
2. 1979 "**Outstanding Service and Contribution to Navajo Food and Nutrition Award**" as Consultant for the ***Navajo/Dine'*** Indian Nation/Department of Food and Nutrition services, Fort Defiance, AZ.
3. 1982 **Federal Grant (\$50,000)**, "Manuelito, NM. Biological Garden & Cooperative Food Warehouse Project" as Consultant for ***Navajo/Dine'*** Indian Nation/Manuelito New Mexico Chapter House from **USDHEW/Administration on Native Americans**, Washington, D.C.
4. 1989 through 1994 as *Volunteer Horticultural Instructor* won a total of 12 first to third place Individual student (7), community (3) and school (2) **Los Angeles Community Beautification Contest Garden Awards** for the **John Hope Continuation High School** sponsored by **LA Beautiful, Inc.** and the **LA Unified School District**, Los Angeles, CA.
5. 1992 through 1995 **Federal Grant # 92-LA-5 (\$248,000)**, "Hope Los Angeles Horticulture Corps Project" as *Lead Partner Organization* with the **LA Unified School District's John Hope Continuation High School** from the **US Department of Agriculture/Forest Service**, Washington, D.C.
6. 1993 "**Outstanding Volunteer Award**" as the *Volunteer Horticulture Instructor* for the **John Hope Continuation High School**, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA.
7. 1993 "**Commendation for Outstanding Dedication and Commitment to Making Los Angeles a Better Place to Live**" from the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles, CA.
8. 1993 through 1996 **Corporate Donations (\$45,000)** as a "10% Solution Project" from **Cell Tech, Inc.**, Klamath Falls, Oregon
9. 1994 "**Exemplary Process: from Classroom to Community: Success through Gardening Award**" from the **Los Angeles County Department of Probation/Division of Juvenile Courts & Community Schools**, Los Angeles, CA.

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F. GRANTS, DONATIONS AND AWARDS SUMMARY (continued)

10. 1994 Private Grant (\$2,000) NYC, NY. Mega-Cities, Inc. "Outstanding Community Innovation" for the *Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF)* Technical Assistance Transfer to New York City, NY.
11. 1994 Private Donation (\$10,000) to help produce the "Earthday Benefit Concert and Festival at the UCLA Pauly Pavilion", Los Angeles, CA.
12. 1995 "Outstanding Community Innovation" Award from the **Los Angeles Mega-Cities, Inc.**, Los Angeles, CA.
13. 1995 "Earthday Commendation for Recognition of Your Outstanding Service to the Community" from the **Los Angeles City Council**, Los Angeles, CA.
14. 1995 "Commendation for Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the Community and Recipient of Self-Empowerment Award" from the **Los Angeles City Council** 10 th District Council Member Nate Holden, Los Angeles, CA.
15. 1996 Private Donation (\$20,000) for the Final Typesetting and In-House Publication of his book Esoteric Atannuology, Egyptology, Rastafariology, Volume 1, 1997, *Enlightenment Publications*, Indianapolis, IN.
16. 1997 Private Donation (\$40,000) for the "Annual BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project Conference" at **Compton Community College**, Compton, CA.
17. 1997 Private Donation Scholarship (\$7,000) for the Attendance of the 1997 "State of the World Forum (SWF)" and *Sustainable Agri-Forestry* Presentation at the **SWF/Sustainable Agriculture Roundtable**, San Francisco, CA.
18. 1998-2000 Private Donation (\$8,000) for the **Hope Vermont Project** including the 1999/2000 "**Snow (All Winter) Garden**" **Demonstration** in Brattleboro, VT. area.

G. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

1. 1997 to present, member of the **STATE OF THE WORLD FORUM (SWF)**, **MEMBER # 20827** at <http://www.worldforum.org/>; 11/8/97 Presented the *Sustainable Agri-Forestry (SAF)* Model to **SWF Sustainable Agricultural Roundtable**.

Since the sum of your highest Reading, Mathematics and Writing Scores produces a total score of 123 or greater AND no score falls in the Needs Improvement area, you have passed CBEST.

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APPENDIX VIII-1: Description of BRCA\Hope LA-USA Project: “Planting Seeds of Hope in Our Inner Cities” By Anna Bond

*When, people are starving,
it is because their governments take too much,
Causing them to starve.
When people are hard to control,
it is because of the contrivances of their governments,
Which makes them hard to control. When people think little of death.
it is because those above think so much of life thus the
people think little of death.*

—Lao-Tzu: Tao Te Ching

The CIA-Contra-Cocaine connection exposed by San Jose Mercury News' reporter Gary Webb should not have shocked us as it did. Drugs, weapons and money-laundering have always been tools of the trade for U.S. clandestine operations abroad. This most recent “dark alliance,” as Webb termed it, is simply another episode in the long saga of American trade in drugs, guns, dollars, and human life—only this time the life that trafficking victimized was African-American inner city youth.

From all appearances, it was targeted genocide. But what goes around comes around, and a short twenty-two years after crack cocaine made its first documented appearance in California, we have small Vermont towns with nothing that could even be called a street hosting street gangs and crack cocaine.

Somehow the pipeline between Columbia's cocaine cartels and the black neighborhoods of South Central L.A. opened by CIA-backed Contras and Nicaraguan drug-smugglers recalls the infamous Triangle Trade, which laid the foundations for the fortunes of the future leaders of the United States.

Here the commodities are cocaine, crack and guns. There they were sugar, rum and slaves. Then and now, we see mindless destruction of human life and soils, mere means toward the acquisition of wealth and the control of the people by a powerful elite.

In the late eighteenth century, ships left New England loaded mostly with rum. In Africa the rum was exchanged for as many slaves as it would buy (often at the rate of 200 gallons per slave). Loaded with slaves, the ship set sail for the West Indies where the slaves were sold to the sugar plantations and part of the profit invested in molasses. On the final leg of the voyage, the vessel would carry the molasses back to New England, to be distilled into more rum, to buy more slaves. **1**

How much is a human life worth? Two hundred gallons of rum: absolutely equal for the purposes of trade! The damage to human society in Africa and the Caribbean as well as the soil destruction on the sugar plantations was never taken into account.

1 Daniel P. Mannix and Malcolm Cowley: Black Cargoes: A History of the Atlantic Slave Trade 1518-1865 New York: Viking Press. 1962. p. 160.

APPENDIX VIII_2: Description of BRCAI Hope LA-USA Project: “Planting Seeds of Hope in Our Inner Cities” By Anna Bond

In addition to the profits from the basic Triangle Trade, the American colonies supplied food staples for feeding the sugar plantation slaves. In 1770, for instance, the colonies exported to the Caribbean one third of their dried fish, almost all of their pickled fish, most of their oats, corn, peas and beans as well as half their flour and all their butter and cheese. **2**

Ultimately, the Triangle Trade like the current Dark Alliance reveals an insidious mind set that treats everything—top soils, sugarcane, coca leaves, human life—as commodities or substances to be trafficked. **3** Using things as substances—rather than respecting their inherent value—invariably leads to addiction. Addiction to gold and silver, addiction to sugar, addiction to alcohol and drugs: these were—Ad continue to be—the driving forces behind the exploitation of resources—be they natural or human—in the New World as well as the modes operandi behind American trade’ relations.

Eventually even money loses relevance as the trafficking takes on a life of its own. During the heyday of the CIA-contra-cocaine connection, between the passage and repeal of the Boland Amendment, in 1986, every market indicator of the cocaine glut in America went off-scale. As Wanda Palacio, the Puerto Rican-born airline employee whose two-year cocaine trafficking career spanned her relationship with an upper-class Colombian whose social circle included “people deeply involved in the drug trade,” astutely observed in 1987: “Three years ago [before Boland], the price of cocaine was \$50,000 per kilo. Today it is \$20,000 and sometimes you can get it for \$15,000 to \$18,000. The market for the cocaine isn’t smaller—so the lower price is a result of having supply increase even more than demand has. **4**

“It got to *the point where it was like, man, use don t want to count no more money.*”
— Freeway Rick Ross

Rick Ross, a black teenager, was a talented tennis player with a promising future. Then his tennis coach discovered Rick could neither read nor write. Rick saw his dream of a college scholarship evaporate, which leads to some pointed questions. Would the coach of a white teenager have been unaware until the last lap that his student was illiterate? Having lost his one chance for a better life, Ross hung his future on drugs and became Freeway Rick, a dealer of mythical proportions in the L.A. underground. later sentenced to life with no chance for parole on cocaine conspiracy charges.

2 Eric Williams: Capitalism and Slavery, Food Staples to Feed Slaves, New York: Capricorn Books, 1966, p. 108.

3 Smoking tobacco in a ceremonial pipe **was** for Native Americans life-enhancing as it strengthened human relationships with the powers of the sky and the earth and all their relations. Europeans turned the sacred Native tobacco into another substance to be mono-cropped on plantations and sold to an addicted world. Andean natives living and working at high attitudes have chewed coca leaves for centuries, thus preventing chronic high altitude sickness and possible death, reports anthropologist Andrew Fuchs in *Coca Chewing and Chronic High Altitude Stress: Possible Effects of Coca Alkaloids on Erythropoietin.* Current Anthropology 19 June 1978). Were living the hell Europeans took that one.

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APPENDIX VIII_3: Description of BRCA\Hope LA-USA Project: “Planting Seeds of Hope in Our Inner Cities” By Anna Bond

Freeway Rick’s story epitomizes the three-pronged plight of inner city youth. First, there is epidemic subclinical malnutrition stemming from poverty, lack of nutritional awareness, the proliferation of junk foods and drugs. Fast food franchises dot black neighborhoods everywhere—serving up their brand of super-refined, nutritionally empty foods devoid of any real identity no trace minerals, no vitamins, no essential oils, no DNA to connect us to the earth and the soil. These are foods that enslave us and addict us: white sugar, white flour, white bread, white fat, white salt, white crack.

Poor nutrition means your brain doesn’t work well, remember things, make appropriate decisions. After seven generations of eating such food, we have lost our memory of who we are, where we came from and where we are going. No wonder the infant mortality rate in South Central rivals that of some Third World countries. Taoist Sage and social commentator Lao-Tzu, writing over 2500 years ago, says it best: how can you really care about life or death when you’re starving? “Thinking little about death,” many people turn to the euphoria of drugs.

The second handicap impacting inner city youth is the lack of opportunities and options that comes with widespread poverty. There is virtually no chance to find a decent job, let alone meaningful work. Poverty gives you no options to switch schools, get special tutoring. Poverty leads to crime. Rick Ross grew up poor in Troup, Texas, then moved to South Central L.A., where he slipped into a career of drug dealing. When you don’t know where your next meal’s coming from, you think little of death—or life.

And third, we see clearly unequal education or, more accurately, blatant miseducation both in the schools and in the media That miseducation breeds cultural, ethnic and racial discrimination. When you see yourself as lesser, then you have adopted somebody else’s image of who you are. Not knowing who you really are makes it tough to be yourself or control yourself.

While most of the country is talking about accountability, people’s tribunals, justice, restitution and compensation, one visionary African American activist is transforming inner city hood areas into lush market gardens that incorporate pre-dynastic Egyptian bio-intensive deep bed agricultural technology, intercropped ‘floating’ gardens reminiscent of pre-Columbian Mexico, and three-tiered permacultured beds.

He is George Singleton: radical in the sense of going to the roots of the disease that perpetuates slavery. And those roots are the three pronged plight that is crippling our inner city youth: 1) the poverty/crime connection, 2) the subclinical malnutrition/addictions syndrome and 3) the vicious miseducation/discrimination cycle.

In 1974, the year crack cocaine made its first appearance, *underground* in San Francisco and Nicaraguan drug smugglers hooked up with Colombian drug sellers, George *broke new ground* for his first Blackendian (Black and Indian) rural development cooperative in the Washington DC area. Soon afterward, George was recognized by Navajo leaders as the one who had been prophesied to teach them the old ways of gardening. He lived and studied with his the Navajo elders for seven years

APPENDIX VIII_4: Description of BRCAIHope LA-USA Project: “Planting Seeds of Hope in Our Inner Cities” By Anna Bond

In 1981, just two years before Freeway Rick figured out how to blow up one kilo of cocaine into three or more of crack, the executive members of Louis Farrakan’s (Black Muslim) Temple 27 brought George from the Navajo Reservation to Los Angeles to design nutritional programs and gardens for their congregation of 2500.

From his intensive study of the Annu/Egyptian Mystery School practices, George helped the congregation align their diet to be harmony with the vegetarian ideals of Elijah Mohammed. Synthesizing what had been revealed to him among the Navajo and what he had earned from his Egyptian research, George developed an intensive biological gardening technology.

By 1985, that technology had produced a garden on the temple rooftop that provided food for the entire congregation. *Biological* gardening is distinct from—and more universally practicable than—organic in that it does not depend on animal manures with their questionable microbial contaminants (*E. coli*) and agrochemical pollutants (herbicides, fungicides and pesticides used in animal fodder).

Where organic animal-based composting demands *high-temperature* bacterial breakdown, large quantities of water and frequent labor intensive turning, *biological* gardening relies on *low-temperature* bacteria! recycling of green wastes and, above all, that “foundation of all civilization” (ecologist Andre Voisin) **the earthworm**, who since before the time of Christ has been revered and protected as “sacred” (Cleopatra). Earthworm castings create a humus topsoil of the highest fertility, filth and biological vitality more efficiently than any other means. Biological gardening is the gardening method practiced historically in Meso-America by the Mayans and Olmecs and continuing into the present in the Nile Valley, the headwaters of the Amazon in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru; and in Hunzaland.

Recognizing the intrinsic connection between a people’s culture and agriculture, George developed a powerful urban agri-forestry model—now called **Hope LA/USA—based** on the need to break away from animal-based farming with its inherent limited-resources, scarcity mind set that inevitably breeds struggle and conflict. He also developed this three-pronged model to provide simple, sustainable solutions to each of the three handicaps that paralyze the majority of our youth at risk today.

In 1987 the cocaine-rated deaths of two Black athletes prompted national hysteria and tough new crack laws that impacted U. S. Blacks with extreme inequality. The U.S. Congress voted to give the Contras \$100 million in military aid. Danilo Blandon, son of wealthy Nicaraguan slumlord and Ross drug connection, was arrested, then released only a month later when the Iran-Contra scandal broke.

That same year a prominent South Central resident and social psychologist urged George to offer his genius and charisma to address the genocidal explosion of gang violence and crack use among youth at risk. From his years among the Navajo, George knew the extraordinary healing power gardening he’d for youth out of touch with nature and themselves.

APPENDIX VIII_5: Description of BRCA\Hope LA-USA Project: “Planting Seeds of Hope in Our Inner Cities” By Anna Bond

A quarter-acre biological garden at the famous **Children’s Space Educational Center** in Compton was succeeded by pilot biological gardens all over Los Angeles County. George’s striking dreadlocked figure—shouldering forks, shovels, pickaxes, even sacks of peat moss and earthworms to sites sometimes 20 miles apart—became a familiar presence.

The super tree, the tissue-cultured Chinese *Paulownia* hardwood, shoots up 15 feet per year under ideal conditions and is valued at \$1000 per cubic meter of timber! Aside from providing organic produce to the neighborhood, the **Hope LA** garden expanded the greening area in the midst of South Central’s asphalt battleground, It offered the youth involved the time and place to reconnect with nature, with the source of their food and with themselves.

George developed a brilliant sustainable life science curriculum that was at once a nonlinear education program that looked deeply at the political, economic and nutritional aspects of what has been called the “criminalization” of inner city life around the world *and* a hands-on apprenticeship in the high art and science of biological gardening which, at the close of the two-year program, gave the youth solid marketable horticultural skills.

Then in 1993 came perhaps the most potent agent for regenerating these youths’ malnourished bodies and drug-toxic immune systems. George started feeding *Super Blue Green Algae*, a wild super food harvested Klamath Lake, to the youth he was training. The changes were dramatic! Caseworkers observed better over-all health, improved school and work performance, greater clarity of thought and expression, sounder sleep, and a sense of new found joy and cooperation where before there had been apathy and distrust.

George’s **Project** in South Central was so successful he was invited to teach 160 third time offenders aged 14-19 in a youth detention facility in San Fernando Valley. Dispensing the daily *Super Blue Green Algae* to these youth, the Charge Nurse was enthusiastic about the potential of this wild super food. Her observations demonstrated not only the undeniable connection between poor nutrition and criminal behavior but also the incredible ability to restore vibrant health, strong immune response and a sense of bright hope simply eating this wild Algae could offer.

Almost four years later, George’s gardening model has evolved to integrate the deep beds with greenhouse covered algae ponds that provide abundant algae fertilizer and create microclimates outdoors—a novel concept indeed. George travels across the country to inner city neighborhoods, prisons, schools, reservations that ask for his expertise and his wisdom. He has projects at various stages of completion in over twenty states across the country.

Wherever he goes, George offers the gift of his technology of hope freely, without charge. His **Hope LA/USA** garden projects are funded through his *Super Blue Green Algae* network business and the sale of his videos, tapes and book.

APPENDIX VIII_6: Description of BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project: “Planting Seeds of Hope in Our Inner Cities” By Anna Bond

Providing Super *Blue Green Algae* to gang and at risk youth, caseworkers noticed many changes: in patterns of increased sleep, awakening with vitality, clearness of thought, improved school and work performance, and a sense of new found hope. The Project in South Central was so successful that George was contracted to teach his program at the Camp Holton youth detention facility in San Fernando Valley. This facility housed 160 third time offenders aged 14 to 19, sixty percent of whom were Hispanic and African American from South Central.

For a two-month period, youth participating in the Camp Holton "Brown Thumb Green Thumb Program" received *Super Blue Green Algae*, dispensed daily by the Camp's charge nurse. Her observations clearly demonstrated the connection between poor nutrition and criminal behavior.

Today George's gardening model has evolved to integrate the deep beds with greenhouse covered algae ponds that provide abundant algae fertilizer and create microclimates outdoors—a novel concept indeed. George travels across the country to inner city neighborhoods, prisons, schools, reservations that ask for his expertise and his wisdom.

The success of this program in Los Angeles led to changes in the funding strategy. The program addressed the needs of inner city people across the country. Thus, in September, 1995 the HOPE L.A. Project became the HOPE LA/USA Project, initiating the development of Sustainable Agri-Forests in 25 states.

The Project's current Sustainable Agri-Forestry model encompasses ten interrelated aspects:

1. **Spiritual Economics**
2. **Sustainable Life Science Curriculum**
3. **Intensive Vermiculture**
4. **Deep Intensive Growing Beds**
5. **Biological Horticulture**
6. **Three-tier Permaculture**
7. **Biological Aqua-Culture**
 - a. **PiMag Water Irrigation**
 - b. **Greenhouse covered Algae Ponds**
8. **Non-profit Organization Innovative Funding**
9. **Food Fortification with Nutritional Herbs**
10. **Volunteer and Trainee Stipends**
11. **Case Management Counseling and Social Service Referral**
12. **Project-funded Technical Assistance**

For more information about the **BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project** in or near your area or to purchase Educational and Entertainment CD's, Cassettes and VCR tapes, books and other products, please call or fax 317-255-1388, e-mail us at Hopelusa@aol.com; or visit the BRCA/Hope Project's Web Site at <http://www.hopelusa.org/>.

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Paulownia "Super Tree" **SAF** in the Peoples' Republic of China

[George W. Singleton has been Executive Project Director of the Blacqendian Royal Coop Association \(BCRA\), Inc. since 1980. He received a B.A. in General Biology from the University of Chicago \(1970\) and a Doctor of Herbology \(HD.\) Degree from the LA, CA. based International Monastery: University of Eternal Light Consciousness \(1986\) under the apprenticeship direction of Alfred "Dr. Roots" Patterson, HD..](#)

Since 1979 Singleton has directed *chronic poverty abatement* research, development and demonstrations concentrating on ancient Egyptian culture and technologies including 3 federal grants. From 1988 to 1995 Singleton was the *Volunteer Horticultural Instructor* at the Los Angeles, CA. **John Hope Continuation High School**. His work is highlighted by the **USDA/ Forest Service Grant #92-LA-5** funding of the **BRCA/Hope LA Horticultural Corps** from 1992 to 1995 demonstrating [Sustainable Agri-Forestry \(SAF\)](#) utilizing South Central-Watts, LA gang and "at risk" youth and young adults.

Singleton adapted **SAF** to address the present problems in the present urban community garden movement; i.e. as the basis of the [next generation of urban community gardens](#) capable of producing the horticultural assets to purchase its land sites and provide significant livable wage jobs. The holistic [12 element SAF model](#) annually can generate on one (1) acre of land [minimally](#) 150,000 pounds of "organic" produce and other horticultural products and providing 4 full time jobs at twice the minimal wage as training stipend .

[Sustainable Agri-Forestry \(SAF\) as exemplified in ancient Egypt, ancient Israel and pre-Columbian Mexico, Peru and North America](#) can significantly ameliorate **chronic poverty** wherever properly installed at a one time cost of \$85,000 per acre and operated on a "worker member" cooperative model. **SAF** is a technological forte in the modern Republic of China and a foundation of its emerging super power economy.

Since 1995 Singleton has transferred **SAF** technology and demonstrations to organizations in over 13 states via the **BRCA/Hope LA-USA Project (HLAUSAP), Inc.** The **SAF model** was certified for federal funding eligibility in the **USDOL Welfare to Work Competitive Grant Competition 1999 Round #3** in CA., AZ., CT., NY., TN. and the **Navajo/Dine' Indian Nation**. Singleton presented the **SAF model** to the **1997 State of the World Forum/Sustainable Agriculture Roundtable**, and is **State of the World Forum Member #20827** (presented at <http://www.worldforum.org>.)

The **BRCA/HLAUSAP Web Site** <http://www.hopelausa.org> is a complete self-help **Sustainable Agri-Forestry Technical Assistance Transfer Center**.

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Weekend Reformer TOWNS

Brattleboro man hones technique for year-round crops

By STEPHEN SEITZ

Reformer Staff

BRATTLEBORO — With a little digging, a little weatherization plastic, and some length of pipe, is all George Singleton needs to create an ideal environment to keep vegetables growing all through the winter.

During the last 18 years, Singleton, who is executive director of the community agriculture organization HOPE-L.A. USA, has developed a method to keep growing some vegetables throughout the winter.

"Vermont has a short growing season," Singleton said Friday. "The snow gardening technique is particularly good for broccoli, red kale, green kale, garlic, and collards. We grow them in a mini-greenhouse. I've got a collar plant that's made it through two winters."

Singleton's method depends on a common scientific principle: that ground temperature increases 7 degrees or so for every foot you dig. That means ground temperature is 15 degrees warmer two feet down. Cover it with the miniature greenhouse, install some Velcro doors for access, and plants will grow no matter what the month.

Singleton said there was enough sunshine in winter to keep the greenhouses warm.

"It's amazing how many clear solar days there are in Vermont," he said.

The method allows farmers to keep growing through the fall, or, on the other end of the growing season, start plants earlier in the spring.

"You can harvest in March and in May," said Singleton.

The materials, which can be picked up in any building supply store, cost

about \$65, he added.

There is a social benefit as well, Singleton said. Besides farmers, the hard-core unemployed and welfare recipients can easily learn this method.

"The country's run out of jobs for the hard-core unemployed," he said. "If we train them to maintain the greenhouses, the average wage would be \$10 an hour. It's labor-intensive; that's what makes it ideal for the hard-core unemployed."

Singleton has been seeking welfare-to-work grants in several states to develop this aspect of winter agriculture. So far, the project has received letters of support and guidance from New York City, the states of New York, California and Tennessee.

Wanza Lee, executive director of the Southeast Tennessee Private Industry Council, wrote to the U.S. Department

of Agriculture last May that the economic development organization she heads backs the proposal.

Describing the organization as "fully supportive," she said five welfare recipients would be trained to grow 80,000 pounds of food a year, and by the third year would generate four full-time jobs, at about \$10 per hour.

The state of Tennessee's Department of Human Services also pledged to support the project if a grant is awarded.

Thus far, the miniature greenhouses have only been tested on small plots of land. Singleton said he would like to try it on 10 to 20 acres and work with family farms.

"We are looking for partners," he said.

"Kale and broccoli are big items in winter, and they're shipped in from California and Arizona. If we grew them here, it would boost the income of local

farmers. It would boost the incomes of stores and co-ops, too, because it would be cheaper to bring them in. I'm excited about the possibilities."

Further details on the winter gardening project can be found at HOPE's Web site, www.hopelausa.org, on page 14.

While there is normally a fee charged to use the site, Singleton said it could be accessed for free during March.

Cell Tech Inc. Grant Reference:

August Celebration: A Molecule of Hope for a Changing World by Linda Glover, Gibert, Hoover & Clarke, Carson City, NV., 1993 [NY Times National Bestselling Author including The House Keepers and Looking Terrific (with Emily Cho)]

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“Of course **Cell Tech** needs to do a lot more. Our focus in the market is very narrow at this point, really. We have more than 30,000 distributors, but that’s a speck of dust on the planet. They’re nearly all white; socially conscious for the most part yes, but what you’ve got to do is reach a much wider group.”

“And **Cell Tech** is starting to do just that. About a thousand miles south of Klamath Falls, a group of people are working on another agricultural project under very different circumstances. The story is best told by **Cell Tech** distributor Michael Stewart.”

“When **Cell Tech** decided to earmark ten percent of the algae to worthwhile causes, I was more convinced than ever that this was a company I could work with. Its involvement with Chernobyl, Nicaragua, and the Seeing Eye Dog program in Canada touched my heart, but left me with a gnawing question about our kids—especially the inner-city kids who tend to reach for a spray paint can or a gun, and join a gang before they reach for a book. I felt that if these kids had more choices, they could be an asset to themselves and their community.

“Only one problem: How could I help this come about without getting shot? Frankly, 14-year-olds with crack and guns scare the hell out of me. I’d lie awake at night wondering, ‘How can I affect our weakest link ___ how can I help inner-city kids?’ ‘Cause I’m white and I don’t live in South Central.”

“Several months ago, at an algae meeting at a local restaurant, one of the gals in my group mentioned a guy named **George Singleton**, who runs a program called **Hope L.A. Horticulture Corps**. **Hope L.A.** takes kids who are ready to make positive changes in their lives and teaches them about pride, self-worth, heritage, empowerment and especially how to grow gardens. She said they have a two-acre plot in the hood, a non-truce gang area where drive-by shootings occur almost daily.”

“Gardens! That was the end of the meeting for me—that’s all I needed to hear. I went from A to Z in my mind; I had a touchdown right there. I said, ‘Give me this guy’s number.’

“Michael was impressed with **George Singleton**, an African-American and Mississippi Choctaw whose personal philosophy is a distillation of Rastafarian, Black Muslim, Baptist, and Bahai faiths. **Singleton’s** program is preparing the kids for entry-level jobs in the agriculture and food industries, urban forestry, nurseries, gardens and landscaping services.”

“When I first went up there and hung out with these kids, I felt as though I wasn’t even worthy to be there with them. Even though I live a fairly clean life, these kids are clear as glass. You look in their eyes, and you look into the soul of God. These guys are deep; it’s unreal. They’re close to death on a daily basis; ten shots have been fired into the garden at the kids so far. I mean, they have to have truces just to exist. They have to have a truce with the Crips and the Bloods— and that doesn’t account for all the sub-groups. When I leave, I get swamped by crack salesmen; it’s a zoo there. Every time I go up there I cry. These kids needed the algae yesterday.”

“Michael told me he learned that **Singleton** had started a program for inner-city, ex-gang kids at Fremont High in Watts. “And I realized we’d come full circle,” says Michael, “because Daryl used to teach at Fremont High.”

“So I hammered out a little proposal for Marta to get algae to the kids, and she immediately said yes.” Soon shipments were on the way.”

“So do the kids eat the algae regularly?” I asked.”

“Are you kidding? It’s like a sacrament!” He paused. “My dream now,” he continued, “is to get the soil amendment [an algae processing by-product being developed by Jim Carpenter] down here to fortify the weak L.A. soil.” Michael is pleased with the project so far. “If we can do it in L.A.”, he told me, “we can do it anywhere.”

“Then just before he hung up the phone, Michael Stewart added this postscript. “You know, the interesting thing is, a bunch of these kids are looking to do the **Cell Tech** business when they finish school.”

Note: From Book’s Back Cover:

“**AUGUST CELEBRATION** is about the man and woman who discovered a unique form of the **FIRST FOOD**” on Earth in a pristine Oregon lake. It’s also about the transformational effect their discovery could have on ***your health, your income, and your children’s future.***”

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SOUTH-CENTRAL

NYC to Get Tips on Urban Gardening

A local community group that sees urban gardening as getting youths off the streets and into jobs has been selected to pass along its trade secrets to similar organizations in New York City.

Hope LA Horticulture Corps recently received a \$3,000 grant to teach three New York-based community organizations the particulars of "urban agri-forestry." It is a program hailed as groundbreaking by proponents because it not only provides job training and self-esteem building but also eventually pays for itself through the sale of fresh crops grown at project gardens.

For Hope LA founder George Singleton, the Kellogg Foundation grant is confirmation that his group is on the right track.

"We have a model that can be transferred to every inner city in the country," the 46-year-old urbanist said. The grant was part of the foundation's efforts to encourage dialogue and program sharing among community service groups.

Singleton has already visited New York once to introduce his concept at a workshop, and he plans to return in the summer to put the idea into practice.

Meanwhile in New York, program directors with the target agencies have begun making room for their programs for self-sustaining urban agriculture.

"We're talking about using it for a youth program and to help in neighborhood revitalization projects," said Yaw Vilmer with the Banana Kelly Community Improvement Assn., one of the groups Singleton visited in December.

Hope LA is a subsidiary of South-Central Los Angeles-based Hope LA, a private, nonprofit community development corporation. Money for the program comes primarily from profits from Hope LA's cracker and cookie factory and a yearly fund-raising concert at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.



BOB CHAMBERLIN / Los Angeles Times

Hope LA founder George Singleton teaches urban agriculture at garden near John Hope continuation school.

Since 1980, Hope LA has operated a teaching garden on a former vacant lot at John Hope Continuation High School. Once choked with weeds, the two-acre site now sprouts collard greens, turnips, fruit trees and highly coveted Paulownia trees.

Singleton hopes to defray the cost of the program over the next several years by harvesting the Paulownias and selling them for \$1,000 per cubic meter. The wood is highly prized by the Japanese furniture and toy industries, he said. Other crops grown at the garden will also be sold.

In addition, roughly 30 young men and women have earned part-time pay watering, pulling weeds and otherwise tending the program's verdant "micro-farm" smack in the middle of the concrete and stucco of an aging urban neighborhood.

With that experience, many trainees have gone on to get jobs in landscaping, greenhouse care and other horticulture-related jobs.

Gerardo Gutierrez, 19, who works as a landscaper with the city Department of Water and Power, says he owes his job to Hope LA.

From working in the garden for a year, Gutierrez gained enough know-how to get a job mowing lawns and trimming bushes at DWP facilities across the city. The position is only part time, but Gutierrez hopes eventually to turn it into full-time work.

If not for Hope LA, the teen said, he would probably "be out on the streets hanging out."

The garden at the continuation high school is different than most, Singleton said, because he uses the ancient Egyptian and Native American practice of digging seed beds two feet deep rather than the standard 8 to 12 inches.

This allows four times as many plants to be grown, he said, requiring half as much water while maximizing cash-crop output on scarce urban land.

That prospect was one of the reasons the Banana Kelly program was drawn to Singleton's idea, said Joe Hall, director of community enrichment services for the agency, based in a Bronx neighborhood.

"We're a community development corporation, and his program model has gotten us to thinking about micro-enterprises with an environmental slant," Hall said.

Singleton's group hopes to establish other "agri-forests" in Los Angeles, including one in the Jordan Downs public housing project and another at Southwest College.

"We hope it will connect the young people with nature and ground them in a work ethic," he said.

—STEPHEN GREGORY



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Local youth wins 4 year scholarship



**GEORGE WASHINGTON
SINGLETON**

George Washington Singleton, III the only son of the late Dr. George W. Washington, Jr. of Shelby, North Carolina lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hall, Jr. 124 West 44th Street. George a senior of Shortridge High School and ranking 29th on the Senior Honor Roll out of class of 448. George was offered a scholarship to attend Brebeuf Preparatory School, but Shortridge High School was his choice.

George's activities while attending Shortridge included the Student Board — honorary member, Treasurer of Senior Class; State Treasurer, Indiana District of Key Club International; All City Band, Symphonic Band, (Sweater) and Marching Band, Orchestra, Treasurer-Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, Naturalist Club, Vice-President of Club 30, Honor Student, National Achievement Scholarship Finalist, Boy's State, National Honorary Society and NSSFNS Finalist.

It was an early dream of George's to attend the University of Chicago. His dream has come to pass as he will enter

the university in September on a 4 year scholarship grant.

George has been awarded three (3) other four year scholarships to other universities. George is an active member of Mount Zion Baptist Church where his grandfather, Rev. Lorenzo E. Ervin is assistant pastor.