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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Highlights of the NNPA 1997 Mid-Winter Workshop BLACK PRESS KNOW THY POWER

[Editor's note: Again and again, publishers and guests at NNPA's 1997 Mid-Winter Conference in St. Maarten were reminded of the awesome power of the Black Press. Some of those speakers who addressed the issue are quoted below.]

**Dorothy R. Leavell, president, NNPA: Breakfast, Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997**

In a stirring message to members and guests of NNPA, President Dorothy R. Leavell, admonished participants that the Black Press must continue to speak for itself.

"For the year and a half that I have served as president of this association, I have been around, virtually the world.... And I know how we get mistreated. It is our own fault how they treat us. We are the Black Press of America, the most powerful force on this earth," President Leavell said.

"We have made leaders; we have continued to elevate our leaders... and we keep people honest. That role was carved out for us, not yesterday, not last year, not five years ago, but ladies and gentlemen, 170 years ago. Our role was carved out. We must speak for ourselves.

"Now what has happened in that time? What has changed? What has changed for us, except for the fact that we abdicated the crown. I'm here to say to all of you, that we must take up our positions," she told the crowd.

"Who will speak for us?... Who has our real interests at heart? We're still humble enough to do the job that we started out to do.... But ladies and gentlemen, we need to go back to the basics. We need to understand why we exist, why we're still here.... We need to understand that this is up to us.

"We have a role to play, we've got to do it.... we've got to stop letting people push us around. We're got the power.... We don't need anybody to make any excuses for us."

**Dick Gregory: Breakfast, Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997**

Greeting members of the NNPA at the first breakfast of the meeting, comedian and activist Dick Gregory spoke about the Black Press' need to recognize its own power.

"I just hope, somewhere in my lifetime, that you Black folks, who have this very important tool, will understand your power.

"The reasons that make you the most important, the most powerful group on the planet is because Black folks in America are the most important and powerful group on the planet, economically... and educationally... and if you don't believe it go home and do your research."

Gregory also thanked the Black Press for the role it played in his success. "I thank God for you, because long before white folks ever heard of Dick Gregory, the Black Press was talking about Dick Gregory...."

"I'm blessed by God. I don't need to be validated by the New York Times or the Washington Post.... All I've ever wanted was to be validated by my peers. And so, somewhere, you know you really have to get together and really understand your power because if you don't now, they gonna take it away from you."

**The Rev. Charles Williams, president of the Indiana Black Expo: Luncheon, Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997**

The Rev. Charles Williams, president of the Indiana Black Expo, was the keynote speaker at the Jan. 16, luncheon of the National Newspaper Publishers Association in St. Maarten.

In an impassioned speech, Rev. Williams, who is president of the Indiana Black Expo, told NNPA members, guests and corporate sponsors, that the organization needs to remind Black America that it represents its interests.

"You have to constantly remind Black America that the Black Press is its voice," Rev. Williams told the gathering.

"You need to remind corporate America of that. You have to be a beacon in a sea of change," he said.

## ALEXIS M. HERMAN NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY OF LABOR



Alexis Herman was born in Mobile, Alabama in 1947. She was raised by a single mother who was self-educated, went back to school after Herman was born, and became a life-long school teacher. Her father ran his own insurance company and was one of the first African Americans elected in the South - as Democratic Wardman in Mobile's 10th Ward - since Reconstruction. Herman grew up in Mobile attending segregated Catholic schools, went away in 1965 to

Edgewood College of the Sacred Heart in Madison, Wisconsin, where she was one of only three black students, and then returned home when her father had a stroke, finishing college at Xavier University in New Orleans. She graduated with a degree in Sociology in 1969.

After leaving Xavier, she returned to Mobile and began her career with Catholic Social Services, where she helped place children with adoptive or foster care families, worked with delinquent boys, and counseled families facing problems such as teen pregnancy. She also convinced Catholic Social Services to support her effort to help unemployed, unskilled young men in Mobile's Roger Williams Housing Project find work. She tutored and trained them and, working with the AFL-CIO, helped many secure jobs and skilled apprenticeships at the Ingalls Shipyard in nearby Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Her efforts there drew the attention of Ray Marshall, then an economics professor at the University of Texas, who was

interested in seeing whether her success in placing African-American men in skilled blue-collar jobs could be extended to helping African-American women break into the white collar workforce. In 1972, supported by grants from the Labor Department and the Ford Foundation, Herman moved to Atlanta to run the Black Women's Employment Program under the auspices of the prestigious Southern Regional Council. She began her work by meeting with corporate executives to learn what it took to be a successful employee and then used that knowledge to identify, recruit and train talented young people. Her efforts led, among other things, to the hiring of the first African-American woman; in white collar jobs at such leading corporations as Coca-Cola and Delta Airlines.

In 1974, her pilot program expanded, changed its name to the Minority Women Employment Program, and was taken on by a new sponsor, the New York-based Recruitment and Training Program. Working with RTP, she extended her Atlanta model to 9 other cities. In late 1976, RTP asked her to take charge of a 30-city program to place minority women in white collar and blue collar jobs. The achievements of the Minority Women Employment Program are documented in the book "Stepping Up: Placing Minority Women in Managerial and Professional Job" (Glover, Greenfield, King and Norvel; Olympus Publishing, 1979).

In 1977, President Carter asked Ray Marshall to be his Secretary of Labor and Marshall tapped 29-year old Alexis Herman to be Director of the Women's Bureau - the youngest Director ever. As Director, she devoted her energies to such issues as helping displaced homemakers get into the workforce,

opening apprenticeship opportunities for women in skilled trades, providing job training opportunities for welfare recipients, and co-chairing a Presidential Task Force to promote business ownership by women.

In 1981, Herman started a consulting firm, Green, Herman & Associates, with Ernest Green, who had served as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training under President Carter. As Vice President of Green, Herman (1981-85), and later President of the successor firm, A.M. Herman & Associates (formed in 1985 when she bought out her partner), Herman provided a range of consulting services with an emphasis on issues related to the hiring and training of minorities, the recruitment of minority vendors, and the creation of productive workplace environments. For example, she advised the city of Atlanta on how to better coordinate their worker training efforts with their economic development planning so that workers would be trained for the jobs that new businesses would actually bring in. She advised companies on ways to reduce the turnover of minority employees who were having trouble adjusting to a corporate culture that had always been closed to them. And she advised major corporations on how to improve their relationships with minority communities.

In 1989, Ron Brown, newly elected Chair of the Democratic National Committee, asked Herman to do an assessment of the DNC's organization and then asked her to remain as Deputy Chair and Chief of Staff. She served in that capacity until 1991, when she became Chief Executive Officer of the 1992 Democratic Convention in New York.

When Bill Clinton was elected President, he appointed Herman Deputy Director of his transition and then asked her to head up the Office of Public Liaison, which communicates to the President the concerns of constituencies from across America, delivers the President's message to those groups, and builds grass roots support for the President's domestic and international priorities. As Director of the Public Liaison Office, Herman has been at the center of most of the pivotal initiatives of the President's first four years.

## SAUNDRA HEATH JOINS CARSON PRODUCTS COMPANY AS BRAND MANAGER FOR EXCELLE SALON PERFORMANCE



SAVANNAH, GA, JAN 31 -- Miriam Muley, executive vice president of marketing, Carson Products Company, named Sandra Heath brand manager for Excellence Salon Performance No-Lye Relaxer, Dark & Lovely Hair Color and Reviving Colors. Heath formerly served as manager for Lifedesigns, a new leadership and development program for women

created by Avon Products, Inc.

As brand manager, Heath's responsibilities will entail the development, execution and management of marketing strategies as well as the growth and enhancement of the three brands. Heath will also be charged with designing new packaging for upcoming advertising campaigns for Excellence Salon Performance and Dark & Lovely color lines.

According to Muley, Heath's experience and knowledge of African-American consumers will be a tremendous asset to Carson's marketing team. "Heath's varied experience in marketing, notably with the African-American Business Division at Avon, makes her a valuable resource for Carson," said Muley.

In addition to managing Avon's Lifedesigns Program, Heath also served as manager of the African-American Business Division

where her responsibilities included new product development; special events design and implementation; development of targeted sales and marketing materials; and facilitating workshops for the sales organization. Heath has also held various management positions in other Fortune 500 companies.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Heath holds a B.F.A. degree in Arts Administration from New York University.

Carson Products Company, the leading African-American ethnic hair care product company, is headquartered in Savannah, Georgia. In addition to Excellence, Dark & Lovely Hair Color and Reviving Colors, Carson's family of products include signature brand, Dark & Lovely No-Lye Relaxer, Dark & Natural, Beautiful Beginnings and Magic Shave.

A free, interactive workshop for children featuring the Ezra Jack Keats book, The Snowy Day will be presented in the Mahon Library Community Room, 1306 9th Street, on Saturday, March 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The children's librarian will read the book to the children, then they will be led in an art project by local artist, Desiree Kelly-Trotter. Ms. Trotter is an

award-winning artist and currently has works on display at "Windows on Broadway." Each child will receive a free copy of The Snowy Day. The workshop is limited to 20 first and second graders and children may register at any library location or by calling 767-2838. Funding for this program has been provided by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation.

## BLACK PUBLISHERS PROMOTE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Dorothy M. Leavell, right, Publisher of the Chicago New Crusader and President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), confers with Dr. Henry Johnson, Publisher of City News, Plainfield, N.J., on improving African American

student achievement. They spoke during the recent annual Mid-Winter Workshop of the NNPA in St. Maarten in the Caribbean. Johnson urged an enthusiastic audience of newspaper-owners to create "Educational Summits" of parents, teachers, religious and business leaders to help enlighten and stimulate youth and to make certain that negative influences will not prevail in their lives. "The local newspaper can be a vitally important link in the community leadership chain when it provides information on community problems and also helps in creating solutions," said Frank Gomez, Director, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., a long-time supporter of the Black press.

## TOM T. HALL TO RETURN TO SPC FOR REUNION FESTIVITIES

LEVELLAND, TEXAS -- Country music legend Tom T. Hall will join South Plains College March 7 for a reunion commemorating the 10th anniversary of the opening of a state-of-the-art recording and production facility named in his honor.

The festivities will include an open house and reception at 3 p.m., reunion performance of the 1987 bluegrass band that originally jammed with Hall, and an 8 p.m. benefit concert featuring Hall and past recipients of a country music scholarship established in his honor.

"We are excited and honored that Tom T. Hall again plans to share his talents with us. Over the years, he has been very supportive and showed a continued interest in the growth and development of SPC's commercial music program," said John Hartin, chairperson of the Creative Arts Department. "We look forward to it. It's going to be a great event."

Proceeds from the concert will benefit music scholarships at SPC. General admission tickets for the event will be \$15 a person or \$25 a couple.

The Tom T. Hall Production and Recording Studio was dedicated in the musician's honor on March 26, 1987, a day set aside by SPC and the Levelland community to honor Hall for his support of SPC's commercial music program. About 200 musicians from throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, billed as the World's Largest Bluegrass Band, jammed with Hall that day on four classic numbers -- "Fox on the Run," "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," "Cripple Creek" and "Amazing Grace."

A reunion performance of the original band plus other interested musicians is being coordinated by Alan Munde, SPC assistant professor of music. He is planning rehearsals for 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 18, 25 and March 4 in the Tom T. Hall Studio. "We'll rehearse the four numbers and then have a jam session after that. Anyone is welcome to show and

bring their instruments, such as banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle and Dobro," he noted.

Hall has been a benefactor and ambassador of the college's unique studies in country and bluegrass music for the past 20 years. He first visited SPC in 1977 and was so impressed by the college's efforts in country and bluegrass music that he spotlighted the program in the 1977 PBS special on bluegrass music. Hall is credited with helping to generate the first large surge in the program's enrollment due to resulting publicity from the broadcast. During the festivities in 1987, Hall was awarded an honorary associate degree from the college and was named an adjunct professor of music. He also performed a benefit concert which established the Tom T. Hall Country Music Scholarship at SPC.

Many past recipients of the scholarship have performed in the Tom T. Hall Recording and Production Studio. The facility has been used extensively for such diverse events as student recording projects, live country music, bluegrass and musical variety television shows aired on a local cable channel, bluegrass fairs, country and rock music fests, special gospel nights, dinner theater productions, fashion shows, the Tom T. Hall Lecture Series and the recording of an album by fellow country music artist Redd Stewart.

SPC graduates who have performed in the facility include Ricky Turpin, the first Tom T. Hall Country Music Scholarship recipient who now performs with Rick Trevino; Heath Wright, who with his band, Ricochet, had the number one country music single last summer, "Daddy's Money," and Keith Gattis, who had a recent country hit, "Little Drops of My Heart."

For more information on tickets to the concert, contact the SPC Creative Arts Department at 806-894-9611, ext. 2281. For information on the reunion band, contact Alan Munde at 894-9611, ext. 2277.

The Harris Underwood family wanted to show their appreciation for twelve citizens of Lubbock who showed concern for their family over the years. Spearheaded by Mrs. Laura Underwood, this affair took place last Sunday afternoon at the T.J. Patterson Branch Library & Learning Center. More than 200 persons attended this affair.

Jeff Ripple, director of Library Services for the City of Lubbock, served as master of ceremonies. He acknowledged the purpose of this program, and gave special thanks to the Underwood Family for the equipment and library materials displayed on the tables, which were given to help young people.

The special gifts were given in honor of special people. They were: Cleeta Johnson, Clara Mayse, Dovie Ward, Charlie Ragsdale, "Yogie" Bura Russell and Wyatt Ward.

Gifts were also given in sacred memory of some special

people who were held dear to the Underwood Family. Those persons were: Bobbie McKinney Brown, A.G. Graves, Earnest Hicks, Theodore Phea, Sr., Theodore Phea, Jr., and Joe Phea, Sr.

Gifts, which were valued at several thousand dollars, consisted of the following: fax machine, personal computer for walk-in uses to do word processing, a printer, CD rom software to run on the computer, and several hundred books and videos, primarily centered for young children.

Also, there were gifts of paintings and drawings by young people from the East Lubbock Community Center purchased for the library. "All of these gifts will be well utilized for the young people who come to the library," said Barbara Painter, Patterson Branch Manager.

Mayor Windy Sitton and City Councilman T.J. Patterson were among the many guests at the reception.

## NOTICE!

The Southwest Digest is now in its 20th year. Watch out for a major event coming in the future.





## Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where

The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30a.m. and conducted by Brother Virgil Johnson, assistant superintendent. All classes received thirty minutes of instruction, and reassembled singing the song, "What A Fellowship." High points of the morning lesson were given by Class No. 2, with Sister Kenyatta Barnes as teacher. It was very well done.

**Secretary's Report:** Youth Department - Primary Class won the Attendance Banner while the Junior Class received the Offering Banner. Adult Department: Class No.1 received the Attendance Banner and the members of Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Brother Clarence Ervin.

The morning processional was led by the Senior Choir marching in singing "We Got To Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Deacon Earnest Swain as Rev. Jeff Brown was away visiting relatives in Dallas, Texas. A song, "Order My Steps," was sung, and the morning scripture was read by Sister Margaret Moton who read John 6:1-13. Prayer was given by Deacon Howard. Another song, "He's Worthy," was sung.

Responsive reading was done with congregation standing, and led by Sister Ida Johnson. The morning hymn was "Blessed Assurance." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton, who spoke from the words of the hymn, "God So Loved The World." The hymn of preparation was "Have Thine Own Way." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled

"Fragments." He told the congregation how it really was! What a sermon it was!

Sister Minnie Kinghton's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith, were visiting here over the past weekend. They are residents of Queens, New York. They were in attendance at New Hope last Sunday morning.

Invitation to discipleship was extended last Sunday morning at New Hope and one came forward.

Let us not forget those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them is a nephew of this writer, Ruby Jay, who had a heart attack in Chicago, Illinois. He is Freddy Simmons, a graduate of Dunbar High School.

Sister James Emma Jackson's cousin was buried in Los Angeles, California last week. Also, Johnnie C. Robison and Gettis Williams lost a cousin in Denver, Colorado. He is also a nephew of Rosia Jones. He was a cousin of Ruby Jay and E.V. Barnes.

How did you like the special edition of the Southwest Digest last week? If you would like to get extra copies, then give me a call at 744-4127. Better still, why not subscribe to the Southwest Digest for only \$20.00 a year!!

Word came Sunday evening of the death of the last sister of this writer, Ruby Jay, in Clinton, Texas. She was Mrs. Ruby Oliver. Services were held yesterday, Wednesday, there...More on this later.



## Paving the way for future physicians

### HEALTH FOCUS

James L. Phillips, M.D.  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Houston, Texas

Experience is a factor in the development of a child or adolescent's attitudes and interests.

Working at a medical school places me in daily contact with aspiring medical students. Time and again they mention how early contact with a doctor sparked their interest in medicine.

During Black History Month, I often reflect on early African-American physicians and wonder what inspired them. In 1847, David Peck became the first African-American to graduate from a U.S. medical school. He boldly opened a door of opportunity.

As America's population becomes more diverse, the need for physicians from all cultures becomes evident. All of us -- parents, teachers, relatives, friends -- can help to achieve diversity in medicine.

Although the Association of American Medical Colleges hopes 3,000 minority students will begin medical school in the year 2000, minority enrollment figures have dropped in the past two years.

If you know young persons interested in medicine, encourage them. Get them connected with physicians willing to let them spend time watching the inner workings of medicine. Stress good grades, and support their academic efforts. Help them find summer opportunities in medicine.

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston offers a summer program called Honors Premedical Academy that is open to groups underrepresented

in medicine -- Native Americans, African-Americans, Mexican-Americans and mainland Puerto Ricans.

This six-week program, a partnership with Houston's Rice University, gives students the opportunity to work with a Baylor physician in the morning and to take science and communications courses at Rice in the afternoon. This intense experience not only facilitates the preparation of students for medical school, but it also enables them to meet other students with like interests.

College undergraduates can call 1-800-798-8244 for application information. The application deadline is April 1, 1997.

It is our responsibility to encourage bright, young students of all races. The door to medicine is open to all who have the heart, desire and stamina needed to care for their fellow man.

## NNPA Re-examines its Power in Mid-Winter Confab

By Olive Vassell

Delegates to the NNPA's 1997 Mid-Winter Workshop in St. Maarten, were repeatedly challenged to realize the depth of their power as they continue to be the "voice of Black America."

Some of America's foremost activists, community leaders and clergy encouraged participants in the organization's annual workshop, Jan. 15-18, to understand their leadership role in Black America.

"We have made leaders; we have continued to elevate our leaders... and we keep people honest. That role was carved out for us, not yesterday, not last year, not five years ago, but ladies and gentlemen, 170 years ago...We must speak for ourselves," President Dorothy R. Leavell told attendees at the session's opening breakfast.

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And, "you have to constantly remind Black America that the Black Press is its voice," Rev. Charles Williams, president of the Indiana Black Expo, told a lunch gathering.

"You need to remind corporate America of that. You have to be a beacon in a sea of change," he said.

The theme of this year's conference, "The Black Press...Lighting the Way Through the Age of Conspiracy and New Technology," was examined by several participants in a selection of workshops conducted by some of America's most

renowned experts.

Dennis Schatzman, author of "The Simpson Trial in Black and White," discussed the role of media bias in the O.J. Simpson trial. He told audience members that "Double standards with respect to the coverage of Black and white is as old as the history of the new media" and "the importance of the Black Press in the coverage of the O.J. Simpson legal battles cannot be devalued."

During the four-day event, attendees were often joined by some of the island's top officials, including Lt. Governor Dennis Richardson, Commissioners Sarah Wescott Williams, Vance James and Edgar Lynch.

Among those representing other organizations was Dr. Russell Odom, special project director for President Henry Lyons, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (NBCUSA, Inc.)

Addressing a breakfast meeting, Jan. 17, Dr. Odom recalled the historic nature of the relationship between the Black Press and the Black Church; and stressed that the NBCUSA, Inc. has told all with whom it does business that "If you want to talk to us about business, you have to talk to the Black Press."

Dr. Odom also renewed the pledge of the 8.5 million plus member organization to work with NNPA in increasing subscriptions of member newspapers in its congregations.

Many St. Maarten residents also took time out to participate in the conference including the some 300-plus high school children. They were bussed to the convention's Maho Beach & Casino headquarters for an informal rap session with Dick Gregory. Gregory later visited the local university, drawing a capacity crowd.

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# BASEBALL AND BLACK HISTORY

by Bernice Powell Jackson



Baseball is often referred to as our national pastime, but too often the unique contributions of African Americans to this all-American game have been ignored or forgotten. 1997 marks the 50th anniversary of the entrance of Jackie Robinson into major league baseball, becoming the first African American to play in the major leagues.

The Jackie Robinson Foundation, which was set up as a living legacy by Rachel Robinson, the widow of the famed baseball player, provides scholarships for African American students across the nation. This special year will focus on the many achievements of Jackie Robinson and will include the minting of a commemorative coin by the U.S. Treasury during the summer.

But Jackie Robinson was only one of the 2,600 African Americans who played professional baseball in the Negro Leagues, which had been formed in Kansas City in 1920. These black baseball teams joined together to bring innovative and thrilling baseball to black communities across the nation, in many cases becoming centerpieces for economic development in many African American communities.

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, located at the historic corner of 18th and Vine in Kansas City, now houses exhibits which cover the history of African American baseball from the Civil War through the 1950s.

Through videos, computer games, re-creations of team uniforms and timelines and written materials, the museum tells the stories of baseball heroes like Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Sr. and John Henry Lloyd.

It tells how, for example, Josh Gibson, known as the King of Swing, once hit a home run at Yankee Stadium with one hand, as he was clowning around with the pitcher. It tells the stories of Roy Campanella, Willie Mays, Ernie Banks and of course, Jackie Robinson, who was named the major leagues Rookie of the Year in 1947, despite the discrimination and abuse he was subjected to.

It also tells the stories of the Negro Leagues teams, with names like the Kansas City Monarchs, the Cleveland Buckeyes, the Philadelphia Stars and the Baltimore Black Sox. The Negro League teams folded in the early 1960s, after many of their best players joined major league teams.

This spring the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum will move across the street to a larger space, next to a new jazz museum which is part of Kansas City's redevelopment of this historic area.

As we celebrate Black History and get ready for baseball's spring training, be mindful of the contributions of Jackie Robinson and all those who played in the Negro Baseball League. (Note: To find out more about the Jackie Robinson commemorative coin, write the Jackie Robinson Foundation, 3 West 35th Street, New York, NY 10001. You can visit the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum at 18th and Vine in Kansas City or call (816) 221-1920.)

# ANOTHER KIND OF WALL OF FAME

HOUSTON--(February 17, 1997)--There's a Wall of Fame at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, but nobody on it is really famous. No one who appears there is a celebrity, or is someone instantly recognizable.

These faces have nothing to do with fame, yet they belong to people who have accomplished a great deal. They are friends, family members, co-workers and acquaintances who have each had an organ transplant.

The Wall of Fame, a collection of photographs of transplant recipients, was officially unveiled December 13 in the lobby of the Methodist/Baylor Multi-Organ Transplant Center. The exhibit has approximately 100 pictures of smiling faces, some with children and spouses, with information about the type and date of each transplant.

"The wall will serve as hope and courage to those still waiting for a transplant," said Sherrill Lanthier, assistant manager of the Transplant Center. "It illustrates how many of the 1,445 recipients are still leading happy, healthy lives."

Lanthier said the wall will expand as the Center receives more photographs. Employees and the public can drop by the Center, located on the fourth floor of Smith Tower, 6550 Fannin, during business hours to see the wall.

Manuel Arredondo, 53, had a heart transplant eight years ago and he believes he has accomplished more since then than ever before. "After my transplant, my wife and I have had a baby girl; I won three medals in the Transplant Olympics and I feel great," he said.

"This Wall of Fame is such a great idea because you can feel very alone waiting for a transplant. It's wonderful to actually see that others go through the same thing and come out winning."

The Methodist/Baylor Multi-Organ Transplant Center was established to provide service and medical care for people requiring a transplant and to promote organ donation. The Center works in collaboration with LifeGift, an organ

donation center in Houston.

As of last month, the waiting list for donor organs in the United States totaled 49,000. The primary obstacle for most of these transplant hopefuls is a lack of donor organs - the demand is simply much greater than the supply.

The best way to help increase organ donation in this country is to have more people indicate, in writing, their desire to become an organ donor. Tell family members about your decision to become a donor; sign and carry a donor card.

You can obtain a donor card at the Methodist/Baylor Multi-Organ Transplant Center, Smith Tower, 6550 Fannin, Room 447. Call the Center at (713)790-2501, or LifeGift at 800-633-6562. Both organizations have donor cards available to the public or you can access Methodist's Home Page on the Internet at [www.methodisthealth.com](http://www.methodisthealth.com).

## "Grand Beginnings" An Early Pregnancy Brunch

Baby Grand at UMC invites parents-to-be to hear informal presentations on topics ranging from nutrition and exercise to home safety for you and your baby. Please join us for a complimentary brunch, door prizes and your free copy of "What to Expect When You're Expecting."

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## THIS N THAT

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SPEAKING OF GETTING GED!! THIS N THAT...learned from...JEFF RIPPLE...who is the director of the library services for the...CITY OF LUBBOCK...he advised last Sunday that...FOUR PERSONS...have received their...GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

(G.E.D.)...while attending the...T.J. PATTERSON LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER...There are others who are working for the same...This is very good. As there are more than...TWO HUNDRED PERSONS. Enrolled in the learning center...

MLK YOUTH CHOIR STILL SINGING!! THIS N THAT...was very elated to learn of the...SPECIAL PRESENTATION...performed at the...LAKERIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...last Sunday evening by members of the...SARA BLOCKER MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH CHOIR...These...YOUNG PEOPLE...are special...AMBASSADORS FRO OUR COMMUNITY...and would hope...OTHER CHURCHES...throughout the city...would invite them to come and...sing music for the LORD...THIS N THAT...is just so proud of those young people...

WHAT ABOUT A SRILL TEAM FOR OUR YOUNG LADIES!!...THIS N THAT...has been attending a monthly meeting...over the past few months...to do somethings for the...PARKWAY DRIVE AND CHERY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD...and it appears as though there is an...OPPORTUNITY...to organize a...DRILL TEAM...for young ladies of the...PARKWAY DRIVE AND CHERY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD...If you are a...YOUNG LADY...between the ages of...8 AND 18 YEARS OF AGE. And would like to participate...then give...MRS. SHIRLEY CLEVELAND...a call at...763-1559...

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## Black History Today, Tomorrow & Forever

By Eddie P. Richardson



In order for one to know where they are going they should have knowledge of from where they came.

History has been one of the biggest lies and omission, and frauds leveled on the people, if we were given true history instead of the poison called history there would be no need for special ethnic history because the true facts of each group would be truthfully recorded because each group made its contributions to the growth and development to this great nation.

We hear so much talk about legal and illegal immigrants and aliens whats the fuss? Every one here is an immigrant or alien except the Indian whose home was discovered by Europeans, in the Southwest also discovered Mexican homeland. What makes the big difference is everyone else came to these shores looking for a thrill or a better way of life we came as slaves against our will and after arriving here we were the only people by legislation meddlesome than a total human being and declared chattel.

Now to a contemporary setting for us to make our communities the self sustaining market place must take control of our own communities and leadership. The leadership and initiative must come from within the community we can no longer set around and wait for some one else to do for us what we should be doing for self.

We must take the leadership

and work with others that care, using their resources, influence, names, credibility, but charting our own destiny in a collectively positive manner, we must learn to be competitive at the market place with our goods and services.

For this to be a reality we must do some house cleaning on our own. In past travels across America one disturbing thing is the reason blacks migrated to the North in the hay day of Jim Crowism days was trying to escape the KKK and segregation, sad to say in the inner city today is a complete reversal with all or most of the Blacks 45 or older their desire is to go back down home when they retire because of gangs, drugs and violence. This has to change and the change must, shall, and will come from us, for us, nuff, said!!!

### CLOSE TO HOME

Had a chance to visit a city down the street Sweetwater for part of their Black History Celebration, banquet and fashion show. The hospitality was something, this writer haven't seen in a long time, the warmth was real it could be felt. T.J. and I was met at the edge of town and escorted to the organizers home not the center, we were welcomed from the youngest child to the oldest adult. The banquet and fashion show was one part of the almost week long program T.J. was guest speaker. The quality of the program was outstanding, the community spirit was fantastic even with a play off game between Sweetwater and Estacado The crowd was still good. I applaud and take my hat off to Sweetwater for a 1st year job well done.

## IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard

February, the shortest month in the year is Black History Month. It grew from a week into a whole month. Now, is it not strange that this little short month celebrated as Black History Month has more causes to celebrate than any other month in the year. It is also American Heart Month Beginning with February 1st, there is National Freedom Day and Groundhog Day on the 2nd Just think, groundhogs have a day! National Wildlife Federation Birthday is February 5th and Inventor's Day is on the 6th. Ash Wednesday usually falls during the second week of February along with the birthday of the U. S. Weather Bureau Youth Science Day comes in February and so does Abraham Lincoln and George Washington's Birthdays. The National Association For The Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) was founded on February 12th, Lincoln's Birthday and St. Valentine's Day is February 14th There has been an attempt to cut down on the holidays by combining the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington and calling it President's Day. It works in some states. Last but not least, there is World Understanding and Peace Day in February.

With so many reasons to do good or begin to do good so early in the year, one would

feel confident that any and everyone who had good intentions that trailed off key early in January, can find a way to get back on track early in February and still celebrate Black History Month This is a time to revel in the accomplishments of our Black forefathers and current achievers in order to encourage our youth to move forward in a positive manner. Black History is American History. Through the blood, sweat and tears of our ancestors, we have come this far. Our children should know not just be acquainted with the words of "Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing" by James Weldon and Rosamond Johnson. Look carefully at the words and they tell the history of the Black man's struggle in America The struggle continues. It has not been won. Battles have been conquered but the struggle continues. The problem is, that so many 'soul brothers and sisters' are not contributing to the success of the various campaigns to 'overcome.' Instead of being a part of the civil rights movement and organizations, some 'sisters and brothers' are keeping us on our knees, praying for the salvation of our youth, our future, as they try to rob us of that which we hold most dear: young free, gifted and Black America It is time that we all get on board, get 'in cinque' and make FREEDOM RING!

# Letter To the Editor

By Barbara S. Levine, R.D., Ph.D

Enclosed is the most recent edition of the Calcium Information Center's Calcium Hot Sheet. With 1997 underway, I'm sure that many your readers welcomed the New Year with resolutions to eat better, exercise and adopt overall healthier habits.

In keeping with that theme, I'd like to offer some "tried and true" suggestions for ensuring adequate calcium intake and healthy bones. I hope these tips will be useful to you and your readers in the coming year.

- 1) Drink low fat/skim milk: fat inhibits calcium absorption, and low fat/skim milk is a great way to get calcium without added fat or calories.
- 2) Eat more greens (collard, broccoli, etc.). In addition to providing calcium, greens are a great source of fiber and betacarotene.
- 3) Substitute fish for beef or chicken. Fish is a good low-fat alternative, and certain fish, such as sardines in water or canned salmon (with bones) provide an extra calcium boost.
- 4) Take a reputable calcium supplement twice a day. A good way to remember to do this is to keep your calcium supplement

beside your toothbrush -- take it each time you brush!

- 5) Monitor sodium and protein intake. Most Americans consume too much. In addition, both cause you to excrete (lose) calcium.
- 6) Multi-vitamins contain some calcium, but not enough. So, don't forget to add a good calcium supplement.
- 7) Cut down, or eliminate, cigarette smoking and alcohol consumption -- two notorious bone enemies
- 8) Exercise regularly. Beyond stress reduction and weight control, weight-bearing exercise (i.e., walking, weight-lifting) also strengthens bones to ward off osteoporosis.

If you have additional questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Barbara S. Levine, R.D., Ph.D  
Associate Clinical Professor of Nutrition in Medicine  
Cornell University Medical College

# A MESSAGE TO OUR BLACK COMMUNITIES

As an African-American, I speak concerning the interest of my social pride and how I want to reflect Afro-America. Today, we are in decision among ourselves trying to relate Affirmative-Action, Poverty, and Drugs as a reason for our economical struggles. We are in distress concerning negative matters, which have distracted our educational efforts.

Our nation in its most developed state; leading the world in business and marketing. Our nation is still divided as it was thirty-years ago and beyond, because of racial ethnics. The idea of a free country is not what is constitutional amended, but the opportunity to be successful, and being able to raise our families as a result to freedom. Giving us the same equal rights to be a part of America's dream.

I myself am a Persian Gulf War veteran, but I'm a victim of lack of opportunity and live the old standards for not being accepted, because of color. Affirmative Action is a key for success, but it is sometimes violated when it is discredited as being racial. California is a state, which doesn't support Affirmative Action; therefore ruling it as racially bias.

There is hope! The best answer to give concerning mat-

ters, which concerns African-American is education. Educating our school-age and college level students is the most desired influence to fabricate a young and wiser generation. Drugs are brought into the communities through corporation but were is the head. Focusing in on what is effecting the drug problem may result to finding the problem. There are many influences which are introduced for booting-up this wide spread program, but the stage-show is on the lower-class individuals.

Education can result of how drugs are introduced into our communities, the effects of dangerous chemicals in our biological organs, and how certain drugs are used and not abused for our health.

Poverty another factor can be outweighed, but perhaps not out-numbered. When you mix lack of opportunity for young black-males, drugs in the community, and low self-esteem. This function results to misbehavior, because of poverty and neighboring surroundings. Therefore, education to our black communities for job-training, tutoring, and counseling may be the keys for a better and more acknowledged generation.

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CHRIST is the head of the church; and he put PREACHERS TO OVERSEE, They're the ones to PREACH THE WORD OF GOD; THE FOOD THAT FEEDS.

Jeremiah 3:15, THE LORD SAID, I will give you PASTORS according to mine heart, WHICH SHALL FEED YOU WITH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

GOD put the preacher in the church; HE IS TO FEED THE FLOCK, But if a GREEDY PREACHER HAVE FOUR CHURCHES; AT THREE OF THEM HE IS NOT.

Proverb 15:27, He that is GREEDY OF GAIN TROUBLETH HIS OWN HOUSE; but HE THAT HATETH GIFTS SHALL LIVE.

The flock need it FEEDING; EVERY SUNDAY THAT THEY MEET, BUT THE PREACHER IS NOT THERE; ONE OF THE OTHER THREE, HE MUST BE.

Ezekiel 34:1-3, and the word of THE LORD CAME UNTO ME, SAYING, Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds (PREACHERS) of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith THE LORD GOD unto the SHEPHERDS; WOE BE TO THE SHEPHERDS of Israel that DO FEED THEMSELVES! SHOULD NOT THE SHEPHERDS FEED THE FLOCK? YE eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fel: BUT YE FEED NOT THE FLOCK.

HE ALWAYS; WANT THE TITHE AND OFFERINGS; HE SAY THEY BELONG TO ME, BUT HE WAS NOT THERE FOR THREE SUNDAYS; SO THE CHURCH HE DIDN'T FEED.

Isaiah 56:11, THE LORD SAID, YEA, they are GREEDY DOGS which can never have enough, and they are SHEPHERDS (PREACHERS) that cannot understand; they all look to their OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN (\$\$\$), FROM HIS QUARTER.

Having FOUR CHURCHES; IS LIKE A MAN THAT HAVE FOUR WIVES, HE MUST BE THERE; TO SUPPORT, COMFORT, SWEET TALK, AND TO LOOK INTO HER EYES.

Ephesians 5:28, 29, SO OUGHT MEN (PREACHERS) TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. HE THAT LOVETH HIS WIFE LOVETH HIMSELF. For no ever yet had HIS OWN FLESH; BUT NOURISHETH AND CHERISHETH IT, EVEN AS THE LORD THE CHURCH.

\*\*\*\*\*WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD??\*\*\*\*\*

The same is he is not there, WHEN SHE NEEDS HER BENEFITS FOR THE BEDROOM, BUT HE IS IN ANOTHER CHURCH; OR AS IS ANOTHER'S BEDROOM.

1Corinthians 7:3, Let the HUSBAND render unto THE WIFE DUE BENEVOLENCE: AND LIKEWISE ALSO THE WIFE UNTO THE HUSBAND.

How can he FEED THE FLOCK? WHEN HE IS ALWAYS AWAY FOR SOME REASON, GOD WANT HIS CHILDREN FED; AS A MOTHER WOULD HER CHILDREN; IN DUE SEASON!

Luke 12:42, 43, 47 JESUS SAID, Who then is faithful and wise steward (PREACHER), whom his lord shall make ruler over his household (OR CHURCH), to give them their PORTION OF MEAT (THE WORD OF GOD) IN DUE SEASON? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. And that servant, which knew his lord's WILL, SHALL BE BEATEN WITH MANY STRIPES.

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!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

## The Worth of a Human Being

My faith in humankind was restored when I read a "Letter to the Editor" Wednesday, February 18, 1997 in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. This letter was from Walter Koehler, of Littlefield, Texas and was titled "Travesty Of Justice"

My Koehler wrote: "I think O. J. Simpson and the judicial court system in America have been sold down the river in a travesty of justice. The Petrocelli presentation in behalf of plaintiffs did not appear to do any more than play up circumstantial evidence against O. J."

My lack of full understanding of the basis differences between a criminal case and a civil case may justify the following, though they are indeed valid:

1) How can a plaintiff's attorney, accuse a defendant of responsibility in a double murder, if said defendant was already found "not guilty" in the criminal case? (There should be some connection between results of criminal case decision and procedures that are allowed to be followed by plaintiff's attorney in the civil endeavor.)

2) It was never established in the criminal case, to my satisfaction that one person could not possibly have committed

the type of crime that took place outside Nicole Simpson's home! Even an athlete involved in a violent duo-murder could not have been able to walk away with only a little cut on a finger!

3) How could O. J. even have planned to murder the mother of his beautiful children in the first place?

4) It makes more sense to me, as a middle-class Caucasian, that the theory pertinent to a possible "syndicate hit" against Ron Goldman, for alleged gambling debts (with Nicole being in the wrong place), holds more water than all other circumstantial evidence against O.J.!"

What courage it must have taken for this man to write this letter to the A-J in the Religious Right, on their way to Heaven, ultra conservative idealist of West Texas.

Loretta Green, a columnist for the San Jose, California, Mercury News said a mouthful: "If there is any good to come out of the enormous Simpson tragedy it is perhaps the stripping away of our pretenses about how we really feel about each other...Perhaps in our nakedness, we

can take the time to examine the places in us that need work to heal."

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Thought:  
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Born and reared in Pittsburgh, Pa. Banks died of cancer at age 69 on Jan. 31. A wake and funeral services were held Feb. 7 and 8 in Newark, N.J., where he 31 years earlier organized the Revival Temple Church. He founded its Revival Temple Mass Choir and led it to international fame on Savoy Records. Before that, he was half of gospel's famed Banks Brothers duet.

"Bishop Banks was one of the last gospel pioneers," said Savoy director Milton Biggum. "He distinguished himself as a trailblazer for many who aspired to sing and play gospel music."

His charm, his charisma, his personality were infectious," Biggum added. "Bishop Banks only made friends. He was well-liked by everybody."

Banks' most recent album with the Revival Temple choir, I Am What God Says I Am on Savoy Records, became a hit 50 years after his recording debut.

They have released nine vibrant albums on Savoy in the past two dozen years.

Banks' gospel calling began in his Pittsburgh childhood, when he began singing and playing piano for the Carter C.M.E. Church. He soon sang and played for Pittsburgh's Mary Johnson Singers, then became accompanist for Mahalia Jackson.

Banks' career continued to blossom and he recorded his first album on Atlantic Records in 1947. He then moved to Newark and teamed up with his brother Charles as The Banks Brothers - a duet that became gospel icons on Regal Records, then on Savoy Records. Their biggest hit, Lord I Tried, became a gospel standard on Savoy. "They were the first successful male duo to sing gospel," Biggum noted.

In 1957, The Banks Brothers became the first gospel act to appear at the Newport Jazz Festival. The next year, they performed at Carnegie Hall with Mahalia Jackson.

In 1968, Banks founded the Newark church and, soon, its choir. He often performed as a narrator on the choir's albums and always was billed with it.

Their string of hits include The Storm Is Over, Prayer Will Fix It and He's All Over Me. Their albums on Savoy include I Am What God Says I Am, The Righteous, Caught Up In The Rapture, The Storm Is Over and He's All Over Me.

The Savoy family was deeply saddened by Banks' passing, but knows God's disciple has found peace in heaven.



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## USDA's DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES YIELD A BITTER HARVEST

by Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)



If Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman is serious, about putting an end to the discriminatory practices at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and I believe he is, then USDA should immediately develop a process to pay remedies to those individuals who have lost their farms as a direct result of USDA discrimination.

Second, USDA needs to establish and implement an independent system - a "watchdog" - to monitor field activities and enforce civil rights laws and regulations. The present system of complaints and appeals, in which the accused USDA agency investigates itself, is thoroughly inadequate.

Third, those USDA officials and field supervisors who have consistently demonstrated more allegiance to maintaining "good ole boy" networks than in promoting fairness and equity, should be immediately dismissed and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Fourth, Congress, once again, should revisit the county committee system, which is controlled by a few farmers who receive a majority of the benefits, and reform the policies and regulations that perpetuate a system which allows minority, female, and small producers to be discriminated against.

A series of "listening sessions" recently concluded by the Secretary of Agriculture in my district, and elsewhere, revealed that racism and discrimination continues to run amok at USDA. The agency has made a mockery of Titles VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and other laws which are supposed to ensure fairness and equal opportunity.

Blacks, Whites, and female farmers in Mississippi told Secretary Glickman, and his recently appointed "Civil Rights Action Team," that USDA county committees slam their doors in the faces of those who are not a part of local cliques. The listening sessions have served as a vehicle to expose how serious and widespread the discrimination at the department has been.

USDA is now a national disgrace, a catalyst to the tragic, in some cases even criminal, loss of millions of acres of land, and wealth, by black farmers. Estimates are that black farmers have lost over 12.5 million acres of land since 1920, with only 2.5 million acres left today.

In some cases, land acquired by black families in the decades after slavery has been transferred, with USDA's help, to the coffers of wealthy farmers. When robbing the

descendants of former slaves of their legacy has become a status quo practice for the USDA, it is easy to understand why employees and farmers refer to it as the "last plantation."

Secretary Glickman's "listening sessions", have given farmers and employees hope that change is coming. But USDA's bureaucracy and its protectors have historically resisted real change - just ask former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

President Clinton needs to let us know where eradicating racism and sexism from the USDA, ranks as a priority in the agenda of his second term, and Secretary Glickman has to give us more than warm platitudes and fee-good quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the USDA's founding father, Abraham Lincoln. The time for rhetoric is over.

Every American that wears clothing or eats food has a vested interest in eliminating the decades-old policies of discrimination at the USDA. The agency's history of racial bias and antagonism towards minority and female farmers is well documented, it is time for President Clinton, Secretary Glickman, and Congress to take decisive action, rebuke these antiquated practices, and restore the American people's faith in this \$60 billion federal agency.

(Representative Thompson is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and has been actively fighting to reverse the trends of discrimination at USDA.)

## GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ISSUES TOURISM GUIDE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN VISITORS

GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE, FL -- African-American visitors and others interested in the multi-cultural diversity of Greater Fort Lauderdale now have access to a free brochure detailing the many attractions and activities which focus on Black, Hispanic and Caribbean culture and traditions. The "Visitors Guide to African-American Lifestyle & Culture" produced by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Black Tourism Task Force, was published in conjunction with Black History Month.

The new 16-page color brochure highlights the Greater Fort Lauderdale Black Heritage Tour of city attractions, churches and other sites of interest. The three-and-a-half hour tour begins at the Old Dillard Museum (once the area's only "colored" school, now serving as a cultural and educational center) and includes lunch at a popular African-American or Caribbean restaurant, such as Betty's Restaurant & Barbecue, Skinners Restaurant or De Jamaica Shop.

The guide also includes a historical overview of Greater Fort Lauderdale, a calendar of special

events and a list of cultural venues, such as the Vignette Carroll Repertory Theatre, the Children of the Caribbean Arts Center, and Ashanti Cultural Arts, sports, shopping, restaurants and nightlife.

Greater Fort Lauderdale is celebrating Black History through April by honoring the first Black settlers who helped shape the community. Contributions by African-Americans and the multiethnic diversity of the area will be recognized through a number of activities, including music, dance, theater, lectures, walking tours and other special events. A selection of these activities are attached.

For further information about African-American heritage within Greater Fort Lauderdale, and to receive a complimentary copy of the guide, contact the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1850 Eller Drive, Suite 303, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. Telephone: 800-22-SUNNY, extension 749 (U.S. and Canada); web site at <http://www.co.broward.fl.us/sunny>.

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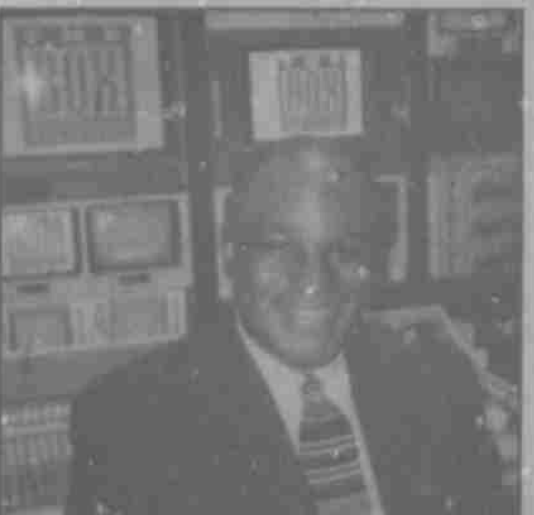
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## STANLEY H. GREENE IS APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE BOX-USA



Los Angeles - Stanley H. Greene, a veteran cable and telecommunications executive, has been appointed President of THE BOX-USA (Music Television You Control). In his new position, Greene will concentrate on

increasing THE BOX's customer base in the United States by building brand awareness and consumer loyalty. Utilizing THE BOX's digital technology, Greene's plans will include localized music mixes, BOX dance programs, event sponsorships, radio station partnerships, membership clubs, and other local community activities. THE BOX is currently in 25 million households worldwide. The network is the first and only interactive all music video network to expose videos by now successful artists ranging from Toni Braxton to Nine Inch Nails.

Greene previously served as Vice President, Bell Atlantic Video Services, as well as stints as Vice President and General Manager for Greater Media Cable-Philadelphia,

Pa and Suburban Cable-Delaware County, Pa. There he initiated the consolidation of three separate cable systems into one, utilizing fiber optic technology. Greene is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was captain of the basketball team coached then by Chuck Daly. Greene, formally a Registered Investment Advisor, produced & hosted the radio show "Financial Success." The program originated on WDAS radio in Philadelphia. He has also written financial columns for various newspapers throughout the country. Greene is currently on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania College of Pediatric Medicine. For more information on Stanley H. Greene, Call: (213) 368-8100.

## ACAPULCO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL PREMIERES JUNE 24-29 1997

NEW YORK, NY, February 7, 1997 - UniWorld Group, Inc. and the Black Filmmakers Foundation announced presentation of the first annual Acapulco Black Film Festival (ABFF). The international event will be held June 24-29, 1997 in the resort district of Acapulco, Mexico and is dedicated to heightening the interest in Black films and showcasing the cinematic works of African American filmmakers, actors and actresses.

This year's event salutes "Black Films of 1996", and will showcase artists and independent films which reflect the African American experience. "The 1997 Acapulco Black Film Festival will provide a platform of exposure for films that have either been directed or produced and written by African Americans," stated Warrington Hudlin, President of The Black Filmmakers Foundation (BFF). "It is our intention to recognize and enjoy some of the works that have been traditionally overlooked by mainstream festivals and award ceremonies", he added.

The five-day festival will also include a variety of entertainment such as theme parties, sports and fitness activities, a comedy show, celebrity fashion show and a silver shopping extravaganza. The collage of events will reflect the vibrancy and excitement of Acapulco while appealing to the cultural tastes of many African Americans. The festival is supported by the Acapulco Tourism Board and the Acapulco Hotel Association.

According to Byron Lewis, Chairman and CEO, UniWorld Group Inc., "The event is significant in that it will be the first time a festival specific to African American culture is held in Mexico. It marks the beginning of a long-standing relationship between UniWorld Entertainment, The Black Filmmakers Foundation and the Acapulco Tourism Board." Lewis adds, "It is our goal to build a coalition of artists, directors, producers, distributors and studio executives that are all committed to supporting Black filmmaking. We must combine our talent, resources and access in an effort to provide financing for films that reflect our lifestyles, culture and heritage." Highlights of the 1997 Acapulco Black Film Festival include: special tributes to the work of Black film stars of the past and present during the awards gala, informa-

five panel discussions exploring current issues in African American filmmaking and the best of classic, international and independent cinema.

"Like the Cannes and the Sundance film festivals, the Acapulco Black Film Festival will attract Hollywood celebrities and corporate executives from the film and entertainment industry, as well as a multi-cultural audience of upscale film enthusiasts," stated ABFF producer Jeff Friday. "We anticipate that the festival will attract approximately 3,000 people in 1997 and grow significantly in years to come. The June event will give the world an opportunity to celebrate Black cinema in a tropical, social and relaxing atmosphere", he added.

If you are interested in attending the Acapulco Black Film Festival, contact your travel agent and ask for the GOGO Worldwide Vacations Black Film Festival package, which will include accommodations, round-trip air, hotel, tax and the VIP event pass.

Those interested in submitting a film should forward a VHS cassette, pertinent background and contact information to: UniWorld Entertainment, 100 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013; Attn: Tongerlear Isaac Vereen, 212-219-7183. All cassettes become property of the ABFF selection committee and cannot be returned.

The Black Filmmakers Foundation is a not-for-profit organization established in 1978 to assist emerging African-American filmmakers and build audiences for their work. BFF has played a pivotal role in facilitating the careers of many well-known actors, directors and writers. The organization is headed by Warrington Hudlin. He and his brother Reggie Hudlin have produced/directed several notable Black films including "The Great White Hype", "House Party 1" and "Boomerang".

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The first African-American Pre-Inaugural Ball hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses was held at the elegant Madisor Hotel in Washington, DC. Moet & Chandon represented the North East as a regional sponsor for this event. Among the more than 800 guests in attendance were

(l-r) Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Peillon, VP Moet & Chandon; Congressman & Mrs. Ed Towns, Bklyn, NY; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald DePalma, SVP Schieffelin & Somerset; and Mr. & Mrs. William J. Richardson, VP Corporate Affairs, Schieffelin & Somerset. (Photo: Photogenic Studios)

Howard Payne University Academic Recognition BROWNWOOD--Several Lubbock natives received academic recognition for the fall semester at Howard Payne University.

man, were named to the Dean's List.

Randi L. Crosland, a junior Christian Studies major; Kevin P. Rowe, a senior Sociology major; and Rebecca J. Sanders, a fresh-

Jennifer L. O'Neill, a sophomore Accounting major, was named to the President's List.

Students must earn a 3.65 to 3.99 GPA to receive recognition on the Dean's List and a 4.00 GPA to receive recognition on the President's List.

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