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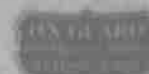
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NATIONAL NEWS

Black Leadership Forum Reacts to Texaco's Plan

On Dec. 18, 1996 members of the Black Leadership Forum, Inc. (BLF), a coalition of organizations working towards the empowerment of the African-American community, held a press conference in reaction to a plan submitted by Texaco's Chairman & CEO Peter Bijur. The plan is intended to address the issue of proven discrimination in Texaco's practices and procedures. The members in attendance included Dr. Joseph Lowery, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Kweisi Mfume, NAACP; Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; Hugh Price, National Urban League; Dr. Dorothy Height, National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and Rev. Al Sharpton. All agreed that Texaco's plan does seriously address most of the concerns they communicated to Bijur in earlier meetings. It "seeks to achieve a greater degree of parity in the workforce—at every level," with prescribed goals and timetables, said Dr. Lowery. The plan focuses on redressing Texaco's recruitment, hiring and advancement practices as well as expanding its utilization of businesses owned by African Americans, other minorities and white women. It also includes a diversification and increase of the number of wholesalers, independent/lessee retailers, company owned/operated outlets by women and racial minorities. The group intends to continue monitoring the process and has canceled all boycotts, and calls for stock divestiture. One area that remains an unresolved issue is the environmental impact of Texaco's mining practices on poor and minority communities in Louisiana, California and Texas. National Newspaper Publishers Association president Dorothy Leavell is a board member of the BLF.

Documentary Explores the Challenges of Minority Professors

"Shattering The Silences: Minority Professors Break Into the Ivory Tower" is a 90-minute documentary that takes a surprising and provocative look at the success and distress of African-American, Latino, Asian-American and American Indian scholars in the humanities and social sciences at universities from Seattle to New York. Produced by Gail Pellett and directed by Stanley Nelson the "double-edged stories reveal the obstacles and challenges on the journey to the ivory tower." Minority scholars are introducing new perspectives and fresh questions in university classrooms. While they have invigorated disciplines by contributing a wealth of new scholarship, the number of minority professors is still alarmingly small and the pipeline is fragile. Across all disciplines 90 percent of professors are white. The program will air on PBS stations nationwide Jan. 24, 1997 at 10 p.m.; check your local listings.

Geronimo Ji Jaga Begins Hearing on Petition

On Dec. 16, 1996 Geronimo Ji Jaga (Pratt), the former Black Panther Party leader who has been behind bars for 26 years, began a hearing on his petition to vacate his conviction, reports San Francisco's San Reporter. The Partisan Defense Committee (PDC) said new evidence shows that Geronimo was framed by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the FBI's Counter-Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO), an attempt to destroy the Panther. The petition, submitted by attorneys Johnnie Cochran and Stuart Hanlon, documents three sets of FBI wiretaps on Panther offices in 1968 showing that Geronimo was 400 miles away at the time of the murder of the Santa Monica schoolteacher he is accused of killing. During the original trial this information was available to the FBI and the LAPD but was hidden from the defense, according to the PDC. Many supporters of Geronimo believe that the petition will lead to Geronimo's release. For more information call the PDC at (510) 839-0852 or (213) 380-8239.

AFRICAN AMERICAN SCULPTOR CAPTURES HIS HERITAGE IN POPULAR FIGURINE LINE

Although sales of African American collectibles continues to boom across the country, most hands that sculpt them and all companies that manufacture them are white - except for one. Positive Image Collection is a six-year-old Augusta, Georgia manufacturer of collectible figurines that sensitively captures both the historic and contemporary African American experience. It is headed by beloved sculptor Norman A. Hughes, who left a 20-year stint as a railroad clerk and freelance sculptor to build his own company.

"When I first started out, I'd go to trade shows and I only saw old Southern plantation-type figures," Hughes recalls. "I thought it was a shame that no one saw us from our own point of view, and depicted us the way we were. I started Positive Image to try and show various other sides of Blacks in America."

Today Hughes' loving depictions of African American heroes, children, soldiers, angels and ordinary people are sold in more than 700 stores in 35 states. They are eagerly collected by tens of thousands of people and are owned by celebrities such as Hank Aaron and Gen. Colin Powell.

"Since we introduced the line five years ago, sales have grown dramatically, and the vast majority of our retailer clients have done so well with Norman's emotionally powerful artworks that they have reordered," declares Bill Barnes, president of The Giftware Specialists, which represents the Positive Image Collection in California, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico.

"Norm Hughes has the talent and ability to capture the realistic passion, pathos and exuberance of people in his figurines and bring to life the characters that he sculpts," Barnes adds. "Not only is his the only African American-owned manufacturer of Black figurines, but in our opinion, it produces the finest, most detailed, most moving work on the marketplace. A lot of others do Black figurines - many with a very African feel - but Norm beautifully captures the essential African American experience, both historically and today, in a touching, realistic, dramatic, non-sugar-coated way."

Norman A. Hughes was born in 1947 in August, the third of four children of a painting contractor and a nurse's aide. At six, he discovered the red clay brought up by his father's post hole digger and began using it to make copies of religious statuettes. "At first, I didn't know you had to fire the clay," Hughes remembers. "I was fascinated with the experience of creating all kinds of different faces and bodies - from an endless supply of free material. As a kid, I also created oil paintings of family members, animals and religious subjects. I remember once that my father had to repaint a large hotel, and the owner gave him a statue of Michelangelo's David to refinish. He brought it home and showed it to me, almost as a challenge. It was the first statue I had ever seen outside of church, and I couldn't wait to try and copy it. He let me keep it for weeks after I had made

a faithful copy."

Hughes attended Catholic parochial schools and graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy in 1966. When he was 12, the community gave him his own art show. Hughes studied liberal arts at Augusta's Paine College for two years and then spent four years in the Navy, in San Diego, the Philippines and aboard the U.S.S. Okinawa. After the service, he studied fine arts at California State University, graduating with a Bachelors degree in '72. "The climate at Cal State in the '70s gave me the creeps, because avant garde, nonrepresentational art was in, and people regarded me as out-of-step because I wanted to paint and sculpt things that looked real," he remembers.

After college, Hughes began a 20-year career as a mechanical data processing clerk with the Southern Pacific Railroad in Los Angeles. During this period, he successfully worked as a freelance sculptor, creating collectible figurines for various companies, including El Dorado Manufacturing (Just Clowning and Judi's Pastime), Phyllis Collectibles (Santas and Southwest subjects), Vases Specialties, Florentine Art Studio (carousels, animals), Classic II and California Creations. "Different companies had different requirements, but they all wanted a lot of detail," Hughes says. "Some of them were whiteware that was taken home and painted by crafters."

Hughes created a popular line of humorous figurines called Murphyville People, which included a psychiatrist in boxer shorts wearing a Napoleon hat, big-bellied sheriffs and bag ladies. Bill and Suzi Barnes, owners of The Giftware Specialists, sold Hughes Murphyville People and developed a lot of respect for the artist's unique talent. In '91, Hughes retired from the railroad and decided to launch his own company, which was then called Craft House. It produced a line of magnets, figurines and business card holders in popular themes of the period - particularly Southwest, fantasy and nautical.

"Norm then brought us his first African American figurine, a very special little ballerina with a personality all her own," Bill Barnes recalls. "We loved the piece, but told him he needed more subjects to make a line. So he created several family figures, including a wonderful mother and child, father and child and two kids on a sofa. The first 10 handpainted hydrostone figures stood 6-13 inches tall, retailed for \$42-\$60 and sold extremely well. From this simple beginning, Hughes created more than 50 pieces, some of which have been retired. Craft House became The Positive Image Collection and concentrated on African American subjects. The company's first large figurines were a remarkable group of military figures - Civil War Soldier, Buffalo Soldier, Tuskegee Airman and sailor home on leave - which have recently been augmented by a Vietnam soldier and field nurse.

Sales doubled in '92 and again in '93. By '94, Positive Image Collection was doing so well in the Southwest that Hughes decided to expand production and sell the line nationwide, setting up relationships with sales rep firms in Atlanta, Dallas, New York City, Michigan, Kansas and Upstate New York. The same year, Hughes moved his headquarters from Los Angeles to his hometown of Augusta.

The primary line consisted of soldiers, family members and religious subjects retailing for \$28-\$96, but two years ago Positive Image Collection added a dramatic new higher-end group: Black Legends.

"I wanted to create a mini Hall of Fame of some unsung Black heroes," Hughes remembers. "Through my research into American history, I was fascinated to learn of many Black Americans who had achieved so much and contributed greatly to this country - trailblazers and pioneers we didn't hear much about. I wanted to pay tribute to them, without embellishments or overexaggerations." The five pieces depict Mahalia Jackson, Ida B. Wells, Satchel Paige, cowboy Bill Pickett and Dr. George Washington Carver. Black Legends are handsomely reproduced in cold-cast resin from Hughes' original sculptures, sell in limited editions of 4,000 pieces, are individually signed and numbered, and retail for \$160-\$190.

In April of this year, Hughes' studio burned down, but the company moved into a neighboring space and soon resumed manufacturing. Positive Image has just started a Collectors' Club, and there has been strong early response. Hughes often goes around the country signing his pieces at special events held by various retailers. Today the line consists of more than 30 pieces, ranging from 5 1/5 - 15 inches tall. The best sellers remain the soldier series and the praying slave, but Positive Image has recently released two remarkable pieces that may replace them as the all-time favorites. Retailers and customers have fallen love with "Million Man March" - a 15-inch father and son (\$150) - and "High Yellow," a dramatic female figurine (12 inches high; \$144) based on a Reginald March painting.

"I have a feeling for our African American heritage and I seek to share that pride with others in everything I do," Hughes declares. "The way people dress, their mood and their point of view are very important to me. When I started out, I didn't see salutes to Black military people. I wanted to get away from the old stereotypic look and explore the different ways we see ourselves. I like coming up with my own subjects and creating my own look. I am gratified that people tell me my faces look like those of real people - their uncle or sister. I am always looking to do better pieces and create more faithful reproductions."



"LAUGHLIN'S WELLNESS CENTER'S JOB IS FITNESS" SAYS CAPT. ROME

Del Rio, Texas—If you ask Capt. Darla Moore Rome, she will tell you that the Laughlin Air Force Base Health and Wellness Center offers many programs such as the running and walking clubs, nutritional counseling and education, a microfit profile, personalized exercise prescriptions, cycle ergometry, smoking cessation classes, an outreach workshop for cholesterol and blood pressure screening called heart care and a back and injury prevention workshop.

"Wellness is caring for the mind, body and soul," says Capt. Rome, Health Promotions Flight commander. "It's very important that we take care of ourselves."

The former Dunbar High School graduate of Lubbock and West Texas State University at Canyon, says "Our job at the wellness center is to help you care for your body. That's why we developed the running and walking clubs, the heart care program, the back and injury prevention workshop and the check it out program for the commissary."

"We work with a fun and lively group of people. We have a high quality program dedicated to providing the Laughlin community with the best possible level of wellness."

Capt. Rome is the daughter of Clyde and Dorothy Moore of Lubbock, Texas.

Broadcasting Salutes "The Seventh Son"



Steve Crumbly, Operations Manager/Program Director for V-103, in Baltimore, MD, was recently honored at the Fifth Annual Salute to Excellence Awards Dinner. Crumbly was selected by a committee of peers in the music industry, for his innovative style, creative broadcasting techniques, and commitment to quality programming. He has participated in all aspects of broadcasting, from air personality to management, and has taken many of the stations that he's worked with to number 1 in their ratings.

In previous years, the event,

coordinated by Cynthia Badie & Associates of New York have honored such radio luminaries as Walt "Baby" Love, Cathy Hughes, Terri Rossi and Charles Warfield.

Those in attendance included (l-r): Lee Bailey, Radioscope; Melvin Moore, Bob Woodward, Infinity Broadcasting; LeBaron Taylor, Sony Entertainment; Jack "The Rapper" Gibson, Joe "Butterball" Tamburro, WDAS Radio; Ray Harris, Epic Records; and Steve Crumbly, V-103, Baltimore, MD.

For further information, please contact Kenneth R. Reynolds, 213-938-2364.

Big Event For Digest Coming Soon

The Digest has a major event planned for the near future. This will be a major project. Watch the Digest for more information.



Ruby Jay's Corner

Last Sunday, December 29, 1996, was the last Sunday of the year. Can't we all in the land of the living say, "Thank you, Jesus! We're just blessed."

Services began last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. Billy R. Moton, is the proud pastor, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Supt. Virgil Johnson was at his post of duty. For thirty minutes there were instructions given to all classes. All classes reassembled singing "Oh How I Love Jesus." High points of the morning lesson were given by Pastor Moton. They were very well presented.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — the Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner while the Seniors received the Attendance Banner. One visitor was a sister-in-law of Sister Gipson.

Adult Classes: Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner and the Offering Banner went to the Adult Class No. 2.

The morning devotion services were conducted by Sisters of Women's Missionary Society as it was the Fifth Sunday.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "We Got To Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Deacon Earnest Swain. A song, "He's Worthy To Be Praised," was sung. Scripture was read by Sister Julia Swain. Prayer was given by Sister Lottie F. Barrow. Another song, "Stand Up And Be A Witness," was sung.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "Blessed Be The Name." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. Another song, "God Is A Good God," was sung. The sermon hymn was "There Is A Fountain."

Pastor Moton preached on the subject: "How To Gain Victory In 1997." His scripture text was 1 Corinthians 15:52-58. Pastor Moton told the congregation how it should be done. We continue to thank God for Pastor Moton.

There were many among us who enjoyed their children over the Christmas holidays. Among them were D. C. and Dorothy Kinner who had their daughters here from Houston, Texas. H.C. Kinner and his daughter, Rita, and children from Cleburn, Texas to visit with him over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Barrow were blessed to have their daughter and grandchildren of

Georgia to be with them over the holidays. The Ervins from Dallas, Texas and Austin, Texas visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stokley had their daughter here from Austin, Texas over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry High traveled to Tyler, Texas to visit with relatives. So did Mrs. Mary Beaty who visited that East Texas City—"The Rose Capital of the World."

There also those among us who are ill and need our prayers. Sister Clara Colquitt was absent from church services last Sunday. Brother Mannie Williams is a patient at St. Mary Hospital at this report. Also, Brother Harold Chatman was released from the Methodist Hospital last Sunday afternoon.

Let us pray for the Sister Doris Washington family. Her daughter, Erna Washington who was residing in San Antonio, Texas, came to visit with her for the Christmas holidays. While here, Erna became ill. The Lord called her home Friday, December 27, 1996. Services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. Ossie Curry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

During the holiday season, there are always some who are sad and some are glad. Remember God is able.

The Womens Missionary Society's Fifth Sunday program was cancelled for last Sunday. This was due to death in the family of the guest speaker, Sister Dorothy Hood.

Sister Mary Mitchell spent the Christmas holidays in Dallas, Texas with her sisters and kids. What a time they had together. Also, Sister Ronnels' daughter visited her here over the Christmas holidays.

This writer would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!! May God continue to bless each of you will be my wish for each of you.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Army Pvt. Royce E. Wood has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Wood is the son of Mira J. Sannam of 9807 Louisville, Lubbock. He is a 1996 graduate of Cooper High School, Lubbock.

Army Reserve Pvt. Joe Lara Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Lara is the son of Joe L. Lara of Tahoka and Mary A. Lara of 2405 E. Sixth, Lubbock.

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SLIM & THE SUPREME ANGELS

One Of A Few Legendary Gospel Quartets Still Recording & Performing

Many Gospel Quartets have come and gone since the 1920s, but Slim & The Supreme Angels, who have recorded consistently for more than 4 decades, continue to thrill audiences all across the nation; as evidence of their latest recording - *Nobody But You!*

This latest album was recorded live at Branch Memorial tabernacle in Goldsboro, North Carolina in June, 1996. The monumental event was so overwhelmingly successful that literally hundreds of desirous spectators were turned away as the church, which seated 2,500 was filled to capacity.

"There were so many people who wanted to witness the recording, it was incredible," says James Bullard, Intersound's Vice President of Gospel. "Bus-loads of people were turned away."

Nobody But You features ten spiritual selections, most of which were penned by the leader Rev. Howard "Slim" Hunt, Jr. Some of the selections include, "Rise Again," "Ziklag," and "Jesus Is A Listening," just to name a few. The group has been recording since the late '50s

and are responsible for some of Gospel's most memorable classic albums, such as *Shame On You*, *Better Make A Change, It ain't What You Think* and their 1995 Intersound debut, *Stay Under The Blood*, which offers the title track and a hit video that is still in hot demand!

Slim & The Supreme Angels is also featured on the 1996 Intersound album release, *Together As One - A Tribute To The Heritage Of Quartet Music*, which also features the Mighty Clouds Of Joy, The Williams Brothers and Dottie Peoples. The Angels were recently honored as a Pioneer of Gospel Music at the 1996 Gospel Music Workshop of America in Pittsburgh.

A treasure of America's musical heritage, Slim & the Supreme Angels have been ministering through Gospel music at major venues, tent meetings and even the smallest of cross-roads from coast-to-coast since the '60s. Though their latest album, *Stay Under the Blood: Live in Baton Rouge*, shows the enormous impact of Gospel quartet music on '50s doo-wop, '60s soul and contemporary R&B;

Slim & the Supreme Angels remain focused on ministry and feel no need to tailor their sound to passing trends.

Having grown up helping his family share-crop in Mississippi, Reverend Howard "Slim" Hunt now sows seeds for the Lord as a songwriter and leader of the Supreme Angels. After singing in church since age four and with the Zion Travelers and the Soul Seekers in his late teens, Slim landed a singing slot with the Supreme Angels in 1958 when they were gaining popularity as Milwaukee's premier Gospel quartet. Shortly thereafter, he was elected to be the manager for the group as they embarked on a successful recording career in 1960.

The group proved to be consistent crowd-pleasers, carrying their powerful ministry and sweet harmony across the highways of America in a 1956 Ford crammed full of musical equipment. Slim & the Supreme Angels also revealed themselves to be hit-makers with such classic albums as *If I'm Too High* and *By and By*. Being on the road for entire years at a time took its toll, but Slim kept the

group going despite various members leaving for military service or joining other groups or professions in the late '60s.

The group relocated from Milwaukee to Goldsboro, N.C. in 1973, but the hits never stopped as their *Shame On You* album went gold in 1974. The following albums, such as *Better Make a Change, It Ain't What You Think* and *People Don't Do*, further cemented the Supreme Angels' popularity and reputation as one of Gospel's brightest lights. Each song on every album delivered the essence of Rev. Howard "Slim" Hunt's commitment to the Lord. That commitment led Slim & the Supreme angels to a Stellar nomination in 1990 for *Death and the Beautiful Lady*, and gave them the hit single, "Some Day" from the same album.

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D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "OUR KIDS...need a passport...to the...FUTURE...in life by...LETTING THEM KNOW...what is...RIGHT OR WRONG?"

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WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF CHRISTMAS COULD BE EVERY-DAY! THIS N THAT...just wondering the other day...BEFORE

CHRISTMAS...was thinking how nice it would be...IF EVER- DAY COULD BE LIKE CHRISTMAS...Wouldn't it be nice if...EVERYDAY OF THE YEAR...we kept in mind of what...CHRISTMAS...is all about...Wouldn't it be nice if we would consider those of us who are less fortunate than others...Wouldn't it be nice if we would...VISIT THE SCHOOLS...where our kids attend school for their education...THIS N THAT...just cries when there appears a...YOUNG PERSON...in distress...and this 'young person...has no place to go during the year...All we are asking is: "WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF CHRISTMAS WAS EVERYDAY?"

PARENTS DAY OUT!! THIS N THAT...would like to...REMIND...parents who reside in the...PARKWAY & CHERRY POOINT AREAS...of a program which has been established to reach...SINGLE PARENTS...of young children between the ages of...3 thru 5...This program...which is held at the...PATTERSON LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER...is an initiative to reach out for those young children...who have fallen through the cracks of life...If you have a young person...between 3 and 5 years of age...why not give...SISTER GLORIA TOINES...a call at the library...The number is...767-3300...

THERE'S A NEED AT COUNTY JAIL FOR BLACK LUB-BOCKITES!! THIS N THAT...visited the...LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL...on Christmas Day...Not only did he visit the jail...but so did...LACARL RICHARDSON...and Patterson family mem-bers...BOBBIE PATTERSON...SHELIA HARRIS...T.J. AND URSULA PATTERSON...and...SANDRA MCKENZIE...It was a good visit...but most of all...THOSE WHO WERE CONFINED...were most appreciative to the visit...It was stressed...by the group...that there is a much better way in life...than to be locked up in jail...Aside from this...IT WAS MADE KNOWN TO ALL PRISONERS VISITED...that they were loved by the group...and hope they would do better with their life...Judging from what was seen...this would be a very good outreach program for some group in the...BLACK COMMUNITY...Just something to think about...because these people...are forgotten when they are locked down...True...if they have committed a crime...they need to do the time...But all in all...they...too...are GOD'S CHIL-DREN...Anyway...it was a good visit...and...hopefully...next year will be the...NINTH ANNUAL VISIT...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! THIS N THAT...would like to take this time and say...HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

"It's Time To Move On"

Eddie P. Richardson



The elections and the run offs have come and gone. Hope you went to the polls and voted. If your candidates won, good. If not, you have only yourself to blame. Now that the elections and run offs are over it's time to move on, heal the wounds. Move on all of us collectively working for the good of all of us from city, county, state, and national making a better world for us all. God knows we need it.

We need to join hands for our young people. We need to go back to the basics, truth, trust, honor, love, self respect, as well as respect of others.

Hope you and yours had a joyous, prosperous New Year. Our goal now should be our New Years resolutions for 1997. Lets all make some good positive resolutions and keep them. Lets make them positive as we always do, but lets also make them reason-able to give us a better chance of keeping them.

Let us all work towards making 1997 a better year. Whatever we did good in 1996, lets do better in 1997. Lets also correct our wrongs and add something positive to that. With all of us thinking positive, and doing positive things in 1997 we can have a very good year. Lets remember in 1997 each day and tell ourselves yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not here, so I must make the best of today and the results will be unbelievable. And take as our personal creed "if it is to be it is up to me." Believe in it and do it.

Our biggest wish for 1997 is hope for our young people and that they can find something other than dope, sex, violence, God, community services or anything positive. They need hope in their brains, not dope in their veins because it is not being cool, it is being a fool.

Young people on the wrong track pattern after the young peo-ple on the right track. Make them an example.

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



The more I look at the state of our culture, our morals or lack of morals, it appears that the we are now defeating the purpose for which this great god-fearing country was established. The people who came here to settle, came to have freedom to worship as they pleased, the god and denomina-tion of their choice, to gain wealth and political freedom. However, when the Supreme Court decided that Mrs. O'Hair and her son, who is a Protestant minister now, had a right to be atheists and therefore also decided that her son did not have to be subjected to prayer in public schools, that is when America started down the road to damnation in a 'handbasket!' The good of the nation was sacrificed for the benefit of one individual who no longer appreciates it or who never did.

One does not have to be a historian, highly educated or above average in intelligence to realize that a grave mistake of which the ramifications are far-reaching, has been made. A country without morals is a decaying country. Without religion, we have no morals. Complete separation of the state and church is impossible. Our government manufactures all of the legal tender in our coun-

try. If we cannot have prayer in school, why does our money say, "In God We Trust?" Why does government want to trust a god whom our children, who spend most of their day, trying to learn to be good citizens, cannot practice learning to trust in school? All children need to begin their school day with more than bread. We can give them free breakfast and lunch, but not the ingredient which will help them to be decent human beings and good citizens. This is the crux of the decay of the United States of America; no prayer, no morals. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and PETITION (one of the rights in the First Amendment to the Constitution along with freedom of religion) the courts to reverse the O'Hair decision.

Every public school district in America could combine its efforts and get the O'Hair case reversed instead of trying to do it as a single district or school in a district. A union of this sort would tell the courts something and get a worthwhile job accomplished. This needs to be a petition from across America. We need to get the ball rolling fast or the courts are going to learn a new word for 'criminal case backlog.' All children do not attend a church or mosque or synagogue, but they all attend school!

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Media Network Report
for the Week of December 29, 1996

Many people these days are planning for their futures and wanting better ways to manage their money. By having a financial plan, you can document and keep track of financial income and outflow. Some consumers will want to get a financial advisor. Here are some tips to remember: Determine if a planner has a criminal record or a history of securities-related complaints or discipline. A quick phone call to your state securities office may give you additional information that you need. Be on guard for possible Ponzi schemes, the house-of-cards swindles in which a few initial investors are paid interest out of proceeds of later investors who end up with nothing. Avoid financial planners who urge you to put money in anything with "guaranteed" rates of short-term interest far above prevailing market rates. Avoid financial planners who give you few or no alternatives in your investment plan; regard any such pressure as a "red flag". Call your BBB

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As most Americans know, the U.S. began issuing a new \$100 bank note back in March 1996. The appearance is drastically different than the old bills because the Federal Reserve has enhanced the security features to guard against counterfeiting. Some of the features are color-shifting ink; a watermark; a security thread that is embedded in, not printed on the paper; and concentric fine lines behind the portrait and the use of micro printing. This information is being distributed because businesses and consumers alike can be the first line of defense against counterfeiters. If all these security features are not present in a Series 1996 or later note, keep the bill from the passer, delay the passer, call the police or U.S. Secret Service, observe the passer's description and write you initials and the date on the bill and surrender it only to the police or Secret Service.

Why Do So Many Blacks Oppose Affirmative Action?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Ph.D.

Many African-Americans called the handful of Blacks who publicly supported the California Civil Rights Initiative, that bars affirmative action in state programs, "racial Judas's". They believe that the Initiative passed because angry white males voted for it; Pete Wilson and Bob Dole pushed it; and the California Republican Party bankrolled it. However, almost unnoticed is that slightly more than one out of four Blacks voted for the Initiative.

The more than 60,000 Black votes in support of the Initiative, would have pushed the "no" vote total past 4 million. This would not have been enough to defeat the Initiative, it would have narrowed the margin of defeat. Given the court challenges, even more political urgency and legitimacy, and perhaps increases the chance of getting an injunction against enforcement of the Initiative and ultimately overturning it.

Many insist that Blacks who supported the Initiative were confused by its deceptive language, or were misled by Republican trickery. This is much too simple. Many Blacks are convinced that they have achieved their success in business and the professions through hard work, education, and ability. They agree that affirmative action, like welfare, discourages incentive and unfairly stigmatizes Blacks as social paupers, eternally seeking government hand-outs. They feel insulted that many whites claim they got ahead because they are Black and not because they are competent.

Some younger Blacks who did not experience Jim Crow laws, have little knowledge of the civil rights battles that erased them, and only the fuzziest notion of how affirmative action benefits them. This deepens their feeling that affirmative action laws have little relevance to them.

The anti-affirmative action sentiment among Blacks is also fueled by the new wave of conservative Black radio commentators, writers, academics and politicians. They oppose affirmative action, welfare, abortion, and government spending programs. They advocate school prayer, more police and prisons, self-help and personal responsibility.

The early warning signs that more Blacks are a part of this growing conservative political perspective came during the 1991 debates surrounding Clarence Thomas' Supreme court nomination. A USA Today poll found that nearly half of all Blacks surveyed supported self help and not government quotas. During the recent presidential election, Haley Barbour, the Republican National Committee Chair, claimed that 25-45 percent of Blacks called

themselves "conservative." His low-side estimate closely matches the anti-affirmative action vote by Blacks in California.

If Blacks are becoming more conservative and more resistant to affirmative action, its because more Blacks are prospering. Since the 1970s, there has been a 52 percent increase in the number of Black managers, professionals, technicians and government officials. Nearly one-third of Blacks have incomes that exceed \$35,000 annually, and 10 percent have incomes that exceed \$50,000 dollars annually. A sizable percentage of Blacks now claim they are pro-life, pro-school prayer and anti-gun control.

There is yet another reason that more Blacks are defining themselves as conservatives. African-Americans are among America's oldest native sons and daughters.

We have been shaped, in part, by American ideals and have embraced some of its conservative values and goals. Many Black churches, social organizations, political and economic associations and Black leaders advocate conservative programs of self-help, business development, law and order, strong religious and family values and legal protest.

The NAACP and Urban League have always waged fights for jobs, affirmative action, education, civil rights legislation, and political representation within the tradition of American reform. However, their recent national conventions emphasized self-help programs, personal responsibility and family values.

Even the radical Black protest has come wrapped in American colors. Malcolm X called for Black empowerment through the ballot and self-help programs, not the gun. The Black Panthers shouted "pick up the gun" but their program of voter education, free breakfast and clothing giveaways and business development was hardly revolutionary. Strip the anti-white and anti-Jewish rhetoric from Louis Farrakhan, and the Nation of Islam's program of farm and business development, family values, and law and order is straight mom-and-pop, Apple pie Americanism.

I'll challenge those Blacks who think that affirmative action and indeed all government programs are lose-lose propositions whose time has long past. But if the Black vote against affirmative action in California is any indication their ranks will continue to grow.

Responses may be sent by e-mail to Earl Ofari Hutchinson: ehutchi344@aol.com

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HOUSE OF GOD: and if it begin at us, what
shall the end be of them that OBEY NOT
THE GOSPEL OF GOD.
LORD, I'M PRAYING FOR THE PREACH-
ERS, THAT THEY'LL NOT WANT THE

GOLD, But be about YOUR BUSINESS; PREACHING THE
GOSPEL, TO WIN LOST SOULS.

MARK 11:17, Jesus said, Is it not written, MY HOUSE shall be
called of all nations THE HOUSE OF PRAYER? BUT YOU HAVE
MADE IT A DEN (GATHERING PLACE) OF THIEVES.

*****WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD???

LORD I'M PRAYING FOR THE DEACONS; who just SITTING
IN CHURCH TOO LONG, And not SPEAKING UP ON YOUR
WORD; WHEN THEY SEE THE CHURCH GOING WRONG.

Matthew 23:25,26, Jesus said, WOE (CURSED) unto you, scribes
Pharisees, HYPOCRITES! for ye make clean the outside of the cup
and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion (STEALING)
AND EXCESS (OUT OF CONTROL). Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse
first that which is WITHIN the cup and platter, that the outside of
them BE CLEAN ALSO.

*****WILL A DEACON ROB GOD???

LORD, I'M PRAYING FOR THE MISSIONARIES; ALWAYS
THINKING FOREIGN LAND, AND HAVEN'T DID THEIR FIRST
WORK AT HOME; WHERE CHARITY BEGINS.

Matthew 23:15, Jesus said, WOE (CURSED) unto you, scribes
and Pharisees, HYPOCRITES! for ye compass sea and land to make
ONE PROSELYTE (CONVERT), and when he is made, ye make
him TWOFOLD MORE THE CHILD OF HELL THAN
YOURSLEVES.

*****WILL A MISSIONARY ROB GOD???

(Here in AMERICA, WE'RE THE WORSE; and missionary want
to go OVERSEAS. Crime is so high here, because CHRISTIANS
don't do what GOD WANTS. Train up first AT HOME.)

LORD I AM PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH MEMBER; LIVING
IN SIN; BUT TITHES HIS GOLD, And is not concerned about, THE
SAVING OF HIS LOST SOUL.

Micah 6:7,8, Will THE LORD be pleased with thousands of rams
(\$\$\$), or ten thousands of rivers of OIL (\$\$\$)? shall I give my first-
born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for THE SIN OF MY
SOUL? He hath shewed thee, O MAN, what is good; and what doth
THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE, BUT TO DO JUSTLY, AND TO
LOVE MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD?

*****WILL A CHURCH MEMBER ROB GOD???

LORD, I AM PRAYING FOR THE CHOIR MEMBERS; SATUR-
DAY NIGHT, SING SOUL, AND ON SUNDAY MORNINGS;
SING ZION SONGS, IN THE CHOIR ROBE.

Matthew 23:13b, Jesus said, For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven
against men: for ye neither go in YOURSELVES, NEITHER SUFF-
FER YE THEM THAT ARE ENTERING TO GO IN.

*****WILL A CHOIR MEMBER ROB GOD???

(IF YOU WAS ARRESTED FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN;
WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT???
TIME OUT FOR PLAYING CHURCH!!!)

2 Corinthians 13:5,7a, EXAMINE YOURSELVES, whether ye be
in THE FAITH; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own
selves, HOW THAT JESUS CHRIST IS IN YOU, EXCEPT YE BE
REPROBATES (WORTHLESS)? NOW I PRAY TO GOD THAT
YE DO NO EVIL.

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!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Ebonic's by Deborah Mathis

Let us not misunderstand the Oakland school board's intentions
regarding "Ebonic," the new word of the way black people talk.
A construction of "ebony" and "phonic." Ebonics is a bogus
word—appropriately, I suppose, since the concept of "black
English" is too—but for purposes of economy, I'll use the counterfeit in this column.
You have probably heard by now that the Oakland board has authorized the teaching of
Ebonics as a legitimate language.
And you have probably heard some of the outrage accompanying those reports and mar-
veled, as I have, at the various and often disparate sources of dissent. For once, Lynn
Cheney, he is a white conservative, and Jesse Jackson, the animated black activist, sound
alike.
Shame on my industry for such poor reporting that the outrage is misapplied. Or, at least,
misguided. Ebonics as a second language. Rather, by recognizing it as a language and
not merely a dialect or nuance, they can qualify for a federal grant to start up a special
program for—what would you call them—ebonic, or ebonized children.
It would be, in effect, a remedial program. That outrage you felt before, when the story
line was distorted? Insert that baby here.
No matter how well-meaning the plan, nor how unaccomplished many of the children
may be, nor how clever the second language status is for the grant-winning process,
Oakland schools do not need another bottom-feeding designation for needful children.
Nearly two-thirds of the district's black children have already been relegated to special
education classes. Are we to believe that the whole crop is deficient?
Too many black children already suffer horrible assumptions about their intelligence,
their honesty and their morality. They are greeted with undeserved suspicion, disgust,
dread or pity. They wear the yoke of double consciousness, as described by W.E.B.
DuBois.

"It is a peculiar sensation," He wrote, "This sense of always looking at one's self
through the eyes of others, of measuring one's soul by the tape of a world that looks on in
amused contempt and pity." There are low expectations aplenty facing these kids.
Now, they need to hear that they talk funny? That, in making conversation, giving an
answer, they do such poor job of it that it sounds like a whole other tongue?
And they need to hear that this wrongness come from their bones, making it one more
inferior thing to overcome?
If there is a place to lay blame for wide-scale bad grammar, a poor enunciation and in-
articulateness, it is on the educational establishment which, upon desegregation, misunder-
stood the black child, eyeing him as if he were some different species, separate from the
white child, and, by nature, a subordinate type.
If nothing else, the Ebonic debate underlines our preposterous conviction that the differ-
ences among ethnic groups are not superficial, subcultural and man-created, but essential
and God-ordained.

Now, even our tongues are not created equal.
What Oakland children need is what all their counterparts the world over
need:

Teachers whose first instinct is that every child is educable. Who are not
obsessed with averages, but know every single one matters. Who are able to see past the
raw material and on the jewel that lies beneath. Who knows that, sometimes, you have to
dig very deep to get to the glistening part, but who have pledged to do that digging.

Can Oakland do that?
I be waiting.
Parson Smith "I be waiting" too. And he agree with this write on Ebonics.
English-Ebonics or bull live, or whatever you choose to call it, as long as we keep it
away from our children's classrooms and textbooks.

I KNOW I'M SOMEBODY



'cause God don't make
no junk!!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast have been blessed dur-
ing the year of 1996. For what has happened to us during the year has
surely been a blessing for all of our members. We will be working harder
in 1997. With the help of almighty God, we will be able to reach this
goal.

In our community, we have a lot to do. If we would just do our part and
pray for a much better community, things will move in a better position.
In reading the scripture: St. Luke 2:34—"And Simeon blessed the, and
said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising
again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; it
continues: St. Luke 2:35—"Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own
soul also) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

We have read the story about Simeon who was granted his wish to see
the Messiah before he was called home to be with the Lord. He stood fast
for the Messiah to come, and was able to see that happen in his lifetime.
Also, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel to the tribe of Aser.
She was of great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her
virginity.

In St. Luke 2:37—"And she was a widow of about fourscore and four
years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings
and prayers night and day. Verse 38—"And she coming in that instant
gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spoke of him to all them that
looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

So if we wait on the Lord, and do what we need to be doing, things will
turn out the way it should be for the betterment of all of us. Are you will-
ing to do what you can in 1997 to make our community a much better
place to live. Regardless of what people may say, we must stick together
and create some leadership from our young people so they will be able to
do what is best in years to come.

Are you a Burger King Christian? Are you a Christian who wants
things to always go your way without putting forth an effort? Just think
about it, and be ready to do what is right in 1997!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in persons of the commu-
nity. Remember your precious prayers and visits will help those who are
not able to get around. Don't forget the young people who are homeless
in our community. Please in 1997, don't let the drug dealers and gang
bangers run our community. Let's pray about what is going on and find a
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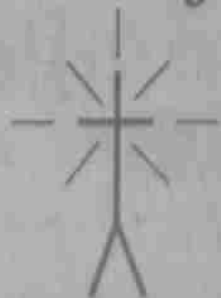
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