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MAJOR NEW BLACK ORGANIZATION FORMED HOUSTON, TX

Representatives from over 100 black organizations met in Houston, TX last week to form a new organization which they hope will rival the power and influence of such groups as the NAACP, the Urban League and the Congressional Black Caucus. Heading the National African-American Leadership Summit (NAALS) is former NAACP head Benjamin Chavis. Labeling the gathering "fruitful and successful," he said, "The NAALS has taken on more of a sense of permanence in terms of building our infrastructure that can help galvanize and focus the vast energy and talents of our people." Among the organizations represented at the summit were the Nation of Islam, several NAACP chapters and the Black United Front. Summit attendees also focused on organizing the so-called "march of one million black men" on Washington, D.C. That march is set for Oct. 16.

SUPREME COURT JUDGE THOMAS VOTED AGAINST AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.—When the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 recently to undermine affirmative action programs, black justice Clarence Thomas was among the majority voting against the programs. Affirmative action programs are designed to give preference to minorities and women in hiring, scholarships and government contracts as a way of compensating for past discrimination. But the programs have come under heavy attack from whites, especially white males. As a result the generally conservative Republican Party has taken up the anti affirmative action crusade. Thomas, a black conservative, has spoken out against affirmative action programs even though critics charged he benefited from them while attending college.

MICHAEL JACKSON APOLOGIZES TO JEWS

LOS ANGELES, CA—Controversial pop music superstar Michael Jackson last week apologized to Jewish groups for lyrics in a new song which they charged could promote anti-Semitism. The song in question is on his new album "HIStory" and was entitled "They Don't Care About Us." Jackson said, "My intention was to say no to racism, anti-Semitism and stereotyping."

BLACK WEALTH CONFERENCE SET FOR GREENSBORO, N.C.

GREENSBORO, NC—A day-long series of seminars and workshops designed to show African-Americans how to build personal and family wealth will take place in Greensboro, N.C. on Saturday, July 15. The wealth-building conference is being conducted by the Better Life Club of America—a Washington, D.C. based financial self-help group which devises income enhancement programs and projects. Conference topics will range from starting home-based businesses to investing and repairing negative credit to making profits in the 900-number business. Financial planning and debt reduction experts will also be present. Interested persons can

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE

by Williams Reed

Affirmative Action: A Hot Button for Clinton

The U.S. Supreme Court has joined the assault on affirmative action creating conflicts for citizens, the Congress and President Clinton on the issue. Many people are now saying the decision attacks the foundations of the \$12 billion-a-year federal network of programs providing contracts through preferential treatment to minorities. Minority business leaders from across the country, stung by the court's decision, have called on President Clinton and Congress to defend the policies and concepts of affirmative action. The group, The Minority Enterprise Opportunity Political Action Committee (MOPAC), includes many prominent black entrepreneurs whose businesses either began or are based on minority preference contracts.

Robert L. Johnson, founder of Black Entertainment Television, said the political action committee is seeking contributions of \$5,000 from each of the 100 largest black-owned companies "to oppose the dismantling of affirmative action." Johnson, whose BET Holdings Inc. at \$97.5 million-a-year in revenues is the 10th largest company on the Black Enterprise 100, employs 450 people, most of whom are African American. Other MOPAC steering committee members include: Earl Graves, Chairman and CEO of the \$50 million-a-year Earl G. Graves Ltd., publishers of Black Enterprise Magazine and owner of the Washington, D.C. \$50 million-a-year Pepsi Cola franchise; W. Don Cornwell, CEO of the New York-based \$76 million-a-year Granite Broadcasting Corp.

The group's public statement says, "Affirmative action is necessary because, for more than 200 years, African-Americans have been denied one of the seminal benefits of American citizenship—full access to economic opportunity." MOPAC's statement also says, "The Supreme Court decision in the Adarand case sounds like the death knell for affirmative action and minority set aside programs, the so-called policy of 'strict scrutiny' that the Supreme Court imposed on government affirmative action programs is nothing more than a 1990's Dread Scott decision, wherein white America is being told that they have no responsibility or obligation to provide opportunity to all Americans, regardless of race."

Graves, a member of the board of directors of numerous major corporations, including Chrysler Corp., says, "to an alarming extent, the American people have not been fully informed about affirmative action—what it is, and what it is not."

He called for members of minority communities to take on more positions of leadership in order to gain a fair share of the American dream.

But, many people wonder about the substance of the arguments of affirmative action proponents such as Graves, who insist that such programs are indispensable to bringing blacks on a par with whites and that without it income and occupational disparities will persist.

There is no denying that blacks have made impressive gains over the last 30 years. Nearly twice as many black families are considered middle-class today as compared to 30 years ago. The number of African-Americans in the ranks of Corporate America has risen over 50 percent and the number of black professionals has increased more than 75 percent since 1964.

But, it would be naive for blacks to attribute these gains strictly as a result of affirmative action programs; the contrary is true many say.

Programs such as affirmative action have caused us to abandon the principles of self-help and independence of Marcus Garvey and Elijah Muhammad. Thirty years of affirmative action has done virtually nothing to improve black employment and advancement prospects.

While there have been impressive black gains since the sixties, few can dispute the fact that despite the billions spent on affirmative action, there has been significant regression for the black masses.

Today black unemployment is twice that of whites and median black family income, which was 61 percent of that of whites in 1971, is now 54 percent of that of white families.

If the truth be known, the chief effect of affirmative action has been to transfer black workers from small and medium-sized companies to larger employers and federal contractors. In reality, if anyone has been helped by affirmative action the African-American elite and those positioned to advance regardless of quotas.

To date, Clinton has been wavering and uncertain about what to do on affirmative action. If he looks at the polls he will find varying sentiments about affirmative action, even among African Americans.

Polls will also show that most among the black masses can see no stake for them either in the maintenance or dismantling of such programs. The perennial winners among blacks are black owned businesses, who get contracts based on being "disadvantaged," and the blacks who've populated the halls of Fortune 500 companies in the last 30 years. The guys and girls who threw the rocks during the sixties are still standing on the same urban street corners. It is those among the black middle-class that are making the most noise for Clinton to start making moves to assure affirmative action program pass "strict scrutiny."

New Library Named "Patterson Branch and Family Learning Center"



Last Thursday morning, the Lubbock City Council in a 6-0 vote, with one not voting (T.J. Patterson), named the Northeast Branch of the Lubbock Library as "Patterson Branch and Family Learning Center".

The library will bear the name of the veteran city councilman who is in his eleventh year as an elected official; Patterson was elected April, 1984 and has served nearly three terms.

He is a co-publisher and editor of the Southwest Digest, and has

been active in numerous civic activities in Lubbock and around the state of Texas.

He is married to the former Bobbie Gean Bailey and they are parents of three children and three grandchildren.

A veteran of the Vietnam Conflict, 1962, he also served as a Commander in the U.S. Navy reserve. He was instrumental in the organization of the Texas Association for Black City Councilmembers (TABCCM), and serves on the Energy, Environmental and Natural Resources (EENR) of the National League of Cities (NLC), a policy steering committee.

He is an active member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where he has served in many capacities, i.e. superintendent, teacher, Steward Board, and conference officer. He has been a delegate to General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church three times.

When asked how he felt about this honor, he said, "I'm humble to have this honor given to me. I will do my best to represent this honor for the kids of today and, hopefully, other efforts will continue to help our children of tomorrow. Education is the key, and I hope this library will serve as a catalyst for these young people as well as their parents."

Patterson is hoping there will be opportunities for parents who have not received a high school diploma to have this opportunity through this library. "With the cooperation of the Lubbock Public Schools, there will be so many opportunities for those who have not gotten a high school diploma. After receiving one, I only hope they will continue to move up the socio-economic ladder in order to better their station in life."

A dedication will be held after the opening of this new facility, which has a price tag of \$1.4 million.

"I hope that some kind of a drive will be coordinated to see that many of the young people in this community will have a library card, and once received will use it," concluded Patterson.

Former Lubbockite Preaches First Sermon in Austin



Ralph M. McCormick, graduate of Dunbar High School, preached his first sermon June 11, 1995 at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. Rev. A.W.A. Mays is pastor. Minister McCormick's sermon was entitled "Jesus Is Coming to Town." His scripture text was I. Thes. 4:16-18; II Thes. 1:7-10.

According to all who attended, it was a spirit-filled message and was uplifting to his family, pastor, members and friends.

McCormick is very active with the Junior Brotherhood, Male Chorus, Young Adult Choir and Bible study.

His family is extremely proud of him and are praying that God will continue to bless him in all his efforts. Family members say: "We love you, Ralph!"

Ralph is the youngest son of Maxine McCormick and grandson of Mrs. Catherine McCormick.

Clinton says Supreme Court Decision Must Not Set Back Discrimination Fight

Statement from President Clinton

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision limiting affirmative action sets a new legal standard for judging affirmative action, but it must not set us back in our fight to end discrimination and create equal opportunity for all.

Despite great progress, discrimination and exclusion on the basis of race and gender are still facts of life in America. We have always believed that affirmative action is needed to remedy discrimination and to create a more inclusive society that truly provides equal opportunity. But I have also said that affirmative action must be carefully justified and must be done the right way. The Court's opinion in Adarand is not inconsistent with that view.

It is regrettable that already, with the ink barely dry, many are using the Court's opinion as a reason to abandon the fight. Exaggerated claims about the end of affirmative action—whether in celebration or dismay—do not serve the interest all of us have in a responsible national conversation about how to move forward together and create equal opportunity. The Supreme Court has raised the hurdle, but it is not insurmountable. Make no mistake; the Court has approved affirmative action that is narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling interest. The constitutional test is now tougher than it was, but I am confident that the test can be met in many cases. We know that from the experience of state and local governments, which have operated under the tougher standard for some years now.

Some weeks ago, I directed by staff conducting the review of federal affirmative action programs to ask agencies a number of probing questions about programs that make race or sex a condition of eligibility for any kind of benefit. What, concretely, is the justification for this particular program? Have race and gender-neutral alternatives been considered? Is the program flexible? Does it avoid quotas, in theory and in practice? Is it transitional and temporary? Is it narrowly drawn? Is it balanced, so that it avoids concentrating its benefits and its costs? These are tough questions, but they are the right policy questions and they need answers.

I have instructed the Administration's affirmative action review to include an analysis of the Adarand decision and its implications in its report.



Dorothy Height (left) and John Hope Franklin (2nd right) were honored for their lifetimes of service to children by Margaret Williams (2nd left), chief of staff for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Nobel Prize winner, David Lewis (right), during the grand opening celebration of the former Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, TN. Franklin and Height are honorary co-chairs of the Black community Crusade for Children, which is coordinated nationally by the Children's Defense Fund.



Cornell West, Black community Crusade for Children working committee member, addresses more than 200 African American leaders at the grand opening celebration of the former Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, TN. According to Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, the farm will serve as a home for the children's movement and the Black community Crusade for Children, and as a center for spiritual and leadership development and renewal, for character and community building, and for intergenerational and interdisciplinary communication. West spoke on Assessing Our Children's Present and Future: Obstacles and Opportunities.



Ruby Jay's Corner

Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Brother Henry High presiding. A song, "Glory To His Name," was sung. Prayer and another song, "Blessed Assurance," was sung by the congregation. Each class marched to their respective classrooms for 30 minutes of instruction. The classes returned singing "Love Lifted Me."

High points of the lesson were given by members of Class Number 2. They were very good, and all enjoyed the input.

The secretary's report: Youth Department—Class No. 1 received both banners. Class Number 4 lost both banners.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Deacon Clarence and Joan Y. Ervin at 10:45 a.m.

During the morning worship hour, the Youth Choir marched in singing "I'm On My Way Up." These young people really sang well. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. J. Brown. A song, "Thank You, Jesus," was sung and morning scripture was read by Sister Scales. Prayer was given by Deacon Earnest Swain.

Another song, "When I'm On My Mission, Lord," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "What a Friend." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Billy R. Moton. There was a request for Sister Pam Moton to sing "I Won't Complain."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Jesus Answers To Excuses." His scripture was St. Luke 9:57-58. It was another good sermon. An invitation to discipleship was extended and one came by restoration, one for baptism and one for watch care.

Remember the sick and shut-in in the community with your precious prayers. Among our sick include Mr. Tucker who is a patient at Methodist Hospital. Also Sister Skief's mother-in-law who is ill.

Sister Joan Y. Ervin lost a cousin in Waxahachie, Texas. Services were held Tuesday, July 18th.

Sister Ida Johnson is attending funeral services for her brother-in-law, Elder G.K. Tomkies. The services were held Tuesday in Mary Spring AME Church in Shreveport, La.

The Ushers of New Hope Baptist Church held its annual Musical last Sunday afternoon. If you missed this musical, you missed something special.

The Ponder family enjoyed a happy reunion last week.

Sister G.H. Davis is selling cards again. She is selling get well, sympathy and all occasion cards which include birthday cards... Give her a call...

Congratulations to T.J. Patterson in the naming of the new library after him. May God continue to bless you, Brother Patterson.

National Black News Survey

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get registration information by calling 1-800-748-1821. Better Life Club spokesman James Nathan explained the conference this way: "Our aim is to inform black people that the fundamental need of the last part of the 20th century is to build personal and family financial security. And we show them how to do just that."

HAKEEM OLAJUWON TO PROMOTE UNCLE BEN'S RICE

NEW YORK, NY—Hakeem Olajuwon, the star center of the NBA's Houston Rockets, has signed a three-year contract paying over \$100,000 to promote Uncle Ben's rice and other products of Mars Incorporated. The signing came despite concern by many blacks that Uncle Ben rice package symbolized slavery and subservient blacks. Although, in recent years the company has given Uncle Ben a more modernized look.

BLACK HOMOSEXUALS CONTRACTING AIDS AT RECORD RATE

ATLANTA, GA.—Officials at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention are reporting a dramatic rise in the number of AIDS cases among black male homosexuals. During the first half of 1994, there was a 79 percent increase in AIDS cases among black gay males as compared to the same period in 1989. The rate of increase among white male homosexuals was only 14 percent. There was also a dramatic rise among Hispanic gay males of 61 percent. Despite an increased spread of the deadly disease into the general population, approximately 90 percent of all Americans afflicted with the deadly HIV virus fall into two groups: homosexual males and intravenous drug users. The CDC also found that in recent years AIDS infection has begun to spread faster in small towns and rural communities.

PAGEANT RECRUITING BLACK CONTESTANTS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant has chosen Washington, D. C. as the location for its 1995 international beauty and talent competition. Pageant organizers are currently accepting qualified contestants for the October competition, which is expected to feature young ladies from 50 U.S. cities and at least 20 foreign countries. The top prize includes a \$10,000 cash award. Interested young ladies can receive information and registration materials for preliminary pageants in their areas by writing Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Washington, D.C. 20035.

NEW TRIAL SOUGHT FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Lawyers for Pennsylvania death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal last week began pushing their case for a new trial. They argue that the black former radio reporter was wrongly convicted of killing a white police officer in 1981. The execution, via lethal injection, is scheduled for Aug. 17 and the U. S. Supreme Court has thus far refused to hear the case.

MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BREAK IN AT ROSA PARKS HOME

DETROIT, MI.—The man accused of breaking into the home of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks and beating her during a robbery pleaded guilty last week. Joseph Skipper, 28, faces up to 15 years in prison. The 82-year-old Parks was not badly injured during the robbery last August. Skipper only got \$50 from the robbery. It was Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus to a white man in 1955 that is credited with launching the modern civil rights movement.

More Texans Need Mammograms

This year, 9,200 women in Texas will be diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

As women age, their risk of developing breast cancer increases. Yet many of them are unaware that Medicare—the federal government's health benefits program for people 65 and older and certain disabled persons under 65—covers one of the most effective procedures for detecting breast cancer early, the mammogram.

To inform older women about this important Medicare benefit, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and the Health Care Financing Administration of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services have begun a nationwide information campaign. In Texas, a coalition of private, nonprofit, and state organizations—the Texas Partnership for Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness—is assisting in this national education effort.

Along with a clinical breast examination by a doctor or nurse, a mammogram (X-ray of the breast) can detect cancer in its early stages when it is most likely to be successfully treated. Medicare covers a large portion of the cost of these procedures once every 24 months, and will cover additional mammograms if they are medically necessary.

But in Texas, only 32 percent of women 65 or older who were not enrolled in health maintenance organizations (HMOs) had a Medicare-

paid mammogram in 1992 or 1993, according to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

These percentages indicate that many older women in Texas do not use their Medicare benefits to cover mammograms, which is why members of the Texas Partnership for Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness have joined efforts to inform them about early detection of breast cancer through mammograms. Partnership organizations include: American Association of Retired Persons; American Cancer Society, Texas Division, Inc.; Medicare Part B (Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Inc.); National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service of Texas and Oklahoma; Texas Department of Health; Texas Department of Insurance; Texas Department on Aging; Texas Medical Foundation; Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition; and the Health Care Financing Administration of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For a free Medicare brochure about mammograms, a list of Texas Partnership organizations and their telephone numbers for additional materials, and information about how to obtain a low-cost mammogram (available in Spanish or English), Texans are encouraged to call the Texas Medical Foundation Medicare Beneficiary Hotline at 1-800-725-8315 (TTY: 1-800-725-8339). Se habla Español.

Graduates to Receive GED

An area-wide commencement ceremony for GED graduation will be held Thursday, July 20 at 7 PM at the Matthews Community Learning Center Auditorium, 417 North Akron in Lubbock. Each year approximately 500 individuals meet the requirements to attain the GED in the Lubbock area. The GED test is made of five examinations in the areas of literature and the arts, science, social studies, mathematics, and writing skills. GED is the national equivalency to a four-year high school degree.

Carolyn Lanier, Director of the South Plains Food Bank, will be the guest speaker. A long-time supporter of this program, Ms. Lanier said, "We see first-hand at the Food Bank how getting your GED can impact on the individual who is graduating, but their entire family."

The Region 17 Adult Learning Center, Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS), LEARN, Inc., and JobSource are sponsors of the GED graduation. This will be the second annual GED ceremony in the City of Lubbock.

Poetry Sought for Book

EPS Publishing Company is accepting general poetry for its upcoming 1996 winter book project entitled "Restoration of Life."

Poets are invited to send one or two original poems of 24 lines or less on any subject. The deadline has been set for December 31, 1995. Please make copies of your poetry. EPS Publishing Company will not return submissions.

Please submit all poems to: EPS Publishing Company, 19116 Tillman Road, Long Beach, MS 39560.

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Woman Pawn's Court-Ordered Tracking Device

FORT LAUDERDALE—Police re-arrested a woman Friday who pawned an electronic device meant to monitor her court house arrest. One day after a judge placed Evelyn Daniels on pre-trial release for a previous drug arrest, Daniels took the \$1,700 device meant to keep tabs on her and pawned it for \$5, according to the Broward Sheriff's Office. Daniels, 27, of Ft. Lauderdale, allegedly told a clerk at the Cash King pawn shop the device was an answering machine. Daniels was arrested in March for possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia and for resisting arrest. She is now in jail and charged with violation of pre-trial release, grand theft and dealing in stolen property. No charges were filed against the pawn shop operators.

Parkway Manor Care Center News - Volunteer Registration

Rev. W.H. Stephens has been released from the hospital after a brief illness. Rev. Stephens is always concerned about the welfare of the residents at the center. Let us pray for his recovery.

Willie Jean Boyd visited George Clark and Ruth Robison last week. They reported a wonderful time together.

Hayward Lewis visited his brother, Artie Lewis, last Tuesday afternoon. They also reported a wonderful time together.

Ann Day, who works with SPAG, visited the center last Wednesday morning. She assisted in the weekly Bible study program. Rev. W.H. Stephens has been ill this week. The residents always extend a hearty welcome to Sister Ann Day.

Jennie Ann Jordan and daughter, Shimiya Borja, visited their mother and grandmother last Thursday afternoon.

Brother Birmingham, a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church where Elder Charles

Thomas, a pastor, visited the residents last Wednesday afternoon.

Albert Lineer visited his brother, William Lincoln, last Friday morning.

Leah Alexander and Wanda Ladd visited the residents last Friday morning. They are members of the Alexander Chapel C.M.G.C. where Elder James Thurst is the proud pastor.

Residents of the Parkway Manor Care Center are always happy to have you visit with them each day of the week. One will never know when their turn will come to want someone to come and visit with them. Therefore, if you have a relative or friend come by and visit and share a few minutes with someone. It is a most important posture to be in if you have an opportunity to offer something.

Just come by and let the residents know that you have not forgotten them.

Mrs. Gloria Oquin, A. D. & R.; Rev. W.H. Stephens, Assistant A. D. & R.

Final Two Days to Apply for Free Air Conditioner

Project Help will be taking applications for "Portable Evaporative Air Conditioning Units" on Wednesday, July 19, 1995 at Rogers Community Center, 3200 Amherst, from 2 to 4 PM and on Thursday, July 20, 1995 at Mae Simmons Center, 23rd St. and Oak Dr., from 1 to 3 PM. *These will be the last two days to apply.*

Applicants must meet certain guidelines to qualify for the cooling assistance. All interested parties should plan to attend one of these screening sessions.

APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Applicant's picture ID verifying identity, age and address. Proof that applicant or household member is 60

- years of age, disabled, receiving SSI or Veterans disability.
- Social Security cards or document verifying social security numbers of all household members.
- Proof of all household income. Pay stubs, printout from Social Security Administration, letter from DHS regarding AFDC amount, award letter from Railroad Retirement, Teacher Retirement System, etc. Must meet 1995 poverty income guidelines.
- Proof of the amount of food stamps received.
- Above information must be submitted with all applications.

"In-Line Action Rodeo" Event Scheduled

LUBBOCK—With the summer months upon us and school out, kids by the thousands around the nation are taking to the streets and playgrounds on rollerblades, the latest fitness craze. However, with this comes a startling increase in the numbers of injuries, nearly 60% of which are happening to children under the age of 15 years old. To help combat this trend, the City of Lubbock Health Department, along with Lubbock Power and Light and KCBD-TV, is hosting the 1st Annual "In-Line Action Rodeo" at Safety City on Saturday, July 22nd from 10am-12 noon. The event is free and is open to everyone.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, in-line skating is one of the fastest growing sports in the US, with nearly 20 million participants. Such large numbers are encouraging for fitness trends, but it also heralds the increase of injuries—nearly 49,000 children will be treated in hospital emergency rooms around the country with skating-related injuries and nearly 7000 of these cases will be head injuries—a three-fold increase from 1993. Each injury will cost an average of

\$5000.

"Most of these injuries could be prevented or minimized if everyone wore their protective gear every time they went skating," said Liz Inskip-Paulk, Health Education Coordinator at the City of Lubbock Health Department. "Just a few minutes of putting it on can save months of hospital treatment and very large medical bills in the long run." Protective gear should include an ANSI-approved helmet, elbow and wrist guards, and knee pads, and usually costs between \$50 and \$100 for the set.

The "In-Line Action Rodeo" is planned from 10am-12 noon and will provide kids the opportunity to get their skates safety-checked for free (with help from Ski Lubbock Sports). Once their equipment has been checked, participants will go through a short course to test their skills, and either pass each test or learn a new skill. There will also be skating experts on hand to answer questions etc., as well as plenty of door prizes and refreshments for everyone.

For more information, please contact Liz Inskip-Paulk at 767-2919.

Ohio Supreme Court Affirms \$1.5 Million Verdict

AKRON, OH—Maria P. Sperando, a Fort Pierce associate of nationally known trial lawyer, Willie E. Gary received a verdict for \$1.5 million Jollai from an Akron, Ohio jury in February 1993. The jury found that Akron dentist, Dr. Dan Wilson was at fault for creating temporomandibular joint syndrome, or TMJ problems for Faith Brook Stewart.

At her trial, Stewart testified that she was in excruciating pain from the TMJ and had to take medication all the time. She said the pain disrupted her lifestyle—and her children testified how their mother's personality changed.

The jury awarded Stewart \$1.5 million dollars, which is believed to be the largest dental malpractice award in the county's history.

Wilson appealed not only the amount of the award, but also on the grounds of jury misconduct since jury foreman, Richard Wesig made an unplanned visit to his own dentist "to increase his dental IQ."

absent the misconduct.

She accused Wilson of lying on the stand and said the jurors judged his credibility when they set the award.

She said he tried to tell the jury he replaced the crowns twice instead of five times and denied knowing that Stewart was in pain, even though he had written her a letter during the course of her treatment acknowledging that she was having problems and had written her a prescription for pain medicine.

Sperando also said that if the other jurors had given any weight to the advice of Cox, the foreman's dentist, they would not have awarded \$1.5 million since Cox said he thought \$1.5 million was high.

Dr. Wilson's attorney also argued that the \$1.5 million award was not backed by testimony proving that Stewart's damage was permanent. He said her ongoing expenses only amount to two doctor visits a year.

After the verdict was affirmed, senior partner, Willie Gary said, "I am very proud of Maria, she hung in there and kept fighting for her client. It was a long, hard-fought two years, but she never gave up."



Wilson's attorney presented two sworn statements to the court—one from Dr. Timothy Cox, the private dentist visited by foreman Richard Wesig, and another from juror Jon Lampley.

Cox tells about Wesig's drop-in visit and says Wesig asked him about the relationship between bad crowns and TMJ and also if he thought \$1.5 million was a fair award for bad crown work. The dentist says he told Wesig he thought that amount sounded out of line.

The affidavit from Lampley says that Wesig told the other jurors he had questioned his own dentist.

On March 15, 1995, Summit County Common Pleas Judge Maureen O'Connor denied Dr. Wilson a new trial because she said she could not see evidence that the one juror talking with his dentist affected the ultimate outcome of the case.

Wilson's attorney argued that a new trial should be ordered, even if it can only be said that the juror misconduct "might" have affected the outcome of the trial.

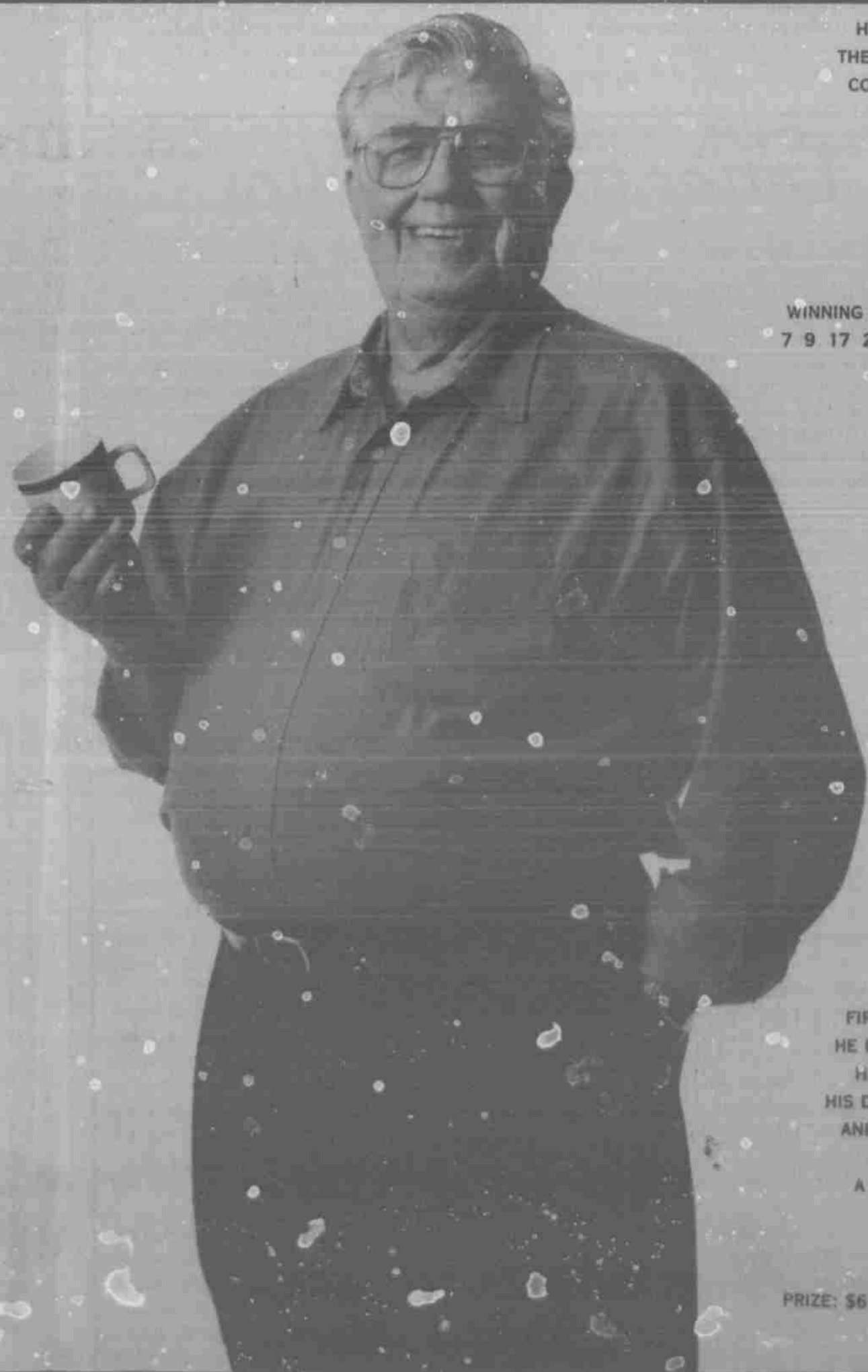
Stewart's attorney, Maria Sperando, argued that the verdict would have been the same even

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINNERS!—Mark Smalls, center, Manager, Ethnic Marketing, Pepsi-Cola Company, congratulates the four winners of the third annual Pepsi Youth Awards Contest. From left, they are Cheyenne Batista, community service winner, representing Port Richmond High School; Robyn Richards, oratory winner, representing St. Vincent's Academy; Nabate S. Isles, music winner, representing Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and Performing Arts, and Arlene Davis, leadership winner, representing East Orange High School. Conducted by Pepsi and Essence magazine, the Pepsi Youth Awards Contest, held at the Harlem School of the Arts, recognizes the achievements of talented high school students between the ages of 14 and 17. Each winner received a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, a commemorative plaque and tickets to the Eighth Essence Awards in New York City.



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The Southern Baptist Convention Repents of Racism

(Guest Editorial) by Charles Foster Johnson

At its annual meeting last month in Atlanta, the Southern Baptist Convention overwhelmingly approved a resolution denouncing its racist origins, repenting of its sin of racism, and committing itself to racial reconciliation. The resolution offers formal apology to all African-Americans for the role Southern Baptists have played in denying full civil rights regardless of race.

Such an unfortunate historical role is well-documented. The SBC was founded in 1845 by Baptists in the South who broke away from northern Baptists after it was decided that no persons holding slaves could be appointed as missionaries. In essence, the denomination was birthed out of the attempt to justify slavery as morally acceptable. That racist continuum was sustained throughout the 1950's and 60's when Southern Baptist churches often led the opposition to civil rights for African-Americans. Who in Texas can forget the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas saying that racial integration was contrary to the will of God?

On June 20, 1995—the denomination's 150th anniversary—Southern Baptists took a significant step in righting this deep injustice. The resolution is a blessedly strong statement:

"Whereas, racism has divided the Body of Christ and Southern Baptists in particular, and separated us from our African-American brothers and sisters; and Whereas, many of our congregations have intentionally and/or unintentionally excluded African-Americans from worship, membership, and leadership; and Whereas, racism profoundly distorts our understanding of Christian morality, leading some Southern Baptists to believe that racial prejudice and discrimination are compatible with the Gospel..."

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we... unwaveringly denounce racism, in all its forms, as a deplorable sin... affirm the Bible's teaching that every human life is sacred, and is of equal and immeasurable worth, made in God's image, regardless of race or ethnicity... repudiate his-

toric acts of evil such as slavery... apologize to all African-Americans for colonizing and/or perpetuating individual and systemic racism in our lifetime... commit ourselves to eradicate racism in all its forms from Southern Baptist life and ministry."

I know that the cynical will conclude that this long-overdue stance gives new meaning to the old saw, "better late than never." Indeed, 150 years is a painfully long time for such repentance to seize our collective moral consciousness. All too often human beings—and the churches they constitute—assume their moral culpability at glacial speed.

The real test of this repentance will be what we do in our churches for the next 150 years. Will we Southern Baptists make our congregations truly open and inviting to people of color? It requires no great powers of observation to conclude that 11:00 on Sunday morning is still the most segregated hour in American life. Will the individual Christians of our congregations work in the public sphere to remove barriers to economic justice and equality that continue to afflict black communities? A disproportionate share of the economic power base is in the hands of too few individuals, including those who hold membership in our white Baptist churches. Will Southern Baptist churches take bold initiatives in establishing relationships with African-American congregations? There is great enrichment to be gained from regular joint activities of worship and fellowship among our churches.

In short, we will see if Southern Baptists really show "fruit worthy of repentance" (Luke 3:8), really become "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

But, for now, let us see this development as a hopeful indication that the reconciling Spirit of Christ is unrelentingly stubborn, prodding and bothering and wooing us into cooperation, and reminding us that, given enough time and space, God's gracious and perfect will is insinkable.

Charles Foster Johnson is Senior Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Lubbock.



IN CINQUE by Renetta W. Howard

Slowly but surely, the Republican Party's 'Contract With America' is taking a toll on minorities, especially Black Americans. The one piece of legislation, the Equal Opportunity Act, which opened doors to employment which had been closed to Blacks, is slowly being sent into oblivion. It was from the Equal Opportunity Act that we got the term 'set asides' and 'affirmative action.' Employers were required to set aside portions of jobs and educational institutions were to do the same as well as provide educational opportunities for the population as well, which was reflective of the labor market in their locales. The word 'set aside' took the place of quota. Governments were also expected to offer plans for accommodating minorities (CRISIS, May/June, 1995).

In the July 3, 1995 issue of JET, U. S. Supreme

Court Justice Clarence Thomas allegedly cast the deciding vote in the cases which threatened affirmative action. He is quoted as saying, "...there is nothing 'affirmative' about affirmative action." In the case of the Missouri desegregation law, Justice Thomas is quoted as saying that it is "based on a theory of Black inferiority," one that believes that Black children can only learn if they are taught in the same environment with a set number of White pupils... affirmative action is a type of 'racial paternalism.'"

In view of the fact that widespread discrimination of minorities, especially Blacks, has and continues to exist, we need to re-examine Justice Thomas' decisions and get to the crux of what affirmative action is and has done for minorities: and how minorities can survive profitably without it. Let us get 'in cinque' and prepare our youth for a fast changing society in which they must, as ATT's commercial says, KNOW THE CODE!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

AIDS has become the leading killer of young American adults according to Dr. Harold W. Jaffe, a top AIDS official at the Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"So, in just fifteen years, AIDS has gone from being a non-existent cause of death to being the leading cause of death among young American adults. Are we going to allow our young adult population to be virtually wiped out before we insist that Congress take action to reduce the spread of AIDS?"

Dr. Jaffe also stated that in 1992 heterosexual transmission became the leading route of transmission of HIV in women. HIV is the virus from which AIDS evolves. This obviously means that permissive sexual behavior is a leading cause of the spread of AIDS. Such behavior is also obviously one cause of the high rate of abortions and births out of wedlock in this country.

An article in the February, 1995 Reader's Digest entitled, "What They Want To Teach Your Child About Sex," points out that permissive sexual behavior is far more prevalent among teenagers who have no religious affiliations than it is among religiously observant teens.

In 1962 the Supreme Court handed down a decision which led to making it illegal for any public school to provide religious education. Unfortunately millions of children have neither the opportunity or the encouragement to get any religious education outside of the school either.

If Congress truly wants to help reduce the spread of AIDS and the demand for abortions and the births out of wedlock and the amount of money paid out in welfare to unwed mothers, they could do it by making it at least as permissible to provide religious education in public schools as it is to provide sex education. This could reduce the permissive sexual behavior and thus reduce the undesirable consequences of such behavior.

Sincerely,
Stephen Tarver

Generation X: White Myth and White Hegemony

Special to NNPA

From the Political Reform Committee (PRC)

It is no accident that the young generation who has come into a knowledge and awareness of Malcolm X has had the meaningless and degenerate label of generation X imposed upon us. Generation X is a particular white, faddish epithet parading as universal. It has little meaning or usefulness for the young people who are demystifying white cultural hegemony.

This generation, particularly the Black youth is heeding to the immortal words of our ancestor Frantz Fanon. He stated "Every generation must out of relative obscurity find its destiny, and once found either fulfill it or betray it." Countless young people throughout the nation have found our destiny and are in the process of fulfilling it. We recognize that our destiny is grounded and rooted in the rich heritage, culture of resistance, struggle and triumph of our ancestors. Our generation stands on the shoulders of Nanny and Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey, Maria Stewart, David Walker, Martin Delaney, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Booker T. Washington, Marcus Garvey, Anna Julia Cooper, W.E.B. DuBois, Mary McLeod Bethune, Elijah Muhammad, Ella Baker, Martin Luther King, Jr., Fannie Lou Hamer and Malcolm X to name a few.

The young people of this generation accept the obligation of claiming responsibility and ownership of the politics, social relations, education, economics and spiritual vitality of our communities. In addition, we recognize that our struggle must be morally grounded and reflect a shared ethical vision. Moreover, we are compelled to break the cycle that have occurred in the Black struggle whereby we have "lightened up" when racism abates and "tightened up" when racism intensifies. A proactive, self-determining agenda should be in effect irrespective of the racist climate in America and the inconsequential labels that are utilized to mask and confuse the critical issues and questions confronting this generation.

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LOPEZ... who serves as the executive director of the... GUADALUPE ECONOMIC SERVICES, INC... has often... STOOD TALL... for those who are without foodstuffs and shelter... THIS N THAT... reminds us that the incident seen last Sunday... happens in our city... and we should be aware of this kind of a situation... If you are blessed to have... FOOD TO EAT... and a... PLACE TO HANG YOUR HAT... then you have something to be very proud of...

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—Herb Jeffries

For the first, and only, black singing cowboy on the silver screen, there's nothing as riding into the sunset. In the late thirties, Herb Jeffries became the first black movie hero and, in the forties, a singing star with the Duke Ellington Orchestra. Today, Jeffries is a phenomenally vigorous 83-year-old who's as charismatic (and his smooth baritone as strong) as when the Bronze Buckaroo first saddled up. In fact, nearly 60 years after he made movie history, he's recorded his western songs for the very first time on an album—*The Bronze Buckaroo (Rides Again)*, produced by Jim Ed Norman and like Jeffries himself, his Warner Western debut is both "Now and Then."

"I was like the Pied Piper at personal appearances," says Jeffries at his Los Angeles home, recalling earlier days. "I had a Cadillac with steer horns up front and my name in gold rope on the side and after the picture I'd do rope tricks, spin my gun and sing songs from the movie. Wherever I went kids would follow me down the street—not only black kids but white kids too, which was unusual to see down South. They'd seen cowboys before but not movie cowboys."

Now, on *The Bronze Buckaroo (Rides Again)*, Jeffries sings brand-new recordings of his theme song, "I'm A Happy Cowboy," which was heard in all four of his Saturday matinee horse operas; "Pay Day Blues" (from *Harlem Rides The Range*) with Michael Martin Murphey; and two new songs he wrote specifically for the album, "Lonesome Rider Blues" and "Down Home Cowboy." He also reprises the western classics "Texas To A 'T'" (with Little Texas), "Nine Hundred Miles" (with the Sons Of The San Joaquin), Bob Nolan's "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" (an innovative version with the R&B group Take 6), "Cow-Cow Boogie" (with singer-actor-musician Hal Linden on clarinet) and Gene Autry's "Back In The Saddle Again" (with Rex Allen, Jr.). He performs one of his many jazz hits from the forties, "You, You Darlin'" with The Mills Brothers.

Recording in Nashville, Jeffries realized that western and jazz had an affinity for each other and decided to blend them together. "They're the only musical art forms born here," he says. "All the others are borrowed. But there's a whole different cadence to the music now than 50 years ago. It's not waltz-3/4-time western that Garth and Clint are doing; it's a 4/4 beat, which is line-dancing. It's the same beat as jazz! And there's no generation gap in line-dancing, it's for young and old. I smelled an inspired marriage and so did Jim Ed Norman (President of Warner/Reprise Nashville). After seeing an episode of a PBS series called "California's Gold" that featured singing cowboys Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Jeffries, Jim Ed Norman called Jeffries in late 1993. That show in turn had been inspired by a tribute concert the previous year at the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles that included Autry, Jeffries, Rex Allen and Patsy Montana, among others.

"That was the first time I'd worn a Stetson in public in 50 years," says Jeffries, "but I'd never stopped loving westerns or the image of the cowboy." A pair of his boots, a hat, and posters from his *oaters* now occupy a place in the museum.

How did a young man from Detroit become a singing cowboy? From a theatrical family, he began singing in a combo with a neighborhood piano prodigy, performing locally and on radio. When Jeffries moved to Chicago, he was discovered by Earl "Fatha" Hines, who invited him to sing at his local shows there. Hines was so pleased that he asked Jeffries to go on the road with his band for a tour of the South.

Jeffries, who grew up in an integrated neighborhood and went to an integrated school, says he "never saw discrimination until I went South." Playing tin roof theaters and tobacco warehouses, he noticed there were thousands of small movie theaters where blacks went to watch the cowboy pictures of Tom Mix, Buck Jones, Ken Maynard and Duke Wayne because they weren't allowed in white theaters. "I thought, 'My god, there should be black cowboy pictures. There were black cowboys.'"

Once, he saw a group of white boys running from a little black child who was crying. It turned out they were the child's friends but they'd started playing cowboy and since they'd never seen a black cowboy they left him out. Jeffries told the child what he knew of black cowboys and the child wiped his tears and scampered off after his playmates. Says Jeffries, "He belonged in the posse as much as they."

Thanks to recent historians, we now know that many top ranch-hands and trail-drivers were black. They were wranglers and riders as well as helpers and cooks. Often, the hardest tasks and meanest horses were left for them to prove themselves. Various documentaries on subjects such as the "Buffalo Soldiers," as well as

the TV mini-series *Lone Star* and the film *Foxy* with Mario Van Peebles, have also helped educate the public about the contributions of African Americans to western culture. So too did the three-part documentary *The Untold West* for Turner Network Television which aired earlier this year. For part two, "The Black West," Jeffries did narration, provided research, and the episode used excerpts from his cowboy films.

Those early films almost never happened. For a year he tried to raise financing from black millionaires, including the policy makers who ran the urban numbers rackets. But none were willing. Then one day in 1936, he walked into the office of Ted Buell, a Hollywood producer in Gower Gulch, where many of the B-westerns were made, and tossed out his idea. Buell, who had produced *The Terror In Tiny Town*, a novelty western with little people, called a distributor in Dallas and asked if he'd be interested in westerns with an all-black cast. Said the distributor, "I'll take all you have. You mean you've got some?"

The tall, handsome, and athletic Jeffries not only starred as Bob Blake, but cast the films, wrote most of their songs, did all of his own riding and stunts. "I was a fearless character. Besides, we couldn't afford a double." He roped in comedians Spencer Williams (later the Andy of TV's *Imo's n' Andy*) as co-star and Mantan Moreland as his sidekick and cast the other roles from the few blacks who were working in Tarzan pictures. His backup singers were the Four Blackbirds, better known later as The Four Tones, a sort of African-American version of the Sons Of The Pioneers.

As for his own cowboy talents, Jeffries says "every kid is a cowboy at heart" and he'd learned to ride during summers on his grandfather's farm. Then, before beginning filming, he went to a ranch in Santa Ynez for almost three months to learn from wranglers how to round up cattle, brand, vault off a horse and back onto the saddle, and how to spin a rope. Filmed at N.B. Murray's Dude Ranch, a place frequented by African American athletes and performers, *Harlem On The Prairie* (1936) opened at theaters across the country, including major showplaces such as the Rialto on Broadway and the Paramount in Los Angeles. While there'd been black stars before, like Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, their characters were always subservient. Jeffries was the first to be a hero.

Two Gun Man From Harlem and *Harlem Rides The Range* (both 1937) followed, as did a new producer, different villains and co-stars, and a love interest. The music changed too, from the bluesy to a more cowboy movie motif—"Git Along Mule," "The Cowpoke's Life Is The Only Life For Me," "Almost Time For Roundup" and "Prairie Flower." With their success, *The Bronze Buckaroo* (1938) was next but another, *Ten Notches To Tombstone*, was never completed.

One reason was that Jeffries had joined the Duke Ellington Orchestra in 1939. (With that band, his rendition of "Flamingo" made him a major singing star—the single selling more than 14 million copies.) Another reason was the subsequent bombing of Pearl Harbor; Jeffries enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces in 1942. By the time World War II was over, discrimination was teetering and blacks could attend white theaters. Black motion pictures and the short-lived black western were no more.

The end of the war found Jeffries in France, where he parlayed his discharge pay into opening a jazz club in Paris aptly called the Flamingo. It would be ten years before he moved back to the U.S., where he opened another Flamingo club, this time in Los Angeles. Since then, he's appeared in movies (including *The Hit Man* with Jack Palance), television (from an episode of *The Virginian* playing a former gunfighter to *Hawaii Five O*), and, of course, on record, producing and releasing albums on various labels just about once a year.

His jazz career is recalled in a promotional album which accompanies *The Bronze Buckaroo (Rides Again)* for the press. Included are highlights from his work with Hines and Ellington, including "Flamingo" and the original version of "You, You Darlin'," and his solo recordings of the late forties.

Today, Jeffries continues to perform about six months of the year, recently with the show "Mostly Duke" with Barbara McNair and The Mills Brothers; in concert with the Mercer Ellington Orchestra; and singing with and conducting his 16-piece band at performing arts centers. He also sings with classical orchestras, including those of Santa Barbara, La Mirada and San Antonio. The latter was at Murphey's behest for a live album which features the 108-piece symphony—a first for western music.

It's said that time takes its toll. For instance, all copies of *Harlem On The Prairie* have disappeared and the other three movies would've been lost as well except for a chance discovery of film cans in a collapsed cellar in Dallas (all are in re-release on video). Yet Jeffries seems to defy concepts of aging. As vibrant as when he starred in those films, he's been married for the last dozen years to Regina, 50 years his junior, whom he wed when she was 21. He ascribes his longevity to a nearly lifelong study of Eastern religion, which has included meditation and yoga. Importantly, he also exercises his magnificent voice. "The voice is a muscle. If abused, misused or not used, it deteriorates. I've never taken my voice for granted."

Those he's inspired haven't taken Jeffries for granted either. Another groundbreaking, black country star Charley Pride, has told him he used to see his cowboy pictures. Says Jeffries, "That I was the first black singing cowboy on the face of this earth is a great satisfaction. But that's history. Today, I'm the new kid in western music."

Then and now, Herb Jeffries sits tall in the saddle

DNC Demands Republicans Retract Most-Wanted Poster Fowler Says GOP Once Again "Plays the Race Card"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new Republican fundraising appeal that targets for defeat 28 House Democrats—most of whom are either minorities or women—is the latest example of Republican efforts to use race, ethnicity and gender to divide the nation, Democratic National Committee Chairman Don Fowler charged today.

A recent mailing by the National Republican Congressional Committee includes a "most-wanted" poster with pictures of 28 Democrats, 22 of whom are either African American, Latino, Jewish or female. Fowler called on the GOP to denounce the poster and apologize.

"Republicans like to talk about their 'big tent,' but when it comes right down to it, they always play the race card," Fowler said. "This is a cheap political trick that is intended to raise money by driving a wedge between different ethnic and gender groups. The Republicans ought to apologize for it."

Fowler pointed out that most of the 28 targeted Democrats represent districts that are solidly Democratic.

"The Republicans don't really expect to unseat these Representatives," Fowler said. "The GOP is merely using their faces on a poster to fan the flames of racial, ethnic and religious discord. It is a shameful and disgusting tactic that is not befitting the Party of Abraham Lincoln."

Fowler tied the "most-wanted" poster to a series of recent incidents in which the GOP has embraced those who use racist appeals. He cited the Republicans' plan to honor radio talk show host G. Gordon Liddy at a recent senatorial fundraising dinner, as well as Speaker Newt Gingrich's decision last week to appear on a radio talk show with Bob Grant, who has made the use of racist language his trademark.

"While the Democratic Party has fought long and hard for diversity, inclusion, and a Congress that looks like America, the Republicans continue to divide this country," Fowler said. "They have a responsibility to condemn this kind of shameful tactic."

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July 5, 1995

Dear Family:

Please excuse the form letter, but we are trying to let everyone know about an exciting new program. Lubbock Regional MHMR has received a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. This grant will enable us to open a Neighborhood Involvement Center in your area. Neighborhood Involvement Centers are designed to work with neighborhoods to bring a variety of services into that community rather than expecting the community to come to us. We hope to empower the community by helping to develop programming that meets specific needs identified by the community.

We are in the process of forming an advisory board in your neighborhood. This group will be made up of both adults and youth from your area. We will be looking to this group to guide us so that we can more appropriately meet the needs in your particular community.

Beginning July 5, 1995, we will be offering programs out of the Outreach Office (508 E. 23rd) and out of the Copper Rawlings Community Center. These programs will be directed at youth and families. Soon, we hope to have activities located at several other spots in your community. It is our hope that these initial activities will help us become involved in your neighborhood. We would like to invite your youth and your entire family to come to one of these locations and take part in what we are building.

If you have any questions you can reach a member of the Neighborhood Involvement Center in your area by calling 766-0233.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in a special meeting Sunday at 9 a.m. in the home of Delbert & Dorothy Hood instead of our engagement at the meeting center. A very fruitful business meeting took place. We just give God the glory for everything. Sister Dorothy Nash offered prayer.

Think about this. Let us examine ourselves to see if we have been faithful to the truth we already possess. It could be that the reason we compromise the truth so often is because we don't want to suffer the persecution which comes with taking a stand for Jesus. It could be that even when we take a stand for Jesus, and receive opposition and persecution for his name's sake, we may be tempted to recant or deny our Lord because of the intensity of our afflictions.

But the victory of Jesus is not in the swift, nor to the dodger or compromiser of God's word; but the victory is to those who endure and overcome the persecution which accompanies our faithfulness to God's word and God's nature.

To those who shrink from the cross which must be borne for the Word of God and the Name of Jesus; for those who refuse to be baptized in his death and to fellowship in his suffering; for those who would prefer to wade in the "ankle waters" of faith rather than plunge with the Spirit into the deep waters of our salvation—please be advised: Jesus will have no pleasure in that great day! For the path into the Kingdom is paved with the high cost of discipleship, Jesus himself having paid the price! In order to truly know him, in the power of his resurrection, we must also know him in fellowship with his suffering. And it is in suffering for Jesus' sake, for righteousness' sake, that we, then, become partakers of his revelation knowledge!

Revelation knowledge is available to "whosoever will take of the water of life freely." Jesus has promised that those who drink "out of his/her belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:37-38. But we must be willing to die daily, and to surrender to our appointed seasons of redemptive suffering, in order to receive the awesome revelation knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ! This is our yoke and burden until we see Jesus face to face! Think about it.

Thought: Don't spend all your time telling people if they're wrong. Tell them about a man that's right, Jesus Christ.

Keep smiling and loving because it's right, and make this world a better place for all of us. Write Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408.

D. Hood, President; Ernestine Frazier, Secretary



from the Desk of Farson D.A. Smith Spreading the Gospel

One of the fascinating stories of architecture is the development of the skyscraper. Architects say the idea is a very old one. Remember the tower of Babel! Someone actually designed such a building many years before skyscrapers were built. But the design was useless.

People were just not able to walk up more than few flights of stairs. It was only after Elihu Graves Otis, a United States engineer, in 1852 invented the first lift with an automatic safety device that skyscrapers became practical. The device consisted of vertical ratchets on the sides of the elevator shaft into which spring-loaded catches engaged and "lock" the elevator into position in the event of cable failure. Such a lift could safely take people from the bottom to the top floor

with little effort.

No matter how great a dream one may have, without a practical means of making the dream take concrete form, it is largely useless. This is true of the salvation offered in Christ. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. The mercy of God is available without partiality to the whole world. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." However, until God captures the hearts of those who are willing to communicate that message, the effect of the work of Christ on the cross is of no value for the world. One of the greatest privileges God gives His people is that of being communicators of His good news. God could have chosen the continue use of angel to declare the good news, or He could reveal it in some esoteric magical rite. But God has ordained that men tell to men the news of salvation.

Come Join Evangelist Lena Robinson



Evangelist Lena Robinson is a member of Emmanuel Temple Church. She is a mother and grandmother who loves the Lord.

Evangelist Robinson is known for her love of people. She is the president of the Missionary Department and works closely with the National Women's Department.

Evangelist Robinson runs the Food Bank and the Clothes Closet for the

homeless on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Many days are devoted to collecting food and clothes and delivering them to families in need.

Her greatest goal in life is to help those who cannot do for themselves.

Evangelist Lena Robinson was born in Mangum, Oklahoma, and raised in Lubbock, Texas. Born to Nathaniel and Olivia Thomas, she is the only sibling. She came to the Lord at an early age. She is saved, sanctified and filled with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. She has received church training from Bishop Louise Osbourne and Bishop Grace Osbourne.

Evangelist Lena Robinson put herself through school after getting married at a very young age. She went to a training school to be a physiotherapist, and has her diploma. She then went on to take a course in nursing, and has her C.N.A. in that field. She has also taken a course of four years in cooking at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, and become a dietician. At the age of nineteen she became an Easter Star, and in

that organization she effectively worked her way up, and became a worthy matron of the Queen Easter Chapter. Her major force has been to help others.

She attended Eisinia Bible School under the teaching of Bishop Louise Osbourne of Portland, Oregon.

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Jeremiah 8:7, Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD.

WE've messed up this GREAT LAND; AT ONE TIME: IT SHOWED MUCH LOVE, BUT NOW IT'S FULL OF HATE; AND THE STREETS ARE RUNNING FULL OF BLOOD.

Psalms 103:17, 18, But THE MERCY OF THE LORD IS FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

LORD, we know you gave us A COMMANDMENT: GO INTO THE WORLD AND PREACH; BUT MAN WANTED TO GO: AND SING WE SHAL!, OVER COME, AND MARCH IN THE STREETS.

Micah 6:1-3, HEAR ye now what THE LORD SAITH: Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. Hear ye, O mountains, THE LORD'S CONTROVERSY, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for THE LORD HATH A CONTROVERSY (DISPUTE) WITH HIS PEOPLE, and he will plead with Israel. O MY PEOPLE, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? TESTIFY AGAINST ME.

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Isaiah 56:9-11, THE LORD SAID, All the beast of the field, come to DEVOUR, yea, all ye beasts in the forest, HIS watchmen are blind: they are all IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea they are GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, and they are shepherds that cannot UNDERSTAND: they look to their OWN WAY, EVERYONE FOR HIS OWN GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY).

LORD, were so overcome with: ONES RIGHTS; IT'S NOW A SIN-SICK WORLD, THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS ARE KILLING THEIR OWN; LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Luke 13:34, JESUS SAID, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them, that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy CHILDREN together, as a HEN (DUMB CHICKEN) doth gather her brood (LITTLE ONE) UNDER HER WINGS, AND YE WOULD NOT.

This nation is in for a great FALL: THAT EVEN A BLIND MAN CAN SEE, THIS NATION CAN'T STAND; AT THE RATE IT'S GOING: IT'S SOON TO BE.

Deuteronomy 28:15-21, But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these CURSES shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: CURSED shalt thou be in THE CITY, and CURSED shalt thou be in THE FIELD. CURSED shall be thy basket and thy STORE. CURSED shall be THE FRUIT OF THY BODY, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy line (CATTLE), and the flocks of thy sheep. CURSED shalt thou be when thou comest in, AND CURSED shalt thou be when thou goest out. THE LORD shall send upon THEE CURSING, VEXATION (CONFUSION), and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou BE DESTROYED, and until thou PERISH QUICKLY; BECAUSE OF THE WICKEDNESS OF THY DOINGS, WHEREBY THOU HAST FORSAKEN ME.

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Chairman's Corner

By Milton Bins Special to NNPA

Since the Nov. 8 election blowout, I have been asked on several occasions what can African Americans expect from a Republican-controlled Congress, and my response is always the same: Responsible leadership that will leverage the historic opportunity given Republicans to end business as usual in Washington. A Republican-controlled Congress will streamline the bloated federal bureaucracy, curb runaway spending and restore the American dream to the millions who are anxious about their future and that of their children.

To be sure, African Americans are part of that growing "anxious class," who respond to political messages—and messengers—who address their concerns about economic growth and opportunity, safe neighborhoods, quality education and family preservation. This is evidenced by the support black voters gave to Republican candidates from Massachusetts to California. There is no doubt that voters rejected Democratic policies of big government and dependency, and made an informed decision to entrust Republicans with a narrow window of opportunity to make good on their contract with America.

African-American Republican candidates racked up victories nationwide. The winning candidates include Rep. Gary A. Franks and Rep.-elect J.C. Watts; Ken Blackwell and Janet Howard, who were elected Ohio state treasurer and state senator, respectively; Vikki Buckley, Colorado's new secretary of state; and state Sen.-elect Henry McCoy and state Rep.-elect Larry Linney of North Carolina.

Councilman Hosea Ned of Plaquemine County, which is located about 17 miles from New Orleans, was the only African American or Republican reelected to the County Council.

The Republican Party must now build upon the inroads made among African-American voters by focusing attention—and resources—where the voters are: middle-class, college-educated, upwardly mobile urban and suburban dwellers who look to the private sector for entrepreneurial and employment opportunities. I am thrilled that incoming Speaker Newt Gingrich is more concerned about adopting policies that will "create 11,000 black millionaires" than he is about increasing the number of workers eligible for the earned income tax credit. Such a bold approach to economic empowerment does justice to the Party's historic commitment to developing sound public policies to enhance opportunities for all Americans—not just for some who fall within an arbitrarily defined income level.

To disillusioned and disaffected African American voters, we say welcome to the Republican Party, but fasten your seat belts because challenging Democratic hegemony over black folks can make for a rather bumpy ride. However, it's a ride that's crucial to effect the political and economic empowerment of African American communities. We cannot allow the clear difference between the parties to be obfuscated by practitioners of exploitative and destructive racial politics.

Milton Bins is chairman of the Council of 100 Black Republicans.

A Flower For Bones

by Jeff Carroll

There are many awards given by governments and private citizens in this world. There are Medals of Honor and Victoria Crosses. There are Nobel prizes in a variety of categories. Local Chambers of Commerce give keys to the city and the American Red Cross gives little drop-shaped pins for blood donations. All of these are important, as are others. Few, however, demonstrate the sincerity of one white flower.

Back in 1886, one of the larger ranches along the Pecos River was the JRE and, when the grassy plains of the Panhandle opened up to grazing, they moved their cattle to the area around Clarendon in Donley County. Along with the cattle came the cowboys and among them was Matthew Hooks, better known as "Bones".

Bones came originally from Robertson County where his parents were slaves in the cotton fields along the Brazos. Although most of the uplands in that area are now in cattle production, it was cotton from horizon to horizon after the Civil War, and Bones had no desire to follow the stooped life in the fields. So, at age seven, he left home and took a job with an itinerant butcher driving a meat wagon. As young as he was, he was good with the horses, and, by age nine, he had graduated from the meat wagon to a ranch where he took care of the remuda. By twelve, he was considered the best rider and trainer in the area, and he moved from ranch to ranch, always working his way west toward open country. The 1870's saw a million or more cattle move up the trails to Kansas. By 1880, Bones was involved, not only as a herder of horses, but as a top hand drawing top hand wages.

The winter of 1886 brought a turning point for the cattle industry and for Bones. Three years of drought followed by a major blizzard wiped out the plains cattle from the Canadian border to the Panhandle. Folks called it "the big die-up", and, when northern ranges were restocked, it was with more cold-hardy breeds from northern Europe. For the most part, it brought an end to the big cattle drives and the free-ranging way of life. When Bones came to Clarendon he was looking for a place to settle down.

Now Clarendon was often called "Saints' Roost" because of the religious atmosphere of the community. That suited Bones just fine, and, although African Americans were scarce in the area, his skill with horses allowed him to fit in with the range crowd, and he became the breaker of horses for all of the big ranchers, including Charlie Goodnight's JA. Perhaps the rancher he admired most was Tom Clayton, and, by 1890, Bones and he entered into a partnership. Then, in the early 1890's, Tom Clayton died and Bones carried a bunch of white wildflowers to the funeral.

That started a tradition. Every time one of the pioneer ranch men died, if he had been a good and honest man, Bones brought a white flower for the casket. Pretty soon, folks began to respect the African-American cowboy for more than his ability with horses. A white flower from Bones was public recognition of a good life and a job well done. Such flowers were treasured. In a way, it is a little strange that this simple, unadorned recognition of a job well done from an un-schooled African-American cowboy, should be so important. But, folks in the Panhandle attached great value to its significance, and the word spread. Several presidents received white flowers from Bones and felt honored. Other white flowers went to world and religious leaders who sought the betterment of the human condition. In a way, the white flower from Bones became the Panhandle equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Bones never smoked or drank, and, as more and more African Americans filtered into the area with their families, he built for them the first African-American church in the Panhandle. Then, in 1909, at age 42, Matthew "Bones" Hooks left the range and became a porter on the Santa Fe Railroad. No one seems to know why he traded the four-legged for the iron horse but his respect and the tradition of the white flower followed him. When he retired in 1930, he made Amarillo his home and settled down to become one of the community's strongest civic leaders.

In Amarillo, Bones became the first African American to sit on the Potter County Grand Jury. His membership was solicited by most civic organizations, and he became a member of several old settler's associations. It was Bones who founded the North Heights addition to Amarillo and it was Bones who founded the "Ogie Club" for underprivileged African-American boys.

When Bones died in 1951, every mourner brought a single white flower.

Parenting For Education

By Vivian W. Owens

Special to NNPA

When you mention Abe Lincoln to eight-year-olds, they perk up and immediately rattle off the merits of the sixteenth president of the United States. Seven years later, those same youngsters who are now 15-year-olds may frown if you mention the Bill of Rights or the Underground Railroad, although these are also content history. Where, along the route between third grade and tenth grade, does the learner derail and refuse passage on the journey through history?

On the home front, parents may invite learners to explore history in ways organized to excite their sense of time, people, and events. Home activities can have end goals in themselves or they may add beautiful color to the formal lessons received in a school classroom. Consider the notion of maintaining relevancy. What is the history of your cultural or ethnic group? Does your city or state have historical sites which should be generally known by everyone? Weave your family history into the history of your ethnic group. Name great grandparents and dates they were born as you parallel this event with other generally known historical events. Look at pictures and talk leisurely about the events depicted in them. Mention of society fashion trends or of geographical peculiarities associated with historical sites often pique teenagers' interests with lasting effect.

Visit museums or historic homes every chance you get. Relate issues of 1776 to issues of 1976 or of 1896. Point out everyday matters that may have a basis in the past. Bring history to life with costumes (your child can make them), foods, or models of transportation. Matters of history become relevant when your child sees how they affect him and his interests. He tunes into it when he sees patterns he is familiar with already.

In your own way, with your own experiences, you will think of many ways to make history relevant to your child through home initiatives. You will start at the point your child is now. Make every effort to continue your teacher of history with your child at each age level. Extra effort may be required for children between ages 10 through 16-years-old. Your effort makes a big difference.

Vivian W. Owens is the author of 'Parenting For Education, Create A Math Environment' and 'Nadanda, The Wordmaker.' Her books may be purchased by writing to Fschar Publications, P.O. Box 1196, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

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