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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Statement By Yolanda Manuel, Mother Of Sherrie Iverson

Friends of David Cash have revealed that he actually saw Jeremy Strohmeier sexually molest 17-year-old Sherrie Iverson at the Primm Casino near Las Vegas on May 25, 1997. Cash took no action to stop the attack and did not report it to authorities. The Clark County District Attorney (Las Vegas) still insists that Cash broke no law and refuses to prosecute him. Yolanda Manuel and the Sherrie Iverson Justice Fund will call on the Justice Department to do the following:

- Launch a federal probe to determine what role David Cash played in the rape and murder of Iverson.
- Determine if Cash broke federal law by aiding and abetting the escape of convicted murderer Jeremy Strohmeier across state lines.
- Determine if the murder of Iverson violated civil rights laws.
- Support the Sherrie Iverson Memorial Bill, a child protective law that will be introduced in Congress. This would give federal prosecutors legal authority to prosecute anyone who witnesses the rape and murder of a child and fails to report it to authorities. For information, call East Otari Hutchinson at (213) 296-6331.
- Book Sparks Debate On "Environmental Racism"

WASHINGTON (IPS) — The claims made in "The Promise and Peril of Environmental Justice," a book by Christopher H. Foreman, are a glaring environmental and social justice organizations who have rallied for years against the "environmental racism" that affects poor communities and minorities. These groups live in areas often targeted as sites for toxic waste facilities or factories that emit hazardous chemicals. According to Foreman, a researcher at the Brookings Institution, "Poverty, unemployment, poor diet and smoking often pose a more dangerous risk to these communities than the potential hazards of industrial pollution." "The problem with the environmental justice movement is its definition of the pressing problems" facing these communities, Foreman says. "Because a harmful industry is often the easiest thing to get a community to rally against, other more concrete and provable risks to a community - like unemployment and poverty - are sidelined." Lois Gibbs, director of the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, said "Environmental Justice addresses the exact issues Foreman talks about - public health and poverty. The movement has started people thinking about health care and poverty and strengthened people's ability to work through the political system to press for change and justice." — Danielle Knight

#### Detained Immigrants Suffer In Local Jails

WASHINGTON (IPS) — More than 60 percent of illegal or undocumented immigrants detained by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) were housed in local jails where conditions and treatment of inmates fell short of international standards, according to an 84-page report by the Human Rights Watch (HRW) called "Locked Away." It was reported that immigrants, including asylum seekers, were being housed with convicted criminals in these facilities and sometimes were subjected to physical abuse and mistreatment. The product of 18 months of work, "Locked Away" was compiled after interviews with more than 200 detainees in 14 jails across the country, INS officials, jail staff, immigration judges and attorneys. — Jim Lobe

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

##### Women Are Big Business Owners

COTONOU (IPS) — More and more women in West Africa are getting out of poverty by going into business. They are a small, privileged minority among women, but they control much of the informal economy in many nations of the sub-region. "These are women who earn hundreds of thousands of francs each day. They are worth as much as, and even more than, certain men. They handle millions," said an economic analyst in Benin. In Togo, a group of women known as "Nana Benz" because of their preference for Mercedes Benz cars, have made a mark in business and trade. "They are famous and they alone control trade and more than half the national economy," said economist Raymond Banah, a banker attached to the Banque Internationale de l'Afrique-Togo (BIA-TOGO). The bulk of these women have been involved in the trade of cloth and jewelry. But, with the opening up of their countries' economies, many have extended their operations to include household equipment and other imported goods. Others run small and medium-sized enterprises. — Michele Bokso and Hamadi Aissata

##### Once Militia, Now Drug-Pushing Bandits

KINKALA, Congo (IPS) — The Ninjas, former militia left over from a five-month civil war, are accused of turning this south Congolese town and its environs into marijuana country. They are allegedly growing and peddling the illicit drug, and terrorizing the area. The growers and dealers are remnants of a militia that led former Brazzaville mayor Bernard Kolelas. Kolelas was also leader of the opposition before a five-month civil war broke out in June 1997 between supporters of his head of state Pascal Lissouba and Denis Sassou Ngueso. The latter, became president in October 1997, after defeating Lissouba's forces. During last year's conflict, Kolelas and his militia remained neutral until Lissouba appointed him prime minister, after which the Ninjas fought alongside the then president's forces. When Sassou Ngueso, himself a former president, defeated Lissouba, Kolelas sought refuge in various African capitals and finally in London, England. His Ninjas fled to the Pool, their region of origin. Now they cultivate marijuana with impunity in the forests where most of them sought refuge, and sell it in Kinkala, the regional capital, located some 75 kms south of Brazzaville. — Alain Klange

## I WAS A SLAVE: Fannie Moore

Part 1 of 3 By Donna Wyant Howell

In the 1930s, thousands of former American slaves dictated their full life stories. This bi-weekly column gives American history in their own words, often providing little-known information. The following quotes from the ex-slaves' full life stories are taken, along with their photographs, from the series of books entitled "I Was A Slave." Please deal well with the usage of the word "nigger," and accept it in the era of time and the context in which it is used. The following large segment is from the true life story dictated by Fannie Moore who was 88- years-old and in North Carolina at time of the interview.

"Now-a-days, when I heah fo'ks a-growlin' an' a-grumblin' 'bout not habbin' dis an' dat, I jes' think what would dey done effen [if] dey be brought up on de Moore plantation. De Moore plantation b'long to Marse Jim Moore, in Moore, South Carolina. De Moores had own de same plantation an' de same niggers an' dey chillun fo' years back.



Donna Wyant Howell

Marse Jim own de biggest plantation in de whole country. Jes' thousands acres ob lan'. An' de old Tiger Ribber a- runnin' right through de middle ob de plantation. On one side ob de ribber stood de Big House whar de white fo'ks lib, an' on de other side stood de quarters. De Big House war a purty thing, all painted white, a-standin' in a patch o' oak tress. De [slave] quarters jes' long row o' cabins daubed wif dirt. Ever' one in de family lib [lived] in one big room. In one end war a big fireplace. Dis had to heat de cabin an' do de cooking, too. We cooked in a big pot hung on a rod ober de fire an' bake de co'n pone [bread] in de ashes or else pat it in de skillet an' cover de lib wif coals. We allus hab plenty wood to keep us warm. 'Dat is, effen we hab time to get it outen de woods. My granny she cook fo' us chilluns while our mammy away in de fiel'. Dey warn't much cookin' to do. Jes' make co'n pone an' bring in de milk. She hab big wooden bowl wif

enough wooden spoons to go 'roun'. She put de milk in de bowl an' break it [the combread] up. Den she put de bowl in de middle of de flo' an' all de chillun grab a spoon.

My mammy she work in de fiel' all day an' piece an' quilt all night. Den she hab to spin enough thread to make four cuts [a measurement of thread] fo' de white fo'ks ebber night. Why, sometime I nebber go to bed. Hab to hold de light fo' her to see by. She hab to piece quilts for de white folks, too. Why, dey is a scar on my arm yet whar my brother let de [sap from a] pine [knot torch] drip on me. Rich pine war all de light we ebber hab. My brother war a-holdin' de pine so' s I can help mammy tack de quilt an' he go to sleep an' let it drop.

I nebber see how my mammy stan' sech ha'd work. She stan' up fo' her chillun, though. De ol' overseer [overseer] he hate my mammy 'case she fight him fo' beatin' her chillun. Why, she git more whuppin's for dat den anythin' else. She hab twelve chillun. I 'member I see de three oldes' stan' in de snow up to dey knees to split rails while de overseer stan' off an' grin. My mammy she trouble in her heart 'bout de way dey treated. Ever' night she pray for de Lawd [Lord] to git her an' her chillun out ob de plect. One day she plowin' in de cotton fiel'. All sudden like, she let out big yell. Den she sta' singin' an' a-shoutin', an' a-whoopin'

an' a-hollowin'. Den it seem she plow all de harder. When she come home, Marse Jim's mammy say: "What all dat goin' on in de fiel' ? Yo' think we sen' you out dere jes' to whoop an' yell? No, sirez, we put you out dere to work an' you sho' bettah work, else we git de overseer to cowhide you old black back." My mammy jes' grin all ober her black wrinkled face an' say: "It's saved. De Lawd done tell me I's saved. Now I know de Lawd will show me de way. I ain't gwine a-grieve no more. No matter how much yo' all done beat me an' my chillun, de Lawd will show me de way. An' some day we nebber be slaves." Ole granny Moore grab de cowhide an' slash mammy 'cross de back but mammy nebber yell. She jes' go back to de fiel' a-singin'."



Ex-Slave Fannie Moore

To volunteer for the American Slaves National Monument project or for information about this series of books containing full life stories, call 202-731-7827. Please call now while you're thinking about it. We need you.

## MRS. ROSA PARKS, MOTHER OF CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT GIVES COLLEGE FOR KIDS A CORRECTED HISTORY LESSON

By Chester A. Higgins, Sr.

WASHINGTON, DC The College For Kids class at The George Washington University was afforded the rare privilege of receiving first-hand corrected history from the mouth of the legendary lady who made it, Mrs. Rosa Parks, the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement."

Responding in a huggable mantra to a request from Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, founder/chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. (NPCBW), the organization which, along with Toys "R" Us, is co-sponsoring the college centered College For Kids program, to explain what Mrs. Parks did years ago that made her so famous, the children paraded to the podium one after another. They said:

"She stood her ground, and she feels good about it!" one youngster, chirped another, "She's a strong woman and I am proud of her!" Echoed another, "She was seated on the bus and the white bus driver told her to move and she wouldn't." Emphasized, another: "I'm just glad that Mrs. Rosa Parks got a seat for all of us!" And this from another: "The white bus driver said he would have her arrested. She went to jail and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. got her out of jail."



Black section. The driver wanted four of us to stand up to allow one young white man to sit down even though we were seated in the proper section. I was asked if I was going to stand up, and I said no. He said he would have me arrested so I told him he could do that. I was arrested and spent two hours in jail. I used only one phone call to my mother and she was very distressed that I was in jail. She told my husband, but by the time he got there, E. D. Nixon, who was head of the Montgomery NAACP and a white lawyer, Clifford Durr had arrived and bailed me out. Mr. Nixon had called the jail earlier asking my whereabouts, but the jailers refused to give him any information. However, she says, Mr. Durr was able to get that information. We stayed off those buses for 381 days and I was later arrested again for putting the Bus Company out of business," she said with a wry and gentle little smile at another standing ovation.

Dr. Tucker took that occasion to remind the students that "all white people are not bad." That the white lawyer who helped to get Mrs. Parks released suffered badly for it. "He had to leave Montgomery, Alabama and his law practice because of what he did," she said.

college. His mother pushed him to attend college, and he graduated with highest honors from Queens College, NY. But ugly bigotry confronted him when he took his highest honor and his accounting degree to seek employment. He was denied a job, he said, because the company he applied to had its "quots of Jews." He told the children that Jewish people suffered just like Blacks.

After that experience, he said he attended graduate school, took the state CPA exam and emerged at the top of the list. The firm that had turned him down now sought him out.

Dr. Tucker gave a moving statement to the children and their parents about the purpose of the College For Kids program. The College For Kids programs are located at The George Washington University and at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio; Essex County College, Newark, NJ; Virginia Union University, Richmond VA and the University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD. Dr. Tucker modeled the expanded College For Kids programs after the pilot College For Kids program at the University of Pennsylvania, which has successfully inspired youth in Philadelphia for the past five years.

The program is aimed at youth ages 9 to 12. It is designed to expand their outlook, and encourage them to explore nontraditional careers with an early focus on acquiring a college education. They will attend College For Kids classes for nine consecutive Saturdays, from Sept. 12, 1998, to November 7, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 2



p.m. The five College For Kids centers have a total enrollment of nearly 250 students combined. Dr. Tucker is already talking about expanding the program to include a College for Teens program.

Parents and relatives of the students also attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at GWU. Along with Mr. Michael Goldstein, the chairman of the sponsoring Toys "R" Us department stores and his wife, Sherry; G.W. University President, Dr. Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who broadly beamed his approval throughout the class session; Ms. Yolanda Sampson, National Executive Director of College for Kids; singer Melba Moore; the Rev. Robert Goodwin of the Points of Light Foundation; Senator Florence Pendleton; and Ms. Jeannette Boykin, director of College For Kids at G.W. University.

Marion Barry, Jr., Mayor of Washington, DC also was there to speak to the youths about his early upbringing as poor boy in Memphis, TN, who wished he could have had the benefit of a College For Kids program these youths are now enjoying. He told how he struggled and went to college, almost securing a Ph.D. degree in chemistry before becoming a the first chairman of the pioneering Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), a legendary group of young people who went on to make history in the 1960's civil rights movement. Mayor Barry proclaimed September 12, 1998 "College For Kids Day" in the District of Columbia.

## CUOMO PRAISES 100 BLACK MEN OF AMERICA, INC. FOR HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE AND FIGHTING RACISM, AS GROUP HONORS HIM WITH AWARD

WASHINGTON - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo today praised members of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. for doing thousands of volunteer hours to help young people build better lives and for fighting to eliminate racism, and thanked the group for honoring him with its Excellence in Legislative Leadership Award.

"Winnit, an award from 100 Black Men of America is a special honor - not just for me or for HUD, but for the entire Clinton Administration," Cuomo told members of the group at their Fall Leadership Conference in Washington. "This award says we share your

commitment to end discrimination and close the opportunity gap dividing white and black Americans, and we share your commitment to build a better future for every child."

President Clinton's One America Initiative and Clinton Administration programs to give minorities increased opportunities for better jobs, schools and housing all work for the same goals as 100 Black Men of America, Cuomo said.

"The simple, painful truth is that racism is alive and well in America in 1998," Cuomo said. "We must work together as partners to reduce discrimination against African Americans, and to make sure the black child born in a city has the same opportunities as the white child born in a suburb."

President Clinton's proposed 1999 federal budget seeks \$22 million in increased funding for HUD to identify the fight against housing discrimination, Cuomo said.

"We cannot tolerate housing discrimination that prevents minorities from living in any home and in any neighborhood they can afford," Cuomo said. "Our goal is simple justice, as well as bringing our diverse nation, together as part of President Clinton's One America Initiative. " In addition, programs targeted for expansion and improvement in the HUD budget that would have a positive impact on minorities include: 103,000 new rental housing vouchers for people needing affordable housing, including those moving from welfare to work; \$400 million in grants for a Community Empowerment Fund to create and retain an estimated 280,000 jobs; funding for 15 additional urban Empowerment Zones to stimulate job creation and economic development in inner cities; expanded Community Development Block Grants to local communities; and increased funding for programs to train high school dropouts for jobs."

However, while 72.1 percent of white households owned their own homes, the African American homeownership rate was only 46 percent and the rate among Hispanics was just 44.4 percent.

Founded in 1963, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to 82 national and international chapters. More than 10,000 dedicated volunteer members have touched the lives of over 120,000 youth. Through programs that emphasize the national focus on mentoring, education, health and wellness, and economic development, youth are empowered to reach their fullest potential.

"You don't just talk about problems - you work to solve them," Cuomo told the group. "You are investing your time, your talents and your energy to help young African Americans overcome centuries of prejudice and claim their rightful share of the American Dream. America owes you its gratitude for all the hard work and all the success you have achieved. Quietly and without headlines, you are transforming lives in a profound and dramatic way that will change the course of our nation's history."

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

"Techno-Expo", October 24, 1998

The first annual Techno-Expo will be held Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bryon Martin Advanced Technology Center, 34th & Avenue Q, in Lubbock, TX. The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with South Plains College and Lubbock Independent School District, are proud to present a day of education relating to technology in the real world. The format will include a full choice of seminars on technology related topics for both advanced and novice computer users. Special emphasis will be placed on "YZK issues" and how businesses can use technology to their advantage. An exhibit area will be provided for local companies to showcase their products and services. All events will be hosted in Lubbock's premier technology facility. Seminar and booth registration information is available through the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce at (806)763-4666.

## STATEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT GORE ON THE DEATH OF TOM BRADLEY

Tipper and I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Tom Bradley's family and honor his magnificent career. As mayor of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley broke so many barriers and achieved a highly distinguished record.

Tom Bradley was a truly historic and effective mayor of Los Angeles. Both a coalition builder and a role model, Tom Bradley made America a better place.

## JOINT STATEMENT OF DNC NATIONAL CHAIR STEVE GROSSMAN AND GENERAL CHAIR GOVERNOR ROY ROMER ON THE DEATH OF FORMER LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Democratic National Committee issued the following statement from National Chair Steve Grossman and General Chair Governor Roy Romer (CO) regarding the death of former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Tom Bradley. His life was a shining example of the American spirit and a vivid demonstration of the American dream fulfilled."

"The son of a sharecropper who rose through the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department to become the first African American Mayor of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley was known as a coalition builder who worked to bring people together rather than drive them apart. Under his watch, the city of Los Angeles grew to international prominence. From hosting the Olympic Games to the city in 1984 to opening the doors of city government to minorities and women, Tom Bradley was a true visionary whose leadership will be missed."

"In his announcement that he would not seek a sixth term as Mayor of Los Angeles Tom Bradley said, 'Let us all, every one of us, pledge to make Los Angeles a beacon of mutual respect, justice and tolerance from this day forward.' It is our hope that every American will hear his words and honor his legacy by living up to the ideals by which he lived his life."



## Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy F. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the members of New Hope. You are always welcome. Please, come!!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. and Brother Virgil Johnson, superintendent, presiding. All teachers were at their post of duty, and students assembled. There was thirty minutes of instruction. Class No. 4 was very glad to see Sister Jean Jones present as she has been ill and shut-in for sometime. All classes reassembled at 10:15 p. m. with Sister Taylor playing "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

High points of the morning lesson was given by Adult Class No. 4, along with Adult Classes No. 3, 2 and 1. All remarks were very well done. Teachers of those classes are Sister Lena Sheffield, Sister Kendrick, Sister Elzora Dyer, and Brother Henry High. All did a marvelous job. Secretary's Report: Youth Department - Intermediate Class received the Attendance Banner. The Primary Class received the Offering Banner. Adult Department: Men Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class No. 2 with Sister Dorothy Kinner as teacher, received the Offering Banner with a total of \$53.00.

The morning devotional period was conducted by the Jerkins family. It was very spirit filled and most rejoicing.

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "Soon and Very Soon." The spirit was with these men of God. After prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Redeem," was sung. The morning scripture was read by Brother Ulysses Beaty and; was read from the Book of Psalms. Prayer was given by Brother Harry Stokley, Jr. The responsive reading was led by Brother Garnett Lee with the congregation standing.

The morning hymn was "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing." Pastoral observation was given by Pastor Moton. After the singing of another hymn, the sermon hymn, "There Is A Fountain," was sung.

Pastor Moton's sermon was taken from Genesis 22:1-15 & 18. The message was entitled "A Word From The Lord."

An invitation to discipleship was extended and one came forward for prayer.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them include Brother John Henderson who is home from the hospital. Sister Winnie Knighten is on the shut-in list. Our prayers are with them.

Don't forget our bereaved families. Among them is the family of Sister Donna Davis Grant who was funeralized last Saturday at the Hope Deliverance Church of God in Christ. Our prayers go out to this family and others.

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE HONORS AFRICAN AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR WORK

Six Receive 1998 Lawrence O'Brien Award for Volunteer Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. - To help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), National Chair Steve Grossman and General Chair Governor Roy Romer (D-CO) recognized the outstanding efforts of Democratic volunteers throughout America by awarding the Lawrence O'Brien Democratic Party Achievement Award. First awarded in 1992, the award is presented to individuals who have performed outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the Democratic Party at the local, state, or national level.

This year, six African Americans have been awarded the O'Brien Award. They are: Ms. Rosa Holliday of Bay City, Michigan; Mr. Charles H.A. McAlpin of Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; Ms. Emma D. Sanders of Jackson, Mississippi; Mr. Elbert Suggs of Washington, D.C.; Dr. Beatrice Tignor of Kettering, Maryland; and Ms. Bea Underwood of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"This is a great way to honor people who play such an integral role in the political process who aren't usually recognized," said Grossman. "Volunteers do such important work. We all owe them a debt of gratitude."

The O'Brien family established the Lawrence O'Brien Democratic Party Achievement Awards in conjunction with the DNC in 1992, in the name of Lawrence O'Brien - a life-long Democrat who stressed the importance of volunteers during his terms as Chairman of the DNC and campaign director for the Kennedy (1960), Johnson (1964), and Humphrey (1968), presidential campaigns. The DNC awarded six 1998 National Lawrence O'Brien Democratic Party Achievement Awards and 56 1998 State Lawrence O'Brien Democratic Party Achievement Awards. Through the generosity of the O'Brien family, the national awards included a \$3,000 stipend for each winner and the state winners each received \$150, in honor of the 150th birthday of the DNC.

Ms. Underwood was the recipient of a national award while Ms. Holliday, Mr. McAlpin, Ms. Sanders, Mr. Suggs, and Dr. Tignor received state awards.

"I can't think of a more appropriate way to honor six people who work so hard on behalf of the Democratic Party," added Governor Romer. "By presenting this award to outstanding volunteers, we are also contributing to Mr. O'Brien's proud legacy."

The DNC and the O'Brien family presented this year's Lawrence O'Brien Democratic Party Achievement Awards on September 26, 1998 at the Fall Meeting of the DNC, held at the Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, D.C. To receive more information, please call Tony Wyche at (202)863-7137.



## KEITH WILSON JOINS ESPN AS HOST OF SSA

Keith Wilson, a sports and news reporter at WT-TV and WDZL-TV in



KEITH WILSON

Keith Wilson, a sports and news reporter at WT-TV and WDZL-TV in Miami, has joined ESPN as the host of *Solostar Sports America (SSA)*, the network's weekly program devoted to high school athletics. The program will make its 1998 season debut on Monday, Sept. 21 at 3:30 p.m. ET, its usual time slot. SSA debuted on ESPN in 1996.

Wilson joined WT-TV and WDZL-TV in January 1997 after a year in a similar position with WPEC-TV in West Palm Beach, Fla. Previously, Wilson worked as a news reporter at WHOI-TV in Peoria, Ill. (Aug. 1994 - Jan. 1996) and at WYVA-TV in Bluefield, W. Va. (Sept. 1993 - July 1994). Before moving in front of the camera, Wilson had worked as a desk assistant at WABC-TV in New York (Feb. - Sept. 1993) and at ABC News (Feb. 1992 - Jan. 1993) and as a production assistant at NBC Sports in New York (April 1991 - Feb. 1992). He also worked as a page at NBC, giving tours of the New York studios and working on *Late Night* with David Letterman and *Saturday Night Live*.

A Pittsburgh native, Wilson graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree in Rhetoric and Communications. He also played center field for the Panthers' baseball team.

Wilson succeeds Carlos Diaz who now serves as ESPN's Chicago-based correspondent for SportsCenter and other studio programming, including the ESPN-NEWS network.

## SSA VISITS ICELAND WITH BASKETBALL

TEAM FOR SEPT. 28 SPECIAL

Host Keith Wilson and the SSA crew travelled to Reykjavik, Iceland with a group of high school-aged basketball players for a special to be aired on ESPN Monday, Sept. 28 at 3:30 p.m. The nine Atlantic Cape Basketball Camp players came from around the U.S. and Canada. They played in a tournament and gave clinics in a week-long visit designed to help further the popularity of basketball in a country where the game is still fairly new. They also had the opportunity to do some sightseeing, as well as getting a lesson in the national sport of Iceland, Gilma (a form of wrestling dating back to the days of the Vikings).

"Iceland is an amazing, gorgeous country," Wilson said. "It was a great trip. Not only did the kids share their love of basketball, but they visited a hospital and brought happiness and smiles to children in need of good cheer."

## CUOMO AWARDS \$6.5 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS TO 19 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

WASHINGTON - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo today announced \$6.5 million in grants to help 19 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) address housing needs and revitalize distressed areas in their communities.

Cuomo announced the grants at a conference sponsored by the White House Initiative on HBCUs in observance of National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week, September 20-26.

President Clinton, who in 1993 signed an Executive Order expanding the role of HBCUs in national affairs, said, "HBCUs are a source of great pride and a symbol of economic, social and political growth."

"Our partnerships with HBCUs continue to grow and succeed," Cuomo said. "HBCUs are demonstrating their determination to make a difference in their neighborhoods by expanding their community outreach and developing community-driven solutions that work."

The recipients of HUD's latest round of HBCU grants are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Grants range from \$250,000 to \$380,000 and will be used to fund a variety of activities, including: housing rehabilitation, business development, pre-employment counseling, job training, and job creation. Since 1991, HUD has awarded more than \$49 million to HBCUs to support economic and community development activities.

The 19 HBCUs receiving grants are:	
Albany State University, Albany, Georgia	\$365,897
Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina	\$365,898
Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina	\$365,897
Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Mississippi	\$300,000
Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina	\$365,897
Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina	\$365,897
Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, Alabama	\$300,000
Howard University, Washington, District of Columbia	\$365,898
Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas	\$278,057
Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia	\$330,000
Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi	\$365,897
North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina	\$365,897
Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas	\$250,000
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas	\$275,129
Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia	\$361,943
Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas	\$365,897
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Arkansas	\$365,898
Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia	\$380,000
Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana	\$365,898

Jackson State University, working in cooperation with the West Jackson Community Development Partnership, will use its grant to increase homeownership in neighborhoods adjacent to campus.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University will use its grant to help public housing residents learn computer technology by establishing a Neighborhood Telecommunications Network Resource Facility.

Savannah State University will use its funds to convert an abandoned building into a community facility that will house a senior citizens center, a community counseling center, and serve as the site for fair housing educational seminars.

Fayetteville State University will work with the city of Fayetteville to develop a neighborhood retail plaza that will create jobs for area residents. Additional information about HUD's Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program can be obtained by logging onto HUD's HBCU web site at <http://www.HUD.gov/CPD/HBCU.html>, or by calling 202-708-1590.

## LOCAL MAN NAMED OUTSTANDING BY NATIONAL HONOR PROGRAM

Don Wayne Armstrong of Lubbock has been selected for inclusion in the 1998 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America (OYMA).

The OYMA program has since 1966 honored men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Nominations are received from political leaders, college and university officials, clergymen, business leaders, and civic groups and organizations.

For more information about Outstanding Young Men of America and Outstanding Young Women of America programs, phone Jim Lueck at (703) 749-0010.

## PHLEBOTOMY CLASS OFFERED

LEVELLAND, TEXAS - A 42-hour course in phlebotomy is scheduled Oct. 26-Dec. 14 at South Plains College, Levelland, Texas.

Classroom instruction is set for 7-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays in the SPC Technical Arts Building, room 101. Required clinical instruction is scheduled 8-10 a.m. Monday through Thursday for three weeks, while optional classes meet 11 noon each day. Cost is \$250 and instructors are Deborah Langwell, certified phlebotomist, and Jowana Beauchamp.

The course covers the necessary skills to work in long term care, home health and hospital environments and focuses on theoretical and practical aspects of specimen collection for clinical labs, professionalism, ethics, medical terminology, related anatomy, physiology and use of lab equipment. Student must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus and have a current TB test.

Enrollment is limited. To guarantee a place in the class, interested persons need to submit payment prior to the first day of class.

For registration materials, contact the SPC Office of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

## GOVERNOR BUSH RECEIVES SUPPORT OF BAPTIST MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

HOUSTON - Governor George W. Bush today received the endorsement of the Baptist Ministers Association of Houston and Vicinity at the Mount Hebron Baptist Church in Houston.

Association President Reverend J. J. Roberson said the Governor received the group's endorsement because of "his honesty, his steadfastness and his forward look and helpfulness to all people, even those who didn't vote for him the first time."

"I am honored to receive this endorsement. I have worked hard to be the Governor of all Texans, and I believe this endorsement reflects that," said Governor Bush.

The Baptists Ministers Association of Houston and Vicinity is made up of 66 ministers representing over 350 churches with chiefly African-American congregations in the Houston area.

## SUPREME COURT JUSTICES HAVE TERRIBLE MINORITY HIRING RECORD.

For the second year in a row, no African Americans were hired as clerks. The current justices have hired only 7 Blacks of a total 428 clerks. Also, only 1% hired were Latino, 4% Asian and no Native Americans have ever received a clerkship. Only one-fourth of the clerks hired were women.

## OSU ANNOUNCES SUMMER GRADUATES

A total of 722 students were awarded degrees from Oklahoma State University at the end of the 1998 summer session, according to the Office of the Registrar.

New graduates include students from 34 states, including Oklahoma, and from the District of Columbia and numerous foreign countries, including 1 from Midland and 1 from Lubbock.

Ginni Laine Donini, Lubbock, BS, FRCD (Early Child Education)  
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## Seventeenth Appreciation Service for Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ford

For seventeen years Rev. J. H. Ford has worked hard at making the Bible real to members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, and the members will express their appreciation at a service in honor of him and his wife on Sunday, October 11, at 3:00 P.M.



Ten churches from Lubbock and surrounding areas will participate in the celebration. Rev. David Hill, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church of Amarillo will be the guest speaker.

Throughout the year as in the previous years of his ministry, Rev. Ford has led this church to greater heights. The church has been in a continuing renovation program. The result has been the beautification of the sanctuary and other improvements in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Ford continues to place a special emphasis on the youth. For three years the youth of St. Luke has had the opportunity to attend and participate in the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. He says he constantly encourages the children to honor God through their actions.

Rev. Ford, who attended Jarvis Christian College, Faith Bible College, and Texas Baptist Seminary, continues to encourage the youth of St. Luke, the Lubbock community, and the Lovely Sunset District, to strive to get their education. He passes on to them the advice he got from his father, "Get it in your head and they can't take it away." He has instituted a scholarship program at the church which gives youth members extra incentive to continue their education.

The service will also honor Rev. Ford's wife, Sister Sherry Ford. He said his wife's love and support has helped him in being an effective pastor. He hopes that their devotion to each other serves as a model to young couples who may be seeking guidance in their married lives.

Rev. Ford feels that he has been blessed by being the pastor of St. Luke. "I've experienced growth and knowledge from a spiritual standpoint," he says of his years as pastor as he hopes that the membership have gained from him.

NNPA Exclusive

## Defiant Discrimination: The Old Custom Bashes Blacks

(Part I of 2)  
By Linh Washington, Jr.

In early 1993, customs inspector Kenneth Lakes, an ex-Marine, suffered a heart attack. According to Lakes his illness was the result of job-related stress caused by job discrimination and racial harassment. The harassment began just weeks after he joined the Customs Service in 1987, and escalated after he reported it, Lakes said.

In published statements, Lakes said he received racial taunts from his bosses, was blocked from promotions and even suffered a rock-throwing attack by an irate supervisor while working the Mexican border in Southern California.

One supervisor sent Lakes on a potentially dangerous drug investigation without a gun or bulletproof vest shortly after he returned to work from the heart attack, despite the fact that Lakes had been assigned to "light duty."

The investigators stated they did not believe his boss' act was retaliation against Lakes for filing a discrimination complaint against him. However, a Customs Service investigation later concluded that placing Lakes in that life-threatening situation violated agency regulations.

The daily bouts with racism and retaliation described by Lakes and others are horrendous, yet are hardly unique or new among non-Whites working for the federal agency charged with guarding America's borders against smuggling.

Five years after the Lakes' incident, a federal administrative law judge issued a ruling faulting Customs Service managers in Reno, Nev. for improperly harassing and trying to fire decorated agent Richard Pierce.

According to a Sept. 1, 1998 ruling, the harassment of Pierce resulted from his filing a complaint against a supervisor for presenting false information in a major drug case. The Customs Service, the judge's ruling noted, "offered no evidence to demonstrate" it did not take retaliatory action against Pierce.

Black and Latino Customs Service employees across the nation have persistently complained about racist employment practices that deny them promotional opportunities in favor of lesser qualified Whites and administer harsher disciplinary penalties on them, especially if they complain about racism.

"Black employees have to put up with this 'Jim Crow-Apartheid System' everyday," said a Customs' employee in Atlanta. The "U.S. Customs might as well have a sign that reads 'Whites Only,'" the employee said.

The Customs Service "has a history of being very insensitive to fair and equitable treatment of minorities," stated a March 1994 letter to the head of Customs from the National Organization Of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

Earlier this year Kevin Love, president of the National Association of Black Customs Enforcement Officers, echoed the sentiments expressed four years ago by NOBLE.

"I think there's a systemic problem because the agency's management seems unwilling to change and to be aggressive in meeting diversity goals," Love stated in an April '98 article published in Federal Times.

Customs Service officials deny that racism is rampant in their agency. Linda Batts, the official in charge of EEO issues at the service, was not available for comment at press time. But, a customs' spokesman said "institutional racism" does not permeate the service.

Customs officials further contend the agency is improving job opportunities for minorities. For example, the number of Black customs agents rose from 91 in 1996 to over 120 currently. However, Los Angeles attorney David Ross, an expert on Customs Service racism, says official pronouncements about zero tolerance for employment discrimination is not the problem.

"Even if [top officials] want change, until lower level management accepts this policy, nothing will change," Ross observed. "The Customs Service is a fiefdom where mid-level managers have enormous power with little oversight from Washington."

For one Black U.S. Customs Service employee in Baltimore, Md., the stress has led to medication for depression. The employee, who does not wish to be named, reported suffering blatant discrimination and retaliation from supervisors for reporting earlier racist incidences.

"You don't need the pressure of discrimination in this job where we deal with drug dealers and terrorists," said the employee.

"My supervisor spies on me like I'm a criminal," continued the employee. "My supervisor told me he would spy on me until he finds something to punish me for. I feel like I'm working for customs in a Communist country."

THE END

(Next: Part 2 - Racism & Retaliation)

## CROWN PETROLEUM FIGHTS DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT

By Simon Booker Muhammad

HEALTH RISKS—Charges of racism, sexism, union-busting and environmental pollution have been leveled at the Baltimore-based Crown Petroleum Co. by scores of civil rights, labor, environmental and religious groups. In addition, a class action discrimination lawsuit has been filed by a group of eight employees at its Texas refineries. According to court documents, the lawsuit will be expanded to 200 or more plaintiffs.

The NAACP, SCLC, Jewish Labor Committee, Southern Organizing Committee, Baltimore City Council, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund, National Interfaith Committee, AFL-CIO, the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers, and numerous other groups have joined forces to pressure Crown Oil into providing a safe and fair workplace. Resolutions have been passed by all the groups supporting Crown employees and the coalition has called for a national boycott against the company.

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and staffers in the office of CBC Chair Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Cal.) have also begun looking into the allegations, according to reports.

Current and former Crown employees say that employment conditions at the company are "abhorrent" and make the reported racial situation at Exxon "lock mild in comparison." The complaint against Crown states, "The company has culti-

ated an environment that is openly hostile to African American and female employees." The plaintiffs further allege that Crown supervisors routinely call African American derogatory racial names and that women are frequently demeaned.

Beverly Bunch, a Black female safety engineer, was employed by Crown's holding company at its Baltimore headquarters for four years. She said that her occupation has placed her in many "hostile, White male dominated" situations, but Crown was an exception to the rule. "I'm just surprised that it took this long for people to realize what was going on there. I have to admit that I was stunned by the repulsive comments and actions of their executives," she added.

But, discrimination is just one problem Crown has to deal with. The company also embroiled in a bitter union fight after it locked out 252 employees in a Texas refinery in 1996. More than 50 percent of the workers are African American and Latino. Union representatives complain that Crown wanted to reduce the work force by 40 percent and acted in bad faith when they locked out the workers in the middle of negotiations.

Meanwhile, Crown admits no wrongdoing. Spokesman Joe Coates denies all the allegations and charges, while admitting that "we're not perfect."

"The union (OCAW) is just using the hot buttons of racism and sexism to discredit Crown and further their own agenda," added Coates.

## Talk Has Always Been The Norm For Race Panels

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

President Clinton has said that if his race panel's initiatives wind up as just talk, it will not be enough. He's certainly right. But, even in saying that, he seemed to imply that the panel's anemic proposals for continued support of his affirmative action policies, stronger efforts at preventing police abuse, and the elimination of racial disparity in drug sentencing probably won't go anywhere.

Considering the sharp rise in racially-motivated hate crimes, all-out political assault against affirmative action in California and other states, and the never-ending gut of social programs for the poor, this is a tragedy.

The fact that Clinton is unable or unwilling to put any political muscle behind the panel's proposals pretty much dooms it to be yet another commission on race that makes recommendations for reform that are quickly and quietly forgotten. But, none of this should be surprising.

Commissions that are set up to deal with racial problems are notorious for rehearsing the same problems, and then either talking or studying them into oblivion. In fact it's a long-standing joke that the best way not to deal with racial issues is to form a commission and have it study them to death.

A quarter of a century ago psychologist Kenneth Clark figured out that this is a favorite technique: stonewalling racial solutions. He told the Kerner Commission, established by Lyndon Johnson to investigate the cause of the riots that rocked America's cities in 1967, that he had read the reports of nine other "blue-ribbon" commissions that studied racial problems. And, he hoped that things would be different with it. They weren't.

The commission proposed what appeared to be bold reforms

in housing, education, employment and social services. But, not one of the major recommendations was ever implemented. Johnson, like Clinton today, was knee deep in political woes with the Vietnam War and the mounting attacks on his failed Great Society programs. Johnson immediately tabled the commission's recommendations.

The big problem is the make-up and tunnel vision aims of the commissions. They are established by directives from presidents, governors or mayors. The members are almost always politicians, businessmen, civil right leaders and scholars. The people they call on to testify about racial conditions are the same types.

They conclude that poverty, discrimination and police abuse are the prime reasons for racial discord, and they propose the standard social remedies such as more jobs, more funds for social programs, and better police-community relations.

The commissions, and that includes the "radical" Kerner Commission, probe in only the most superficial way the causes for the deep historical divisions of race and class in America. They are careful not to assign major blame for those problems on corporations or political institutions. They make no demands on them to come up with real programs and commit real resources to deal with racism and poverty.

Clinton's race panel — for a brief moment — got the public talking about racial problems. But, as with all the other racial commissions of the past that's all it did. Perhaps that was all it ever intended to do.

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## HBCUs BENEFIT FROM CLINTON ADMINISTRATION GRANTS

Nineteen Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will Receive \$6.5 Million in HUD Community Development Grants

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As a result of grants provided by the Clinton Administration, nineteen Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will receive \$6.5 million in grants to address housing needs and revitalize distressed areas in their communities.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced the grants yesterday at a conference sponsored by the White House Initiative on HBCUs in observance of National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week, September 20-26.

"President Clinton has shown an unwavering commitment to expanding opportunities for African Americans through education and investment," said Democratic National Committee (DNC) National Chair Steve Grossman. "The grants announced yesterday are a prime example of the Clinton Administration's efforts to increase partnership with HBCUs and invest in the communities they serve."

"President Clinton has shown that his focus remains on the issues important to the American people," said Governor Roy Romer, DNC General Chair. "He is the first President to recognize the importance of HBCUs to all Americans and with these grants, he has shown that he continues to work to ensure their long-term stability."

President Clinton, who in 1993 signed an Executive Order expanding the role of HBCUs in national affairs, said, "HBCUs are a source of great pride and a symbol of economic, social, and political growth."

Grants range from \$250,000 to \$380,000 and will be used to fund a variety of activities, including: housing rehabilitation, business development, pre-employment counseling, job training, and job creation. Since 1991, HUD has awarded more than \$49 million to HBCUs to support economic and community development activities.

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HOOGE THOSE WHO WILL STAND FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE! THIS N THAT ... advised our school board member ... SISTER KATHYL ANDERSON ... several weeks ago in this column ... that there was something brewing ... that is ... in regard to the possibility of ... CLOSING SOME OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ... And since ... among those ten with populations ... LESS THAN 300 STUDENTS ... are either in ... NORTH ... or ... EAST LUBBOCK ... Therefore this being the case ... it is very important ... CAREFUL ATTENTION ... be given to the process ... in determining which schools could possibly be given the ... CLOSURE PROCEDURE ... Since schools help develop neighborhoods ... we don't need to see any of them closed ... that is ... at this time ... With this development ... it appears as though there will be a procedure ... to see which direction to follow ... The sitting president of the school board ... MARK GRIFFIN ... will create a ... FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE ... and will include ... SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ... BOB CRAIG ... LINDA DELEON ... and ... MS. ANDERSON both ... MS. ANDERSON and MS. DELEON will be asked to ... APPOINT TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY EACH ... THIS N THAT ... would hope they will ... LOOK LONG AND HARD ... to find ... LUBBOCK CITIZENS ... who will do their very best for the ... YOUNG PEOPLE OF LUBBOCK ... This will be a very important matter ... as it has been ... SEVEN YEARS ... since the ... CLOSING OF DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL ... THIS N THAT ... would encourage ... those students ... who live in the areas being considered for closure ... to just attend these ... ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ... then there would be the ... 300 STUDENTS TO ATTEND THESE SCHOOLS ... But it appears as though ... SOME PARENTS TRANSFER ... their children out of the area affected ... If you keep transferring our young people out of the area ... then they'll be right ... because there will be no ... CHILDREN TO ATTEND ... these schools ... Anyway ... SISTER ANDERSON ... select those who you feel will stand tall for the future of our young people ... RENOVATIONS FOR RECOVERY CENTER IS GOOD NEWS! THIS N THAT ... attended a ground breaking ceremony ... last week at the ... ALCOHOLIC RECOVERY CENTER ... 608 17th Street ... Among those present was ... MAMA DOT PATTERSON ... who for ... TWENTY EIGHT YEARS ... worked hard for those who were in dire need of help ... Those running the facility ... today ... are ... BARBARA WEBB ... and ... DON RUSSEL ... This ... RENOVATION ... will certainly help this program ... and ... THIS N THAT ... is so happy to see this take place in Lubbock ... MATADORS PLAYED WELL LAST WEEK! THIS N THAT ... is still a ... BIG SUPPORTER ... of those fighting ... ESTAGADO MATADORS ... They did well against the ... NUMBER 3 TEAM IN 3-AAA ... ANDREWS ... last week ... They fell by a score of ... 32-20 ... but they played well ... You're doing well ... MATADORS ... Just hold your heads up high ... You're still our ... TEAM! SHIRLEY CANDADY THE BARBER SAYS: "PEOPLE ... are valued ... not for what they are ... but for what they ... SEEM TO BE..." CONGRATS TO MT. VERNON!! THIS N THAT ... would like to say ... CONGRATS ... to the ... PASTOR AND MEMBERS ... of the ... MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ... for their 73RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES ... Special services are set for SUNDAY AFTERNOON ... October 11, 1998 ... beginning at 3:00 p.m. me public is invited to attend. WELCOME TO LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT ... would like to say ... WELCOME ... to the ... DELEGATES ... of the ... TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COSMETOLOGY ... to our city ... for their ... 54TH ANNUAL MEETING ... They will be here ... OCTOBER 10 thru 14, 1998 ... and will be headquartered at ... LUBBOCK PLAZA HOLIDAY INN ... State President is ... DORRIS WHITAKER ... and local convention chairperson is ... PEGGY STEVENSON ... Other officers working in the state meet include ... BETTY ... DIXON ... Lubbock ... MATTIE ... S. McCLENDON ... Amarillo ... SHIRLEY MILLER ... Wichita Falls ... and ... MARTHA EVANS ... Odessa ... SHELIA FISHER ... is exhibit chairperson ... WELCOME TO LUBBOCK!



Anheuser-Busch Salutes Departing Members of Congressional Black Caucus - Lewis McKinney (left), senior director of industry and government affairs at Anheuser-Busch Companies, and Stephen K. Lambright (right), Anheuser-Busch group vice president and general counsel, join South Carolina Congressman James E. Clyburn (second, left) to salute departing California Congressman Ronald V. Dellums during the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, held recently in Washington, Dellums, along with Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes, was honored at an Anheuser-Busch-sponsored tribute, which acknowledged their decades of service on behalf of the American public. Dellums, a one-time ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, joined Congress in 1971, and Stokes, who served as Chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, joined Congress in 1968.

## DEAR EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to enclose the second installment of the American Council for Drug Education's (ACDE) camera ready advice column, called DrugHelp. If you recall, last spring we sent you the first issue of what will become a quarterly column.

The three questions and answers contained in the column are drawn from the more than 120,000 communications we receive annually at the Council, which has offices in New York, California and Texas. They reflect important concerns about drug abuse prevention and education. I hope you will be able to find space in your paper for this helpful information. I think your readers would benefit from the material. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Martha Gagné  
Director

## IN CINQUE

By Rosetta W. Howard



The new millennium is fast approaching and many people and industries, especially the money industry is concerned about what effect the inability of the computers to handle the number 2000 will have on society. The current computer set-up will revert to 1900 unless something is done to enable it to show 2000. There just may be a message there. A message which says that we need to stop, take inventory and back up.

We need to back up to a time when men were men, husbands and fathers and women were wives and mothers and children acted like children. Unless a change is made, the year 2000 will find us mired deeper in debt, violence, inequality, abject poverty and dire insecurities. This is real. The underlying trend toward these ends is real. If we take inventory, we will see how the plan is working.

Less money is being appropriated for educational facilities and more for correctional facilities. Why? Acquiring salable skills is no guarantee for acquiring employment in your field. You may acquire employment however, but that which affords a lot less income than the area in which you are most qualified. Why? The elderly are being turned out of career employment on flukes that cost them some retirement benefits. Why? It all adds up to two things. The rich and the poor. We are headed toward a two-class society: the very, very, rich and the very, very, poor.

It is a fact now, and not just talk, but the rich is becoming richer every day while the poor is poorer than poor, every day. The bad thing about the poor is that the welfare is being taken from them when they are not prepared to fend for themselves. This leads to violence and crime. A well laid plan. Then why educate those whom are bound to the correctional facilities? The more serious the crime, the longer the stay, or perhaps, forever. Then too, why waste money on the elderly? Save that money for corporations to grow larger and take over more independently run businesses. MONEY is the name of the game. If you do not have any, you are not in the game! It is time that we do something to reverse these trends.

If men begin to stay with and support their families while women keep the home and raise their children, teaching them moral values while de-emphasizing the value of money and helping them to learn how to live within their means, the demand for consumable goods will go down, as well as the price for goods. We must get 'in cinque' and chart our own constructive courses for the new millennium.

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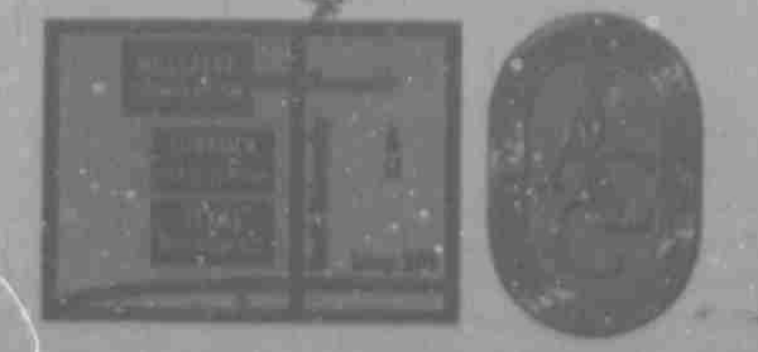
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Good Government Jobs: E. That The Best Blacks Can Do? There's Wealth, Then There's the Black Concept of Wealth

By William Reed

While many African-American voters in high levels of the private sector as the ultimate job, the majority of whites in such positions see it as "public service." Having already displayed their entrepreneurial vision that blacks - will, millions made in the private sector - whites don't have one of such positions to do blacks occupying them.

The engine for blacks is that we create the "celebrity" and visibility of government positions, instead of building businesses to elevate our own, and the black community's, economic development. Instead of having building money to the housing, financial, retail and other business institutions are need to pass down through our families and communities, the best and brightest blacks can be found in, or seeking, government service.

Of the 80,000 blacks who hold government positions, only a few reach the real pinnacle of power - Washington, D.C. There are 39 blacks who hold seats in Congress for an average salary of \$133,600 a year. (The longer you stay in Congress the more you get in salary for seniority.) Many elect to stay and enjoy the perks for decades.

Although they can't stay in the position longer than the term of the President who appoints them, Cabinet secretaries are at the top of the government employment food chain. Since the 1960s, U.S. Presidents, prior to Bill Clinton, appointed a scant number of African Americans to Cabinet-level positions. President Clinton receives accolades from blacks because, during his presidency, he has appointed the largest number of blacks ever - seven - to Cabinet positions.

NCAA FOOTBALL CAMPUS TOUR TRAVELS TO TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Students, Area Residents, Football Fans Encouraged to Take Part in High-Energy Traveling Interactive Series

LUBBOCK, Texas (Sept. 28, 1998) - Texas Tech University joins NCAA Football in igniting the 1998 college football season. On Saturday, October 10, the campus will play host to the second annual NCAA Football Campus Tour as it makes one of 30 select stops across the nation.

The NCAA Football Campus Tour, a traveling series of six football-related interactive events stationed on campus for one day - is designed to promote college football and to create excitement for the game. The Tour interactives will be positioned at the South Side of Jones Stadium, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., on October 10. Students and area residents and football fans, both young and old alike, are invited to experience the different interactive events free of charge. Events are:

- Air Crisps® Quarterback Accuracy Challenge: tests accuracy in throwing the football; each person has three opportunities to hit three different targets.
- GTE Head-to-Head Bungee Run: created for one or two participants at a time, who must run for distance while an elastic restraint strap is tied to their waist. The strap will tighten, providing maximum resistance, testing strength and speed.
- Sumo Football: features one-on-one "wrestling" in which each participant suits up in the sumo wrestling attire and tries to knock their opponent off balance. They have three attempts at scoring a touchdown on the reduced-size field.
- KFC®, Pizza Hut®, Taco Bell® Obstacle Course: a challenge for one or two participants competing against each other - or against the clock. "Obstacles" include running around and jumping over blocking dummies, running around cones, running through a ropes course and sprinting to the finish line.
- Chevy Trucks® Field Goal Challenge: each participant has three opportunities to kick a

ball. The average pay for government workers is \$46,000, but Cabinet secretaries make in excess of \$1,300,000 a year. Blacks - the Clinton Cabinet, while it largely identifies high government positions, are the least well-off in this regard.

The nation's three African-American executives have done the level of a finance: 500 COO. With about 200,000 total employees of more than a half million workers, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, Transportation Secretary Rodney Davis and Veterans Affairs Secretary Togo West have received celebrity status for African-Americans. Listed among Ebony's "100 Most Influential Black Americans," they each have been on the 100 list of agents that accompany them, but blacks in Clinton's Cabinet have to live in financial anxiety and accumulated income.

According to financial disclosure statements Cabinet members recently completed, Togo West is the Cabinet's wealthiest black. West's total assets of \$800,000 to \$2.2 million, were accumulated through extensive real-estate holdings.

At Labor, Herman reported assets between \$666,000 and \$1.99 million. Most - \$800,000 to \$1 million - is in real estate. In West, Associates, a partnership that built the Market Square development on the city's Avenue to Justice in Washington.

Rodney Slater reports assets ranging from \$167,000 to \$80,000, with most attributed to his wife. His largest holdings - two pieces of rental property in Little Rock valued at between \$50,000 and \$100,000 each - are owned by his wife.

The Cabinet's white women include Attorney General Janet Reno, \$184,000 - \$510,000; Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, \$93,000 - \$2.25 million; and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, 1.69 million - \$6.53 million.

Most white male Cabinet members report holdings in excess of \$1 million. The richest is Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, with family assets of more than \$57 million.

(To get a listing of the high-ranking African Americans in government and external affairs of the nation's 50 largest companies, send \$15 to Who's Who in Black Corporate America, 2054 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045)

football through the simulated NCAA goal post, from 12 - 20 yards out.

NCAA Football Fastest Person: designed for one or two participants to compete in a 40-yard dash against each other - or against the clock.

In addition, participants have the opportunity to play the EA Sports NCAA Football '99 video game on site.

"College football carries with it such a strong tradition and following," said Michelle Grimes, vice president for Lexington, Ky.-based Host Communications, Inc., the marketing/management entity of NCAA Football. "Our NCAA Football Campus Tour is just one of the many initiatives we have in place to further promote college football among university students and the respective college communities. We hope that everyone can take part in one, or all six, of our exciting and high-energy interactives during our visit."

The NCAA Football Campus Tour travels through the following states: Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Iowa, North Dakota, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada.

The 1998 national Tour sponsors are Nabisco Air Crisps, GTE, KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Chevy Trucks and Compaq.

NCAA Football is a coalition of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) and National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) formed to preserve and promote the game of college football. The coalition marks the first time these organizations have pooled their resources together under one umbrella. In addition to the NCAA Football Campus Tour, other interactives for the 1998 year include "The Slant", a weekly syndicated television show profiling captivating events and individuals in college football; the NCAA Football Radio Network; and "Take a Kid to the Game" program which encourages adult football fans to bring along a child or a friend at a discounted ticket.

All NCAA Football-driven activities are detailed on the web page, www.ncaafball.net. The NCAA Football Campus Tour is managed and produced by Dallas-based StreetBall International, the sports marketing and event production arm of Universal Sports America (USA).

Alzheimer's complex experience challenges and research.

HOUSTON (Sept. 21, 1998) - For persons caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease, the phrase "remember is 'pass' versus 'past'."

"People used to realize that Alzheimer's disease affects the entire family," said Dr. Naomi Nelson, a psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center in Houston. "No one, I mean can do it all."

Alzheimer's disease, a progressive loss of memory and other thinking abilities, is a degenerative disease of the brain's nerve cells.

The number of people touched by the disease is staggering.

Four million Americans have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and another 19 million Americans provide some level of care for a loved one with the disease.

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's can take its toll on a family, so good communication between family members is critical.

"Families may need to seek professional help to sort out communication difficulties. Long-standing problems can become more troublesome as the family copes with the disease," she said.

Primary caregivers should make lists of things that need to be done, ask for help and delegate tasks to others.

"Many people don't ask for help and then have feelings of resentment and frustration toward others," Nelson said. "Don't expect others to know what kind of help you need. You need to be specific."

Retaining a sense of self is also important. Caregivers often get so involved in caring for their loved ones that they neglect their own physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Nelson encourages family members and other caregivers to:

- Avoid social isolation by fostering friendships.
  - Maintain a sense of humor.
  - Find a confidant outside the family to share concerns.
  - Participate in community support groups, counseling and educational programs.
  - Make use of adult day care or temporary nursing-home care when a break from caregiving is needed.
  - Seek nurturing activities that promote happiness and relaxation.
- Friends and family can be a big help by making sure the primary caregiver gets adequate time away from caregiving responsibilities.
- "Many grown children say how rewarding it is to help both parents by caring for one, while the other takes a much-needed break," Nelson said.

Mary Black, M.D.

Mary Black's crystal clear voice is an affirmation of emotional beauty and experience. She is without a doubt the most recognized female voice in Ireland today, having successfully crossed over from Irish folk to more popular jazz and pop songs. She was named "Best Irish Female Artist" in the Irish Record Music Awards Poll for two years running. Black has been credited with seven multi-platinum albums, and has sold more records than 1.2 million since O'Connor of her mid-70s.

Mary has a truly unique style of singing which has resonated and achieved on both sides of the Atlantic. Her talent crosses musical boundaries effortlessly and makes every song she performs her own. Celtic music is known for its instruments. Black uses traditional Celtic instruments such as the fiddle, banjo, flute, tin whistle, harp, pipes, bodhran, dulcimer, guitar, percussion, and voice combined together to create the melodic patterns of Celtic music.

Celtic music finds its origins in the countries of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Brittany. Most songs dig deep into the history of the Irish people, paying along a vast amount of heritage in the form of songs which are designed to tell a story. Like all forms of music, Celtic music has changed significantly in the past century.

The first seven of Black's albums have contained more traditional Irish folk songs. Her new album, Shine, has Mary Black taking a new direction. It embodies the sounds of the rich traditional Celtic melodies with a rock/pop edge. She believes that Shine is an album of broad appeal, and hopes to reach a larger audience.

Black reached the alternative/pop audience while touring on Lillith Fair '97. She performed with artists like Sarah McLachlan, Paula Cole, Shawn Colvin, and Melissa Etheridge in an effort to promote women in music. In the UC Allen Theater, Mary Black will perform on Sunday, October 11, 1998 in the UC Allen Theater. Ticket prices are \$6.50 for Texas Tech students, and \$17.00 for the general public. The concert, which is part of the 1998-1999 NightLife series starts at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information about Mary Black or the NightLife series call the University Center Activities Office at 742-3610.

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WHO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND SIT FOR AN INTERVIEW PRIOR TO TRAINING. Interviews will be conducted September 28 - October 16, 1998, after completion of the application. Volunteer Training classes are scheduled for October 23 - November 5, 1998.

WHERE: Interviews will be conducted at the Hospice of Lubbock office, 1102 Slide Rd, Bldg. 3. Location of the training classes will be announced after the interviews are completed.

HOW: To apply for the training classes and schedule an interview, call Mary Ann White, Director of Volunteers: (806) 795-2751 or 1-800-658-2648.

COST: \$25.00 (Scholarships are available.) The fee covers costs of training manual and materials.

WHY: To train people to work with Hospice of Lubbock as direct patient care volunteers, bereavement volunteers, professional volunteers or in the office as support volunteers. Hospice of Lubbock, a Medicare-Medicaid certified agency, is the region's only non-profit hospice organization that provides care and support for the terminally ill and their families, as well as comprehensive grief support programs that are open to the community.

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**WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS**  
"THE LORD TRULY FORGIVES!!!"  
PSALM 9:16,17, THE LORD IS KNOWN BY HIS JUDGMENT WHICH HE EXECUTETH: THE WICKED IS SNARED IN THE WORKS OF HIS OWN HANDS. THE WICKED SHALL BE TURNED INTO HELL, AND ALL THE NATIONS THAT FORGET.  
AS I LISTEN TO THE ON GOING TALK OF THIS OLD WORLD, THEY'RE VERY HARD HARDY, MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS!!!  
MATTHEW 24:12, JESUS SAID, BECAUSE INFIDELITY SHALL ABOUND, THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX(GROW) COLD.  
NOW THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID: I SORRY, PLEASE FORGIVE ME; BUT THE HEARTS OF AMERICA SAYS NO; THAT WILL NEVER BE!!!  
MARK 11:25,26, JESUS SAID, WHEN YE STAND PRAYING, FORGIVE, IF YE HAVE AUGHT(GRUDGE) AGAINST ANY; THAT YOUR FATHER ALSO WHICH IS IN HEAVEN MAY FORGIVE YOU YOUR TRESPASSES(Faults), BUT IF YE DO NOT FORGIVE, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES(Faults).  
EVEN THE CHURCHES; THEY'RE YET SAYING: THAT HE LIED; HE SAID HE DID; BUT LIKE JESUS: THE CHURCH WANT HIM CRUCIFIED!!!  
LUKE 19:14, JESUS SAID, HIS CITIZENS HATED HIM, AND SENT A MESSAGE AFTER HIM, SAYING, WE WILL NOT HAVE THIS MAN TO REIGN OVER US.  
I KNOW AMERICA WON'T FORGET; NEITHER WILL IT FORGIVE, BUT THE CHURCH HYPOCRITES; ITS JUST A LIE THEY LIVE!!!  
LUKE 17:34, JESUS SAID, TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES. IF THY BROTHER TRESPASS AGAINST THEE, REBUKE; AND IF HE REPENT, FORGIVE HIM. AND IF HE TRESPASS AGAINST THEE SEVEN TIMES IN A DAY, AND SEVEN TIMES IN A DAY TURN AGAIN TO THEE, SAYING, I REPENT; THOU SHALT FORGIVE HIM.  
MR. PRESIDENT AND MONICA: SHOULD ASK FORGIVENESS TO GOD IN PRAYER; THE LORD FORGIVES AND HE FORGETS; THAT SIN IS NO LONGER THERE!!!  
ISAIAH 55:6,7, SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND, CALL YE UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR: LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS; AND LET HIM RETURN UNTO THE LORD, AND HE WILL HAVE MERCY UPON HIM(AND HER); AND TO OUR GOD, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.  
THE SAME GOES FOR AMERICA; FORGIVE AND LEAVE IT ALONG; JESUS SAID IN HIS WORD: WHO SHOULD CAST THE FIRST STONE!!!  
JOHN 8:7, JESUS SAID, HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN AMONG YOU, LET HIM FIRST A STONE AT HER.  
(DO YOU QUALIFY TO EXPEL THE PRESIDENT??? OR WOULD YOUR TONGUE CONDEMN YOU; HAVE YOU SINNED??? IF NOT THEN YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO CAST THE FIRST STONE!!! OR YOU MUST FORGIVE HIM; AS YOU DO UNTO OTHERS).  
1 JOHN 1:8,9, IF WE SAY WE HAVE NO SIN, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US. IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE(GOD) IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.  
(I M JUST A NOBODY; TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY; ABOUT SOMEBODY; WHO CAN SAVE ANYBODY!!!)  
MATTHEW 11:28 JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!

## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Speaker: Bob Craig & Roy Grimes

A rattlesnake is defined as a New World pit viper of genus *Crotalus*; tail with a segmented rattle; venom: attacks blood cells. A "caste system" is a closed system of social stratification based on heredity that determines a person's occupation, prestige, residence, and social relationship. Because social contacts between members of different castes are restricted, most caste systems require that one's caste be immediately visible. Racial or other physical differences often form an important basis for stigmatizing certain individuals as lower caste. In a caste system unequal rights are apparent in education, political, state, legal, police and military means are used to retain social control and to advance a particular agenda.  
Nearly fourteen years ago I entered the hate infested city of Lubbock. I discovered that this hate was carefully injected, timed, and dosed to move Lubbock from a "class system" to a "caste system." The server used to power this ideology has been the Lubbock Independent School District. A "hit man" was hired by the "pinknecks" and the "wan-a-bees" to weaken District 1 and 2. When schools are removed from a neighborhood or reduced in status it begins a process of destroying the core of that neighborhood.  
The venom of the "pink-necks" and "wan-a-bees" destroys all

political and economic power. The targets of these illegitimate attacks would be wholesome society has rejuvenated their strength since the removing of the court order. They now appear in Bob Craig and the master of usages, old Roy Grimes.  
This writer tries to be fair and open minded. However, I hate when some "pink-neck white boy" tries to insult my intelligence and that of blacks, browns, and poor whites. Fourteen years ago the fight was mostly a black fight. Today the fight includes browns and poor whites that were being shafted and did not know it. If the tools of a "caste system" Bob Craig and Roy Grimes think they are going to "whack-e-call" over the residents of District 1 and 2 this time around they are thinking like "it."  
My brothers and sisters of all races, creed and classes, we must not let a few keep opening old wounds because they are tools of a system and simpletons.  
However, if they insist, I am sure that another court battle with today's legal fees would stop a great number of projects. I'm also sure that new businesses does not want to invest in a city that only has one side of town. God also hears the prayers of his saints. In addition, he does not have to let it rain. Israel had a similar problem liken to Lubbock's ... to be continued next week.

### The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

**OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the lovely home of Brother and Sister Darlene Hood at 9:00 a.m. last Saturday morning. Prior to this meeting, there was prayer on Friday morning. Both meetings were spirit-filled. All truly need you could have been present. Our Lord is truly blessing through these meetings. Devotion was led by Rev. Sis. Christine Burleson, Sister M. Crawford and Sister Dorothy Nash. What a treat!  
The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Ernest Jones. Her subject was: A Wake Up Call For The Church (Sleeping Giants). Her scripture text were II Chronicles 7:12-14; and James 4:3-8.  
II Chronicles 7:12 -- "After all this time, God said Solomon that he had heard his prayer. How often do we look for immediate answers to our prayers, and when nothing happens, wonder if God has heard us? God does hear, and we must trust that He will answer at the proper time."  
II Chronicles 7:13-14 -- "He said if I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to eat up all your crops, or if I send an epidemic among you, then if my people will humble themselves and pray, and search for me, and turn from their wicked ways."  
This is a wake up call for the church. It has been sleeping too long; have given leeway for the enemy to control too long. Now our Lord is calling for the Christians, the Church to grip, to turn. He's giving us another chance. As a nation, Christians, lift on your face -- Pastors, Evangelists, Choir, Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, Sunday School Superintendents, Deacon Boards, Brotherhoods, Missionary Societies, Usher Board, Trustees, Deacons, Musicians, Music Directors, Tall Banners, Gospelers, Social Directors, and Bench Members. This wake up call started with the highest office in the land, ... We have at present. This includes Kings and Queens. So let us all REPENT! Turn away now before we are forced to do so, and He has promised to "heal our land."  
This is just a taste of lessons on Repentance. These lessons are taught by our teacher, Sister Ernest Jones. She is the greatest. She truly speaks the anointed word of God, and love it. Also we are continuing to pray for strength in the Lord.  
Don't forget your drive bys and walk thoughts with prayer. Pray for everything that moves!  
"Let's Pray"  
Oh, Lord, we need your grace, your power, your forgiveness. Please give us another chance. We have not been what you wanted us to be. We have not been the product of transforming love. We have not witnessed your saving grace and released power through our lives. As we see the rays of your lives passing quickly, and the end of the age approaching, may we sense anew the urgency to love people. Even if they are unlovable. Help each of us to realize the right comfort when the age of grace will soon be passed. When that day is upon us, only love and the family of love will reign, as the word of God's judgment will blow all bow all the chuff away. And the wicked will cease to trouble and the righteous will be at peace. Until then, Lord, we will do all to stand and through it all we will stand anyway, because we love you. AMEN  
Smile and love everybody. Write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408  
Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Rev. Sis. Christine Burleson, vice president; and Sister Ernestine Frazer, secretary.

### WATT MATTHEWS COWBOY DAYS

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Then, to continue the western feel, head out to the YL Ranch and watch Shackelford County cowboys with their prized ranch horses, demonstrate the skills involved in sorting and penning cattle. This event, a true ranch function, shows not only the skill of the cowboy but the training and skills of the horse. These cowboys, friends and co-workers every day, on this day are competing for the top prize.  
Back in town on the centrally located Bank Park, you will find an abundance of activity. The younger folk will love the stick horse rodeo - all traditional rodeo events performed atop "personalized" stick horses, from the grand entry to the bull riding. Live buffalo and long-horn cattle will be on site, in addition to an extensive petting zoo provided by the Shackelford County 4-H Club.

The Memorial Regiment from Shackelford County's own Fort Griffin will be presenting living histories throughout the day and traditional games and craftsmanship will also be displayed and exhibited.  
Beginning at 5:00 pm, several of the area's most known chuckwagon cooks will be preparing ribeyes from their wagons. Join chuckwagon cooks Bill Cauble, Cliff Teinert, and Jimbo Humphries as they demonstrate the art of chuckwagon cooking and prepare a mouth watering meal for you.  
For the older kids in the family, you will find the Ol' Friend's Bench - a place to visit, tell stories (true or not, you decide), and reminisce. Albany's unique specialty shops have many exciting events planned, including a truly special silent auction offering trips, adventure, live animals, and much, much more.  
Meanwhile, there's entertainment! Music, poetry, song, drama - all in the true sense of the pioneer days and kept near to our hearts by so many performers.  
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Call Lisa Sanders for all the details, schedules, tickets, etc. - 915.762.2525.

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### HOLY WOMEN CONFERENCE SET

The Second Annual Holy Women Equipped for Excellence Conference will be held at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, 4510 Avenue Q, October 14, 15 & 16, 1998 from 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with registration. Praise services will be held from 7:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Registration is \$8.00  
Special guest speaker will be Sister Lavonia Whitley of Chicago, Ill., and praise and worship leader will be Sister Rosalind Jones of Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
Pastor is Bishop W. H. Watson.

### CITY WIDE USHERS WILL MEET

The City Wide Ushers will meet Saturday afternoon, October 10, 1998, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Baptist Church, 220 Martin Luther King Blvd. The Rev. Larry Brooks is the host pastor.  
Ushers, one more time, let's come together and have a wonderful time. It's so nice to see all the smiling faces present. Remember, next month is Thanksgiving. So let's not forget our canned goods.  
God's love is persistent; not pushy. We're persistence; not pushy. Come and be with us. You'll be glad you did so.  
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### Mother of 7-year-old Murder Victim To Confront Friend of Accused By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

"I don't know this little girl...I don't know people in Panama or Africa who are killed every day so I can't feel remorse for them." David Cash referring to the murder of 7-year-old Sherrice Iverson in an interview, July 25, 1998.  
In a first, a young, African-American mother announced that she will go to a university campus to confront the young White man she accuses of being an accomplice to the kidnap, rape and murder of her daughter, Sherrice Iverson. Yolanda Manuel told the press in Los Angeles in August that she will confront 19-year-old David Cash, a White engineering student at the University of California, Berkeley on the campus the first day of Fall classes, Aug. 26.  
By his own admission Cash witnessed at least part of the attack on Iverson by his best friend Jeremy Strohmeier at the Primadonna Casino near Las Vegas on May 25, 1997. He did not attempt to stop it, or report it to police after Strohmeier told him that he killed Sherrice. The only thing he asked Strohmeier was what type of sexual act he performed on Iverson. Strohmeier is scheduled to go on trial in Las Vegas, Aug. 31 for the murder of Iverson. Cash has not been charged.  
The gory account of the rape and murder Strohmeier gave to police shocked even hard bitten legal experts. It appears that Iverson was targeted in part because of Strohmeier's bizarre fascination with kiddie sexual porn, and in part because she was an African American. Prosecutors say that they have two witnesses who claim that Strohmeier used racial epithets to describe the murder.  
Cash almost certainly knew much of this. Yet, Clark County District Attorney, Stewart Bell claims that under Nevada law it is not a crime not to stop, or report a murder. The announcement enraged many African Americans. They wondered if the DA would have declined to prosecute if Iverson had been White, and Cash an African American? There are plenty of examples where African Americans who did not take part in actual violent attacks against Whites have been charged as principals or have been threatened with prosecution as accessories. The Reginald Denny beating case in Los Angeles, and the New York City's Central Park jogger case quickly come to mind.  
But Iverson's parents are low income, working class Blacks from South Central Los Angeles, and Cash like Strohmeier, is from a White middle-class suburban Los Angeles neighborhood. This raises the ancient question about whether Black life is less valuable than White life? Ms. Manuel is not waiting for a court to answer that question. In addition to confronting Cash at U.C. Berkeley, she is leading a nationwide drive to collect 20,000 signatures on a petition demanding that the Clark County DA prosecute Cash as an accessory to murder. She has also called on the Nevada legislature to pass the Sherrice Iverson Memorial Bill that would make it a felony for failing to report a sexual attack against a minor.  
The Iverson murder case touches many of the same issues of race, class, and sexual abuse as the O.J. Simpson case. It will be closely watched to see if justice will be fully done when the victim is an African American, and the accused is White. However, the absence of Cash from the court docket for his alleged part in the death of Iverson does nothing to convince her mother that it will.

*Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of "The Crisis in Black and Black" email: ehutch344@aol.com He is the official spokesperson for Ms. Yolanda Manuel and the Sherrice Iverson Justice Fund.*

**BAYLESS-ATKINS FALL FESTIVAL**  
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## Nation's Finest Teachers Recognized

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With generous support from Shell Oil Company, NCNW presents its prestigious Excellence in Teaching Award each year to seven teachers who have made significant contributions to the field of education. The award is a tribute to NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, and rewards public school teachers who are living examples of her legacy. It was created to help ensure that the contributions educators make are not minimized and to promote educational opportunities for African-American students. "It is so exciting to see how, year after year, we come up with such great teachers, and this year is no exception," said NCNW chairwoman and president emerita, Dr. Dorothy I. Height. "It's not only their skill that sets them apart, but also their spirit. I am very proud to be involved in this Excellence in Teaching program."

NCNW members, leaders in education, and representatives from the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate recently gathered in Washington, D.C. to salute the 1998 Excellence in Teaching Award winners. During the program, awards were presented to national EITA winner, Roselyn M. Lewis; Mid-Atlantic regional winner, Carlton A. Funn, Jr.; and Northeast regional winner, Cynthia Dixon-Fernandes. The event also celebrated the achievements of four other winners who received their awards at regional luncheons throughout the summer: Midwestern regional winner, Annette M. Allen, from Cleveland's Orchard School of Science; Western regional winner, Bernice Bonner Moore, from the Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles; Joyce Willard Teal, the Southern regional winner from the Fred F. Florence Middle School in Dallas; and Southeastern regional winner Cheryl Powell-Polite, from the Scott Lake Elementary in Miami.

"This program is one of the most exciting ones that we do," said NCNW president and CEO, Dr. Jane Smith. "To



Photo by Jim Wells  
Roselyn M. Lewis, who teaches music at Atlanta's Whiteford Elementary School, was recently honored by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. for the outstanding contributions she makes to her students' education. Pictured here with NCNW chairwoman and president emerita, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, and (standing from left to right) Paula Saizan, manager of constituent relations for Shell Oil Company, and NCNW president and CEO, Dr. Jane E. Smith, the 1998 National Excellence in Teaching Award winner, shows off her award and commemorative plaque that will hang proudly at her school.

bring together teachers who are excellent in their profession is so inspiring for all of us, that it encourages us — whether we are in teaching or not — to be better at what we do. The EITA program makes us reflect on the importance of teaching in this country."

Lewis, who teaches music at the Whiteford Elementary School in Atlanta, was accompanied by a group of students from her school who treated the audience to a musical performance. In fact, their tender and talented young voices, moved many in attendance to tears. "The chance to meet other teachers who are driven like I am, is the most rewarding thing about the EITA program," said Lewis, who also directs a fourth-grade opera program each year. "Another reward has been to see how meaningful this was for my students who sang. I'm glad to be able to provide that experience for them."

Funn, a teacher at Washington, D.C.'s Hine Junior High School, shared examples from a multi-cultural exhibit he has developed over the years that highlights the contributions African Americans and other minorities have made to America's history. "The Excellence in Teaching Award is a wonderful tribute to teachers," said Funn. "I've been teaching for 37 years and I'm not even thinking about retirement. I love what I'm doing and I love children."

Students at Central Magnet High School in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where Northeast regional winner Dixon-Fernandes teaches English and reading, are enjoying the attention her

award has brought the school. She plans to use the \$1200 prize each regional winner received to purchase much-needed classroom resources. "This event has been so exciting for me. I got to talk with two congressmen this morning, as well as a representative from one of my senator's office. I hope it will have an impact on things that we need for our schools," said Dixon-Fernandes.

In addition to being honored at regional celebrations and the Washington awards ceremony, each teacher received a specially designed sculpture from Tiffany & Co., a certificate and a cash prize. Each winner's school will also display a commemorative plaque. "Shell is very proud to sponsor the Excellence in Teaching Award program each year," said Shirley Johnson, Shell's program manager for constituent relations. "It's wonderful to recognize and reward these outstanding teachers who give children the hope and inspiration to be all that they can be. I think it's an investment in our future as a country, as a company and as a world."

NCNW is a nonprofit, voluntary service organization with 34 affiliated national organizations, 250 community based sections chartered in 42 states and 65,000 individual members. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life of African-American women, their families and communities.

For more information about the EITA program, contact Kay Butler, National EITA coordinator at (202)737-0120.

# Advertisers Rethinking Middle-Class Marketing

Special to the NNPA from the Chicago Defender

By Yasha L. Wozniak

Recent studies reveal that the African-American demographic is shifting, with a growing middle-class, forcing many advertisers to rethink their strategies for targeting Black audiences.

African Americans are more middle-class and educational levels are up," said Ron Sampson, executive vice president of Burrell Communications Group.

According to the ANA/The Advertiser, approximately 50 percent of African-American consumers are middle-class, an increase of 16 percent since 1990. The Multi-Cultural American Dream Index states that Black-owned businesses grew by 7.5 percent in the last decade. The percentage of Black college graduates grew by six percent and homeownership increased by 15 percent.

A University of Georgia study reports that Black purchasing power will exceed \$500 billion in 1998 alone.

## NNPA President Galvanizes CBC Workshop;

Pledges to Continue Fight For Fair Share of Advertising

By Olive Vassell

National Newspaper Publisher Association President, Dorothy R. Leavell, galvanized participants at a special advertising workshop during the recent Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Annual Legislative Week, pledging to continue to fight for a fair share of advertising dollars for the African-American press.

Among a distinguished panel of top industry officials at the CBC's "Tools for the 21st Century: Getting Our Piece of the Advertising Pie" workshop, Leavell reminded attendees that newspapers were the pioneers of the industry in the African-American community, but have since been deprived of their piece of the advertising pie.

Leavell said Black newspapers have been abused by White-owned advertising agencies, who control the huge budgets of corporate America and the U.S. government. "When it comes down to the dollars that have been spent in Black media, and Black newspapers

America is undergoing the most significant demographic shifts since the beginning of the 20th century," said Alfred L. Schreiber, executive vice president of Stebbins, Gribbin and Partners, a marketing and communications consulting firm. It is the organizer of the Ethnic Marketing convention held Sept. 22-24 at the University of Chicago. The meeting addressed demographic shifts and the effect of marketing strategies on minorities.

"Today's customer looks very different from a decade ago. Companies need to ask the question, 'Who are we marketing to?'" Schreiber said. "Are we really addressing the people who make up our country today or are we still devoting our energies to yesterday's audience?" asked Schreiber.

According to ANA/Advertiser, African Americans will account for 30 percent of the U.S. population growth until 2005.

By year 2000, studies estimate that African Americans, Latinos and Asians should represent 22 percent of all mortgages, 29 percent of all college degrees, and 23 percent of all small business owners, matching

their representation in the U.S. population.

African Americans also account for a large percentage of retail sales growth, often greater than their U.S. population percentage.

Significant retail increases in car purchases, household appliances and apparel are credited to large percentages of Black customers. For example, African Americans purchase cars at 12 times the rate of other Americans.

However, although the African-American market is shifting, some doubt whether many advertisers value the importance of recognizing the changes.

"The question is whether or not advertisers are going to be increasingly sensitive to targeting businesses in this market in a direct way," said Sampson.

Sampson notes that there is very limited advertising targeting African Americans on the Internet despite studies showing that African Americans now purchase computer and Internet services at a faster rate than Whites.

in particular, we have been used and abused," she said.

Leavell praised the work of the Black advertising agencies, but she said that African-American newspapers and other media need more support from them around the negotiation table. "We fight for the Black agencies, but we need you to fight harder for us," she said. Leavell also called on Congress and Black agencies to support the Black newspapers.

"I'm asking our congress people — at the beginning when they start talking about media programs — that we be at the forefront of those plans. I'm asking our advertising agencies — when they get an account — that we all use the sensitivity we have for each other to make sure that our people are represented and able to get information."

Citing 1997 advertising budgets for several government agencies — The Postal Service, \$168 million; Amtrak, \$33 million; U.S. Army, \$83 million — Leavell described a system that has virtually excluded Black newspapers. "We get less than one half of one percent" of that money. "It's an insult what they spend with us."

"It's a multi-billion dollar

industry, and we're not getting our fair share. The agencies are not getting their fair share... You do need more respect, but we need more respect too."

Leavell also emphasized the deep and abiding bond between the Black Press and the community.

"If you want to know what is happening and how it affects us, you have to read... Black newspapers across this country."

"We started out because of a need, and the need still exists. People need to understand that. They need to understand that the Black Press has been here and will continue to be here. When we talk about Black ownership, we own more Black newspapers than any other medium in the country."

Hosted by Congresswoman Carolyn K. Kilpatrick (D-Mich.), other panelists included: Ben Johnson, special assistant to President Clinton; Ed Lewis, publisher and CEO, Essence Communications; Bryon Lewis, chairman and CEO, Uniworld Group, Inc.; Sam Chisholm, chairman and CEO, The Chisholm-Mingo Group; and Louis Carr, executive vice president, BET Holdings, Inc.

# Down to Business Clinton's Race Report May Be Just Perfuming The Pig

By John William Templeton

My first quasi-revolutionary act was to petition and protest for a Black history class at a newly desegregated high school in North Carolina around 1970 or so. We knew we had won when we were able to sit in a class where the textbook was "From Slavery to Freedom" by Dr. John Hope Franklin. It stirred us up to know our history.

Last month, Dr. Franklin presented an equally compelling report at the conclusion of President Clinton's "race initiative." His scholarship was just as insightful, but because the conclusions were already politically preordained, the title of the report could have been "From Slavery to DeJa Vu."

Two documents, from the initiative advisory committee headed by Dr. Franklin and from the President's Council of Economic Advisors, spell out the political, health, environmental, social, educational and economic effects of racism on Americans from many origins, including African Americans.

Like another very popular government report, these documents are available on the Internet at <http://www.whitehouse.gov> and in an abridged version at <http://www.blackmoney.com>.

The most telling figure was that already pointed out by Dr. Melvin Oliver, vice president of the Ford Foundation, in his book "Black Labor, White Wealth," that White families have an average household net worth of \$81,000 compared to the \$3,000 of Black households.

Although our income has grown dramatically, it is the accumulated wealth that actually equates to the economic freedom to live where one wants, and to obtain health care and a quality education.

It might have been hoped that just the compilation of the indicators of "White privilege" would be an eye-opener to most Americans. But, due to its political roots, this report stopped short of addressing the "racism" behind "race." So constrained, the panel merely sought to continue the "dialogue" through general calls for the media to reduce stereotyping, for schools to teach a more balanced view of history and for individuals to reach out to people who don't look like them. The panel ducked the two big questions that America needs to understand.

1) Why do we (defined as White Americans) have to deal with the effects of slavery?

The common view that "I didn't own slaves," has been allowed to rule the debate about racism. The report hinted at — but did not spell out — that White supremacy is not an individual phenomenon. It was the United States government and its political subdivisions that legalized slavery, imposed Black Codes, slaughtered and moved Indians, waged the Seminole War against Blacks and Indians in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, trumped up the Mexican War, snatched Hawaii from its rulers and banned Chinese and Japanese from immigration.

The people who carried out those policies may be gone, but the government and constitution that benefited from those

strategies still lives, practically unchanged.

2) Why is the treatment of African Americans any different from those of other people of color?

Distinct from any other group, African Americans were subjected to 300 years of mass rape by White males whose genetic imprint is visible throughout our ranks. Although some of us may have green eyes or light skin, what we did not get were the property rights that our family lineage would have provided but for the color of our skin.

Combined, the answers to those questions point not to a discussion among individuals, but to an economic restitution from the entity that caused the damage—the federal government. If we can hold tobacco companies, foreign banks, car makers, airlines and even a wayward president accountable for their past transgressions, so cursory changes in civil rights will not heal the blot on America's heritage.

The gap in household net income provides a benchmark for the reparations to African Americans. A very simple strategy of boosting net worth among Black families either through targeted application of federal and private programs, or through a payment of \$80,000 per family would be the most direct way of putting African Americans in the position to protect their own rights. My preferred strategy is to provide Treasury bonds in that amount that would mature over a five-year period to every Black family in the 1990 census. This could be funded through reallocation of funds supposedly targeted through housing, job, health and education programs that never seem to make it to the people intended. It would take \$30 billion per year, or a total of \$150 billion.

Dr. Franklin's report pointed out that the disparities run through almost any facet of American life, from prison populations to Internet access. We could spend most of the next millennium trying to "perfume the pig" by talking about the symptoms of the disease of American racism.

While that discussion goes on, the policy apparatus is busy making the dialogue moot. The Supreme Court is dismantling affirmative action, the Congress uses its appropriations power to move resources away from poor people, state initiatives target bilingual education and civil rights and corporate benevolence overwhelms the regulatory power of national governments to enforce basic civil rights or labor protections.

In order to adequately utilize the ammunition that Dr. Franklin has provided us, we need the focal point of a single target that such groups as NCOBRA and the Republic of New Africa have been pointing to for decades. That target can't be a defense of affirmative action, although that is needed, but a comprehensive strategy to reclaim the capital that has been stolen from Black families through the centuries.

We're now going through our Second Reconstruction, because our political and economic fates are in the hands of the same federal government that only crushed us as 35th of a person. Today, our labor only gets 60 cents on the dollar compared to our White counterparts. Peoples who have successfully overcome oppression insist on being made whole, not being made dependent. In that principle, we are no different than any one else.

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Martha M. Grogg is director of the Advisory Council on Drug Abuse (ACDE), a drug education and prevention organization with offices in California, New York and Texas, an office in Phoenix, Arizona.

## The Feds Open Investigation Into Hangman's Noose

By Lee Hubbard

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The San Francisco Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting a preliminary investigation into the display of a hangman's noose found two weeks ago in the trailer of a major contracting company at the San Francisco Airport.

The noose was first noticed hanging in the middle of the trailer by a Black employee of Hensel Phelps.

The employee notified Delton Sanders, a superintendent at Liberty Builders, a Black construction company, whose trailer sits directly next to Phelps. Sanders took pictures of the noose.

"When I first saw the noose, I thought back to the South when Blacks were being hanged," said Sanders. A day after Sanders took the pictures, he said he was approached by a foreman from Hensel Phelps, who told him that the "noose wasn't for me to take pictures of, it was for me to put my neck in."

"We are aware of the noose incident, and we are implementing a preliminary civil rights investigation," said George Grogg, a special agent with the FBI.

After the preliminary investigation is concluded, a decision to file charges will be made by the United States Justice Department. The initial FBI investigation into the hangman's noose incident was prompted by a letter to the United States Justice Department from the San Francisco branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) that detailed the events at the airport.

"A hangman's noose was visible hanging inside of the above Contractor's (Hensel Phelps) trailer on the airport job site last week between Aug. 25 through Aug. 28," read the NAACP letter. "The hangman's noose to a Black man is as offensive as a Swastika to a Jewish man and rightfully so."

In a Sept. 1 letter addressed to the NAACP, Jon Ball, a Hensel Phelps vice president, wrote that the noose was intended as a joke. It wasn't racial or directed at Black-owned Liberty Builders.

"The item in question was prepared by a Hensel Phelps field worker to be used as a sling to elevate his injured leg," read the letter. "The rope sling was later placed above the foreman's desk inside

the van trailer as a joking reminder of the workers hampered condition."

The letter further stated that Hensel Phelps is investigating the matter further and that "individuals involved did not realize that hanging the sling in the trailer would be offensive to others who saw it."

The company will meet with all of its project personnel, and it will conduct educational and racial sensitivity meetings, the letter said.

Although it is being called a joke, the hangman's noose and Hensel Phelps' response aren't joking matters to San Francisco NAACP President Alex Pitcher.

"I didn't think much about Hensel Phelps' response," said Pitcher. "It was like the old saying that 'any excuse is better than no excuse.'"

The news of the hangman's noose comes on the heels of a battle between Liberty Builders and Colorado-based Hensel Phelps. Liberty Builders was listed as a concrete subcontractor to Hensel Phelps.

But, according to Willie Ratcliff, the president of Liberty Builders and publisher of the Bay View, "Hensel Phelps put us through hell."

"They tried to take part of our work and run us off. Hensel Phelps wanted to take over the job from the beginning," said Ratcliff. "They wanted to take over the job, and we refused to hire their people to perform my contract work. They didn't want me to hire any of my people or perform the functions of our bid."

Ratcliff filed a complaint against Hensel Phelps with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC), who found Hensel Phelps guilty of putting Liberty Builders through "uneven and discriminatory harassment" to the extent of being unable to effectively perform its subcontract.

Ratcliff said his experience is one that many Black contractors have had to face at the San Francisco Airport. He viewed the recent noose incident as a threat to him, his workers, and his business. "Bodily harm can come to you or any other Black contractor if you keep pushing ahead," he said.

"A whole lot of our brothers and sisters are getting the short end of the stick in contracting and they are getting taken advantage of," said Pitcher.

He said he will forward information to the San Francisco body of supervisors, and he wants it to hold hearings looking into discrimination at the airport.