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## National News Wire

### Black Publishers Meet in January in Tampa

National Newspaper Publishers Association President Robert Bogle and Convention Chair Melvyn Williams have announced that the organization's Mid-Winter conference for 1994 will be held in Tampa, Florida, January 18-21, 1995. The NNPA's 205 members and corporate sponsors such as Philip Morris Companies and USAir expect that hundreds of the nation's leading opinion molders will attend the proceedings at the Sheraton Grand Hotel under the conference theme "The Future is Ours To Command." NNPA staff members are expected to release the results of a national poll of blacks' attitudes on politics and the race's change agents and media during this meeting. Bogle is chief operating officer of the nation's oldest black newspaper, the Philadelphia Tribune, and Williams, a leading attorney in the state of Georgia, heads the Macon Courier. They will join other black publishers, who circulate over 6 million newspapers to Black America, in Tampa.

### Chorus of Demands for Changes At NAACP Increase

Many traditional, and well-known, African-American leaders are calling for nine-year NAACP Chairman, William Gibson, to step down for the benefit of that organization. Recently a group, calling itself a "concerned NAACPers" under the name of a Committee To Save the NAACP, called for the immediate resignation of Gibson, an independent audit of all NAACP finances and a search for an executive director. Dr. C. Delores Tucker and other current and/or former members of the NAACP's Board of Directors cited a laundry list of charges against Gibson and former Executive Director Ben Chavis saying, "We come before the public to sound the alarm. The NAACP is in grave crisis. We are deeply concerned about its future. Joining Tucker at the National Press Club press conference were: T.V. show host Julian Bond, a former board member; radio talk show host, Joe Madison and Leroy Warren, current board members and NAACP life members Dr. Broadus Butler; and Ms. Frances Murphy, publisher of the Washington Afro-American newspaper. Numerous NAACP state presidents, such as Thomas Smith of Pennsylvania and Gregory Winnis of Maryland, have called for Gibson to resign. Blacks in the media, such as columnists Carl Rowan and Armstrong Williams and New York Amsterdam News publisher Wilbert Fatun have also called for Gibson's resignation "For the benefit of the organization." Dr. Gibson, a South Carolina dentist, has denied any wrongdoing and says he has the support of the majority of the NAACP's 64-member board.

### Farrakhan Plans for Million Man March

Minister Louis Farrakhan has released his preliminary plans for a million man march on Washington slated for October 1995. The 31-year-old leader of the Nation of Islam plans to ask all African-American females, children and non-black supporters to boycott white businesses and stay home from school and work on the day of the planned march. "On that day, I will be asking every entertainer not to

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# The Bell Curve Continues To Toll

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Charles Murray is angry. He claimed in a December *Wall Street Journal* article that critics of *The Bell Curve* have deliberately distorted or ignorantly misrepresented him, and his late co-author, Richard Herrnstein's views about black intelligence. Murray's got a legitimate gripe. Many academics, liberals, and black leaders savagely denounced *The Bell Curve*. They called Murray and Herrnstein racists, neo-fascists, charlatans, and hustlers. They allege that they are sponsored by the Pioneer Fund which bankrolls racist and Nazi-like Eugenicist theorists. They counter that racism, poverty, and poor education are the sole explanation for alleged black IQ failings.

They may be politically correct, but they have not disproved the Murray-Herrnstein thesis that blacks are intellectually inferior. The *Bell Curve* rests on three basic points:

- IQ tests are valid measures of intelligence
- Some percentage of intelligence is hereditary
- IQ tests predict success in life

There is still no precise definition of intelligence. Psychologists have identified many different human creative/intellectual processes that require cognitive thought. No test can measure them all.

Many geneticists contend that genes are significant markers, not determiners of an individual's intellectual capacity. Even this is speculative. Geneticists do not know exactly how they influence behavior. Most agree that genes do interact with the environment to shape the learning process in an individual.

Teachers are more likely to track, guide, motivate, and reinforce alert students. The learning equation then becomes: More guidance, motivation, and reinforcement from teachers, counselors, and administrators=more familiarity with subject materials and curriculum=more improvement in speed, accuracy, and concentration on tests=higher test scores=better performance in school.

IQ test scores reflect the impact of cultural influences, environmental conditioning and educational opportunity of an individual, more than cognitive ability. In a sample question on the Otis-Lennon school ability test administered to grades 9-12, students are asked:

"An Acorn is to seed as oak is to..."

There are five choices.

Acorns grow on trees usually found in forests, or the wooded areas of spacious suburban neighborhoods. How many Acorn trees do black high schoolers see when they look out their eighteenth floor window in Chicago's Cabrini-Green projects or the Jordan Downs projects in Watts? Other questions ask students to choose the correct sequence from a series of letters and numbers. How many poor black children play with geometrically designed blocks, patterns, cube sets or explore two-dimensional surfaces? IQ tests measure a student's knowledge of geometric angles and mathematical principles. How many schools in inner cities are equipped with state-of-the-art math labs, design materials, and math-trained tutors?

Murray and Herrnstein claim that IQ correlates with professional and business success. It doesn't. They ignored the work of psychologists Donald P. Hoyt, Ann Roe, and Donald MacKinnon. In 40 separate studies, Hoyt found near zero correlation between college grade point average and occupational success in business, engineering, medicine, law, and science.

Roe administered IQ tests to 64 of the nation's eminent scientists. Some scored very high but many didn't. She concluded that their scores did not "Give the slightest clue that the subject was a scientist of renown." MacKinnon tested the correlation between IQ scores and creative achievement. He administered the Terman Concept Mastery Test to mathematicians, creative writers, architects, research scientists, and electronic engineers. The correlation was zero. He also found that

the average IQ scores of a group of "outstanding" architects did not differ from those of a group of "undistinguished" architects.

*Newsweek*, in an extensive discussion of *The Bell Curve*, noted that "growing up with low mental ability" is the greatest disadvantage an individual can have. It isn't. The greatest disadvantage is growing up in a society that doesn't provide the poor with decent schools, jobs, and family support programs. The greatest advantage is growing up in a wealthy white family. That individual may succeed even with a single digit IQ.

Murray vehemently deny that he and Herrnstein are racists. They probably aren't. *The Bell Curve* notion of black IQ deficiency is debated, criticized, praised, and believed by many whites for a reason. Much of the media (black included) continue to spoon-feed the public the exclusive diet of gang-drugs-drive by shooting-carjacking images of black men, while ignoring black scholarship and achievement.

There are films, documentaries features, and videos galore on black "gangstas" but nothing on the 300,000 young blacks who competed in the NAACP ACT-SO competition in 1994 or the four young blacks who were among 30 Americans who won Rhodes scholarships in 1994.

The IQ controversy, black poverty, and crime are issues only because many Americans still see blacks not as equals but as grotesque caricatures, to be tolerated, humored, and patronized. This is the point that Murray and his critics missed.

Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of *The Assassination of the Black Male Image*. News Feature, a monthly syndicated column, is received by 100 newspapers and radio stations nationally. Hutchinson's upcoming book titled *Beyond O.J.: Race, Sex, and Class Lessons for America* will be released in the Spring of 1995.

## OIC of America and Coors Brewing Company Donate \$100,000 in Computer Equipment to Oak Hill Youth Center



WASHINGTON, D.C.—Continuing their widely heralded partnership in the fight against illiteracy in America, the Opportunities Industrialization Center of America (OIC) and Coors "Literacy, Pass It On." program announced the opening of a new learning center. The new center, which officially opened November 17, 1994, is one of the most effective programs in the Coors "Literacy, Pass It On." campaign now in its fifth year.

According to Ivan Burwell, national community relations manager for Coors Brewing Company, the learning center is located in the Oak Hill Youth Center in Laurel Maryland. Says Burwell, "This literacy program at Oak Hill is a state-of-the-art individualized, computer assisted reading education program. Since we first launched the "Literacy, Pass It On." campaign, Coors is determined to make a significant difference in the fight against illiteracy. "Thanks to the leadership shown by hundreds of reading education professionals, volunteers and our literacy partners like OIC," Burwell adds, "over 500,000 people across the country have been reached by our literacy services. We're proud to be a part of helping change lives for the better through reading."

Oak Hill Youth Center is one of the facilities operated by the District of Columbia's Youth Services Administration. Designed to house and provide programs for 188 male and female delinquents, Oak Hill provides enhanced care and treatment of the city's youths, many of whom have severe substance abuse and behavioral disorders.

Joyce Burrell, acting administrator for Youth Services Administration stated, "We are excited about the vast capabilities of the Opportunities Investment Center Computer Laboratory. The notion of being able to assess where a youngster is functioning academically and developing an individual learning prescription in one session achieves a goal that this administration has been trying to achieve for several years. In this era of declining resources, acquisition of a state-of-the-art learning laboratory at the Oak Hill Youth Center was a dream that several of us did not see as even a possibility in the near future."

According to Ben Lattimore, national literacy director for OIC of America, "A lot of these kids are from broken homes or are the children of abusive or indifferent parents, many of whom were probably functionally illiterate themselves. This learning center will give them the tools they need to build productive lives after they leave the center. We all know that the more educated a person is, the less likely he is to break the law."

The Coors "Literacy, Pass It On." campaign is a five-year, \$40 million program which has underwritten numerous literacy action programs throughout the country. In addition to providing funds and equipment to various literacy education and social services groups, Coors Brewing Company has also promoted appearances by entertainment personalities such as Danny Glover, Vanessa Williams and Jeffrey Osborne, among others. The toll-free literacy hotline number is 1-800-626-4601.

## Substations Proposed for Five Locations in Lubbock

In a concerted effort to "bring government services to the people," the Lubbock County Tax Assessor-Collector is proposing to establish one full-service and four limited-service substations in Lubbock early next year for the convenience of residents.

Stephen P. Watt said the full service substation would be located in City Bank, 5211 Brownfield Highway, in mid-February and limited service units will be situated in Fiesta Supermarket, 1807 Parkway Drive, and at Lowe's Supermarkets at 5901 19th Street, 5201 82nd Street and 2709 50th Street by mid-January.

The City Bank substation will be manned by current tax office personnel.

"There will be no increase in personnel or budget and the substations will be operated at no additional cost to Lubbock County, except for telephones," Watt said in announcing the innovative projects.

He said tax office personnel would be selected for the City Bank substation based on experience and personal desire. "Obviously we can't take several experienced people from one section and move them," Watt said, "but we will consider requests from the staff."

Six persons will work at City Bank at the outset. "If traffic doesn't merit that many, we will adjust the numbers accordingly," Watt added.

Regular employees of the supermarkets will operate the limited service substations.

Watt pointed out that the county "is protected against losses by letters of credit or bonds" for the supermarket employees working in the substations. "There is no risk of loss," Watt noted.

He said all banks and supermarket chains in Lubbock were polled during the selection process and a committee evaluated the responses.

He said City Bank was the choice for the full-service substation because it made a "fantastic, zero lease offer to the county." He said the agreement would be on a month-to-month basis but added, "we look forward to a

long-term relationship."

The delay in opening the City Bank is due to the length of time it takes to order the glass partitions for the tax office, being supplied by the bank.

Miller Limer, president and CEO of City Bank, said his institution was eager to have the substation primarily because the space was available and for the daily traffic the substation is expected to provide.

Watt said the substations are being proposed in response to the Lubbock County Commissioners Court seeking ways to provide quality and convenient service to residents at the lowest possible cost.

"These substations do exactly that," Watt said. The substations are located in all four quarters of Lubbock for convenience: closer to homes, longer service hours in the limited substations, shorter lines and adequate parking facilities at all five locations. The county will continue to operate the substation in Slaton.

The law allows deputies in the limited service units to charge a \$1 fee for motor vehicle registration renewals, Watt said. But he noted that this is no different than sending renewals in by mail because the \$1 fee is assessed in that case as well.

The tax office is scheduled to move from the County Office Building at 800 Broadway to the 900 Main Street site in late February, Watt hopes to have City Bank running at full throttle by then to avoid congestion and inconvenience to residents during the relocation.

That also would help ease the office through March, its busiest month of the year when fleet and annual renewals cause a big increase in the workload. Another big change is scheduled for the office in mid-April when the Statewide Vehicle Registration System is introduced.

"All of this is designed so it can be carefully controlled to provide quality service," Watt said. "Future expansion will be considered only if it is determined to be in the best interest of our residents," Watt said.

## President Clinton Names Noel Hankin to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The President today announced his intent to appoint the following individual to the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Noel Hankin of Wisconsin is currently Director of Ethnic Marketing for the Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Hankin joined Miller Brewing Company in 1986 as a branch manager. In 1988, he was named Category Manager and in 1989, he was promoted to Director of Marketing Relations. Before joining the Miller Brewing Company, Mr. Hankin was a Vice President and Account Supervisor at Ogilvy and Mother Advertising. Mr. Hankin earned a B.S. degree from Queens College in New York City.

The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities advises the President and the Secretary of Education on the development of a federal program designed to achieve an increase in the participation of historically black colleges and universities in federally sponsored programs, and advises on increasing the private sector role in strengthening historically black colleges and universities. Particular emphasis is given to facilitating technical, planning, and development advice to historically black colleges and universities, with the goal of ensuring their viability.

## Dunbar Reunion Update

Dunbar Alumni International, Inc. will meet this Sunday, January 8th at 5:00 pm at 4805-78th Street. Any Dunbar ex-or supporter is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Activity is picking up for their All-Class Reunion III, set for July 7-9, 1995. If you would like to be in on the planning, why not attend their meeting Sunday? We understand that they have planned some outstanding events for the all-class reunion!

If you have not received information regarding the reunion, write them at P.O. Box 336, Lubbock, Texas 79452. If you are a member of one of the '50s and would like an active part during the reunion, you need to contact Dunbar Alumni International, Inc. immediately!

The officers of Dunbar Alumni International, Inc. invite you to open their meetings and let us first hand as to what's really going on within the association. It's impossible to be active unless you attended any meetings and used any money in the association. Contact G. TRUETT Moore about the reunion here.

## Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the host pastor, is the "Church Where The People Really Care."

Thank you, Lord, for letting us see the first Sunday of 1995.

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Sunday School opened up last Sunday with the assistant superintendent, Brother James Sterling, presiding. A song and prayer was offered. Another song, while passing to their various classes, were instructed for 33 minutes. After reassembling, high points of the lesson were given by Class No. 3, Sister Cooper as teacher. It was very good.

Adult Class reports: Class No. 1, Men's Class, received both banners—attendance and offering.

There were two new members in Sunday School

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Devotional period was led by Deacon Swain and Deacon Cork. It was a spirit filled effort.

During the morning worship hour, the Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "Give The Glory to God." Altar prayer was offered by Deacon Ervin. A song, "When We All Get To Heaven." Sister Lena Sheffield read the morning scripture—Romans 10:1-11. Brother Stokley offered the prayer. Another song, "Where I'm Going Soon," was sung.

Responsive reading was done: with the congregation standing, and led by Sister Kenyetta Barnes. The morning hymn was "What A Friend."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. This was followed by singing of "Somebody Touched Me."

Pastor Moton preached on the subject "We Never Saw It On This Fashion." His text was St. Mark 2:1-12. It was a powerful message.

After the extension of the invitation to discipleship, one came forward for special prayer and restoration. Many called in for special prayer.

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Remember to pray for our sick and shut-in list as there are many. Also our bereaved families.

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Services for Alvin Wright was held Tuesday at the Birch Street Church of Christ. He was a brother of Mrs. Odell Williams, who is a member of the New Hope Baptist Church. Our prayers go out to their families.

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Lettie Furlow, her daughter and husband—Rita Davis—and grandchildren spent New Year's Eve with relatives in Lubbock. Ms. Furlow is a niece of Ruby Jay. Rita is H.C. Kinner's daughter. Ron Charles, her brother, lives in Lubbock now. They were from Cleburne, Texas.

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Sister Doris Washington enjoyed her daughter through the holidays. She is Erma Washington of San Antonio, Texas.

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Have a good New Year, and why not become a subscriber to the Southwest Digest!!

## National News Wire

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entertain. On that day, your basketball, football, baseball and entertainment will be all white," Farrakhan wrote in an editorial in the Final Call newspaper. Farrakhan reports that the purpose of the march is twofold. He wants to address the wrongs done to black people and urge them toward self-sufficiency and self-reliance, coupled with moral and spiritual renewal. Also he will seek to register blacks as independent voters.

### Drug-related Emergency Room Cases Up

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration there has been an eight percent overall increase in drug-related emergency cases from 1992 to 1993. The data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network, showed a 31 percent increase in heroin-related emergency room visits, a 22 percent increase in marijuana/hashish-related cases, and a 53 percent increase in "speed" or methamphetamine cases. During the period total drug-related episodes increased by 13 percent for Hispanics/Latinos and two percent for whites, African-Americans, however, had no change in drug-related emergency cases.

### African American Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places has produced *African American Historic Places*, a book containing over 800 places in 42

states and two U.S. territories, arranged by county, that have played major roles in Black America history. Many of the properties included grass roots stories of perseverance and triumph, and other provide the grand tales of heroic deeds and great successes. It includes places such as the John Brown Cabin in Olatomie, Kansas which was used by the famous abolitionist as a headquarters for his anti-slavery campaign. The book includes articles on the black experience, from the migration north to the Civil Rights movement. It sells for \$25.95 and information on it can be obtained from Sharice Evans, The Preservation Press, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. (202) 673-4057.

### Shakur's Partner In Crime Goes To Jail

Charles Fuller, Tupac Shakur's manager and co-defendant in a New York sex crime, has been sent to jail to await sentencing. State Supreme Court Justice said he planned to do the same for Shakur and issued a warrant for the rap singer who was convicted with Fuller on a sex abuse charge. Shakur has been recovering from five gunshot wounds he sustained during a robbery, which occurred at the same time of the trial which ended with the convictions of Fuller, 24 and Shakur, 23, for abusing a 20-year-old female fan.

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## Texas Board of Criminal Justice Meets in Lubbock

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice will meet January 11-13 in Lubbock.

The nine-member board, which includes Robert Wilson of Lubbock, oversees the state's prisons, pardons and paroles system, state jails and the state's assistance to local probation offices.

Subcommittees of the board will meet January 11 and 12 at the Holiday Inn, 3201 Loop 289 South, and the formal board meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. January 13 at the hotel.

While in Lubbock, the board will tour the Lubbock County Community Corrections Facility on January 11.

Both the board meeting and the subcommittee meetings are open to the public.

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Parkway Manor Care Center News

Marnice and Don Taylor visited Ann Lewis last week and had a very good visit.

Brother Birmingham, a member of the Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited the residents on last week.

Willie Howard visited with Lewis on last Monday afternoon.

Lorraine Roberts and family visited Sam Rodgers on last Monday afternoon and had a wonderful time together.

The First Progressive Baptist Church Choir of 18 and the Community Baptist Church Choir of 10 members came last Monday afternoon in a combined performance. They also held worship services for the residents. The Lord really did visit on that day. The residents of the Parkway Manor Care Center think it is wonderful how the two churches work together as they do.

The Isaac Lockhart family of four visited here on last Tuesday afternoon. What a time they had!

Rev. W. H. Stephens held the Bible lesson study on last Wednesday as usual. Sister Ann Day was there again to assist. She is so much helpful in this special service each week. Sometimes, she even teaches the lesson. Isn't that wonderful! She also visits and reads to the residents who happen to be present to the room.

Jeanne Ann Jordan and Shimita Bergers visited mother and grandmother Lucille Wiggins on last Wednesday afternoon.

McDonald's came last Thursday and hosted the birthday party for the residents who had birthdays in December. Residents with birthdays in December were: Bessie Johnson, 12-4; Catherine Overstreet, 12-10; Cecil Flecher, 12-15; Ethel Grimes, 12-18; and Pearl M. Thomas, 12-31.

The residents thank the good people at McDonald's for the service they give.

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-Margaret Posner.
God loves us all!
Rev. W. H. Stephens, reporter.

More Little Victories Over Violence

by Bernice Powell Jackson

"Mercy, mercy me, things ain't what they used to be," was the first line of a song by the poet and singer Marvin Gaye. When it comes to our communities and the escalating levels of violence surrounding us, those words couldn't be more true.

Yet, amidst the drive-by shootings, the illegal handguns, the continuing presence of assault weapons, and always, the killings, there is hope. There are stories of people who don't get paralyzed by a crisis, they just get organized.

In an earlier Civil Rights Journal, I asked you to share with me some of the signs of hope that are springing forth in our communities and many of you have done that. I have heard from prisoners, from people in unexpected places, and from one coast of this country to another. The stories they shared are signs of hope for us all.

In Oakland, California two of the nation's deadliest housing projects are now beginning to blossom. Under the auspices of the East Bay Community Recovery Project, the residents of these communities are finding once again their sense of self-esteem and pride in their communities. They have drastically cut the drug culture which once was responsible for drug trafficking, violence and even murders in their midst. Based on the beliefs that everyone is born with innate resilience and a healthy inner being and that poor people have considerable survival skills, this approach trains residents to heal themselves and then heal their own communities. In addition, as more Asian Americans have moved into these communities, the project has also worked on bringing together the African-American and Asian American residents.

One way these two communities have come together is around gardening, a project started by one woman, Linda Schneider. By providing seeds, plants, fruit trees, manure and equipment, Ms. Schneider quickly got

community residents involved in planting food and flowers in their own yards. Without any outside funding, that gardening project has now taken over abandoned buildings and converted them to useful purposes. And new friendships are blossoming along with the sunflowers and collard greens.

Sometimes all it takes is one person to be that sign of hope. In Oakland, it was Linda Schneider. In Boise, Idaho it is Raheem O.E. Shabbazz. Boise, Idaho does not have a large African-American community, yet problems of violence exist. After several unsuccessful attempts to organize African-American men in Boise to work together in the community, Brother Shabbazz decided to become "a one man, community activist, volunteer vigil" who works with prisoners at the Idaho State Correctional Prison, teaches at a local elementary school one hour a week, and participates in the YMCA Fundamental Basketball Seminars for kids on Saturdays. He is also a full-time manager of one of the top banks in the Pacific Northwest.

As we focus on violence in our communities, we must also talk about domestic violence and sexual assault. As signs of hope, one reader, Snani Bakuba of Cambridge, Massachusetts pointed to rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters and counseling programs which are found in many communities to treat the victims and provide safe space.

There's no question that violence is swirling all around us, threatening like some horrible tornado to tear down whole communities and kill those nearby. African-Americans and other people of color are especially hard-hit by it. But a few weeks ago a Philadelphia suburban white student was beaten to death by a gang of his peers. A few weeks ago assault weapon bullets pierced the walls and windows of the White House. The violence is not just a question

facing our American society, it is a basic civilizational question. Can we as human beings live together in justice and peace?

People in Lockwood and Coliseum Gardens in Oakland would answer yes. They are signs of the hope. Hope that our communities and our people can heal themselves. Hope that our children's children will know safe and just communities, with flowers and children playing and laughing and flourishing. There's another 1970's song which says "There's No Stopping Us Now" and that's the truth too.

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SF Looking for someone tall, handsome & preferably not overweight. You should be good looking. Dark hair & eyes are a plus. I live in LA. Call Ext. 46340
VERY ATTRACTIVE
DBF 35, professional, very attractive, fair complexion. Looking for a Black male only, age 28-42. I don't have any children. I love to travel. Call Ext. 46780
CUDDLE BY THE FIRE
SBF 35, professional, nonsmoker, drug & disease free, no addictions, college educated, good personality, attractive, have 2 moles & everybody talks about them all the time, independent, don't have any children, have 2 kids - dogs though. I like going to the movies, when it gets cold outside I like cuddling up in front of a fireplace & eating popcorn & laughing. I also like museums & traveling. Looking for someone that is drug & disease free & has a pretty spontaneous nature. If you think you're this person & you're attractive (that would be nice), you don't have to be Don Juan or anything or Darnell. Dance & hang out with me & call me but if you're not that's ok. I do like dark skinned men. Call Ext. 46780
GO OUT TO TOWN
DWF 56, I would like to meet a male companion 45-70, to go out on the town with. I like fishing & country music. If you feel like you could keep up with me, please respond. Call Ext. 46780
CHRISTIAN
SBF Christian who loves going to church. I'm seeking someone who loves going to church & serving God. A spirit filled Christian man 40-50, that is really dedicated to the Lord & wants God will in his life. I enjoy traveling, going out for dinner, romance. Seeking someone who is enjoys the same & is financially stable. Call Ext. 46785
LOVE TO HAVE
SBF 18, I love to have fun, go to movies & be wild. I'm a go to church & am a hard worker. I'm looking for a man 20-25, who is educated, employed, supportive & secure. Call Ext. 46652
VERY OUTGOING
SF 18, dark brown complexion, shoulder length hair, 5'4, very outgoing, very romantic. I love outgoing people. I've got an outgoing person & you love to have fun & you're very romantic. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 46348
NICE & LOVING
SBF 10, 5'4, medium brown skin, dark brown hair, reddish brown hair & college student. I'm nice, cute, loving, affectionate, caring, respectful, honest, strong willed, mature, responsible & intelligent. I'm looking for a single young man between 18-25. Nice & red. I'm not arrogant. You must be a non drinker, nonsmoker, drug & disease free. I'm out for someone who is nice, friendly, considerate, mature, responsible, romantic, affectionate, caring, open minded & must have a good sense of humor. Call Ext. 46348
LIKE CAMPING
SBF 69, brown hair, dark brown eyes, long legs. Have many interests such as dancing, skiing, camping, fishing, hunting, playing pool, playing cards. Call Ext. 46649

MEN SEEKING WOMEN
SPONTANEOUS
WM 62, 165 lbs., 20. Seeking a single female that is spontaneous, likes sporting events & just going out & having a good time. Call Ext. 47035
ANYONE OUT THERE?
SM I'm looking to see if there is anyone out there for me. Call Ext. 47103
VARIETY OF THINGS
SBF 6, with dark brown skin & a medium build. I enjoy shooting pool, horseback riding, a variety of things. I'm very open minded & easy to get along with. I'm searching for a marriage minded lady. Call Ext. 47027
I LOVE THE OUTDOORS
SBF 22, 5'2, with brown hair & brown eyes. I love the outdoors, watching football games & playing racquetball. I'm looking for a single female 20-23, who has similar interests, for a serious relationship. Race is important. Call Ext. 47094
SINGING IN THE SHOWER
SM I'm 5'8 & 150 lbs. Like sports, going to the movies, taking walks in the park, singing in the shower & working out. I'm looking for a girl who likes sports & singing in the shower. I'm looking for someone with a good personality to spend some quality time with. Call Ext. 47045
TIRED OF BEING LONELY
DWM 32, I'm looking for a woman 25-32, to help keep me from being lonely. I'm looking for a woman to spend all of my time with. Call Ext. 47047
RICH AND GOOD LOOKING GUY
SBF I'm a rich, good looking guy. I'm a consultant & I make a lot of money. I'm 5'7 & 140 lbs. I like to do things outdoors. I'm looking for a girl to go out with, have a drink with & maybe go dancing. Call Ext. 47101
SEEKING A FUNNY WOMAN
SM 5'10, black hair. Looking for a funny woman who would like to go out & have a good time with me. Call Ext. 47040
LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER
SM Looking for someone women to talk to & meet. I just want to get to know some women. Call Ext. 46985
PLEASE CALL
SBM 21, interested in females 18-30. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 47125
SOMEONE TO HAVE FUN
DM 30, looking for someone to have fun. I like to go to the movies, stay home & light a fire. Call Ext. 47115
MUST LIKE AFFECTION
SBM From Houston, 26, have no children. Interested in meeting a lady between 18-25, race doesn't matter as long as she is nice, loving & caring. Want a lady who likes to be loved, likes affection & being cared for. Call Ext. 47034
SEEKING THE RIGHT PERSON
SBF 57, 180 lbs., Hispanic Italian origin, single, 30. I'm interested in meeting a single White female, 18-30. I like the outdoors, working out, taking long walks. I'm just looking for that right person. Call Ext. 47051
VERY SPONTANEOUS
DWM I'm 6'1, 165 lbs., with brown hair. I'm looking for a petite young lady with great legs, good sense of humor & who is very spontaneous. Someone who would like to assist me in my business & also be my companion. Call Ext. 47054
SOBIE WILD & CRAZY WOMEN
SM I'm 6'1, with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm fun & outgoing. I'm looking for some wild & crazy women. Call Ext. 47046
BE MY COMPANION
DWM Middle aged, small, white, owns, 6'1, 155 lbs, brown hair. Looking for a spontaneous, petite young lady with great legs to be my companion. I'm not particular about race. Call Ext. 47054
LOOKING FOR LONG TERM
SBM 57 & 165 lbs. I'm seeking a female who likes to travel for a long term relationship. I like a woman who likes to keep in shape, likes good conversations & has a great sense of humor. Call Ext. 47054
NOT SEEKING LONG TERM
SBM 36, I'm looking for someone to spend a little time with. I'm not looking for a serious long term commitment, just someone to get together & have some fun with. I'm 6'3, with chestnut brown hair & a medium build. Call Ext. 82775

AT&T Sponsors Second Pan-African Historical Theater Festival

BRUSSELS—AT&T was the patron sponsor of this year's Panafest, a biennial cultural event dedicated to Pan-Africanism and the development of the African continent.

Held Dec. 9-18 in Cape Coast and Accra, Ghana, Panafest '94 featured drama, music and dance performances; an art exhibition; and seminars on topics such as the re-emergence of African civilization, which was the festival's theme this year. Five thousand people from Africa and all over the world attended.

AT&T donated funds to Panafest '94 and, in partnership with the Ghana Post and Telecommunications Corporation, installed calling centers in Accra, Cape Coast and Kumasi. These centers had dedicated AT&T USA Direct(r) Services phones that instantly connected festival visitors to the United States or more than 80 countries around the world. The calling centers will remain in place after the festival. (AT&T USA Direct Service can be accessed in Ghana from regular phones by dialing 0191.)

AT&T Global Information Solutions, the company's computer unit, also participated with a computer exhibit at the festival's trade show.

"Panafest is the biggest cultural event on the continent of Africa," said John Darkey, director of the Panafest Secretariat. "It was established to share the true history of Africa and the experience of its people and to promote the unity of peoples of African descent throughout the world."

"We recognize that many Africans who reside in the U.S. are still closely connected to their homeland Africa. By participating in this event, AT&T is helping communicate the culture, the traditions and experiences of African people both here and across the world," said Joan Purkiss, AT&T Manager for African and Caribbean Markets.

"We are pleased to be involved in this festival because it is about building bridges globally," Purkiss added.

AT&T also sponsored such events as the Nigerian Times Achievment Awards held recently in Newark, N.J.

AT&T has provided international long distance service to the continent of Africa for more than 50 years. Through correspondent relationships with most of Africa's telecommunications service providers and participation in technological support programs, AT&T consistently has been involved in the development of the continent. Today, AT&T has 18 facilities in Africa, employing more than 800 people in 15 countries.

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## Goodby 1994 Welcome 1995

by Eddie P. Richardson

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We must do some things to increase the property values as they go up with deed restrictions, etc. in the residential areas. We do not want a dump ground next

to a \$180,000 home.

It would be good to see continued development and good maintenance during 1995. 1994 is gone, so let's make the best of 1995 by working together collectively for the good of all of us. For this continued development to be a success for all involved, the leadership and initiative must come from us. We can no longer depend on someone else to do for us what we must do for ourselves.

Here's wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous 1995 with peace, happiness, health, good will, and forgiveness for all.

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## IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



A new year means many things to many people. It is to many the time to vow to take off those extra fat pounds which we have carted around for a year or more. The desire to lose weight is more often related to how we will look in that smaller wardrobe which we can no longer wear than to how we feel and how the loss of weight will affect our overall health.

The new year gives all of us the opportunity to assess our strengths and weaknesses and vow to "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative and don't mess with [the] in-between." I am positive that we all have done or do some things for which we would like to improve upon. Aside from shedding some pounds, I need more sleep and rest and vow to go to bed earlier and get up earlier in 1995.

The year 1995 is going to be unlike any year we have EVER known and it offers us an opportunity to come together as a FAMILY, COMMUNITY, NATION and RACE. We MUST recapture the essence of togetherness if we are to survive. OUR CHURCHES MUST LEAD THE WAY! Let us get "in cinque" and "watch" the new year unravel as we come together in body and spirit.

## COPING

"I LOVE HIM, BUT HE HATES ME."  
By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

TO MY OUTSTANDING READERS: I have received hundreds of your excellent letters in response to several of my recent columns. Some of you agreed with my ideas, some of you were happy. Some unhappy and some angry. But we are good friends and I loved everyone of your fine letters. Please keep writing. Here are excerpts from some of your letters, as well as my responses.

### MY IDEAL WOMAN

1) I read your column, "My Ideal Woman", and I have a question: I am exactly like the woman you talked about. I am gentle, kind, affectionate and very, very feminine, but my boyfriend does not appreciate me. What can I do to get him to appreciate the kind of woman that I am?—Ms. O., Phoenix.

Dear Ms. O.: If your boyfriend were to ask you to suddenly change your personality and be rude, hard-nosed and hard-headed, could you do it? Probably not. Your boyfriend probably can't change either. Few people are fortunate enough to find a mate who appreciates them for what they are and who they appreciate in the same way. Most people have to sacrifice, compromise, adjust, modify and be satisfied with only partial happiness. You would be wise to try to find a partner whose personality is already compatible with yours.

2) You said that your ideal woman should be considerate of your feelings. This sounds like a child. Also, you didn't say anything about how you would treat your ideal woman.—Ms. B., Chicago.

Dear Ms. B.: Every individual should be considerate of the feelings of every other person,—whether husband, wife, child or grocery clerk. Also, in my article I said that relationships are a two-way situation. Each partner should exchange the goodness in a relationship. If you expect kindness from your mate, be prepared to give it.

### I'M GOING TO ABANDON HIM

3) You recently wrote a column about a lady, Ms. W., who was going to abandon her son because he had joined a gang, had cursed her out and would not obey her. She should have knocked him on his butt, as soon as he used profanity against her. She needs to get his respect before she can begin to train him. Ms. T., St. Louis.

Dear Ms. T.: Ms. W. said that she was a gentle person who did not strike her kids. In any case, knocking her son on his butt may just make him hate her—or even make him hit her back. There has to be a better answer than violence.

4) Ms. W. can call me and I will give her advice about disciplining her son. I am a police officer and counselor. Her son needs a male role-model and he needs to spend a night in jail, just to see what it's like. Mr. J., Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Mr. J.: Thanks for your fine offer of assistance. I will forward it to Ms. W. You probably know that the "Scared Straight" Program—which gave kids a frightening one-day visit to a prison—did not have a lasting effect on them and some of them committed crimes shortly after their experience. We must continue to seek a solution.

### REAL MEN DON'T CRY

5) The lady, who said that she lost respect for her boyfriend because he cried in her presence, is really ignorant. She should love her man twice as much when he cries because he is in love with her. She should not drop him. If she does drop him she is a complete idiot. She does not know the meaning of real love. Ms. R., Chicago.

Dear Ms. R.: I agree with you. If a man loves a woman so much that it brings tears to his eyes, she should respect and love him even more. It is an unwise woman who drops her boyfriend just because he cries.

Readers: Your letters are terrific. This column cannot exist without them. Please continue to send me your questions, comments and criticisms.

If you would like to contact Dr. Charles Faulkner, you may write or call him at: P.O. Box 955, Washington, D.C. 20044-0955 (202) 736-3761.

## National Screening Program Identifies People Who Are "Walking Time Bombs"

### New project tracks gene for super-high cholesterol

A landmark screening and registry program to help identify thousands of Americans affected with a genetic disorder that can lead to sudden, often fatal heart attacks in early adulthood has been launched in the U.S. and 14 other countries. Called MED-PED (Make Early Diagnosis—Prevent Early Deaths), the international program attempts to locate family members and relatives who have familial hypercholesterolemia (FH), a condition that causes sky-high cholesterol levels in childhood.

According to Roger Williams, M.D., professor of medicine and founder/director of the Cardiovascular Genetics Research Clinic at the University of Utah School of Medicine, "One American in every 500 has FH. When untreated, the disorder typically causes heart attacks in men between the ages of 40 and 55 and in women between the ages of 50 and 65. In addition, because high cholesterol typically does not cause symptoms until arteries are blocked, most people don't know they're affected, even though a parent or other close relative with the condition has died at a young age."

MED-PED uses genealogical research and physician contact to locate individuals with FH, trace their relatives and provide treatment and support to affected individuals and information to their health professionals. The program seeks to help FH patients reduce their risk for early heart attacks and strokes.

This international program provides educational materials for patients and health care providers. It

also includes a referral service to regional lipid clinics and a telephone service that physicians and registered FH patients can call to inquire about the program.

"If your untreated total cholesterol level is more than 360 mg/dl and your untreated triglyceride level is normal (below 250 mg/dl), then you are eligible for free help, and you should contact the MED-PED Coordinating Center for more information," said Dr. Williams. "If you have FH, you could be a walking time bomb, and writing us could save your life. Research has shown that intensive diet and drug therapy can normalize high cholesterol levels in FH patients and halt the progression of artery clogging."

To obtain free patient information about FH and MED-PED, individuals should send their name, address, phone number, age, untreated total cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and self-addressed, business-sized envelope to:

MED-PED was developed and is overseen by a council of noted lipid experts from across the U.S., including Dr. Williams, Dr. Robert Lees of Boston, Dr. Peter Kwiterovitch of Baltimore, Dr. Evan Stein of Cincinnati, Dr. Roger Illingworth of Portland, and Dr. John Kane of San Francisco. It is supported by various national healthcare agencies including the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Heart Association, and by an educational grant from Merck & Co.



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## College Scholarships Available

Each year individuals preparing to go to college or graduate school face the dilemma of how to pay for tuition, room & board, text books, lab fees, and other expenses. That's because college costs have skyrocketed and continue to increase yearly, putting extra strain on family budgets and assets.

But there are over 375,000 funding sources available to assist these students. Contrary to popular belief over 80% of the funds available to students do not depend on family need or high grades. Many are based on factors such as the student's interests, hobbies, academic focus, age, ethnic background or parent's work or military service.

Remarkably over \$6.6 Billion of this funding goes

uncollected each year simply because people do not ask for it according to a report by the National Commission on Student Financial Aid. Now a new academic funding publication, updated for 1994-95 is available to help step students through the process and to outline their options and identify sources for assistance.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships send a No. 10 self-addressed, double stamped envelope plus \$2.00 to cover handling to the National Academic Funding Administration, 815 Middle Street, Suite 1300, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

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## THE SCOOP

By: Janice Malone

### EXCLUSIVE:

Daughter of two music legends gives candid interview

Her mother is international superstar Diana Ross and her father is Berry Gordy, Jr., founder of one of the most successful record companies in the history of music. So naturally, people assume that 23-year-old Rhonda Ross is a "Black American Princess" just waiting to happen. Nothing could be further from the truth. Like her famous parents, Rhonda is also blazing the trail of a music career but she's decided to follow her own yellow brick road as to how she will find stardom. Last year Rhonda graduated with honors, from Brown University, with a degree in African-American Studies. She's currently a full time jazz singer who performs at various jazz clubs throughout New York City. She's managing her own career and has her own band. Two of her band members include her boyfriend of one year Rodney Kendrick, and the brother of Broadway star Melba Moore. The Scoop recently talked with Rhonda in a very revealing and candid two-part interview. Diana Ross fans are in for many pleasant surprises. Read on.

**THE SCOOP:** What do you think of your father's new autobiography, *To Be Loved*?

**RHONDA:** I love it. I was sent the book's galley before it was released. I have two favorite parts of the book. I loved reading about his life before he started Motown. I didn't know the full details about when he was a boxer, worked in a car factory and served in the Korean War. Reading about all this was just so much fun for me to know. My second favorite part of his book is the first night he was with my mother. I won't reveal the details, you will have to read the book! We were together to watch him on *The Barbara Walters Special* and then I saw him again when he was here in New York for a book signing.

**THE SCOOP:** How did you come to know that Berry Gordy is your biological father?

**RHONDA:** My mother told me herself when I was 13. She just sat me down one day and basically said there was something that she should've told me a long time ago but she didn't know how to tell me. Initially, it hit me like a ton of bricks. Of course it was a shock because it changed my reality. I let the news digest for a while. And then it became exciting and exploratory. I realized I now had lots of brothers and sisters, cousins, nieces and nephews! His whole family immediately embraced me. It was great.

**THE SCOOP:** Before you knew of your kinship to him, did you see him often?

**RHONDA:** Oh yeah. I knew about his professional relationship with my mom, in terms of Motown. He was always like a friend of the family at our house. He and my dad, Bob Ellis Silberstein (Diana Ross' first husband), always got along real well. But even before I was told who he really was, I loved being around him because he was so much fun. Me and my sisters (Tracee Joy and Chudney) would call him "Uncle BB." He had this huge house with llamas, parrots that skateboard, monkeys, video games. To me, Uncle BB was this amazing fun person. But I've never really called him dad. (He has eight kids including Rhonda). I call him Berry or sometimes I'll slip and call him Uncle BB. I know he's my father but I still reserve dad for Bob because he is on most levels. But Berry and I are very, very close.

**THE SCOOP:** Over the years there have been many authors who have said some unkind things about your mother. What does she think about these books?

**RHONDA:** Most of the time she's ignored them. I know that book publishers have encouraged some of these authors to intentionally say something mean

about her just to sell more books. I don't forgive them for this because these people are trying to make money at the expense of people I love. Some of the lies in these books have come out of nowhere and they've been so frequent. I've never seen mom get angry about them but I have seen her cry. There have been certain books, I won't say which, that have hurt her feelings because some of these people were her friends.

**THE SCOOP:** Some of these books have been pretty harsh, but I've never read one that's accused Diana Ross of not being a good mother.

**RHONDA:** You're absolutely right. For all the greatness she's had in her career, she's doubled that greatness as a mother. She's a devoted and dedicated mother to all of her children. I hope that I'll be half as good a mother as she is... I remember last year when my two younger brothers, Evan (6) and Ross (7), started a new school. And for the first month mom would drive them to school in the van and actually sit outside the school all day long. She did this because it was a new school for them and she wanted Evan and Ross to know that she was just right outside the building. It was so funny. I mean here's my mom sitting outside a school in a van—not a Rolls Royce. She had her food for the day in the van and everything. Some of the other mothers asked her, "Are you going to sit out here all day?" and she'd say, "Yes, I'm waiting because my sons aren't quite comfortable here yet since it's a new school for them." My mom has always been very active in all of our school activities. She visits the school. Talks to the teachers, talks to the other kids and gets to know their parents. Even when she's on tour, I've seen her do a concert somewhere and then fly back home in order to get the boys ready and drive them to school herself. She's been like that with all of us.

**THE SCOOP:** Diana Ross fans would be surprised to know what about her?

**RHONDA:** To know that she's a great cook. She doesn't get to cook often but when she does it's fantastic. I remember when we were little girls we'd often be in bed with mom watching TV, while eating some of her home-cooked chicken wings. And my mother can really barbecue—yes, barbecue. Don't look surprised. After all, she hasn't been a superstar all of her life! She grew up in the Brewster Housing Projects. She also makes this wonderful antipasto dish. And she's great at making gumbo, fish stews, and soups from leftovers. My mother can sew too. She knows how to relax hair, cut it, plait it and do corn rows. She went to beauty school for awhile after high school. I recently started wearing my hair in dreadlocks, which she loves. One day she asked could she come over and twist my dreads for me?

**THE SCOOP:** What's the scariest moment you've ever had?

**RHONDA:** One was when my mom was filming *The Wiz* movie. Her corneas were accidentally burned from the movie lights. The doctors were afraid she would've gone blind. It really, really scared me. I was frightened again right before my grandmother died of breast cancer. I watched her get sicker and sicker. It was so scary and sad watching her forget who we were.

Next week *The Scoop* continues its personal conversation with Rhonda Ross. She reveals details about her very first boyfriend. You'll be surprised to know which famous man it is. She also shares her family's experiences with racism and more surprising revelations about being the daughter of two superstar parents. Don't miss it!

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BBB warns consumers about companies that charge up-front fees ranging from \$20 to hundreds of dollars and telling students they can obtain funding, regardless of their academic qualifications, scholastic credentials or family economic status. Some ads and sites mislead them by showing millions of dollars in unclaimed scholarship monies just waiting to be tapped. What students receive for their up-front fee is a list of possible scholarship sources. These companies don't assist students in obtaining scholarships and they don't screen applicants. Students who are unsuccessful or not satisfied, may find that refunds are difficult, if not impossible to obtain. Many of the scholarship sources that these companies provide for a fee, are available at no cost from high school guidance and college financial aid offices. These bogus scholarship companies also try to recruit "licensors" to open up their own scholarship services. Call the BBB at 763-0459 before you invest your money in a scholarship service.

Funds collected by charity "booster boxes" or candy sales are often used for the donor's own purposes and not going to the organization named. Many of the "fund raising" devices are actually placed by for-profit firms which may give little or nothing to the charity involved. The boxes may contain and include anything to represent charities, but may be nothing more than empty collection devices or filled with mints, lollipops or candy to be purchased. Unfortunately, what they and many business owners don't know is that in many cases, the charity has merely licensed the use of its name to a for-profit outfit in exchange for a small percentage of the collections. Typically, the great majority of the donations goes to the company which placed the funds. In some cases, the organization placing the device is using the charity's name without authorization and pocketing 100% of the profits. Remember, check it out before you give out the BBB at 763-0459.



## End Of Game Notice.

Like 1994, all good things must come to an end. Cash Celebration officially closes on January 1, 1995. But the fun's not over yet. You can still buy any remaining tickets and redeem any winners for this popular game all the way through June 30, 1995.

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## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Making It Through 1995



Someone has said that one of the lessons we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history. Bible students know that the gospel holds out the chance for new life, new beginnings, and new opportunities. How do we make 1995 new and not just a repeat of the same old mistakes, habits, and attitudes of 1994?

We can make 1995 new when we put the past in perspective. Many of us do not deal adequately with our pasts. We carry the heavy luggage of yesterday

into the present. There are sins that have not been forgiven, relationships left frazzled, and mistakes that we continue to make again and again.

The Bible admonishes us to forget those things which lie behind. The Hebrews were told to take little when they made their journey toward the Promised Land. They had to travel light or the journey would be cumbersome and impossible. We too must shed the things that make the journey a hard one.

We can make 1995 new when we deal with the truth and realize that we have a

second chance. When I picked up the official 1995 program calendar from Cokesbury to be used for the preceding year and took a look at it, the pages were undecided and the pages were fresh and unused, even though dates, etc. were printed. The year 1995 provides each of us with a new set of alternatives.

We can make 1995 new when we consider our resolutions and commitments. The Apostle Paul said, "This one thing I do." He pressed forward to what lay ahead. Commitment to the future depends on our intentions in the present

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, January 7, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hood, 2132 East 30th Street. All are invited to attend on this first meeting of the new year.

Members are all out to make a real difference with this sin-sick generation.

Everything has come out of the closet, and God's people, we're not going to talk about it much, but there will be action. Christian body, we must come together, and begin to fight SIN, before we're overcome by IT.

Let us pledge to not be a part of the problem this year, but a part of the solution. Christians, our precious young children don't have the FUNDS, AIRPLANES, BUSES, TRUCKS, and the know how to pull this DEMON INTO OUR COMMUNITY. Where is it coming from??? This will be our prayer for the year. We hope that the activities of the real DEMON will be silenced this year. The one that's out to kill and destroy our precious children, we have around ourselves, put on the full armor and ready for the battle. Join Us!

God does use ORDINARY PEOPLE TO DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS. We're not trying to be super stars, but super people—who are serving a Super God, and He said we have the power to do super things in this world, NOW TODAY!

In Acts 1, it reads: "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will RECEIVE POWER. To do all things, with great EFFECT!"

Let's do things together this year with great "EFFECT!"

LOVE you, join us this year!

Meanwhile, keep smiling, this is a new year. Thank God! You have a blessed faith filled New Year. Read Acts: 1:8

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Ernestine Prater, secretary.

## We Thank God for Jesus Part 1: "The Problem Solver, Jesus!!!"



Psalm 1:1-2, WHY do the heathen (UNCIVILIZED) rage (VIOLENTLY), and the people imagine (FANTASY) a vain (FOOLISH) things? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against THE LORD.

Many people lay down at night, can't get a decent rest, their minds are so FRUSTRATED; and they're VERY DEPRESSED.

Matthew 11:28, JESUS SAID, Come unto me, ALL ye that labour and are HEAVY laden (OVERBURDEN), and I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

They're so WORRIED about the things on TV, THE NEWS SITUATION, THE BAD NEWS; that seems to be CRIPPLING THIS WHOLE NATION.

Mark 13:6-8, JESUS SAID, For many shall come in my name, saying, I am CHRIST; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not TROUBLED; for such things must need be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginning of sorrows.

There is not only DRUG PROBLEMS; on our MAIN STREETS. But there's SKYJACKING; THEY'VE CHANGED THE NAME, NOW IT' AIR PIRACY.

Psalm 20:7-9, Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD. They are brought down and fall-

ent; but we are RISEN, AND STAND UPRIGHT. Save, LORD: let the kings hear us when we CALL.

That ONE EYED DEVIL; (THE TV), it brings the PEOPLE ALL THE BAD NEWS, AND WHEN YOU FINISH WATCHING IT AT 10 O'CLOCK, YOU SLEEP WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S BIUES.

Matthew 11:29, 30, JESUS SAID, Take my yoke (THE BIBLE) upon you, and learn of ME; for I am MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART; and ye shall find rest unto your SOULS. For MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN (SERVICE) IS LIGHT.

(JESUS SAID, FOLLOW ME; He went around PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS, and not PROTESTING, and becoming A TROUBLE MAKER. Marching is a VIOLATION OF THE LAW, if it done WITHOUT PERMISSION; REGARDLESS OF THE CAUSE. CHRISTIANS MARCHING ON ABORTION CLINICS, IT'S WRONG! JESUS told us in HIS WORD WHAT TO DO. HE SAID, Go into all the WORLD, and PREACH THE GOOD NEWS. Nowhere in HIS WORD, does JESUS tell us to be a PROBLEM IN THIS WORLD. SPEND GOD'S TIME WISELY.)

Matthew 25:41-43, JESUS said, Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, unto everlasting FIRE, prepared for the DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS: For I was hungry, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

CHRISTIANS STOPPING ABORTION; ITS NOT YOUR BUSINESS! ITS GOD'S, YOU'RE SUPPOSE TO LIFT UP JESUS NAME; VENGEANCE

BELONG TO THE LORD.

Deuteronomy 32:35, THE LORD SAID, To me BELONGETH VENGEANCE, AND RECOMPENCE, their foot shall slide in DUE TIME: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

GOD knew King HEROD was going to kill, the BABIES, 2YEARS AND UNDER, SHOULD GOD HAVE SENT HIS ANGELS TO SAVE THEM? YOU WOULD WONDER!!!

Matthew 2:16a, Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding worth, and sent forth, and slew (KILLED) all THE CHILDREN that was in Bethlehem, and in all the coast thereof, from TWO YEARS OLD AND UNDER.

WILL ABORTION CHRISTIAN MARCH ROB GOD??? REMEMBER: 2 Chronicles 7:14;

Mark 7:6, 7, JESUS SAID, Well hath E-sai' as prophesied of you HYPOCRITES, as it is written, This PEOPLE honoureth ME with their LIPS, but their HEART is far from ME. Howbeit in VAIN do they WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

REMEMBER: 2 Chronicles 7:14;

John 8:31, 32, JESUS SAID, IF ye continue in MY WORD, then are ye MY DISCIPLES INDEED (TRULY); And ye shall KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

GOD is not through with US YET. So let's PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. Directed-Arranged-Produced-Guided By OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Written by Evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, III Your Brother IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!

## Nation Of Islam Receives and Thanks First Lady Of Ghana for Successful Convention.

By J. Hunter

CHICAGO, IL—Mrs. Khadijah Farrakhan, wife of Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, hosted a reception for the First Lady of Ghana, Mrs. Nana Rawlings. The purpose of the reception was to welcome Mrs. Rawlings and thank the people of Ghana for hosting the Nation of Islam (NOI) at their first Saviour's Day Convention held on the African Continent.

While in Chicago Mayor Richard Daley received Mrs. Rawlings at city hall and presented her with a key to the City. This was Mrs. Rawlings first visit to America where she met community leaders in cities around the country. She invited and encouraged African-American trade delegates to visit Ghana to explore investment possibilities.

An estimated audience of 10 million viewed NOI leader Minister Louis Farrakhan deliver his address—aired live on Ghanaian TV and via Satellite to 23 U.S. cities, Canada and the Caribbean.

This Convention in Africa, signaled the fulfillment of

the NOI founder, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad who wanted to build a bridge between Africa and Africans in the diaspora.

Discussing "Africa's potential" to an estimated 40,000 at Accra's (Ghana) Independence Square, Farrakhan said, "Africa has the potential" to a great Super Power in the 21st century... but we have to envision it." Farrakhan said that visions have to be "shed" and Africans have to take on a "new idea that will bring us a new vision, then we will ultimately evolve into Ghana's former president. Kwame Nkrumah's vision of a United States of Africa."

The Convention included workshops on such topics as *Economic Development; The Business Connection; Towards Understanding Africans in the Diaspora; The Changing Role of the African Women; and Health Issues Facing the Black World.* Workshop presenters included: Tynetta Muhammad, the wife of Elijah Muhammad; Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael); syndicated talk show host Bob Law; Tony Annat Forson

from the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation; Chief Executive Officer of Third World Press, Haki Madhubuti and Dr. Na'im Akbar, executive director of Mind Productions, and Dr. David Dubois son of W.E.B. Dubois.

Dr. Akbar said, "The convention served a political and cultural purpose in the sense that it demonstrated... the interactive possibilities for Africans and African-Americans." He said, "Spiritually, it demonstrated the realization of a vision that was established a long time ago in the works and the efforts of the H.E.M."

International representative for the NOI, Akbar Muhammad—based in Ghana—who hosted the convention, said, "The people of Ghana were overwhelmed by what they saw" Muhammad described the Convention as "historical." He feels that the events should be documented... "for our children and our children's children." According to Muhammad, some of the scholars who participated said that they would capture the workshops and publish some of the results.

During the Opening Session, President Jerry Rawlings of Ghana called the event "a pilgrimage for Africans in the diaspora". Discussing how whites have used religion to instill European values the president of the Fourth Republic said, "If you want to Christianize me go ahead, but don't Europeanize me, don't take away my identity," he said to a standing ovation from the audience that included his entire cabinet as well as conference delegates.

Farrakhan left Africa pledging to build a Mosque school and office in Ghana's Muslim district of Nima. The NOI has a community of over 40 members in Nima which is outside of Accra. Muslim district of Nima a section of Accra the Capital City of Ghana.

Minister Akbar Muhammad will assist in organizing trade and travel delegations to Ghana. For additional information please write Minister Akbar Muhammad at P.O. Box 01241, Osu-Accra Ghana, West Africa or in the United States at 8816 Manchester Rd. Suite#117 St. Louis MO. 63144, (314) 962-2117.

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Jennifer Holliday's career could almost read like the script for a Broadway musical. The story of a young girl, just barely 18 years old, plucked from deep in the heart of Texas and straight out of the Baptist church choir, who virtually becomes the star of a national touring show certainly sounds like the stuff storybooks are made of. But for Jennifer Holliday, it has been a very real, and sometimes very painful, experience.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Jennifer had planned a career in law and politics like that of her fellow Houstonian and mentor congresswoman, Barbara Jordan. She was all set to go to Texas Southern University when out of nowhere a dancer, Jamie Patterson, who was in Houston performing with "A Chorus Line" heard her sing and arranged for her to audition in New York with Vinnette Carroll, the director and writer of the Gospel musical *Your Arms Too Short to Box With God*. Jennifer was hired that very same day and the rest is history.

Jennifer went on to make her Broadway debut in 1980 in the revival of *Your Arms Too Short* which garnered her rave reviews and brought her to the attention of Broadway's Prince and Boy-Wonder, Michael Bennett, who cast Jennifer as Effie Melody White in the then untitled *Project No. 19* which later became the smash Broadway musical *Dreamgirls*. Jennifer won critical acclaim throughout the world and received a Tony award for Best Actress and a Grammy award for her show-stopping, heart wrenching rendition of "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" all by the time she was 22 years old.

Since then Holliday has recorded four solo albums: three for Geffen Records, *Feel My Soul*, *Say You Love Me*, (for which Jennifer was honored with her second Grammy in 1985) and *Get Close To My Love*. In 1991 she recorded one album for A&A Records, *I'm On Your Side*. She has worked with many great artists and producers over the years—Quincy Jones, Barbra Streisand, Maurice White, Michael Jackson, Ashford & Simpson, Luther Vandross, Michael McDonald, Foreigner, Peabo Bryson, Tommy Lipuma and Loretta Lynn, just to name a few.

With her Intersound debut Gospel album release, *On & On*, a new chapter in the book of Jennifer Holliday's life is written. Jennifer has found a new home both musically and spiritually. One listen to *On & On* makes it

clear as to where Jennifer has been these past three years and it leaves no question as to where she is going in the years that lie ahead of her.

Although she's mostly known for her secular music recordings, the Gospel community has always claimed her as their own. Jennifer admits that Gospel music runs deep in her veins and she credits Aretha Franklin as the reason for keeping her Gospel roots reflective in every form of music that she sings.

"Ever since I was 9 years old I have idolized Aretha Franklin. I was always emulating her in the mirror, always trying to sing just like her. In fact, for a very long time the only music form that I ever knew was Aretha Franklin (Gospel and R&B) because if Aretha didn't sing it, neither did I. It was only until my most recent years that I grew to learn and appreciate other forms of music."

*On & On* weaves the best of contemporary and traditional Gospel music. The album features nine songs written by some of Gospel music's most prominent writers: Edwin Hawkins, Walter Hawkins, Richard Smallwood, Twinkie Clark, Carol Antrom, Percy Bady and Ricky Grady. These songs are complimented by the heavenly sounds of Minister O'Landa Draper and the Associates, a 60-voice choir from Memphis, Tennessee.

Jennifer self-produced *On & On*, working closely with longtime friend and Intersound director, Trammell Starks. She carefully chose each song solely based upon its lyrical content and then re-evaluated each song according to its ability to accommodate Holliday's powerhouse vocals, along with the choir. But it was the lyrics that influenced her decision the most.

"My reasons for making this album changed with each passing day, therefore, the lyrics became more and more personal to me as I continued to work on this project. At first, I wanted to do a Gospel album merely as a tribute to my very dear friend the late Minister Thomas A. Whitfield, "the Maestro," as he was known in the Gospel community. Tommy's sudden death, back in the summer of 1992 shook me terribly...I don't know, I just always thought that we would have plenty of years together, to be best of friends forever together and ultimately, one day we would sing Gospel music "Tommy-style" together...but then he was gone! That, if nothing else got me back to



church."

"As time went on I yearned for a closer relationship with God, and in 1993 I committed my life to Christ. It was during this phase that I learned about the irony of being a Christian. In a matter of months I was overwhelmed with adversities, heartaches, trials and tribulations. I was taken aback by it all...caught in a whirlwind of depression and confusion. I kept having problem after problem trying to pull this album project together, unforeseen circumstance, caused me major financial difficulties, and every day for eight months I had to witness two slow and painful deaths. The inevitable death of my darling and beloved mother to the powerful grip of pancreatic cancer, which is profoundly the most sorrowful experience I have ever known, and the inexplicable death of my second marriage to the powerful grip of Satan himself, which is the most perplexing experience I have ever known. It took me 18 months to complete this project—18 very long months!"

One would assume that after all the hardships that Jennifer has had to endure that it would be impossible for this story to have a happy ending, but Jennifer begs to differ. "God has rewarded my walk of faith with victory. I am victorious in Christ and He has promised to give me the strength to go on! The lyrics to the title song, *On & On* completely sums up the way I feel about where I am in my life right now. There comes a defining moment in all our lives—Christian or non-Christian—when we are faced with the choice of giving up or going on. I am going on! I am not sure exactly where it is that I am going but I am sure that where it is will be where God directs my footsteps to be. Gospel music is where I belong. I'm home...I am finally home."



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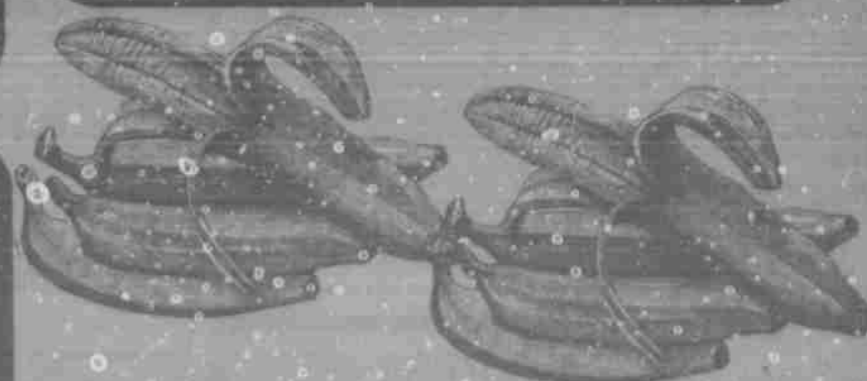
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or Yogurt

All  
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Split Fryer  
Breast



Family  
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Bananas

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10