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Nationwide Insurance to Pay \$100 Million in Bias Case

RICHMOND, VA. - A jury has awarded \$100 million to a group whose lawsuit accused Nationwide Insurance of discrimination for refusing to write policies for black homeowners and leaving minority neighborhoods out of marketing campaigns.

In hearing the news Constance Chamberlin, the Executive Director of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) said they were absolutely stunned after the jury announced its decision this past Monday. "It's a remarkable verdict," she went on to say.

The decision rendered by a jury composed of six blacks and one white in a Richmond Circuit Court was the first of its kind in the nation, according to Shanna Smith, Executive Director of the National Fair Housing Alliance, which is a Washington, D.C. based nonprofit agency.

Cases of a similar nature against the Columbus, Ohio-based insurer have been settled, but to date the largest settlement had been only \$4.5 million in a Toledo, Ohio case.

A Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. spokesman called the verdict outrageous and "totally out of synch with the evidence as it was presented in court."

John Millen said his company will appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court.

Millen said that Nationwide has written thousands of homeowner policies to African-American homeowners in the Richmond area and that, "we do not unfairly discriminate against black people."

In March 1997, Nationwide and the Justice Department settled allegations that Nationwide discriminated on the basis of race.

Nationwide did not acknowledge discrimination but agreed that it would change its underwriting practices and donated \$13.2 million to assist low-income home buyers.

HOME alleged that Nationwide denied homeowners insurance to black applicants in Richmond while approving coverage for whites under similar circumstances. HOME also claimed during the two-week trial that the company's marketing efforts were targeted to ZIP codes in predominantly white areas while black neighborhoods were excluded.

Ms. Chamberlin said HOME had 15 pairs of people - one black and one white in each case - pose as homeowners seeking insurance from Nationwide. In seven of the 15 cases, she said, the whites were quoted a premium and the blacks were not.

HOME also alleged that Nationwide imposed higher rates in Richmond, a majority-black city, than in its predominantly white suburbs, and that its "penetration rate" - the number of policies sold per 1,000 residents - was twice as high in white neighborhoods as in black ones.

In addition to the \$100 million in punitive damages, HOME was awarded \$500,000 in compensatory damages as reimbursement for the costs of investigating Nationwide.

Ms. Chamberlain said HOME would use the damages to help neighborhoods where residents were victims of discrimination.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provided \$1.5 million to five fair housing groups, including HOME, in 1995 to conduct testing that targeted Nationwide and other insurers.

HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo said in a statement that the verdict was good news not just for minorities, but for inner city neighborhoods that have suffered far too long from redlining and other forms of discrimination.

Col. M. Tucker, D.H. Conely Graduate Retires from Air Force

LAAFB, CA -- Lt. Col. Milton E. Tucker, Pitt County native and a 1974 graduate of D.H. Conely High School is the former Director of the Atlas Engineering Launch Programs at the Los Angeles AFB recently retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Tucker, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Tucker, Jr., of Winterville, NC., attended NC A & T University and distinguished himself by graduating Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Electrical Engineering in May 1978. He was then commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program.

Lt. Col. Tucker was selected to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio to pursue a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

In Feb. 1980, Lt. Col. Tucker was assigned to the Ballistic Missile Office, Norton AFB, California. As the Reentry Systems Project Officer, he managed a \$400 million program for design, development, and production of nuclear warhead deployment electronics and instrumentation subsystems. His managerial and technical abilities resulted in the 100% proper operation of the reentry systems electronic subsystems for the first six Peacekeeper ICBM test flights.

In January 1985, he was sent to the 544th Strategic Intelligence Wing, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He was assigned as Chief, Future Systems Branch and in this selectively manned position, Lt. Col. Tucker was charged with the task of designing and developing target material production software for the Peacekeeper ICBM. In less than 18 months, Lt. Col. Tucker led the design, coding, and testing of this software to support the Peacekeeper initial operational capability. He became SAC's expert on Peacekeeper targeting materials and capabilities. With the first Peacekeeper targeting abort occurred, Lt. Col. Tucker was the man to resolve the failure. He quickly found a solution and got the missile back on alert in less than 24 hours.

In Dec. 1986, Lt. Col. Tucker was hand-picked to work on a special project with Department of Defense-wide implications. He was chosen to integrate computer programs in order to automate mission planning software for SAC's (the Strategic Air Command) strategic bomber force. At this time, he was assigned as the Chief, Analysis Branch, where he led a group of



Above is Lt. Colonel Tucker receiving his Honorable Discharge during retirement services after 20 years of distinguished service with U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Elwood Streeter Honored with Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Elwood Streeter, currently residing in California, a native of Greenville, N. C., and son of Mrs. Hattie Streeter and the late Mr. William Streeter, was honored with the Academy of General Dentistry's prestigious Distinguished Service Award at the Forty-sixth Annual AGD Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Academy reserves this honor for a council or committee member who has been a leader and innovator in making positive changes for the benefit of the ADG membership and for the dental profession. This individual must have made specific contributions that have resulted in significant long term enhancement of the AGD's mission and goals, advancing the work of the Academy in a measurable and tangible way. Dr. Streeter personifies these criteria.

According to one spokesperson Dr. Elwood Streeter has led the Academy in many capacities. He served consecutive terms on the Public Information Council and the National Sponsor Approval Committee, functioning as chairperson for both groups. He was the AGD representative to the ADA's Continuing Education Recognition Program. Dr. Streeter was also the 1996-1997 AGD Trustee from Region 13, California, and a Past President of the Southern California AGD Component.

Dr. Streeter has also been a leader in his ADA component, the Los Angeles Dental Society. He has been on many committees, serving as President of LADS in 1986-87. He has been elected as a delegate to the CDA House of Delegates and has been a CDA Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates since 1989. Dr. Streeter was also elected Trustee to the California Dental Association representing the Los Angeles Dental Society.

In addition to the aforementioned, Dr. Streeter has received many accolades in dentistry. He earned Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry and holds Fellowships in the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is also a member of the National Dental See Ms. Maye Column - Page 2



Dr. Elwood Streeter, DDS

Cape Fear Conference Honors Historian Dr. Andrew A. Best

The Rt. Rev. George E. Battle, Jr., Presiding Prelate, at the 87th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference A.M.E. Zion Church, in Elizabethtown, NC made history when he Proclaimed Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998 as The Andrew A. Best Day throughout the Cape Fear Conference.

No one could recall such an act on behalf of a Layman in any of the AME Zion Conferences.

This proclamation was in recognition of more than twenty-five years of unselfish and dedicated service on all levels of his church body.

The "Day" was culminated at the Thirty-Third Annual Lay Council's Fellowship Dinner, which was dedicated in Dr. Best's Honor.

He has been president of the Lay Council of the Cape Fear Conference for twenty-five years. Nearly one thousand people gathered to pay homage to the Service and Contributions of Dr. Best.

He was honored by the presentation of the Lay Council's Distinguished Service Award, and a variety of Certificates of Service by the Connectional Lay Council President, Mrs. Lula K. Howard of Louisville, Kentucky. He received recognition from his local church and was presented with a "Tribute for Yeoman Service" by his pastor and wife, Rev. & Mrs. J. W. Britt.

In addition to Citations for service to his church, he was honored for services in Education, Human Relations, and Community Affairs.

Representative William Wainwright presented "The Order of the Long Leaf Pine" on the behalf of Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., the "Capital Citation" on the behalf of the Secretary of State, Elaine Marshall, and a "Certificate of



Above is Dr. Andrew A. Best, displaying award received at the Cape Fear Annual Conference AME Zion Church State Convention. This November the convention will be held in Greenville at York Memorial AME Zion Church. (Photo - Jim Rouse)

They Don't Expect Us to "VOTE!"

Special to the M-Voice/NNPA

Conservative columnists and pollsters are openly and gleefully predicting that African Americans who are eligible to vote will stay home in droves on election day, Nov. 3.

The radical conservative movement, which continues aggressively to oppose affirmative action and other civil rights programs, is arrogantly confident that House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his Republican forces will expand their political control over Congress simply because African Americans are too lazy to go to the polls. This was precisely the case in 1994.

The enemies of civil rights have been energized by President Bill Clinton's sexual fallibility, and the Republicans in Washington are determined to crucify and bury him, without the possibility of any political resurrection. This is war! And our enemies are mobilizing for a massive turnout at the polls on election day.

Our enemies don't expect us to vote. They expect us to sit on our haunches to watch television. To go home from work too tired or too late to vote. To hide behind any excuse, i.e., my vote won't make a difference. To stand around on the street corners and hang out in the pool halls because we don't want to work. To do any and everything to remain on welfare rolls, including our teen - age girls having more babies. These are the popular White conservative stereotypes of Black folks, and this is the context of what they expect of us.

If Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell were with us during this crisis period for African Americans, their message would be emphatically clear: brothers and sisters, do what White folks don't expect us to do. And that is to have a massive march to the polls in every nook and cranny of the Black community, in every congressional district, in every city and state, on Nov. 3.

We don't need to call a press conference to telegraph our enemies what we're going to do. We don't need to take out any ads in White media. We don't need to beg any of the political parties funds for GOTV (get out the vote) efforts. What we need is the same type of initiative, resourcefulness, will power and determination that brought more than one million African American men to Washington for the Million Man March, and more than one million African American women to Philadelphia for the Million Woman March.

It should make every African American angry, seething with indignation, hopping mad that White conservative columnists, pollsters and politicians feel we are too overcome with laziness and apathy to walk to the nearest voting booth on election day. That is an insult! The thought is offensive! The question is this: What are we going to do about it?

The fact is... THEY DON'T EXPECT US TO VOTE.

NNPA, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, is the trade association for the Black press. The association has over 200 members.

Acknowledgment and Congratulation" on the behalf of the NC House of Representatives.

On Sunday, the last day of the Conference, he received the "Herbert Bell Shaw Memorial" Exemplary Service Award", the highest conference recognition.

The Former H. Rap Brown Continues to Fight for Equality

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- The rhetoric of the former H. Rap Brown - is tamer, but based in Atlanta, he remains committed to fighting racial and social injustice.

Now known as Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, he urged participants at a Oct.16th gang summit to look toward each other to draw strength.

"You are not gangs but are nations and tribes," Mr. Al-Amin said at the National Urban Peace and Justice Summit. "God put you that way to get you to know each other," the Mosque Leader said.

The summit came amid police concerns that a fatal drive-by shooting of a 10-year-old Kansas City, Kan., girl recently might have been gang-related.

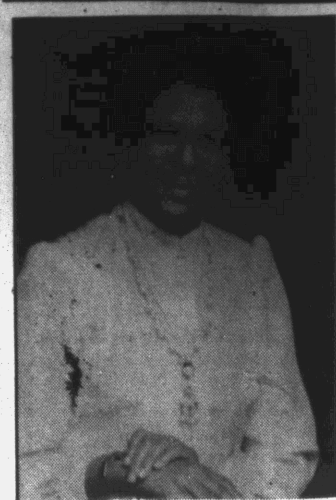
A 15-year-old Kansas City, Kan., boy has been charged with first-degree murder in the case.

Mr. Al-Amin said he was not that far removed from the figure who emerged from the racial and social tensions of the '60s. He said his commitment to fighting injustice was strengthened by his conversion to Islam. "I'm not dissatisfied with what I did, but Islam has allowed things to be clearer."

Now a Muslim spiritual leader, as a fiery militant leader, Al-Amin, headed the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

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SOME LEADERSHIP LESSONS

Success begins with a powerful vision. Successful leaders know where they are going and where they want to lead their followers. But they also understand that leaders are only agents of change unable to force their vision on others. Great leaders set out their vision, get others involved and get them to follow on their own. Lead people by inspiring them. You can't expect people to embrace your personal goals simply because they are important to you. Great leaders understand that to turn their dreams into reality, people must be inspired to act.

Find the talent that can carry out your mission. Great missions can't be accomplished by a leader acting alone. They can be carried out only by a great team.

Be decisive. Great leaders understand that being decisive is a complicated process. They gather the facts, talk to people and look for differing views. They try to come up with a variety of possible solutions and then decide which solutions they want to move forward with.

Understand human nature. Great leaders understand what makes people tick. They understand the greatest challenges come not while the battle is being fought, but in the inevitable let down that comes once the battle is over.

From: Donald Phillips, Leadership Consultant in Fairview, Texas and Author of **THE FOUNDING FATHERS ON LEADERSHIP**

- TOP 10 TIPS FOR COLD PREVENTION**
1. Wash your hands often and use an antibacterial liquid soap.
 2. **DON'T SHARE CUPS**—Pit up a Dixie Cup dispenser to ensure that everyone get a clean, **COLORFUL** cup each time.
 3. Clean your children's toys often.
 4. When you blow your nose, use a paper tissue. Don't forget to throw it away and wash your hands immediately.
 5. Don't sneeze into your hands—sneeze into your shoulder if you can't get to a tissue in time.
 6. Disinfect high touch surface (Kitchen Counters, Door Knobs, etc).
 7. Make sure your home is well ventilated.
 8. Have family members immunized when prescribed by your doctor.
 9. Wash eating utensils with extra care.
 10. Eat well and get plenty of rest.
- PLAN CAN SPELL BLISSFUL PARENTING**
- A-is Accountability. Hold your children accountable for their behavior.
- B-is for Boundaries. Set specific limits and make clear the repercussions if those limits are exceeded.
- C-is for Consistency. Hold to the same principles and practices.
- D-is for Discipline. Make the punishment fit the crime. Never discipline in anger.
- E-is for Example. Children are in greater need of models than critics. Set a good example.

F-is for Forgiveness. Practice it, and each the importance of forgiving.

G -is for Giving. Teach the joy of giving, not only to the family and friends, but to strangers in need.

H-is for the sense of Humor. Keep your sense of humor. Promote laughter with your children.

I-is for the Imagination. Be creative and play with your children. Make up stories or songs when you read and sing with them.

J-is for Justice. Be fair, and insist that they be fair, also.

K-is for Knowing your children's friends and their parents as well as their teachers.

L-is for Listening. Listen to your children. It will teach them how to listen to others, and their thoughts will give you insights.

M-is for Morals. Be sure your own standard of conduct is sound.

N-is for No. Use it, and mean it.

O-is for Outdoors. Provides as much outdoor activity as possible. Teach respect for nature.

P-is for Pressure. Reduce the pressure on your children, but insist they maintain high standards.

Q-is for Questions. Pay close attention to their questions, and give simple answers unless they demand more.

R-is for Respect. Show respect, teach respect and earn respect.

S-is for Source of Strength. Share your own faith or beliefs with your children. Faith can be their port in the storms of life late.

T-is for Togetherness. Have special, designated times to be together as a family—but know when to let go, too.

U-is for Uniqueness. Understand

the uniqueness of each child, and let that child be who he or she is.

V-is for Voice. Tone of voice can convey more to a child than the words spoken.

W-is for words. Keep your word. Promises broken destroy trust.

X-is for eXamine. Examine constantly, and be aware.

Y-is for You. Take care of yourself mentally, physically, and spiritually. A happy parent helps a child to be happy.

Z-is for Zowie! Who would have thought they would grow up so quickly.

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Dr. Elwood Streeter

Association. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C., in 1956.

In addition to dentistry, Dr. Streeter was a captain in the United States Naval Reserve, retiring in 1988 after thirty-four years of active service. He is a member of the NAACP, the Founders Church of Religious Science and Treasurer of two business corporations.

New Business Locates as Construction Continues on Evans Streetscape...

place to be...so we came back," comments Frankel. They are using antique display counters and making good use of the facade grant awarded by the City of Greenville.

"These business openings are a very strong indication of the community's confidence in this project and dedication to bringing back a revitalized downtown," adds Candace Pearce, executive director of Uptown Greenville. A fall social and membership kickoff will be held at 5:30 pm on Oct. 27 at Wachovia's Uptown branch.

Everyone is invited to attend and join Uptown Greenville in showing their appreciation for Senator Ed Warren's assistance in securing a \$50,000 Dept. of Cultural Resources' grant for the project. Also, Nov. 06, has been designated as the day to wear your Uptown Greenville T-shirt. One of Uptown's mainstays, WOOW Radio for 35 years is upgrading their studios and administrative offices with a new Evans Street location. For more information contact Candace Pearce at (252) 531-2153.

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Commentary Dare to Be Different..... A Perspective View of Dr. George Hawkins

By Mrs. Suejette A. Jones

I was reared in the Presbyterian Church, and later played the organ for the Episcopal Church in Kinston. Some time afterward, I received the laying on of hands and confirmation as an Episcopalian. It had never entered into my mind that I would ever become Pentecostal- oriented. But some unforeseen and unguided force drew me to visit a newly- built church at the corner of 14th Street and Dickinson Avenue in Greenville (not far from my home). When I entered the sanctuary, I was amazed at its magnificent beauty.

Soon after I had seated myself (always at the end of the pew, if possible) I felt this sudden movement of air sweep by and noticed that it carried with it an erect man with a distinct gait- somewhere between a dash and a bouncing trot. It would appear that he was rushing to catch a plane before take- off- this man with a countenance of complete confidence in himself and God. As he approached the pulpit, I knew this must be "Pastor Hawkins." Even though he has earned the degree of Doctor of Divinity, hardly anyone calls him "Doctor Hawkins".

As I sat and listened to the message of this man of God, the songs of the choir, and felt the intenseness of the spiritual atmosphere, I knew without a doubt that this visit would not be my last. Even an Egyptian mummy would have found it difficult not to respond in some miraculous way. After service, Pastor Hawkins came to me and prophesied that God had sent me there for a reason and that He was going to do a "new thing" in my life. The understanding of his prophecy was not clear to me at that time, but as a result, I became a member of Tabernacle Center Church of Deliverance and subsequently received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with its supernatural gift of tongues.

Pastor Hawkins is a unique individual whose raspy, vibrating, penetrating voice blends itself into a distinct tone that resounds throughout the sanctuary. He is not at all "fixed" or constant in his presentations, but is always led by

the Spirit. "There is no order of service", he boasts, and admonishes every one that Tabernacle Church services can at anytime be altered by the move of God. "That is a characteristic of Pentecost and the Charismatic movement", he quotes, as he moves about the Church healing and delivering, speaking in tongues and flagging his 18 X 18 anointed handkerchief over his congregation.

Pastor Hawkins at times can be flamboyant and dapper with his precarious style of dress and humor. It is not unusual for him to grace the pulpit with his doctoral robe and at another time don himself in a more casual attire. His spontaneous manner may lead him to momentarily leave the pulpit and seat himself at the Hammond organ to pound out a rap gospel or to croon his favorite standard hymn with the congregation always chiming in.

Some of the musicians of early times were criticized for writing music that did not conform to the standards at that time. They were ostracized and their music was banned by the Roman Catholic Church. They were forbidden to continue writing. Sometime later, perhaps centuries, these writings were discovered and hailed as some of the most acclaimed musical works ever written. They were eventually published. Creative people do not conform to standards. That is a basic truth.

Even though Pastor Hawkins does not conform to traditional standards of preaching, and is sometimes criticized for his unbridled tongue, his rash verbals, and his raw vernacular, his messages are always based on the scriptural teaching of Jesus Christ. It is amazing and incredible to see how his energy always abounds no matter how long or how often it is expended. You may hear him daily at WOOW at 8:15 AM but I invite you to come to Tabernacle Center Church of Deliverance to see this Anointed Man of God deliver the message - - not in a purified or courtly presentation, but purely "Hawkins- style" COME, SEE A MAN!! John 4:29

First Black US PHD Celebrated....

NEW HAVEN, CT - Edward Alexander Bouchet, who died 80 years ago, was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in the country and was celebrated at his university this week. Bouchet earned his Bachelor's Degree from Yale University and his Ph.D. two years later in Physics from the same school. Edward Alexander Bouchet even with his credentials could not get a research positions and taught for 26 years at the school for Colored Youth in Philadelphia. Bouchet died at the age of 66.

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Phizer Initiative to Support Fifteen Medical Students Through Mesae Foundation

CAPE TOWN, SA - Pfizer is establishing a Medical Scholars initiative which will provide medical-school scholarships to 15

black South African students over the coming six years. Pfizer South Africa students over the coming six years, Pfizer South Africa, LTD.,

and Pfizer Inc., based in New York, announced here today. Pfizer donated the support to Medical Education for South African Blacks

(MESAB), which will administer the program.

Established in 1985, MESAB is a foundation dedicated to transforming the nation's health care by making quality care available to all South Africans.

"The Pfizer Medical Scholars initiative significantly helps us toward that objective," said Dr. Nthato Motlano, founder and chairman, MESAB/South Africa, "by supporting medical education for South Africans."

"These scholarships will help to train a new generation of South African physicians and other providers as diverse as the population they will serve," said Konji Sebati, M.D., medical and public affairs director of Pfizer South Africa. "Pfizer is confident, too, that this support is only the latest manifestation of our ongoing commitment to meeting South Africa's health care needs."

"Pfizer helps the community wher-

ever our people and medicines are welcomed," said Michael W. Hodin, Ph.D., vice president, Corporate Affairs, of Pfizer Inc., and a member of the MESAB board of directors. "The Pfizer Medical Scholars initiative reflects our belief that the more people who are given an opportunity to succeed, the better chance there is to build a just, compassionate---and healthy---society."

In addition to funding the 15 medical scholarships, the Pfizer donation will also provide summer work stipends for the scholarship recipients enabling them to assist in health clinics throughout rural South Africa.

With headquarters in Johannesburg and a manufacturing facility in Pietermaritzburg, Pfizer South Africa is a business of Pfizer, Inc., a research-based health care company with global operations.

Program to Help People Cope with Cancer

GREENVILLE - The Leo Jenkins Cancer Center in Greenville is offering "I Can Cope," an educational and support program created by the American Cancer Society for people with cancer, their families and friends.

This five class series is taught by local health care professionals, and covers topics such as cancer diagnosis, treatments, communication skills and community resources. Held each week in the second-floor lobby of the cancer center, the program begins Tuesday, Nov. 3 and lasts until Tuesday, Dec. 1 1998. Each session lasts from 6-8 pm. "I Can Cope" is free, but registration is requested.

Similar groups are also offered in Washington, Kinston, Morehead City and Jacksonville. For information, call Ellen Walston at 816-7943 or 1-800-223-9328.

Consumer Prescription Drug Settlement... Preliminary \$9 Million Class Action Settlement Issued Superior Court Judge Tennille

Special Superior Court Judge Ben T. Tennille issued an order which preliminarily approved a proposed class action settlement in the amount of \$8,904,600. The proposed settlement in the amount all of the manufacturers of brand-name prescription drugs and a class of all persons who, between June 27, 1993 and April 24, 1998, purchased or obtained, for personal use and not for resale, brand-name prescription drugs from any retail drug store or pharmacy in the State of North Carolina. Purchases paid for or reimbursed by Medicaid aren't covered by the proposed

settlement.

As explained in a published notice, under the proposed settlement, defendants (manufacturers of brand-name prescription drugs), have agreed to establish a settlement fund which, after deduction of court-approved expenses and fees, will be distributed to participating community health centers in North Carolina for the purpose of paying, in whole or in part, for prescription drugs purchased by settlement class members who are, or become, patients of the centers. A hearing to decide whether to finally approve the proposed settle-

ment has been scheduled for January 22, 1999 at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse in Charlotte.

If the settlement is approved, some time thereafter the specific participating community health centers will be determined.

The notice of the proposed class action settlement will once again be published one week from today in the same newspapers. Additionally information about the proposed settlement may be obtained by visiting the Internet web page at www.rxconsumerlit.com or calling the following toll free number:

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Col. M. Tucker, D.H. Conely Graduate Retires from Air Force

junior engineers in analyzing missile targeting tactics, effectiveness and deployment concepts for both US and foreign ICBM and SLAMS. His efforts resulted in the development of the most operational realistic foreign-missile performance database.

This database was installed in the warning systems at both SAC and USSPACECOM, a major milestone in developing a common system. Lt. Col. Tucker also provided SLBM performance to directly support CINCSAC's testimony before Congress during arms control discussions.

After a stay on the plains of Nebraska, Lt. Col. Tucker was ready for a return to sunny Southern California. In July 1989, he was assigned to Los Angeles AFB in the Defense Support Program (DSP) as the Deputy Director, Mobile Systems Acquisition. He arrived just in time to lead the installation of a transportable ground station in Europe which resulted in the first worldwide 24 hour per day space based surveillance capability.

He then assumed leadership of the test team to deliver modernized DSP mobile ground stations after a failed Initial Operational Test and Evaluation. "Tucker's Truckers" established a partnership testing ap-

proach with the customer which was approved by both the AFMC and AFSPC commanders to achieve greater operational realism in development testing. In just 10 months the partnership concept reduced risk and successfully recovered the mobile upgrade program with initial deliveries.

Following his success with the mobile upgrade program, in May 1991, Lt. Col. Tucker was selected as Chief, Ground System Acquisition, tasked to integrate both the technical and programmatic aspects of five fixed ground modification projects into a single modernization program. He immediately applied his customer partnership approach to implement interface enhancements to mitigate risk to ensure satisfactory delivery of an operational system.

It is now time for Lt. Col. Tucker to return to the world of rockets.

In Oct., 1992, he became the Atlas II Deputy Program Manager. He managed as project management financial activities for the Atlas launch vehicle program. Lt. Col. Tucker was selected to represent Launch Programs during the "Bottoms Up Review." He prepared cost estimates, defined content, and integrated responses for Atlas, Delta, and Titan which influenced the structure of the Air

Force's launch capability and formed the basis for the formation of the EELV program.

In June 1993, Lt. Col. Tucker became the Director of Engineering for Atlas and was chosen to led the technical recovery of the Atlas program following two commercial launch failures. He returned the fleet to flight status and directed three perfect DOD Atlas missions in five months. He also played a key role in implementing the first "normalized" Atlas E launch with AFSPC which successfully placed a NOAA satellite into orbit. He pioneered the implementation of acquisition streamlining initiatives by reducing the number of military specifications and standards in use on Atlas contracts by 92%. He defined requirements for a new commercial launch services contract to launch NRO payloads.

Lt. Col. Tucker's military decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal. He has earned the Senior Space Badge, Senior Missile Badge, and the Master Acquisition Badge.

Lt. Col. Tucker's is married to the former Denise Argusta of Phoenix, Arizona. They have two children, Tiffany and Alexander.

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Farrakhan Speaking at "Howard U" Urges the Nation to Atone...

WASHINGTON -- Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan marked the third anniversary of the Million Man March by calling for Americans to seek atonement, using President Clinton as an example of the need for redemption. Mr. Farrakhan said Oct. 16 night he returned to the capital not to

"placate Washington, but to cry out against America for her wickedness." He pointed to Mr. Clinton's personal troubles as an indication of a greater sickness plaguing the country.

"America is under judgment," he told a crowd of more than 1,000 at Howard University in remarks car-

ried on satellite television and over the Internet.

Recent disasters, including hurricanes, have come in response to the nation's sinful behavior, he said.

If Mr. Clinton truly humbled himself, Mr. Farrakhan predicted, "God would not let a storm touch the country for 90 days."

Sen. Mosely-Braun Seeks to Repeal Unfair Youth Bill

Sources: Chicago Defender

CHICAGO -- Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun (D-Ill.) is criticizing Republicans for trying to pass a bill that would repeal a current one barring children from being housed in adult jails. Mosley-Braun said the bill would hit Black youth the hardest because those they represent only 15 percent of the juvenile population, they make up 43 percent

of those serving time in public facilities. The legislation would include truants and runaways, and would also weaken the protections from adults that incarcerated youth who are in adult jails currently enjoy, she said. According to the lone African-American senator, the bill would also invest more in prisons. Agreeing with her, the

Rev. Harold E. Bailey, president/CEO of a prominent prison program that serves more than 2,000 felons a year, with a less than five percent recidivism rate, said he was outraged at the new bill. Bailey has helped reform more than 80,000 men and women over the last 19 years.

Civil Rights Pioneer Speaks at NJ Arts

NEWARK, N.J. -- Activism based on nonviolence is still the best way to gain civil rights, just as it was in the 1960s, a pioneer of that movement said recently.

Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, a speaker at the March on Washington and a colleague of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., told an audience of about 200 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center that nonviolence was more than just a tactic.

"I think nonviolence is one of those immutable principles," he

said. "And during the '60s, we never explored all of the potential of nonviolence."

In its initial eight-month season, NJPAC drew more than 500,000 patrons to its two performance stages, well exceeding even the most optimistic estimates of its staff.

Mr. Lewis, 58, got his start in the Civil Rights movement in his teens, and went on to become one of the main organizers of events such as the March on Washington. He has just written his autobiography,

"Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement."

Rep. Donald Payne, D-Newark, said having Lewis speak at the arts center showed how well NJPAC had been doing its job in the year since it opened.

"It's a community place," he said. "It's a living center. It's not just bricks and mortar."

Philip Thomas, vice president of arts education for NJPAC, said having diverse events at the arts center was critical to make everyone feel welcome.

Phillip Morris Once Eyed Media Outlet Purchase

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Once-secret tobacco industry documents unearthed last Monday showed the nation's largest cigarette maker considered buying a media outlet such as Knight Ridder to influence tobacco policy.

The March 1990 memo from

Philip Morris outlined the importance of controlling media coverage. "What are we trying to accomplish?" the anonymous author asks, then answers, "Prevent further deterioration of overall social, legislative and regulatory climate, and ultimately actually

improve the climate for the marketing and use of tobacco products."

The memo also listed Copley News Service, United Press International, science magazine Omni and other publications as potential targets.

Faces and Places



The 'M' Voice Newspaper salutes Pitt County Commissioner Farney Moore, shown here with Mrs. Farney Moore, at the Mass Rally held at Philippi Church of Christ, urging all people to get out and vote on Nov. 03, 1998. (Photo - Jim Rouse)

First Afro-American Festival Set for Hertford County

MURFREESBORO, NC --The King Enrichment Program is a community-based program with the focus on improving the quality of life in our community by providing culturally enriching programs and special events for the entire community.

The program committee met earlier this summer with program coordinator Ann Riddick and began making plans for a celebration of African-American heritage in Hertford County.

The festival has drawn plenty of interest from vendors in surrounding areas including Raleigh, Durham, Rocky Mount, and Virginia to name a few. These vendors will bring a variety of merchandise to the Murfreesboro area on Nov. 07th. Body oils, handsome jewelry, African-American literature, posters, music

and much more. The gym will be transformed into a modern day market place as the exhibits of art and African artifacts become visual treasures. There will be storytelling for the children and other activities. There will be over 20 vendors waiting to serve you and there will be plenty of good food for everyone.

There will also be live entertainment and music will be provided throughout the day. This will truly be a celebration for the community. This history making event will start at 10am in the gym of the Hertford County Middle School in Murfreesboro, NC.

More information will be made available as the responses continue. If you, your organization or church group would like to be a part of this great event, just call Ann Riddick at 252-398-8192.

Black Visitors Ignore Historic Sites

WILLIAMSBURG, VA -- Reports show that African Americans are more likely to spend time with relatives and friends than visit historical sites and Museums. Museum officials say there is little interest in coming to see anything to do with slavery. Also they study says Blacks don't think they will get anything out of museum because they traditionally ignored them. Tourists' officials in Williamsburg Virginia are concerned. They say a concerted effort has been made by the tourism to attract African Americans. Two to three percent of Williamsburg's visitors are Black and that is double what it was five years ago. However Richard Handler, an anthropologist

from the University of Virginia and co-author of a book critical of Colonial Williamsburg, said the historical foundation there treats African American history as an "add-on."

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African American Network on Historic Preservation to Meet

WILMINGTON, NC -- The NC African American Network on Historic Preservation will hold its second regional meeting on Sat., Nov. 7, 1998, at the Cape Fear Museum at 814 Market Street, Wilmington.

Presentations on the goals and activities of the network and regional preservation projects are planned.

A focused discussion about opportunities and challenges of historic preservation in African American communities, and identifying the network's priorities for the coming year are other goals. Organizations are invited to set up exhibits featuring local preservation projects.

The African American Network held its first regional meeting in Asheville this summer and has

He urged his listeners to observe a day of atonement and seek to repent for their sins and reform themselves.

Referring to the biblical story of Adam, he called Clinton's linguistic denials of wrongdoing a "fig leaf" to try and cover his mistakes. But, while Clinton may have lied, Mr. Farrakhan warned that those who have condemned him are not in a position to judge.

Congressional leaders themselves have lied to constituents by promising to protect their interests and instead serving the needs of corporate America, he said.

And, past presidents have committed far greater atrocities against

their people than Mr. Clinton, Mr. Farrakhan said. He questioned whether Clinton's actions qualified as high crimes and misdemeanors, the standard necessary to warrant impeachment.

Mr. Farrakhan also criticized Independent Council Kenneth Starr, accusing him of entrapping the president and trying to weaken him.

He said Starr's investigation and the graphic report it produced had taken its toll on the nation's well-being.

"You don't dump sewage into the water supply and expect the population to stay healthy," he said.

Brawley Ordered To Pay....

POGHKEEPSIE, NY -- Tawana Brawley, now 26 claimed at the age of 15 she was raped by a group of Whitemen. Brawley received the support of civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton, C. Vernon Mason and Alton Max who were all sued by former prosecutor in the case, Steven Pagonos. The group accused Pagonos of taking part in the rape.

Health Care Age Gap Gets Bigger

Struggling to deal with escalating health-care costs, health maintenance organizations are charging the elderly and other expensive-to-insure policyholders higher premiums, industry experts say. HMOs are increasingly moving away from "community" rates, where premiums from young and healthy

Two months a judge ruled in Pagonos favor stating his character had been assassinated and Sharpton, Mason and Max were ordered to pay Pagonos \$345,000. Last week Brawley was ordered to also pay Steven Pagonos, \$185,000 for her part in defaming his character.

policyholders offset the cost of insuring those who are older and sicker, for individual policies. Now, many who are beyond age 50 but have not reached age 65, when they can enroll in Medicare, are finding affordable health care difficult to find.

New Prosperity Halts Exodus from North East

BELFAST, Maine - After almost 20 years, the great exodus from the Northeast is finally over. For the first time since the 1970s, the Northeast is gaining roughly as many people as it's losing - a

significant reversal of fortune for the most densely populated region of the country. One in five Americans, or 52 million people, live in the nine-state region that consists of the six New England

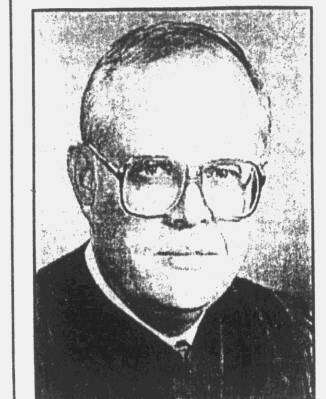
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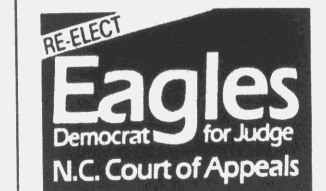
[NEW PROSPERITY] states and New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Experts say the shift in migration back to the Northeast is seen as a sign the region has become economically vibrant again.



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More News from Around the State.....

Raleigh — A compromise package of juvenile justice reforms has been distributed to House and Senate members for a possible vote as soon as Wednesday.

The package includes speeding up the juvenile court process for young offenders and stiffening the penalties for repeat or violent criminals.

Raleigh — Legislators could end their session in time for Halloween, House Speaker Harold Brubaker says.

Raleigh - Legislative leaders have

made more than \$60,000 the last two years in daily expenses, and many rank-and-file legislators have made nearly that much as the record 220-day session grinds on. Lawmakers are entitled to collect \$728 a week in daily expenses during the session, as well as 29 cents a mile for one round-trip from home each week.

Wilmington — Large areas underneath the Albemarle and Pamlico sounds are virtual undersea deserts because of contamination by toxic metals and chemicals, researchers say. Researchers at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington found nickel, arsenic, pesticides and other toxins lacing the sediments underneath the tidal rivers and shallow sounds that make up the Albemarle-Pamlico estuary.

Kinston — The Global TransPark Authority has received its final environmental permit and has been cleared to begin development, Gov. Hunt announced. The TransPark is envisioned as a cargo airport surrounded by manufacturing facilities that need to ship goods and receive materials by air.

Raleigh - The Legislature OK'd a \$12.5 billion spending plan. Legislators will return Thursday, hoping to adjourn. The package includes repeal of the inheritance tax and elimination of the 2% state sales tax on food, effective May 1.

Raleigh — The state House rejected rules requiring more training for day care workers and strict safety requirements for playground equipment. Rep. Russell Capps, R-Wake, said some small, private day care centers would be put out of business; and called the playground rules excessive and costly.

Raleigh - Lawmakers ended the longest two-year legislative session in state history. In the last two years, lawmakers have been in session for 247 working days over 423 calendar days, including a special session on children's insurance in March and April.



Greenville - Encouraging the community to get out and vote on Nov. 3rd, during one of the most crucial election during recent years are "appointed" State Supreme Court Justice Jim Wynn a native of Robinsonville and Congresswoman Eva Clayton while jointly campaigning in Pitt County last week. Both candidates made an appearance at a mass Rally held at Philippi Church of Christ.

University Raises the Most-Ever a Black School

CHARLOTTE - Johnson C. Smith University's six-year fund campaign has raised \$63.8 million, one of the highest amounts of money ever raised by a historically Black college. Campus leaders announced Oct. 15 that the six-year campaign raised 127 percent of the original \$50 million goal.

Of the nation's 117 historically Black colleges, only one other Atlanta's Spelman College - has completed a campaign with more money, Johnson C. Smith President Dorothy Yancy said.

"I never dreamed we would raise this much money," she said. "I was just praying to get to \$50 million."

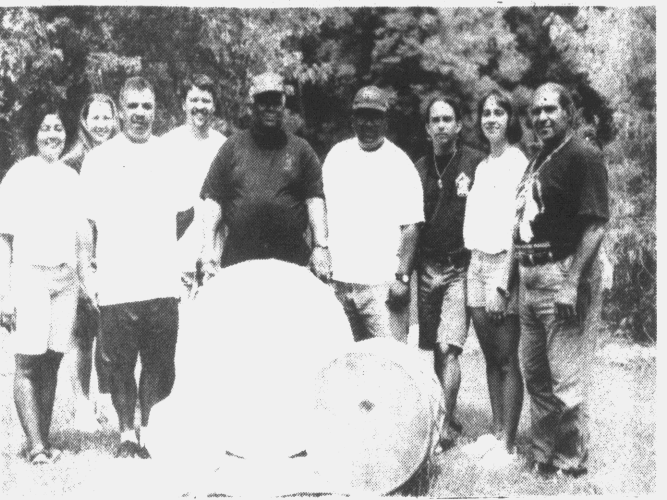
Only a handful of United Negro College Fund member schools have attempted goals of \$50 million or more, said Virgil Ecton, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the fund.

And only Spelman has completed a campaign with a larger total. With the help of a \$20 million gift from Bill and Camille Cosby, Spelman ended a campaign in 1996 with \$114 million.

First Union chairman and chief executive Ed Crutchfield chaired the campaign, and his executive committee included corporate leaders such as Bank of America chairman and CEO Hugh McColl, retired Charlotte Observer publisher Rolfe Neill and John Stedman, chairman emeritus of Republic Bank and Trust.

Before this, the most Johnson C. Smith had ever raised in a campaign was \$6 million a decade ago.

Eastern Bull Singers Release Native Music Recording.....



Above are members of the Eastern Bull Singers who collectively represent eight Native American nations found right here in Virginia, North and South Carolina.

Eastern Bull Singers, a Native American Intertribal drum based in Greenville released a pow wow

music recording. The recording, "Pow Wow Voices" features John Blackfeather from the Occaneechi

Band of the Saponi Nation.

The group is composed of East Carolina students, alumni, and Native Americans from the Greenville area. The group started in 1994 with assistance from the East Carolina Native American Organization. The group travels throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia singing at various pow wows.

Members of the drum are Connie Glast, Eddie Glast, Travis White, and Charlene White from the Coharie Nation of North Carolina, Joey Crutchfield from the Monacan Nation of Virginia, Nikkie Epps from the Waccamaw-Siouan Nation of North Carolina, Chana Smith from the Machapunga Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina, Carlos Diaz from the Tlanos People, Ed Hunt, Nelson Locklear and Cabrana Cummings from the Lumbee Nation of North Carolina.

All the song from "Pow Wow Voices" were written or arranged by

Eastern Bull Singers. John Blackfeather wrote "Lil' Bear's Lullaby", a children's rattle song with English lyrics.

"We tried to include something for everyone on this recording. The Vet Song is sung to honor all our veterans, not just Native American Veterans. We have traditional songs sung in Native languages, children's song to encourage our children to practice the culture, and contemporary songs sung in English. We wanted this recording to make all people, Native and not, to feel the Spirituality and the Power of the Drum" said Connie Glast, the elder of the group.

R. L. Stalls Company of Williamston produced the recording.

Tapes of these recorded performances may be purchased for \$10.00 by calling (252)825-2491 or (252)757-0384 or from Eastern Bull Singers at the Meherrin Nation Pow Wow located on Highway 11, North, between Ahoskie and Murfreesboro.

Congressional Round-Up: Dems Denounce Anti-Voter Scheme

NCAAP's Kweisi Mfume Calls for Anti-Hate Bill

By James Wright

Washington AFRO Staff

INTIMIDATION TACTICS

LOTTIE SHACKLEFORD, vice chair of the Democratic National Committee demanded the national Republican Party repudiate efforts from state and local Republicans parties to score voters away from the polls. The latest attempt: a plan to videotape citizens as they exercise their right to vote.

"This is nothing more than a high tech version of the poll tax, the literacy test, and a whole host

of shameful tactics that every American--regardless of party--should condemn," Mrs. Shackelford said.

ANTI-HATE BILL

NAACP PRESIDENT AND CEO Kweisi Mfume, in response to the heinous murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., renewed his call for the leadership of the House and Senate to move swiftly on the passage of the Hate Crime Prevention Act of 1998.

Mr. Mfume stated: "I am

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"The Clinton Crisis...Another Black Perspective"

By: Dr. Manning Marable

NEW YORK - For nearly a year, the nation has been fixated on the sexual scandal in the White House. For months, President Clinton vehemently denied that he had engaged in sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, his former White House intern. Then came the secretly and illegally taped telephone conversations between Lewinsky and her then-confidant Linda Tripp.

Suddenly, out from the closet

came the semen-stained dress, positive proof that Monica was doing more with Bill than taking dictation. Pompous Republican hypocrites in Congress threatened impeachment hearings against the beleaguered chief executive.

As Mr. Clinton's standing in the public opinion polls gradually declined, media pundits were perplexed by the president's continued popularity among African Americans.

Political analysts already knew that Mr. Clinton had received more than 90 percent of the Black electorate's support in the 1996 presidential race. But the president consistently registered what were, by any standard, high favorable ratings from African Americans.

This August, Black intellectuals like Henry Louis Gates Jr. of Harvard University, and political figures such as Congressman John Lewis, rallied the Black elite

behind Mr. Clinton at a highly-publicized forum in Martha's Vineyard.

One month later at the Congressional Black Caucus weekend, Black legislators cheered President Clinton, vowing their continued loyalty during the president's upcoming struggles.

We should keep in mind, however, that this is a president who had signed a reactionary welfare bill throwing more than one million

Black and Latina women deeper into poverty. This is a politician who supported a reactionary crime bill that greatly expanded the racist death penalty and pushed thousands more Black men into prisons.

This is a chief executive who refused to fight aggressively for affirmative action, a "living wage" for low-income workers, or urban renewal. So the question remains -- why do the overwhelming majority of African Americans still

favor Mr. Clinton?

It's not because Black folks think President Clinton's innocent of the charges against him. When O. J. Simpson was on trial, the majority of Black people privately believed that he was guilty. But when asked by pollsters whether O. J. Merited life imprisonment, African Americans quoted Johnny Cochran "If the gloves don't fit, you must acquit." Today, Black

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(Continues from Page 6) -appalled at the unabashed display of hate and total disregard for Shepard's life by the perpetrators. "Their cruel treatment and deadly brutalization of an innocent citizen points to the urgent need for 105th Congress to put passing a hate crime law at the top of their agenda before adjourning."

\$520 BILLION BUDGET

BOTH the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives approved the \$520 billion massive budget package which allots money to hire teachers, build a missile defense, find medical cures and put more cops on the streets.

The House on Tuesday, in its last day of work, approved the bill by 333-95. It funds almost one-third of the federal budget and combines eight of the 13 spending bills Congress must pass each year.

The 40-pound bill covers health, education, foreign aid, justice and transportation programs. It meets a held-up administration request for \$17.9 billion for the International Monetary Fund and adds \$21 billion for emergencies ranging from natural disaster and farm relief to fixing the year 2000 computer problem, the Associated Press reported.

AFRICARE

PRESIDENT CLINTON will be the keynote speaker at the Africare Dinner, which will take place on Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. Former UN Ambassador Andrew Young will be honored for his work with African issues.

Broadcast journalist Renee Poussaint, Coretta Scott King and NAACP President Kweisi Mfume also will be on the program. Call

202-462-3614.

JESSE VS AL GORE?

The Rev. Jesse Jackson has a message for all Democrats eyeing a presidential bid in 2000: Don't even think about leaving him behind, the U.S. News and World Magazine reports.

"I've not quite decided to enter the race, but I have decided to set the pace," Rev. Jackson reports. He also says that he is the only Democrat who could give Vice President Al Gore a run in 2000.

WYNN HONORED

U.S. REP. ALBERT WYNN (D-Md.) will be among the honorees at the fifth annual Institute of Caribbean Studies dinner at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Nov. 13. Call 202-387-8748.

CLAYTON'S MEASURE
CONG. EVA M. CLAYTON (D-

N.C.) was one of the co-sponsors of measure to hire 100,000 new teachers which is included in H.R. 4328, the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for the Fiscal Year 1999.

RALLY FOR MLK HOLIDAY

Supporters of a New Hampshire state holiday named for Martin Luther King Jr. will march to the State House in Concord for a rally on Sunday, Oct. 25, nine days before the general election.

"We need to send a message to prospective lawmakers that 1999 should be the year New Hampshire adopts the King holiday," said Algene Bailey, a spokesperson for the Martin Luther King Day Committee. For information call 603-224-2407.

Spiritual Thoughts

by Dr. George Hawkins

We have seen some of the Lord's consecrated people in lean and starved conditions... earnestly desiring a fullness of fellowship with him, yet lacking the necessary instruction as to how it should be attained and maintained. True, they have the Bible; but their attention is called away from that and they learn to look more to teachers and catechisms, etc., running after the traditions of men and not after the Mind or Spirit of God, and therefore, lack the proper spiritual nourishment. The result is that they feel dissatisfied with formalism, and yet know not how to draw nigh unto the Lord with their whole heart, because they not of his goodness and the riches of his grace in Christ Jesus, and of the grand plan of salvation for the world by and by, nor the call of the Church to the New Nature. This starved condition needs, first of all, the pure, "sincere Milk of the Word."

"The Clinton Crisis...Another Black Perspective"

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(Continues from Page 5) - folks are saying with laughter, "The dress is a mess, but don't confess."

I would suggest at least three basic factors are behind Mr. Clinton's loyal base of support within Black America. First, African American assume that the criminal justice system is inherently discriminatory and unfair.

President Clinton was not legally required to testify before the federal grand jury and had the right not to incriminate himself. Yet his testimony was not only made public, but intimate details about his sexual relations with no relevance to the case were laid bare, as it were, before millions of people. It was clear that Mr. Clinton had been set-up. The Republicans had failed in two successive elections to defeat the Democrats at the polls, so they decided to use other means to achieve their ends.

Kenneth Starr is running an inquisition, a political witch hunt, the majority of Black Americans think. They're right.

Second, African Americans are not surprised or dismayed by

President Clinton's unsavory private conduct. Our grandparents worked in the fields and houses of affluent White folks. Our mothers were cooks and our fathers were porters in wealthy White men's hotels and resorts. They knew what went on behind closed doors.

They understand that the sexual misconduct of the White ruling class is only a minor aspect of their general contempt for the standards of human decency. The Republicans who charge Mr. Clinton with crimes have themselves committed far greater violations against defenseless poor people and children. The spectacle of the president engaging in oral sex in the Oval Office is much less repulsive than planning military strikes and welfare cuts in the

White House.

Finally, Black people understand that as bad as President Clinton is, the alternative will undoubtedly be worse. We don't have the luxury to pretend that all our problems will be solved if only we could bring "morality" back into government. In a cold, calculated analysis of our own self-interests, African American know that the Republicans are no alternative to the bankruptcy of the Democrats. By climbing aboard the impeachment bandwagon, we only contribute to our own oppression. Mr. Clinton is not what we want or deserve, but he's clearly better than anything the Republican have to offer.

Dr. Manning Marable is professor of history and director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University.

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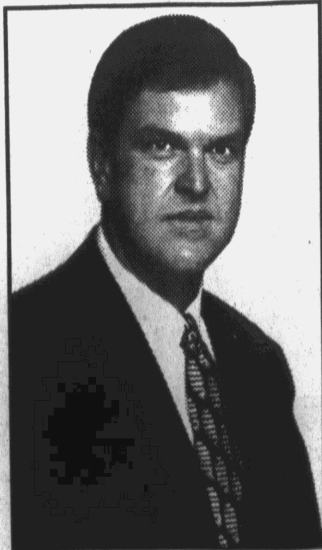
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Don King's Company Loses Appeal....

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Monday turned down an appeal by boxing promoter Don King's company in an insurance fraud case that federal prosecutors now have decided to drop. The court, without comment, turned away Don King Productions' argument that King's testimony in a 1995 insurance fraud trial should not be used against the company. The 1995 trial ended in a hung jury. In the second trial that ended last July, King was acquitted of all charges while the jury was unable to reach a verdict on charges against his company. Prosecutors said they will not seek a retrial of

the company. King was accused of altering a contract with a fighter to cheat Lloyd's of London out of \$350,000. He had taken out an insurance policy with Lloyd's in case a 1991 fight between Julio Cesar Chavez and Harold Brazier was canceled. The fight was called off when Chavez got hurt during training. Prosecutors said King altered his contract with Chavez in a way that would force Lloyd's to reimburse King for all training expenses and then fraudulently collected \$350,000. The 1995 trial involved charges against King but not against his company, and the boxing promoter testified that the contract was altered without his knowledge or approval. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the testimony could be used against King's company in the subsequent trial. In appealing to the Supreme Court, lawyers for Don King Productions said allowing use of King's testimony would violate the company's right to confront the witnesses against it.


At The Movies THE POWERED OF BELOVED.....

by Armstrong Williams

Armstrong Williams: The Power Of 'Beloved' At the New York premiere of Oprah Winfrey's new movie, "Beloved," last week, the anticipation and excitement was potent. The energy and expectations were palpable in the early autumn air. As I sat with her and Stedman Graham in the penthouse suite they shared, I witnessed firsthand her intense enthusiasm. This was her moment, and she absolutely beamed. Later, watching the movie in the crowded Siegfried Theater, I quickly realized that the occasion was less about Ms. Winfrey than it was about the psychological effects of slavery. The individual actors were fantastic as they portrayed with extreme intensity and conviction the disturbing saga of one woman's experience with the buying and selling of other human beings. But, the story soon became even more than that. As I watched the mysterious and fascinating scenes unfold before my eyes, I understood that the story was greater than the sum of its parts. Every scene and every detail, no matter how minor, was essential to the plot. This awareness left me with a far better appreciation for it than I anticipated going in, and I left the theater profoundly moved. The experience reminded me of another recent epic, "Saving Private Ryan." Like "Beloved" does now, "Private Ryan" forced us to confront the demons of our collective history. Steven Spielberg's graphic and unflinching look at World War II through the eyes of a particular

group of soldiers as they search for one who lost three of his brothers in the fighting on D-Day impressed on our jaded minds the horrors of war and the evils that man could visit upon man. Some felt we didn't need such a reminder, but the film served a vital purpose by not avoiding those subjects we are uncomfortable with. We need such reminders every now and then to keep us grounded in reality and keep the most important events of our history from becoming footnotes in our memory. The same can be said of "Beloved." Based on Toni Morrison's dense and often confusing book, which was first published roughly a decade ago, the movie laid bare the ruin that slavery wrought on the lives of all those involved in the practice. When Sethe, played by Ms. Winfrey, kills her daughter in order to save her from a life of slavery, we experience the tragic actions of a mother who, because of her position, can only feel a sense of control or power by taking the life of an innocent. We experience her desperation and despair. Upon seeing what she has done, her master weeps, and by doing so, we are made to feel not just his pain, but the pain and sorrow that the industry which he relies on has caused everyone. It takes intense concentration to follow the myriad details of the movie. I admit that it lost me at times because I allowed myself to be distracted. But, this is the type of movie that has so much genius and so much brilliance that it can

surpass our understanding if we aren't paying attention. Get your popcorn and your drinks first. Use the restroom before the movie starts. Don't talk to your friends or ask your date for clarification until the final credits roll. It is so deep and symbolic that it demands our strictest attention. It will make you feel every emotion. It will touch you in such profound ways that you'll never be the same again. The length (roughly three hours) and the complexity of this movie might keep many people away who might otherwise want to see it. Others might be turned off by its darkness and violence. Still others might simply feel they already know how abominable slavery was and don't necessarily want to be reminded of that particularly sinful chapter of our history. But don't be dissuaded. This is a fierce, compelling film, and as I mentioned, the acting is superb. As a matter of fact, I wouldn't be surprised if the picture and Oprah won Academy Awards. "Beloved" is an important film we cannot afford to miss. Don't go see this movie just because Ms. Winfrey is in it. If her role is what draws you to the theater, then so much the better. But don't be distracted by her presence because in the end, her involvement is incidental. Yes, "Beloved" is bigger and more powerful than the most powerful woman in show business. It may be the story of one individual, but it is also "our story." It is about us, our history, our legacy as a country. That is what makes this movie a must-see. *Armstrong Williams is a Columnist and talk-show host.*



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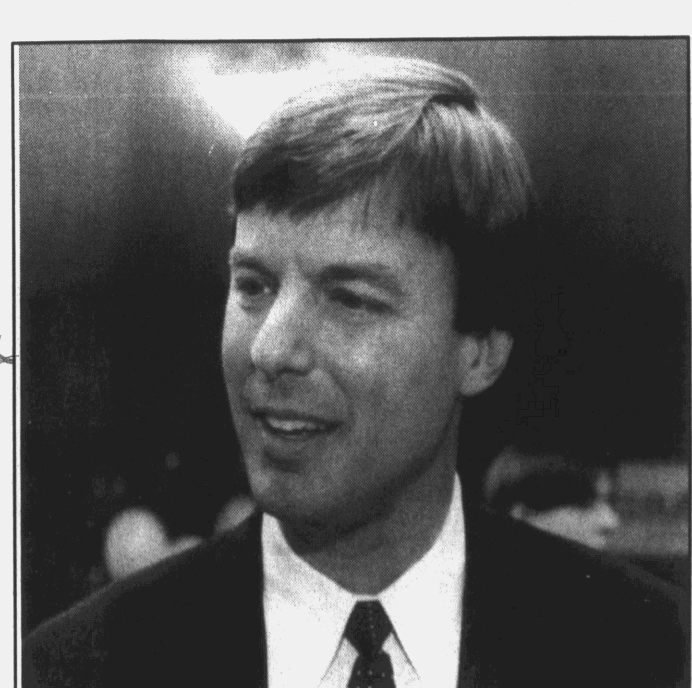

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