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NATIONAL NEWS WIRE

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Va. Black Community is on Nation's Historic Register

A neighborhood called Truxtun was the nation's first planned community for black families. Seventy-six years ago Truxtun, a creation of the segregationist South located in Portsmouth, Va., was designed for "colored" families built by what was known then as the U.S. Housing Corp. A white counterpart was built nearby so both races of working-class families could conveniently live nearby Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The two 43-acre developments were separate, but equal, and were among 10 planned communities constructed for U.S. workers. The white and black communities were identical, from the tree-lined gravel streets and park area to the indoor plumbing and electric lights. In the 1920s, Truxtun was a model for what many working-class black families could only dream of. Each house has a brick foundation. A church, school, grocery store and drugstore were all part of the community design. Long-time residents say Truxtun, which was designated a national historic landmark, was a strong social, spiritual and civic center for Black America, producing many of its business and professional leaders from the 1930s to the 1960s. "Truxtunites," as they still call themselves, say they want to pass this sense of community pride to their children.

Feds Take Control of Chicago's Public Housing Authority

The federal government has taken control of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) in an attempt to improve the wretched living conditions of almost 100,000 public housing residents. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has taken control of 40,000 units in 17 major developments with majority African-American populations. CHA has long been a national symbol for the failures of public housing. CHA's largest development, and failure, is the infamous Robert Taylor Homes, a bleak, blocks-long series of high-rise buildings that are riddled with drug traffic and violent crime. Vincent Lane, CHA's outgoing chairman, gained a national reputation for innovative management. He pioneered the "midnight basketball" leagues, which helped public housing officials in Chicago and other areas across the U.S. lower crime among 14-19-year-old youth.

Illegal Drug Buys Down

Americans spent an estimated \$49 billion on illegal drugs during 1993, 23 percent less than the \$64 billion spent in 1998 largely because of a decline in buys for cocaine and heroin, says Lee Brown, President Clinton's African-American Drug Czar. Brown estimates that in 1993, \$31 billion was spent on cocaine, \$9 billion on marijuana, \$7 billion on heroin and \$2 billion on controlled substances such as amphetamines. In 1993, about 2.1 million Americans were hard-core cocaine users and 500,000 were hard-core heroin users. Nine million Americans use marijuana.

A Chance to Get In On Bottom Floor of Enterprising Black Project

The Los Angeles-based Community Financial Investment Group Corporation (CFIG) has announced it is trying to coordinate black community financial

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Bottling Real Black Economic Power

by Bernice Powell Jackson

There's an old saying about finding something good and then bottling it. It's a saying that J. Bruce Llewellyn must have taken to heart as a young man because he made it into a reality as an adult.

J. Bruce Llewellyn was born in Harlem to parents who had immigrated from Jamaica. When he was only 16 years old, he joined the U.S. Army, where he was made company commander at 19 years old. When he left the army two years later, he opened a retail store in Harlem while attending college at night. After earning a bachelor's degree from the City University of New York, Llewellyn earned a law degree from New York Law School, an MBA degree from Columbia and a degree in public administration at New York University.

As a young black man in the 1960's, Bruce Llewellyn turned to government and politics. While he served in significant positions in the city and federal government, somehow he must have known that his real strength was in business. Bruce Llewellyn is an entrepreneur par excellence.

In 1969, Llewellyn bought Fedco Foods Corporation, which was then a chain of ten food stores in the south Bronx with gross sales of \$18 million annually. Other buyers had shied away from this potentially lucrative business because it was located in a poor and predominately black and Hispanic section of the city. But Bruce Llewellyn knew that poor people buy food too and by 1984, when he sold Fedco, it had become the nation's largest minority-owned retail business with 29 supermarkets, 900 employees and grossing \$100 million annually.

Today Bruce Llewellyn is the Chairman and a majority stockholder of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, which he bought in 1983. Five years later he bought the Coca-Cola bottling operation in Wilmington, Delaware. The Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company has 1,000 employees with \$290 million in sales annually.

Bruce Llewellyn's business expertise has not been confined to the food and beverage industries, however. In 1986, he became the principal stockholder and Chairman of the ABC television network affiliate in Buffalo, New York and from 1989 until 1994 he served as the Chairman of Garden State Cablevision, Inc., one of the largest cable systems in the country.

His public service career has continued throughout his business one. In 1977 he was named as President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and he currently serves as a member of the President's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiation and is chairman of the U.S. Small Business Administration Advisory Council on Small Business.

In the midst of all his business accomplishments, Bruce Llewellyn has always maintained a commitment to his community. The founder and former Chairman of 100 Black Men, he has played an important role modeling and mentoring for many young black men.

Bruce Llewellyn is living proof that African Americans can excel in business and, when given the chance, can become successful entrepreneurs. Now, if we can only bottle his experience, his gifts, his savvy and his ability to overcome discrimination and stereotypes, economic development in the African American community could become a reality. Then we'd have real black power.

Habitat for Humanity

Lubbock Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide religious organization that is striving to make home ownership available for disenfranchised people around the world.

The Lubbock Chapter is working with fourth core young people on preparing a house on Ivory Ave. for remodeling for a prospective family.



Original house of Ernest Butler

Special Editorial

by Eddie P. Richardson

On Thursday, July 27th, at Mac Simmons Community Center, a group of young people from Texas Tech University sponsored a forum on Affirmative Action.

The program was good, informative and good views were brought out. There was one factor that was disturbing. Why deal with one person in the district when you have a number of politicians representing the district? The panel was addressing discrimination and affirmative action and one politician was singled out. This is just the opposite of what was discussed.

To start with, people in Texas that represent all of Texas, U.S. Senators Gramm and Hutchinson, Congressman Mac Thornberry, Local county Judge, Mayor for all of Lubbock, The real issue, District 2 County Commissioner Gilbert Flores, School Board Kathy Anderson, Why single T.J. Patterson, City Councilman, out? This shows immaturity, lack of knowledge, and bad taste. Put these persons' records together and T.J.'s speaks the loudest without comparison.

Questionnaire

1.) Are you satisfied with your current city council representative in District 2? (T.J. Patterson)

1. yes
2. no

2.) What do you expect from your city council representative?

3.) Who do you recommend for city council representative for district 2?

4.) What are the three biggest problems in your neighborhood?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Comments:

Thanks, State Representative Delwin Jones



Bell, partner, Hometown Distributors; David Henson, geographic marketing manager, Anheuser-Busch Inc.; Joann Swan, NUMBA national treasurer; Melvin Cornelious, NUMBA national president; and Mike Jones, corporate affairs central region manager, Anheuser-Busch Companies. NUMBA is a trade organization for African-American beverage companies throughout the country.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH WELCOMES 'NUMBA' NATIONAL CONFERENCE—Representatives of Anheuser-Busch Companies and its local wholesaler welcome officials of the National United Merchants Beverage Association (NUMBA) during the organization's 1995 Annual Trade Convention in Chicago. Shown at the convention's annual awards program, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch Companies, are (from left to right): Terry



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, located at 2002 Birch Avenue, began with services last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School. Supt. James Sterling was at his post of duty. A song, "Yield Not to Temptation," was sung. Prayer and another song, "What A Friend," was sung with classes marching to their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instruction. The classes re-assembled singing "Lift Him Up."

High points of the lesson were given by Pastor Billy R. Moton. They were very good.

Secretary's report: Youth Department—Kindergarten Class lost the offering banner to the Intermediate Class. During the Adult Report—Adult Class No. 2—Sister Dorothy Kinner as teacher—lost both banners to Class No. 1—Brother Earnest Swain as teacher.

There were four visitors in Sunday School.

Last Sunday was the Fifth Sunday and the Women Missionary Society was in charge of the 10:45 a.m. devotional period.

Senior Choir was responsible for the processional singing "Victory is Mine." Altar prayer was given by Rev. Jeff Brown. Another song, "Pass Me Not," was sung. The scripture was Psalm 100 and read by Sister Florenza Stokley. Prayer was offered by Sister Quigley. Another song, "Yes, I'm A Believer."

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was, "Oh, I Want to See Him." Pastoral observations

were given by Pastor Moton. Another song, "See What The Lord Has Done."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "How To Defeat the Enemy On Your Trail." His scripture text was 1 Peter 5:8-9. It was a wonderful message.

Invitation to discipleship was extended and one came for watch care.

Congratulations to Clara Blakemore for receiving a 35-year plaque from Reese Air Force Base. It was presented by Pastor Moton and congregation.

The New Hope Baptist Church Choir is extending an invitation to you to attend their August 5, 1995 program at 7:00 p.m.

The Moore Family Reunion was held last week in San Antonio, Texas. Among those attending from New Hope were the Sammie and Mattie Beaty family; the Henderson and the Cooper family.

Remember the sick and shut in with your precious prayers. Also don't forget the bereaved families. Among the deceased families were the Neva Burell and Arthur Tucker family. Sister Cavanaugh's son was funeralized last Friday.

Sister Odessa Hunt's services were held at St. John Baptist Church Friday, July 28, 1995 at 3:00 p.m.

Sister Vivian Peoples of the Triumph Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas was speaker at the W.M.S. program last Sunday afternoon. Singers were Rev. Gary Bunton and others. What a wonderful program....

National Black News Survey

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support to get a consumer product invented by a black man off the ground and into computer stores. Joe Jackson has created an electronic device, called TeleCommander, that allows parents to control what their impressionable-aged children view on television. Jackson says, "My device plays an important part in giving the parent that power to be able to control when a child watches TV, what they watch on TV, and how long they watch TV." The invention has attracted attention in Congress and among television company executives. Congressional representatives, thinking may be an answer to the problem of children watching so many television programs with sex and violence, are considering mandating that Jackson's TeleCommander be installed in every TV sold in the U.S. Call Community Financial Investment Group at (213) 299-3297 for information.

Black Car and Travel Report

The premier issue of African Americans on Wheels, a newspaper insert magazine, is out. This issue from the "black book" on cars features "Urban Picks" among sports utility vehicles. For a free copy of the 12-page publication, write to: African Americans on Wheels, 2054 National Press Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20045.

Black Paper Sued By Head of Boston NAACP

The Bay State Banner newspaper is the target of an \$8 million libel suit filed by the president of Boston's NAACP branch. Jack E. Robinson filed the suit after the newspaper called for him to resign from his NAACP position after his construction company had been decertified by the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance because it was actually controlled by whites. Robinson claims the Banner defamed him by writing stories that raised the possibility he committed fraud by getting a estimated \$1 million a year in state contracts. "Jack Robinson's firm has been decertified by SOMWBA; his appeal to the Superior Court did not prevail, and a further appeal to the federal court was unsuccessful," says Banner publisher Melvin Miller.

NAACP's Deficit Forces It To Cut Staff

Faced with a \$3.8 million deficit and an order to rein in spending by 40 percent, the NAACP will have to cut much of its Baltimore national operations and some of its seven regional offices. The NAACP currently has a 74-member core staff. Earl Shinhoster, a long-time organization administrator, has been named acting executive director since the departure of Ben Chavis.

Selena: Dreaming of You



A hard-working performer who bedazzled her devout following with a powerful voice, striking exotic looks and glitzy shows, Selena Quintanilla was the No. 1 female Latino star in the U.S. and Mexico when she was shot by a disgruntled former employee on March 31st in Corpus Christi, TX.

Selena's death sparked an outpouring of affection by her fans which has been reflected in the extensive and ongoing sales of albums, magazines and books pertaining to a much-loved artist who was as humble off-stage as she was confident on it.

In April, Selena became what is believed to be the first recording artist to place five Spanish-language albums simultaneously on the Billboard 200. Her Grammy-nominated 1994 release AMOR PROHIBIDO went platinum, while her 1993 Grammy-winning disc LIVE! and her 1992 album ENTRE A MI MUNDO struck gold.

According to *Time Magazine*, Selena "was the embodiment of young, smart, hip Mexican-American youth—wearing midriff-baring bustiers and boasting a tight-knit family and a down-to-earth personality, a Madonna without the controversy."

The *New York Times* praised Selena as a "young artist with unlimited possibilities," adding that she was "fearless" about achieving stardom in the non-Latino market.

At the time of her death, Selena was in the process of realizing one of her biggest dreams: crossing over into the English-speaking market. She already had recorded four English-language tracks that were to be included on her EMI Records premiere 1-ter this year.

That quartet of songs is featured on DREAMING OF YOU, a spectacular collection of Spanish and English-language numbers that capture Selena's singular ability to navigate smoothly in either language. Further, DREAMING OF YOU, which is being jointly released by EMI Latin and EMI Records, reflects Selena's interest in a broad range of music ranging from mariachi to hip-hop.

DREAMING OF YOU contains five English-language tracks, two English/Spanish duets—one of which, "God's Child (Baila Conmigo)," is a spirited vocal joust with David Byrne, two new Spanish-language mariachi ballads, and four previously released Spanish-language songs featuring three of her biggest Latino smashes: "Amor Prohibido," "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom," and "Como La Flor."

Selena worked on the four new English-language songs with a stellar lineup of producers: Keith Thomas, Rhet Lawrence, Guy Roche and Full Force. Thomas also contributed a beautifully tender love song, "I Could Fall In Love," which offers a peephole view of Selena's vast potential as a sensitive vocal interpreter.

Among the other noted writers who contributed tracks to DREAMING OF YOU were Diane Warren, Franne Golde, Tom Snow, and Desmond Child. Selena's EMI label mates the Barrio Boyzz cover up shimmering, English-language vocal harmonies on "Wherever You Are," a bilingual version of "Fonduquiera Que Estes," the Selena and Barrio Boyzz No. 1 Latino hit in 1993.

A native of Lake Jackson, TX., Selena began her rise to the top of the Latino market as the 10-year-old lead singer of Selena y Los Dinos. With her brother Abraham III—nicknamed A.F.—playing bass, and sister Suzette on drums, Selena took to the South Texas hinterland, performing at bars and clubs. Completing the family venture was their father Abraham who managed the band.

Selena y Los Dinos slowly built a base of fans attracted to the flamboyant singer who complemented her belting singing style with flashy teppichorean moves borrowed from African-American artists. At that time, the group primarily performed what is known generically as Tejano music—a piquant blend of zesty, accordion-powered polkas and lifting, reggae-tempered cumbias. Though fluent in English, Selena spoke little Spanish and she was forced to sing the band's Tejano tunes phonetically.

After cutting several albums with regional radio in Texas, Selena y Los Dinos signed with EMI Latin. Label president Jose Behar had earmarked the band for the crossover market, but Selena caught fire in the Latino arena both as a recording act and as a concert attraction. In February, she drew a record crowd of 61,000 to Houston's Astrodome.

Though dubbed by many as the "Queen of Tejano," most of Selena's hits, including two that are featured on DREAMING OF YOU—"Amor Prohibido" and "Como La Flor"—were rotated heavily on Latino radio stations of every format. Indisputably, Selena truly had become a star in the entire Latin market.

Selena's prospects for stardom in the English-speaking music world have been much debated since her death. DREAMING OF YOU gives ample indication that Selena would have made it if given the one commodity sadly taken away from her—time.

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The Lubbock Crickets Baseball Team will be featured at the Kidstuff program at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, on Tuesday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m. Come out and meet some of the players and get to know a little more about our newest pastime. This free program is geared for elementary school age children. For more information call 792-6566.

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Parkway Manor Care Center News - Volunteer Registration

Willie Jean Floyd and grand-daughter visited George Skief and Ruth Kohnson last Sunday afternoon. They reported a wonderful visit.

Mrs. A. D. Blaylock and daughter visited Scottie Moon last Sunday afternoon.

The First Progressive Baptist Church, with 15 members, and the Community Baptist Church with 18 members, sang last Monday evening and held worship services for the residents. What a wonderful time all had together.

Frances Presley visited Mr. Presley last Tuesday afternoon.

The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church's Sarah Circle, Queen of Sheba and Rachel Mission visited and worshiped with the residents of the center. Accompanying them were Rev. J.L. Barnes and three other members.

Rev. W.H. Stephens held his regular Wednesday morning Bible study lesson at 10:15 a.m. It is obvious that the Lord is still with this program. All admit they will be glad to share with anyone who attends. You will be glad you attended.

The basic theme last week was "I Ask and It Shall Be Given." Scripture text was Psalm 50:12.

Brother Albert Lincoln visited his brother William Lincoln last Friday afternoon.

Brother Birmingham, a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church and Elder Church's Temple, is pastor of the residents last Wednesday afternoon.

"Blessed with his goodness, Blessed with his love, Blessed with his showers that come from above, Blessed with his sunshine, Blessed with his air, I'll go on helping everyone here.

God gives the courage, Faith leads the way, Ohward we travel, happy and gay, Thinking of others willing to share, Taking God's message everywhere... Remembering others where'er I pray...

Looking to Jesus, He is the way, Onward I travel, Him by my side, I'll never falter, He is my guide...

Thanksgiving is good, Thanks-Living is Better, Mrs. Gloria Olquin, A.D. & R.; Rev. W.H. Stephens, Assistant A.D. & R.

DOWN HOME Those Bloody Gloves--Whose Are They?

by Dr. John Cashin

"The most serious threat to Black American males in all states, and in all walks of life, is the fact that the Ku Klux Klan has traded in its white sheets for blue police uniforms." —Attorney Erskine Smith, 1972

Not many people knew Erskine Smith as well as I did. At the time of his death in 1972, Erskine was the chairman of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. I was the Vice Chairman, and I succeeded him as Chairman after his death. He was a brilliant lawyer, and a fearless champion of Civil Rights in Alabama in the days when it was physically dangerous and economic suicide for white men to defend Black Americans' Civil Rights in the State of Alabama. But despite the threats, Erskine never faltered or backed down. He was also very bright, as his Phi Beta Kappa Key attested.

The quotation above came from one of our many reports to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Our Alabama Committee had become the most active of the fifty states, which was a natural result of Alabama's role as "The Keystone State of Massive Resistance," and "The Heart of Dixie," and "The Capital of the Confederacy." With such mottoes and boasting, it is no wonder that Alabama became the main battleground of the Civil Rights movement. In fact, John Patterson was elected governor over George Wallace in 1958, mainly because he could boast that, as Attorney General, he had "put the NMCIP out of business in Alabama!" Few people outside of Alabama know that just being a member of N.A.A.C.P. or C.O.R.E. in Alabama was punishable by a \$1,000.00 fine and six months in jail!

But this column is not about Alabama and/or the Civil Rights movement per se. It is about the current rage of the century, the O.J. Simpson murder trial in California. Whenever I spoke before audiences back in the sixties and early seventies, I was obliged to point out that things were the same Up South and Down South. Mary "Knee-Grows" disputed me back then, but not any longer! Time does tell—Right?

Since the very beginning of the tragic O.J. Simpson murder case, I have had an uneasy gut feeling that some things offered as evidence against O.J. just defy logic. The most disturbing thing was the conveniently incriminating bloody gloves, one found at the murder scene, and the other at O.J.'s house. But where at O.J.'s house? In a narrow space between a steel fence and the wall behind the room of a "witness" who heard loud bumps and thumps at a time "conveniently" appraised as shortly after the murder. It was these loud noises reported by this witness which led to the search of this remote area, I suppose, and EUREKA!! The Los Angeles Police detective found the other bloody glove!! How "convenient"! How "cut and dried!" But the story is a bit too cute for me to swallow!

First of all, even the dumbest, craziest killer in the world is not dumb enough to leave two bloody gloves anywhere to be easily discovered, and is much less likely to leave one at the murder scene, and the other at his house!! This strains credibility to the utmost! But the other credibility crisis came when prosecutor Clark made her detailed opening statement during the first day of the trial. Perhaps she recognized her problem, because she carefully and dramatically traced the drops of blood from the Bronco, up the driveway, and into O.J.'s front door, meticulously describing each numbered drop as matching the defendant's. However, she avoided mentioning the bloody glove, and where it had been discovered, perhaps a hundred feet around two corners from the trail of drops she carefully described! Maybe she thinks she can convince the jury that O.J. entered the premises twice, or that Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., F. Lee Bailey and Bob Shapiro won't notice the discrepancy! FAT CHANCE!! These guys are the best there is! And I would even bet they have contacted Morris Dees at Klanwatch in Montgomery, Alabama, to see what information they might have on KKK infiltration of the Los Angeles Police Department! Now wouldn't that be interesting? Meanwhile, save your money, get everybody registered to vote, and keep on reading DOWN HOME! This struggle ain't over yet!

Citibus Annual Roadeo

LUBBOCK, TX—Citibus is roundin' up for their annual Roadeo scheduled for Sunday, August 6 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m., in the north parking lots of the Civic Center. The Roadeo is an annual driving competition among Citibus bus and van operators.

The competition consists of various driving skills tests, using obstacle courses with cones as maneuvering tools. Approximately 24 judges will judge the competition in order to determine the bus and van champions for 1995. The champions will be announced at a barbecue dinner following the event.

Operators competing in the event have been with Citibus for at least one year, have not had a preventable accident, and have a good attendance record.

There will be a contest between local radio and television personalities during the Roadeo competition.

"Everyone at Citibus looks forward to this event. It is a great way for us to show our appreciation for our operators and have a good time. The competition also allows them a chance to show off their driving skills," said John Wilson, general manager of Citibus.

Shedding the Light on the Black College Graduate Myth

By Laddie Howard Special to NNPA

What does it mean to be young, gifted and to have been educated at a predominantly black college or university?

In order to posit an accurate response, we must briefly deal with the problem of perception versus reality. We all deal with misconceptions such as there are not many young, positive and ambitious black youth. Some believe that if a person is smart, ambitious and just happens to be black, then he should attend a large white university. Others assume black colleges and universities offer only mediocre programs that do not prepare their students for a multicultural society.

These, of course, create the perception that graduates of black institutions are less qualified than other graduates. The reality, however, is that in addition to building exceptional critical thinking, technical and tactical proficiencies, and excellent written and verbal communication skills, the undeniable gifts a black college offers strengthen one's self-confidence and instill a belief in one's ability to succeed despite the odds. These are indelible qualities that will determine who will lead and who will follow. Predominantly black colleges and universities build leaders.

My black college experience was indispensable. Never during my high school years had I considered attending a predominantly white university. Now I realize that to have done so would have been to deprive myself of the invaluable grooming and support that will carry me through a lifetime of achievement. In addition to preparing me for the theoretical and pragmatic challenges of life, my confidence was strengthened and supported at South Carolina State University.

Confidence precedes success and is, to paraphrase Hebrews 11:1, the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. For a young man aspiring in a world where intellectual capacity and professional suitability are often determined by subjective standards, it is the quintessential element that urges one who is flanked by outstanding competition to not only persevere, but to excel. For many, this is what it means to have attended a black institution.

And if there are problems that I have found, it is that having confidence in one's own ability while being very ambitious fills one with impatience. I am ready to make an unforgettable mark on society by succeeding socially and professionally. Ambition is necessary for greater success, and I will gladly deal with the impatience that is fed by the confidence that my black university created.

Laddie Howard is a Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund recipient and 1993 graduate of South Carolina State University. He is currently a second-year law student at the University of South Carolina and also works as a law clerk for the House Ethics Committee in the House of Representatives for the state of South Carolina. The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, a merit scholarship program, provides full four-year scholarships to students attending 37 historically black public colleges and universities involved with the fund. This column is part of a continuing series on higher education in the African-American community brought to you by Miller Brewing Company, founding sponsor of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. "Because the Present is Our Future."

RIG Decries Court Affirmative Action Decision as Major Step Backwards

By Oscar Eason, Jr.
President, Blacks In Government (BIG)

The U.S. Supreme Court has taken a giant step backwards from its stance of the past 30 years with regard to race relations in this country. The decision [in *Adarand Constructors v. Peña*] will make it harder for the federal government to encourage and promote equal opportunity, in a variety of federal programs by curbing the extent to which it can demand affirmative measures.

However, we believe the decision is clearly not a total disaster. The Court does not invalidate affirmative action; it makes it harder for the government to mandate programs that require affirmative action. These programs will need to present more compelling evidence that they are necessary, effective, and designed to end past discrimination. They will be subjected to a "strict scrutiny" standard of judicial review.

We believe most federal programs can meet this standard. We believe that past discrimination has resulted in numerous present ills that are being addressed by these programs and that the government should be able to prove a compelling societal interest in redressing these ills. Despite its critics, we see no alternative to affirmative action as a legal requirement that places the burden of proof on government, employers, colleges and other purveyors of opportunity to insure that they are providing such opportunity equally to all Americans.

BIG, as a national organization of African-American public servants, believes that government must be held to a high standard of equity and excellence. Our more than 250 chapters, drawn from more than 2.5 million African-American public servants employed by federal, state and local governments are a recognition of the need for affirmative efforts to address discrimination in the workplace.

The standard of equal protection under the law is set in the constitution and in the laws of the land. The Court has not rejected affirmative action as part of that standard; it has required that government exercise greater care in its implementation. We will continue to hold the government to these standards to insure that large segments of the public are not excluded from the promise of a better life.

For more information contact BIG at 1820 11th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20001. Tel: 202-667-3280.

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It Has To Be Us!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

For us to survive we have to put our resources together for the good and survival of us all. We must unite political not party; political and economic for the good of all of us. We have money and votes that makes the wheel go around but we must put them together to gain political and economical clout. We must forget about Republican and Ghetto and Democrat and Ghetto and get our act together and concentrate on what's best for us. We need each other and to survive we must have each other. Because instead of Republican and no or less aid and Democrat with more or less aid we need to build trade among ourselves.

We need to utilize our talent surplus to enhance our trade deficit, our talent is needed by us for the good of all of us. Everyone benefits from our talents but us for the good of us. We as a people spend more money in white corporate America than Red China, Russia and Japan and our dollars do not make a full turn in our own communities. We spend over one hundred forty billion dollars in white corporate America and a dollar do not turn around a full turn in our communities. Talent surplus trade deficit, we as a nation is the 9th largest nation in the world as far as wealth is concerned and retain less than one percent of our Gross National Product. Being the 9th wealthiest nation and having over 30 million votes, we should control our own destiny, make and break presidents and other politicians if we only pool our resources and united for the survival of us all.

With recession and inflation we need each other

more than any time in recent history. With all of our talent, all of our resources, and being the 9th wealthiest nation in the world and over 30 million strong if we got our act together we would be able to perform miracles. It would be a glorious day if we ever got together and pooled our resources and talents for the common cause of helping all of us. It would be miraculous if we ever became trade and economic oriented as we are side oriented. We could forget the donkey and the elephant and do our own thing for ourselves. With trade and white corporate america and others which would make life better for all concerned. With surplus of talented and deficit of trade if we ever turn this thing around, we could become major producers instead of major consumers and then producers. We need to redirect our thinking and start with the leadership and initiative come from within. We must stop settling around and waiting for the government or some white people to do for us what we must and should be doing for ourselves. Let's work with white institutions, white people that want to help us build and rebuild our communities but we must work and cooperate with them, with the leadership coming from us not them. Too long have we set around waiting on the government or someone to do for us what we must do for self.

We must become producers as well as consumers. We must utilize our talents to overcome trade deficits. Talent surplus trade deficit must be turned around, reversed if we are to survive and help save us from us or us. The personal creed of each of us should be and we should truly live by it: "If it is to be it is of to me." If we would all do it life would soon be better for all of us.

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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Much has been written about the superiority of certain ethnic groups and the inferiority of certain minorities and much more will be written as time goes on. Facts and fallacies will pervade the media as long as there is a cause to be justified or denied.

It is a fact that Blacks generally do not score as high as other ethnic groups on certain tests in certain places. Fun has been poked at Blacks regarding the so-called IQ test showing that one regarding un-wed mothers, imprisoned fathers, brick-bat alley fights, the use of big guns and the sales and use of drugs would be more appropriate to secure the IQ of Blacks.

Let us analyze these items. This could be an appropriate avenue for any group of people whom have suffered kidnapping from their native land, tongue and families, bondage of the cruellest kind, segregation, discrimination, miscegenation and miseducation for over two hundred years, while never attaining full citizenship or integration. Then when there is about to be a breakthrough to integration, the majority groups slowly attempts to turn back the hands of time. It is frustrating to say the least, though there are many success stories, mostly in the arena of entertainment; gifts which are not as easily controlled as others, nor desirous of control because of the joy that it brings.

On the other hand, take this same ethnic group and remove the barriers of bondage, segregation and discrimination, the under-education and mis-education, equal opportunity and though equal attainment may still not be immediately possible, much improvement will be realized. It is impossible to attain equality with a majority group when it holds and possesses all of the natural and any other kinds of resources. At best, minority groups can buy a share of the resources and build on what they can buy. Even then, there has to be plan of action supported by the entire ethnic group.

When I think of ethnic group support, I think about the picture of the people of color in South Africa, lined up for miles to vote for Nelson Mandela; people on canes, crutches and in wheel chairs. That shows the determination of a people; something which has not been seen in Black America since Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March on Washington.

We need to get 'in cinque' and understand that IQ is reflective of the environment which you are familiar with and information which you have learned in your environment. If the powers that be are not familiar with your environment and administer a test to you which is reflective of their environment, it will determine that you have a low IQ. Study what the test will assess; any test, and raise your score! KNOW THE CODE!



OBITUARY

Thurma Ethel "Bee" Britt OZARK, ALABAMA (Special)—Final rites were read for Mrs. Thurma Ethel "Bee" Britt on Monday, July 24, 1995 at the First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. S.C. Jackson, pastor, officiating.

Active pallbearers were J.R. Bivins, Rod Bivins, Willie Britt, Jr., Walter Britt, Donald Britt, and Ronald Britt.

Honorary pallbearers were Willie Britt, Sr., Shelly Bivins, Ulysee Martin, Oliver Billings, Ralph Bivins, and Joe Flowers.

Mrs. Britt was born March 13, 1908 to the late Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Fannie Johnson. She received her education in Pike County Schools. She joined the Old Springfield Baptist Church near Rocky Head at an early age. She was joined in wedlock to Mr. Randle "Doc" Britt in 1926. To this

union were born three children.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her daughter, Faustine Bivins; three brothers—Herbert, Hubert and Lamar Johnson.

She moved to Ozark with her parents in the early 1930s and joined the First Baptist Church in the later part of 1957. She moved to Newark, N.J. and there she united with United Freeome Baptist Church, the Rev. Isaiah Martin, pastor. She moved back to Ozark in 1988 and returned with the First Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Britt departed this life July 20, 1995.

She leaves to mourn her passing: two sons: William H. (Annie) Britt of Lubbock, Texas, and Elder Willie F. (Brenda) Britt of Ozark, Alabama; one sister, Mrs. Janie Mae Gissandanner of Ozark, Alabama; seventeen grandchildren, fifty-one great-grandchildren, twenty great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

A Clarence Thomas chronology

by Marva Stewart

Pre-Civil War Era
Master: Clarence, are you enjoying your life as a slave here in the big house?

Clarence: Hee, hee, ah, yes Master, sir. I'm enjoying this glorious life. All I do is work and you make all the important decisions. Master, how could I not enjoy a life where I have an opportunity to serve you and keep you happy.

Civil War Era

Master: Clarence, do you want to be a freed man?

Clarence: Master, I tell you the truth, us slaves don't need to be free. Why we have everything we need as slaves.

Master: Clarence, that's true. Of course, you know we have to take up arms and fight to preserve our southern ways and traditions. Are you going to fight for the Confederate way of life?

Clarence: Master, you don't have to ask me twice to fight for "our" way of life. Just get me a uniform and point me in the direction of those "damn" Yankees and especially those troublemakers like Fred Douglass and I'll tear them limb to limb with my bare hands.

Emancipation Day

Master: Go on Clarence. You are free now. Stop that crying boy. I don't care how much you beg me, I can't keep you on here as a slave any more.

Clarence: But Master, sir, I don't want to be free. I just want to do your will. How will I survive? I don't want to think for myself and be my own man. See, you are the man and I am the boy. When you say jump, I'm supposed to jump. That's the way it should be forever. That

Abraham Lincoln ought to be shot. Master may I join that new group you are forming? What do you call it the Klu Klux Klan?

Master: Shhh, shhh, not so loud, Clarence. Boy, that group is just for us white men, but I tell you what I expect from you. I...

Clarence: Anything Master, anything. Master: Promise me boy that you will continue to love us good white folk and remember your place in this world.

Clarence: Oh, yes, Master. I know my place.

Master: Good, now pass that fact on to your descendants. Tell them that they must forever respect and protect the rights of white folk. Remember, colored people are inferior and do not need any special favors or privileges, like forty acres and a mule. Make sure your sons, grandsons, and their descendants know this Clarence.

Clarence: Yes, sir Master, I surely will. Oh, we don't need to be like you white folk and have special privileges.

Master: Clarence, with the end of the slavery, the world might be changing greatly, but you remember your place and please stay away from white women. You hear me boy.

Clarence: (Hee, hee, hee) Master, you have my word.

Affirmative Action Era (Circa 1995)

Justice Thomas: My vote is no. Let's put an end to affirmative action, set aside special privileges for minorities. (To himself) I hope I made you proud, great, great, grandpa. Wait until I tell my beloved Virginia what I've done today. Boy, she will give me a big kiss when I tell her I want to replace the current American flag with the Confederate!

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Freedom Schools Offer More than Nutritious Lunches

Black Community Crusade for Children Summer Learning Programs Provide Food and Fun for Children Across the Country

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This summer, more than 2,000 children in nine states and the District of Columbia will have an alternative to the long unsupervised hours and unsafe streets that usually stalk their days, thanks to the Black Community Crusade for Children's (BCCC) Freedom School project.

Freedom Schools offer academic and cultural enrichment, recreation, conflict resolution, and other activities in a safe, positive environment for low-income African American children in urban and rural communities. The schools are run by students of the Black Student Leadership Network (BSLN) who are trained through the Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute. The students serve as mentors and teachers for the children enrolled at 28 Freedom School sites.

"The summer feeding program is a wonderful opportunity for children who might otherwise go hungry or not get additional learning opportunities in the summer months," said CDF President Marian Wright Edelman. "It not only helps ensure that children receive a decent meal and return to school ready to learn, it also helps us reach their parents. Part of our mission is to empower families to work together in neighborhoods to make a difference for our children."

Located in urban and rural communities alike, Freedom Schools provide students with a free, intensive summer learning experience. Each Freedom School accepts students ages five through 18 on a first-come, first-served basis. Children at the Freedom Schools begin each morning with breakfast, provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program (SFSFP), and participate

in educational activities designed to improve reading, writing, critical thinking, and cooperative learning.

Conflict resolution is a major component of the Freedom School curriculum this summer. Students at all levels will discover techniques they can use to control their emotions, solve problems creatively and diffuse potentially violent situations. "Many of these students don't see enough examples of children and adults solving their problems constructively," says BCCC Education Association Karen Tomson. "The Freedom Schools will provide students with a model to follow."

National Training Prepares Organizations and Students

The Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute is an intensive two-to-three week training program designed to prepare the host organizations, site coordinators, and interns directly operating the Freedom School programs in all aspects of community service, advocacy, and project management and implementation.

Through character building, leadership development, intergenerational mentoring, policy, and conflict resolution training, students were working to secure the future of this country following the each one teach one model.

"Our students and interns were trained in all areas of child advocacy from team building and literacy development to the real implications that the Contract with America will have on their community," said Lisa Sullivan, BSLN Acting Director. "Not only will Freedom Schools keep children academically involved while providing a safe haven from violence, students will use the direct contact they will have with parents to begin to mobilize communities on behalf of critical issues."

One of the most critical of these issues, being the danger the Summer Food Service Program faces due to Congressional budget proposals. According to CDF, only 2.2 million of the 14 million children who receive a free or reduced-price school lunch also receive a meal in the summer. If the House of Representatives' block grant proposal is enacted, approximately half of the children currently receiving a summer meal will not have a decent meal next summer.

The Black Student Leadership Network is a youth training and leadership development program. The BSLN is a national group of African American college-age adults and young community-based activists committed to improving the life chances of children.

The Black Community Crusade for Children mission is to ensure that no child is left behind and that every child has a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, and a Safe Start in life with the support of caring parents and communities.

The BCCC seeks to weave and reweave the rich fabric of community that historically has been the cornerstone for the healthy development of Black children; to tap into and strengthen the strong Black community tradition of self-help; to rebuild bridges between the generations and between the Black middle class and poor; to connect and galvanize current effective Black leadership around specific goals of children, and to identify, train, nurture, link, mobilize, and empower a new generation of Black servant-leaders on behalf of children. The BCCC is coordinated nationally by the Children's Defense Fund in partnership with well-established and effective regional child-serving organizations.

Parenting For Education

By Vivian W. Owens Special to NNPA

When you mention Abe Lincoln to eight-year-olds, they perk up and immediately rattle off the merits of the sixteenth president of the United States. Seven years later, those same youngsters who are now 15-year-olds may frown if you mention the Bill of Rights or the Underground Railroad, although these are also content history. Where, along the route between third grade and tenth grade, does the learner derail and refuse passage on the journey through history?

On the home front, parents may invite learners to explore history in ways organized to excite their sense of time, people, and events. Home activities can have end goals in themselves or they may add beautiful color to the formal lessons received in a school classroom. Consider the notion of maintaining relevancy. What is the history of your cultural or ethnic group? Does your city or state have historical sites which should be generally known by everyone? Weave your family history into the history of your ethnic group. Name great grandparents and dates they were born as you parallel this even, with other generally known historical events. Look at pictures and talk leisurely about the events depicted in them. Mention of society, fashion trends or of geographical peculiarities associated with historical sites often pique teenagers' interests with lasting effect.

Visit museums or historic homes every chance you get. Relate issues of 1776 to issues of 1976 or of 1896. Point out everyday matters that may have a basis in the past. Bring history to life with costumes (your child can make them), foods, or models of transportation. Matters of history become relevant when your child sees how they affect him and his interests. He tunes into it when he sees patterns he is familiar with already.

In your own way, with your own experiences, you will think of many ways to make history relevant to your child through home initiatives. You will start at the point your child is now. Make every effort to continue your touches of history with your child at each age level. Extra effort may be required for children between ages 10 through 16-years-old. Your effort makes a big difference.

Vivian W. Owens is the author of 'Parenting For Education, Create A Math Environment' and 'Nadanda, The Wordmaker.' Her books may be purchased by writing to Eschar Publications, P.O. Box 1196, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

Y.O.R.C Summer Program Activities

A very well-rounded summer program has been held at the youth outreach center. This program, however, will end August 15, 1995.

Good luck has been wished on all kids as they enter school this year.

The center, located at 1617 Parkway Drive, is open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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It won't come easy, until you get self completely out of the way. Focus completely on others. *Pray about it!*

Let's Pray—

God of Mercy, we confess how often we fail to fulfill your Holy purpose in our lives, because we allow Satan to win his victories over us. We pray, Lord, for the wisdom to detect his vicious attacks upon us, and pray that we will use the power of your word for strength to resist him. Let us stand upon your Word and use its spiritual nourishment to build up our faith in our lives, to your greatest glory. "Satan," we won't take it any more. We bind your activity in the lives of all God's children, *in the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.*

To all sisters and brothers that are hurting, "you can make it. You really can." Repeat these words out loud. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law, which is poverty—sickness—and spiritual death. Gal. 3:13, Deut. 28, 1 Chron. 17:14.

We shall continue to walk by faith and not by sight.

We will meet Saturday, August 5th, 1995 in the home of Delbert & Dorothy Hood, 2132 E. 5th, at 9 a.m. "See you then..." Come believing, and you stay will receive.

Keep smiling and doing all the good you can do. It's too rare in the day to do otherwise.

If you spread enough venom, you will eventually poison yourself. "Be careful," and remember God loves you and so do we.

Write us, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408. Or come by the above address Saturday at 9 o'clock. You're "Welcome."

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We Thank God for Jesus

"BETTER THAN BLESSED!!!"

Proverbs 27:20, Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are NEVER SATISFIED.

We have a little headache, the pain is great; and we want to CURSE. We hear of people with BRAIN

TUMORS; THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

Psalms 92:1, 2, It is a good thing to give THANKS UNTO THE LORD, and sing praise unto thy name, O MOST HIGH; TO shew forth thy LOVINGKINDNESS in the morning, and thy FAITHFULNESS EVERY NIGHT.

We can go buy groceries, fill 12 SACKS; PRICE HIGH AND WE CURSE. We see the many people, HUSTLING TRASH CANS; THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

Deuteronomy 15:11, THE LORD SAID, For the POOR shall never cease out of the land; therefore I COMMAND THEE, Saying, Thou shalt OPEN THY HAND WIDE UNTO THY BROTHER, TO THE POOR, AND TO THY NEEDY, IN THE LAND.

WHEN THE HEAT WAVE COMES, AND THE TEMP GETS 105; WE WANT TO CURSE, SOME PLACES HAVE TEMPERATURES 118 DEGREES; THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

Psalms 118:3, 4, THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING; it is MARVELLOUS IN OUR EYES. This is THE DAY which THE LORD HATH MADE; WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

You go to the store, pull the door; IT'S HARD TO OPEN AND YOU CURSE, But you see THE MAN IN THE WHEELCHAIR trying to get in; THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

Psalms 105:1-3, O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD; call upon his name; make known of his DEEDS among the people. SING UNTO HIM, sing psalms unto him; TALK YE OF ALL HIS WONDROUS WORKS. GLORY YE IN HIS HOLY NAME; LET THE HEART OF THEM REJOICE THAT SEEK THE LORD.

Some people get their CARS FENDER BENT, AND OUT LOUD THE CURSE, THEN THEY SEE CARS THAT'S TOTAL OUT; THANK GOD THEY'RE BLESSED.

1 Chronicles 16:34, O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD; FOR HE IS GOOD; FOR HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOR EVER.

It can RAIN ALL DAY; and only bring 4 INCHES, and under our breath we curse BUT WE CAN SEE THE FLOODING IN OTHER STATES; THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

We can STUB OUR TOE, THE PAIN CAN BE VERY GREAT, OUT LOUD WE CURSE, WE SEE THE MAN WITH NO FOOT AT ALL; THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

The wind is BLOWING 40 MPH, PUT SAN'D IN YOUR HOME; AND YOU CURSE, WE'VE FORGOTTEN THE 1970 TORNADO; THAT HIT LUBBOCK, THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

2 Timothy 3:1, 2, THIS KNOW ALSO, that in the LAST DAYS (NOW) perilous (DANGEROUS) times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY.

The man says his NEW CAR IS MISSING; NEEDS A TUNE UP AND HE CURSE, BUT WE CAN SEE THE PEOPLE IN 1960 MODELS, TRYING TO MAKE IT; THANK GOD HE'S BLESSED.

Ecclesiastes 1:8, 9, All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: THE EYES IS NOT SATISFIED WITH SEEING, nor the ear filled with hearing. The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done AND THERE IS NO NEW THING UNDER THE SUN.

The man said; MY CAR IS BROKEN; AND I HAVE TO RIDE CITYBUS, AND HE CURSE, THERE ARE MANY CITIES IN TEXAS, THAT DON'T HAVE A PUS SYSTEM; THANK GOD WE'RE BLESSED.

(Brothers and Sisters: Let's pray for THIS UNGRATEFUL NATION; AS WE LIFT UP THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS.)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19, Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing GIVE THANKS; for this is THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU. QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT.

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Suicide Prevention

"And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here" (Acts 16:27-28).

So desperate was the jailer's position in that imperial society that he would have killed himself instead of facing the charge of failure in his duty. (According to the Roman code, it was better to commit suicide than to suffer death at the hands of an enemy or an executioner.)

When life's pressures are too severe, some people may see suicide as the only way out. Often the desperation in such lives is never really understood by those around them.

Many cities have crisis intervention programs and hotlines where the

desperate can phone for counsel and help. I am convinced that this is certainly a place where we can lend our attention. Paul stopped the jailer by showing him that he had not failed, his prisoners were not gone. But beyond that, he was ready and able to extend the real answer for his life—Jesus.

Suicidal tendencies may take more than the dramatic form of actual self-destruction. People who feel unloved and unwanted and have no way to express or share their own deep emotional fears and longings may shrink away from others. Or they may even attack others. Our crime rate today indicates that something is wrong. Many people are insecure and unhappy from the White House to the Church house.

Suicide prevention in the gospel is more than just the announcement of eternal life; it is the demonstration of life that is now. Can we say to others in our pressurized society, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here"? Does our presence as God's people provide that assurance and help?

Four Million Birds Flying for Peace

African-American Community Offers Tributes to Sri Chinmoy's Art

Artist and peace ambassador Sri Chinmoy has set yet another epic milestone in his quest to inspire everyone towards a peaceful life and a peaceful world. Just recently, he completed his 4,000,000th bird drawing which he calls collectively "Four Million DREAM-FREEDOM-PEACE-BIRDS."

"To finish millions of birds transmits a powerful message in the outer world for all of us to keep our hearts open to the great and peaceful inner world. Congratulations!" remarked Carl Lewis.

Roberta Flack, after viewing the bird drawings exhibited, shared her sentiments: "When the heart and the mind and the Spirit are in tune with God the Father, the expression of love that Sri Chinmoy paints is so profound that we are without words to express our deep gratitude for Sri Chinmoy sharing his gift."

The ongoing project has been several years in the making. The first bird took wing from his pen in Malta in December, 1991. The birds encompass an enormous variety of artistic styles and sizes, ranging from sweeping 3' x 5' canvasses to pointillist mosaics composed of tens of thousands of birds.

"In the name of the Creator, we take lessons from the birds with the full assurance that God is the wind beneath our wings. In partnership

with God, there is no height too great for us to soar," said Reverend Jesse Jackson upon hearing the news of Sri Chinmoy completing one million bird drawings.

Over the past three decades Sri Chinmoy has tirelessly worked toward world peace and the fulfillment of the unlimited potential of humanity, through innovative programs such as "Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart" program where Sri Chinmoy lifts overhead with one arm an individual who has contributed to uplifting humanity. Recipients of this award include Rev. Jess Jackson, Zina Garrison, Roberta Flack, Carl Lewis, the Santa Monica Track Team, and Sugar Ray Leonard.

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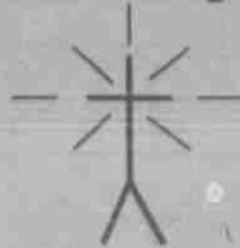
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Browne is known for his numerous stage, film and television roles. His feature film credits include the title role in William Wyle's *The Liberation of L.B. Jones*, Alfred Hitchcock's *Topaz*, *The Comedians* and *Legal Eagles*. He is currently seen as the biologist on *SeaQuest DSV* and recently played the rich and ruthless Rosemont on *Falcon Crest*. Browne won an Emmy for a guest performance on *The Cosby Show* television series and received a nomination for a guest-starring role in

Jarney Miller

The actor began his career in the theater with the New York Shakespeare Festival's inaugural season. Brown has performed all over the world and has won a number of awards including the Los Angeles Drama Critics Award as Best Actor for *Dream On Monkey Mountain* and Best Actor Obie for *Benito Cereno*.

Babe is a comic fable about an ordinary pig, who doesn't fit in and the lengths that he will go to find acceptance. This fanciful film follows the tale of Babe, a pig who defies destiny by daring to be different, by daring to be, of all things, a sheepdog.

Universal Pictures and Kennedy Miller present *Babe*, a humorous look at the limitations and lunacy of a preordained society. Veteran producer George Miller and rising director Chris Noonan join forces with a company of conversing live animals—including a Large White Yorkshire Pig, two Border Collies, an Indian Runner Duck, two Border Leicester Sheep and a Blue Persian Cat—to create this light but deft look at a pig who bucks the social order.



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