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NATIONAL NEWS

Aristide to Form New Grouping within Lavalas

Haitians listening to the morning radio newscast on Radio Kiskeya recently were stunned at the announcement that Jean-Bertrand Aristide, whose truncated term as president ended less than a year ago, was back in active politics. The report said Aristide plans to set up a new political grouping called Fanmi Lavalas (Family Lavalas). The group will operate as a pressure group forcing policy changes on the ruling Lavalas party. In an interview with IPS, ex-president Aristide refused to call the new entity a "political party." He characterized it instead as "a process of reorganization within the Lavalas movement." With the kind of wordplay for which he is famous, Aristide described Fanmi Lavalas as "a big family working together to avoid scandal and divisiveness. Family Lavalas is going to work within the Lavalas movement, and hopefully, it will have some influence over its direction when politically appropriate. But we do not intend it to be a separate, splinter party," he said. Aristide further indicated that the Family Lavalas will promote grassroots candidates from among the Lavalas movement's already established parties and organizations.

Meningitis Epidemic Easing

An epidemic of meningococcal meningitis in Africa that has caused nearly 16,000 deaths since January began to ease in June, according to a report by the World Health Organization. Close to 150,000 cases were registered in 18 high-risk countries, with 95 percent of the cases logged in Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. Nigeria was the hardest-hit, with just under 8,500 deaths and slightly over 75,000 other cases, according to a report by the WHO regional office for Africa. The report states that cases of meningococcal meningitis can be found throughout the world, but the disease is only endemic in warm regions, where it crops up in sporadic cases or clumps and peaks in winter. Meningococcal meningitis is the only form of bacterial meningitis that causes epidemics. Small children are the main victims of the disease, but older kids, teenagers and young adults are also hit during epidemics. The disease is transmitted by direct contact, for example by coughing or sneezing. The WHO recommend vaccination against the disease for travelers to the affected areas.

Habitat: Who Should Build Houses For All?

While Nigerians showered nothing but praise for Chinese assistance to revamp the Nigeria Railways, the same red carpet has not been so readily rolled out for the Asian country's participation in the National Housing Program (NHP) reports IPS. While the Ministry of Works and Housing has signed a memorandum with the Chinese to rescue its embattled housing program, it has come under a swarm of criticism from local builders and engineers. "Besides being anti-nationalistic, the move runs contrary to the government's pledge to always patronize and encourage local engineers," said Joseph Ujunghan, president of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE). The society, which has already dispatched a letter of protest to the ministry, believes Nigeria has the expertise and manpower to handle its housing projects without involving foreign experts. Various regimes have attempted to provide affordable housing for the citizens without much success. Critics described this program as a mere political gimmick for the new administration to gain recognition and popularity among Nigerians, many whom were opposed to the return of a military government after the annulment of the 1993 Presidential election.

MORALES DISTRIBUTES REEBOK SETTLEMENT TO ORGANIZATIONS WITH YOUTH PROGRAMS

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales last month began the distribution of a \$575,000 lawsuit settlement with Reebok to organizations across the state that sponsor youth sports programs.

The July, 1996 settlement with Reebok International, Inc., a sports shoe manufacturer, over allegations of price-fixing, states that the money will be used to "... improve, refurbish, renovate, and/or provide athletic facilities, equipment or services to the public or not-for-profit groups."

"This is a nice Christmas present to those organizations across the state who give so much of their time, energy and love to youngsters every day of the year," Morales said. "The money will be put to good use providing or improving recreational equipment and facilities our children."

Organizations in the Central Texas area received a total of \$92,500. The organizations were Texas Special Olympics, based in Austin; Texas; Lion's Camp in Kerrville; San Antonio Sports Foundation and the YMCA of San Antonio and the Hill Country; and the Waco Police Athletic League.

Organizations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area received total of \$139,564. The organizations were: Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board of Corsicana; Alternative Community Development Services, Inc.; Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Cathedral of Faith Boys and Girls Club, and The Urban Alternative, all of Dallas; Christian Athletic League of Fort Worth; and the Boys and Girls Club—Southwest Region of Richardson.

Organizations in the El Paso area received a total of \$25,000. The organizations were: the National Youth Sports Program East Side American Youth Soccer, and Boys' Baseball of El Paso, Inc.



A board of director member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Little League of Lubbock, Texas, Darrell Small, right, is shown accepting a \$5,000.00 check from attorney General of Texas Dan Morales last month in Austin, Texas.



Also shown receiving a \$5,000.00 check from the Attorney General Dan Morales is executive director of the Lubbock Boys and Girls Club, Inc. Tom Vermillion, at right. This a portion of a lawsuit settlement with Reebok and given to organizations across the state that sponsor sports programs.

Organizations in the Houston area received a total of \$146,500. The organizations were: General Bown Missionary Baptist Association, and the L. L. Melton Family YMCA, both of Beaumont; West Point Missionary Baptist Church, and Galveston Youth Tackle Football, both of Galveston; Christian Softball League, Good Gang USA, Inc., Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, UJIMA, Inc., Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Athletic Team, and the Houston Area Exchange Club's Police Activities League, all of Houston; Godfather's Club of Port Arthur, and the Port Arthur American Little League; and, the Carver Park Community League of Texas City.

Organizations in the Northeast Texas area received a total of \$60,368. The organizations were Shiloh Missionary Baptist District Association of Texas in

Corrigan; Bethal Missionary Baptist Church and Red Oak Baptist Church, both of Longview; the Boys & Girls club of Deep East Texas in Lufkin; the Nacidoches Tigers & Tigerbelles Track Club; Frederick Douglass Alumni Association; Inc. of Pittsburg; New Hope Baptist Church of Texarkana; Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and the East Texas Baptist Association both of Tyler.

Organizations in the Panhandle area received a total of \$20,000. The organizations were: the Lubbock Boys & Girls Club, Inc., and the Martin Luther King Jr. Little League of Lubbock; and the Castanettes Social Civic & Arts Club of Odessa.

The suit against Reebok and its subsidiary, The Rockport Company alleged that the footwear manufacturers threatened to cut off retailers if they did not sell

merchandise at prices mandated by the companies. The agreed judgment was filed in federal court in New York on behalf of all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Texas was one of eight states that actively investigated the claims against Reebok after it instituted new pricing policies in October 1992. The settlement requires the company to pay 9.5 million to all the states and the District of Columbia. Consumers will not be reimbursed directly because of the difficulty in identifying those who may have suffered from Reebok's price fixing policies.

Assistant Attorney General Rebecca Fisher and Investigator Janice Packer of Morales' Antitrust Section of the Consumer Protection Division, handled the case for Texas.

The Truth About Ebonics

By John William Templeton
Special to the NNPA

The coverage of the Oakland School Board's decision to embrace the Standard English Proficiency program districtwide is an example of "straw-man journalism."

Some reporters have pulled a "gotcha" on high-ranking state and federal officials by asking them if they embrace the district "teaching Black English." Betrayed by their ignorance of the linguistic and pedagogy issues involved, those officials have issued truly loony statements.

Since 1991, it has been a policy of the State Board of Education to recognize Ebonics, the syncretization of African and European languages, while designing curriculum strategies. Dr. Ernie Smith, a Southern California linguist, developed the term and the research behind the findings. Dr. Noma Lemoine put the theory to work in Los Angeles with the Language Development Program for African-American Students, which has been in effect in dozens of Los Angeles schools for more than five years.

Like many who hear a snap characterization of "Black English," I was somewhat skeptical of the concept before hearing Dr. Lemoine explain it. Simply, the primary human language acquisition occurs before age four. Any language learning after that has to occur on the foundation of that original language acquisition. A French person who learns English still thinks in French. The language patterns common to African-American communities across the Western Hemisphere, whether expressed in English, French, Spanish or Dutch, carry a common set of grammar and syntax rules that are traced to the languages of the Niger-Congo region of Africa. Those patterns are not just incorrect English, but an intentional retention of that culture.

Ebonics is far more than non-standard use of "to be" and combining consonants. It is also the magical use of simile and metaphor, the mastery of inflection and tone and the persuasive qualities that have made people like Paul Robeson, Sidney Poitier, Mary McLeod Bethune, W.E.B. DuBois

and Martin Luther King Jr. some of the country's greatest orators.

As teachers learn more about Ebonics, they not only gain a better understanding of their students but can show students how to turn those cultural attributes into strengths. The state of California and the federal government have been funding the research that has gleaned these simple truths for two decades. As long as a few academics handed the theories about, no one cared. But programs like Dr. Lemoine's have discovered that the targeted children do learn standard English better when taught this way. Oakland teachers have piloted the Standard English Proficiency program, often at their own expense for three years, attending conferences, doing their own ad-hoc in-service and sharing their results with whoever would listen. The decision to adopt their strategies on a district-wide basis is an object lesson in school reform—not fodder for talk-show hosts.

People like Delaine Eastin, the superintendent of schools, who automatically attach lower standards with "Black" do not set foot in these schools where parents and teachers and students are tackling textbooks and curriculum that do not meet their needs. Black parents particularly are fed up with the "soul murder" being committed on their youngsters before they even reach the fourth grade. If school choice and parental input are meaningful concepts, then these programs that are making a difference must be nurtured, refined and duplicated. It is time to stop the systematic demotivation that Carter G. Woodson, father of Negro History Week, wrote about in 1931 in "The Miseducation of the Negro." I would urge any critic of the Oakland program to read that book first before commenting on the program.

San Francisco-based writer John William Templeton manages an independent publishing house that provides social science and pedagogy books to California school districts. He's also editor of Grit, the African-American, African and Caribbean business daily.

EEOC REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT LUBBOCK

El Paso, TX.—The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), El Paso Area Office, plans to have a representative in Lubbock on January 14-16, 1997. The purpose of the visit is to meet with the general public and advise them on the laws enforced by the EEOC. Mr. Robert Calderon, Enforcement Supervisor with the EEOC El Paso Area Office, will be available from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Sheraton Inn - Civic Center located at 505 Avenue Q in Lubbock. Mr. Calderon will also be available Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

A video on SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE will be shown on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday; evening at 7:00 p.m.

The EEOC is the Federal agency responsible for enforcing Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, sex, religion or national origin, as well as Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act and sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

GARDENS AND ARTS CENTER EXHIBIT OPENING

The Garden & Arts Center announces a public reception for the show Snooty Women, a collection of works by Lubbock Artist Renee Steger Simpson on Friday, January 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Garden & Arts Center located at 4215 University Ave.

The Snooty Women series evolved in 1992 as a unique perspective of the many encounters with individuals in the Artist's life. Currently there are over 40 works in the Snooty Women Series, along with Snooty Cats and even a few

Snooty Men. The medium is primarily watercolor but does include some pen ink, as well as pastels and collage. According to Simpson "It began with a few intuitive marks the developed into a form that best describes my feelings of these people or situations... and there we all have been there."

The one women exhibition will feature many of the original 40 works in the series with a number of pieces for sale. The show will run through Thursday, January 30.

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

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue,

is the "Church Where The People Really Care." Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. All members are wishing each and everyone a Happy New Year!

During the first Sunday, last week, all was well. We thank Jesus for all He has done for all of us, and are looking for a great year in 1997.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Supt. Virgil Johnson and all officers at their post of duty. After thirty minutes of instruction, all classes reassembled at 10:15 a.m. High points of the morning lessons were given.

Secretary's Report were given for each class.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in citizens with your prayers. Don't forget our bereaved families also. Pray for Sister Doris Washington. Ask the Lord to keep her in his care. If you haven't traveled that road, you have no idea of how she feels at this time. She lost her daughter, Erma Washington, last week.

The message of the hour at New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning was delivered by Pastor Moton. He gave some thoughts to guide us in the new year.

Mrs. Mable Biggers lost her daughter-in-law, Wylie Lee Jonson. Services are pending at this report with Ossie Curry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. She died here last Saturday, January 4, 1996.

The Ruby Jay family made the trip fine last weekend as they traveled to Cleburne, Texas. Sister Jay reported her nephew lost his wife December 31, 1996 which was their anniversary. Services were held Saturday, January 4th, and her pastor, Rev. David E. Baldwin, Sr., brought the message. The pastor said she put a crown in lay away a few days later she paid it out. She was a Christian woman and fine church worker who was loved by all races of the community of Cleburne. She was Dedora Oliver.

Sister Jay was glad to have her granddaughter, Chantell, and her sons to travel with her and Claressa Jay. It was a good trip, and she is rejoicing of how the Lord brought all of them back safe and sound.

Mrs. Gra Jean Wilson Keys won a trip during the holidays so she traveled to her home in Arkansas. Returning back last week, she reported a wonderful trip to visit with her relatives and friends. She has been a little shut in after returning back home.

Prayer is the answer.

Survey Shows Companies Slower In Creating Diversity Programs

By Maggie Jackson
Special to the NNPA from the Daily Challenge

Corporate interest in starting diversity programs was flagging in the two years before the scandal in Texaco Inc. erupted, results of new survey show.

The survey comes as many large companies are taking a sharp look at their efforts to hire and retain more diverse workers following Texaco's record \$176 million settlement of a racial discrimination suit.

Faced with pressures to hire more white women and minorities, 72 percent of the 50 Fortune 500 companies surveyed in 1994 had started diversity programs, mostly in the previous few years, said A.T. Kearney Executive Search.

By this year, 74 percent of the 50 companies polled reported having diversity programs - only a two percentage point increase, according to the report.

The telephone survey was conducted before the furor erupted over secret tapes that caught Texaco executives belittling Blacks. Part of the ensuing settlement involves an overhaul of diversity programs at the nation's third-largest oil company.

The survey found that 62 percent of companies without diversity programs were developing one. Yet the findings still pointed to a slowing of interest in creating such programs, Kearney executives said.

"Corporate America has lost momentum over the last two to three years in the creation of new diversity programs," said

Michelle Smead, managing director of diversity search practices at A.T. Kearney.

She said that one possible reason for the slowdown was that top executives felt comfortable merely hiring a few women and minorities.

"Chief executive officers started to feel comfortable that they didn't need to do anything more," she said. "They had women and minorities to point to."

"Groups other than white males in the workforce have increased 63 percent during the last decade due to affirmative action and demographics, said the Society of Human Resource Management. It added that the real challenge remains the retention and equitable promotion of white women and minorities.

This also brings into question the real commitment of corporations to the fundamental concept of diversity. The survey found that even at corporations with diversity programs, training sessions usually lasted less than a day. And few corporations hold their executives accountable for making sure that all workers are valued.

However, the survey found that companies in high-tech, service and consumer product industries had the most innovative diversity programs, while heavy manufacturers had programs that strayed little beyond the minimum affirmative action initiative.



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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Bausch & Lomb (NYSE/BOL) has named Daryl M. Dickson as its senior vice president - human resources. Dickson is the first African-American in Bausch & Lomb's 143-year history to become an officer and senior-level executive serving on the Management Executive Committee, the key internal decision-making body of the global

eye-care company. Dickson joins Bausch & Lomb from The Quaker Oats Company, based in Chicago, where she has been vice president - human resources for the \$2.8 billion Quaker Foods business unit. Prior to joining Quaker, she held senior human resources management positions with AlliedSignal, Inc., in their Aerospace and Automotive Sectors.

"Daryl Dickson brings to Bausch & Lomb a wealth of experience across all of the critical areas of human resources responsibility," said William M. Carpenter, president and chief operating officer. "She is superbly qualified to lead us in developing the global organization that can accomplish our corporate strategic vision."

Dickson is responsible for employee relations, diversity, work environment,

work/life programs, compensation, benefits, shared services and human resources planning, training and development for the company's worldwide work force of approximately 13,000.

Dickson, 45, has an A.B.Ed. in Education, a M.A. in Reading, and a Ph.D. in Educational

Psychology from The University of Michigan.

Bausch & Lomb Incorporated is a global eye care company dedicated to helping consumers see, look and feel better through innovative technology and design. Its core businesses include soft and rigid gas permeable contact lenses, lens-care products, premium sunglasses and ophthalmic pharmaceutical products. The company is advantaged with some of the most respected brands in the world starting with its name, Bausch & Lomb, and including Ray-Ban, Arnette, Carel, SofLens66, Boston, and ReNu. Founded in 1853 in Rochester, N.Y., where it continues to have its headquarters, the company has annual revenues of approximately \$2 billion and employs approximately 13,000 people in 35 countries. Bausch & Lomb products are available in more than 100 countries around the world.



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ARLINGTON MARTIN GIRLS OFF TO A GOOD START BEHIND LAMPKIN

If you would ask Karen Gehrt, girls basketball coach for the Martin High School Warriors in Arlington, Texas, she'd perhaps say the Warriors are off to a great start because of the efforts of Natasha Lampkin. Lampkin is a junior who has an outstanding command of her basketball skills.

Recently against the Trinity High Trojans, she scored 20 points, a team they have only defeated once in six tries. The 5'7" athlete displayed she can shoot, rebound, dribble, pass and play defense. She has all the tools and gives Martin a go-to player in crunch times this year.

During the Trinity outing, Lampkin hit her first five shots. Trinity is one of the traditional powers in girls' basketball in the area. Lampkin scored 15 points in the first half.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lampkin of Arlington, she is also a granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas.

According to Coach Gehrt, the Warriors are playing up-tempo style and firing away with a combination of good inside and outside play. One of the main reasons is the efforts of Natasha Lampkin, who makes outstanding contributions to the Martin High School Warriors.



Obituary



Erma M. Washington

Final rites were held for Erma M. Washington last Thursday morning, January 2, 1997, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Leroy Skief, Isiah Skief, Johnny Johnson, Jr., James Skief, LaChars Glenn, Lonnie Portee, Isiah Skief, Jr. and Robert Walker.

Honorary pallbearers were Roosevelt Portee, Bruce Austin, and Johnny Johnson, III. The daughter of Mrs. Doris Washington, Erma was

born August 6, 1950 in Elkhart, Texas. She died Friday, December 27, 1996. A Graduate of Dunbar High School, She attended West Texas State University. She was Employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. She had moved to San Antonio, Texas in 1975. She leaves to mourn her passing: Her mother Mrs. Doris Washington; two sisters, Bessie Johnson and Lee Ruth Johnson, both of Lubbock, Texas; one niece, Sabrina Skief; two nephews, Johnny Johnson, III and Willie Johnson; two great nephews, Stacey Norris and Johnny Johnson, IV; and a host of relatives and friends.

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Public Safety Campaign Wins National Award

The City of Lubbock's "Red for a Reason" public safety campaign that urged drivers to stop running red lights won a national award last week from City Hall Communications.

"Red for a Reason" captured the Grand Award for cities with a population of more than 50,000 in the 16th annual City Hall Public Information Awards competition. Jim Green, Public Information Coordinator for the City and director of the campaign, said, "We are very pleased to receive this award, but what's more important is that the real winners are the citizens of Lubbock. The 'Red for a Reason' campaign ran from January through April this year. During that time, accidents resulting from drivers running red lights were reduced by 40 percent."

Green also complimented the media for their part in the successful campaign. "One of the judges made a

comment about the great publicity we received during the campaign, and we want to thank the media for all the coverage they gave 'Red for a Reason.' It really helped us reach the citizens with our message."

The "Red for a Reason" campaign included a speaker's bureau, public service announcements, a sticker in the water utility bill and a 10-minute video which was shown by various civic and social organizations. Aggressive enforcement by the Lubbock Police Department and an increase in the fine for running red lights also were part of the project.

Earlier this year, due to the success of the campaign, the City received a grant of \$5,000 from the Federal Highway Administration. These funds will be used this spring to support a new public safety campaign directed at speeders.

Looking for Good News?

By Larry Lucas

People are always complaining that newspapers only print bad news. Here's a whole column full of good news I've read in the past few weeks.

*Fewer women are dying of breast cancer. Earlier diagnosis and better treatment mean that more women are beating this terrible disease.

*Scientists are working on a way to "fix" the defective gene that causes sickle cell anemia. They believe that, some day, they will be able to custom-make a piece of genetic material and inject it into the cell of a person with sickle cell anemia. Scientists think this would signal the body to make normal red blood cells instead of the sickle-shaped cells that cause the disease.

*There's less violence on TV, according to a study by researchers at UCLA. The study found that network television currently includes fewer violent programs than it did during the 1994-1995 season.

*The story of Jim Howley tells some good news about AIDS. The 35-year old Californian has AIDS, but refuses to let the disease stop him from competing in "Ironman" triathlon. He credits regular exercise and new drugs with reducing the amount of virus in his body and raising his count of T-cells, a good indicator that his immune system is working.

*Death rates from several diseases have shrunk dramatically, according to a report by the Boston Consulting Group. Between 1965 and 1991, deaths from flu dropped by more than 90 percent. Deaths from kidney infections and tuberculosis both dropped by more than 88 percent. And deaths from heart disease and stroke decreased by nearly 30 percent. New drugs were considered a major contributor to this decline.

*Americans increased their donations to charity last year by five percent, giving a total of more than \$23 billion. Among the top recipients were the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association.

*The Chicago Defender carried a first-person story by Julie Full-Lopez, who has multiple sclerosis (MS). Eleven years ago, Julie couldn't walk. Thanks to determination and new drugs, today she can ski, ride horseback, raise her teen-aged son, and teach at two colleges. This summer, she ran with the Olympic torch.

*Fewer children are having children, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Births to teen-aged mothers—both white and African American—declined last year, continuing a four-year trend.

*Chris Brownlie House, a Los Angeles hospice for dying AIDS patients, recently shut down operations. The reason: Most AIDS patients aren't dying. Thanks to new drug treatments, they're going home to live.

It's true that there's a lot of bad news out there. But if you look, you can always find a reason to hope and to smile. We, as African Americans, must continue to create good news by improving our own health. We can do this by making changes in our lifestyles and diets and by adopting day-to-day health habits, including an exercise program. These changes will help us live longer and enjoy better health.

Larry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of American

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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



The population of the United States has grown by about one percent over the past year and this Christmas of 1996 there have been more songs about a lonely Christmas than ever heard before. It would appear that there would be more people coming together in fellowship with such a growth in population, yet it appears that more people are more lonely than ever. What is happening to us here in America? Have we forgotten what Christmas is all about? Is buying gifts, eating too much food and having too much to drink all that Christmas is about? Have we left Christ out of Christmas completely?

The spirit of giving at Christmas is to be commended. It is better to give than to receive. Yet, some of us give in the hope that we will receive. This is not true giving. This is priming. We put in a little something hoping to get back a lot. We think

our gifts must be material. They do not have to be material. We can give the gift of love. This is the greatest gift. Doing something loving for others is much more important and lasting than material gifts.

Many people and organizations do loving things for those less fortunate than they are during the Christmas season. It is a pity that this is a once-a-year affair. Doing good to and for others should be a daily affair. One good meal or nice gift at the end of the year will not carry most unfortunates through the new year. As a matter of fact, it may not carry them to the new year. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and show that we have the spirit of giving and Christ in our hearts everyday. If every American did one good deed a day, or a week for that matter, this would be a greater place to live and learn. Let us keep the true spirit of Christmas and have A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Assassination Of The Black Female Image

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Dr. Mae Jemison made history when she became America's first African-American woman to fly through space on the Endeavor shuttle mission in 1992. Following a routine traffic in Houston four years later, Dr. Jemison again flew through space. A Houston police officer body slammed her to the ground, twisted her wrist and arms and slapped handcuffs on her. The officer claimed that she resisted arrest for an outstanding traffic warrant. Dr. Jemison denied it.

In that brutal moment, Dr. Jemison was not a celebrated Black woman praised by the president and applauded by the public for her contributions to the nation's space program but a "gangsta." It was a harsh reminder that to much of America, Black women like Black men have also become a menace to society.

The massive media depiction of Black men as "at risk" and endangered" masks the damage that gender and racial stereotypes wreak on Black women. The roughhousing of Jemison mocks the popular myth that Black women are not considered as physical threats and economic competitors to white males. They are. In addition, they share the burden of all women of being politically and economically marginalized and socially devalued.

Black women have never been accorded the protection and "privileges" of white women in America. There is bitter truth to the old line that the only time Black women are ever called ladies is when they are cleaning ladies.

While much of the media enshrined the stereotypes of Black men as lazy, violent, crime prone, sexual menaces, Black women were typed much the same way. The heavy dose of racial and gender stereotypes rests solidly on these deeply engrained myths:

***Hypersexuality.** During Senate hearings on the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination in 1991, white male senators savaged Anita Hill. Hill was not simply a victim of partisan politics. She reinforced the image of a sexually promiscuous, deceitful Black woman. In the rape trial of boxer Mike Tyson attorneys tried to paint Desiree Washington as a woman out for money and sex.

Washington and Hill were trapped by the slave mythology that Black women are sexually loose and promiscuous. The image of the sexually immoral woman puts Black women at risk in law and public policy. Police, prosecutors and the courts in many cases ignore or lightly punish rape, sexual abuse and assaults against Black women.

***Devalued lives.** Between 1980 and 1985, the number of Black women murdered exceeded the number of American soldiers killed in Vietnam in 1967, a peak year of the fighting. By 1990, homicide was the number one killer of young Black females. A Black woman was 10 times more likely to be raped than a white woman and slightly more likely to be the victim of domestic violence than a white woman. The media often magnifies and sensationalizes crimes by Black men against white women and ignores or downplays crimes against Black women.

***Welfare and Single Parenthood.** Nearly two out of three welfare recipients live in a suburban or rural area, stay on welfare less than four years, have one to two children, and are white. There is no evidence that poor Black women make babies in order to live luxuriously at taxpayer's expense. Even if they wanted to, no state has maximum benefit levels that allow recipients to exist at the offi-

cial poverty level. The national average monthly payout is \$373.

The twin myth persists that Black teens have a monopoly on "illegitimacy." The don't. In 1993, the typical single mother was a white, well-educated working woman. Sixty percent of out-of-wedlock births were to white women and seventy percent to women older than 20-years-old. The number of Black unmarried girls having babies, though still disproportionately high, has sharply dropped since 1992.

Gangsta rappers, some Black filmmakers, and comedians reduce Black women to "stuff," "Bitches," "Ho's" and "MFs." Their contempt reinforces the slut image and sends the message that violence or mistreatment of black women is socially acceptable. Despite lawsuits, protests and boycotts by women's groups, "gangsta"-themed films and rap music continue to soar in popularity. Hollywood and the record companies rake in small fortunes off them.

Black women are blamed for many of the crisis problems in American society. They are accused of emasculating and taking jobs away from Black men. Their special needs and problems are often ignored by many feminist and women's organizations. The remedy is an intensive, active media and public campaign to make sure that Black women such as Mae Jemison and all others will not continue to be seen and treated as the "other" menace to society.

Dr. Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of *The Assassination of the Black Male Image and Beyond O.J.: Race, Sex, and Class Lessons for America.*

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Timothy J. Thomas Jr. has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

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Thomas will report to Fort Benning, Mo., for military basic training on June 18, 1997.

He is the son of Timothy Thomas of 305 Lakeway Trails, McKinney, Texas, and Teresita Thomas of 2303 Third St., Lubbock, Texas.

Jose A. Lanzarin has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

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Lanzarin will report to Fort Benning, Ga., for military basic training on June 12, 1997.

He is the son of Bill and Wanda McGaun of 3305 38th St., Lubbock, Texas.

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. Sannan of 9807 Louisa, Lubbock. He is a 1996 graduate of Cooper High School, Lubbock.

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This year The Spirit Achievement Award will honor hall of famer, Jim Brown. Educated at Syracuse University, Jim Brown was named as an All-American running back averaging 6.2 yards in his senior year and later was inducted into the College Football Hall Of Fame. Jim Brown also excelled academically and was honored as one of 5 recipients of the "NCAA Silver Anniversary Outstanding Students of the Past 25 Years." From 1957 to 1966 Jim Brown played professional football with the Cleveland Browns. During his illustrious and legendary career, Mr. Brown established numerous records, including a 9 year career total of 12,312 yards gained. His 5.2 yards per carry average has yet to be broken. He was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame and is considered by many as the greatest running backs in football history. He retired at the peak of his professional football career after winning the NFL Championship and MVP of the League to become a motion picture actor. As a screen actor, Brown has appeared in over 20 motion pictures, including The Dirty Dozen

(1967), Slaughter and Black Gunn (1972), Original Gangsta's (1996) and Mars Attacks (1996).

Brown's capabilities extend beyond his accomplishments as an athlete and actor. He has been involved in a host of community empowering organizations such as Coor Golden Door and Barriers and the Vital Issues Project that help former convicts re-enter society and find jobs. In 1988, Brown founded the Amer-I-Can Program Inc., a self-esteem/life management program teaching responsibility and self-determination. And in 1993, Brown became the Chairman for The Amer-I-Can Foundation for Social Change, a non-profit organization, founded to extend the Amer-I-Can services to inner city Social Change, a non-profit organization, founded to extend the Amer-I-Can services to inner city youth, their families and others in the Los Angeles area who are normally deprived of such services because of economic hardship. A man not only of many talents but also one with a giving heart, and that's why Jim Brown is the perfect recipient for The 1997 Spirit Achievement Award.

What really happened at the CIA-crack hearing

By John Templeton

Griot Washington Bureau — If Senate Republicans intended to sweep the CIA-crack story under the rug, Eduardo Barnaby was not about to let it happen. In an Tianamen Square-like moment, Barnaby stood up after an hour of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee's hearings with Nicaraguan contra leaders and began loudly insisting that other witnesses be called, including Drug Enforcement Administration agents who have supported the account originally published in the San Jose Mercury News.

Sen. Arlen Specter, (R-PA), committee chair, joined only by fellow Republican Richard Shelby, (R-AL), banged his gavel, asked him to sit, but backed off from having Barnaby ejected. Barnaby continued to rattle off names and dates while a national cable audience watched on C-SPAN. A resigned Specter responded, "I'm not going to have the headlines that persons trying to express themselves were ousted by Capitol police." Two weeks before, angry Los Angeles residents had practically snouted down CIA Director John Deutch during a town hall on the allegations of CIA involvement in Nicaraguan drug smuggling into south-central Los Angeles.

As others from the largely Black audience stood to join Barnaby, Specter took the unprecedented step of asking Rep. Maxine Waters, (D-CA), the new chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and the representative of the district where the alleged crack epidemic first struck, to join the two senators on the panel. Immediately, the tone of questioning changed from a series of easy denials by Adolfo Calero, former president of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, to a thorough grilling by Rep. Waters about specifics for the remaining two and one-half hours of the hearing. Rep. Waters later grilled Eden Pastors, commander of the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance.

Afterwards, Rep. Waters was still

quite critical of the witnesses and the purpose of the hearing. "It is certainly important that Congressional committees exercise their oversight and investigatory obligations by conducting hearings into the serious charges of CIA involvement in drug activities," she said. "However, given the uncertainty of Senator Specter's continued service as committee chairman, I must wonder about the precise purpose of today's hearing. We need investigation - we need hearings - but we need continuity of purpose, position and personnel as well. Without this type of continuity, it will be exceedingly difficult to methodically uncover the facts of this case."

During the hearing, Rep. Waters queried Sen. Specter about whether records had been received from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. To hoots from the audience, Specter asked to speak with her privately. Rep. Waters said, "The DEA has a whole room full of files on this case."

In other developments, Attorney General Janet Reno told Howard University Law School students that she would not appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the CIA-crack allegations because they happened during a prior administration. She said the investigations are being undertaken by the inspectors general of the Justice Department and CIA.

Rep. Waters noted that an interim report from that study was promised during the last hearing of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee. "Unfortunately, the status of those reports remains unclear," she said.

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The writer of Psalm 1:3 paints us a picture of a planted tree who's roots begin at one end to grasp the rocks while taking hold of the firm and the strong underlying ribs of the world

while at the other end spreading branches and unfolding leaves that drink in the sunshine and the rain of heaven. The roots are fixed and twisted around the ribs of the earth so that there may be no shifting or change.

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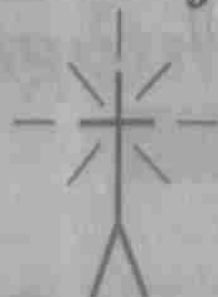
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one-year extensions of the contract); network administrator for the
Primary Care Case Management Program (contract length approx-
imately 34 months with two possible one-year extensions of the
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Sir:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the exemplary professional care provided to Mr. Tom Culhane during our recent visit to your facility. We were referred by Robert Swift, M.D., who practices in Alaska. Dr. Swift received training at University Medical Center several years ago.

Mr. Culhane has been a resident of Alaska since the 1930's, and I was born here in 1942. We are established and familiar with the Alaskan medical community and the superior local hospital which is operated by Sisters of Providence.

It is my belief that University Medical Center provided care at a level that we could not have attained at any other establishment including the use of our long-standing local resources. Initially we considered the Mayo Clinic at Scottsdale, Arizona, but due to Dr. Swift's contacts, elected to travel to Texas.

Professional demeanor and compassion were exhibited to us by all staff at Texas Tech; however, a few individuals left a lasting impression and I would like to compliment them personally.

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