











## Black Scientists' Inventions Enrich the Lives of Us All

DEAR ABBY: The column you published with the article by the late Sam Levenson about the contributions to medical science made by Jewish people set me to thinking. Perhaps it's time to remind your readers about the predicament this world would be in without the contributions made by African-American scientists.

It is, indeed, a free world. You don't have to like black Americans, but if you don't, I suggest you boycott blood plasma because the ways of preserving it were discovered by Dr. Charles Drew. You should also boycott the portable X-ray machine, truck refrigerator systems and the self-starting gasoline motor, invented by Frederick Jones; the control unit used in the pacemaker, chemical air filters, and many electronic devices used in radios, TVs and other electronic equipment, invented by Otis Boykin; the electric incubator, the automatic air brake and the telephone receiver, invented by Granville T. Woods; linoleum, fuel briquettes, peanut butter, synthetic rubber and synthetic marble, to name only a few of the discoveries and inventions of George Washington Carver; and practical incandescent lightbulb filaments, invented by Lewis Latimer. These are only the beginning.

Yes, go on and boycott your air-conditioned cars, your long-distance and cellular phone calls, the subway and trolley cars. Refuse the gift of life by declining to accept blood transfusions — and don't dare wear



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

a gas mask because it, too, was invented by an African-American!

Remain in the Dark Ages. Bury your head under that sheet. And — good riddance.

ANNA WELDON, VAN NUYS, CALIF.

DEAR ANNA: Thanks for a thought-provoking letter. Many can learn from it. I did.

DEAR ABBY: I didn't know whether to scream or cry when I read the letter you received from "His Mother," the woman whose 26-year-old professional son lied to his friends about her academic and professional achievements, and then had the nerve to ask her to back up his lies when she came to visit. My heart goes out to that lady.

My mother was widowed when my sister and I were very young, long before single motherhood was common (1975 to be exact). Mom had only a high school education,

but she managed to raise us and inspire us to get a higher education. She taught us tenacity and the value of a good work ethic. She did go to college — when I was almost out of school myself. I couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments if she were a CEO.

Today, I am a 24-year-old professional, but I would never dream of presenting my mother as anything other than a woman who overcame great odds and put forth her best in raising two children in a society that was not always supportive.

The son who felt he had to pump up his mother's accomplishments should think about how different his life might have been if she had been the woman he told his friends she was. I have seen too many career people (men and women) neglect their families to climb one more rung on the corporate ladder.

Please use my name: Mom and I have nothing to hide.

D. CURTIS WILKINSON, SAN FRANCISCO

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sure to state desired zodiac signs.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You may have some extra responsibilities to contend with today. If your attitude is negative, you could make even more work for yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You may have to work closely today with someone who has an abrasive, forceful personality. You will gain nothing by challenging his or her views.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Authority figures who throw their weight around will be very distasteful to you today. Make sure not to inflict the same offensive behavior on your subordinates.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not use anger to cover up a weak position. A facade will not be necessary if you keep your ego out of the debate.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today, you may feel like you're the giver and someone else is the taker. The accused may hold a similar view. You both may be right.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Problems may develop today if you are cantankerous instead of cooperative. Do not be

unreasonable or insist on always getting your way.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You might back yourself into a corner today and then angrily look for a scapegoat. You should examine yourself first before blaming someone else.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** In competitive, social sports today, don't let the activity become more important than the friendship. Conceding points to your pal will be better than arguing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Strive for achievement today, but use only tactics you can take pride in. Your reputation will take a hit if your methods are tainted.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Do not behave like a know-it-all today because you might run into someone who truly deserves the accolades. This experience could be humbling.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If your extravagance gets out of hand at this time, you might be encouraged to spend funds earmarked for the future. Do not trip over your credit card.

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## Horoscope



### Your Birthday

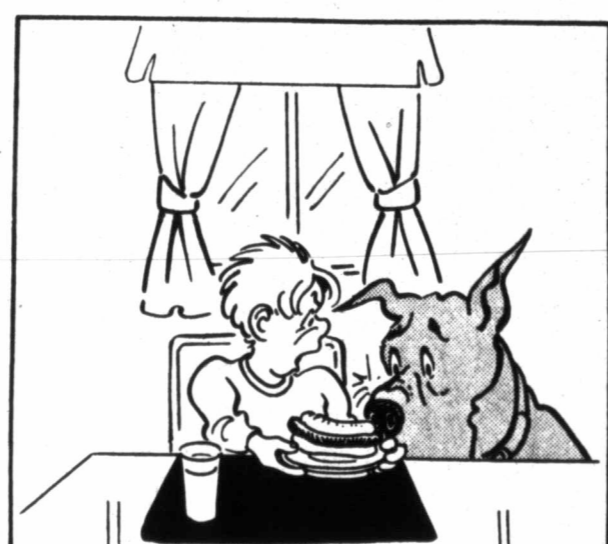
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Your character has undergone some constructive transitions this past year, and you'll be more self-reliant and better able to fend for yourself. You will like these changes.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** The freedom to make your own choices could be of the utmost importance to you today, but you might try to deny this same privilege to your companion or mate. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail \$2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make



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### The Family Circus



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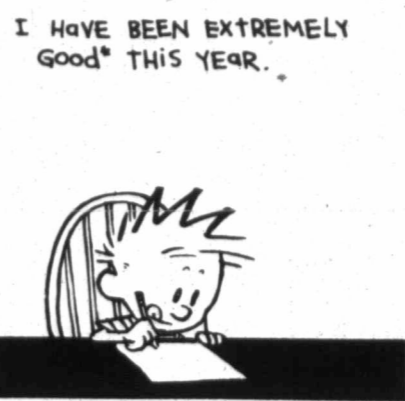
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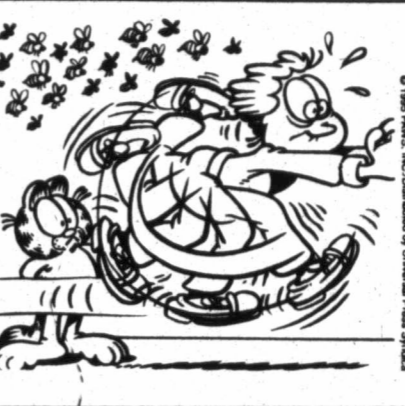
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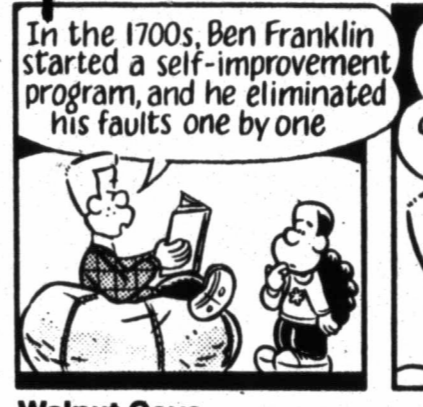
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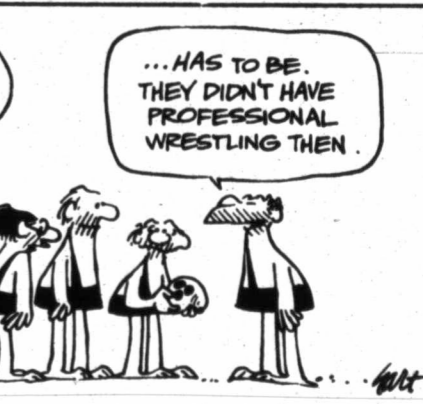
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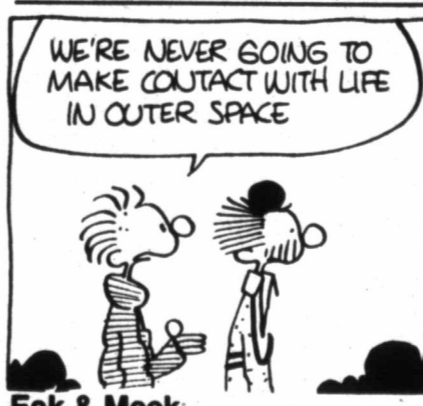
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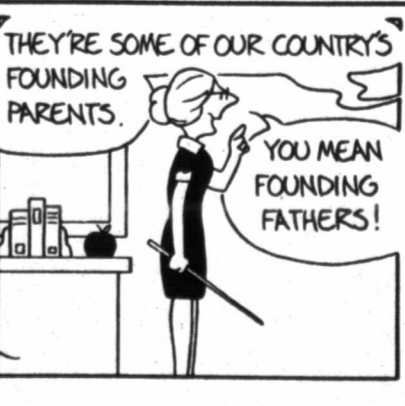
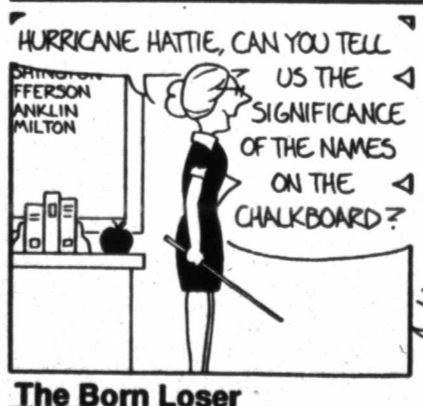
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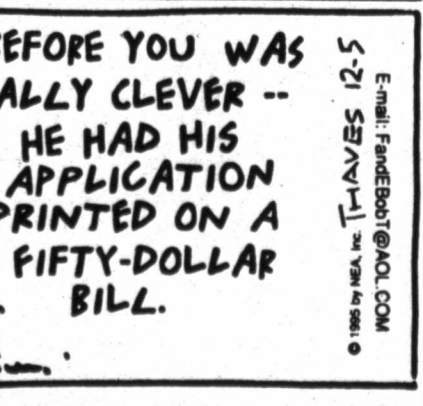
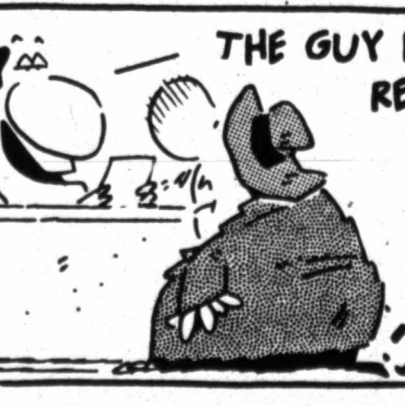
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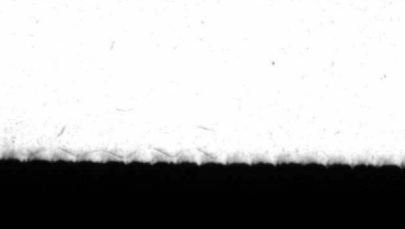
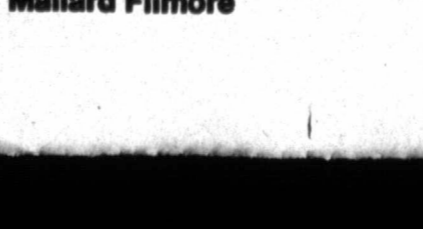
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## Republican senators continue Whitewater investigation, question Clintons' attorney

By PETE YOST  
Associate Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans on the Whitewater Committee turned their attention to a former White House lawyer as Democrats on the panel defended their attack on a witness who filed an ethics complaint.

Today's leadoff witness was former associate White House counsel William Kennedy, who attended a Nov. 5, 1993, Whitewater meeting with three other White House aides including deputy counsel Bruce Lindsey. Lindsey refused last week to tell the committee any details of the discussion.

Lindsey said the conversation at the office of the personal attorney for the president and first lady involved the Clintons' right not to have their private counsel disclose client matters.

After Lindsey's refusal to testify about the Whitewater meeting, White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said the discussion in the office of the Clintons' lawyers did not touch on the U.S. attorney in Little Rock, Ark., removing herself that day from Whitewater criminal investigations.

And Fabiani said there had been no discussion at the meet-

ing of obtaining Whitewater-related documents from the Small Business Administration — material that was gathered by the White House a week and a half after the meeting. Fabiani added that the White House wanted to try to work out with the Senate committee the issue of the meeting's confidentiality.

After Fabiani's comments, the committee notified Kennedy that it expects him to respond to questions about the meeting. The notification of Kennedy was disclosed by a congressional source familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Senate Republicans also were to question Kennedy about his two discussions in August 1993 with Little Rock lawyer Randy Coleman, who was representing disgraced Judge David Hale. Coleman told Kennedy that Hale would allege there were face-to-face meetings with Clinton regarding Hale's loans to prominent Arkansas politicians at the time Clinton was governor.

On Monday, former federal Whitewater investigator Jean Lewis alleged that her privacy was invaded when an epithet she used to describe President Clinton was disclosed by Richard Ben-Veniste, the lawyer

for the Senate panel's Democrats.

Lewis also filed the complaint against the committee's ranking Democrat, Paul Sarbanes, asking that the Senate Ethics Committee discipline him and Ben-Veniste.

Ben-Veniste surprised Lewis last week with a letter she wrote characterizing Clinton as a "lying bastard" for denying a long-running relationship with Jennifer Flowers. The reference to Clinton was in a letter to a friend concerning Lewis's 14-year-old stepson.

During Lewis' testimony, committee Republicans pounded on the reference to Flowers, saying millions of Americans would agree with Lewis' assessment of Clinton's denials.

Ben-Veniste "acted properly in this matter, which involved a disk from a government computer used by Jean Lewis at work," Sarbanes said in a statement. "I welcome any review of the matter which the Ethics Committee deems appropriate."

Ben-Veniste introduced the letter to demonstrate that Lewis had made derogatory comments about the president on the eve of her investigation into a savings and loan owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners.

## Tel Aviv looks skyward despite controversy

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Critics call it capitalism with a vengeance. Supporters see it as the only sensible answer in a land-starved country with a roaring economic engine and booming population.

Tel Aviv, Israel's congested economic and cultural center, is entering the era of the skyscraper — and not everyone sees that as a sign of progress.

Dozens of office and apartment towers between 20 and 50 stories tall are under construction or in the works. Deputy Mayor Dan Darin terms it "a construction revolution."

The construction will turn the bustling but low-rise Mediterranean metropolis into something akin to Manhattan or Hong Kong, visiting French architect Jean Nobel told the Tel Aviv Weekly.

Conservationists fear the ambitious plans will stamp out the human scale lent by unassuming buildings that rise, boxlike, four stories above narrow, tree-lined streets. Thousands of them, despite often crumbling facades, are considered classics of the spare, functional style pioneered by Germany's Bauhaus school in the 1920s and brought to the then-new city by immigrant architects.

Critics also say central Israel is already on its way to becoming one of the most congested areas in the industrialized world.

Through a relatively high birthrate of about 19 per 1,000 and a huge influx of immigrants — nearly 700,000, most former Soviets, since 1990 — Israel's population now pushes 6 million.

More than a third live in the Tel Aviv metropoli-

tan area and some two-thirds in the narrow coastal strip stretching 90 miles from the northern port of Haifa to Ashdod south of Tel Aviv.

The economy, meanwhile, has swelled dramatically as a result of the immigration and peacemaking with the Arabs. Economic growth, disproportionately focused on Tel Aviv, was almost 40 percent in the past six years.

According to estimates, almost half the office space in Israel is in Tel Aviv, and the demand is constantly rising, especially as multinational firms attracted by the end of the Arab boycott on trade with Israel move in.

Housing prices nearly doubled in the past several years as demand outstripped supply. A three-bedroom apartment in Tel Aviv averages \$250,000 — at least as expensive as New York City. John Ross, an options trader who moved to Tel Aviv from Chicago four years ago, said the new towers are needed to make the city appropriate "for an upscale, Western style, service-based economy, which is where the country is headed."

"I'm all for the changing of building style away from these ugly, homogeneous three-story walkups," said Ross, 31.

But author Yitzhak Lior, a long-suffering dweller of downtown Tel Aviv, said the sudden construction boom reflected "Israel's uncontrolled capitalism."

He warned it would make life even tougher for residents already struggling with a dearth of parking spots and congested streets.

## World briefs

### Public employees strike spreads to private sector

PARIS (AP) — A crippling public employees' strike to protest proposed changes in the social security system spread to some private sector companies today as the winter's first snowfall worsened miles of snarled traffic.

Traffic was blocked up for up to 25 miles on roads into Paris but it was much lighter than on Monday, suggesting that some private workers were individually heeding public unions' calls to join the strike, in its 12th day.

The strike also spread to some private sector unions. Workers at five small companies in the Burgundy region said they were joining the work stoppage. It was unclear whether other private firms would follow their lead, and most private sector employees remained on the job.

Prime Minister Alain Juppe prepared to defend his plan to overhaul the social security system during a National Assembly debate on a censure motion introduced by the Socialist Party.

### Cold claims 160 lives in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — More than 160 people have frozen to death in Moscow in the past month, and all of them were drunk, the city Health Department was quoted today as saying.

As many as 20 people died in the first five days of December, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported, citing the health department.

Temperatures this past week have dipped well below freezing, and on Monday went as low as 2 degrees below zero.

The Russian cold claims victims every year, but this year's numbers are high.

Last December, about 24 people had died of exposure by mid-month, despite record cold. In 1993, there were 136 cold-related deaths in December.

### Thief steals diamonds from Duchess of York

LONDON (AP) — A diamond necklace and bracelet belonging to the Duchess of York were stolen during a flight from Washington to London, Buckingham Palace said today.

The jewels, wedding gifts from the duchess's mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth II, were reportedly worth \$382,000. They were taken from a suitcase belonging to an aide who was on a different flight Monday from the duchess.

The theft was discovered when the duchess, the former Sarah Ferguson, and a lady in waiting unpacked at home in Windsor, west of London, a spokeswoman for the duchess said. She spoke on condition of anonymity.

Scotland Yard said detectives at London's Heathrow Airport were investigating the theft.

### Newly discovered virus kills horses ... and people

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — First the horses lost their appetite, then they began to

twitch. That turned into convulsions, the animals flailing against their stalls. Within two weeks, their lungs hemorrhaged and they drowned in their own blood, which gushed from their mouths and nostrils.

Then the disease struck the horses' handlers, eating holes in their lungs until they choked to death.

It was the first time in medical history that a virus previously unknown to science suddenly appeared in one mammal and then jumped to another with such deadly effect, killing two horse handlers.

The culprit: a type of morbillivirus, from the family of viruses that include measles, canine distemper and cattle plague.

But it is unclear why it suddenly became so virulent, why it was adapted to killing humans and when it will strike again.

"It wasn't known to exist before," Niall Byrne, spokesman for the government-run Australian Animal Health Laboratory in Geelong, said today. "The best guess is that this virus normally lives in a native mammal that rarely has contact with horses and people."

The outbreak began late last year in Queensland, but claimed its latest victim just six weeks ago.

Twenty-one horses fell ill in Queensland along Australia's Gold Coast in September 1994, convulsing until 14 of them coughed up blood and died. Veterinarians at first thought they had ingested poison.

## Doctor pleads innocent to violations of FDA regulations

HOUSTON (AP) — A Polish-born physician and researcher has pleaded innocent to charges that he made an unapproved cancer treatment available to patients.

Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski of Houston entered the plea on Monday in federal court. Burzynski was arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Judge Calvin Botley. He is charged with mail fraud, contempt and violations of FDA regulations.

The Houston doctor and the Burzynski Institute were named in a 75-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury. The indictment came after a 10-

year investigation that prompted Burzynski to charge that the U.S. attorney's office and the FDA have a vendetta against him.

The charges against Burzynski are based on a cancer drug he developed — antineoplastin — that initially was made from human urine and now is made from a synthesized substance.

Prosecutors allege that Burzynski used the drug, which the FDA has not approved, on more than 2,500 patients to treat a variety of illnesses — AIDS, arthritis, cancer, lupus, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

## Chrysler sues Iacocca, claims he betrayed company

DETROIT (AP) — The company Lee Iacocca helped bring back from near bankruptcy is suing him.

Chrysler Corp. claims its former chairman helped dissident shareholder Kirk Kerkorian's takeover attempt by divulging company secrets, all while still being paid as a consultant for the auto company.

"Iacocca has breached his fiduciary duties owed to

Chrysler by disclosing confidential information about

Chrysler to Kirk Kerkorian, a notorious corporate

raider," said the lawsuit filed Monday in circuit court. Iacocca, who retired as chairman in 1992 but stayed on for two more years as a \$500,000-a-year consultant, was part of Kerkorian's failed attempt to take over the nation's No. 3 automaker last spring.

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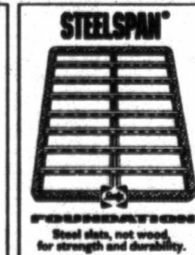
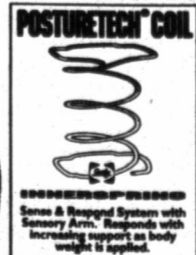
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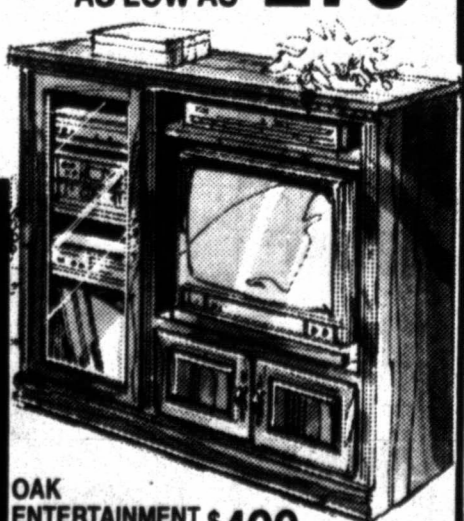
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