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NATIONAL NEWS

NPCBW Declares No Suffrage Statue Without Sojourner Truth

On Tuesday, April 22, 1997 the National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW) held a press conference in Washington, D.C. to announce its unyielding opposition to the placement of the "Suffragettes Statue," in the Capitol Rotunda without the inclusion of Sojourner Truth. "Despite our vigorous protest to include Black ex-slave, feminist and abolitionist Sojourner Truth, a move is presently under way to raise a statue of three white 19th century suffrage women—Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott—from a crypt to a more prominent place in the Capitol Rotunda," stated Dr. C. Delores Tucker, president of the NPCBW. Historian, Janette Hoston Harris, past president of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and head of the NPCBW's Sojourner Truth Committee said that, "...we are writing history for the future. To deny Sojourner Truth her rightful place in history would be an affront to all women." "We cannot begin the 21st century with the separate but equal doctrine of the 20th century characterized by Plessey vs Ferguson," said Dr. Tucker. "We say truth must be included in any effort to honor suffrage, or else we are repeating a false and incomplete history," she added. NPCBW was joined by descendants of the original suffragettes, historians, elected officials and more than 44 national organizations including the National Council of Negro Women, the Coalition of 100 Black Women, and the Bethune-Dubois Foundation. (Supporters recently found out that the Suffragettes Statue had been secretly placed in the Rotunda on Sunday, April 20, 1997 despite assurances given that future discussion would take place on the inclusion of Sojourner Truth.)

BIG Summit Targets Discrimination in the Government Workplace

Blacks in Government (BIG) hosted a summit of organizations concerned with racism in the government workplace in Washington, D.C. May 5, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, took place at the Brookings Institute, was designed to provide a forum to develop a method for attacking the problem. Oscar Wason, president of the national organization of African-American government employees, said existing government policies and practices have failed to alleviate institutional bias that have contributed to the concentration of Blacks in lower grades in government employment and in limited job areas. In the federal sector, Blacks are being terminated at three times the rate of whites. Complaints of discrimination are increasing. In addition to government employee organization, program participants included the Rev. Jessie Jackson; Kweisi Mfume, president of the NAACP; Hugh Price, president of the Urban League; Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA); Rep. Earl Hilliard (D-AL); Rep. William Clay (D-TN); and Rep. Al Wynn (D-MD). A number of employees adversely affected by disparate treatment in the government workplace also participated in the discussions. BIG is an organization of government employees from federal, state, and local agencies.

New Study Focuses on High Risk Students

Going to school, being on time and doing one's course work can make academic success more attainable for those students who are considered at risk for not completing high school even if other negative influences exist, say researchers. This finding is examined in a new study of academic achievement of minority students who are at high risk for dropping out of school. The report appears in the April issue of American Psychological Association's (APA) Journal of Applied Psychology. "We found that not all minority students who were at risk for school problems because of being from a low income home or living with one parent, drop out of school or even suffer poor performance in school," said Dr. Jeremy D. Finn, Ph.D., the lead researcher and author of the study. "It seems that being involved in school outweighs other factors that might impede an at-risk student. The resilient students got good grades throughout high school, scored reasonably well on achievement tests and graduated on time with their classmates independent of their family background and their own levels of esteem or beliefs about who is responsible for their success or failures." The study included 1,803 African-American and Hispanic students from Grade 8 through Grade 12.

Nettie Edwards - Gold Medal Award



Throughout her career in education, Nettie Edwards has touched the lives of many, both in and out of the classroom. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Prairie View University and a master of science degree in education from the University of Southern California. She served as principal of Haynes Elementary from 1982-1996. While principal of Haynes, Edwards was recognized as exemplary by the Texas Education Agency

for three consecutive years. She also has taught grade school, music and reading and was assistant principal of Parkway Elementary. Her many awards and accomplishments include YWCA Woman of the Month, Lubbock Administrator of the Year, Honorary Life PTA member, and TESPAN of the Year for Region 17. Gold Medals, awarded by the Lubbock Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications, honored people who, over an extended period of time, have worked to improve the quality of life of a broad spectrum of those living in the Lubbock area.



Photo of a recent check presentation at The College Fund/UNCF headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. The \$25,000 check was presented to William H. Gray III, president and CEO, The College Fund (2nd from the left) by (left to right): Mr. Anthony Hall Esq., Grand Site Archon, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; The Honorable Judge Robert Franklin, Chairman, Boule Foundation; and Mr. Eddie Williams, Grand Site Architect, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Both the Boule Foundation and the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity have agreed to contribute an additional \$25,000 each, in 1997.



Young sixteen year old Frederick DeShawn Toler will leave Thursday for Austin, Texas to compete in the 400 Meter run as he qualified last week in Big Spring, Texas in a Regional meet. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Toler, he is a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and is a junior at Estacado High School. He was recently elected as President of the Estacado High School Student Body. "I'm going to Austin to do my very best. When I've done that, I've done all that I can do. I feel real good about this opportunity," said Toler. The Southwest Digest wishes him the very best as well as the Girls' Relay team who will be given an opportunity as well.

A Voice From the Hill, Rumbles Under the Big Tent

By George Wilson

It seems like only yesterday that the Republicans took control of the House and Senate. This political revolution was led by a brash, deceptive member of Congress from Georgia by the name of Newt Gingrich. Gingrich and his cohorts did a masterful job of convincing the electorate that they, instead of the Democrats, should be in control of Congress.

When the takeover first occurred, the Republicans exhibited true party solidarity by voting as a block on virtually every piece of legislation that came before the body. This spirit was so evident in the House of Representatives that even the Democrats had to marvel at the discipline of the GOP. The House would pass one plank after another of the Contract With America only to see the items vetoed or diluted in the Senate. Republicans quickly discovered that making ideological hay and passing bills that will become law are two different things.

In spite of the hopes and dreams of supporters of the Democratic party, the GOP retained majority status in both legislative chambers at the last election. However, this time the majority was reduced because of Republican losses. In political terms that means if Republicans don't like where their leadership is going, they can now side with Democrats and have their way. This phenomenon was recently shown when 11 Republicans bolted from the party's position of funding an investigation of alleged wrongdoing on the part of Democrats. After the GOP House leadership received an embarrassing defeat, it had to rewrite the legislation to appease those who voted against it. Once the 11 were sufficiently satisfied,

they voted for the measure.

In the first two years of his reign as Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich was able to rule without challenge from members of his party. However, less than four months into his second term, many are opening criticizing him for his leadership style or lack thereof.

Some of the Speaker's biggest critics have accused him of going soft. At least one Republican Congressman is openly calling for Gingrich to step down because, in his opinion, Gingrich is an "effective liberal." The Speaker's transgressions including hosting Reverend Jesse Jackson in a special seat during the State of the Union address, meeting with the Congressional Black Caucus and mentioning that a tax cut would not be part of the Republican budget proposal.

During campaigns, the Republicans pull out the rhetoric about their "Big Tent." Currently, that tent doesn't seem big enough to contain the various factions within the Republican party. The true business of the people could be a casualty of the fracas in the tent.

True right wingers look upon these actions as betrayals of the Republic cause. Aside from these ideological fights, there is still the ethics problem confronting the Speaker. After admitting to some wrong doing, the Speaker is to pay a \$300,000 fine. So far, however, it has not been paid because he hasn't decided he will pay it from his own funds or from campaign contributions. At best, the Speaker is a wounded politician who is losing control of his troops. For Democrats, this squabble in the elephant house is a breath of fresh air when their party is reeling from attacks on its fundraising practices.

SENATE APPROVES ELLIS MEASURE TO EXPAND DRUG-FREE ZONES TO INCLUDE DAY-CARE CENTERS



AUSTIN, Tx. - State Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) today won unanimous Senate approval for legislation (Senate Bill 119) that would expand drug-free zones to include day-care centers in Texas. According to Ellis, the measure will help protect children from drug-related crime.

"Too often in Texas,

playgrounds are turning into gang battlegrounds where our children are caught in the crossfire," said Ellis. "This legislation will help protect our children and our communities from the dangers of drugs and violence."

According to Ellis, the 873rd Texas Legislature increased penalties for drug-related crimes in the vicinity of a school or playground. Ellis said his legislation would expand drug-free zones in Texas to include day-care centers. Under the proposed legislation, if an arrest is made in the vicinity of a day-care center, a conviction could increase the maximum sentence from ten years to 20 years with a \$10,000 fine. Day-care facilities protected by the legislation include a kindergarten, preschool or after-school program as well as a federal Head Start program as with more than 12 children.

"We must do all we can to protect the safety of our

children and our communities," said Ellis. "Children need a safe and secure environment to learn, grow and succeed. Day-care facilities in Texas must be safe havens for hope, not danger zones for dope."

According to the Children's Defense Fund, a child is killed by gunfire in America every two hours. The national Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that 12 percent of state prison inmates said they committed a violent offense to obtain money for drugs. In Texas, data provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety shows that almost eight percent of all arrests in 1995 involved the sale of possession of drugs.

"We all share a deep and enduring belief that our children are our future," said Ellis. "Expanding drug-free zones to include day-care facilities is one important way to help protect our children's health, safety, and education."

CLING'S THING O.J. (Rip Van Winkle) Simpson

by James Clingman

Has O.J. Simpson just woken up from a 25-year sleep? His latest 'preachings' on the state of Black America suggest he is grabbing at what he perceives to be the last straw to rescue him from his public relations nightmare.

All of a sudden O.J. is concerned about Black people. He is perplexed at the fact that Black people are punished more harshly and inequitably when compared to the white population. Only now, it seems, is he interested in the welfare of Blacks and Hispanics. He thinks it's a real shame that we are portrayed by the media as "criminals," "junkies," "pimps," "welfare cheats," and the like.

O.J. is saddened by the unfairness, the disparity, the bias, and all of the other "revelations" he discusses before Black audiences -- audiences that seem to be impressed by Simpson's ranting. I am not.

Simpson now wants to be the drum major for Blacks, Hispanics, Arabs (his words), and all of the other minorities in this country -- the country which he described as not being afraid of him because he was "safe" for white America.

He described how he gave scholarships to Black kids and felt he had done his share, as if that absolves him from doing more and justifies his penchant for "transcending race" and "being safe" in white America and remaining distant from his own people.

Even before he was charged with murder, I had little respect for Mr. Simpson. Now

I have even less. To think he can regain some of his millions (most of which he gave to white attorneys, white accountants, white business partners, white agents, and God knows who else) by pandering to and patronizing Black people, is insulting to all of us.

Sure, he may have just awoken from his long sleep -- a pleasant, dreamy sleep during which he was never subjected to the horrors he now espouses as unfair and unthinkable -- but he should at least acknowledge that fact. Most of us have had the same awakening experience, but most of us also remained silent for a while. We studied and learned more and we listened to some of those who had experienced the things O.J. now loudly rages against.

There is a time to study, to learn, to be humble, and to reflect on your past ignorance, after your awakening. You don't run out immediately and proclaim to the world that Black people are being treated unfairly, (especially when it's been going on for longer than you have been alive), as if no one knows it but you.

If he only knew how ridiculous he looks in those pulpits and at those lecterns, spewing statistical data on crime, punishment, and revelations on bias in the media, as if they just began last week. If O.J. were "Live at the Apollo," Sandman would have given him the "hook" early into his performance.

After you have been coddled

in the lap of luxury, accepted by white America, protected by white America, and idolized by white America, you should not start "preaching to the choir" about the injustices of white America, simply because white America has vilified and turned its back on you. It's not like this kind of thing just started, O.J. Or did it? Maybe you think so, because this time it has come calling at your palatial estate.

This is 1997 Where has he been? All of a sudden O.J. wants to make sure his children get educated among other Black children, to assure they have the proper perspective when it comes to their African heritage. All of a sudden he wants to champion the causes of Black people, after finally coming to the realization that unfairness really does exist.

O.J. wants to come back home now, only after white America proved to him that no matter what he has done in the past, no matter how much money he gave to those white attorneys and accountants, no matter how "safe" he thought he was, he is still Black.

So come on back, O.J., but please, please, be quiet for a while. While you were asleep you missed a great deal. On your way to Brentwood you either forgot what you were taught or you skipped the class called "Life in America, 101" ... and you obviously have a lot more to learn, my brother.

Joyce Roche, right center, president and chief executive officer of Carson Inc. presents a check for \$150,000 to Celebrating Life Foundation



(CLF) officials to help fight breast cancer among African American women. Pictured from left to right are: CLF acting president, Ella Goode; CLF executive director, Sylvia Dunnivant and former CLF president Frances Griffin-Brown. The funds will be utilized for the Dark & Lovely Celebrating Life Breast Cancer Awareness Program which will provide early detection and educational programs at the

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Ruby Jay's Corner



Isn't God good! Yes, he is good all the time. It is just so great when you can tell his precious name! That is, the name of Jesus!

The New Hope Baptist Church, the "Church Where The People Really Care," is located at 2002 Birch Avenue, and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. We are always inviting our many friends to come and visit with us on Sunday mornings. If you don't have a Church Home, then remember the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning with Supt. Bruce Tharrington at his post of duty. Each class reassembled after 30 minutes of instruction by their dedicated teachers and sponsors. They marched in the main auditorium singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

High points of the lesson were given by Supt. Tharrington. It was a very inspiring message from the lesson. We thank God for him and what he does for our Sunday School. It should remind us to think this week about last Sunday's lesson: "Who Is Worthy?"

Secretary's Report: Youth Department - Juniors received both banners last Sunday. Adult Department: Men's Class No. 1 retained the banners as well last Sunday morning. Again, good things come to those who wait on the Lord!

Morning worship hour began last Sunday morning with the devotional period and was led by Brother R.J. Givens and Brother Earnest Swain. What a time we had in this devotional period. Thank God!

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "On The Battlefield". Alter prayer was offered by Deacon Swain. A song, "We Have Come To Give God The Glory," was sung. Scripture was read by Brother Billy Dailey. Prayer was given by Sister Doris Dailey. Another song, "Be Made Whole - Right Now," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the

congregation standing. The morning hymn was "We'll Understand It Better Bye and Bye." Greetings came from Pastor Moton. He's almost home. So have on your shouting shoes and clothes next Sunday morning. Hope the Motons had a wonderful vacation.

After the singing of "Oh Give Thanks To God," the sermon of the hour was delivered by Rev. Jeff Brown. He came forward strong after the singing of "There's A Fountain." His subject was "Why Did The Brook Dry Up?" His scripture text was I Kings 17: 7-10. We thank God for Rev. Brown.

Elnora Johnson, who resides in Georgia and former member of New Hope Baptist Church, visited New Hope last Sunday morning. She is here at the bedside of her sick sister.

T.J. Patterson visited his brother, Herchel James Patterson, Jr., who is very ill in a nursing home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ask your special prayers for his brother. God knows. He is at Skyview Nursing Home, 2200 Coldtrane Road, Oklahoma City, OK.

The Brotherhood of New Hope will entertain the women coming this Saturday. If you miss this, you will miss a treat!

Remember the sick and shut in your precious prayers. Among them is Sister Evelyn Anderson who is in a nursing home. She is a sister of Mrs. Biggers and Mrs. Colquitt. To all our bereaved families, our love and sympathy go out to each of you. Among them is Sister Tucker's nephew, John Arthur Franklin, who was killed last week in Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Rosie Reddie is home from the hospital and is doing nicely at this report. Our prayers go out to her.

Hope every Mother will have a wonderful Mother's Day! Dead or alive, memories linger on! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

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Mature Students: Earning College Credit

By Keith Hilton, Ph.D.

I recently had a productive meeting with a Continental African educator based in Los Angeles. We discussed several possibilities for alternative education models that would be of value to traditional and non-traditional African-American students.

We also reflected on the advantages of CLEP and PEP exams for school credit.

These proficiency exams are designed for more mature students, rather than traditional age college students (18-22), so in many cases they are considered much easier and more practical.

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CLEP is the College Level Examination Program,

offered by the College Entrance Examination Board and PEP is the Proficiency Examination Program, offered in the state of New York by the Regents External Degree and elsewhere by the American College Testing Program.

Most of the tests offered by both CLEP and PEP are between 90 minutes and three hours and are multiple choice. A few are essay only, lasting up to seven hours.

Each college or university sets its own standards for passing grades, and also decides how much credit to give for each exam. Anywhere from one to six credits may be earned for each hour of testing. The five basic CLEP tests, for instance, are 90 minutes of multiple choice questions each, and are worth anywhere from 18 to 30 semester units, depending on the school. Thus it is possible to complete the equivalent of an entire year of college in

these tests.

Most exams are relatively inexpensive. CLEP tests are given over a two-day period once each month at about 1,000 centers, most of them on college or university campuses.

PEP tests are given for two consecutive days on a variable schedule in about 100 locations nationwide. Check with the admission offices of colleges in your area.

There is no stigma attached to poor performance on these tests. In fact, if you wish, you may have the scores reported only to you. If your scores are high enough, you can have them sent to the schools of your choice.

Our two main sources of this information came from Bear's Guide to Nontraditional College Degrees and Black Collegian magazine, two excellent publications that we encourage students to have in their personal libraries.

Obituary



Jennifer Willard

Final rites were read for Jennifer Roswell Coleman Willard last Saturday afternoon, May 3, 1997, at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ with Bishop W.H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, April 29, 1997 in St. Mary Hospital.

Born December 2, 1974 in Lubbock, Texas, she graduated from Dunbar-Struggs

High School in 1993. She attended Texas Tech University. She was a member of the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include: her father, B.C. Coleman of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Viola Willard of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: Robert Willard and Ronnie Bean, both of Lubbock, Texas; and Richard Willard of Houston, Texas; five sisters: Beulah Fay Parker, Cynthia Carr and Ella Willard, all of Lubbock, Texas, Emma Willard of San Antonio, Texas and Heather Coleman, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Dwane Dickson, Steve Spence, Reginald Andrews, LaJuane Cooper, Tim Anderson, and Aubrey Percell.

Honorary pallbearers were Reginald Coleman, Joe Ross, Collie B. Willard, John T. McAlister, Paul Johnson, Jr. and Victor Jones



Dorothy Jean Young

Funeral services were held last Saturday, April 26, 1997 for Mrs. Dorothy Jean Young at the St. James Baptist Church with Rev. Kado Lag, pastor, and Rev. Harley Edwards officiating.

Interment was held at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jerry Paul Williams, David White, Ronald Charles Davis, Albert Oliver, Butch R. Smith and Shaun Harris.

Honorary pallbearers were Glenn Davis, Marvin P. Clovis, Jerry Paul Williams and Timothy Carter.

She was born September 29, 1931 in Hobart Oklahoma to the union of Lula Mae and Floyd Adams. She was the youngest of four children. She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd Adams, in 1942, her mother, Lula Mae Adams, in 1985; a brother,

Robert L. Adams, in 1971; and a son, Otis Joe Young, in 1972.

She married Marvin P. Clewis of Palestine, Texas and this union was blessed with six children: Helen Jean Williams of Palestine, Texas, Linda Carter and Alice Agoular of Dallas, Texas, Patricia David of Houston, Texas, Marvin P. Clewis, Jr. and Evola Lowery of Midland, Texas. Later, she married Otis Lee Young. To this union five children were born: Jonita, Shamequla, and Willie Mae Young, all of Lubbock, Texas, and an adopted daughter, Leola Carter of Midland, Texas.

She was a member of Hollowell United Methodist Church of Midland, Texas. Rev. Harley Edwards is the pastor.

She will be missed by her nine children, nineteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, two sisters, Beatrice Reed of Detroit, Michigan and Evola Hicks of Midland, Texas; seven nieces, three nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Wilbert Ray Scales

Final rites were held for Wilbert Ray Scales last Saturday afternoon, April 26, 1997, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Jeff Brown officiating. Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor.

Pallbearers were Walter Scales Willie Scales, Jr., Bobby Ross, Phillip Scales, Johnny Rosemand, and Gregg Scott.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Wright, Pat Shelby, W. H. Johnson and Clarence Ervin.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

He was born March 28, 1954 to Willie, Sr. and Dorothy Scales in Idabel, Oklahoma.

His formal education we received in Hale Center Public Schools. He attended Wayland Baptist University. He also served in the United States Army.

Survivors include: his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Scales of Lubbock, Texas; his father, Willie A. Scales, Sr. of Hale Center, Texas; three daughters: Nekbra McLauren of Germany, Gloria Johnson of Amarillo, Texas and Hordee L. Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Barbara Arnett of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Evelyn Johnson of Dallas, Texas; three brothers: Willie, Jr. of Flower Mound, Texas, Phillip of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Water of Littlefield, Texas; his grandmothers: Mrs. Virlee Vaughn of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mrs. Eskimo Scales of Idabel, Oklahoma; aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.



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IT'S A STINKING LOW DOWN DIRTY SHAME!!

by Eddie P. Richards



How low can or will one go? The Digest learned that the latest trend in the dope selling trend is the pushers has a new method of concealing their wares to avoid detection when being searched by law enforcement personnel.

The latest trend is they have a pocket in the middle of their underwear and they conceal their wares there and when they are searched it is not detected it will only be found if they happen to go to jail for some other cause.

Some of the origins of this delima is the breakdown of the family. Parents don't tell children what to do any children tell them what to do or what they are not going to do. Children are not home trained, taught right from wrong, communicated with and to, disciplined, show love, or none of the things that at one time constituted a family.

This is not to stereo type all parents or all children, because the majority of parents and children are good. Must of the gangs and drug dealers come from the above plus dysfunctional! That's why they call each other "home boy!"

"Homeboy" is out of date now, because now there are many girl gang members. The most distressing now is the pre-teen gang members, 7, 8, 9, 10 year olds. They do the same thing as the 20 and above do. This is scary, because most of them will be wiped out before they reach teenage.

A sad thing is some of these mothers go to church and jump and shout on Sunday, and go to the mall and buy those pretty dresses and hats on Monday with drug money. Some of these parents are too busy attending to other peoples business, running peoples lives, while their children are going to hell in a hand basket. This writer personally knows especially single parents, female who will not discipline or chastise their small children when they act fool, but when the child becomes a teenager they are afraid of it.

THE LESSONS OF WACO

By Dr. Lenora Fulani



I remember quite vividly turning on the television four years ago and watching coverage of a shootout between ATF agents and members of a religious group, the Branch Davidians, in Waco, Texas. Less than two months later, I watched again - along with millions of shocked Americans - as FBI agents ended the 51-day stand off by assaulting the Branch Davidians' home, Mt. Carmel, with tanks and tear gas, which resulted in 76 deaths. I watched the Attorney General defend the attack on the grounds of evidence of child abuse (which never materialized) and the President of the United States call the Davidians fanatics who had committed suicide.

What has happened since? Mt. Carmel, or what was left of it after the fire, was razed to the ground. Five survivors of the assault were sentenced to 40 years in prison for voluntary manslaughter and weapons violations; three others were convicted of lesser crimes on three others were acquitted of all charges. Congressional investigations yielded virtually no changes in law enforcement procedures, although prominent academics and specialists in

religion and psychiatry, who had been asked by the government to review its handling of the Waco incident had called for them. In particular, their criticisms stemmed from the ATF's and FBI's ignorance of, misreading of and intolerance of non-mainstream religions.

This failure to protect the rights and lives of citizens to freely practice the religion of their choice was the sign of a monumental breakdown, not just in enforcement of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, but in the commitment to tolerance that was a founding principle of the nation, albeit one that has been violated at past moments of social and economic instability. The Davidians, rather than being viewed as a religious group, became a "cult." Much of the liberal-left, which generally touts its defense of the First Amendment, refused therefore to respond to the systematic constitutional violations at Waco. Life at Mt. Carmel was guided, said the media, the government and its dubious "experts," not by a decision on the part of the Davidians to create a community based on a high level of commitment, but by "mind control" or "brainwashing."

Still, these forms of demonization and stigmatization seem to die hard in America. Why? Because they provide an explanation of events that makes

them appear as isolated aberrations, rather than signs that something more fundamental may be amiss. In the last 25 years, between 1,600 and 2,000 new non-mainstream religious have emerged, a monumental jump over any previous period in American history. Why? Some argue that the collapse of a coherent American vision and community has produced the impulse to find new ones.

In the rootless environment of post-modern America, the breakdown of vision, of meaning and of community can be an overwhelming force. Sometimes this breakdown produces the bizarre and destructive - as was the case with Heaven's Gate. It also produces the kind of biased explanations like "mind control" and "cult" which close our eyes to the deeper moral and social problems our country faces.

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as a independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the ballot in all fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or at www.Fulani.org.

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



As a former social caseworker, I can sympathize and empathize with those persons whom are recipients of welfare regardless to the category: AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), SSI (Supplemental Security Income, for disabilities, blindness or aged), Food Stamps or Medically Indigent, especially if they are in a threatening status. That is, their grant is about to be canceled. Some recipients need the welfare grants. These people who are needy should be excluded from the effects of the welfare legislation.

There is fraud in every aspect of

American life. It has come to the place where the 'American Way' is getting all that you can, any way that you can and cunning all that you can get! So, there are thousands of recipients who are defrauding the government and getting away with it. Ideally, it would be marvelous to do away with welfare if everyone in America was able-bodied and employed, earning a living. No one would then have a reason to defraud anyone or anything. It would be like the America when everyone did have employment and a meaningful way of life. This is not true now and will never be. We need to get 'in cinque' and weed out the frauds and continue to help people who are truly in need, and, without resources.

Every effort feasible and legitimate should be made, however, to help welfare recipients to secure skills and resources to become employable. Systematically cutting recipients off the welfare rolls is going to increase the criminal rolls. Why can't we spend more on schools, teachers, education as a whole and make people potentially employable instead of increasing the welfare and jailhouse rolls? It is not because there is not enough money available. When we can spend billions exploring and exploding in space, no one in this country should be without food, shelter or medical care, regardless to race, creed, origin or any other characteristic.

"Louis Farrakhan and the White Conservatives"

Along the Color Line

Part 1 of 2 Parts

by Dr. Manning Marable

Politics makes strange bedfellows. Consider the case of Louis Farrakhan. Two years ago at the Million Man March Farrakhan symbolized for many, a strong black challenge to white authority. But even then there were signs that many white Republicans were comfortable with Farrakhan's message of self help, entrepreneurship and social conservatism.

The budding romance between Farrakhan and white conservatives finally flowered several weeks ago at a luxury retreat in Boca Raton, Florida. Farrakhan was the guest of Jude Wanniski, an influential right-wing economist who has served as an advisor to both Ronald Reagan and former Vice-Presidential candidate Jack Kemp. The guest list at Wanniski's gathering read like the directory of white conservatism: Robert Novak and Rowland Evans, conservative columnists; House Budget Chairman John Kasich; and Republican Senator John Ashcroft.

Robert Novak, a bitter opponent of both affirmative action and civil rights in general, cooed like a lovestruck teenager over Farrakhan. Novak wrote that Farrakhan "was knocking on the Republican Party's door," and argued that "some response might be appropriate."

Novak understood that in the context of the American political system, "Minister Farrakhan has been branded an anti-Semite and no repudiation of bigotry by him will suffice. He is viewed with such loathing by the Jewish community that any effort to talk with him to pursue racial harmony is prohibited." Yet from the standpoint of white conservatism, Novak and others have recognized that Farrakhan shares many of their reactionary values. For example, black conservative radio commentator Armstrong Williams praised Farrakhan's emphasis on self-help, declaring to Novak "He sounds like us." However, the real story behind the Boca Raton meeting was far more complex than the recent headlines revealed. What

was really at work was a convergence of parallel interests, rather than a political marriage. White conservatives had come calling to Farrakhan because both parties recognized they can use each other for their own respective purposes.

Let us try to interpret this event from the perspective of Minister Farrakhan. The Million Man March of October, 1995, was unquestionably the largest public gathering of African Americans in U.S. history. The NAACP and establishment politicians clearly have lost legitimacy and touch with the masses of their own people. Farrakhan should have become a major U.S. figure at that time, because no other public leader could have brought one million people into the streets anywhere in the country.

However, Farrakhan was unable to consolidate any lasting political capital from this massive event. The National African-American Leadership Summit headed by Chavis proved to be badly organized and ineffective. There was little political follow up with the hundreds of local march organizing committees.

Outside of the black community a number of both liberal and conservative white leaders still refused to have anything to do with him. The Nation of Islam's (NOI) private security firm had been pushed out of contracts protecting public housing projects with the Federal government. Farrakhan and NOI speakers were often harassed and barred from campuses. Indirectly, black leaders who have had dealings with Farrakhan in the past were severely pressured to denounce him. The best example here is Kweisi Mfume, head of the NAACP. When Mfume was a member of Congress it was not unusual for him to visit the local NOI temple in Baltimore. Mfume himself, as head of the Congressional Black Caucus, had endorsed efforts to build unity between black elected officials, the NAACP then led by Benjamin Chavis, and the NOI.

C. DELORES TUCKER BLASTS TIME-WARNER FOR 'WORST OF WORST' GANGSTA RAP LYRICS Demands Little Kim's Rap Record Be Withdrawn



Washington, D.C. — Dr. C. Delores Tucker, who has led the crusade against the demeaning of African American women in Gangsta Rap music, leveled new criticisms against Time-Warner for allegedly producing and distributing what appears "to be the worst of the worst" obscene lyrics.

In a recent letter to Gerald Levin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Time-Warner, Dr. Tucker wrote:

"You may recall that I have been praising you for some time for responding to our passionate request to get out of the Gangsta rap production and distribution business, and severing your ties with Interscope Records, Satan's own offspring in the business.

"Recent events relating to Gangsta Rap artists and producers have clearly justified the decision made by you to jettison Interscope. One could say that perhaps our efforts played a small role in preventing Time-Warner from being embarrassed and tarnished by the murders and criminal investigations in progress against Death Row and their lawyer, David Kenner.

"But now, it seems that our thankful expressions were grossly misplaced! For we have discovered the music of Little Kim, a 20-year-old rap artist, is being produced and distributed by the Time-Warner/Atlantic label, and her music appears to be the worst of the worst.

"Quite frankly, her recordings are pornographic and explicitly teach our young girls to blossom into the full-fledged "bitches," "hos," and "sluts" that her male rap star predecessors

have always said that they are! Shame! Shame! Shame Mr. Levin, if you knew that one of your labels was producing and distributing this pornographic filth, I am deeply saddened and disappointed that I find myself having to write this letter. I was exhilarated beyond measure recently when I read that your Vice Chair, Mr. Ted Turner stated, "No music should be distributed by record companies that you would not want your children to hear or something that would not make your mother proud!"

"I was proud to read that. But now I am being barraged with calls blasting Little Kim and her music. Irate mothers and other kin of America's Black (and white) children are bombarding my office with crises of anguish. They want this music pulled off the air. When Michael Jackson said two words in an album offensive to Jewish groups, they complained (and rightly so) and the album was recalled and taken off MTV and VHI play list." In her letter to Levin, Dr. Tucker asked:

"Is there a double standard in the field of music? Will the industry which responded so quickly with no ifs, ands, or buts to Jewish appeals against the insertion of hateful and racist lyrics in rap songs do the same for the righteous pleas of African Americans? So far, the answer is NO!

We would like to resolve this Little Kim thing without getting into a heated outcry. We urge you to withdraw Little Kim's recordings, the same as Michael Jackson's was withdrawn by Sony."

Dr. Tucker said she was eagerly awaiting the response to her letter by Levin and Time-Warner.

African-American Children Hit Hard By Poverty

By Vladimir Herard

Swelling the ranks of the neediest children below age six, African-American youngsters endure the greatest incidence of poverty of any ethnic group nationally, a Columbia University study revealed.

The study, "One in Four: America's Youngest Poor," by the National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University School of Public Health, found that the number of impoverished children under age six nearly doubled nationally from 3.5 million to 6.1 million between 1979 and 1994.

A corresponding 39 percent increase occurred for children of families who fell below the poverty line by 18 to 25 percent. At the same time, however, the rate of indigent white children rose by twice as much as African Americans; 38 percent against 19 percent.

White children, the study cited, are the largest single ethnic group of poor young children. In 1994, more than 2.2 million young whites lived in poverty in the U.S., while as much as 1.9 million African American and 1.7 Hispanic children did.

Among Hispanics, the poverty rate has jumped by 43 percent since the 1970s, dramatically rising faster than in any other racial group, the study reported.

Overall, the study found, young children of color were far more likely to experience dire poverty than whites. Hardest-hit are African-American children. While six percent of white youths were

desperately poor in 1994, 30 percent of young African-American children lived with families having incomes averaging less than 50 percent of the federal poverty level.

In Illinois the picture was equally stark for the young. During 1990 and 1994, 301,000 or 26.1 percent of children under age six in the state were poor. In 1994 the poverty line for the state was \$15,141 for a family of four. In the city of Chicago the situation worsened. About 48 percent (146,000) children lived in poverty in the city with more than half or 87,000 classified as extremely poor. In 1994 the poverty threshold for the city was \$7,571 for a family of four.

"Reducing the state's young child poverty rate would be one of the best things that state and local governments could do to have a cost-effective impact on a number of pressing human, social and economic problems," said Larry Aber, director of the National Center for Children in Poverty.

Geography also figured into the study. While urban children are more likely to be poor than their peers elsewhere, child poverty increased at a faster pace in the suburbs than in rural areas. Between the 1970s and the 1990s suburban rates increased by 59 percent while rural rates increased by 45 percent.

On a more positive note, last year, the U.S. Census Bureau posted a meager 0.8 percent drop in the poverty rate for children under the age of six.

The Struggle For Affirmative Action Continues

A Voice From The Hill:

By George Wilson

It's no secret that affirmative action has been subjected to a relentless attack from forces who feel that the American playing field is level and that no adjustments are needed. Those forces got a boost last year when Californians voted in favor of a measure known as Proposition 209, that would eliminate affirmative action in the state.

Immediately after the vote those opposed to the proposition took the matter to court to seek a restraining order barring implementation of the law, until it was heard by a panel of judges. In San Francisco, Chief U.S. District Judge Felton Henderson, who happens to be an African American, ruled that Proposition 209 as it was passed, discriminated against minorities and women. Unfortunately, a three-judge panel overturned Henderson's decision, and lifted the restraining order ruling that the people had spoken through their vote and that the court didn't have the right to undermine their decision. The next step for opponents of the proposition is to appeal to a nine-judge panel for what is known as a formalized ruling. They will ask the panel to reinstate Judge Henderson's ruling.

Among those opposing Proposition 209 is Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Cal.) who says that this matter is far from over. "This is just one step in a battle. Those of us who are opposed to Proposition 209, who are fighting against allowing them to dismantle affirmative action are prepared to go all the way to the Supreme Court. This is just another step in the struggle," she said. Waters and other opponents are determined, as are their adversaries, to prevail.

The California case has national implications. After all, if Proposition 209 is allowed

to take effect, it's just a matter of time before other states implement similar programs. By inaccurately portraying African Americans and others as non-deserving of any type of special consideration to correct decades of injustice, supporters of measures like Proposition 209 are telling a segment of America to "sink or swim" and "we are out of life preservers."

For quite some time, President Clinton has been saying that affirmative action should be "mended, but not ended" when it has been politically correct for him to talk about the subject. In light of the continuing battle to maintain affirmative action, it would seem that bold decisive leadership must be exhibited. Phrases are nice, but action is even better.

Rep. Waters and others are starting to wonder what the Chief Executive might do. "I don't know what I can expect from the President," Waters noted. The President, meanwhile, has been in a 'mend it, don't end it' mode. He has said, 'Don't throw out the baby with the bath water' when people have pointed to areas of affirmative action that they thought create problems. "We supported the President's idea of 'mend it, don't end it' in some aspects of federal law. The President spoke out against Proposition 209 in the state of California. I would hope that he would be with us all the way in this struggle because we are in it for the long haul and we are going to need him and everybody else with us," Rep. Waters said.

The struggle to preserve affirmative action is but one of many challenges confronting the African-American community. A sincere battle is essential on all fronts because as many have said, failure is not an option.

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I remember when the simple LAWS of the land, was OBEYED; ON COMMAND, BUT IN THE 60'S THE COUNTRY SAID: I HAVE MY RIGHTS, AND DISOBEYED THE LAW AT HAND.

AS THE CHILDREN WATCHED THEIR LEADERS; THEY DO THE SAME, ITS BLINDING THE BLIND; NOW THIS COUNTRY IS FULL OF SHAME, SHAME, SHAME

Romans 13:1-4, LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT UNTO THE HIGH POWDER. FOR THERE IS NO POWDER BUT OF GOD: THE POWDERS THAT BE ORDAINED OF GOD, WHOSOEVER THEREFORE RESISETH THE POWDER, RESISETH THE ORDINANCE OF GOD: AND THEY THAT NOT A TERROR TO GOOD WORKS, BUT TO THE EVIL. WILT THOU THEN NOT BE AFRAID OF THE POWDER? SO THAT WHICH IS GOOD, AND THOU SHALL HAVE PRAISE OF THE SAME: FOR HE IS A MINISTER OF GOD, A REVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH UPON HIM THAT DO EVIL.

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Exodus 20:12, HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER: THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

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Jeremiah 3:25, WE LIE DOWN IN OUR SHAME, AND OUR CONFUSION COVERETH US: FOR WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD OUR GOD, WE AND OUR FATHERS, FROM OUR YOUTH EVEN UNTO THIS DAY, AND HAVE NOT OBEYED THE VOICE OF THE LORD OUR GOD.

*****WILL A COUNTRY ROB GOD*****
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!!!

Beating of Black Boy in Bridgeport Ignites Outrage in Black Community

By Nathaniel Wilkes

The release of three white suspects in the racially motivated March 21 attack on 13-year-old Lenard Clark, has prompted a call, by community and family members, for peace and a federal investigation.

"Learning that these suspects, who allegedly bragged about taking 'care of the niggers in the neighborhood' were released from police custody on such low bonds cheapens the price of hate crime," said Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Jackson, joined by a number of family members and ministers, gathered at the Cook County Children's Hospital recently, to hold a bedside prayer vigil for Clark and to protest the release of Frank Caruso, 18, Victor Jasis, 17 and Michael Kwidzinski, 19.

Both Caruso and Jasis were released on \$100,000 bonds and Kwidzinski on a \$150,000 bond set by Chicago Circuit Court Judge Walter Williams. The three suspects, all residents of Bridgeport were charged with attempted murder, two counts of aggravated assault and one count each of hate crime.

"It is almost as if he is a modern day Emmet Till," Jackson said of Clark. Emmet Till was a 15-year-old Black Chicago youth who was lynched by a mob in Mississippi in 1955.

"The state attorney's bond and the quick release (of the suspects) is not a deterrent to this crime," said Jackson. "In some sense, it cheapens the life. The law must serve as a deterrent...The bond does not correspond with the crime."

White Jackson, joined by Lenard's mother, Wanda McMurray, voiced opposition to such low bonds being set for the suspects, according to many in the legal community, such bonds are normal.

"This is a dangerous subject for African Americans," said attorney Jack Childs, who contends that extreme

bonds that run into the millions are not the norm.

"We must always focus on what is the purpose of a bond. It is to ensure that the person comes to court. The issue is not the bond, but making sure that the state attorney's office has the evidence to convict them," said Childs.

Although he disagrees on the bond issue, Childs, along with many others in the legal community, support Jackson's actions.

"What Jackson is doing is demonstrating that there is a difference in the system between Blacks and whites," said Childs.

Police in Chicago's Area 1 are heading up the investigation into the attack on Clark, and Jackson has contacted U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and the Justice Department to investigate the matter.

According to Cook County Hospital officials, Clark remains in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in serious condition. He is said to be responding to treatment and is demonstrating increased movement and responsiveness.

Cong. Bobby Rush (D-IL) said the beating of Clark was simply a reminder of Chicago's storied history of racial hostilities towards Blacks.

"This is just symptomatic of a deep seeded problem that has infected the city for a long, long time," Rush said. "The city has taken a turn for the worst."

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition has assisted the Clark family in establishing the Lenard Clark Trust Fund at South Shore Bank to defer the cost of medical expenses. Contributions can be mailed to: Funds for Lenard Clark, Jr. c/o South Shore Bank, 4658 S. Drexel Blvd., Chicago, IL 60653.

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"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both, man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them."—Genesis 6:5 & 7

God saw. Adam and Eve may have thought God was not around when they nibbled the forbidden fruit, but He saw. Cain may have thought he had found a secret place for murder, but God saw. Lamech was a bigamist, being married to Adah and Zillah and a killer while justifying his crime as self-defense, but God saw. As the human race expanded, godly men married ungodly women because they were pretty, but God saw. This same God sees today.

The Lord is merciful and long-suffering. But there is a limit to His tolerance, and in the days of Noah that limit had been reached. Wicked mankind must be wiped out, and the animals and reptiles and birds along with it. Because of man's

wickedness, he created his own troubles.

Murphy's law is "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong." That law has given rise to others, among which is this one: "No matter where you go, there you are." Essentially, it means that we create our own troubles, and we take them wherever we go.

As we have previously mention that in the days of Noah, the sinfulness of mankind was great, and their thoughts were only evil continually. The result was that God decided to destroy those evil people. Those who died had only themselves to blame. They had created their own troubles, and now were paying the price.

God's universe stills operates on the same principles. Those who violate His moral law will find disease, pain, and death as payment for their sin. We do not know whether or not the moral corruption of our time is less or greater than that of Noah's time. However, we do not: God has not changed. He will still give sin its just reward. Sin still pays off with death (Roman 6:23).

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Eph. 6:10-17
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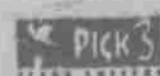
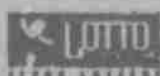
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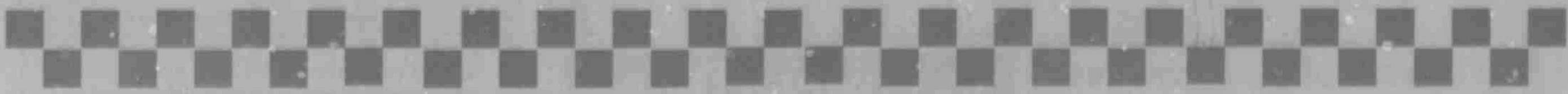
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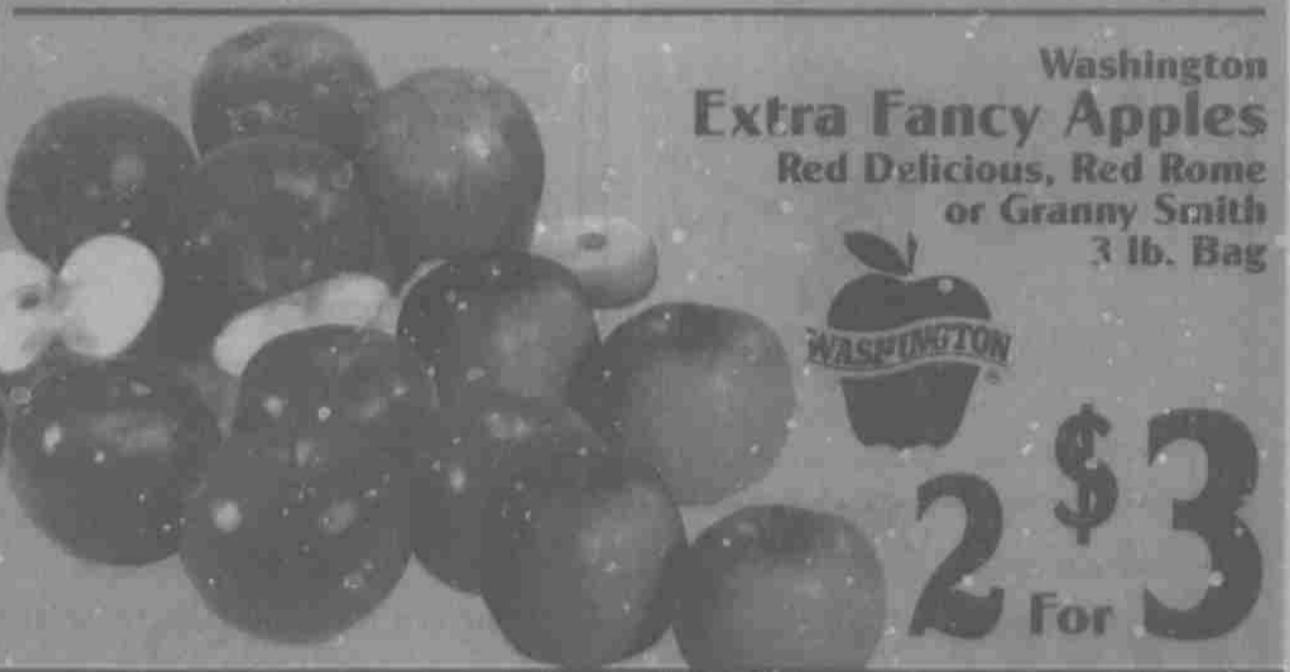


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