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## National Scene

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### GOP House Judiciary Members to Subpoena Girl from Ipanema

This silly little budget impasse and government shutdown shouldn't stop globetrotting, thrill-seeking members of Congress from seeing the world on the taxpayer's dime. As the palm trees bend gently in the balmy breeze, let's bid a fond "adios" to Congressman Carlos Moorhead (R-CA) as he leads GOP House members of a judiciary sub-committee on a non-sense tour of Machu Picchu, Iguazu Falls and of course that celebrated birthplace of American jurisprudence, Copacabana Beach in Rio De Janeiro. Even though overseas embassy and consulate staffs were furloughed as "non-essential," many were called back to work only to staff Congressional "fact-finding" missions, most of which take place in warm countries where they put those funny little umbrellas in your drinks.

### GOP Contract With America Not Worth the Paper It's Printed On

Almost a year ago, the GOP controlled Congress, acting quickly to pass the Contract with America, enacted the Congressional Accountability Act, which requires the Congress to apply all laws they pass to themselves. Whoosh. Did that puppy sail out the window fast. The GOP-engineered shutdown will cause railroad retirees to miss their retirement checks (most of these folks are over 70), and soon, homebound seniors will no longer receive "Meals on Wheels." In Arkansas, 17,000 people with mental and physical disabilities will no longer receive job training, or be able to get transportation to work or school, and as of today, all funding for food, drugs and some medical services at our nation's veterans' hospitals will be exhausted. All of this while the House gym remains open, members of Congress continue to receive their \$133,000 a year salaries, life insurance, health insurance, per diem and a generous pension. Some will even fly off to exotic locations, during the shutdown, at taxpayer expense on "fact-finding" mission. Guess we all should have read the fine print in the "Contract."

### Chavis Ordered to Pay Up

Former NAACP executive director Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. has been ordered by D.C. Superior Court judge to pay up to \$245,200 to Mary E. Stansel, an ex-staff member who accused him of sex discrimination and harassment. The court decision resulted from written statement by Chavis after he negotiated with Stansel in 1993 that he would pay her \$332,400 in installments if she did not take her complaints to the NAACP board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The NAACP board of directors fired Chavis for making the settlement without their permission. Judge Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. will decide later if the NAACP must share in the settlement cost.

### Tucker Resigns Congress

**Tucker Enters Race for Seat COMPTON, CA—U.S. House Rep. Walter Tucker III has resigned from Congress following his conviction on corruption charges, but his wife Robin has announced she will run for his 37th Congressional District seat. Tucker, who was caught on tape accepting cash and soliciting bribes when he was mayor of Compton, faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each of seven extortion counts, and up to three years in prison and a \$100,000 fine for two counts of filing false tax returns.** continued on pg. 2

## Still More Alleged Drug Dealers!

by Eddie P. Richardson

The government is doing a pretty good job on catching the big boys with cartels, etc. It's a known that every manufacturer needs distributors.

So we have to have a better way of stopping the distributors because if the manufacturers don't have distributors, no matter what they produce, quality or quantity, they are stuck with it.

The Government makes these big busts every so often, but the distributors keep on rolling along, the street punks just keep on pushing and this is where the real problem is. No matter how much dope the big boys and cartels produce, if it is not moved you still have nothing. It stays where it is. And let them know enough is enough, when they realize they will do hard time without being baited or bonded out, and go to real jail without all the comforts they now have, keep them caged up long enough. Stop the revolving door. Then and only then will the ones waiting in the wings have second thoughts.

We get complaints about running alleged drug dealers' pictures. Our answer is this: don't sell the drugs, you won't get caught; don't get caught, then we won't have your pic-

ture to run. Good logic. Makes good sense, doesn't it.

Everyone knows that supply and demand is the theory of economics and salesmanship. The marches are programming and reprogramming our young peoples' minds will help cut out the demand.

The first drug bust this writer ever witnessed was a sight to behold, especially the little ones on the loose. No manners, no home training, just like a pack of wild wolves, cursing and threatening the police. They should have been at home. Where were their mothers? If there had been any fireworks from either the poor little things could have been hurt or killed. **God help the child.** They need help, guidance, self-respect, self-esteem, and most of all they need to know **there is a better world if they prepare themselves.**

The most amazing thing was how many adults merged on the area in search of the a-sumed discarded dope and how fast they were searching the area. Something for the young people to think about listed next to this article is honor roll students from Wheatley Elementary School. Young people, you have a choice. Think about it.



## A Brand New Year, A Brand New Start!

by Eddie P. Richardson

As we move in to 1996, a brand new year, we should make a brand new start. Look to the future, the past is gone, tomorrow is not here. So be in love with today, which will soon be tomorrow, for tomorrow to be a better day we have to start with today.

The *Digest* is a for-profit... business... not... a... social... or charitable... organization... or... agency... it is and was designed to make a profit, which did not happen. Because of friendship, community caring and support, soft management practices, this cost us over \$20,000 in lost revenue in 1995 through advertisements and subscriptions. In 1996 this will not be. Unless you are a major company, have established credit with us, have a Dunn and Bradstreet credit rating, you will have to pay up front the full price. That's only business. It costs us \$700 a week to publish a newspaper. We have to pay, so will you. We also have to pay postage weekly on the weekly mailings.

Political ads must be paid up front, no exceptions. That's the law, which was not set by us.

With this new beginning we pledge you better service, more local coverage and photos, because with this service you will be paying for it. We can no longer carry the load of the *Digest*, back is getting weak, the load is getting too heavy, the way it is now is like not voting and complaining. Same with your subscription or your ad. If you are not paying, shut the heck up—you have no reason or right to complain.

We need a brand new start when our No. One fear is not the KKK but our own youth drug-dealers and gang bangers. Blacks in the past left the south heading mostly to the large north and eastern cities, running from whites, Klan, etc. Now any Black you talk to in these cities have bone back south, especially small towns, or they will be going back as soon as they can retire, running from exactly opposite of what they were running from. They are now running from young Black gang-bangers and drug-dealers.

Violence anywhere is a threat to security and tranquility everywhere. Wherever our brothers and sisters are killed and hurt, their death diminishes all of us—whether Garden City or New Orleans. Their blood cries out to all of us to stop the violence and killing. Save the children. Save the people. Dr. King was right when he said: "And ultimately we must choose non-violence or non-existence."

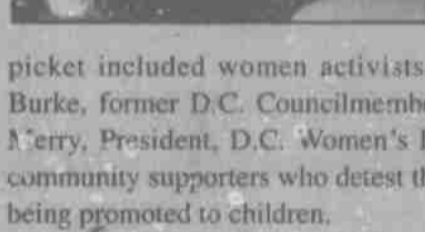
## National Black Church Groups Join NPCBW's Gangsta Rap Picket of Tower Records



An assortment of clergy braved the rain on Tuesday, December 19, to join the National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc., in a picket against Tower Records in Washington, D.C.



Participating in the picket were Rev. John Chaplain, First Vice President, National Baptist Convention; Rev. James Coleman, Pres., National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, Rev. C.H. Johnson, First Vice President, Eastern Region, Progressive National Baptist Convention and Rev. John Davis.



Other speakers at the picket included women activists Ellie Smeal, Dr. Martha Burke, former D.C. Councilmember Nadine Winter, Marilyn Terry, President, D.C. Women's Labor Coalition and many community supporters who detest the obscene, indecent lyrics being promoted to children.

Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, National Chair of NPCBW said, "We chose to picket Tower Records because they insist on promoting 'DOGG FOOD' in their Christmas catalogue as a gift which children can buy. Tucker says 'Dogg Food is for dogs, not our children.' NPCBW is calling for a national selective buying campaign against Tower Records which has refused to pull the offensive recording from their shelves.

The cover of the album shows the "Last Supper" with notorious gangsta rappers sitting around the table in place of Jesus and his disciples. The lyrics in some of the songs say "f... your momma, f... your auntie." Tucker says, "enough is enough."

At a previous Washington, D.C. press-conference, a wide array of interdenominational groups joined NPCBW in its ongoing fight to stop the production and distribution of "gangsta rap" to children.

## Wheatley Students Inducted Into Honor Club

Students who made the honor roll at Wheatley Elementary are invited to join the Honor Club and are issued a PAW power card which allows them to participate in special activities at school. PAW (Privileges at Wheatley) power cards can be used to purchase ice cream in the cafeteria, check out additional books from the library, attend skating parties, as well as numerous other activities. Once PAW power cards are issued, students are responsible for keeping up with them and must remain in the honor roll in order to use them throughout the year. Honor Club sponsors are Mrs. LaGena Collins, Mrs. Shelly Hamilton, and Mrs. Dorothy James.

Current Honor Club members include:

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>First Grade</b>  | Joseph McDaniel     | Aiesha Alexander     |
| Shamodrick Atkins   | Tammie Patterson    | Lashaka Bell         |
| Shauntae Banks      | Maribel Rodriguez   | Anthony Hereford     |
| Nikiesha Briley     | Ananda Romo         | Leslie Jackson       |
| Domonique Draper    | Steve Romo          | Charity McCutcheon   |
| Tyrianna Finley     | Edmeesha Swanson    | Kenberly McDaniel    |
| LaKisha Hastings    | Vianca Thomas       | Maranda Mitchell     |
| Rosena Henderson    | Sheena Trimble      | Dy'rel Owens         |
| Shanique Henderson  | Angelica Valdez     | Justin Smith         |
| Toirano Hodge       | Yesenia Vasquez     | Destiny Strong       |
| Rishanda Johnson    | Adam West           | Tremelia Thomas      |
| Jessica King        | Brandon Williams    | <b>Fifth Grade</b>   |
| Soaya Kara          | <b>Third Grade</b>  | Ashley Craig         |
| Kimberly Luna       | Dequis Broussard    | LaTina Knighten      |
| Israel Romo         | Brian Hawthorne     | Emily LaCroix        |
| Jamie Romo          | Lavonda Henderson   | Denise McGraw        |
| Omar Sheriff        | Jurwone Irvin       | Lailah Sabet         |
| Ardie Taylor        | Steven Johnson      | Julia Smith          |
| LaKeithra Thomas    | Braeden Lindsey     | Daryl Wilkerson      |
| Alfred Washington   | Ashley Mack         | Elizabeth Williams   |
| D'Andre Willard     | Ronald McNeal       | <b>Sixth Grade</b>   |
| Rose Williams       | James Neece         | Andrea Favors        |
| James Young         | Christian Oliva     | LaQueenia Harrison   |
| <b>Second Grade</b> | Janet Ross          | Mark Hudson          |
| Crystal Adame       | Nickie Sanders      | Omar Jones           |
| Jerome Anthony      | Phylicia Stevens    | Nichole Melendez     |
| Gary Avery          | Shamecca Swanson    | Joe Shaw             |
| Lucas Carrico       | Marianna Vasquez    | Alan Snell           |
| Courtney Favors     | Calvia Walker       | <b>Tracie Strong</b> |
| Eunice Herford      | Londrick Washington | Ahemus Tennison      |
| Tympani Mack        | <b>Fourth Grade</b> |                      |

We congratulate these Wheatley Tigers for their hard work and extra effort!  
Keep It Up!!





### Ruby Jay's Corner

This writer really appreciates all the comments we receive each week about this column. It is an attempt to let the community know what is going on in the community and the New Hope Baptist Church. If there is ever information from other churches or organizations, please advise me so we can get that important information into this weekly column. Or you may call me at 744-4127, and we will be glad to do what we can do concerning the information.

Services began last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. A song was sung and prayer was offered by Brother Henry High who was residing. Another song, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was sung, and the classes marched to their various classrooms for instruction. After 30 minutes of instruction, the classes reassembled singing Blessed Assurance.

High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 3 whose teacher is Sister Cooper. Two of her students gave the review of the lesson, and it was very well done and received well. Praise God for our young people.

Secretary's Report: Class No. 4 lost both banners to Class No. 1.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Sister Howard and Brother Stokley.

During the morning services, the processional of the Senior Choir was done. Altar prayer was led by Rev. Brown. A selection, "Somebody Prayed For Me," was sung. The morning

scripture was the 24th Psalm and read by Sister Steves. Deacon Cork gave the prayer, and another selection, "All My Help Comes From God," was sung by the Senior Choir. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and read in unison. The morning hymn was "We'll Understand It Better Bye and Bye."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Billy R. Moton. His remarks are always wonderful. He never forgets to advise the congregation of the importance of attending Bible Study each Wednesday evening.

The pastoral hymn was, "Near The Cross." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Jumping Out Of The Frying Pan Into The Fire." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 21:10-15. He really got out the pan. "Everything gets better and better. We love you, Pastor Moton."

Invitation to discipleship was done and two came forward—one for restoration and one for prayer.

Keep praying for our sick and shut-ins. Remember Anna McEvide and Johnnie Robinson, who is a patient at St. Mary Hospital.

Among our bereaved families include Sister Rosa Skief. Services were held last Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Rev. Larry Brooks and Ms. Greta Laster will be united in Holy Matrimony Saturday afternoon, January 27, 1995 at 2:00 p. m. at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton officiating.

Carolyn Rollison, who resides in Houston, Texas, spent the weekend here visiting her family—the Richard Rollisons.

## Remember her!



Little Megan Merriweather appeared in the Southwest Digest on December 31, 1994. Now she is two and one-half years old. Boy, has she grown.

Residing in Houston, Texas, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Merriweather. She is wishing each of you, our readers, a Happy New Year!

## VITA Program Set Here

The annual federal income tax season has descended on Lubbock, but free help is available, again, through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Assistance is available to lower income people who's primary income is from W-2 wages.

Trained volunteers will provide free assistance in preparing the 1040EZ, 1040A, and the basic 1040 with schedule A. Earned income credit and child care credit will be calculated when applicable.

All sites are open to everyone that qualifies for our service. The following sites will be open:

Parkway Church of Christ, 3120 E. Parkway Dr., from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Christian Renewal Center at 4th and Toledo, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM on February on the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 28th.

The George Mahon Federal Building, 1205 Texas Ave. room 615. The site will be open from 12 Noon to 4 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week starting on Jan 29th through Apr 15th.

The main post office at 411 Ave L will be open each Saturday morning from 9 AM to 12 noon starting on Jan 27th.

When you visit the site, bring with you all of the W-2's and 1099's received, and social security cards for yourself, your spouse, and each dependent being claimed. Also bring the IRS tax package received through the mail, if one was received.

Visit one of our sites and talk to us if you are not sure if you qualify for our assistance. You may be surprised at the service we can provide.

## National Scene

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### Racism Issue Leads NOW to Censure its L.A. President

The National Organization of Women (NOW), in an unprecedented move, recently publicly censured the president of its largest chapter, telling her to apologize for public statements she made about the O.J. Simpson case. Los Angeles chapter president Tammy Bruce, a radio talk show host who has led L.A. Now for seven years, was reprimanded by Patricia Ireland, the national president of the nation's leading feminist group. The reprimand came about because Bruce refused to appear on a Philadelphia talk show about the trial and was quoted as saying she did not want to "argue with a bunch of black women" about the Simpson case. Ms. Bruce said her statements were taken out of context and had not been racist. Ms. Ireland said that Bruce "has made public statements that clearly violate NOW's commitment to stopping racism."

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## Community Service Classes

**Beginning Reading Skills/Reading Improvement for Adults**  
who need to improve reading skills for present and future employment.

Sec. 1: Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am.—11:30 am.

Site: Room 308 South Plains College

Instructor: Anne Chaffin

Cost: \$25.00

Begins: January 22nd Ends: May 1st

**English as a Second Language**

to assist in speaking and understanding English in the workplace and with emphasis on pronunciation, oral skills and usage.

Sec. 2: Monday nights 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Site: Room 311 South Plains College

Instructor: Jeanette Camp

Cost: \$25.00

Begins: January 22nd Ends: April 29th

Sec. 3: Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Site: Room 308 South Plains College

Instructor: Lynette Bowen

Cost: \$25.00

Begins: January 23rd Ends: May 2nd

**Texas Scottish Rite Adult Literacy Tape Class**

This class is designed for high school age and adult learners who read below 6th grade level.

Sec. 4: Tuesday & Thursday evenings: 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Site: Room 308 South Plains College

Instructor: Carol Jean Bartlett

Cost: \$25.00

Begins: January 23rd Ends: May 2nd

**Spelling Improvement:**

Adults reading at 5th grade level or higher who need specific improvement on spelling skills and phonics.

Sec. 5: Tuesday evenings: 6:30 p.m.—8:45 p.m.

Site: Room 311 South Plains College

Instructor: Sharon Henderson

Cost: \$25.00

Begins: March 5th Ends: April 30th

Interested Adults should contact Linda Miller at 747-0576, Ext. 4631 for information and/or enrollment.

Referral to any of these sections may also be through Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy; please contact them at 747-7323.

## Tomorrow's Martin Luther Kings

by Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson

On January 15 we once again celebrated the birthday of a great American and citizen of the world, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many school children recited his I Have a Dream speech given at the 1963 March on Washington and we paid tribute to a great religious and moral leader of our lifetime.

But in the course of remembering Dr. King's life, it's important to remember that when he came into the nation's limelight as a leader of the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 he was only 26 years old. As the civil rights movement showed here in the United States and the anti-apartheid movement did in South Africa, young people are often in the forefront of social change.

Who, then, are the future Martin Luther King, Jr.s in our time? Who are the young people who are working for justice for their people? While the media often ignore the stories of young people working for positive change, the good news is there are many young people who are about the business of justice for all. Here are the stories of just two of them.

### Angela Brown

Angela Brown is the only American winner of the Reebok Human Rights Award, an international award honoring young human rights activists working on the front lines for social change. We in the Commission for Racial Justice are especially proud of Angela because we have watched and encouraged her from age 14, when she organized young people around education and voter registration.

A child of the civil rights movement, she has been involved in the environmental justice movement from its inception and Angela now works with the Southern Organizing Committee and Greenpeace in organizing young people across the South around environmental justice issues. Her successful work helped to prevent the installation of a PVC plant in Wallace, Louisiana and a hazardous waste incinerator in Noxubbe, Mississippi. She is also an assistant pastor at Saint Delight UCC in Louisburg, NC.

To today's young people, Angela Brown says, "Our generation is faced with a continual epidemic of drugs, the culture of violence, the sin of racism, the pain of miseducation, the divisiveness of class, and the indecisiveness to truly end sexist oppression. As young people we can not continue to act in these kind of environmental atrocities. It is our human right all over this world to work, live and play in a healthy environment. I hope all people, but especially young people, will hear my call to struggle and demand their human rights."

### Justin Deegan

Justin Deegan is an Arickara/Sioux from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota. Currently a student at the University of North Dakota State University at Fargo, Justin's Indian name is We Cha Sha Nahzin, which means "Standing Man" in Dakota Sioux, a name given to him by his father who taught him that "when a man falls down, he must get back up again."

Justin was named North Dakota Indian Student of the Year in 1994 by the North Dakota Indian Education Association and was selected for Who's Who for three consecutive years. A natural leader, Justin has served as National Vice-Chair for UNITY, the United National

Indian Tribal Youth organization. UNITY believes that as Indian youth, their members can make changes through their 12 inter-related goals—Unity, Spirituality, Family, Heritage, Health, Environment, Sovereignty, Mental, Service, Education, Physical and Community.

An athlete and scholar, Justin is also a Sunday School teacher in the church which his mother pastors in Bismarck. Justin is working with other Indian youth to make the world a better place for themselves and their people. He says, "I have become more aware of education for myself and for other Indian youth. I realize it is a tool for us to become more prosperous and spiritual. Throughout my journey I have dedicated myself toward protecting our environment and being drug/alcohol free." One of Justin's role models is Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and he hopes to one day be elected to public office and serve in Washington.

Justin Deegan and Angela Brown are just two of our future Martin Luther King, Jr.s. I think Dr. King would be proud.



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# Abiola, M.K.O. and Constitutional Conference

An NNPA News Analysis:

By Josi Akus Special to NNPA

Chief Moshood K.O. Abiola, the man who is widely believed to have won the annulled June 12, 1993 election in Nigeria, is in detention on charges of treason by the military regime. Abiola, who was arrested on June 23, 1994, is reportedly to be critically ill and needs immediate medical treatment.

Meanwhile, a Nigerian high court has ordered the military government to allow detained opposition leader Chief Moshood Abiola to be allowed to travel abroad for special medical treatment. The 57-year-old politician is said to be suffering from high blood pressure and a nerve disorder. It is uncertain whether the military government, which has yet to release Abiola after an appeal court granted him unconditional bail, will comply with the latest order issued.

Abiola, a millionaire businessman, was the man who brought the high-tech telephone company, the International Telephone and Telecommunication (ITT) in Nigeria. He made millions from that project, even though the telephone system in Nigeria today is still not up to standard as earlier anticipated. That notwithstanding, Abiola ran for President between 1992 and 1993, becoming the presidential candidate for the now abolished SDP (Social Democratic Party). Abiola was once widely acknowledged to be one of the closest friends of General Ibrahim Babangida's, the Nigerian former military leader who annulled the June 12, 1993 election. Abiola is a member of the Yoruba tribe from the Southwestern part of Nigeria.

The wealthy businessman-turned-politician campaigned extensively. Election results showed he did very well in both eastern and northern states of Nigeria. After the annulment of the election in 1993, Chief Abiola travelled to Britain and to the United States to appeal for western intervention of the annulment. The U.S. government took some action by imposing some limited sanctions on Nigerian military government. There has been a widespread reaction from people both in the U.S. and in Nigeria. There were protest marches in every big city in the U.S., including Washington, D.C. by the Nigerian community with Rev. Jesse Jackson. The protesters were

against the Nigerian military government for annulment of the 1993 election. Civil unrest was reportedly staged all over Nigeria.

Upon his return to Nigeria after presenting his case to the U.S. government, Chief Abiola was arrested on June 23, 1994 and charged with treason. Meanwhile, current military leader in Nigeria, General Sani Abacha, went further and disbanded all democratically elected institutions, including the legislature. A few hours before his arrest, Chief Abiola had addressed many of his working class men and women supporters, promising them that he was soon to name a cabinet and that his government would take care of workers' interests. Abiola is still in prison. His place of detention remains a mystery.

Abiola's arrest has created a massive protest by pro-democracy groups, especially the National Democratic Coalition (NADECO). His arrest also prompted a strike among oil workers have led to fuel shortages. Such a strike is hurting the economy because oil, Nigeria's major source of revenue, accounts for at least 90 percent of the country's foreign currency earnings, which, in turn pay for importation of industrial and food stuff.

Meanwhile, another National Constitutional Conference has been inaugurated by General Abacha, who claimed that he would hand over power to a civilian, provided the conference could come up with a system of governance acceptable to the military.

According to *African Business Source*, a magazine published in Houston, Texas, there has been a lot of skepticism among members of the Constitutional Conference since the military rejected the June 12 elections. "Abacha's speech did not inspire much confidence that he and his fellow brasshats are looking to step down any time soon," according to the article. The paper went further to say that the conference had been boycotted by most pro-democracy groups as a sham designed to sidekick the nation from the real issues. As a result, even though many of the delegates were ostensibly "elected" by the people, many tribes were not adequately represented—some were not at

all. More than a quarter of the delegates to the conference were hand-picked by the military.

Steve R. Onakwe, a reporter for a Nigerian-based newspaper says that on March 7, 1995 at the National Constitutional Conference (NCC) at Abuja, the inland capital of Nigeria, the former Vice-President of Second Republic Dr. Alex Ekwueme, also a member of the current Constitutional Conference, and his fellow delegates desperately canvassed for the people's constitutional right to resist and protest against any military government in Nigeria. Dr. Ekwueme went further to demand that any coup d'etat, whether successful or not, should be spelled out as punishable in the Nigerian constitution. There was heated debate at the conference on how to outlaw coups in the country.

However, sources close to the NCC says Ekwueme's proposition for a constitutional provision should be amended so that it would clearly spell out that any military officer who suspends the constitution to enthrone himself as head of state should be tried and punished, even after he has left office. Ekwueme went further to cite an example of Germany after World War II, where constitutional provisions have made it impossible for any of their leaders to plunge them into war for selfish reasons. The same example was made of Japan as well. Ekwueme stressed the constitutional provision outlawing coups should be given more teeth and that no coup conducted or decree promulgated by any military government has the right to set aside or override the constitution. Dr. Ekwueme declared, "It is time to be definite, the court should not accept it any longer. Taking over any government by force should remain a punishable crime at all times, and it should be written in the constitution that Nigerians have the right to resist all attempt to subvert the constitutional order."

According to S. G. Ikoku, a First Republic politician who has the ears of the present administration, "This is not a matter of constitution. The first thing we have to do is to clean them (the military) out. We have to remove all these military politicians from the arena. If you can't do that, then you have not done

anything. You name the man and ask him not to take part in politics. If you list them, they won't be up to a hundred."

Ikoku says he could not understand why an army officer will overthrow a civilian government, make money, and then come back to the civilian political class with the ill-gotten wealth to campaign for the presidency. A source told Onakwe's newspaper that some Constitutional Conference delegates believe the nation is yet to see the last military regime. The country is in a state of chaos, people are terrorized on a daily basis, and the nation is being cowed by the Abacha military government. People are afraid to talk, or in some cases, to go underground for fear of their lives. Even the Constitutional Conference delegates, when contacted by a reporter, refused interviews thinking the reporter was an agent of the military government.

These situations have prompted an assemblage of prominent African Americans to launch a national campaign to pressure Nigeria's military rulers to restore democracy there.

This is the first time influential group of African Americans have aggressively targeted a black African government. This effort is backed by a cross section of African American politicians, scholars, entertainers, civil rights leaders, and other powerful figures, such as author Maya Angelou, Dr. Johnnetta Cole, president of Spelman College, U.S. Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-IL), U.S. Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich), actor Ossie Davis, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the Rainbow Coalition, Inc., Sugar Ray Leonard, former U.S. Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md), Kurt L. Schmoke, mayor of Baltimore, U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Cal.), and U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL), to mention a few. All these men and women of distinguished character have stood up and said enough is enough. So Nigeria and General Sani Abacha, all eyes are on you.

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## Public Hearing Slated for Citizens to Present Project Ideas

The City of Lubbock is asking citizens to step up and present ideas for projects that can be funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Prior to applying for the HUD loan guarantee program, the City wants residents to discuss their ideas for community development projects that will primarily benefit low-to-moderate income individuals. A public hearing is set for Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1625 13th St. If received, this HUD funding would be made available for gap financing in the form of a loan for projects that may not otherwise be implemented.

Civic and social organizations were contacted in December and notified of the meeting so that they could begin to formulate plans. Those

who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their ideas in writing to Denish Wilson, City of Lubbock, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457.

Eligible activities include acquisition of real property, rehabilitation of publicly owned property, housing rehabilitation, economic development activities, related relocation, clearance, demolition, removal and site improvements, payment of interest on the guaranteed loan and issuance costs associated with private sector financing or debt obligations and debt service reserves.

The maximum amount of funding that the City can apply for is five times its current annual CDBG allocation. The 1995-96 CDBG allocation is \$3.4 million.

## A Post-Holiday Gift to Last a Lifetime

Christmas has passed and New Year's resolutions have been made. Holiday trimmings have been carefully placed in their rightful places, along with the memories of happy times shared with family members who came home for the holidays. Unfortunately for many families, thousands of young adults did not come home. Instead, these children found themselves on city streets looking for a warm meal and a safe place to close their eyes for a shallow night's sleep.

According to the National Runaway Switchboard and a 1989 General Accounting Office report, an estimated 1.3 million youth have fled from their homes. Even worse, the numbers are growing, the ages are falling, and the funding is shrinking. In fact, a study completed earlier this year by the Federal Administration on Children, Youth and Families, estimates that nearly 15 percent of adolescents age 12 to 17—about 2.8 million—have run away from home at least once.

When they hit the streets, runaways find themselves facing some frightening choices. Mere survival becomes an everyday challenge that often leads to theft, panhandling, selling or using of drugs, and prostitution. But if they choose to return home, how would they get there? And would they be accepted by their family?

This year, Greyhound Lines, Inc., the nation's largest bus transportation company, re-introduced a program designed to help runaways return home. Working with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Runaway Switchboard (NRS), Greyhound's Home Free program gives runaways a free ticket home on the Greyhound network.

Established in 1984, the program has helped to reunite an estimated 30,000 runaways with their families. Recent improvements to the program and the addition of a new partner, the NRS, are making Home Free a solution for those with nowhere to turn.

Greyhound has a rich tradition of bringing friends and family together, says Jack Haugland, chief operating officer of Greyhound Lines. "As we saw the runaway epidemic continue to grow, we sought and found a way to use our expansive network to help runaways return to their families."

The NRS provides vital components of the program—round-the-clock availability and counseling referral services. The organization can refer families to professional coun-



seling that is needed to begin the healing process.

### How Home Free Works:

To Qualify:  
1. A youth must be between the ages of 12 and 18.  
2. The youth must be a runaway as confirmed by the NRS.

The Process  
1. The youth calls a social service agency, local law enforcement agency or the National Runaway Switchboard at 1-800/621-4000.

2. After verifying the youth's status as a runaway, the Switchboard contacts Greyhound and books a bus ticket for the runaway to return home; the NRS then receives a Greyhound ticket reservation number and family is notified.

3. The NRS calls the law enforcement or social service agency with the ticket reservation number.  
4. A police officer or social worker takes the runaway to the bus terminal, gives the ticketing agent the reservation number and receives the ticket for the runaway's ride home.

The NRS is the only organization through which a Home Free ticket can be issued. Throughout each contact with the NRS, youths and their families will be offered a full array of NRS services. Crisis intervention and referrals will support them and their families during each step of the process.

Greyhound's goal through Home Free is to get runaways off the streets and to ensure them a safe trip home to a caring environment. "Now, a free ride home on Greyhound is just a phone call away," said Haugland.

For more information on Home Free, call the NRS at 1-800/621-4000.

## White By Law

Lily white. White knights. The white dove of peace. White lie, white list, white magic. Our language and culture are suffused, often subconsciously, with positive images of whiteness. Whiteness is so inextricably linked with the status quo that few whites even identify themselves as such. And yet when asked what they would have to be paid to live as a black person, whites give figures running into the millions of dollars per year, suggesting just how valuable whiteness is in American society.

*White By Law: The Legal Construction of Race* (240 pages/\$24.95, cloth), to be published by the New York University Press in February, explores the social, and specifically legal origins, of white racial identity. Author Ian F. Haney Lopez, assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, examines in this book cases in America's past that have been instrumental in forming contemporary conceptions of race, law, and whiteness. This volume inaugurates the new series, "Critical America," which will feature some of the most original writing at the intersection of race, politics, law, sexual identity, and cultural studies.

In 1790, Congress limited naturalization to "white persons." This racial prerequisite for citizenship remained in force for over a century and a half, enduring until 1952. In a series of important cases, including two heard by the United States Supreme Court, judges around the country decided and defined who was white enough to become American.

*White By Law* traces the reasoning employed by the courts in their efforts to justify the whiteness of some and the nonwhiteness of others. Did light skin make a Japanese person white? Were Syrians white because they hailed geographically from the birthplace of Christ? Haney Lopez reveals the criteria that were used, often arbitrarily, to determine whiteness, and thus citizenship: skin color, facial features, national origin, language, culture, ancestry, scientific opinion, and, most importantly, popular opinion.

According to the author, "white" as a category of human identity and difference is an enormously complex phenomenon. "Races are not biologically differentiated groupings but rather social constructions," Haney Lopez says. "Race exists alongside a multitude of social identities that shape and are themselves shaped by the way in which race is given meaning.... Whether one is white therefore depends in part on other elements of identity—for example, on whether one is wealthy or poor, Protestant or Muslim, male or female. Similarly, one's race influences the shape and significance of being wealthy or poor, Protestant or Muslim, and so on.... Whiteness, or the state of being white, thus turns on where one is, Waits or Westchester, Stanford University or San Jose State; on when one is there, two in the afternoon or three in the morning, 1878 or 1995."

Defining the social and legal origins of whiteness, *White By Law* turns its attention to white identity today and concludes by calling upon whites to acknowledge and renounce their privileged racial identity.

Ian F. Haney Lopez was a Rockefeller Fellow in Law and Humanities at Stanford University. In 1995-96, he is serving as a visiting professor at Boalt Hall, School of Law, University of California, Berkeley.

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### IN CINQUE by Renetta W. Howard

I have never been known as a financial expert or a mathematician, but through life's experiences, I have found that there are too many adults who are not aware of many minute maneuvers which deals with everyday finances. One much overlooked maneuver is the little situation where you borrow your own money at a low rate from your financial institution.

Most people save money and many save in the form of a certificate of deposit wherein you put a specified amount of money in the bank for a specified period of time at a specified rate of interest. If the money is withdrawn from the bank before the specified period of deposit, a financial penalty is levied. Though your money is tied up, so to speak, you can borrow on it. Generally, you can borrow an amount which is equal to your deposit. The interest rate that you pay on your loan is about two percent

higher than the interest that you earn on your CD. Your loan payment is usually a one time payment, due at the end of the loan period. You can still save money on the loan. Instead of making payments to the loan institution each month, put the payments in a savings account and earn interest on your payment deposits. When the loan payment is due, you will have earned interest on your money in the savings account and on the CD which may cancel out the interest on the loan.

Another profitable angle on CDs is to get a variable rather than a fixed interest rate. The variable rate is tied to the Federal T-Bill and the interest earned is only a few points lower but goes up or down with the T-Bill and is usually higher than the fixed rate. Let us get 'in cinque' and make our money work for us and insure our families a 'good life.'

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## Legal Matters

### By Texas Attorney General Dan Morales Resolving Home Owner Association Disputes

Buying a home in a nice neighborhood means more than realizing the American dream. For most Texans, it is a major investment. To protect that investment, many homeowners join associations. While most homeowner associations serve the needs of their neighborhoods, the activities of some can lead to disputes between members.

The Office of the Attorney General occasionally receives complaints about the way some board members use association funds. Texas law forbids our office from representing private individuals in actions of this nature, but perhaps the basic facts outlined in this column will be useful.

#### WHAT ARE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS?

Homeowner associations are usually non-profit organizations funded by homeowners' dues and managed by a board of directors elected by the residents. The associations set standards for their members to follow. Typical requirements call for keeping your lawn neatly groomed and adhering to a standard painting or fencing scheme.

Homeowner associations are also responsible for maintaining common areas and services. These services may include cleaning the local pool, maintaining a clubhouse, or trimming trees in the neighborhood. The organizations might also represent the community's interests in local government meetings.

As non-profit organizations, homeowner associations are subject to the Non-Profit Corporation Act. Under this act, board members have certain responsibilities to keep or provide records. The by-laws of a non-profit corporation should provide a mechanism for removing directors or board members whose actions are illegal, wasteful, oppressive, or fraudulent. Some violations of the act may give rise to criminal penalties.

#### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

Conflicts may arise when board members fail to effectively communicate their activities to the rest of the members of the organization or engage in suspicious activities.

We have received complaints from residents alleging that board members hired relatives to mow neighborhood lawns or perform other services. While it may be legal for a board to hire a relative of a board member to do contract work, the member must disclose his

or her relationship or interest. Also, the contract or transaction must be fair to the association, and a majority of the disinterested directors must approve the contract or transaction.

We also have received complaints about board members awarding large contracts to their friends. The same rules for relatives apply to friends. In either case, board members may not profit by virtue of their position on a board of directors of a non-profit association.

#### WHAT TO DO?

If you have a dispute with your homeowner association, we strongly advise that you try to work out your differences by reviewing the associations by-laws and attempting to enforce them. If you feel that board members are not fulfilling their duties properly, you can ask them to resign or vote them out of office.

However, if you are unable to resolve the problem in this way, further actions are available to you, such as hiring an attorney to file a civil lawsuit. If you feel that you are the victim of criminal violations by an unscrupulous board member, you should contact your local law enforcement officials and/or the county or district attorney.

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## Bruce Targets Black Males

by Charles Clay

Congratulations to Patricia Ireland, the President of the National Organization of Women (N.O.W.), and its national committee for publicly censuring Tammy Bruce, the left wing, not-tempered loose cannon, president of the NOW organization chapter in Los Angeles, California.

Tammy Bruce who host a daily radical feminist radio program was publicly asked by the national office to apologize for making statements about racism and the O.J. Simpson case. Bruce became a self appointed and highly quoted spokeswoman this year on the issue of domestic violence and Simpson's alleged history of spousal abuse.

After a superior court jury found O.J. Simpson innocent beyond a reasonable doubt of the murder of his ex-wife and Ron Goldman, Tammy Bruce went off on the deep end. She has been making hot headed irrational statements and comments, including "What we need to teach our children is... not about racism but is about violence against women." Further, Bruce refused last month to appear on a Philadelphia talk show, Bruce was quoted as saying she did not want to "argue with a bunch of Black women" about the Simpson case. Still in another statement made by Bruce she says that she is "more Black than O.J. Simpson". Sources say that she has made statements that Black men and men of color are more likely to be

involved in domestic violence!

Tammy Bruce has said that her organization plans to take action (vigilantism) against O.J. Simpson where ever he goes or appears. More disturbing Bruce has pledged that her organization is going to take action (vigilantism) against Los Angeles City Councilman Nate Holden who was recently acquitted of sexual harassment. Bruce has been reported as saying former boxing champion Mike Tyson is no role model for African American youth, even though he has served his time for a crime to this day he says he was innocent of Bruce's group have planned action (vigilantism) against Mike Tyson.

Tammy Bruce and her fraction of extreme radical left-wing feminists have declared a vigilante war on African American males who are prominent leaders and loved in the African American community. One has to wonder if this is not a coordinated, orchestrated joint effort by Bruce and other groups that have declared war on the Black male? One woman who recently canceled her membership in the L.A. chapter of NOW was heard to say that Bruce has a list of prominent African American men NOW are targeting.

One has to ask the question, why doesn't this radical white feminist group go after the white males accused and convicted of

domestic violence? Like Dr. Lee said in the O.J. Simpson case, something is wrong! I would add that something is very wrong with Tammy Bruce and those Black men haters that she leads.

Thank God! millions of citizens and hundreds of NOW members and several civil rights groups on whom the organization depends for political support called NOW headquarters to complain that Bruce's statements are racist, sexist and are not only polarizing racial group, but polarizing males against females. They demanded that something be done about this empty headed, big mouthed, anti-African American male feminist fanatic.

Tammy Bruce and her cohorts must remember that for every action there is a reaction. The L.A. Chapter of NOW has a negative image in the African American Community. Bruce is naive to think that the African American woman is not going to stand by the African American man against this white radical feminists encroachment on the African American community. I look for African American women to take issue and oppose the L.A. chapter of NOW and its loose cannon current president Tammy Bruce. It's about time!

Ms. Bruce's actions are nothing more than a high tech K.K.K. lynching of Black Males! It is called self appointed vigilantism...

## Private Disaster Insurance Designed to Cut Tax Burden

News USA

(NU) - In the past five years, American taxpayers have paid out more than \$50.7 billion for federal disaster relief after hurricanes and earthquakes — much of which could have been covered by private insurance had a bill now before congress been in effect.

The legislation — supported by consumer groups, organized labor, insurance companies and agents, firefighters, state emergency managers and the editorial boards of major newspapers — would make private disaster insurance widely available and lift the burden off the taxpayers.

The initiative is called the Natural Disaster Protection Act and will authorize a private disaster protection corporation, financed by insurers, to sell disaster insurance to all who are at risk. The new corporation would be able to protect homeowners from even a megadisaster — one costing more than \$50 billion. That's more than three times the cost of Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

The NDPA also helps reduce future insurance losses by encouraging states to adopt and enforce building codes. It establishes a privately financed fund to improve building code enforcement, reinforce public structures, and improve disaster response capabilities.

Every major study has found that well-enforced building codes can substantially reduce disaster losses. Experts estimate that if codes had

been enforced in South Florida, for example, Hurricane Andrew's \$15 billion cost could have been lowered by \$3.5 billion.

Notably, the NDPA would help solve the insurance availability crisis in California and Florida, where rising disaster costs have forced many insurers from the market.

Jack Weber, executive director of the Natural Disaster Coalition (202-783-2785) which is working to obtain passage of the NDPA, says "Every year, natural disasters are a budget wild card for Congress. The NDPA would anticipate disasters so that their cost is more manageable and is absorbed by the private insurance system."





# Nigeria's Day of Infamy

by Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson



Now that South Africa is free, it seems that Nigeria is fast becoming the African nation with the dubious honor of being "the most repressive regime." With the Nigerian government's execution of nine human rights campaigners, including writer Ibeju Saro-Wiwa, Nigeria has now become a nation condemned by the world. Despite warnings from the international community, Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha proceeded with the execution of the leaders of the Ogoni people, who had been protesting the government's action in their land. Earlier this year Human Rights Watch, the international human rights organization, released a report showing that Nigeria's military had carried out a two year war against the Ogoni people, who live in an oil-rich section of the country. The report detailed attacks on civilians, including shooting of unarmed villagers, gang rapes of women and the burning of homes.

The human rights activists executed by the government had been imprisoned for over a year, ostensibly for the charges by the Nigerian military of inciting riots which led to the murders of four Nigerian traditional leaders. However, few actually believe that the soft-spoken and professorial Mr. Saro-Wiwa was guilty of those charges. He did lead a movement which demanded that the government protect their homeland's environment from misuse by U.S. oil companies and that the federal government share oil revenues with the Ogoni people. Shell Oil in particular had been a target for Mr. Saro-Wiwa's movement.

Many believe that it was the demand for the sharing of oil revenues that ultimately led to the executions. By controlling Nigeria's oil, which provides 80 percent of the country's foreign exchange earnings, General Abacha and many senior military officers are said to have become multi-millionaires.

This has occurred while the rest of the nation has become poorer, with per capita income dropping to \$250 in 1993. With an inflation rate of more than 100 percent annually, Nigeria's currency is virtually worthless. Last year a government panel found that the government could not account for \$12.2 billion in oil sales made during the Persian Gulf War. A nation once known for its excellent higher education system now has seen that crumble, and repression has replaced free expression. Nigeria is falling quickly into total economic and social decay.

While nine of the Ogoni human rights activists were executed, others remain in prison. Other Nigerians, including former military president Olusegun Obasanjo, who had been accused of plotting against the government but had his death sentence commuted, are still in danger. In reality, the whole nation is being held hostage to the Nigerian military dictatorship.

The world has the responsibility of condemning what is happening in Nigeria. The Commonwealth nations, of which Nigeria is a part, have suspended Nigeria. And while the U.S. has protested the executions, the Nigerian government has proved that they do not respond to words and warnings. Only action will cause the Nigerian military to respond. Only political and economic isolation will impact that government. Only targeted economic sanctions, particularly related to Nigerian oil, will impact that government. Only the freezing of the assets of the Nigerian military regime, as was done in Haiti, will impact that government.

(Note: Write to Senator Nancy Kassebaum, chairperson of the Senate Subcommittee on Africa, U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510 or write to Shell Oil, Philip Carroll—Pres., One Shell Plaza, 901 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002 and ask them to take action against further human rights violations in Nigeria.)

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## Your Personal Finance Zero Coupon Bonds

By Charles Ross

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Zeros tend to yield slightly higher than regular coupon-strengthened bonds, and they are also extremely volatile. This means that fluctuations in interest rates can create major gains and losses. A 1% rise in interest rates can mean a 10% loss in the current value of your zeros, but you will still get the full face value if you hold the bond until maturity.

Municipal zeros are issued by state and local governments, and some corporations issue zero-coupon bonds. Ask your investment advisor about current selections.

### Tax Considerations

The best way to take advantage of the compounding interest in zero coupon bonds is to hold them until maturity. But be aware that, although you might be willing to postpone receiving the interest until the zeros mature, the IRS is not so patient. Taxes are due as interest accrues, and corporate zeros are fully taxable. You will escape state and local taxes on treasury zeros, and often on municipal zeros.

Another important tax matter to remember is that the tax basis of zeros increases as interest accrues. You should get information from your broker or the bond issuer each year showing how much interest accrued, and add that to your basis.

### The Investment Decision

For people with a well-defined long-term goal, such as sending a child to college, zero-coupon bonds can be a great option with a set return and fixed maturity date. Zeros are also good for IRAs because with an IRA you don't pay taxes on the interest a zero accrues. They also appeal to investors who dislike tinkering with their portfolios. Zeros can run on auto-pilot until maturity.

Zeros can offer the possibility of dramatic gains, too. If interest rates decline, the value of your zeros shoots up, and selling before maturity could prove very profitable. However, don't forget that the risk of loss is just as great. Treasury zeros are a high-quality investment that can be easy to sell in an emergency. Municipal

zeros would be the next best choice.

### Getting the Lowest Airfare

The battle of the airlines is no longer among the large carriers. Smaller, regional carriers are also flexing their muscle. Knowing the right questions to ask in planning your flight could help you get off the ground with a lot more money in your pocket.

Travelers should learn about the cities they wish to travel to, and how seasonal differences affect prices. For example, although summer airfares to Europe go on sale from January to March 15, greater discounts are offered beginning in late May, as carriers scramble to fill empty seats.

To get the best prices of the year, fly during the slack business periods in November and December. Also, smaller carriers may offer less frills, but a much cheaper fare, if you don't mind non-reserved seating. These carriers include Kiwi International, Tower Air, CALite and Valu Jet. These airlines only fly to specific cities call your travel agent for more details.

### Be Flexible

Asking the ticket agent for the cheapest airfare is only a start in finding the best deal for your trip. Here are some other tips:

Find out if you can get a better fare if you leave at a different time of day. Most crowded flights leave in the morning and offer few discounted seats. Try flying during off-peak times, like around noon.

Staying over a Saturday night will almost always get you a good discount, since carriers want to build their slow weekends. Be sure to tell the agent that you are flexible about what day and time you can fly.

Flying on Tuesday or Wednesday, two of the slowest traffic days of the week, will save you money as well as flying between smaller airports. For example, flights in and out of Newark, New Jersey are generally cheaper than LaGuardia or JFK airports in New York City.

Charles Ross is host of the nationally syndicated radio program "Your Personal Finance," and author of Your Common Sense Guide to Personal Financial Planning.

## SAVING OUR SONS

Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World, by Marita Golden  
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## African-American News Briefs January–February 1996

### Fat Reduction May Help Prevent Prostate Cancer

HOUSTON—Men who restrict fat in their diets may lower their risk for prostate cancer, which occurs more often in Black men than in other groups. A six-month study at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston sought to determine if limiting fat intake to 20 percent of calories would reduce levels of prostate specific antigen, a blood marker used to indicate prostate-cancer risk. "In patients with really elevated PSA, we observed a 10 percent reduction," said Dr. Dov Kadmon, a urologist.

Prostate cancer is the major cancer killer of men 50 and older. Kadmon suggests that all men 50 and older be screened annually for prostate cancer using a PSA blood test and a digital rectal examination. Black men, as well as any men with a family history of prostate cancer, should be screened annually beginning at age 40.

### Educational Opportunity for Minorities

HOUSTON—Minority college students interested in medical careers may apply for the Honors Premedical Academy, a six-week summer program at Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University, both in Houston. The program, funded in part by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, aims to increase minority participation in medicine by making participants more competitive in the applicant pool.

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Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any poetic style. Contest closes March 31, 1996, but poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible, since poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in *Poetic Voices of America*, a hardcover anthology. Prize winners will be announced May 31, 1996.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY



## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Rev. Stephens is truly missed by this group. We're planning another program concerning the center—we will have it together by the third Saturday in February.

Let's Pray and Talk About It.

Dear God, you may be invisible to our eyes, but forever visible to our hearts. We often hear people say just before praying, let us bow our heads and close our eyes. Somehow when we close our eyes we can see around us and concentrate on our heavenly Father as we talk to him. Especially when we pray with earnestness and sincerity. Our hearts are open to him and we find that he listens to us. Christianity is a religion of a living God. Not a dead God.

Nothing can change us as much as prayer. When we pray, we shout out all the hustle and bustle of our daily activities. Our souls become light again. We shift our problems to stronger shoulders, feeling joyful and confident. Our faith in trust assures us that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think according to the power that worketh in us—Eph. 3:20. We should pray always. Not only when we are in need or in affliction or desperate for help. Each prayer that we make should come from a believing and humble heart. Prayer should never be made from habits, nor become repetitious. We should plead and not demand. We should ask and not command. We put ourselves at God's disposal and ask that his will, not ours, be done. When we pray, it is God at work within our hearts. Prayer is an act of faith and hope. "Go for it in prayer."

Try to love your sisters and brothers, please. Let's try to make a difference in our communities, schools and homes, especially our precious children.

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## What the World Needs

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men." John 1:4

Jesus lights up man's life. But how? What is there about Jesus that does that? It is Jesus' "life" that is the light. His life cancels out darkness. He illuminates; He reveals. He brings direction out of chaos. He guides; He heals. He kills the germ of sin. His life cannot be extinguished.

Someone has said that on the wall of a castle in Scotland there is an inscription that reads, "When Jesus comes, the shadows depart." It is the function of light to shine. It does not make a noise or create a lot of excitement. It just shines. Its presence is enough to dispel the darkness. One recedes as the other comes on the scene. The extent of its influence is the measure of its power.

A little boy was afraid to go to sleep at night because he was afraid of the dark. His mother took him in her arms and softly said: "Son,

there's nothing to be afraid of. Darkness isn't anything. It is only absence of light." The mother is right. It is important for us to recognize that the only way to dispel the darkness is to let the light shine. One cannot beat it back by punching at it with his fists, or by taking a swat at it with a broad object. It is not conquered by fright nor overcome by fear. One can cry his or her eyes out and still be lost in the darkness as before.

A man was lost in a cave. When searchers got close to him one of them yelled out, "Just give me your hand and I will lead you out." The other replied, "I do not need to give you my hand. Shine a light in my direction and I'll walk out on my own." The real work of the preachers of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance is to shine a light in the direction of the lost. One who walks in the light always maintains a dynamic fellowship with his spiritual brothers and sisters. Jesus is the light that the world needs.

## The First Definitive History of Gospel's Golden Age

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Drawing upon the disparate legacies of early sacred singing and the slave spirituals of the 19th century, African American worshippers in deep south Pentecostal churches forged a vibrant musical tradition called gospel. *How Sweet the Sound: The Golden Age of Gospel*, a new book by Horace Clarence Boyer, traces this fascinating musical genre from its emergence as a distinct style to its acceptance as part of American popular music.

Blending music history and social context, Boyer explains the various styles and stages of gospel music from its earliest beginnings to when gospel entered the mainstream of American popular culture in 1969. He discusses the introduction of the piano and quartet and refers to more than a hundred of gospel's finest contributors, from Thomas A. Dorsey and Mahalia Jackson to the Soul Stirrers and Aretha Franklin. Boyer is as adept at evoking the distinctive styles of these individual singers as he is at delineating the times in which their voices were heard. Rare performance photographs and backstage studies by Lloyd Yearwood eloquently illustrate Boyer's text.

Horace Clarence Boyer is a gospel singer, pianist, and composer who has been a professor of music at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst since 1973. He recently edited *Lift Every Voice and Sing: An African American Hymnal*. Lloyd Yearwood is an award-winning photographer whose work has appeared in major motion pictures and magazines and has been exhibited in such places as the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

*How Sweet the Sound* retails for \$29.95. The hardcover, 7 1/4" x 9 1/4", 272-page book features 53 black-and-white photographs. ISBN 1-880216-19-1. It will be available in September at local bookstores and gift shops and through Elliott & Clark Publishing, P.O. Box 21038, Washington, DC 20009, telephone (800) 789-7733; facsimile (202) 483-0355.

## For the New Year, A January Reflection

(NU) - There are two seasons of the year that summon America to begin anew. One is in September. The kids are going to school. The summer is over. And so many of us begin fall projects of renewal that carry us through to the holidays.

But September is nothing compared to January, the great month for New Year's resolutions and for starting afresh. January is a month of hope. Why? Because it's a new year.

In the 1970s and 1980s New Year's resolutions were out of style. Well, they're back in style! That's right. Lots and lots of people are using January as a great time to stir up hope in their lives. Please read the following old-fashioned reflection on the New Year. Then take a little time and make one good, solid resolution so that 1996 will be a better year for you and your family.

The New Year: I am the New Year...

I am unused, unspotted, without blemish.

I stretch before you 365 days long.

I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life, for you to place upon it your imprint.

It remains for you to make of me what you will: if you write with firm steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty or doubt or sin mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain.

I am the New Year; during each hour of the 365 days, I will give 60 minutes that have never known the use of anyone. White and pure, I present them; it remains for you to fill them with 60 jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience and trust in God.

From the New Year. I am here - but once past, I can never be recalled.

Make me your best!

Father Val Peters is executive director of Boys Town the famous home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Neb., and in California, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Washington, D.C.



## We Thank God for Jesus Part 2—"THE DEVIL'S CHURCH!!!"

Revelation 2:7a, JESUS said, He that hath AN EAR, let him hear what THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

Ecclesiastes 1:9, The thing that hath been, it is that which SHALL BE; and that which is done is that which shall BE DONE: and there is NO NEW THING UNDER THE SUN.

As we see things happening in THE CHURCH; OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN, IT MAY SEEM LIKE A NEW THING TO THIS GENERATION; BUT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN.

◆◆◆◆◆ THE DEVIL HIKES THE PREACHER!!! ◆◆◆◆◆

Numbers 22:16,17. And they came to Balaam, and said to him Thus said Balak the son of Zippor. LET NOTHING, I pray thee, HINDER THEE FROM COMING UNTO ME: For I will promote thee unto VERY GREAT HONOUR, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, CURSE ME THIS PEOPLE.

Now REVEREND BALAAM: he was going to CURSE GOD'S PEOPLE; FOR MONEY & THINGS BUT GOD WANTED HIM TO STAY PUT; OR IT WOULD BE TO HIM: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

Revelation 2:11a, JESUS said, He that hath AN EAR, let him HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

Numbers 22:34,35a, And Balaam said unto the angel OF THE LORD, I HAVE SINNED; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way AGAINST ME: now therefore, if it DISPLEASE thee, I will get me back again. And THE ANGEL OF THE LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the WORD that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. (Reverend Balaam, SPEAKS FOR MONEY ONLY!)

Reverend HERO, DOES THINGS HIS WAY; and not according to the LORD'S, HE LEADS PEOPLE ON ABORTION CLINICS; and don'T OBEY THE WORD OF GOD.

Revelation 2:29, JESUS said, He that hath AN EAR, let him HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

Matthew 28:19,20a, JESUS said, GO ye therefore, and TEACH all nations, baptizing them in THE NAME OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST: Teaching them to OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.

(REVEREND HERO: THE LORD SAID, GO AND TEACH THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST! THEN WHY NOT DO THAT? GOD DON'T NEED YOU TO THINK FOR HIM! Read in Matthew 2:16, When KING HEROD (THE PRESIDENT, THE LAW OF THE LAND.) He sent his men out to KILL ALL THE BABIES IN BETHLEHEM. GOD DIDN'T SEND HELP; DID HE? ABORTION IS LEGAL IN AMERICA; BUT TO THE CHRISTIANS; ITS A THOU SHALL NOT KILL; SAID THE LORD. YOU DON'T ABORT YOUR BABIES! CHRISTIANS SAY: THOU SHALT NOT KILL, THEN GO OUT AND KILL THE ABORTION DOCTORS??? "THE WORD THOU:" MEANS YOU; ITS PERSONAL. Drugs KILL but we don't MARCH ON THE DRUG DEALER'S HOUSE! ALCOHOL KILLS; BUT WE DON'T MARCH ON THE LIQUOR STORES; THOU HYPOCRITES!)

Revelation 3:6, JESUS said, He that hath AN EAR, let him HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

Matthew 12:30, JESUS said, He that is NOT with ME IS AGAINST ME, and he that GATHERETH NOT WITH ME SCATTERETH ABROAD.

Deuteronomy 32:35a, THE LORD SAID, TO ME BELONGETH VENGEANCE, AND RECOMPENSE; THEIR FOOT SHALL SLIDE IN DUE TIME.

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Revelation 3:13, JESUS said, He that hath AN EAR, let him HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

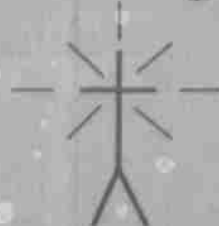
Isaiah 56:11, THE LORD SAID, Yea, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS which can NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, and they are SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND: they ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARIES).

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# Ny'a

Ny'a has been creating a buzz in the industry with her debut album *Embrace*, on the New Jersey-based label Rap Record. The 20-something-year-old mother of two is exploding on the scene with her versatile embodiment of urban music. "I never limit myself to one market," says Ny'a, "I cover House, Hip Hop, and R&B music."

The first single, "I Don't Want You," is a House inspired track which "serves an attitude needed to leave almost any man cowering in a corner," says Larry Flick of *Billboard Magazine*. The second single "Do It," is a funky, bass-heavy track that personifies the rawness of R&B music today. Inspired by such legends as Marvin Gaye, Sam Cooke, Tina Marie, and Patti Labelle, Ny'a represents the evolution that Urban Contemporary Music has taken in the last twenty years. She promises to establish herself as a serious artist who *Embraces* young and mature audiences alike.

Ny'a wrote all but two songs on *Embrace*, which relates personal experiences and the course of love relationships to her fans. In order to keep true to her essence Ny'a involves herself in the pre-production stage of her music. Ny'a is not only an artist, she *means* business. Nap Records, distributed by Ichiban Records, is presided by Eugene Napoleon and partner Russell Rosenthal. While not in the studio or performing, Ny'a manages to play basketball everyday. The Kodak All-American is no joke on the court or when she's performing on stage.

The key to Ny'a's success is her unceasing dedication and personality that is injected in her music. Eugene Napoleon, President of the label says "there's never a dull moment when Ny'a is around. She is a good addition to Nap Records because of the versatile flavor she brings to the company." Welcome to the new face of R&B.



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San Antonio, a city rich in multicultural diversity and history, will celebrate its African American heritage and honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK). A citywide march, and a month-long celebration of activities, performances and exhibits by local and national artists is sponsored by the City of San Antonio MLK Commission and local cultural organizations. The MLK Commission was founded a decade ago when San Antonio became one of the first cities to observe the holiday.

Highlighting the month's events is the annual MLK March and Celebration Program on January 15, one of the largest events of its kind in the U.S. The procession begins at 10:00 a.m. at 3503 Martin Luther King Drive proceeding to Martin Luther King Plaza at East Houston Street and New Braunfels Avenue. The march, expected to draw over 30,000 people, is followed by a youth talent show at the Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum that will include a surprise national recording artist guest.

Since 1905, The Carver Community Cultural Center has served as a focal point within San Antonio's African American community and is known nationally for its excellence in the performing arts, education and multicultural programs. Throughout the month of January the Carver Community Cultural Center will present several productions showcasing African American artists and performers. "Behind Broken Words" will be presented January 12, featuring 20th Century poetry and verse drama and starring Roscoe Lee Browne and Anthony Zerbe. On January 20, Arts San Antonio! presents the Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago in a performance of "Afrikan Visions." This program features authentic and progressive interpretations of African and African American dance, music and folklore. Lastly, the Carver Community Cultural Center welcomes the internationally known and worldwide acclaimed classical ballet company, Dance Theater of Harlem, to the Lila Cockrell Theater on January

24.

The Institute of Texan Cultures will present "The Legacy of Africa" on January 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the main exhibit floor. The program is designed to educate the public on the African cultures through music, storytelling, textiles and exhibits. The Institute, which examines the diverse ethnic groups which make up Texas, also has an extensive permanent exhibit on the history of African American Texans including an authentic sharecroppers home with furnishings from the 1920's and displays on the Buffalo Soldiers, who gained fame during the Indian Wars and late 1800's; the Tuskegee Airmen; and other notable Texans in black history such as Scott Joplin, Dr. Zelma George and Barbara Jordan, and many more.

From January 11 to February 22, the San Antonio Central Library presents "Beyond Category: The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington," a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History honoring the internationally known pianist, composer and bandleader. Through photographs, pages of music, personal documents, and the colors and graphic art of the period, the exhibition traces Ellington's pivotal role in the evolution of American jazz.

Other specially planned activities include a Gospel Music Concert at Antioch Baptist Church on January 12, and on January 16, MLK Spurs Night (San Antonio Spurs vs. Boston Celtics) with part of the proceeds from ticket sales going to the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund.

For more information on these and other MLK commemoration events, please contact the City of San Antonio Public Information Office at 210-207-7235.

To receive a free visitors guide and map and lodging guide on San Antonio, call the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-447-3372.

## 66 Ways to Save Money

You can save up to thousands of dollars a year without slashing your budget, making inordinate sacrifices, or only eating every other day. By spending a little less on some things and getting better deals on others, the savings add up quickly. It requires a bit of work on your part—making some calls, doing a little research, comparing—but the results are definitely worth it.

*66 Ways to Save Money* (Item 394B, 50¢), a new publication from the Consumer Literacy Consortium, with members from federal and state agencies, consumer groups, business organizations, and educational institutions, is full of tips and advice to get you started. You can request a copy by sending your name, address, and 50¢ to: Consumer Information Center, Dept. 394B, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

One area where it pays to take some time and compare is home repairs, which often cost thousands of dollars and are the subject of frequent complaints. Even relatively small jobs can be expensive. To get good work at a fair price, select from among several well-established, licensed contractors who have submitted written, fixed-price bids. And don't sign any contract requiring full payment before the work is completed to your satisfaction.

Another money saving tip: When making round trip airline reservations, arrange your trip to include a Saturday evening stayover. By doing that, and buying your tickets in advance, you can lower your air fare by as much as two-thirds.

## General Counsel Selected for Democratic Party

Democratic Party Chairman Bill White today announced that he has selected Houston attorney Carroll G. Robinson as General Counsel for the party.

Robinson is an Assistant Professor of Law at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University. He also serves as Executive Assistant to the President of the University.

A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Robinson grew up in New Jersey and attended the George Washington University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

"I am a Texan by choice and I strongly believe that every Texan is entitled to have his or her voice heard and their vote count," Robinson said. Texas' congressional district boundaries are currently pending in a lawsuit before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The congressional districts were not racially gerrymandered in Texas," Robinson said. "The Texas Democratic Party is going to be as aggressive as possible in protecting the interests of minority voters in the

state as well as that of all other voters."

Professor Robinson is a member of the American Bar Association, its House of Delegates; the National Bar Association, its Board of Governors; Houston Bar Association; Houston Young Lawyers Association; Chairman of the African-American Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas; and President of the Houston Lawyers Association. He also is a member of the Texas Commission on Judicial Efficiency Judicial Selection Task Force; Environmental Defense Fund of Texas Advisory Board; NAACP Houston Branch; Houston Area Urban League; Texas Coalition of Black Democrats; Houston Black American Democrats and Texas State Employees Union Local 6186.

Professor Robinson formerly served as Administrative Assistant and General Counsel to Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis, D-Houston; as a political director of the Texas Democratic Party's 1990 Unity '90 Coordinated Campaign; and a member of the Harris County Democratic Party's Executive Committee.

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DATE & TIME: January 27, 1990 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Holiday Inn, South Loop 289 McKenzie Room  
COST: Participants \$25.00  
Spectators: 13-Adult \$5.00 6-12 \$1.50 5-under FREE  
For more information contact Ms. Debbie Bower 793-1664  
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