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NATIONAL NEWS

ICBC Retains Rights for 'It's Showtime at the Apollo'

Percy Sutton called a vote granting syndication rights of the popular television show aired from the landmark location, 'It's Showtime at the Apollo' a victory for Harlem's redevelopment. The Apollo Theater Foundation, which manages the theater, vied 6-5 earlier this month to give Sutton's company, Inner City Theatre Company, syndication rights to the show for a sixth straight year. But the African Heritage Network, a broadcast company also seeking rights to the program, charges that the foundation allowed Sutton to up his bid at the last minute. Sutton however, said much of the criticism of his company's relationship with the Apollo Foundation was based on false information. Published reports said Inner City Broadcasting's winning bid was for \$1.6 million, and that it originally had bid \$1.5 million, the same amount offered by African Heritage. Frank Mercado, president of African Heritage, said he had offered an additional \$500,000 on top of the \$1.5 million bid for renovation of the theater, according to the reports. But foundation officials told him that his bid could not be changed, Mercado said. Sutton believes the syndication rights should be his because his company has played a significant role in reviving interest in the theater. "My family, my company, my friends (helped) to resurrect the Apollo from its deathbed in 1981 and bring it to the centerpiece and driving force in the economic revival and development of 125th Street, so as to attract Disney and others who are now willing and anxious to come to 125th Street," Sutton said. None-the-less, state officials have withheld \$750,000 in grants and loans and is investing whether the foundation's board has allowed Sutton to underplay it for control of the late-night television show. A source close to the Apollo refute this charge. — *Dawud Phillips, Daily Challenge*

AT&T Announces \$1.2 Million Initiative for Minority Business Development

AT&T has announced that it will contribute \$1.2 million to provide financial assistance to minority-owned businesses. The contribution to the National Minority Supplier Development Council's (NMSDC's) Business Consortium Fund is specifically earmarked to assist minority businesses with needed capital and training to expand high-tech businesses. "Access to capital has historically been a major impediment to the growth of minority-owned businesses," said Franklin Ianna, AT&T's executive vice president and supplier diversity champion. "That is why we, at AT&T are especially pleased to take this innovative step toward alleviating a crucial barrier for minority entrepreneurship in the high-tech arena." "This is an extraordinary day for the NMSDC network and for minority-owned businesses as a whole," said Harriet Michel, NMSDC president. "It's as though we've been recognized. AT&T's commitment to infuse the BCF with new capital and to expand training opportunities for minority entrepreneurs seeking greater access to high-tech industries is an important wakeup call to other corporations to recognize the significance of these businesses to our nation's economic well-being. For there is no doubt, when all segments of our society are empowered economically, then we all win." AT&T also announced plans to establish the AT&T Supplier Diversity Roundtable, a council of external suppliers and representatives of business organizations who will provide advice to the corporations on ways to expand supplier diversity, increase opportunities for current suppliers and develop new suppliers.

COBI Investors Conference Brings Wall Street to Main Street

"Get in the black, enjoy the good life and leave your children a legacy of wealth. With planning, African Americans can attain these goals," said Duane Davis, founder of the Coalition of Black Investors (COBI). African Americans are invited to seize the power of investing - from stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to private companies, real estate and an - at the First Black Investors Conference, Sept. 18 - 19 in Washington, D.C. The agenda includes information-packed workshops, financial analysis, portfolio managers and valuable networking opportunities. Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, will keynote the conference's Sept. 18 luncheon. Rev. Jackson established the Wall Street Project in 1997 to urge corporations to expand economic opportunities for minorities and women. Other speakers include Dennis Kinno, author of "Think and Grow Rich: A Black Choice"; Cheryl Broussard, author and investment adviser and Len Holland of Holland Capital Management among others. All will share investment tips and economic perspectives. Financial services firms will have information available in the conference exhibit hall. Representatives from publicly traded companies will be on hand to share investment information about their companies. In the COBI Career Marketplace recruiters will review resumes and talk to prospective applicants. To register call (136) 922-8240, (888) 411-2624 or visit



Wendell J. Brown
Principal

INSIDE AJHS

The 1998-99 school year has begun and the halls are once again filled with tomorrow's leaders. On the first day over 280 seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students made another step in furthering themselves in our competitive world. It was a tremendous day to see hope manifest itself through

our children. At AJHS, there are several new faces. The entire administrative team is new to the campus. Mr. Wendell J. Brown is the new principal. Mr. Brown has been in the district for many years and most recently was the principal at Iles Elementary. Mr. Jerry Lee is the assistant principal and has worked at Estacado High as the Associate Principal for the past nine years. He brings a wealth of knowledge and background of our neighborhood students to the campus. Ms. Tammy Shepherd is the Assistant Principal for Instruction. She has worked in the Estacado quadrant for many years at all levels. She most recently was the counselor at Posey Elementary. The new administrative team brings over sixty years of school experience to Alderson. There is a tremendous energy and excitement for the coming years.

In addition to the new administrators, there are several other new faces. They are:

- ◆ Ms. Natasha Boyce, Diagnostician, Health, and Coach
- ◆ Mr. Wes Brown, History and Coach
- ◆ Ms. Heather Crawford, Math
- ◆ Mr. James Cross, Teacher
- ◆ Ms. Linda Gober, English
- ◆ Ms. Jennifer Hodo, Teacher
- ◆ Mr. Carl Mamo, Math
- ◆ Ms. Mary McCown, Math Demonstration Teacher
- ◆ Ms. Angela Potts, Math
- ◆ Mr. Kevin Murra, Choir
- ◆ Mr. Sammy Green, Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Ms. Sandra Reed, Home Liaison
- ◆ Mr. Rene Villegas, Teaching Assistant and Coach

We encourage you to visit our school and see first hand the excellent educational opportunities that are in place at Alderson. We offer a full range of courses including those Pre-Advanced Placement courses that will prepare our students to attend the highest quality colleges and universities.

Along this theme, many of our students maximized the opportunity to view an openheart surgery live via the Internet. Our science teachers jointly shared this rare experience with our students. You may go to our temporary website to view some photos that were taken. (www.geocities.com/colosseum/6454) You may come by school and do this in our library. Our students have wonderful opportunities to utilize the most advanced technology.

On September 14, we will have our GOALS night at Alderson. At that time we will recognize our Hornet Ambassadors. These are 9- grade students who represent our school in extracurricular activities. Come and join us in the recognition of these deserving students. We will have a PTA membership drive that night. We are asking that each adult join PTA. For that membership fee, we will serve the ENTIRE family notdogs, chips, and drink. All of this will commence at 7 p.m. and our plans are to meet on the south grounds for the festivities. These efforts will be in conjunction with the Parkway/Cherry Point Neighborhood Association. You will have an opportunity to meet the new teachers and staff mentioned above and the board of directors of the neighborhood association. This is a great time for you to get a bird's eye view of what is going on inside AJHS. If you have any questions please give us a call at 766-1500.

We are enhancing the expectations of our students in several ways. We expect our young people to dress in a way that is acceptable and productive. This means they must have their shirts tucked and pants that are hemmed, not over-sized, and that fit properly on the waist. It is essential that our students begin now in their preparation to become active successful participants in our society. We are also teaching and reinforcing appropriate social interaction skills. We ask for your help in supporting these expectations as you interact with our students.



Ana Harthorne
Things are looking up for
Alderson Junior High School



JOHNSON APPOINTED TO WORLD A CAPPELLA ASSOCIATION

Mr. Virgil L. Johnson, retired principal of the Lubbock Independent School District, was appointed recently as an Honorary Advisory Board member of the World A Cappella Association. This association has its headquarters in La Canada, California.

According to Mr. Johnson, this organization is working closely with the National Association of Recording Artists in an effort to get A Cappella singing recognized as a category during the Annual Grammy Awards.

Mr. Johnson has a popular radio show over Radio Station KDAV, 1590 AM, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon from Monday through Friday.

Kenneth Starr: Questions From The Start

By Representative John Conyers, Jr.

When we passed the Independent Counsel Act, my colleagues in Congress and I believed it would add credibility to investigations of high-ranking government officials by taking those important matters out of the hands of politically-appointed Attorneys General and putting them in the hands of impartially-chosen Independent Counsels.

Under the Act, if serious legal questions are raised about the behavior of the president or another high-level government official, the attorney general may ask a three-judge panel to pick an unbiased person to investigate those charges. The members of Congress agreed that a neutral person should be selected to avoid any perception of bias either for or against the government official under investigation. The story of Ken Starr's selection, however, raises questions about whether he is the kind of impartial person that we had in mind.

Before Starr was picked by the three-judge panel to investigate the president, the Attorney General, Janet Reno, had herself picked someone to fill that role — a highly regarded Republican prosecutor named Robert Fiske. Even though Fiske had already begun his investigation, the three-judge panel replaced him because the judges felt he was tainted by having been selected by the Attorney General, who herself was a presidential appointee. The events surrounding the choice of Starr, however, suggest that the judges themselves may have had partisan political agenda.

Less than a week before choosing Starr, Court of Appeals Judge David Sentelle, the Republican head of the three-judge panel, was seen having lunch with two Republican senators from North Carolina, both of whom are political enemies of the president. When the lunch was reported in the press, the three men denied that they had discussed firing Fiske and hiring Starr. But the timing of that get-together must cause us to worry that the decision to dismiss Fiske and replace him with Starr was politically motivated.

Starr is a staunch Republican who served in both the Reagan and Bush Justice Departments. In fact, Starr has publicly stated that he would be happy to work in any future Republican administration. While he was a lawyer in private practice, Starr considered representing a politically conservative women's group that opposed President Clinton in the lawsuit brought against him by Paula Jones. These and other obvious conflicts of interest prompted the New York Times editorial board to call for him to step down as the independent counsel almost as soon as he was appointed.

Starr's partisan political background should have disqualified him from being chosen to investigate the President. While initial concerns about his fairness might have quieted if Starr had taken extra care to conduct his investigation fairly, events have shown initial concerns about him to be justified.

John Conyers, Jr. is the longest-serving African-American in the history of the United States House of Representatives. He is the most senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, the Committee of Congress to which any report by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is likely to be referred. Conyers is also the Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1964 and presently is serving his seventeenth term in Congress. This is the first in an occasional series of articles by Conyers on a variety of political subjects.

DELTA SIGMA THETA'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Ms. Pearlene Williams, an 18 year old daughter of Linda Williams, Robert Griggs, and her stepmother, Cheryl Griggs, has received a scholarship from the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

A graduate of Coronado High School, she likes hanging out with her family and friends, listening to music, and writing poems and lyrics. "I enjoy singing, most of all, in fact I plan to have my own album out one day," she says.

Speaking of her interest in music, as a high school student, she was part of the mixed variety choir, and sings with the True Worshipers Church of God in Christ.

"Above all, I try to make God first in my life, because without Him, I know nothing is possible. Like most people, I want to have a successful life." This fall, she will attend South Plains College and will major in music.

"There are so many goals I have accomplished so far, and there are so many more I intend to accomplish. I know it will all become a reality if I just continue to believe, and God will work out all efforts for me, just as He will do for anyone," she concludes.

Fund established for gasoline burn victim

A fund has been established at all branches of the West-Tex Federal Credit Union in a name of Arlene Johnson. Ms. Johnson, 42, was severely burned — in weekend when she was reportedly doused with gasoline and set ablaze during a domestic dispute.

She is now hospitalized at University Medical Center and donations to the Arlene Johnson Fund will help defray medical expenses.

Ms. Johnson is a native of Lubbock and is a 20-year employee of the West Texas Library System and the Lubbock City-County Library. She is the mother of two children.

Questions about the fund may be addressed to either Nancy Hill, System Coordinator, West Texas Library System, at 775-2854 or Jeff Rippeel, Library Director, Lubbock City-County Library, at 775-2822.

For more information, contact Jeff Rippeel, 775-2822.



Celebrity Look-A-Like

At the African Pride™ Wonder Weave Celebrity Look-A-Like Contest held in Atlanta, the company awarded \$1,000 to the contest winner and \$1,000 to her hairstylist. Pictured (L to R) are: Arnisha Hallett-Jones, Brand Manager, African Pride Products; Michele Wilson, winning hairstylist; Sheila Jones (as Dionne Warwick), African Pride Wonder Weave Celebrity Look-A-Like Contest winner; and Marilyn Vines, National Spokesperson, African Pride Products.



Surgeon General Addresses Journalists' Convention

Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher, right, joined by ABC News health reporter George Strall, addresses members of the National Association of Black Journalists at their recent convention in Washington DC. Strall moderated the seminar entitled "911: Black Health Crisis," in which the Surgeon General initiated dialogue with black reporters regarding coverage of urgent health issues in the African American community. A wide range of issues were discussed, including the Clinton Administration's initiative to reduce racial disparities in health, the Surgeon General's priorities and HIV/AIDS in the minority community. The five-day convention brought together black journalists from across the country July 29-August 2.

Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2062 Birch Ave. in Lubbock, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. This church is always open to anyone who is looking for a church home.

Last Sunday morning, there were only a few who were present at church services. Pastor Moton and members motored to San Antonio, Texas last weekend.

Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. with Deacon Robert Cork presiding as superintendent and Sister Julia Swain served as acting secretary.

Sunday School was conducted as usual. After instruction, all classes reassembled at 10:15 a.m. in the main auditorium marching and singing "Yield Not To Temptation." Prayer was given by Deacon Cork.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department-Intermediate Class received both banners. Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 also received both banners.

High points of the morning lesson were given by the Adult Department. They were very well received by all in attendance.

Last Sunday was Women Missionary Society Day. The morning devotional period was conducted by Sister Ruby Jay and Sister Florenzo Stokley.

The morning hymn was "Near The Cross." Altar prayer was given by Deacon Clarence Ervin. After the singing another song, the morning scripture was read by Sister Julia Swain. Prayer was given by Sister Clara Colquitt. Another song, "Glory To His Name," was sung. The responsive reading was done with all members of the congregation participating. Another hymn, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The morning sermon was preached by Rev. B. Kelly, a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. His subject was "Be Cold; Be Hot; But Not Lukewarm." His scripture text was Revelation 3:14-16. It was a wonderful message. He really told us all about it. His mother is a member of New Hope.

Sister Ester Josie was rushed to the hospital last Saturday evening. Let us pray for her and her family. God is the answer.

Sister Lena Sheffield did a wonderful job with the announcements last Sunday morning at New Hope.

Funeral services were held for Sister Fannie Price's aunt in Dallas, Texas last Saturday. Let us pray for her family.

Our prayers go out to all the sick and shut in families as well as those families who are bereaved at this report.

Pray for the New Hope Baptist Church family as they return from San Antonio, Texas last weekend. May they bring something good back. Members of New Hope missed each of you last Sunday morning.

This writer, Ruby Jay, received a very good call last Friday from Cleburne, Texas for her nephew who had returned home from overseas. He's on his way back for two years in Japan. Your prayers are appreciated. This time, we've learned, he will take his family with him. He is Steve Smith, a son of Lettie Furlow. May God bless him.

Judith Struggs carried Mr. and Mrs. Cosby Morton, Sr. to the Annual Early Settlers Reunion last Thursday evening at Mae Simmons Community Center. Mrs. Justyne Morton really did enjoy it. How sweet of you, Judith Struggs. God smiled on you.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN, AGES 104 AND 18, PROVE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING SPANS GENERATIONS

"When you register to vote, it makes you a first-class citizen," says 104-year-old Democrat William Brown

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In spite of tests on state laws and poll taxes designed to prevent African Americans from voting, 104-year-old William Brown of Las Vegas, Nevada, has voted in every election since 1916. "It behooves us to try to be a good citizen. When you register to vote, it makes you a first-class citizen," said Brown. [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 8/24/98]

Brown celebrated his 104th birthday this week by casting his ballot in Nevada's Democratic primary. Joining him was 18-year-old Truman Hopkins, a second-year student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, who was voting for the very first time. "It was inspirational to have Mr. Brown voting with me because it makes me feel good to know that voting is still important to someone of his great age as well as my age," Hopkins said. He continued, "[Brown] just told me to remember the importance of [voting] and to keep doing what I am doing." [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 8/24/98]

A lifelong Democrat, Brown says the biggest change he's seen in his many years as a voter was "the fact that blacks couldn't vote without (first) taking a test on the state laws." Born in 1894, Brown cast his vote for the first time in a presidential election when he was 21, helping Democrat Woodrow Wilson win a second term in office in 1916. He has not missed an election since.

"The efforts of the Republican Party to place the politics of partisanship over progress have unfortunately led to a decline in voter participation," said Steve Groseman, National Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). "Hopefully, the examples set by Mr. Brown and Mr. Hopkins will show people of every generation and every racial, ethnic, and economic background the importance of registering to vote and turning out to the polls on Election Day."

"Mr. Brown should serve as an inspiration to all of us. Not just because he has led such a long, rich life but also because he has exercised his right as an American citizen to be an active participant in the political process," said DNC General Chair Governor Roy Romer. "Those who take the importance of voting for granted should look at what Mr. Brown has had to endure and realize that thanks to people like him, all Americans now have the right to stand up and be counted."

Grandparents Group Meets

A support group for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren will meet September 10th and every 2nd Thursday of each month thereafter. You may choose from two times offered— from 1:30 to 3:00 in the afternoon or from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The group will meet in the conference room of the Lubbock YWCA. Call 792-2723 for additional information.

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Hometown News



Air Force Airman 1st Class Chandy L. Edwards has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Edwards is the son of Debbie C. and stepson of Edward J. Cosgrove of 2314 17th, Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1996 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

Notes to the Editor: Military columns provide a superb morale booster to all soldiers and airmen. Any clippings you could mail back to us would be greatly appreciated.

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RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

A Presentation by Dr. Robert Brooks, Harvard University

Wednesday, September 9, 1998, 7:00-8:30 P.M.
O.L. Slaton Junior High School
1602 32nd Street, Lubbock

The O.L. Slaton PTA and the Education Service Center Region 17 wish to invite parents, foster parents, child care workers, and educators to a presentation by Dr. Robert Brooks on Raising Resilient Children and Adolescents. Dr. Brooks has lectured nationally and internationally and has written extensively on the topics of motivation, self-esteem, and resilience in children and adolescents with a special focus on the school environment. He is the author of The Self-Esteem Teacher and he has recently completed a videotape and educational guide for PBS about fostering hope and resilience in children and adolescents with special needs. Dr. Brooks serves on the professional advisory boards of the National Center for Learning Disabilities and C.H.A.D.D. (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders). Please contact Val Melxner at 806/792-4000 for more information. There is no fee for this event.

ACAPULCO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL



(l-r) Actor Denzel Washington; Byron Lewis, Chairman & CEO, UniWorld Group, Inc.; Warrington Huttin, President, The Black Filmmaker Foundation; actor & director/producer Debbie Allen; Jeff Friday, Executive Director/Producer, ABFF; and actor Morgan Freeman. photo by: Karl Crutchfield

THE 1998 ACAPULCO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL CLOSES WITH STAR-STUDED AWARDS CEREMONY

DENZEL WASHINGTON BRINGS DOWN HOUSE WITH SURPRISE APPEARANCE AT BLACK FILM AWARDS

Los Angeles, CA - July 20, 1998 - The second annual Acapulco Black Film Festival (ABFF) came to a close Friday, July 17 with the star-studded Black Film Awards Ceremony, held in Acapulco, Mexico. Actor Denzel Washington made a surprise appearance to present Career Achievement Awards to Debbie Allen and Morgan Freeman. The Awards Ceremony, which honored films that were either directed or written and produced by African Americans and released in 1997, ended the festival's week-long series of seminars, panels, film screenings and other exciting events. The ABFF, which was established in 1997 to celebrate and showcase the best in Black cinema, was presented by UniWorld Entertainment, The Black Filmmaker Foundation (BFF) and HBO®.

The winners of the 1998 Black Film Awards:

- **Best Film** - (tie) Eve's Bayou (Trimark Picture) Soul Food (Fox 2000)
- **Best Director** - Kasi Lemmons (Eve's Bayou)
- **Best Actor** - Samuel L. Jackson (Eve's Bayou)
- **Best Actress** - Vivica A. Fox (Soul Food)
- **Best Soundtrack** - Love Jones (Columbia Records)
- **HBO Short Film Award Winner** - (tie) Jeffrey W. Byrd (Breakdown) Christine Swanson (Two Seasons)
- **Magic Johnson Theatres "Best of Festival Award"** - Alison Swan (Mixing Nia) (This award was presented to the best Independent Film)
- **Career Achievement Award** - Morgan Freeman Debbie Allen

Corporate sponsors of the 1998 Acapulco Black Film Festival included such major companies as HBO®, Upscale magazine, The Walt Disney Company, NetNoir, American Airlines, Naya, Sara Lee, the African Heritage Network, Pro Line, the Writers Guild of America, Sony Music Entertainment, Bacardi, Eastman Kodak, Neiman Marcus, Nielsen Media Research, Columbia Records, Equitable, American Express, Acapulco Convention & Visitors Bureau, Cinemark International, the State of Guerrero, and Magic Johnson, Theatres.

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FLYING WHILE BLACK

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson Special to the NNPA

Lani Guinier, Bill Lann Lee, Henry Foster, Ron Brown, Helen O'Leary, Jocelyn Elders, Alexis M. Herman, and now David Jones. The Senate Armed Services Committee's rejection of Jones as Air Force secretary follows a pattern that is now disgracefully familiar.

President Clinton appoints an African-American or minority candidate to a cabinet post and if he or she is lucky enough to get confirmed Republican political vigilantes immediately start in on them. They dig up all the dirt they can find on the appointee, magnify it into a major crime, try to enlist the media in the smear campaign, and hope that the pressure will force the hapless official to resign, or Clinton to fire them. If the nominee has not been confirmed they do everything humanly possible to torpedo the appointment in Senate Committee hearings, or better yet get Clinton to withdraw the nomination. The relentless attacks on Clinton's minority appointees combine the time-tested blend of sneaky racial and blatant political mean-spiritedness.

The Jones appointment was certainly a classic example of this. In the past appointments such as Air Force secretary generated no controversy, and were routinely approved. In the case of Jones, his military experience, and education were never an issue. He is an Air Force Academy graduate, attorney, and former Air National Guard pilot, who flew F-4 Phantoms, and A-7D Corsairs. The allegations against him were that he was a lousy flyer, collected extra pay for flight time he didn't earn or deserve, sold Amway products to enlisted Air Force personnel, and that he improperly lobbied on behalf of a financial company seeking a bond deal on the Miami Airport.

There was no tangible proof offered that Jones knowingly abused his

authority to sell Amway products. The charge that he was an incompetent pilot hinged mostly on the word of a former squadron leader. And the Security and Exchange Commission which opened an investigation on the Miami bond sale had not accused Jones of criminal wrongdoing.

The post of Air Force secretary does not explicitly require the candidate to be an experienced pilot. It is primarily an administrative job that requires the overseeing of budgets, training, and recruitment, but not military combat operations. While California Congresswoman Jane Harman, who is now being mentioned as a possible nominee for Air Force secretary, is knowledgeable about military budgets, there is no mention of how much, if any, flight experience she has had, or if this could be an issue.

However, none of this really matters. The Republicans, by floundering Jones for Air Force secretary intended once more to send the message that if any Clinton nominee or appointee is a minority, especially African American, their education, competence, integrity, and dedication to public service won't mean much. They will become instant hostages to the political, and racial whims of the Republicans. Their aim is to make Clinton, and Gore, if he captures the White House in 2000, think twice before they appoint other minorities to cabinet posts.

Yes, it's shameful and disgusting to make race and politics the sole yardstick for measuring the qualifications of a political appointee. But sadly it has become more and more the American political way.

Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of "The Crisis in Black and Black." E-mail: ehutchi344@aol.com

NAACP SUPPORTS REOPENING OF KING CASE

HATE CRIME IS DESTRUCTIVE TODAY AS 30 YEARS AGO

Baltimore, Maryland—The NAACP welcomes Attorney General Janet Reno's decision to reopen the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In this, the 30th Anniversary of his death, it is important to the King family and the American family of all races to bring closure to this case. For three decades now, it has painfully torn at the heartstrings of all of us in the civil rights movement who want justice for all.

The King family has been in the forefront in requesting that this case be reopened. We vigorously support them in this effort.

The King Assassination case further underscores the urgent need for the 105th Congress to pass the Hate Crime Act of 1998. Today, hate is just as destructive as it was thirty ago. The House and Senate must move swiftly to amend the federal criminal codes to set penalties for persons who willfully injure or attempt to injure anyone because of his/her perceived race, color, religion, or national origin. Hate is still a destructive force in America and requires the strongest sanctions the law can provide.

Discrimination Against Muslims Increases in the U.S.

By Thalif Deen Special to the NNPA from IPS

UNITED NATIONS (IPS) — An organization which oversees the interests of Muslims in the United States says there has been a 60 percent increase in anti-Muslim discrimination this year compared with 1997.

A 60-page report released by the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) details more than 280 incidents and experiences of anti-Muslim stereotyping, bias, harassment and violence.

The Council, which was established in 1994, says that although there was a 60 percent increase in discrimination cases, there was an overall decrease in acts of violence against American Muslims. The drop is attributed to the absence of such events as the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 or the downing of TWA flight 800 in 1996—both of which triggered anti-Muslim violence in the United States.

"The trends documented in the report indicate that discrimination is now part of daily life for American Muslims," says Mohamed Nimer, director of the CAIR's Research Center and author of the report. "This troubling phenomenon is no longer limited just to times of crisis."

The anti-Muslim incidents, he says, includes vandalism of an Islamic display on the White House Ellipse, termination of Muslim women employees who wished to wear a religiously-mandated head scarf and problems encountered by Muslims who must offer their prayers during work of school hours.

Currently, the total U.S. population of 270 million includes six millions Muslims. Islam, which has about 1.2 billion adherents worldwide, is one of the fastest growing religions both in the United States and in other regions of the world.

Eighty percent of the incidents in the United States took place in 15 states where the Muslim population is concentrated: California, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Georgia.

In December last year, a

swastika was spray-painted on a star and crescent display at the White House Ellipse in Washington, D.C.

The incident took place one day after the display was set up — for the first time ever — to mark the end of the month of Ramadan.

In Falls Church, Va., early this year, a supervisor told a Muslim employee: "If you weren't fasting here, you'd be in Algeria blowing up people."

In Chicago, a law firm immediately replaced a Muslim employee after she refused to take off her head scarf. An investigation by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission found the company in violation of the 1964 U.S. Civil Rights Act.

Nimer told IPS that every single case was "verifiable and well-documented." The incidents documented in the report, he said, took place between March 1997 and March 1998.

"We want to raise the standards of discourse on minority rights in this country," he says.

Nimer says the dissemination of accurate information about Islam, coupled with increased social and political activism on

the part of American Muslims, is the only solution to the problem.

The report, titled "Patterns of Discrimination," points out that many of the anti-Muslim incidents were due to ignorance of Islam, a general bias against religious sentiment or outdated corporate policies that do not reflect increased religious diversity in the workplace.

The study also criticizes the use of secret evidence in deportation cases. Muslims have alleged that such evidence violates constitutional protections and targets both Arabs and Muslims in the United States.

Nimer says that information contained in the report was obtained through investigation by CAIR staff and verified from third parties. Some 300 cases were excluded due to insufficient evidence of discrimination, he says.

The report is the third in a series published annually by CAIR which began documenting anti-Muslim incidents following the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. The bombing set off several anti-Muslim incidents because of rumors that it was the handiwork of "Arab and Muslim terrorists."

The bombing was eventually attributed to individuals with ties to right wing U.S. militia groups — with no links to either Muslims or Islam.

Submitted By The Bartley Family

Good Afternoon, my name is Edith Bartley, the daughter of Julian and Sue Bartley. My father Julian Bartley, Sr. was the Consul General of the American Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, and just hours ago it was confirmed that he was the last American Embassy employee unaccounted for. Unfortunately, just a short time ago, his remains were identified at a morgue in Nairobi, Kenya.

My father was a senior diplomatic officer who joined the Foreign Service 24 years ago. He fulfilled assignments in: the Dominican Republic, Columbia, Spain, Israel, Korea and finally Kenya. He was selected to study at the National War College in Washington, D.C. in 1995. After successfully completing his year of studies, my father served as the Counselor for International Affairs in Congressman Bennie G. Thompson's office (D-MS) as a Pearson Fellow. My father was born in Jacksonville, Florida and was 55 years old.

My brother, Jay Bartley, was also among those killed in the Embassy bombing. My brother was 20 years old and a student at the United States International University in Nairobi, Kenya. At the time of this tragedy, he was working at the American Embassy for the summer. Jay graduated from the Kenyan International High School in 1997. Prior to moving to Nairobi with our parents, Jay attended the Piney Woods Country Life School in Piney Woods, Mississippi.

My father and brother are also survived by my mother, Sue Bartley, my grandmother, Gledys Baldwin and my grandfather Joe Bartley.

On behalf of the family I would like to ask that representatives of the media give my grandmother and other members of the family privacy. This is a very difficult time and we hope that you respect our family's wishes. Also, on behalf of my family, I would like to extend my deepest and heartfelt condolences to all family members worldwide who lost a loved one or were affected by the horrific bombings of our American Embassies in East Africa.

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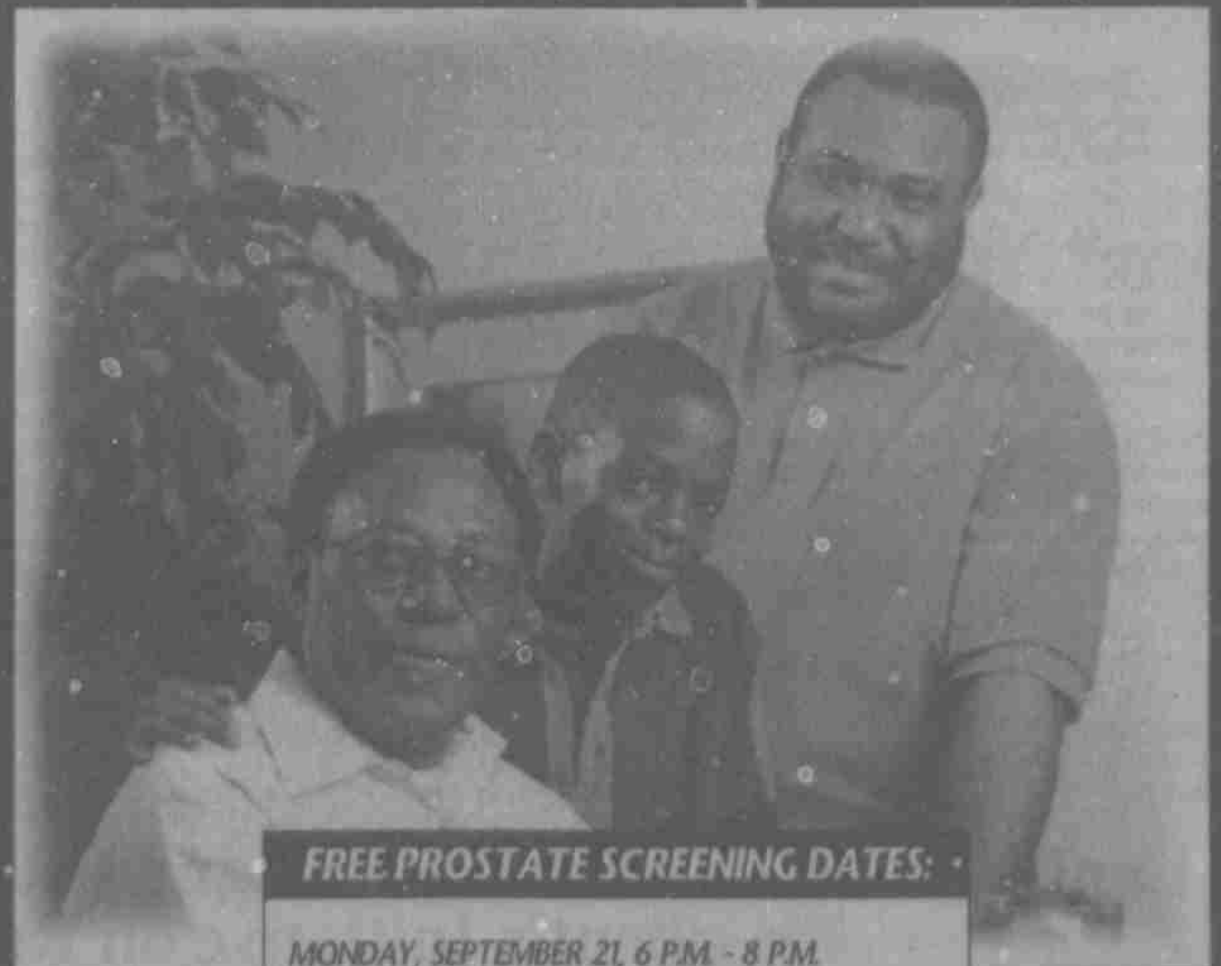
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THIS N THAT

"THERE SHOULD BE SOME CONCERN! THIS N THAT...would like to advise our school board representative...KATHYL ANDERSON...of the recent comment made by board vice president...BOB CRAIG...there is a...NFED POP CERN...about the...ELEVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS...who apparently have enrollment below...THREE HUNDRED STUDENTS... Especially if there is going to be a...FACILITY UTILIZATION COMMITTEE...proposed to study this matter... it was also revealed that the committee who be comprised of the following...SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES...COMMUNITY LEADERS...CITIZENS...PARENTS...AND TAXPAYERS... Would make good sense to pay close attention with this development... Remember the...OUTCOME OF DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL... Just something to think about when you start looking into the declining of schools... especially when some of those schools happen to be located in the...AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY...or for any matter...any part of the city.

ONLY THREE LEFT HOME OWNED!! THIS N THAT...after hearing of the...SELLING...of the only home owned local television station...ABC28...it stands out that there are only...THREE HOME OWNED...news media outlets...that is...OVER TWENTY YEARS OF AGE... They are...EL EDITOR NEWSPAPER...WEST TEXAS HISPANIC NEWS...and...SOUTHWEST DIGEST... Just something to think about...when we look at history in Lubbock...ABC28...formerly known as...KMAC...was founded by one of our former good citizens...R.B. MCALISTEK... Just goes to show...when you believe in something...and stay with it...IT LEAVES A STRONG HISTORY.

VERY GOOD MARCHES LAST SATURDAY!! THIS N THAT...had an opportunity to march in the two...MARCHES AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS...last Saturday... One was in the...ARNETT BENSON NEIGHBORHOOD...and...PARKWAY CHERRY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD... Sure there are...DRUGS AND GANG MEMBERS...in both of these parts of our city...but...DRUGS AND GANGS...are all over Lubbock...BRAVE CITIZENS...stood up last Saturday...to say a loud...NO...to those who are involved in these evils... The drug march in...PARKWAY CHERRY POINT...was the...68TH MARCH...which began in August, 1995...after the death of...DERRICK WHITE... More

marches will be coming in the near future. If you want to get involved in these kinds of efforts, then please feel free to come and take part... Funny thing about the marches last Saturday...MANY CALLS...have been received about the possible location of...MANY MORE DRUG HOUSES... So stay tuned...and keep abreast with what is happening in your community... By the way...why not go by a school this week...

THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT! THIS N THAT...would like to say...THANKS...to the new principal of the...ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL...who was one of the marchers last Saturday... He let those who were marching of the...IMPORTANCE...of what each were doing... When young people see all of us involved...IT...gives our young people hope... Thanks, MR. WENDELL BROWN...for what you stand up for...and your concern for our young people...

CONGRATS MR. & MRS. WILLIE ROSS! THIS N THAT...would like to say...CONGRATS...to another one of our African American couples...MR. AND MRS. WILLIE ROSS... who have been married for...FIFTY YEARS... This is another institution of good people...who have reared their children...and because of what they have done...LUBBOCK...is a much better place... They were married...AUGUST 31, 1948...in Waco, Texas...

SHIRLEY CANADY THE BARBER SAYS: "MANAGERS...are people who do things...RIGHT...and...LEADERS...are people who do the...RIGHT THINGS..."

VISIT A SCHOOL THIS WEEK!! THIS N THAT...is asking we all take a different approach to this school year...VISIT A SCHOOL... Why not do this...this week... Our kids need us!!

FIRST ONE EVER! THIS N THAT...had an opportunity last week of having a candidate for the...TEXAS SUPREME COURT...to visit the office of the...SOUTHWEST DIGEST... He was...DAVID VAN OS...a man who believes in the efforts of the late...DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR... With the theme of... "EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL"...he has the following statement on his business card... "INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE..." which was said by Dr. King... This man...DAVID VAN OS...is a very interesting person...and he is one...whom you should meet... He'll be back...and...THIS N THAT...will advise...

Stuck on Stupid!

Kenneth Starr is a zealot, a hired gun and as a Nation we are guilty of not seeing through this thinly veiled masquerade and allowing Mr. Starr an ounce of credibility. It should cause one to pause considering the idea that his peeping tom investigation merits even passing interest and what such communal voyeurism says about us as a Nation.

The fact that we would allow this investigation to exist, much less hype and exploit it is worrisome enough, but there exists a particular undemocratic undercurrent at its root, which is strong enough to bring this Kenneth Starr sexcapade flotsam to the surface, which must be exposed for what it is and made part of the ongoing debate.

If not for this malevolent undertow one could dismiss this whole episode, as being an uniquely American exercise in excess and sexual repression. There is a greater danger to this bull in the china shop routine however, one which threatens to demean our political system and thus cause real damage to our democratic institutions, and has grave future implications for both Democrats and Republicans.

Everyone knows that Independent Counsel Starr's investigation has no clothes, but apparently no one is willing to tell him that he is walking around in the buff. The Federal Court System the victim of Regan / Bush bench packing has been reduced to issuing numbskull rulings which suggests an inability to apply sound reasoning - remember that the President's compelled participation in the Paula Jones' suit while in office would not unduly interfere with the operation of the presidency - even politicians and their accompanying media courtesans of the Beltway should at last have the nerve to stand up and state the naked truth - which is that this trip, is a voyage into the perverse, a perversion that is not that of the President, but of those who would pull the curtains of the Oval Office back for what amounts to at most a Monica Lewinsky, "up skirt".

Privacy is a seven letter word that everyone needs a little of. Liberty personal freedom and privacy are essential underpinnings to a democratic society. Only in a police state are clandestine taping, informants, secret hearings and rumormongers embraced - avenue much more appropriate for Mr. Starr's undertaking, than our democratic society - and for what? Viewed in the light most favorable to Mr. Starr Bill Clinton had some type of consensual sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and encouraged her to lie about it as well as lying about it himself to Paula Jones Attorneys. If lying about ones past sexual indiscretions - even under oath - is to become a high crime or misdemeanor, then throwing stones should be a capital offense.

Lani Guinier on the Clinton Administration and the President's Initiative on Race

"Proportional Representation" - a Voting System Practiced in South Africa - is the Essence of Sharing Power, Guinier Says

Washington, D.C., August 27 - When President Clinton withdrew Lani Guinier's nomination as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in 1993, Guinier was, as she describes, "disappointed." She states "If all I knew about me was what I had read in the newspapers, I wouldn't vote for me either."

Guinier says in her new book, "Lift Every Voice: Turning a Civil Rights Setback into a New Vision of Social Justice," is about what she learned from that experience. "It's about how, in so many ways, this administration has disappointed civil rights advocates and those committed to a progressive, social justice agenda," she declares.

On the President's town hall meetings on race, Guinier contends: "A conversation on race should not be a top-down initiative orchestrated by politicians in a campaign-style, town hall, showpiece performance. They need to talk about race, but...not just talk to make nice, but talk as a prologue to action."

The first Black woman to become a professor with tenure at Harvard Law School, Guinier believes her advocacy of "Proportional Representation" is what got her into trouble in 1993. "It's not a quota. No one is guaranteed a seat based on race or any other identity or quality. But you can organize a political party around common interests, and that political party is then assured representation based on the number of voters who turn out to support it." According to Guinier, Proportional Representation - currently practiced in South Africa and the centerpiece of the Northern Ireland agreement - is "the essence of sharing power."

This week, host James Brown speaks with Guinier about her book, and her past and future career plans. Commentators Adrienne Washington and Armstrong Williams join them for an engaging discussion on these issues and more. America's Black Forum, an Emmy award-winning, half-hour show, may be seen on various stations nationwide. Please check your local listings for air time and date.

It has taken six years and forty million dollars to figure out that President Clinton doesn't need Viagra. The President's purported penchant for the opposite sex is legend, you would have been on another planet not know that after the first 1990 New Hampshire primary - remember the "comeback kid" Given the Gay bashing mood of the current Republican congress, obviously heterosexual Bill should be their hero.

And who cares - it is probably a good thing that the President's Libido is intact - I'd rather have a leader of the free world who was satisfied with his sexuality as opposed to lets say frustrated. Come to think of it I'd rather have my dentist, my baker my candle stick maker, even Mr Starr himself be at peace with that aspect of their humanity, but I recognize that even my own self interest does not give me the right to pry into their lives to find out where they stand on the sexual frustration/satisfaction continuum.

But this is really not about President Clinton's getting his party on, or Monica's presidential fantasies, shared with Tripp the usurper. This is not even about Kenneth Starr - the frustrated inquisitor - who started with Whitewater - got nowhere - went to Filegate - nothing - moved on to travelgate zero - investigated Vince Foster's suicide - dead end. He's been fishing the Clinton pond for six years and keeps coming up empty. What this is about is a media/legal attempt at a coup d'etat.

There is a certain cadre of characters for whom Bill Clinton is an anathema. They can't stand the fact that he was popularly elected, or that a majority of Americans approve of him. They do not want him to finish his second term, much less implement any of the policies for which the American People elected him.

This secret society, this fifth element, has a plan to remove the President, to frustrate the democratic will of the people. It started with Paula Jones and continues with the Office of Independent Counsel. One thing is clear, they can't wait until the next election - they are fixated on the president in a very troubling way. Thirty five years ago, or if we were discussing some more turbulent group, I would have feared that assassination was in store for the President, but this group is to genteel to so bloody their hands, as opposed to hiring assassins they send in lawyers and effectively ensnare the presidency in a legal swamp, rendering him impotent.

The sad thing is that either because of fear, intimidation, personal interest or simple ineptitude no one seems willing to stand up and admit to the fool hardness of the present situation, acknowledge the underlying purpose thereof or confront those who seek to frustrate the will of the people. Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr is no better than Senator Joe McCarthy of the early 1950's and the conduct of his investigation - his tactics - mirror that of his anti communist predecessor. McCarthy paralyzed the nation ruined many lives and represented one of the most undemocratic episodes in our Nations history. Starr seems bent on doing the same.

James Sweeting III



THE TIME IS NOW, WHY WAIT???

by Eddie P. Richardson

As we look around us and at Lubbock, Texas, over the past few years, we have seen so much negatives - along with some positives. The negatives, however, really hurt Lubbock in a very bad manner in the pocket book. This is especially where it really hurts all of us: It really hurt to see the 3/8 cents sales tax fail as it would have helped tremendously the economic growth with many positive incentives. Hurt no 2 was the loss of the Number One, yes, Number One, tax base in Lubbock, Texas. It was Texas Instruments. This is especially dramatic because Lubbock has those funds already planned over the budget years as an off-shute. This perhaps, only speculation, had to us not having an opportunity of receiving Bull Helicopter which went to our sister city to the north. Yes, Amarillo, Texas!

Then along came a bad crop, because of the drought situation, which we had no control. But all was not lost. We were able to obtain a major communications expansion which will eventually employ hundreds as well as the International Windmill project which is the largest in the world. This project will, no doubt, draw mega tourist efforts, along with mega bucks, but the most important thing is the majority of Lubbock citizens.

In order to move Lubbock into the 21st Century, we must move ahead in a positive and aggressive manner. The time is now, why wait?? We can't afford to wait, because the competition will eat you up alive.

For some strange reason, we have had a handful of citizens - for some strange reason - think the City of Lubbock should be run by a "committee", that is, if the city is going to make it, this is not the way. Why waste others time by having elections if this is the case. Why have elections? We elect officials to make decisions for us and move us forward. If the people, we elect, don't do what they are supposed to do to represent us in a positive manner, then we need to take another choice. If they can not do what we elected them to do, let's trade or replace them with someone who can or will represent us in a positive, aggressive, competitive manner. But, on the other hand, let's not tie their hands with all the negative whining and complaining. Let's, at least, give them a chance to succeed or fail by moving out of the way.

Lubbock is a great town with great potential, so let's work together and get behind our elected officials. Let's support them for a change and see what a difference some positive instead of negative positions will make. Let's catch on the phrase: "Lucky Me, I Live In Lubbock," and promote Lubbock and stop being critic. Lubbock's worst critics live in Lubbock, Texas. You will find people from outside Lubbock who will have nothing but praise for Lubbock, Texas. Then, on the other hand, someone from Lubbock, whether in an airport, airplane, restaurant, hotel and etc.

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VOTER APOPLEXY NOT APATHY; DISGUST NOT DISINTEREST

By Joseph E. Lowery

The Black Leadership Forum hosted a meeting of activists and advocates not long ago in the nation's capital to address the drought in voter turnout as we face the November elections. In Georgia, for example, the turnout in a major election last month was about one out of five voters. I have tried to listen carefully to citizens across the nation on the issue we label apathy and I am convinced that the causal factor is more apoplexy than apathy, more disgust than disinterest...in the political process. They are sad, mad, and weary of special prosecutors and specious, capricious persecutions. They are sick of sleazy campaign ads that reflect "peeping Tom" calisthenics and insult the intelligence of potential voters. They say, "what difference does it make whether I vote or not...the process stinks."

Hopes that the last quarter of this century might witness the rebirth of political integrity and civic rehabilitation have been smashed against the rocks of partisan savagery, greed, and interpersonal indiscretions. A reignited coalition of conscience must cry in this wilderness for a new birth of spirituality robed in equity and soaring above claiming God as a political partisan.

President Clinton's aspiration to lead the nation in the direction of moral and cultural health has been dissipated partly by his own weaknesses and mostly by the negative, partisan juggernaut of political vindictiveness and raw hatred in the hearts of his antagonists. The persistent high ratings enjoyed by the president are as much a repudiation of the partisan persecution and the media feeding frenzies as they are deserved plaudits for his job performance. People do not think it is fair for a special prosecutor to translate a specific assignment to determine if crimes have been committed in Whitewater into a no holds barred witch hunt. Where is Whitewater? Where are the crimes? When they failed to find criminal acts on the part of the president (they even tried to pin murder charges in the Foster suicide), Mr. Starr and company should have done the right thing and folded their tents and sent their report to a judge admitting their failure. If they wished to add that they found indiscretions and bad judgment on the part of the president, so be it, but this was not their assignment under the law. This procedure might have offered some semblance of redeeming a four-year campaign of terror that costs a minimum of \$40 million and countless costs in moral and cultural damage.

I keep thinking about what I'm told a little old lady (southern and conservative) said: "If the president did it, he is a scoundrel, but if he refuses to

tell it, he is a gentleman!"

Meanwhile, every organization, every institution in every village must accept the challenge of finding ways and means of healing voter apoplexy through workshops, town hall meetings and revivals to encourage voter participation. We must

carefully examine where candidates stand on issues we hold dear, condemn negative campaigning and vote for the good guys as well as against the demagogues. Nobody told you the road would be easy, just necessary! There will be a national thrust to get out the vote, but the key to substantial turnout will be found in community by community and neighborhood by neighborhood and block by block and church by church and club by club and class by class. **LIFT EVERY VOICE AND VOTE!!!!**

(Editor: Dr. Lowery is chairman of the Black Leadership Forum, and president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference - SCLC)

Fruits and Vegetables: A Delicious And Nutritious Fast Food

By Marilyn Johnson Kondwan

The next time you are looking for a new taste treat, don't forget fresh vegetables and fruits. The National Dietary Council recommends that we consume at least five servings each day of fruits and vegetables. Since we are in the middle of summer prices are lower and there is almost an unlimited variety of fresh fruits and vegetables from which to choose.

Naturally loaded with vitamins, minerals, and life sustaining fiber, fresh fruits and vegetables are nature's remedy for almost every ailment. While some health conditions restrict unlimited intake of fresh fruits and veggies, for most of us there is nothing so delicious as biting into a crisp fresh red delicious apple or savoring the sweet juices of a ripe plum, peach, or nectarine. Best of all, they are low in calories and fat, so you can eat all you want.

In today's busy society we often eat on the run. We don't have time to think about eating food that will promote our health and longevity. Eating fast foods loaded with fats, sugar, and salt is so common that it should be no surprise that we are often obese, depressed and generally unhealthy. Eating fresh fruits and vegetables is a quick, easy, and delicious opportunity to use your food as medicine.

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DEUTERONOMY 21:18,21a, IF A MAN HAVE A STUBBORN AND REBELLIOUS SON, WHICH WILL NOT OBEY THE VOICE OF HIS FATHER, OR HIS MOTHER, AND THAT WHEN THEY HAVE CHASTENED HIM, WILL NOT HEarken UNTO THEM, ALL THE MEN OF HIS CITY SHALL STONE HIM WITH STONES (THE DEATH PENALTY), THAT HE DIE. SO SHALT THOU PUT EVIL AWAY FROM AMONG YOU.

O FOOLISH CHRISTIANS: TIED THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT, NOT KNOWING THOU: BEING IGNORANT OF THE WORD OF GOD: THEN SHUT YOUR MOUTH!!!

LEVITICUS 24:17, THE LORD SAID, HE THAT KILLETH ANY MAN SHALL, SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH.

(THE CHRISTIANS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE WORD, "THOU" MEANS IS THE PROBLEM!!! THE WORD THOU MEANS "YOU". IT IS TALKING OF ONE ON "I"; IT IS NOT TALKING ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT. PEOPLE MAKE UP THE GOVERNMENT, THEY CAN KILL. THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD, IS "YOU" SHALL LOVE THE LORD- THOU LEAD ME BESIDE THE STILL WATER; "YOU" LEAD ME!!!)

THE CRIME RATE IN AMERICA IS VERY, VERY HIGH; CHRISTIANS NOT KNOWING THE WORD: "THOU" IS WHY!!!

GALATIANS 6:7, BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP.

JESUS SAID, GO AND PREACH; TO THE WORLD THE GOOD NEWS; CHRISTIANS INTERFERING; IS THE REASON: AMERICA HAS THE BLUES!!!

GALATIANS 6:8, FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.

YOU MARCH ON THE ABORTION CLINICS; THE GOVERNMENT SAYS: KILL; BUT YOU DON'T MARCH ON YOUR LIQUOR STORE; PEOPLE DIE: SEEKING THRILLS!!!

ISAIAH 5:20, WOE UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL; THAT PUT DARKNESS FOR LIGHT, AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS; THAT PUT BITTER FOR SWEET, AND SWEET FOR BITTER.

WHO IS IT THAT ALLOWS DRUGS DEALERS TO DEAL; ITS IN EVERY CITY? YOU MARCHING IN THE WRONGS PLACES; "IGNORANT IS NO PITY!!!"

(JESUS SAID GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL!!! BUT YOU MARCH ON THE DRUG DEALERS HOUSE! SOMEONE IS NOT DOING THEIR JOB!!! MARCH THERE; THE POLICE STATION, THE COURT HOUSE, THE FEDERAL BUILDING. ITS THEIR JOB; NOT THE CHRISTIANS!!!)

THE BOMBING SUDAN, CHRISTIANS SAY: THEY SUPPORT THE TROOPS; THEY'RE KILLING GOD'S CHILDREN; IS THIS NOT THE TRUTH???

(THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSE TO KILL; GOD GAVE IT THE RIGHT!!! THE DEATH PENALTY IS NEED IN AMERICA; NOT MORE JAILS!!! THIS IS THE WAY GOD SAID; TO GET RID OF CRIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD; BUT THE IGNORANT CHRISTIANS!!!)

GALATIANS 4:16, AM I THEREFORE BECOME YOUR ENEMY, BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH??? GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!

A Message To Our Congressional Leaders: Let's Move On To Deal With The People's Business

Enough is enough!

With staggering problems facing millions of American citizens, especially African Americans, our leaders in Washington need to elevate their thoughts from the sexual peccadilloes of President Bill Clinton to the more urgent, issue-oriented agenda of American people. Like the O.J. Simpson trial and its tawdry details, the media frenzy over the President's indiscretions with a White House intern has become daily, sordid episodes of a real American tragedy for all those involved. With the President's public admission of a "critical lapse in judgment" (something most mortals experience in their life time) and his "inappropriate" relationship with the White House intern, and his accepting full responsibility for the family and public consequences of his behavior, Mr. Clinton now needs to get back to his full-time duties of dealing with the problems of the people.

These may well be the best of times for some, but remain the worst for many African Americans who are not benefiting from a robust economy, a soaring stock market, and low unemployment. For these citizens, there is no joy in the protracted political paralysis over the Independent Counsel's aggressive wanderings and prying into the personal and private life of our President. There are those of us who are more concerned about the job performance of the President than what he does in his private time. And this is not to suggest that we condone the President's behavior.

For certain, most American citizens have been humiliated enough, and now it's time for us to turn our attention to the real business of helping to improve the quality of life for those in urgent need.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith STAND FIRM

**"... stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."
2 Thessalonians 2:15, NIV**

A couple of years ago I question a young preacher as to why they were singing hymns so infrequent in the church that he pastored. I was told that this wasn't what folks wanted to hear. If you wanted your church to grow rapidly because Jesus was coming soon, you had to have what the folk like. You must have music that people could relate too in their transition from the world. The music must soothe the soul, he said. It was also stated that we must take the music of the world and change it into church music and the folk will dance and sway for the Lord just like they did for the devil. It was made known to me that the reason for the slow growth in the church I shepherded was that we were to old timey and hymns just didn't fit today's worship service and my young folk were going where they could jam for Jesus.

I beg to differ with that young preacher and with you as a reader if you have that same mindset. The Apostle Paul writing to the church at Thessalonica said "the coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie" and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness" (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12, NIV). The satanic power and false signs will deceive the unrighteous and unbelieving. However, people who are seeking to change their lives need to be on guard. Evil powers are still pervasive! Even in the pulpit. Everything that says he is a preacher call from God is not so. He or she got their "P's" mixed up. Don't imagine that there is a quick or cheap solution to troubles! Don't be gullible. Don't get caught up in the belief that you can be saved through a feel good religion or singing and the preacher "monkey-riding" in the pulpit and declaring that the end is very near.

Those of you who have been "born again" should know that you have been saved by being set apart to God by the Spirit and by believing in the truth. God is determined to save humankind. God call you to salvation by the means of preaching of the Gospel. "So then ... stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you." True believers are to stand firm in their faith and in Christian doctrine. Don't be fooled by the jumped up television preachers (even though they have a vast audience) and want-a-bees preachers in our community with their charismatic bull. Stand firm in the faith! Remember, there is a "demon theology" (1 Timothy 4:1-4) and if you do not stand firm in the faith you can be enslaved by these demonic forces of evil (Galatians 4:8-9).

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

America, America, are you free to throw stones??? There's a scripture that reads like this; John 8:3-11

Jesus forgives an adulterous woman, because the woman was caught in the act of adultery. The Jewish leaders had already disregarded the law by bringing her with out a man, the law required that both parties be stoned. The leaders were using the woman as a trap so they could trick Jesus. If Jesus said the woman should not be stoned they would arrest him for violating Moses law. They would report him, to the Romans who did not permit the Jews to carry out their own execution. This is a significant statement about judging others.

By mentioning the throwing of stones, Jesus could not be accused of being against the law, but by saying that only a sinless person could throw the first stone. He highlighted the importance of compassion and forgiveness when others are caught in sin. Are you quick to pass judgement??? To do so is act as though you have never sinned. It is God's role to judge, not ours. Our role is to show forgiveness and compassion.

When Jesus said that only those who had not sinned throw the first stone. The leaders slipped away. The eldest to the youngest! Evidently, the older men were more aware of their sins than the younger age, and experience temper youthful idealism and self righteousness. But what ever your age, take an honest look at your life; recognize your sinful ways to help other rather than hurt them.

Jesus didn't condemn the woman accused of adultery, but neither did he ignore or condone her sin. He told her to go and sin no more. Jesus stands ready to forgive any sin in your life, but confession and repentance mean a change of heart. With God's help, we can accept Christ's forgiveness and stop our wrongdoing.

Those you feel who have committed sin, go right on. If you're squeaky clean, Stone them. Be sure you are without sin.

Thought of the week: "You could be in big trouble. If you're (dirty). If you throw mud, you will have little dirty hands." Think about it!!

Pray for our Leaders of this nation. Also pray for our churches, schools, our families, our children. Don't your drive for prayer. Lets get radical with our drive by prayers. Take our city back with faith in God and our efforts. We're well able to make a tremendous difference in this world.

Keep smiling, people, and loving all men. Work these Scriptures Out: II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

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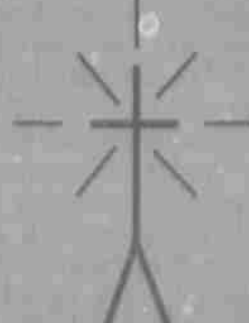
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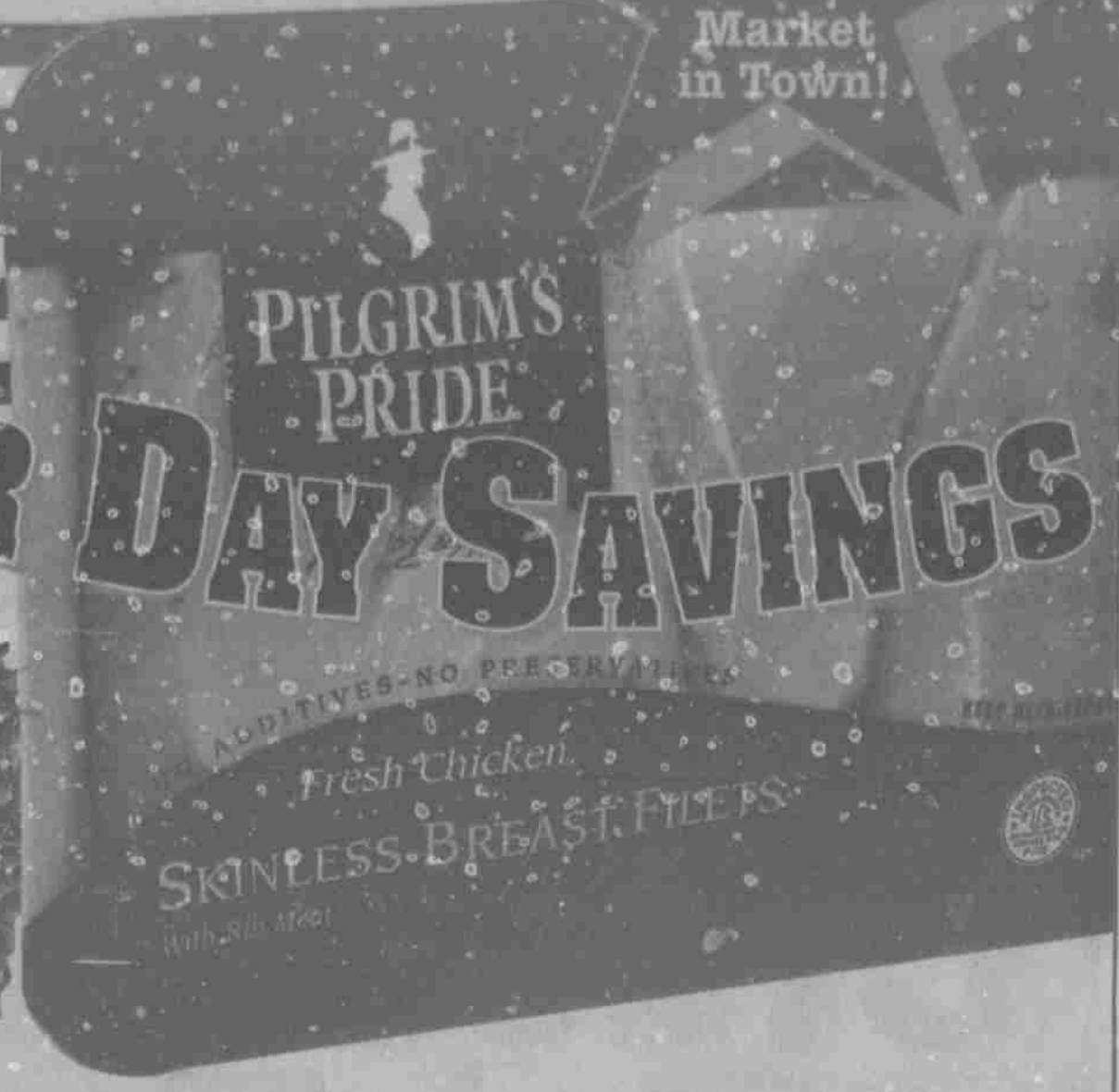
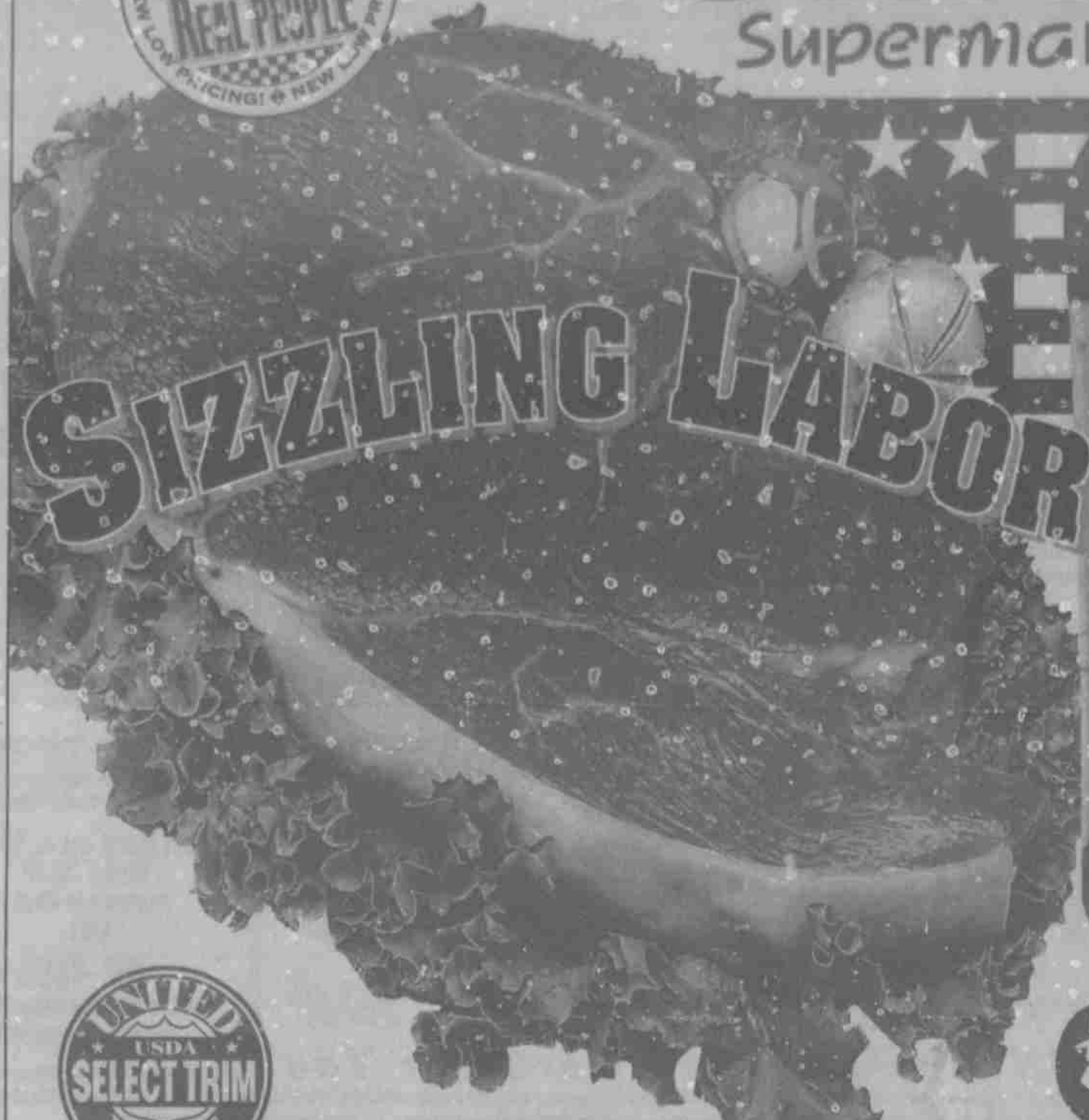
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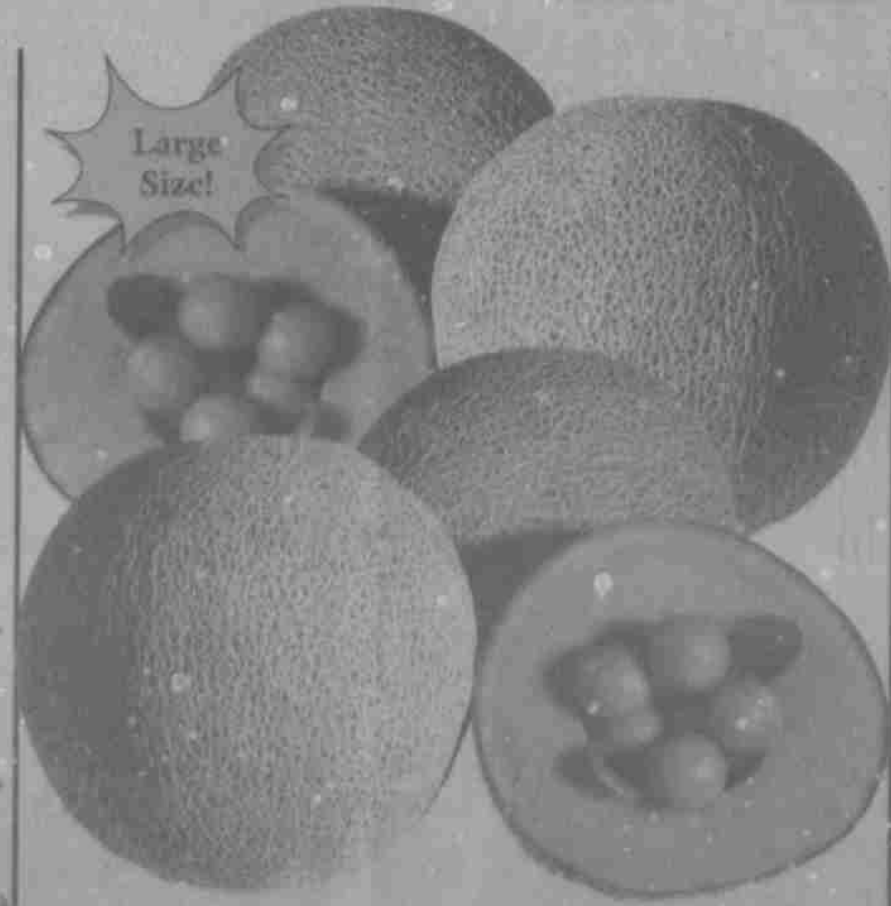
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