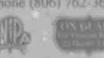
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NATIONAL NEWS

CBC Members Urge Burger King to Settle Franchisee **Ciscrimination Dispute** On Nov. 14 four members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), urged Burger King officials to end discriminatory practices against minority franchises. The Burger King Corporation (BKC) stands accused of charging minority franchises exorbitant prices and rental fees for restaurants; removing good equipment and replacing it with equipment that is either old or completely inoparative and refusing to sell franchises to minorities in predominantly White areas. In a letter to Dennis Malamapinas, chief executive officer for BKC in Miami, FL, keps. Maxine Waters (D-CA). Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), Eva Clayton (D-NC) and Carrie Meeks (D-FL), urged the fast food giant "to make a concerted effort to resolve these issues of contention and change the manner in which you treat your minority franchises. is not the first time that Burger King's discriminatory practice. have been brought to my attention. However, ! hope this can be resolved before minority

Religious and Civil Rights Leaders Show Support of Bill

communities consider turning

Lann Lee's Nomination National religious leaders, in a rare statement about a nominee to hard to make sure we get action against the current Senate Judiciary Committee to the kind of respect we roster of Federal end the "inordinate politicizing" deserve," said Dorothy advertising contractors that has deadlocked Bill Lann Leavell president of the for restraint of trade." Lee's nomination to the position of assistant attorney general for National Newspaper stemming from the name to the full U.S. Senate for confirmation. A panel of the Black Press of exclusion of minority-Christian and Jewish leaders America at a press owned media" in the blasted the Committee for sidetracking fair hearings into a policy debate on affirmative National Press Club. We dollars. belong in that forum. "It is not want "Respect through usually our practice to advocate dollars, advertising of Housing and Urban for specific nominations, but on this nomination we see no glaring or disqualifying reason for Mr Lee's nomination not to move forward appropriately," said Rev. Dr. Joan B. Campbell, general secretary for the National Council of Churches. Additionally members of Congress and leaders of civil rights and women' groups held a rally on Nov. 12 or the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in support of Lee. They too proclaim that Lee is not being judged by his abilities but is the victim of partisan politics. "The will of the American people must be allowed to manifest itself in a full United States Senate vote...This action will allow the democratic process of floor debate and a full Senate vote to determine this nominee's fate. We are convinced the majority will see him as we do and he will be confirmed," said Kweisi Mfurne, president and CEO of the NAACP.

Diabetes At Highest Levels Ever in the U.S.

More Americans than ever before are suffering from diabetes, with the number of new cases averaging 798,000 each year, the Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported. In 1997, 15.7 million people in the United States have diabetes nearly six percent of the U.S. population. Hardest hit by the increase is the African-American population. For example, CDC reports that the prevalence of diabetes among African over 1996 levels, this country, very few Americans rose 33 percent from according to Advertising adversarian and appropriate the 1980 to 1994, compared with 11 percent for White Americans. Other minority populations also suffer disproportionately from the disease, especially American Indians. Prevalence by ethnic groups are: Whites, 11.3 million (7.8 percent for those aged 20 and older); African Americans, 2.3 million (10.8 percent); Mexican Americans, 1.2 million (10.6 percent) and among American about an 'apartheid' when in fact we know Indians rates vary among tribes and communities, ranging from five percent to 50 percent for diagnosed diabetes. The Clinton Administration and Congress launched new efforts earlier this year to bolster research and prevention of diabetes. committing \$2.4 billion over five years in new funding for Medicare as well as public health agencies.

Black, Hispanic, Asian newspapers demand government advertising By Askia Muhammad



WASHINGTON in the world, accounting (NNPA) -- A coalition of for some 20 percent of Black and Hispanic all consumer spending in newspaper publishers -- the U.S., the coaiition of soon to be joined by publishers Rep. McKinney also noted, "This Asian Pacific publishers- However, only one half -called on President Bill of one percent of Clinton to review the advertising revenue is "systematic exclusion of spent in minority owned minority-owned media media. Federal away from Burger King from Government advertising its worst," the letterallocations" on Nov.

> addressing Washington University, infrequent basis. less than a mile away.

Avenue contractors," society said Mrs. Leavell and minority Eddie Association of Hispanic Leavell pointed out. Mr. Clinton.

government is number Dr. Maulana Karenga, spending by 64 percent celebrated by Blacks in

the forced creation of a industry."

largest consumer nation Leavell said.

"This is segregation at continued, "Accordingly, we have instructed our "We are working very attorneys to pursue Leavell, president of the for 'restraint of trade,' conference at the allocation of advertising

Only the Department dollars," she continued, Development (HUD), at almost the same has regularly scheduled moment that Mr. Clinton ads in Black and was convening and Hispanic-owned media, an while the U.S. Army and unprecedented Army reserve, the conference on "base publishers insist, have crimes," at George placed ads on an

The largest "We call on you Mr. government advertiser--President, to order the U.S. Postal Service White House Office of (USPS) which spends Communications and the \$168 million annually, Commerce Department twice as much as the to review Federal Army's \$83 million-just advertising spending by recently demonstrated the various Madison how the larger White, "usurp(s) culture, Escobedo, expression, music, president of the National lifestyle, and soul," Mrs.

Publishers in a letter to When the USPS issued its Kwanzaa stamp, Among the 100 leading celebrating the Africanadvertisers in this inspired holiday tradition country, the U.S. created 30 years ago by 20, increasing its ad and now widely according to Advertising ads announcing the stamp were purchased in "We are talking about Black newspapers.

Next year with a new separate and unequal' HUD Secretary who is media category," the reviewing that agency's coalition of members advertising schedule, said. "We are talking "even HUD is at risk, that a large percentage of Black and Hispanic the abandoned homes, documented \$800 billion homes program that annually for goods and HUD has run over the services, constituting years, are located in our what would be the fifth communities," Mrs.

OH YES, STILL MORE

alleged drug dealing in our people. community.

in the Southwest Digest.

photos is some of the latest next edition. photos and names of these

This is not a pleasant thing to County Sheriff Offices. We really delivery of C.S.; Eulalie Sosa do, but on the other hand, it is not appreciate their complete Reyes, Jr., delivery of C.S.; a pleasant thing they are allegedly cooperation in helping us expose doing. All were arrested for people who hurt our young

Something to think about: As long as you are caught for "Don't sell and get caught; allegedly selling drugs, especially ending up in Sonny's Hotel, get to our young people, we will booked; arraigned and then we continue to publish your picture will receive your photo and name to run in the Southwest Digest. The sad thing about these Of course, there are more for the

The alleged drug dealers this persons spent a little time and are week are: Richard S. Castaneda, still in Sonny's Hotel on Main deliverance of Marijuana; Tikila Street. These names and photos D. Hastings, P.C.S. w/intent; are provided by the Criminal Roderick D. Luke, delivery of District Attorney and Lubbock C.S.; Robert Vasquez Parra,

Yvonne M. Rivera, P.C.S. w/intent; Arion Shipman, P.C.S. w/intent, two counts; Earnest Thomas, P.C.S. w/intent; Jerry Don Thomas, P.C.S. w/intent; and Nancy Ann Ward, P.C.S. w/intent.























Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) recently participated in commemorate this extraordinary effort. Teach For America Week, a nationwide event that called upon successful Americans from a variety of fields to spend one hour sharing their knowledge and experience with urban and rural public school rural public schools. "The experience of returning students from October 20-24.

At Washington's Anne Beers School Stokes (Dconsumers spend a and the abandoned Ohio) met with a group of eager first graders. Because they had done their homework, Stokes was able to engage them in lively discussion about the about the National Underground Railroad Network opportunity." to Freedom Act of 1997, legislation he recently

Washington, D.C. (October 31,1997) -- Rep. introduced in Congress to preserve and

Teach For America is a national teacher corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit to teaching for two years in under-resourced urban and to the classroom to share your knowledge is something I will always appreciate," said Stokes, applauding the commitment Teach For America has made to the nation's most underserved children. "I would encourage leaders from all spectrums of our Underground Railroad. He also told the students society to take advantage of this unique

The Trap of Being Non-profit

By John William Templeton

entrepreneurs constantly hear they were able to create the elected heads of the organizathis question, "Are you non- first Black newspapers. profit?" when they deal with so they can answer, "Yes."

myself, I had two bank execudon't you give a dinner, we'll offices. give money for that."

The second revealing comfor minority and women's business enterprise at one of the country's 10 largest banks. is with non-profit organizations." The irony of that non-profit businesses.

My first conclusion is that the non-profit route. As soon as African-Americans historically have had the opportunity to seek their own livelihood, they have headed toward creating their own businesses.

Colonial-era Philadelphia, Boston and New York all saw extensive numbers of African-American artisans, particularly in the construction and sailing trades in the early years. Paul Cuifee was the outstanding

Those entrepreneurs then

After the Civil War, there community. large corporations. Some even was a real explosion of entrefarms. The newly emancipated After 10 years of hearing this began building cooperative businesses such as barial socitives in the past year unwit- eties, insurance companies, a purposeful question. One able to translate that economic executive, given a request for power into political power in advertising, quipped, "Why the South, including statewide

lowing the Plessy vs. Ferguson ment came from the manager decision made those businesses even more critical as the support for the churches and institutions that protected our She said, "Most of what we do community against segregation and lynching.

However, there was a littleremark from an MWBE practi- noticed form of Jim Crow that tioner shocked me into pon- accompanied this shift. It was dering about a societal prefer- little noticed because this form. Man March that overcame the ence for Black people to be in came from the North and it came from the very wealthy.

> The robber barons of the their millions in the midst of tremendous suffering among of European immigrants non-profit dominated leaderfoundation was created. income tax, restrictions were political activity.

Prospects of receiving much spawned such institutions as larger sums of support led to support of their consumer the Free African School in the creation of Black non-prof- base, have to take a more New York, and the Free it national organizations with active role in building a power Society of local chapters. But that sup- base. Otherwise, whenever we Philadelphia which grew into port came at a price. Up ask for our freedom, the the African Methodist through the 1960s, and for answer will be, "No."

Many African-American Episcopal Church. Later on some groups, even today, the tions came from outside our

The subtle controls have create non-profit entities just preneurship, including the shaped the agenda of those growth of family-owned organizations and often led to conflicts with more grassroots groups and Black staff leaders of these groups have become protective of the broker role tingly reveal to me that this is and banks. They were then they have evolved into. One hundred years later. African Americans are finding that those controls are restraining our progress. As long as our The birth of Jim Crow fol- agenda is limited to protesting and requesting, the access to power remains beyond our

> Many of the breakthroughs for our people have conje from the ad-hoc groups like the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, National Negro Congress, SCLC. SNCC. Black Panthers or the Million constraints of the non-profit bottleneck.

Rather than waiting for this is because we prefer to go turn of the 20th century made social pressures to create those kind of efforts, we must begin supporting and building orgatheir factory workers, often nizations that exist solely to abetted by playing off groups pursue our own agenda. A against Black workers. To pre- ship is being outflanked by vent a total social breakdown. such groups as political action the concept of the charitable committees and business trade groups free to take pot-shots at Foundations could only make Blacks and people of color. A grants to "non-profit" organi- Fortune magazine listing of zations. With the onset of the the most powerful influence groups in Washington lists no example as proprietor of a placed on "tax-exempt" Black organizations, despite sailmaking factory in New groups, such as restrictions on the fact that we are 12 percent of the U.S. population.

Business leaders, with the

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i.m. with Sunday School and Assistant Superintendent James Sterling presiding. All teachers and classes assembled in their rooms for thirty minutes of instruction, and reassembled at 10:15 a.m. in the main auditorium. Sister Derothy Kinner gave prayer and the congregation sang "Blessed Assurance." High points of the morning lesson were given by Pastor Moton. They were very well presented.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department -Primary Class received the Offering Banner while the Junior Class received the Attendance

Brother Patrick Johnson, son of Brother Virgil and Sister Ida Johnson, spent the Thanksgiving holidays here. He was at church services last Sunday morning.

Last Sunday was Women Missionary Society by Sister Cleo Quigley, Sister Annie Mary morning services, McBride and Sister Ruby Jay

was Matthew 15:22-29, with prayer given by Sister Hattie Gipsen who is a jewel. Another song, "Lift Him Higher," was sung.

gregation standing and led by Sister Annie Taylor. The morning hymn was "Glory To His Name." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. Another song, "I'm Blessed" was sung, and the hymn of preparation was "There

With the subject: "How To Leave The Thanksgiving Holiday!

The New Hope Baptist Worship Service Blessed," and Psalms 100 as Church, 2002 Birch the scripture, Pastor Moton talked about Thanksgiving. It was very well done. We are

Announcements were read last Sunday morning by Brother Walter Hibbler. Sister Margaret Moton welcomed the visitors to New Hope.

Sister Pearline Chase was aushed back to the Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 hospital last week. Also Sister Helen Watson was taken to the hospital.

> Brother Samuel Cortis is home from the hospital at this report. His brother, Bennie, had a car wreck in Abilene, Texas. At this report, he is in critical condition. Let's pray for the Curtis brothers.

Our prayers go out to all who are il!. Just remember God is able. Our bereaved families include: Lizzie Fay Banks lost her brother last week. We should remember Sister Grimes' son. He passed away last week.

Please don't for et next Sunday, December 7th. as Pastor B.R. Moton, Sister Margaret Motor and Pamela Moton are requesting your presence in an appreclation fellowship in honor of the members and friends of New Hope. This Day, and the devotional period was conducted will take place immediately following the

Donna Kaye Davis and daughter, Auty, of The Senior Choir marched in the processional Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and brother, Leonard singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was Bailey of El Paso, Texas spent Thanksgiving offered by Deacon Earnest Swain. A song, with their mother. Other relatives visiting over Come Everyone And See That The Lord Is the holidays included: Mary Ann Jones who Good," was sung. The scripture of the morning visited Sister G.H. Davis, and Mattie Beaty's sister from Tyler, Texas. She worshiped at New Hope last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Patterson, Jr. visited their Responsive reading was done with the con- family members here last week for the Thanksgiving holidays. They are expecting their first child in April, 1998. They reside in Pflugerville, Texas.

> Freddy Simmons, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois called to wish his aunt, Ruby Jay, a Happy

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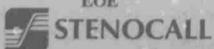
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Obituary

MR. CORLANDUS LANG, JR.



OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA - (SPECIAL) Final rites were read for Mr. Corlandus Lang, Jr., r former esident of Lubbock, Texas, on Saturday, November 8, 1997 at Church with Fr. Larok Martin officiating.

Interment was held in Trice HIII Cemetery under the direction of Rolfe Funeral Home of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in charge of

Mr. Lang was born November 15, 1934 to Corlandus Lang, Sr. and Mary Jane Perkins Lang in Telephone, Texas. He was the oldest of five children. At the age of one, he and his family moved to Idalou, Texas where he lived for six years. Subsequently, he moved to Wichita Falls, Texas and lived with his favorite aunt, Mareta Briggs. After a year, the entire family moved to Lubbook, Texas where he received his formal education.

He attended Langston University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and he did graduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles,

While at Langston University, Corlandus met Juanicezetta Doster of Boley, Oklahoma. They were married September 27, 1963, and to union a daughter, Michelle Juanicezetta Lang, was born.

Corlandus accepted the position of Langston University Band Director and Associate Professor of Music: He and his wife later moved to Lawton, Oklahoma where he directed the Douglas High School Band. They eventually moved to Oklahoma City where he became the band director and music teacher at Kennedy Junior High

School. In the inte 1970's Lang and Associates Inc., an insurance financial planning and investment firm was established.

He acknowledged Christ at an early age and received the Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Church at Corpus Christi Parish in Oklahoma City, where he remained a loyal and faithful member.

Corlandus was affiliated with numerous local, state, and national organizations. Among his many associations; he served as President of the National Langston University Alumni Association; and he served as a member of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision for the State of Oklahoma, a position to which he was appointed by Governor Frank Keating; the Private Industrial Council; the Opportunities Center, Inc., the Higher Education Aiumni Council of Oklahoma and the Education Commission for the Corpus Christi Catholic School. He was a founding member of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the National Business League and was a member of the Oklahoma Black Republican Association. He was also a member of Corpus Christi-Church, the Knights of Saint Peter Claver, the Bera Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., and the Grail Club of Oklahoma

He passed away Monday evening, November 3, 1997. He was preceded in death by his father and mother. Corlandus leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife, Juanicezetta; a devoted daughter, Michelle, a brother, Dave Lang; three sisters: Eunice Briggs, Mareta Watley and Mary Alice Anderson; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charleszetta Doster: a sister-in-law. Phayeontyne Doster; several aunts and uncles, and other relatives and friends.

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Study Finds Arts Programs Improve 4th **Grade Test Scores**

and members of the media recentgathered at the office of Whirlwind, an art-in-education organization focused on improving student language arts and learning skills. We were there for the announcement of the result of a year-long study on how the arts

and music can affect education. Whirlwind's teaching techniques show higher reading test scores for fourth-graders enrolled in the new drama-based arts program in Chicago Public Schools.

The study was conducted by 3-D Group, a San Francisco-based con-

sulting group.

"The study showed Whirlwind's arts programs are dramatically impacting students' reading skills," said Dale Rose Ph.D., senior consultant with 3-D Group.

These findings make a profound statement about the potential for arts-based learning in edu-

Taking part in the study were 179 randomly selected students

By Robert E. Smith (Chicago, IL) -- Artists, teachers from four Chicago Public Schools. The Whirlwind program is currently in operation in more than 22 schools citywide. According to the executive director of the program, Karl Androes, Whirlwind hopes to expand its program to reach even more students in years to come.

"The Whirlwind program helps children to facilitate their own An in-depth study of learning," said Little Tom Jackson, one of the artists who has been working with the program for several years. "We use drama to teach reading comprehension.'

Advocates for the program say it makes learning more exciting for children. Jackson said it also allows students to work together to solve problems.

As one supporter puts it, "It's problem-solving at its best. The children really seem to get into it."

The Whirlwind organization was formed in 1983 as a non-profit organization dedicated to combining music, drama and dance in cation. They suggest the arts and education. In 1984, the Illinois reading skills are very closely Arts Council asked it to create a model for arts residencies in state schools.

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YEAR...and held throughout the city... Much can come out LIBRARY MURAL TO BE DEDICATED! THIS N of these kinds of services... Hopefully...the committee THAT...would like to encourage all of you to attend responsible for this annual effort .. will look at this opportuni- the .. SPECIAL EFFORT ... to be held at the .. PATTERSON ty of doing so... IT WAS A VERY GOOD ... effort ... and we BRANCH LIBRARY ... Saturday afternoon ... December 6, hope it will be looked at for other times of the year... You 1997...at 2:00 p.m. when...A MURAL PAIN FED...by a local know when you sit down and really examine...OUR COM- artist...LAHIB JADDO...will be dedicated... The title of the mural will be... "CELEBRATION OF LIFE" ... which is a five improve on areas which need to be improved...that is...if we panel mural which has been designed to honor the...CON-TRIBUTIONS OF MINORITY WOMEN TO THE COM-HELPING SEND A STUDENT TO COLLEGE! THIS N MUNITY., THIS N THAT., would hope you will attend this

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ENDING RACISM IN AMERICA

By Dr. Lenora Fulani



though it's still the

included -- in political terms, economic terms, social and Cultural terms -- in much of mainstream American life. We look at the most influential and dominating of American institutions -- the two parties and the bipartisan system originally came into being as an all-white party to preside over a society that practiced slavery, we see the other party -- the Republican Party -- that came into being as an allwhite party to preside over the abolition of slavery. In neither case were we -- or any other ness. populations of color -- a part of the founding of those party. We simply weren't there.

Black America became associated with first one and then the other major party, hoping that first one, and then the other, would unlock the door to full participation in the life of our country, this did not happen.

Civil rights movement had its democracy was itself so structurally limiting, that there was only so far we could go. attempts to improve the position of people of color were not, as some people believe, the successes of the civil rights movement. They were, in my opinion, an accommo-

Black peo- dation to its limits. Unable to ple look at restructure the whole of America American politics to make it and we are more inclusive and participavery proud tory, largely because we were our politically attached to the country. Democratic Party which had e v e n absolutely no interest in a political restructuring that would threaten their institucase that we are less than fully tional power, we instead fought for little pieces of access to a system that was controlled from the top by the

Identity politics came to dominate. African Americans became a part of special interest politics. Ironically -- and which supports and protects tragically -- race relations them - and we see one party - worsened as a result. Black - the Democratic Party - that Americans felt increasingly frustrated and alone. Black politicians -- mainly Democrats -- who made their own careers off of the perpetuation of racism proliferated. They weren't interested in structural change either. Racial inequality keeps them in busi-

Much of white America felt frustrated, too. America was ties, the shaping of their vision not doing well. Everybody or their fundamental sensibili- took to blaming everybody else. But the real problem was And though, over time, not we, the people. It was Big Government -- unresponsive, corrupt and irresponsible. Identity-based politics -which has shaped much of Black participation -- only made matters worse.

My own involvement in Sometimes we made strides third party politics was based -- as we did in the period of on wanting to create a way out Reconstruction after the Civil of this bind for Black War or in the 1960s in the civil America, a way out of being rights movement. But even the essentially held hostage to a two party system that was not only hostile to us, but hostile to the democratic participation of all the American people.

When Ross Perot announced Quotas, affirmative action, his independent candidacy for majority Black and Hispanic the presidency in 1992 and said it was time for the American people to take back our country, I was deeply inspired. And I quickly and passionately accepted the invitation.

THE MILLION WOMAN MARCH–A TALE OF TWO PHILADELPHIA WOMEN ANSWER THE TALE OF ONE WOMEN-SOJOURNER TRUTH'S QUESTION "AIN'T I A WOMAN?"

America and the world will be the tale and justice for her people and women. of two Philadelphia "sisters" who had a March. The call went forth from Phile Chionesu and Asia Coney, and black Despite the chilling rain, the City of still, defying time, place and circumduring the Million Woman March.

Woman March was the largest assembly of women ever held in the world. We being sick and tired.

On Saturday, with spirited hearts we the banner proudly waving high. told each other and the world empowerment is ours. We told the world respect us. We raised fists with our South African sister, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, and told the world, "Ngawethu"—it's ours!

The March also symbolized the significance of Sojourner Truth's life, whose 200th birthday we celebrate this month. Sojourner, a former slave, abolitionist and women rights advocate often marched from the outhouse to meet with

Sojourner, the Million Women March dream. The dream of a Million Woman proclaimed the answer to your question, "Ain't I A Woman?." in the lyrical words of Mari Evans ... "We are women, tall as women RSVP'd in resounding fashion. a cypress, strong beyond all definition Brotherly Love was transformed into stance. Assailed, impervious indestruc-Sisterly Love, as countless black women tible ... look on me and be renewed." jammed Benjamin Franklin Parkway And we were truly renewed by your spirit and the words of Winnie Mandela, The Million Woman March is signifi- who told us she can identify with her cant for several reasons. Like our coun- African-American sisters. She stated we terpart Million Man March, the Million are from Africa, dragged here ... but-we should all always bond in unity and sisterhood for freedom and justice. Just as declared that we are sick and tired of Sojourner Truth stood up for her rights and the rights of women, we must keep

The Million Woman March mission statement aptly states: "We will no longer tolerate disrespect, lack of communication, negative interaction, antisocial and dysfunctional behavior and the "Amandhla"—power, and responded, denial that problems such as these affect our ability to progressively, productively move forward. Our focus is centered around the reasons why and what it will require to eliminate this destruction."

· Every woman and household represented has fond memories of the Million Woman March. Sister Winnie's many President Abraham Lincoln at the White references in her speech to the struggles

Forever etched in the history of House. Sojourner preached for equality and triumphs of Sojourner Truth struck a deep chord in my heart. When she admiringly noticed my Sojourner lapel pin, I proudly removed it and presented limits, because American it to her. That epitomized the spirit of the Million Woman March ... black women sharing with one another their resources and strength.

Just as our sisters saw fit to organize districts, and other such this March from the grass roots, we are empowered to follow their example of leadership. We can and must take the varied lessons learned that rainy day back to our communities.

The African National Congress slogan is "When you touch a woman, you have struck a rock." And Dr. Dorothy Height recently elaborated at Africare's 1997 Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner, "you have dislodged the boulder and will get crushed." The boulder was dislodged at the Million Woman March. Consequently, America, our families and communities will never be the same.

In the words of Anna Julia Cooper (1892), the Million Woman March audaciously demonstrated:

"Only the Black woman can say, When and where I enter, in the quiet, undisputed dignify of my womanhood, without violence and without suing or special patronage, then and there ... the whole race enters with me."

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Christmas?

Thanksgiving was a community affair. effort, however, meant survival.

I wonder what the harvest, for the spirit in which they had Pilgrims would say been able to bring in the sheaves. 'This today if they could see harvest had been a combined effort of how we celebrate the new occupants of the land, the Thanksgiving now? Pilgrims and the original occupants, the Would they commend us American Indians. The Indians had or condemn us? Are we celebrating in taught the Pilgrims how to plant maize the spirit of the first Thanksgiving, or which helped them to survive in the new are we practicing and previewing for world. Without the help of the Indians, the Pilgrims might have vanished just as According to most historians, the first others had done before them. The joint

'All of the ethnic groups contributed to Survival today, in our complex society the feast just as they had worked to com- is in the hands of benevolent organizaplete the harvest. They were thankful tions, mainly churches, where the homethat the harvest was complete and stored less, indigent and family-less can experias they made ready to settle in for a long ence the spirit of Thanksgiving. cold winter. They gave thanks for their Community efforts to celebrate receive.

Thanksgiving are almost unheard of Some small communities try to keep the spirit of Thanksgiving alive and some are successful.

We are thankful nowadays for all that we receive, but a very few of us are thankful for all that we are able to give. We should give thanks that we are able and available to give to others that they too may understand Thanksgiving. Instead of making a bee line to the malls the day after Thanksgiving, we Gould make a concerted effort to give more to the causes in our community which would enhance the lives of many. We need to get 'in einque' and be thankful for what we give, not for what we

Public Mural To Be Dedicated During Patterson Library's Second Anniversary Celebration Saturday, December 6, 1997

TEXAS LUBBOCK, Celebration of Life, a public a strong, vital community workmurai created by local artist ing together to preserve and pro-Lahib Jaddo, will be unveiled and mote their cultures and values for dedicated to the citizens of the good of the city of Lubbock Lubbock during a ceremony acknowledging the second anniversary of Patterson Branch Library, Saturday, Dec 6, 1997, at and have made a difference in the 2 p.m.

The ceremony, which will be Parkway), is open to the public, and will feature entertainment by Bozeman Elementary School Choir and Estacado High School Honor Choir.

measures 20 feet by 5 feet, was created to pay homage and give hope to women - women who, through their strength and determination, have made the Lubbock community a better place to live.

Jaddo began the mural process in June of 1997. After working closely with individuals from the Parkway and Cherry Point Neighborhood, she developed an understanding of the traits and contributions of female residents in the area - traits and contribu-

- tions which helped make the area as a whole.

show that women are important lives of others through education. The figures are representations of beld at the Library (1836 people with whom everyone can identify.

Planaing for the project began in August 1995, through a collaboration between the Fine Arts Center and City Libraries. After Celebration Of Life, which raising monies through grants and fundraising events, the Fine Arts Center issued a "call for entries" to artists living and working in the region.

After reviewing proposals and works by eight artists, the project planning committee selected Lahib Jaddo to create a public work of art, in May 1997.

This project is funded in part oy the Lubbock City Council as recommended by the Lubbock Arts Alliance.

The Truth About My Salary Dispute

After three years of some rather diffi-raise. cult shooting days of the series Touched By An Angel," I decided that it was time to make working conditions The focus of the artwork is to part of my negotiation before the fourth season started.

> Most of the conditions that I addressed affected the entire cast, and, of course, the crew. They were:

> - Too many 14 and 16 hour work days. changes, were causing us to work as if this was a show in its first year of production. We could forgive emergencies

> -Too many unnecessary early calls. We could be called to the act and wait correct that.

order to prepare my sermon for Sunday. at all. I didn't care how early I had to go to church's business.

weeks (only), the filming schedules centage that Roma received. were quickly changed to accommodate excessive hours we bad worked.)

tions with CBS, we quickly came to an agreement, noting that only under dire circumstances would we have long hours. It was also agreed that as I had the media and the viewing audiences. been contracted to write my autobiography by G.P. Putman & Sons, that I would be allowed to do a brief book tour of one week. This accommodation is usually given other stars writing have two weeks.

stated by my agents, and understood by a raise, then just like the last two years I

"Touched By An Angel" CBS's most popular and powerful drama in televi-

sion's Top 10.

cration.

However, when my agents started discussing my equal raise, they were told that since I had received better working Considering that we were going into our conditions, that I would only be given senior year of production, it was para- the normal 'bump' of five percent. With mount that the conditions suffered persistence, my agents were able to get through the last three years, be correct- CBS up to only 12.5 percent, I was ed. Namely, poor scheduling, late script shocked. Because of the ever-growing success of the show, every year we renegotiated our salaries, I was given the same percentage raise as my co-star, but causing this, but that was seldom the now I was being penalized because I wanted to be treated with more consid-

I sent a tetter to Mr. Les Moonves, for hours in our trailers, before we president of CBS Entertainment, telling worked. Again better scheduling would him of my surprise at CBS's offer, and would be give more consideration of my -Because I'm a minister in Los value to our show. He didn't respond to Angeles, I needed to leave Salt Lake me directly, but to my agents, saying City, every Friday night at 10p.m., in that he was surprised that I got any raise THAT I WOULD DO THE JOB. I have

So on Monday, Oct. 6th, (a day that I work on Friday, just complete my day was given off because they had asked so I could catch the last flight. I further me to come to work earlier than usual requested that I be allowed to return to the Monday before) I called a press con-Salt Lake City on Monday morning at ference at my church office. I discussed 9.30 a.m. This gave me my weekend to the issues, that my co-stars (Roma & prepare my sermon and take care of my John Dye) had received a 100 percent and 30 percent raise respectively, while (Since I had fallen, last February, mine was far below that. I was then ers each Sunday. The value is not in 1997, while being picked up to go to the informed that CBS was now offering a who owns the show or how they treat it. set, and needed to have one hour of 25 percent raise, still below both co- KEEP WATCHING THE SHOW. ASK massage therapy each day for three stars, and not matching the usual per- FRIENDS TO WATCH THE SHOW.

this. This showed me they could, with discriminated again: First because I ity of spirit; perhaps when more people proper scheduling, end some of the fought for better working conditions, and secondly, as I'm the senior member Taking these points into the negotia- of our cast, I must not have the same value in the network's plans to attract. What you can do is: more 18-49 year-old viewers.

What has been CBS's response to the media? They consider the 25 percent raise a 'substantial raise.' My response? Mr. Leslie Moonves 'Compared to what?'

CBS said they had reduced my hours 7800 Beverly Blvd. books, though quite often they would to make it better for my ministry. Now let's talk about the 'real of that state-Though working conditions were my ment: I did not ask for my hours to be low the principles of fairness and genprimary concern in that meeting, it was reduced. I asked that they not be erosity of spirit towards Della Reese, as 'abused' with excessively long days. CBS, that if Roma (my co-star) received Aiso, we only worked a five-day week. An Angel." so that at the end of Friday. I should be would be expecting the same percentage able to go home or to my church for the

weekend without being penalized for it.

Roma received her deserved raise CBS said that they have a good track after a very difficult fight, which was so record of hiring older lead actors, citing surprising, since we had helped to make Bill Cosby and Dick Van Dyke. My response is that if either of these wonderful actors were in a top 10 shows I would gladly accept the saiaries CBS would pay them.

It was brought to my attention that CBS says they stand on their record of using minorities in front of the camera. I applaud them as well as the entire television industry for this. But I don't consider this disrespect because I am Black, they knew I was Black when they hired me. This is 'financial disrespect,' where for some reason they find me less valuable by comparison

Because of that press conference. many viewers have written to CBS asking them to be fair. That my value to them, as viewers, was strong enough for them to write has touched me greatly.

In similar situations, many television stars have threatened to walk off their shows, I CAN'T WALK OFF! I GAVE MY WORD, TO GOD AND CBS, tried to honor my word for the 60 years I've been a paid performer, and I can't change now.

But what can be done? I had received requests from groups, large and small, to boycott the show. BUT THAT IS NOT THE THING TO DO! The real value of "Touched By An Angel" is . the message of spirituality it gives to view-Perhaps when more people take to heart It seems to me that I'm being doubly the principles of faith, love and generosare aware of what's right and wrong, then perhaps, it will spread throughout the world.. even to CBS.

- if you are an individual, write to My only recourse is to present this to your local CBS affiliate and tell them to "simply be fair to Della."

-If you represent an organization then

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LORD, I HEAR YOU KNOCKING AND CALLING, AT MY HEART'S DOOR; BUT SATAN LIVES WITHIN ME; AND HE KEEPS MY BODY FILTHY AND SORE!!! REVELATION 3:20, JESUS SAID.

BEHOLD(LOOK) I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK: IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND WILL SUP(SUPPER) WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME.

BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF ADULTERY AND BLASPHEM-ING, AND CURSING IN ME; SATAN SAYS, THERE IS NO HOPE FOR MY LIFE; LORD, CAN YOU HELP ME?

MATTHEW 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE (THE BIBLE), UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK (GENTLE) AND LOWLY(HUMBLE) IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

LORD, BUT I A DRUNKARD, I AM EVIL; I AM FULL OF FORNICATION; I AM FULL OF THAT OLD DEVIL; HE NEVER TAKE A VACATION.

JAMES 4:7, SUBMIT(GIVE OVER) YOURSELVES THERE-FORE TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.

OH! AND THERE'S GOSSIPING, AND HATE, AND MY IDOLATRY IS HERE TOO; I WAS RAISE IN A CHRISTIAN HOME; BUT GOT GROWN; AND LEFT YOU!

ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION(AMERICA), A PEOPLE LADEN(WEIGHED DOWN) WITH INIQUITY, A DEED OF

EVILDOERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. IT HAPPENED SO QUICKLY; ONE DAY I WAS FEELING SO ALL ALONG; THE DEVIL OFFER ME THE WORLD; I

KNEW IT WAS SIN: AND IT WAS WRONG. 1 JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATE IS NOT IN HIM.

**** JESUS IS THE ANSWER; FOR THIS WORLD!!! **** LORD, THE DEVIL FILLED ME WITH JEALOUSY: I WANT TO KILL. OH! AND MY LYING; HE SAYS DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY; BUT INSIDE OF ME I AM DYING.

ISAIAH 1:18-20, COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAITH THE LORD; THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET(BLACK), THEY SHALL BE WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY BE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL. IF YE BE WILLING TO OBEDIENT, YE SHALL EAT THE GOOD OF THE LAND: BUT IF YE REFUSE AND REBEL, YE SHALL BE DEVOURED WITH THE SWORD: FOR THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HATH SPOKEN IT.

BUT! THERE'S PREJUDICE, QUARRELING; AND I DID A ROBBERY; SATAN HAS COMPACTED ME WITH SO MUCH TRASH; ITS OVERFLOWING INSIDE ME.

JOHN 8:32, JESUS SAID, AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH(JESUS), AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU

BUT THERE'S THE SMOKING, THE TEMPTATIONS; I KNOW ITS ALL UN-GODLINESS; LORD, IT IS MY PRAYER; THAT YOU WILL CLEAN ME: OF ALL THE DEVIL'S MESS.

ROMANS 10:9, IF THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, AND SHALT BELIEVE IN THINE HEART THAT GOD HATH RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, THOU SHALT BE SAVED.

LORD, I M SO VIOLENT; MY BODY IS WEAK: MY LIFE EQUALS TO ZERO; LORD, SAVE ME THIS DAY; BEFORE MY BODY GETS COLD!!!

PSALM 40-1,2,4A, I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR THE LORD; AND HE INCLINED UNTO ME AND HEARD MY CRY(FOR HELP). HE BROUGHT ME UP ALSO OUT OF AN HORRIBLE PIT (WASTE LAND), OUT OF THE MIRY CLAY, AND SET MY FEET UPON A ROCK, AND ESTABLISHED MY GOINGS. BLESSED IS THE MAN(OR WOMAN) THAT MAKETH THE LORD HIS TRUST.

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The peuple of Israel under Solomon had known peace and prosperi-ty. However, a great amount of money were needed to maintain Solomon's building projects. To maintain the oriental opulence of his court Solomon had used forced labor and taxed heavily.

Proverbs 11:14 says, "In the multitude of counselors there is safety." However, they have to be the right kind of counselors, or there can be trouble. The young king named Rehoboam, son of Solomon, was at Shechem for his coronation. Jeroboam returned from Egypt and the leaders of the ten northern tribes of Israel came to the coronation and complained about the heavy taxation Solomon had placed on them. The Israelites delivered an ultimatum to Rehoboam—"Lower the taxes with which your father oppressed us, and we will serve you. Otherwise we wilt revolt." Rehoboam asked for three days to think it over. During daily add up in our lives.

Have you waiched a commercial lately? You that time he first consulted with his older counselors. They advised him to treat the people kindly and be servant to them. His younger advisers, however, suggested the very opposite. "Be tough," they said.

Rehoboam never sought the Lord of Israel for counsel and wisdom as his father Solomon had done. Apparently he felt no need of God's help in ruling the nation. And this is where he failed. He also failed when he ignored the elder's advice and accepted the advice of the young men. He was tough with his subjects and considered them his slaves. As a result a great nation was divided. The spirit of selfishness merchandise. On the other hand, our choice of a product has far less of overtook the long-term advantage of listening to wiser men. It is reported that Louis Farrakhan, Nation of Is) im leader, is preparing to depart on a 52-nation tour including stops in the anti-America and human rights violating countries of Iran, Iran, China and Cube. The Muslim leader, interviewed on "Fox News Sunday," charged that it was U.S.- backed U.N. sanctions and not the actions of Saddam that have caused widespread hardships among the Iraqi people.

"I don't think that Saddam Hussein is deliberately starving his own. people. I would think that a man who gets 99 percent of the people to vote for him in an election and the people love him so much, how would they love a man that is starving them?" he asked.

Could the leader of the Nation of Islam be liken to Rehoboam. Most of us will never decide the fate of nations, but we need to ask ourselves: "Or whos: counsel am I listening?" The decisions we make

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sweep the floor, clean the house, pray with them.

These are just a few things we can do to show love. All of these only take a little time out of your basy schedule.

The Power of Love" There is not a thinking person who con stand untouched today and view the world around them drifting downward to decay without feeling deep within them a silent unnamed fear; wondering how to stem the chaos that lie frightfully ahead. But the problems we are facing cannot humanly be solved by our diplomatic strategy. It can never change a sinful heart filled with hatred and defiance. So our problems keep on growing every hour of everyday as man vainby tries to solve them in his own self willful way, but mun is powerless alone to clean up the world utside, until his own polluted soul is clean and tree inside. For the amazing power of love is beyond comprehension and it alone can heal this world of its batted and dissension.

We don't have to plan for a year to do a kind deed for someone; just go out there and do it. You don't have to keep a record. Just do it! God can keep a better record than

If you have any unforgiveness in your heart, get rid of it today and receive the promises of God. REPENT -REPENT - REPENT, Saints! The devil don't like that werd. Let's move to another level in Jesus Christ. There's more to Jesus than what we are experiencing, Thought of the Week: "You don't have to be a star to be

in God's show.

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Foliticians and Prosecutors Also Perpetuate Police Abuse

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Giuliani's fingerprints are not been suspended in 1992 for on the toilet plunger handle striking someone and was the that police rammed up the rec- target of three other comtum of a suspect during a plaints, including excessive recent vicious assault inside a force. Brooklyn station house, but his heated anti-crime rhetoric has about brutality in the Big contributed to a climate in Apple and elsewhere, is the which police feel they have Amnesty finding that abuse is "permission" to use a certain degree of excessive force.

Civil lights groups in New tors. York City have long criticized issue of brutality, particularly term--cracking down on petty Los Angeles police. crime.

allegedly yelled, "This is Giuliani time...'

tor in the equation of police this misconduct receives from elected leaders, police officials, prosecutors and judges.

turn a blind-eye to excesses, including abuse of law-abiding citizens. This a particularly troubling problem in Black communities.

torture/assault on Louima is hit the officer's patrol car. clearly unique.

Howeyer, Mayor Giuliani's assertion that this is an isolated incident, not indicative of abuse afflicting the entire police department, flies in the face of repeated reports documenting both pervasive abuse among New York's police and cials to penalize officers for fatally choking a teenager involved in incidents of brutal- he caught driving a go-cart on

Police brutality in New York City is a "widespread problem, with a pattern of similar abuses occurring over many years" stated a 72-page report issued in June 1996 by Amnesty International, the respected human lights organization.

The brutalities cited by Amnesty International included assaults with fists, flash- tration to take strong action lights and fatal shootings.

The 1994 Commission probe into widespread corruption in New House but not implemented. York's police department found extensive brutality in police abuse by elected offipolice districts with large cials like Mayor Giuliani, minority populations.

errant officers most often persistence of police brutality receive only minor sanctions as a major problem nationor no discipline at all. One of wide. the first two officers arrested

New York City Mayor Rudy for assaulting Louima had

Another alarming aspect routinely 'covered up' by police officials and prosecu-

This finding of inaction by Giuliani for sidestepping the authorities is consistent with the conclusions of the official by police officers pursuing a report into the March 1991 priority of the mayor's first beating of Rodney King by

Christopher During the assault on Abner Commission stated LA police Louima, one policeman routinely used excessive force against non- violent citizens, LA police officials consistently A frequently overlooked fac- failed to discipline errant officers and the city's district attor-

> Another important factor in the role of judges.

judge Gerald Sheindlin acquitted a policeman charged with

despite saying he did not believe the "defendant is innocent" and finding a "nest of perjury" in the testimony of the defendant's fellow officers. Sheindlin refused to consider the 11 major complaints filed against this policeman or the the sidewalk.

Fatal shootings of Blacks by police in 1996 triggered serious disturbances in Leland, MS; Patterson, NJ and St. Petersburg, FL.

Last year both National NAACP President Kweisi Mfume and National Urban League President Hugh Price called on the Clinton adminisagainst police brutality. These Mollen requests for action were politely accepted by the White

The laissez faire attitude to judges, prosecutors and police Both reports found that officials is a key reason for the

Buy a Coin, Help Build a Memoria says Black Patriots Foundation



memorial to African American heroes of the Revolutionary War- gained momentum as the Black Patriots Foundation cated to building a memorial on the hosted a dramatic Capitol Hill unveiling of the Black Revolutionary War Patriots honor more than 5,000 mea, women, Commemorative Coin. But supporters and children who served in the brutality is the tacit support ney's office failed to prosecute stressed that continuing that momentum Revolutionary War - a little-known but civilian claims of police vio- depends on strong public response to significant chapter of American history. their appeal for coin sale

Part of the proceeds from coin sales bronze memorial will graphically tell The support leads officials to perpetuating police brutality is are earmarked by legislation to help the story of how African Americans build the Black Patriots Memorial - a served to help bring about America's Last fall, New York City point underscored by a number of independence. Supporters say the Black speakers.

fatally choking a Hispanic man memorial," said C. Payne Lucas, presi- whites alike, will be a beacon of racial The degree of brutality in the whose football inadvertently 'dent of Africare. "Everyone who buys' reconciliation and education. The the Black Patriots Coin will be preserv- packed-room Capitol Hill ceremony fea-Sheindlin freed this officer ing our shared history. And African tured eloquent and passionate remarks Americans who purchase coins will be by luminaries of the arts, entertainment making a personal investment in our and political worlds. Distinguished people's history and our children's guests included Davis, Representatives future."

"These simple but elegant coins will Mary Ellen Withrow, Black Patriots help educate Americans like no coin Memorial and Coin designer Ed before it. And when we've built this Dwight, representatives of the Black persistent failures by city offi- fact that he was awaiting trial Memorial, generations forever into the Patriots Foundation, and other dignifuture will know that African Americans taries.

October 22 -- The quest to build a also played a significant role in the founding of this country."

The Black Patriots Foundation is dedi-National Mall in Washington, DC to Scenes depicted in the 90-foot long Patriots Memorial, by showing that Buy the coin and help build the America was founded by blacks and Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and Don Payne Added renowned actor Ossie Davis: (D-NJ), Treasurer of the United States

But the unveiling of the coin stole the show. Treasurer Withrow - her signature on US currency dramatically pulled back the twin curtains to reveal the designs of both sides of the coin. Joining her for the unveiling were Black Patriots Foundation Co-Chairs Margaret Johnston and Joanne Jones.

The silver coin's two sides tell the story of African American involvement in the War of Independence. The face of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in America's struggle for liberty at the Boston Massacre, is shown on the obverse side. The reverse side adopts the final scene from the future Black Patriots Memorial: an integral African American family - father, mother, son, daughter and grandfather -- looking expectantly to their own people's freedom after helping win the nation's.

Jones summed up the symbolic importance of the coins and the planned Memorial. "Together, they recognize the sacrifices made by African Americans during the Revolutionary War, and rightly affirms their role as co-founders of this nation."

The coins commemorate Black Revolutionary War Patriots and the 275th anniversary of the birth of Crispus Attucks. The coins are yet to be offically priced, but the Foundation is preselling them for \$35 in time for the Christmas season. Shipments of the coins will begin in February 1998.

"Because these coins carry such a significant symbolic message, many will want to give these coins as truly meaningful Christmas gifts," commented Wayne Smith, president of the Black Patriots Foundation. "We are accommodating this demand by pre-selling the coin before it is minted. What better way to show your loved ones you care than by giving them a piece of history?"

Million Woman March: 'Women of Color Realize Power'

(PHILADELPHIA, PA.) Hundreds of on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in on drugs to break free. Philadelphia, PA for the Million Woman March.

unite in sisterhood and solidarity.

"They said this could not be done," march founder, Phile Chionesu told the throngs of women gathered before the Philadelphia Art Museum.

"They said we didn't have any 'names." They said we didn't have any PR. But what we do have is power," she said.

turnout, which organizers estimate to be two million and which unofficial police counts put somewhere between 500,000 and 1.5 million.

three things when they went home: To empowerment and raising Black congreet each other with the phrase, sciousness as they move to the 21st cenand communities and to volunteer at TV screens made it difficult, if not least half an hour of their time a week in impossible, for many women to hear, community service.

and international speakers delivered messages of empowerment and Black pride, their speeches paled in comparison to the feeling of sisterhood that surrounded the event.

Speaker after speaker reminded the a lot.' women to take the power they felt at the march back home with them.

America work for them instead of the just that people were here." other way around.

and cold because we have nothing else to do. We are driven by our commitment to ourselves, our children, our families, to live in a fair and just society that respects us, our role in the nation and the world," she said.

Waters urged the women to join together to make the government and big corporations help them in the fight against drugs which are destroying their families and neighborhoods.

South African activist Winnie Madikizela Mandela, the former wife of around the world to the event, praised Black women for their strength and told them to use their power.

to the stage, thousands of chants of always asking, 'Who were these "Winnie, Winnie," filled the air.

"African women are the most power-That power was born out in the carry all life into existence. We deter- have a name to get things done in this because we determine how we raise our don't.' men up to be," she said.

Mandela urged the women to rededi-Chionesu asked the women to do just cate themselves to increasing Black 'respect and love;" to commit them- tury in order to improve their lot in life. selves to making changes in their lives A poor sound system and the lack of any but that didn't dampen spirits, neither While a vast array of local, national did the light rain and cold that persisted most of the day.

"This is just another challenge," Eloise Dix a 70-year-old retiree from Bronx, NY, said of the weather. 'The

Dix, sitting on a lounge chair surrounded by thousands of women, said U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif), she saw the drizzle as "a kind of cleanswho chairs the Congressional Black ing to wash away the bad so women Caucus, told the women to rejoice in could start anew." She said it didn't mattheir power and to use it to make ter whether people could see or hear, daughters to have a sense of all the posi-

Mother Nephthys Kefa, 70, of and continue to do." 'We don't march for the sake of Harlem, came with her friend Dix and York in one of the many bus caravans that brought women to town.

> when we started out, but that changed quickly. When you're eating, sleeping we are all on one great big bus.

Of what she would like to see happen unifying the Black community. after the march. Kefa said, "When we

She also called once again for the gov- go back to Harlem, and when the other thousands of African-American women ernment to investigate the role of the women go back to their cities, I'd like to had their own field of dreams, where CIA in flooding Black communities see us all begin working on bringing sisanything and everything seemed possi- with drugs, and to institute job and edu- ters together in little groups so they can ble last Saturday, as they came together cation programs to help those dependent take charge of their communities," she said.

Both Dix and Kefa took part in the 1963 March On Washington, but said Women of all ages and backgrounds South African President Nelson the Million Woman March was really came from all parts of the country to Mandela, who came from halfway special because it was organized by grassroots women.

"This is all the more special because the women who did this aren't known," When the 63-year-old Mandela, explained Kefa. "When I would hear stage on Eakins Oval in front of the dressed in traditional African attire, took about this on the radio, they were grassroots people?"

Kefa said some people would like ful forces in the universe, because we Black women to believe "you have to mine what type of men people this earth country, but this march is proof that you

> The top priority for many of the dozens of women interviewed was to find ideas they could take back to their towns and cities to help young people and the scores of women who struggle to raise families alone.

> "I came because of the problems with drugs and violence and teenage pregnancies in the Black community," said Donna O'Connor of Rhode Island.

> "It's very difficult to do something by yourself, and I thought by coming here, we could start to figure out what to do." Margaret Rutledge, a day-care

provider, also from Rhode Island, made fact that so many of us showed up says the march a family affair, bringing her daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Takina Green, 17, with her.

"I wanted to be here with my sisters to talk about how we can better raise our kids and restore family values," said Rutledge. "And I wanted my grandtive things that Black women have done

Takina said she had never seen anymarching. We did not rally in the rain hundreds of other women from New thing like this before with so many women from different places and different walks of life going up to each other, "A lot of us didn't know each other many of them total strangers, talking and sharing.

"I think because they didn't have and riding together you can't help from women at the Million Man March this getting to know one another," said Kefa. was something that had to happen," she "And, that's what it's like here; it's like said. "And I think this lets men know that women have something to do with

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