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NATIONAL NEWS At a Glance

DENNY'S TO PAY \$45 MILLION IN BIAS SETTLEMENT WASHINGTON, D.C.—The giant Denny's restaurant chain last week reached a \$45 million settlement with the U.S. Justice Department to pay claims to blacks it allegedly discriminated against in Maryland and California. It is believed to be the largest settlement of its type. Under terms of the settlement Denny's does not have to admit wrongdoing but agrees that its 2,000-restaurant chain will not discriminate on the basis of race. Class-action suits in Maryland and California had accused the firm of discouraging patronage by black customers through unfair and shoddy treatment.

JAMES EARL RAY DENIED PAROLE IN KING ASSASSINATION NASHVILLE, TENN.—James Earl Ray—the man who says he was pressured into pleading guilty to the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—was turned down for parole last week after 25 years in jail. But at least two of those who voted against parole said they would favor it when Ray comes up for parole again in July 1999. During the hearings Ray continued to assert that he did not kill the civil rights leader. In 1978, the House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded that Ray did kill King but that a St. Louis-based conspiracy planned the murder.

"CREATING BLACK WEALTH" FORUMS BEGIN THIS SUMMER WASHINGTON, D.C.—A series of national forums designed to show African-Americans how to build personal and family wealth begin this summer in cities around the nation. Sponsored by a new organization known as the Better Life Club, the forums will focus on starting home-based businesses, short-term, profitable investing, franchise opportunities and new areas such as owning 900-Numbers and tourist industry business projects in the Caribbean. The forums will also entertain the funding of projects from entrepreneurs with profitable ideas but little up front money. Better Life Club founder, James Nathan says, "We believe the best path to full citizenship lies in economic empowerment and we will show people how to start with a little and build a lot." Interested persons can receive registration material by writing the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422 or calling 202-319-8451.



Veteran Civil Rights Leader Ends Political Career to Revive Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream

by Rev. Hosea L. Williams

I've called this Press Conference to announce that I'm giving up the prestigious suite of elected politics and returning to the streets to struggle against the inhumanities that are destroying Americans, especially Black people by withdrawing from the campaign for re-election to DeKalb's 3rd District Commission seat, which I'm surely to win if I remained in this campaign for re-election.

I want to apologize and ask the many citizens that were supporting my campaign for re-election to forgive me for resigning, but the economic deprivation and violence among our people, especially the youth violence, has not only the potential to destroy Black people, but also the potential to destroy America. Therefore, truth compels me to give up elected politics and return to the streets of America and labor to correct the economic deprivation and violence that are destroying my people.

By giving up elected politics, I will have ample time to revive and expand programs that help poor people help themselves; like our Feed the Hungry Program that is in serious trouble and just might have to be eliminated due to being completely cut out of the City of Atlanta budget.

Also, I will have time to complete my autobiography, which will include the first and only true history of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a revolutionary.

Admittedly, I love elected politics and I am sure I would continue to be successful at it, but I just don't see today's human rights leaders effectively dealing with the elimination of the problems that are destroying our people; because they are mainly dealing with only the results and effects of the problems, but to eliminate the problems, one must deal with what is causing the problems.

And, I would like to say to those that disagree with me for withdrawing from re-election to the 3rd District Commission seat, I will be interviewing all other candidates that are interested in my support and if I find a candidate that I believe will truly represent the will of the people, I will endorse that candidate.

In God We Trust.

Graduate School Unaffordable for Many Without Financial Aid

PRINCETON, N.J.—A sizable percentage of students who do well on the Graduate Record Examinations General Test, regardless of race, may find graduate school unaffordable without financial aid, according to a recent Educational Testing Service study.

That is just one of the findings of *Background Characteristics and Future Plans of High-Scoring GRE General Test Takers*, a study by ETS research scientist Maria Pennock-Roman.

The GRE General Test is designed to assess academic knowledge and skills relevant to graduate study. It is taken by more than 400,000 students annually.

The study was motivated by the need to increase the participation of minority students in higher education. Pennock-Roman looked at GRE test takers in 1986-87 who scored above 500 on either the verbal or quantitative portions of the examination. (The scale is 200-800.) The major focus was on the larger minority groups that are underrepresented in higher education—Black and Hispanic students.

The background characteristics of high-scoring GRE General Test takers revealed few surprises. In general, high scores tended to come from homes where income was above \$25,000 and parents had high levels of education. There were very few students with GRE Verbal scores who reported that English was not their best language. Mean undergraduate grade point averages were high, "B" level. Also, high scorers were more likely to aim for a Ph.D. than were low-scoring GRE General Test takers. Those with very high verbal scores tended to major in the humanities, whereas those with very high GRE quantitative scores tended to major in engineering and computer sciences.

There were some less obvious findings:

- The distribution of parental income showed that for all groups there was a sizable percentage who would be unable to afford graduate school without financial aid. The number of high scorers whose parents had yearly incomes of less than \$15,000 exceeded 18 percent for all groups including the non-Hispanic White group.

- The number of high scorers whose fathers had less than a high school education was larger than 17 percent for most race/ethnicity groups, especially for the Mexican-American group (36 percent).

- Females slightly outnumbered males among the high scorers who were non-Hispanic White or Black (52 percent), but were outnumbered by males among the Asian-American (42 percent), Puerto Rican (34-45 percent) and Other (39 percent) high scorers.

- The percentages of examinees whose best language was not English and/or who were permanent residents rather than U.S. citizens increased as the quantitative score level rose for the Asian-American and Other groups. This finding suggests that some resident alien students may have had a better foundation in quantitative literacy in their home country than their peers who had received more of their education in the U.S. It may also mean that students with limited proficiency in English may focus more narrowly on excelling in quantitative areas.

"The investigation of the background and future plans of high-scoring GRE General Test takers can suggest ways to increase the access to higher education of minorities underrepresented in graduate and professional schools," said Pennock-Roman. "Many of these students are likely candidates for admission to graduate programs and their needs ought to be examined closely. For example, one can determine how frequently these students are likely to come from homes with low family incomes to estimate roughly what percent will need substantial financial aid. Furthermore, patterns of choices in their fields of study at the undergraduate and graduate levels can help policy makers target the most popular fields for greater financial aid." ETS is the world's largest private educational measurement institution and a leader in educational research.



Are Black Men "Sister Bashing"?

by Candida Johnson

Brothers have a new pastime in America today. It's not basketball or football; it's not even a sport. The new pastime is "Sister bashing." If you haven't heard lately, brothers have been blaming sisters for nearly every obstacle they've faced in the past, present and the ones they will face in the future. The downfall of many black males has been placed upon the backs of black females. Have you heard the following?

Mayor Marion Berry was brought down by a sister. (The sister was his secret lover. Not his wife, but someone he chose to have an affair with. Had he been faithful to his wife he would never have fallen as hard as he did.)

Mike Tyson was brought down by a sister. (He chose to pick up the young beauty contestant, chose to take her back to his room and chose to have relations with her, Against her will. Had he not abused his wife maybe he would have been still married and not at the pageant at all.)

Clarence Thomas had his reputation tarnished thanks to a sister. (He too was married and chose to proposition Anita Hill.)

Now for the largest example of scapegoating. "If sisters weren't so mean O.J. wouldn't have been with a white woman who was afraid to stand up for herself, whereas most black women will."

Why should we have to stand up for ourselves? Maybe because some men refuse to take responsibility for their lives (failures included). Therefore we are left to fend for

ourselves without any backup. Instead of standing united to battle this racist society, brothers and sisters are pitted against each other. Most of the time black women get the short end of the stick.

Some black males feel they are losing out on jobs because of black females. (Instead of whining over the handful of jobs sisters get, why not fight for the millions of jobs males of non-color have.)

Black women need the jobs because we're the ones putting food in the mouths of your kids. You know the ones you forget you have? We're trying to buy food to last for a month, not buy a cellular phone or a new stereo for a car.

Oops, almost forgot, we're also the reason our youth are in the predicament they're in today. See, the single teenage girls in this city seem to be getting pregnant from drinking too much Lubbock water. How about we wait until the baby is born, take a blood test and sentence the young men to at least three months at a facility similar to New Directions. They need to know how to care for their child also, right? Or is that just our responsibility also?

The downfall of Black males, has not been black women, it's been black men. Black women have decided to move forward while some black males have stood still. Sister Bashing is not solving the problem but rather is bringing on new, more complex problems.

Until men start acting like men and taking responsibility for their own lives, they will forever be the Scapegoat Kings.

Grand Father of the Year at Bethel

On Sunday, June 19, 1994 at Bethel A.M.E. church, Richard Rollison, Jr. received the "Grandfather of the Year Award." The Rollison children surprised their parents with a trip home and a surprise bar-be-que for their parents and filled pews at church Sunday.

Mr. Rollison, joined by his loving family, accepted the award gladly. Mr. Rollison came to Lubbock in 1944 after the army. He united with Katie Lee Young in 1951 and to this union four lovely children were born: Carolyn Kaye of Houston, Larry Don of Plano, Richard, III, and Pamela of Lubbock. He recently retired from First National Bank in 1993 where he worked for 3 years. Rollison believes in education and hard work. All of his children finished high school and some form of higher level education.

"Daddy insisted that we all finish high school, and even though I had my daughter, he still wanted me to go to school. It was hard to leave her but if I didn't, I don't know where I would be today," Pamela said.

They have nine beautiful grandchildren: Tashumbe Laleman, Timethia Larrie, and Taylor Renee of Plano, La Trisha Yvette, Richard IV, Rodrick DeWayne, Ashely Carra Nicole, Alissia La Trice and Miceal Jerome of Lubbock.

"Granddaddy takes me to church and always make sure I have anything I could ever want. He's sugar and spice everything grandfathers are made of," said Alissia Rollison.

Mr. Rollison occasionally works as a plumber; however, he has passed on the family business to his sons and grandsons. Sometimes you can see him accompanying them on a job, or shopping.

"Any man can be a grandfather but it takes a special, sincere man to be called 'Granddaddy,'" a thought shared by his grandchildren.

Having his family home brought a sparkle to his eyes, a sparkle that was a sign of happiness and joy.



Richard Rollison, who was named "Grand Father of the Year" at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, is shown attending the graduation exercises of his granddaughter Alissia Rollison in 1993.

At right is also Mrs. Katie Rollison, wife of Mr. Rollison.

Ruby Jay's Corner



New Hope Baptist Church services: Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. with Assistance Superintendent Bro. James Sterling presiding. A song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Sis. Sandra Henry did the devotion and prayer. After a 30-minute class period, Class No. 3 brought high points. Class no. 1, Brother Hood, claimed both banners.

Morning worship hour included devotion, song, a scripture by Joan Ervin, and a prayer from Bro. Swain. The processional was the Male Chorus singing "The Lord is Already Here." Altar prayer by Rev. Johnson, and another song: "Give Glory to God." Scripture by Sis. Chase, prayer by Bro. Stokley, and a song, "He That Is Without Sin Cast the First Stone." Sis. Moton led out in responsive reading, followed by the morning hymn, "Nothing but the Blood."

Pastor Moton in his pastoral observation reminded us that the signs of the times are drawing near to so many things happening. He is so right. It's praying time. What can wash away our sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. A selection, "The Blood," was sung by Sis. Blondell Jones' daughter from Austin Texas, and it was beautiful.

The sermon was brought by Pastor Moton, St. Luke 24:1-12. And they remembered his word. Powerful message!

Keep in mind the ushers' musical, Sunday, July 10th, 3:00 p.m. Your presence will be greatly appreciated; why not be there?

Keep the sick list in our prayers. Sis. Katie Johnson's niece, Virgie Caraway from Irving, Texas, and Sis. Virginia Williams, Ft. Worth, Texas granddaughter are visiting with Katie. They are having an enjoyable time. Daphne Tennison is ill, she is home from the hospital. Her mother Mary Newton is with her. Judith Struggs' friend passed in Breckenridge, Tex. Virginia (Flossie) Wright's service was Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Pray, for family prayer is very much needed.

Hope your July 4th was wonderful!

Save the Children!!

by Dr. John Cashin

"We are at a crucial crossroads in the history of this nation. —And we either hang together by combating these forces that divide and degrade us or we hang separately. Do we have the intelligence, humor, imagination, tolerance, love, respect and will to meet the challenge? Time will tell. None of us alone can save the nation or world. But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so." *Cornel West, January 1994*

Well! I finally got my inspiration for this column I have been writing in my head the last three weeks! After reading Cornel West's excellent book *Race Matters*, I called the Mississippi Mudcat (a.k.a. Billy Razz) to compliment him on his recently won Pulitzer Prize. As usual, our conversation rapidly focused into the What Is Wrong and How To Fix It mode—especially regarding Homo Sapiens Africanus Americans!

Our main point of contention was the status quo of mass ignorance of the American public, how it got that way, and who this ambience serves. Billy Razz takes the position of benign neglect by the media owners: They recognize the advantage of having a brainless constituency, and since they are on top, why change things? I feel that a finely honed cynicism governs their actions, they know well what they are doing, and carefully insert subliminal manipulative messages to keep the cash flowing! My argument of willful cynicism rests on the basic fact that TV executives pay themselves AND their dominant screen personalities enormous salaries which are eventually paid by the American taxpayer because such expenditure are categorized as tax deductible business expenses! I didn't even get to the point that ALL electronic media operate on broadcast frequencies which are owned by the American Public—ALL OF US!! They are licensed to serve the public but their salary schedules tell the REAL story!

And where does the big cash flow come from? Advertisers! That's where! For anyone who does not know that corporate advertisers control Network News policy, I have a complicate question for their simple minds to Ponder: Why has there been no "peace dividend" or domestic programs since the cold war ended? You need to ask yourself that question over, and over, and over. By the fourth or fifth try, you should have discerned the powerful hidden influence of the interlocking board structures of the invidious Military Industrial Complex which President Eisenhower warned us about in 1957. It is a creeping, cancerous daisy chain of corporate criminals whose legendary myopia will not, and can not see beyond its annual report. Profits are the only things that matter to these well protected spoiled

brats. They compete with each other in a grotesque version of "King of The Hill" whose only rule is, "Whoever has the most toys wins." This unbridled materialism, pushed hard by TV advertisers, has laid waste to the American family structure, American government, and threatens to destroy the life sustaining capacity of Planet Earth. Even a brilliant and sincere President such as Clinton finds himself hamstrung by opinion Polls whose numbers are manipulated by PAC controlled media, to say nothing of PAC controlled members of Congress. His "Up with People" message has been totally subverted by the "Up with Profits" mantra of the Military Industrial Complex. Their interlocking board structure violates every anti-trust and consumer Protection law that ever existed, with impunity if not contempt!

The U.S. Constitution was written with the knowledge that power corrupt, and absolute Power corrupt absolutely. The separation of powers of government into executive, legislative, and judicial was fundamentally wise, but could not foresee the rise of an all powerful Fourth Estate whose public responsibility is undermined by tax write-offs in the form of corporate designed multimillion dollar salaries! If you follow the daisy chain closely, you will also discern the masked influence of organized crime and the international drug trade in our so called "Legitimate Business Channels." Money talks, and huge under the cash money talks loudest, even in the Halls of Congress!

Meanwhile, the Carnegie Foundation reports that half of the American children under age three are facing risks right now which almost guarantee their becoming prison inmates as adolescents. It is a fool's game to short-change half the nation's infants and toddlers, especially when scientists have discovered that the brain's ultimate potential is shaped by its experience in the first three years of life. Unless we spend a lot more time and resources taking care of America's babies, we're going to continue spending too much time (AND MONEY) taking care of America's criminals!!

Unfortunately, children and poor people do not vote! This is why there has been no "Peace Dividend" since the Cold War ended. And this is why DOWN HOME has repeated its mantra in almost every column the past two years. It goes: SAVE YOUR MONEY!! GET EVERYBODY REGISTERED TO VOTE!! And KEEP ON READING DOWN HOME!! We MUST save our children NOW!!

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NEW YORK—Singing sensation Whitney Houston, right, a five-time Grammy Award winner, is introduced as AT&T's new "True Voice" by Joseph P. Nacchio, left, president of AT&T's consumer long-distance business unit, at a New York City press conference. Houston is featured in two television commercials for the nationwide introduction of AT&T True Voice™, a new sound quality available exclusively with AT&T long-distance service.

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And bring us peace of mind.
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And fill the day with song...
Sometimes we need a special friend
To take away our care;
A friend to bring us hope and love,
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WHAT IS HAPPENING LOCALLY To Complete The Unfinished Work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



ADIP is a networking process of organizations engaged in an overall community-building approach to addressing the root causes of all types of its minority Black and similarly-situated minorities. ADIP's overall objective, via this inter-organizational coalition, is to begin immediately to transform the discrete communities within Black America, through pride-instilling "cathartism," into such Shining Cities of Hope that all therein not only will be motivated to want to learn and become the productive parts of our then-wonderful communities, but also there will be a greatly lessened desire, or "fall need," to abandon a priori for Black-led organizations that opened economic and other doors, Black-owned businesses and professional entities, Black churches, etc. by inordinately intruding and/or invading the communities and social and other institutions developed by (and for) other ethnic groups. ADIP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The information listed below about your organization should (as best possible) be focused on what your group is doing to help complete that "unfinished work."

This is a public service courtesy of the Southwest Digest. We will list your meeting date, time and place; special activities, annual meetings, etc. Anything else will be considered advertisement and will be charged as such. Such as hand-bills, brochures, promotions, etc. This is necessary, because of the inflated cost of doing business. We have to pay our expenses. There will also be a charge for photos, other than news events. For more information about getting your announcement on this page, call Eddie P. Richardson at 782-3612

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The African-American Women Empowering meet:
Saturday at 12 Noon at 2812 Weber Drive,
Community Center.

East Lubbock Chapter AARP Every 1st Wednesday
at 1pm at Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak
and 8th St.

The Dunbar International Alumni Association meets
in Dunbar Center as announced. More about their
meetings.

Agape Temple Church of God in Christ
will be hosting Free Dinner for the
Homeless and Needy every 1st and 3rd
Fridays of the month, from 4:00 p.m. to 6
p.m. The church is located at 4510 Ave.
Q. Bishop W. H. Watson is pastor.

Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship
Alliance Every Fourth Thursday—6:30
p.m. Smith Temple Church
8504 Avenue P

The African-American Business and Professional
Coalition meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
820 Ave. H, Suite 5

Guadalupe Economic Services
Corporation Issues Commodities
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Drive & MLK Blvd. Call 786-7363

Free Health Screening Tuesday
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of Praise, 2011 E. 13th, Lubbock, TX. Sponsored by
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Friends 765-2639 Cathedral of Praise 763-6900

NAACP Monthly Meeting
Every Second Saturday Evening
6:30 p.m.
Smith Temple Church
8508 Avenue P

The Girl Scouts of Greenhill Manor meet
each Wednesday at 2812 Weber Drive at
4pm. All interested girls are asked to be
present.

"Exodus Into Manhood" a Black Men
Support Group Meeting time: 5:00 p.m.
every Saturday at 2812 Weber Dr. Theme:
"Visions for Black Men" For further
information contact: stan@799-0051,
Leon 784-0115, or R.D. 763-5552

Health For Friends. Every Thursday,
8:00am - 12:00 noon at Cathedral of
Praise 2011 East 13th Question? Call
Health For Friends at 765-2639 or
Cathedral of Praise at 763-6900

Lubbock Emancipation (nineteenth
century) Inc.
Time: 7:00p.m.
Where: 820 Ave H, Suite C
Ap # 14 & 28 & May thru June every
Thursday

Parkway Manor Care Center News

Willie Jean Floyd visited George Skief last Sunday. They had a wonderful time together.

Community Baptist Church had fifteen members and First Progressive Baptist Church had sixteen members to come for a combined worship service and to visit the residents. What an enjoyable evening.

Willie Howard visited the residents this past week, and really had an enjoyable time with the residents.

Dorothy M. Johnson and Keisha Jordan visited Scottie Moore, George Skief, Marie Ambry and Charis Jordan last week.

Ann Day of SPAG came last Wednesday to visit and read to the residents. What a special person. Residents look forward to her visit each week.

Mitte Wallace came last Wednesday to visit with the many residents.

Ann Day and Leitha Alexander came last Thursday to visit Mrs. Alexander's sister, Minnie Keeton, and her brother, Jack Stevenson.

Brother Birmingham, a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church, came last Thursday to visit with the residents.

Five Clemmons of Muleshoe, Texas and Jessie Clemmons and family of Phoenix, Arizona, visited their mother, Lucille Wiggins, this week.

Carmen Olgun decorated a beautiful cake for our Fourth of July celebration, which was a good party. Refreshments included punch, cake and ice cream which was served and enjoyed very much by the residents.

Edna Pine and daughter visited Scottie Moore last Saturday afternoon.

Freddie Brown visited his brother, John Brown, last Saturday.

"Beautiful Blessing!"
May the greatest of gifts come and linger with us and our loved ones today. To bring us the sunshine of gladness and banish all sadness away to guard all the ways of the future.

To light all the path we have trod, for the greatest of gifts and of treasures is the bountiful blessing of God.

—Brian O'Higgins
Mrs. Norma Owens, A.D. & R.; and Rev. W.H. Stephens, Assistant A.D. & R.

9th Annual Black Family Reunion Celebration Puts Focus on Ways Families Can Stop Violence

TV/Radio Personality Donnie Simpson Named Honorary Chair

The 1994 Black Family Reunion Celebration is dedicated to the advancement of the family as the primary resource to prevent violence in the home, the neighborhood and the community, it was announced by Dorothy I. Height, President and CEO of the National Council of Negro Women. "Another Family For Peace" is the theme of this year's event which Dr. Height hopes will become a call-to-action for a growing movement. The first in the series of seven nationwide events begins in Atlanta the weekend of July 8th.

Combining exhibits, workshops and resource networking with entertainment, The Black Family Reunion Celebration is held each summer in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Memphis and Chicago. More than 11 million people have attended the free, week-end-long event, which is regarded as the largest and most significant family initiative in the nation. The Black Family Reunion Celebration was conceived by Dr. Height in 1986 to reinforce the historic strengths and traditional values of the African-American family in the context of present day issues.

"In the face of unprecedented violence in our cities, we wanted to call attention to the ways we need to take personal responsibility

beginning in our own homes," stated Dr. Height. "For this reason, the National Council of Negro Women wants to use the gathering of more than a million families this summer at the Black Family Reunion Celebrations for creative action. We do not only want to raise consciousness, but also put people in touch with the tools and the resources to help them make a difference."

Visitors to the Black Family Reunion Celebration will receive printed materials relevant to both adults and children on personal steps to end violence. Workshops, exhibits, theatrical presentations, and resource gathering on this issue will have a major thrust at this year's events.

Donnie Simpson, host of BET's popular "Video Soul" and a radio personality with Washington, D.C. station WPGC-FM, will serve as Honorary Chair of the 1994 Black Family Reunion Celebration. "I was at the very first event in Washington," stated Mr. Simpson. "I'm delighted to see how it's grown, and I am truly honored to be part of something that is making such a transformation in people's lives. This movement is really about reinventing the extended family. We cannot afford any longer to shut our doors and pull down our shades." Simpson added that he is planning on attending as many of

this summer's events as his schedule will allow.

"Few voices are so well trusted and respected among our young people than Donnie Simpson," stated Dr. Height. "We are very fortunate that he is so committed to carrying forward our message both on the airwaves and in person."

Other celebrities confirmed to date include Raven-Symoné (Recording artist and TV actress— "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," "The Cosby Show"), actress Tisha Campbell ("Martin"), actress Esther Rolle, and comedian/activist Dick Gregory. National recording artists who have confirmed to appear in concert at some of the events include: r&b artists Mint Condition, Miles Jaye, gospel artists Dorothy Norwood and Vickie Winans, comic Chris Thomas (former host of BET's "Rap City") and motivational speaker Willey Jolley. Up and coming artists performing at Black Family Reunion events courtesy of MCA Records will include Smooth Silk, Immature, Marc Dorsey and Frontpage.

The schedule for this year's Black Family Reunion Celebration is as follows:

Atlanta	July 8-10
Southeastern Region	Georgia
World Congress Center	
Philadelphia	July 15-17
Northeastern Region	
Fairmount Park/Memorial Hall	
Cincinnati	August 19-21
Mid-Western Region	Sawyers Point
Los Angeles	August 26-28
Western Region	
Exposition Park	
Washington, D.C.	September 9-11
Mid-Atlantic Region	National
Monument Grounds	
Memphis	September 16-18
Mid-Southern Region	Overton Park
Chicago	September 16-18
Great Lakes Region	South
Shore Cultural Center.	



Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) announces the results of a national survey of African-American children and families. The survey shows that while 83% of African-American parents fear for their children's survival, children are still full of hope. Also pictured, Angela Glover Blackwell, BCCC National Coordinator; Geoffrey Canada, BCCC Eastern Region Director (seated), and Kent

Let's End the War Against Our Children

by Marian Wright Edelman

Every day in the United States, 12 Black children are killed as a result of violent acts. The senseless killing and injury of Black youth has become one of the worst crises facing our community since slavery. Today guns serve as judge and jury for the most minor of disagreements. Some of our children seem to believe that if they are armed their problems can be solved. All of our children are increasingly fearful.

The Black Community Crusade for Children recently conducted one of the most comprehensive polls ever of the African-American community, including responses from children and the adults who love and care for them. Both adults and children are unified in their concern for the future of our children. Although adults see many serious problems facing the younger generation, the threat of violence overshadows all others. Of the Black adults surveyed, 83% say these are "Really bad times" or "Tough times" for Black children and many worry that their children will not live to reach adulthood.

A full 64% consider violence and 72% consider the presence of guns to be very serious problems in the communities where they live. This fear of violence and guns affects the outlook of parents and youths in all education levels, races, and economic groups.

No one should underestimate the impact of epidemic poverty, unemployment, and homelessness on the spiraling violence in our community. And it will take time to turn around these problems that trap our children. But we can and must do it. We need to reinforce our children's hope and idealism and teach them that many of the disputes that provoke violence can be resolved without the loss of lives. What has happened to us when we resort to violence and killing over mundane things like traffic altercations, minor school yard disagreements, love triangles, and misunderstood glances?

Have we as a community moved so far away from the core of our moral and spiritual values that we don't care that seeking to solve problems or seeking retribution through violence often leaves not only grieving families, but also a community where the safety of all is at risk?

And what is left for our children's future? With the presence of guns, drugs, and gangs it may well be a future they won't live to see.

Many parents who were polled feel it is only a matter of time until their children become victims. One father from Georgia said, "It's dangerous out there, and maybe one day someone will call and tell me my child got shot." A mother from Illinois said, "I hope

my child lives to become an adult."

Let's save our children before time runs out. Here are 10 steps we can all take to stop the war against our children:

Make sure as parents, teachers, and religious or civic leaders that we do not engage in violence or teach children by word or deed that violence is the way to resolve conflicts. Remove guns from your home and encourage others to do the same. Urge President Clinton, Congress, and state and local officials to regulate non-sporting guns and ammunition as dangerous products.

Fight racial discrimination and hate crimes that contribute to community violence and division.

Create safe houses, safe corridors, and "peace zones" to protect children in and near schools.

Provide children and youths with safe, positive alternatives to the streets. Summer, weekend, and after-school programs to keep children safe and connected to caring adults should be an immediate priority for every community. The Black Student Leadership Network at CDF can help in organizing local efforts. (1-800-ASK-ECCC)

Help create youth jobs and training opportunities to provide young people with legitimate routes to success. Tell decision makers that creating a job is a lot cheaper than building a new prison cell!

Support or help launch a parent education or family support program, or get involved in efforts to help prevent teen pregnancy.

Get your congregation to participate in the CDF-coordinated national observance of Children's Sabbaths on Oct 14-16, 1994. Call for materials to help your church conduct study groups, prayer circles, teach-ins, and worship services on violence and learn about promising ways to address the problem. (1-202-662-3583)

Inform yourself and others first-hand about the violence against children in your community and what can be done about it by participating in a Child Watch, a guided tour of hospitals, schools, family support programs, and other places that serve children and families. (1-202-662-3582)

Join the Black Community Crusade for Children to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure that every child has a Healthy Start, a Head Start, A Fair Start, and a Safe Start in life.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children, and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children.

Expos Win First Place In City Championship

The Martin Luther King Expos T-Ball team, by Raymond and Marilyn Foster, won it all by bringing home the first place trophy in the Lubbock City Little League T-ball Tournament at Northwest Field last week. The Expos were able to do this by defeating other good T-Ball teams: Rangers, 28-13; Pirates, 33-21; Bandits, 27-22; Dodgers, 24-20, and won the championship by defeating the Astros, 31-24. Keep up the good work Martin Luther King Little League.

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For Our Survival, The Leadership Must Come For Us, By Us, For Us.

by Eddie P. Richardson



No one else is going to do for us what we must do for self. For our survival the leadership and initiative must come from us, for us. No one is going to do for us what we must do for self.

When we look at the job situation statistics show that the nation's unemployment rate has fallen... into... its... lowest... level... in... nearly... four... years... The 6% jobless rate means more and more people are finding work. But there is one exception—Black teenagers. The Labor Department statistics actually show unemployment among... Black... youth... rising. It currently stands at 40%—up from 32% in January. By contrast, unemployment among white teens stands at only 15%. Experts fear the failure of Black youth to find jobs will force more of them into crime and other anti-social activities. The overall unemployment figures show whites with a jobless rate of 5.2%; Hispanics,

9.5%; Blacks, 11.5%. This is not a true picture; this only shows the people going to the employment state commission. But what about the ones who have given up hope and no longer go? This raises the rate by a true high percentage.

But on the other hand, America has the highest rate of incarceration in the world, but guess what, the inmates are young Blacks. Justice Department shows that state and federal prisons are being filled at a record pace and we have our reservations before they are even finished being built. The U.S. incarceration rate stands at 455 of every 100,000 citizens. South Africa is second with a rate of 311 per 100,000 and Russia is third. But... Black males... have... an... incarceration... rate at... least... seven... times... greater... than... any... other... group... in... the... population... Their rate stands at 2,678 per 100,000. This compares to 372 per 100,000 for white males; 143 per 100,000 for Black females; and only 20 per 100,000 for white females. Young Black brothers, the incarceration

rate is expected to rise even higher as a result... of... new... anti-crime... legislation... working... its... way... through... Congress. Young brothers please use some sense please!!! You are our future, little brothers. Please make us proud, young brothers. Ask God to help and strengthen you and believe you can be a future leader. You can become an inspiration for younger people and get rid of the defeatist attitude and develop a positive mental attitude of Yes...I...can...and...I...will... Next week Black achievements in Lubbock. Yes we Can, in spite of the whole establishment and power structure that wants us to get their permission—remember all white people are not bad...and all Black people are not good. But by the help of a power greater than ourselves we can and we will make it in spite of. We can, we shall, we will, we must, make it for us, by us, for a brighter future for all of us.

This & That

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COPING; THE LIE ABOUT BLACK MALES

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Some black males commit some of the crime in America. Most black males are dedicated, law-abiding citizens. Most black Americans are as fearful of this crime-producing segment of the black population, as are white Americans.

Most of the crime committed in this country, by-and-large, is committed by white males not black males. Yet, blacks as well as whites believe the lie that black males commit most of the crime. And it is this lie that is being used to justify the eventual hiring of 100,000 new police officers. It is this lie that will cause many thousands of innocent black males to be harassed, brutalized and arrested by white police officers. It is this lie that will give many innocent black males undeserved police records that will ruin their lives.

After America has imprisoned much of the black male population, crime will continue, basically unaffected. The millionaire drug dealers are white. They never sell drugs on the corner, so they are essentially ignored. The white males who sell drugs on the streets are basically ignored by police, black males, unfortunately and untruthfully, are blamed by whites and many blacks, for everything that is wrong with America. When President Clinton signed the \$23 billion anti-crime bill, recently, he was acknowledging his support of this lie about black males. He was saying to white Americans, in effect, “O.K. now go out and arrest those black males and...don't forget to vote for me in 1996.”

Twenty years ago, America had a grand opportunity to indoctrinate young black males into a conservative, non-confrontational philosophy. After all, these are the children of parents who had fought the system when blacks were typically and instantly discriminated against. These black males were, for the most part, too young to understand the ugly discrimina-

tion that their parents were experiencing. They could have grown into adulthood without an angry bone in their body.

However, the politicians across the country decided to “keep blacks in their place” by enforcing racism. This behavior meant that police would stop blacks on the street (especially black males), push them around (even when they were not violating a law), slam black males against police cars and frisk them (even when they were with their female companion and were obviously abiding by the law), beat Black males up wherever they protested being stopped and frisked for no legitimate reason, and create the false impression that most black males were criminals or potential criminals.

Young black males began to get the idea that they were a “select target.” They saw that while they were being pushed around, White males were left alone. They began to say to each other, “So this is how bad it was for our parents. This is a taste of how our parents were abused. We can't take this abuse without doing anything about it, so let's join together and fight back.”

In reality, White America radicalized young Black males and, frankly, turned them against America. The only way that America can now handle the problem that they created is to imprison black males.

Even though most black males were aware of police brutality and injustice of the legal system, it was the rap groups that led the way to publicizing the problem and raising it as an issue in America. Rap artists are the new leaders who are replacing a decadent black philosophy that allowed things to go unchanged with a new philosophy of anger and the elements of social revolution. Most rap artists don't support the abuse and disrespect of the black woman. Many rap artists are legitimate leaders.

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



With temperatures rising and a full moon in sight, we have much to be happy about and thankful for, especially if we can have a “no O.J. da.” I am not talking about orange juice.

Everyone with a pencil, pen, typewriter, computer, word processor, teletype, telephone, video camera, polaroid or kodaik, have had something to write or say about the so-called fallen hero. Like Jesus Christ, he has said few words that we have been made aware of: “Not guilty.” But, the writers, commentators and legal minds have reconstructed the crime for which he has been charged, put forth evidence, real and manufactured, and convicted him prior to any hearing. His supporters have been put down or “dissed” as our youth would say and he has been stripped of honor for ANY good thing that he has ever done. The verbal crucifixion has taken place. The physical crucifixion is in the making.

In this hero-conscious era, our youth need to be taught how to find good in everyone and strive to use the good that they find in others to make themselves better. They need to find the hero in themselves that Mariah Carey sings about, because as a people, “We Don't Need Another Hero.” Get “in cinque” and find the hero in YOU!

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Air Force Tops in Blue Entertainment Group Performs in Lubbock

REASE AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS—TOPS IN BLUE, the United States Air Force's world renowned top entertainment group is coming to the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on July 6th at 7:30 p.m. The troupe consists of active-duty military members who perform annually for audiences worldwide. Filled with dazzling music, art, special effects, and choreography, the show is comparable only to a Broadway show. You will want to make plans now to see this treasured 30 member band, band, and staff of professional airmen and women. The 1994 tour will take TOPS IN BLUE throughout the United States and to more than 13 foreign countries with a total of over 130 performances.

The TOPS IN BLUE program began in 1953 when Major Alvin E. Reilly, now retired Colonel, created the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest to showcase the high caliber of entertainment in the Air Force community. The contest began at each base where performers competed and entertained local audiences. Base winners then went on to compete at higher levels, until they reached the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest. The structure he created is still used.

Today, performers in the worldwide contest compete for the “Koger,” the Air Force equivalent of the actor's Oscar or Emmy, and the opportunity to perform with TOPS IN BLUE. Over its 40 year history TOPS IN BLUE has performed in films, produced albums, and has been featured on national television with such legends as Ed Sullivan and Bob Hope. They've performed with some of the music industry's top performers such as Alabama and Lee Greenwood. On January 30, 1985, with an estimated 110 million people watching worldwide, TOPS IN BLUE took the stage at the featured half time entertainment show for Super Bowl XIX.

This was not to be the only journey by TOPS IN BLUE. Since then TOPS IN BLUE has performed in the heat of Saudi Arabia, at the World's Fair in Spain, Christmas Day in Korea, and in countries including Turkey, Honduras, Greenland, Iceland, Japan, Guam, Greece, Belgium, Germany, and more! Free tickets can be obtained at the Select a Seat ticket office, in the Memphis Place Mall located at 50th Street and Memphis Avenue or by calling Randall T. Brady at (806) 885-6703.

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SPORTS

The Disney International Youth Soccer Cup Gears Up For Play July 18-24 In Pasadena, California

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA—Youth soccer teams from at least 20 countries will compete for The Disney Cup, July 18-24, 1994, in Pasadena, California. It's the first worldwide youth sporting event undertaken by Disney in a decade.

Bill Carroll, the AYSO Tournament Director for The Disney Cup, announced that the tournament so far includes teams from Brazil, Japan, Germany, Chile, Italy, Denmark, Russia, Taiwan, Hungary, Senegal, United Kingdom, Argentina, Mexico, Australia, Canada, and of course the United States.

An estimated 6,000 boys and girls, ages 10-19, will compete in an open tournament. More than 400 teams will play a minimum of five games each during the seven days of competition. Teams will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play their final games at Pasadena's Rose Bowl field a week after the World Cup.

The tournament is being hosted by the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Area C in Southern California.

This Disney Cup is the first-ever Disney junior sports event to be partnered with a volunteer based organization. The partnership is designed to increase involvement by youth in soccer through involvement with National Soccer Federations around the world.

Said Andrea Beam, Director of Worldwide Events Marketing for Disney Consumer Products International, Inc.: "Each year, Disney helps conduct more than 60 junior sporting events in various countries around the world. The Disney Cup takes Disney's involvement in soccer to a new level. We're very excited that the event is uniting Disney with the most popular youth sport in the world. Response to date indicates the connection is working," Beam said. "The Disney Cup will be a top-notch event and will offer these young players unforgettable soccer competition and a week of shared fun with kids from all over the world."

The Disney Cup is Disney's first international youth sports event since the early 1980's when the Sport Goofy International Junior Tennis Championships were held at Walt Disney World. That event featured hundreds of young tennis stars, among them champions-to-be such as Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Pete Sampras and Jim Courier.

As title sponsor of The Disney Cup, Disney is providing television exposure, magazine articles, staff and volunteers to assist with the operations of the tournament. All registered players will receive passports to Disneyland Park plus assistance in raising support for their trip to California.



Legislators, Media Personality Chosen for AKA Awards

CHICAGO, IL.—Four men have been tapped by the nation's oldest and largest public service sorority to receive national awards during its biennial meeting July 9-15 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA)'s highest award to a non-member, the Anna Eleanor Roosevelt Medallion of Honor (ARM), will go to Congressman John Lewis (D., Ga.) during the public meeting at 9:00 p. m., Sunday, July 10; and peace and justice honors will be presented at 9:00 a. m. Thursday, July 14, to Randall Robinson, president of TransAfrica; Les Payne, assistant managing editor, *Newsday* (New York); and Daryl Jones, a Florida state senator.

The ARM is presented biennially to an outstanding public figure. Named one of the 11 "rising stars in Congress" by the *National Journal*, Lewis took his fight for progressive social movements and the human rights struggle to Washington in 1986, but he has been in the vanguard for more than three decades.

Under his direction, the Voter Education Project transformed the nation's political climate by adding more than 4 million voters to the registry, and in his current assignment as a U. S. Congressman, he continues to protect human rights, secure personal dignity, and build what he calls "The Beloved Community."

AKA's peace and justice awards are given annually in international relations, media, and justice to individ-

uals whose contributions to mankind have resulted in the creation of a more equal society.

Robinson will receive the Peace and Justice Award in International Relations for the role he played in changing U. S. Policy toward Haiti. He received international attention for the fast he endured to focus the nation's attention on the repatriation of Haitian boat people.

Payne is being recognized for the presence he has given to the African-American community through his newspaper columns and television commentary and for his role in the founding of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Payne's columns have earned several citations from the Associated Press and the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and he is the recipient of the United Nations' \$10,000 World Hunger Media award. His 11-part series on the 1976 Soweto uprising resulted in his being barred from the country, but also earned him a recommendation from the Pulitzer Prize jury for an award in foreign reporting.

The Peace and Justice Award in Law will recognize Jones' sponsorship of the legislation designed to compensate black victims who were forced out of Florida by racist violence which wiped out the settlement of Rosewood and the influence which he continually exerts to make his state and the nation equal for all of its citizens.

Harlem Globetrotters Set to Tour South Africa with 1994 World Tour Milestone Performance

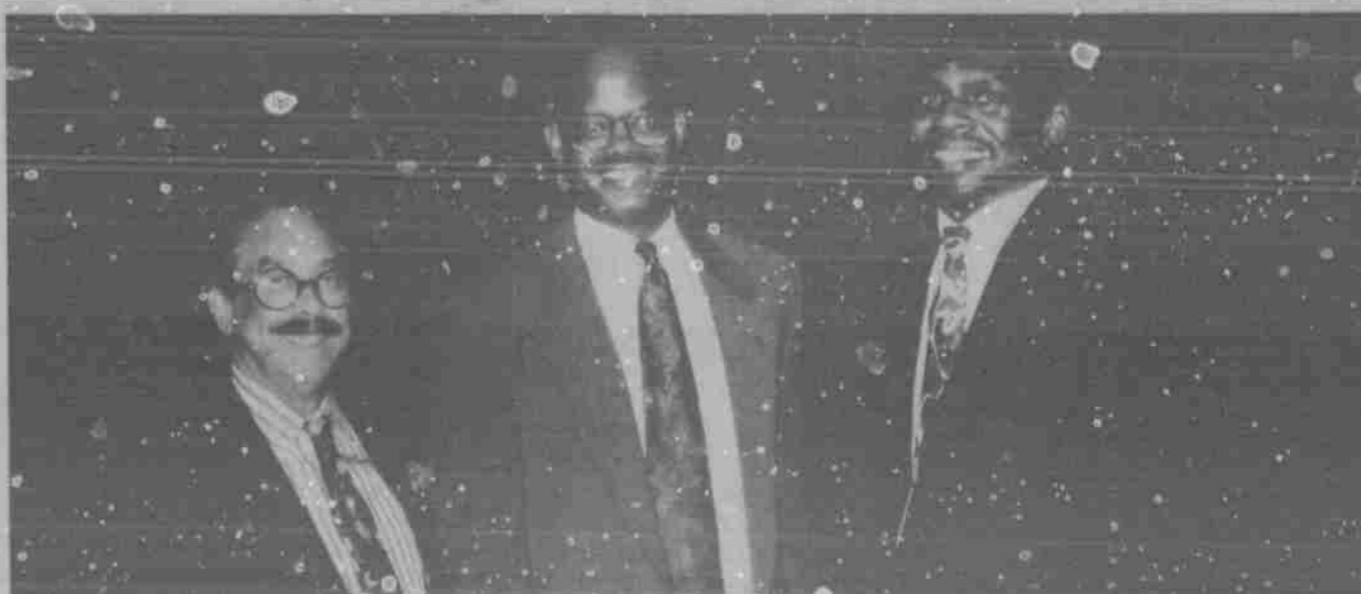
Special Game to Benefit African National Congress Sports Fund

HOLLYWOOD, CA.—The Harlem Globetrotters will set yet another 1994 milestone becoming the first professional basketball team from the United States to tour South Africa with games scheduled for mid-October 1994, it was announced today by Harlem Globetrotters International, Inc., Chairman and majority owner Mannie Jackson.

In a landmark international negotiation with the free democratic South Africa a letter of intent between Harlem Globetrotters International, Inc., and Cedric Kushner Promotions, Ltd., has been signed that includes games to be played between October 13 and October 22, 1994. In a gesture of support for the human rights movement in South Africa, 100% of net proceeds from special exhibition games and clinics in townships, will be donated to the African National Congress Sports Fund.

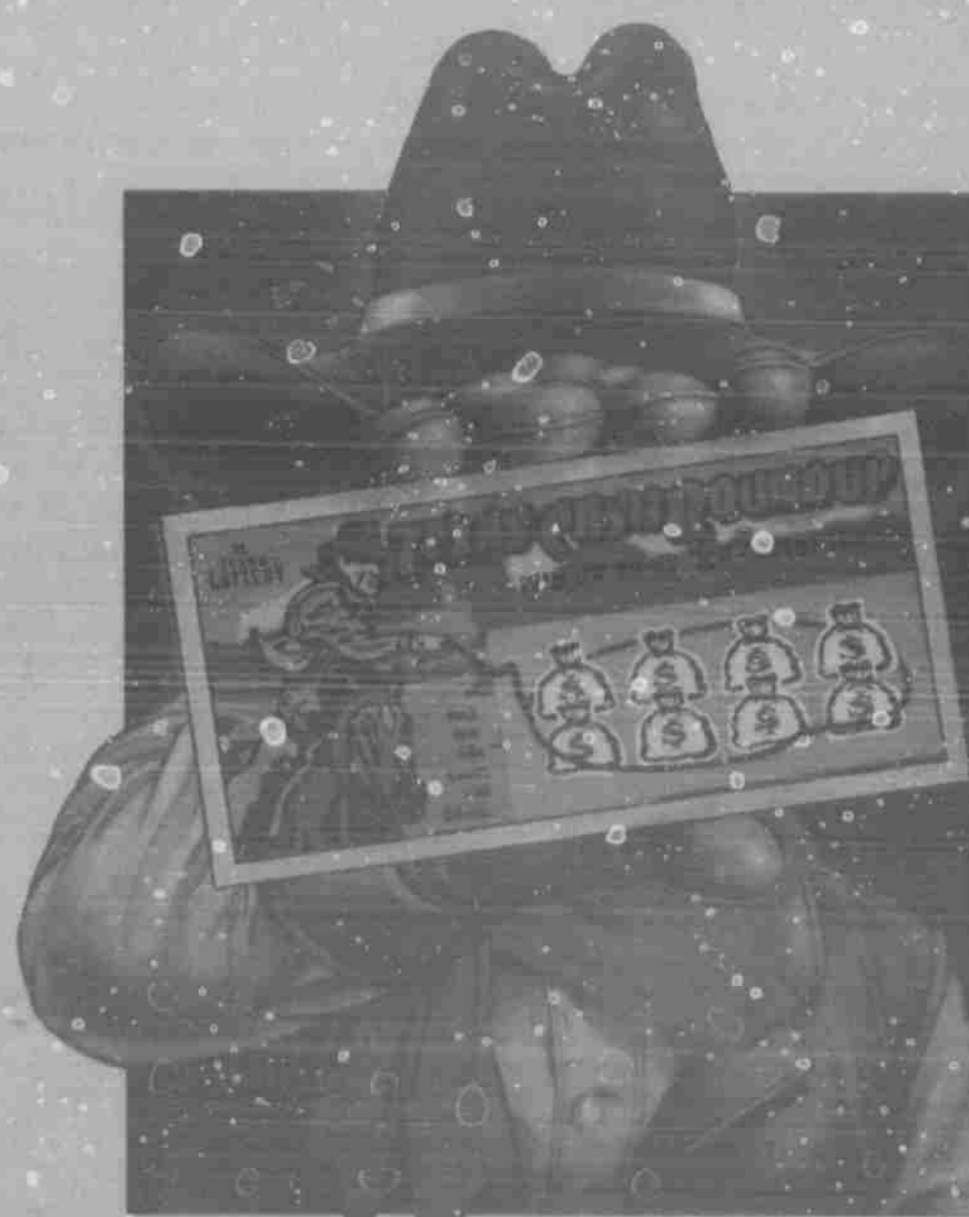
"As the renowned Ambassadors of Goodwill, it is fitting that the Harlem Globetrotters make this landmark first step in celebration of South Africa's new era," says Cedric Kushner.

Social consciousness, an expansion of its international impact, has been paramount to the new direction of the Harlem Globetrotters under the leadership of owner Mannie Jackson. This tour reflects that commitment and continues the Harlem Globetrotter organization's 68-year tradition of reaching out to communities around the globe as South Africa becomes the 113th country visited by the legendary "Magicians of Basketball."



TWO TOP AWARD WINNERS—Scott Spivey, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Business Planning, Pepsi-Cola Mid-West, center, congratulates Robert Bogle, left, Publisher, *Philadelphia Tribune* and Jim Nelson, Managing Editor, *Indianapolis Recorder*, following the National Newspaper Publishers Association's Merit Awards Banquet. Pepsi-Cola underwrote ten of the 22 Merit Awards. The ceremonies, which recognized outstanding journalistic, photographic and editorial endeavors, took place during the 54th Annual Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bogle, who is President of the NNPA, accepted the Robert S. Abbott Award for "Best Editorial." Nelson accepted the Leon H. Washington Award for "Best Special Edition." Spivey told the publishers: "Every time the Black Press reports on stories of importance that are overlooked by other newspapers, you are correcting a media machine that does not always work to reflect the diversity of the population."

END OF GAME NOTICE.



Texas Cash Round Up is about to wind up on July 1, 1994. That means you have until December 28, 1994 to buy any remaining tickets and redeem any winners. To rope a prize, just match three like dollar amounts, and you'll win that amount. You can claim prizes of \$1 to \$300 at Lottery retailers, claim centers or by mail with a claim form. Top prize of \$3,000 must be claimed at a claim center or by mail with a claim form. Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO.



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A Song In The Heart from the Desk Of Parson D.A. Smith

Psalm 137 is one of those psalms that comes out of the traumatic experience of the Jewish race in their exile. The psalm celebrates the faithfulness of the Jews amid the opposition of the Babylonian captivity and is perhaps the production of some of the sons of Korah.

One might conclude from the language of the Psalm that these Jews were homesick. Like college freshmen who have never seen the inside of the dormitory, these Jewish exiles just could not make the adjustment to the new environment. For one thing, God seemed so far away. It was easy to worship God in the temple in Jerusalem, but Babylon was such a different place. Not only were they far from home, but their theology was riddled with holes. They had to rethink their entire religion, and they had to do it in a

pagan place five hundred miles away from home. The 137th Psalm tells a story of a Jewish nation which is incarcerated, weeping in the desolation of their hearts beside the great irrigation channels fed by the Euphrates, which watered the fertile plains surrounding the city of Babylon nearly three thousand years ago; and it also tells of the whole exile of humanity with its endless longing for its lost home. The poet said, "This world is not my home, I'm just a stranger passing through." Humankind sits in the midst of the pleasant things of planet earth, while knowing that humanity is made for a higher life.

The Christian has always felt that this world is not his home. The Christian eyes are fixed upon the curtain which hangs between him and the beyond, from which he believes stream forth broken gleams of a purer light than can ever be poured from the sun. In all the changes and chances of this mortal life, the Christian is looking for the city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Who is it to wonder at the hearts of these discouraged exiles who are weeping because there will be no cultural

event in Babylon, no folk festival of old Hebrew tunes for in exile there is no song. Surely not African-Americans! Having hung their harps on the willows, the rhetorical question is asked: "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

One can understand the Jews' silence in Babylon. They may have thought it irreverent, indecent, almost blasphemous to sing the Lord's song to those pagan Babylonians and especially as it was "for mirth" they wanted to hear them. The songs of Zion are not for performance. They are not for entertainment at a park. They cannot be sung out of context. Songs of Zion must be sung in Zion.

The problems that the Jewish exiles had is a perennial one. How does one transplant faith from the sanctuary to the world of work and play, politics, marriage, business, television, parks and recreation. Are we able to sing the Lord's song in a night club or a worldly program? Is this not a strange land?

The song of the heavenly city has always been hard to sing amid the shadows of earthly exile. But the difficulty process that the song is there. The Lord's song is not the song of the man or woman who feels happy; rather, it is the song of the man or woman who does right. How did these Jewish exiles find an answer to their own question? They hung their harps on the willows, but their obedience was to God. Every Jew who kept his hands clean and his heart hopeful in that unholy and masterful capital sang the Lord's song. And it did not fall on Babylon's ears, it rang in Babylon's conscience.

When Daniel made his choice between unfaithfulness and life or faithfulness and death, and when the three young Hebrews stood upright and strong in the beauty of their youth and the power of their faith amid the crowd that bowed itself on the plain of Dura, the Lord's song went up to heaven from the land of strangers. The song was one of moral victory and of true faithfulness to God's voice in the soul. That was not the only note in the song, but if that note had been missing there would have been no song. This is the note that is threatening African-Americans today—the great note of moral freedom.



We Thank God for Jesus

"Lord, I'll Save This Man!!"

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Matthew 6:33 Jesus said,
Seek ye first the kingdom of

God, and his righteousness; and all these things (Peace, joy & happiness) shall be added unto you.

Lord, I'm saved, been reborn; Love you and I'm sanctified. I'm a middle-aged woman, my age is somewhere about 35.

John 3:5, 6, Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be reborn of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

I've tried to keep the commandments, from my very young youth, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and that I do.

Mark 12:30, Jesus said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment.

Lord, I've read your word, and I've been witnessing to many folks. I'm always working the vineyard and helping people giving them hope.

Matthew 5:16, Jesus said, Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

But Lord, I'm lonely; and been waiting on a man to be sent to me by you, I've been waiting and I've been waiting, because this I know you can do.

Psalms 27:14, Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the LORD.

Lord, I've met this very nice man, on drugs, about 6 months ago, I'm going to save this good-looking man, because he's on the wrong road.

John 12:32, Jesus said, And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Lord, I've got all the well wishers, from the church and my friends, The Bishop said, marry him: it will be a marriage that will have no end.

2 Corinthians 6:19, 20, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which he have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

This is such a good man, kind, good looking and as sweet as can be, the real reason I'm marrying this man is: because he pleases me.

1 John 2:16, For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

O Lord, Things are changing, I'm not as happy as I used to be, Lord, please: get this unsaved man away from me.

Genesis 6:2, 3a, The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man.

Lord, Sometimes I will be down on my knees, praying and talking to thee, he'll come up cursing and hollering and kicking on me.

Brother Morrison did tell the Sister, to pray and to wait on the Lord. But she said too many people were telling her it was God's will. But I only told her what the Word of God said, and not to make her happy with good sayings!!

He jumps on my Bible; throws it and hides it from me, O my life is in much trouble, no joy at all: I'm in misery.

Matthew 5:3, 4, Jesus said, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Lord, please forgive me, I've backslid into the world of sin, I pray that I make it back to you, before my life is at its end.

I now dance, drink, curse, and the marijuana I do smoke, I'm even hooked on that cocaine; I have so little hope.

2 Peter 2:22, But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire (MUD).

Hosea 14:4, The Lord said, I will heal their backsliding. I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

GOD is not through with us yet. So let's pray for one another always.

Directed • Arranged • Produced • Guided by Car Lord Jesus Christ • Written by Billy B.J. Morrison III, Your Brother in Christ Jesus Always

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the lovely home of Sister Ernestine Frazier last Saturday morning. This was a business meeting, and also very spirit-filled. There were songs of praise, and prayer led by Sister Dorothy Nash.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Christine Burleson, who used Psalms 25 as her scripture text.

"To you, O Lord, I pray. Don't fail me, Lord, for I am trusting you. Don't let my enemies succeed. Don't give them victory over me. None of those who have faith in God will ever be disgraced for trusting him. But all who harm the innocent shall be defeated."

This speaker said, "Seventy-two Psalms, almost half of the book, speak about enemies. Enemies are those who not only oppose us, but also oppose God's way of living. Enemies can also be temptations, such as money, success, prestige, lust, and our greatest enemy is Satan."

She continued by saying, "David asked God to keep his enemies from overcoming him."

Sister Burleson said: "Wait on the Lord. Ask him to show you his ways and your first mind is mostly the Holy Spirit speaking to you. Leading you into all truth."

"We are bombarded today with unlimited appeals to go many ways, such as TV advertising alone places hundreds of options before us. In addition to

appeals made by political parties, there are cults, false religions and dozens of other groups as well as numerous organizations, including Christian organizations, who seek to motivate us to support the cause. Add to that the dozens of decisions we must make concerning our jobs, our families, our money, our society, and we become desperate for someone to show us the right way. If you find yourself pulled in several directions, remember that the Lord will teach the way which is right and best to those who humble themselves and turn to Him."

Think about it!
Thanks, Sister Burleson, for this lesson. God bless you, and we love you!

Thought for the Week: "Fourth of July is a day, too, that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Not to forget about your Creator, include Him in your celebration."

Pray for O.J. Simpson and the bereaved families that justice will be fair. Our people need our sincere prayer in this city as well. Our boys and girls, our senior citizens also. Pray that the system treats them fair as citizens and human beings.

To all people, read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

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BASEBALL'S EFFORTS TOWARD BLACKS

By William Reed, NNPA Director of Communications

Americans are very aware of Cincinnati Reds' owner, Marge Schott's, comments about blacks on her team. She was suspended by Major League Baseball for her comments. In the meantime, Major League Baseball has made significant progress, exceeding the National Football League and the National Basketball Association in providing equal opportunity to African Americans.

At the same time that the Dallas NAACP was accusing the Super Bowl Champion Dallas Cowboys' ownership of not having proportionate black representation in their front-office, Major League Baseball officials were in Schott's hometown of Cincinnati releasing a report showing that their league has made substantial progress in minority employment, ownership and on boards of directors.

According to Chicago White Sox owner, Jerry Reinsdorf who heads the league's Equal Opportunity Committee, today 20 percent of all jobs in Major League Baseball are filled by minorities. Seventeen percent of baseball's front office jobs are held by minorities. Of 4,500 employees in baseball, 900 are minorities. There are five black managers in baseball, including: Felipe Alou of the Montreal Expos; Dusty Baker of the San Francisco Giants; Don Baylor of the Colorado Rockies; Cito Gaston of the Toronto Blue Jays and Hal McRae, Jr. of the Kansas City Royals. Bob Watson of the Houston Astros holds the position of General Manager and the president of the National League is Leonard Coleman, the highest ranking minority official in professional sports. Of the 603 executives and department heads among the 28 baseball teams and central office 34 are black.

Not every Major League Baseball team has a board of directors, but the report reveals that more than half all major league teams now have minority or female owners/partners or members of boards of directors. Five teams have one or more minority board members, and five have minority owners/partners. Of the minority board members, five are black as are the three minority owners/partners in baseball. All Major League Baseball offices and clubs are using minority and female vendors or contractors. Each team has been given a goal by the Equal Opportunity Committee to double the amount of business they do with minority firms in the next year. Currently there are over 500 minority vendors doing almost \$8 million with Major League Baseball teams.

Major League Baseball has a print media initiative to target blacks. This includes advertisements in Ebony and Jet magazines and the third annual Baseball Round-up, a segment that highlights every African American player currently in the league, in Ebony. The league has signed for a second season with Black Entertainment Television to air Strike Zone, a weekly 30-minute program featuring interviews with past and present African American players. Major League Baseball has also produced "Kings on the Hill: Baseball's Forgotten Men," as a tribute to the history of the Negro Leagues, for distribution to school districts in the U.S. and Canada as a teaching tool.



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LUBBOCK, TX BATTERY EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lubbock Office has announced the Battery Examination for the Lubbock, TX office will be open to the general public for application beginning Monday, July 18, 1994 through Friday, July 22, 1994.

The Battery Examination 470 covers seven positions which are: City Carrier, Clerk, Distribution Clerk Machine, Flat Sorting Machine, Mail Handler, Mail Processor, and Markup Clerk.

Interested persons may apply at the Louisville Annex, 4811 Louisville Avenue, Lubbock, TX or the Personnel Office, 2301 Ross Street, Amarillo, TX. Applications will be taken from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.

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South Plains Association of Governments is accepting applications for a *program specialist* position. Desired qualifications include an academic degree in planning, public administration, or a related field, experience in a public agency, and familiarity with DBase, Paradox, Intergraph MicroStation PC Ver. 5 and Lotus software. Duties include data collection and analysis, development of databases to support communications systems, rural addressing projects and related tasks. Extensive travel and participation in evening meetings throughout 15 county region is required. Interested applicants should submit resume to South Plains Association of Governments, P.O. Box 3730, Freedom Station, Lubbock, Texas 79452-3730. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE

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Interested persons may apply at the Lubbock Personnel Office, 1515 Avenue G, Lubbock, TX; the Amarillo Personnel Office, 2301 Ross Street, Amarillo, TX; or the Borger, TX Post Office.

No applications will be accepted before or after these dates.
NOTE: THESE POSITIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO VETERAN PREFERENCE ELIGIBLES.

Announcements

There will be a meeting of the West Texas Legal Services Board of Directors on Saturday, July 9, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. At the Holiday Inn, Hwy West, 3006 West Airport Freeway, Bedford, Texas. The public is invited to attend.

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The Coca-Cola Company Announces Plans for Return to South Africa New Southern Africa Division Office To Be Established

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA—The Coca-Cola Company today announced plans to return to South Africa after disinvesting nearly eight years ago.

"We look forward to rejoining the South African business community and being part of the exciting opportunities that we see emerging in that country today," said John Hunter, executive vice president and principal operating officer/International, The Coca-Cola Company.

At a meeting today in Pretoria, Company officials informed South Africa President Nelson Mandela of plans to reenter the country.

The initial steps in the Company's return to South Africa will involve establishing a division office in Johannesburg and purchasing National Beverage Services (NatBev), an independent South African company that has provided marketing, technical and other support to bottlers of Coca-Cola Company products in South Africa.

The purchase is subject to the final approval of the Reserve Bank of South Africa and certain other approvals.

The Southern Africa Division office, which will be established later this year, will manage the Company's business in South Africa and have responsibility for Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

"Working with our bottling partners, we are committed to creating a Coca-Cola system which fully embraces the spirit of the new South Africa, while serving our customers and consumers throughout the country with the highest quality products and services," Mr. Hunter said.

As part of the reentry process, the Coca-Cola system will expand its focus on a number of areas supporting South African development. These efforts will include providing career opportunities for blacks and women through affirmative action; implementing an accelerated black management development program; increasing the number of black-owned businesses as business partners and suppliers; and improving literacy and education.

Before disinvesting, The Coca-Cola Company established the Equal Opportunity Foundation (EOF) based in South Africa. Governed by an independent board of trustees and supported by a \$10 million donation from The Coca-Cola Company, the Foundation continues today to support projects in the areas of black education, health, agriculture and career advancement. The EOF is one of only two independent black-controlled foundations in South Africa.

When the Company disinvested from South Africa in 1986, it was with a goal to help maximize the economic empowerment of black South Africans and preparing them for leadership roles in a post-apartheid society. As part of the disinvestment, the Company negotiated the placement of a portion of its shares of Amalgamated Beverage Industries, South Africa's largest bottler, to employees of the bottler and small retail customers, most of whom were black.

With Company support, in 1987 a group of black South African investors known as the Kilimanjaro Group, purchased from a third party a majority interest in the Coca-Cola franchise in East London, South Africa. The East London franchise is the first soft drink bottler to be majority owned by black South Africans.

Today in South Africa, through independent Coca-Cola bottling franchisees, products of The Coca-Cola Company hold a 75 percent share of carbonated soft drink sales.



National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Signs Agreement With AT&T And Negotiates Discounts For Members
Richmond, VA - June 23, 1994 The Reverend T.J. Jemison, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (NBC) Center joins hands with David Jefferson, AT&T consumer sales and services vice president, left, Marta Brown, AT&T African American Consumer marketing director and Reverend W. Franklyn Richardson, NBC secretary, right, after NBC and AT&T reach agreement. The agreement will allow the more than eight million members of the NBC to receive discounts on AT&T Long-Distance service and products. "We are delighted with this partnership with AT&T, which will continue to help us through the years; I think it is good for us and good for AT&T. It is a marvelous service for our constituency," DR. Jemison said. "NBC is a large influential organization that is committed to the economic development of the African American Community. We are pleased to be able to work with an organization like NBC, whose goals go to the heart of the community," Brown said.

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WILFORD LEE CARROLL, B/M, DOB: 8-14-63, 6'1", 180, black hair, brown eyes. Agg. Robbery, Poss. of Marijuana, Poss. of Controlled Substances. LKA: Dallas Co.



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ERNESTO SALAZAR, W/M, DOB: 11-16-50, 5'7", 160, brown hair, brown eyes. Burglary, Theft, Agg. Sexual Assault, Agg. Robbery. LKA: Caldwell Co.



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