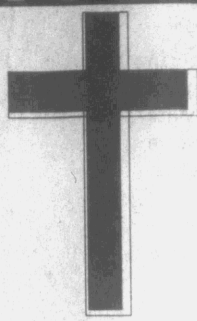


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"WBA Super Middle Weight Champion of the World, The Peoples Champion Steve Little"

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for the youth"
"My concern is for the
youth of this community,
and the World." "I want the
youth to know that they can
make it from Reading."

Not since Stu Jackson, former Reading High School basketball player, graduate and then turned NBA Knicks basketball coach, has Reading citizens buzzing with excitement. Steve Little has turned the lights onto Reading. At the same time in both sports field, boxing and college basketball has Reading been very fortunate to have two African American standing brightly among the elite of the World as WBA Super Middle Weight champion of the world, Steve Little, and all American (NBA bound) University of Connecticut super star, Reading High School graduate, Donyell Marshall. Both of these superstar are examples of good sound family upbringing, God fearing parents that taught both of them the meaning of family values and respect.

When I first met Steve Little about 5 years ago, I knew he was a winner, his light was shining through. We developed a professional communication, then a friendship relationship. Steve just needed a break. I subsequently attended his boxing match in 1992 at REading Senior High School. I saw a young man that had a spirit like Muhammad Ali (young Cassius Clay). There is a spiritual being about Steve Little that glows with his smile. Boxing is a sport

that pounds away at physical bodies but, none the less boxing transcends the art of physical beatings. Boxing is a talent - a God given talent because there are technique employed in the ring. There is a long history behind physical contact just as in professional football, hockey, basketball, baseball tennis, etc..... Steve Little has mastered the professional art of boxing as did the young Cassius Clay.

Steve Little, a family man, with his wife Wanda, loves his family and is instilling in his children family values, traditional values. Steve Met his wife Wanda in 1986, when Steve was driving South on 5th St near the Abe Lincoln Hotel, he spotted her walking by when he blew his horn at her, she responded thinking she knew who the driver was. As she took a closer look she said to herself, "Why did I wave at that guy, I don't even know who he is," Steve pulled his vehicle over and said to Wanda, "You are beautiful, what is your name? Wanda responded and started walking away, when Steve said, "wait, wait, one other question, How can I see you/ and how can I get in touch with you," that then became the romance history of Steve & Wanda. The rest is history, Steve & Wanda are happily married having a wonderful family of 5 children: Stephen Jr, 7 years old (Stephen will be celebrating his 8th birthday on March 29, 1994), Marc, 5 years old, Stephanie, 3 years old, Alexander, 1 year old, and Michael, 2 months old.

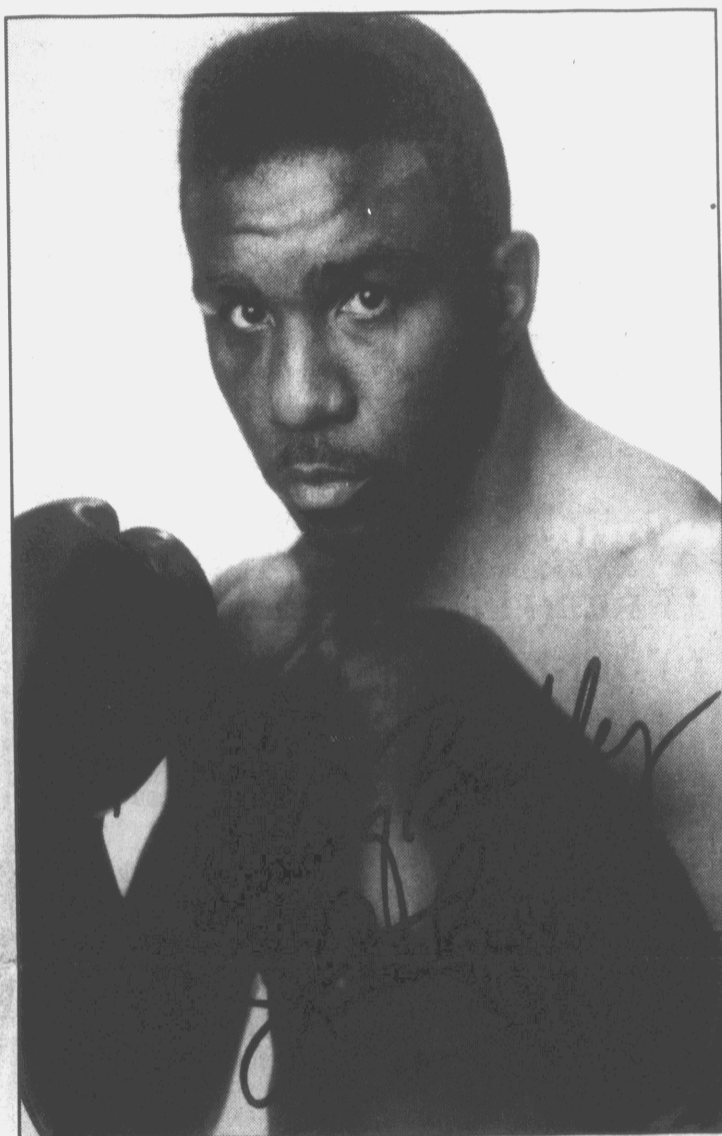
Steve and family attends Holy Rosary Chapel church faithfully, on Schuylkill Ave, Monsignor Felix Losito, presiding. Steve loves God and it shows.

Steve is still that humble young man I met 5 years ago, he has

developed a spiritual demeanor of growth, he has developed a media sense, while watching him on television, reading about him in newspaper, listening to him on the radio, he has learned the technique of communicating to the masses of people, youth that are looking and watching a solid role model. A young man that will be a millionaire sports figure, a young man that knows the people in the community, a young that is a product of the Reading School District, a young man that will not forget his community and home, a young man that will do something for the youth of this community to get them off of the street corner, a young man that will no doubt build a community center, a place for the youth to go and be creative mentally and physically but yet not be destructive with this creativity. Steve Little, is winner and this newspaper's opinion has always been a winner, there are lots of winners out there in this Reading community, they are only waiting for a break. There are loads of programs out there for the adults of this community to lend a hand to. The Lord is blessing Steve Little and family, this is a good news-story, a positive image story, that is what America is founded on, good news, people doing good deeds in small communities.

We support Steve Little and encourage the community to support Steve Little.

This story is not over and there is no ending, this story will continue because there are many chapters to unite because Steve Little is "climbing the stairway to Heaven," only success stands in front of Steve Little. Since winning the WBA title, Steve has made



himself available to speak, sign autographs, personal appearance for the community. Steve has been saying positive things about Reading, PA to the press on Wednesday, March 16, 1994 Reading City Council issued Steve Little the official key to the City of Reading, PA. Next we look for Steve Little day!!

We at the "M" Voice Newspaper salute Steve Little and Wanda as a young married couple of color maintaining a true, traditional family during these times of tur-

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Penn State Berks Campus to Host Exiled African Writer

More than 170 scholars from 16 nations will present papers on the life and works of East African novelist Ngugi wa Thiong'o, April 7-9, at the Penn State Berks Campus.

"Ngugi is one of the foremost literary figures in Africa today," said Charles Cantalupo, associate professor of English at Penn State Schuylkill Campus. "No African writer today is the subject of more doctoral dissertations and journal articles, and none is more important in understanding the problems of post-colonial Africa."

Scholars from Africa, Asia, Europe, Canada, and the United States will attend the conference,

"Ngugi wa Thiong'o: Texts and Contexts," and will read their papers on works by Ngugi wa Thiong'o and related issues. "A conference of this magnitude on a living African writer is unprecedented outside of Africa," Cantalupo said.

Ngugi wa Thiong'o will be present and will read from his works Friday evening. Also included on the agenda are visits by Amiri Baraka, Kamau Brathwaite, Abdilatif Abdalla, Alamin Mazrui, and a host of poets and writers who will read from their works.

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Reading Area African American Community Churches and The Reading Branch NAACP will be Sponsoring
"African American Family Day",

Saturday on April 23rd, 1994
from 8:00 to 4:00pm,

at The Union Baptist Church Community Center
201 Schuylkill Ave & Jefferson Street, (Enter on Jefferson Street) There is parking in the Centers lot adjacent to the Elderly Highrise at 100 North Front Street) We encourage your support to this first annual event, as we work to strengthen the African American Family, and maintain our heritage for our children and future generations of African American youth. Refreshments available, Free to the Public, Tell a friend.

Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

The American Lung Association of Lancaster and Berks Counties issued an advisors today on the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and what to do about them. The health agency called attention to a number of CO-induced sickenings and fatalities reported in its service area during the fall and winter heating season. The Lung Association's environmental health director stressed that nearly all #0 problems are preventable, with proper maintenance and use of combustion equipment.

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous was which is not easily detectable since it is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. It is produced by the incomplete combustion of fuel. Exposure to CO can cause headaches, dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath, "flu-like" symptoms, and more. Persons with lung or heart disease, children, elderly people, and pregnant women (whose fetuses are

very sensitive to carbon monoxide) are at significantly increased

American Lung Association of Lancaster and Berks Counties Carbon Monoxide Warning/Maintenance Advised / Tests Available risk from CO exposures. In extreme cases, CO exposure can cause unconsciousness, coma, and even death.

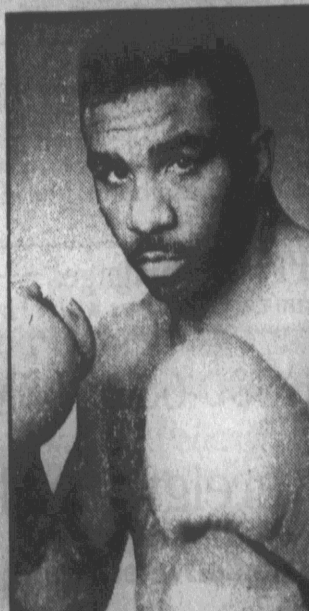
CO can come from any heating system, appliance, machine, or motor vehicle that relies upon combustion. When this equipment malfunctions or is improperly maintained, production of CO may increase. Common combustion appliances in the home include was, coal, propane, oil, kerosene, and wood heating equipment, as well as gas hot water heaters, cooking appliances, and clothes dryers. of short-term carbon monoxide screening tests. Each of these detectors contains a chemical dot that changes color when exposed to CO. They are designed for an exposure of three to twenty-four hours, and are available in person or through the mail from the Association offices in Reading and

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Publisher Presented Black Heritage Postage Stamp Collection...(L-R) Publisher Presented Black Heritage Postage Stamp Collection series issued by the United States Post Office, thirteen (13) Black Heritage stamps were issued in 1993 to Mr. Ron Rouse, Founder and Publisher of the "M" Voice Newspaper of Eastern Pennsylvania, based in Reading, Pennsylvania. In establishing The "M" Voice Newspaper, "Mr. Rouse deals with Black History every day and had added a great dimension to the growth of Reading and Berks County, The "M" Voice Newspaper is a very informative newspaper and allows the citizens to be informed of events in the community, additionally giving people not of color a perspective of view points that we would not normally read, as stated by Mrs. Williams during her presentation remarks to Mr. Ron Rouse, during the Black History Month ceremony held at the Berks county services center, weekly county commissioners board meeting in February.

Voice Photo

The "M" Voice Newspaper Welcomes You

We welcome your family stories, articles, poems of interest with a limit of 150 words. We welcome your family photographs for printing. How best record your family history in the record books than in

the "M" Voice Newspaper. The "M" Voice Newspaper, was one of only two newspaper publications placed inside the New Berks County Services Center Time Capsule. Thus, marking a first for an

African American newspaper in Berks County to be placed inside a time capsule with other documents and history of Berks County, to be opened in 100 years from 1992. The year 2092.

Submit your poems, stories, articles, photographs to the "M" Voice Newspaper at P.O. Box 395, Reading, PA 19603-0395 or drop them off at the "M" Voice Newspaper Headquarters, 134 N. 5th St, Reading, PA 19601.

NOTE: ALL ARTICLES, STORIES, POEMS, PHOTOGRAPHS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE "M" VOICE NEWSPAPER.

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Grand Opening Ceremonies For Mind-Co Headquarters... At the recent ribbon cutting ceremony, at Mind-Co's (Minority development council) new headquarters located at Penn Square, 6th & Penn Street, Reading, The "M" Voice camera photographed (L-R) Mr. Ted Hartz, Chairman of the Board Mind-Co, and The Dean of the Business college at Kutztown 'U', Mr. Jorge Blanco, a Mind-Co graduate, and President of ABACO Air-conditioning and refrigeration Service company, Mrs. Cecille Grimshaw, Owner of Carribean Pavillion, located at the Downtown Outlet, on Spring Street, Reading, Mrs. Grimshaw also a Mind-Co graduate, and Mr. Paul Oxholm, Vice-President with Core State/Hamilton Bank, a Mind-Co executive Vice-President. Congratulations to the Mind-Co executives and all graduates, and all involved in the operation of this fine program. Support the businesses that have developed as a result of Mind-Co, you will find excellent food of tropical nature at the Carribean Pavillion, all food is prepared fresh daily, served with a smile, we recommend all the dishes for they are all very good, located in the food court on the second level. Support ABACO Refrigeration Service, the only licensed Latino in Berks county, with over 15 years of experience. Both of these excellent businesses serve you the community, and the owners are truly people person, The Carribean Pavillion additionally does catering for parties, weddings, receptions, etc., Mr. Ted Hartz, and Mr. Paul Oxholm are key players involved in the community, keep up the good deeds Ted & Paul. May God continue to bless you all.

Photo By Ron Rouse

Carbon Monoxide

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Lancaster at a cost of \$5.00 per detector.

But Kevin M. Stewart, the Lung Association's Director of Environmental and Occupational Health, emphasized that no CO test should be used as a household's sole protection. "I cannot stress too strongly that the first line of defense against CO build-up is proper installation, venting, operation, and maintenance of combustion devices, flues, and chimneys," Stewart said. "Of course, the chief advantage of and valid CO detector is that a person who does have a CO problem will be warned of high exposures and possibly of low exposures, and can therefore take appropriate corrective action. But a good result during the testing period does not guarantee that a problem will not develop later."

American Lung Association of Lancaster and Berks Counties Carbon Monoxide Warning/Maintenance Advised / Tests Available

The Lung Association also warned that if you or four family members are experiencing symptoms you suspect are caused by CO:

Get fresh air immediately. In case of emergency, first evacuate the premises, then call 9-1-1, emergency personnel or poison

Control. Otherwise, immediately call four physician or medical clinic to report your symptoms.

A CO fact sheet is available from the Lung Association as a free service of Christmas Seals. For more information on CO or any other matter related to lung health, call the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA (1-800-888-

4872) or check the local listing in the white pages of the telephone directory.

The American Lung Association is dedicated to the fight against lung disease, the nation's third leading cause of death. Along with its medical section, the American Thoracic Society, the association provides programs of education,

community service, advocacy, and research.

Founded in 1904 to fight tuberculosis, the American Lung Association is the oldest nationwide voluntary health agency in the United States. Its activities are funded by donations to Christmas Seals and by other voluntary contributions.

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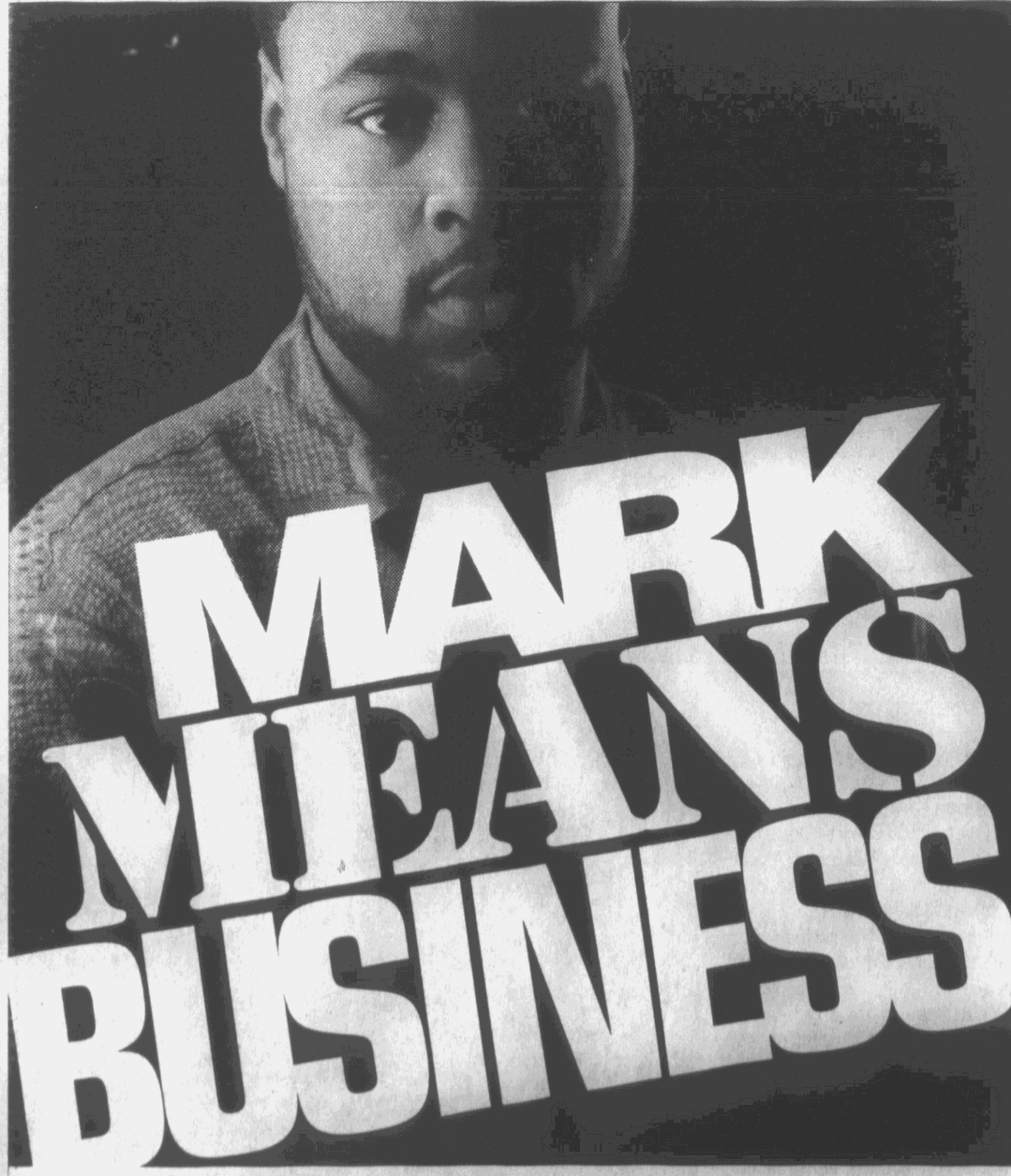
Other events include film presentations from the Library of African Cinema, the showing of Ngugi was Thiong'o's and Manthia Diawara's recent documentary on

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MARK MEANS BUSINESS

Mark Allen is serious about business. As a business major in accounting Mark carries a B+ average. Besides that, he's working on an internship program with a minority development council in Berks County and the City of Reading. And, he is Vice President of Brothers Seeking Excellence here on campus.

Mark Allen is making it. But he's only one of the many students of color who are succeeding at KU.

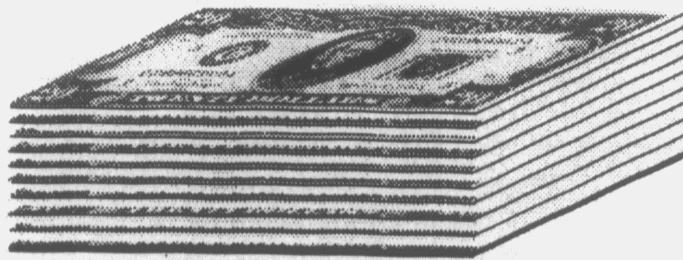
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"Gift of Life" Medallion Design Contest Announced

Lancaster, PA - The gift of life from donated organs and tissues gives transplant recipients a second chance at life. These donors and their families are unsung heroes of today. In spite of their own personal grief at losing a loved one, they demonstrate a deep compassion for others to avoid the pain of loss. While the circumstances of a donor family's tragedy can not be changed, many experience genuine comfort in knowing their loved one may have saved lives from among the thousands of people who are waiting for a transplant as their only hope of survival.

To honor the gift of life, Central Pennsylvania Coalition for Organ and Tissue Donation is developing a program to provide a medal of

honor as a dignified remembrance for donor families. Suitable for affixing to a headstone or grave marker, or mounted on a plaque, it will be presented to the families of local donors.

The Lancaster General Hospital Foundation has joined with the Coalition to co-sponsor a competition for an appropriate medallion design. The medallion will be a cast metal disc, measuring three inches in diameter, and must contain the words "Gift of Life Donor." The words "Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation" may also be included.

Efforts to create a medallion for donor families has been spearheaded by Jean Bruhn, a member of the Coalition representing both

Lancaster General Hospital and the American Cancer Society. On the national level, Bruhn first contacted U. S. Congressman Pete Stark who has proposed legislation to recognize donor families and Dr. Joycelyn Elders, Surgeon General of the United States.

"The Surgeon General's office thought the idea was fantastic and encouraged a grassroots kind of program [because of federal budget constraints]," Bruhn said. "With support from the Lancaster General Hospital Foundation, the Coalition is moving forward to present a lasting memorial to donor families. And, I think once our project is completed, it just might spark interest from other communities - and perhaps the federal

government."

A first prize in the amount of \$750 will be awarded by the Lancaster General Hospital Foundation. Prizes will also be awarded to second and third place winners.

The contest is open to everyone. Entries are available at the American Lung Association, located at 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster, or by calling 397-5203. The deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, March 25th at 5 pm.

Entries will be judged by a panel of nine members selected through the Coalition. Among the judges are Michael A. Young, president of Lancaster General Hospital, Richard Bollinger, West Chester commercial and watercolor artist, Robert Hess, president of the

Lancaster Foundrymen's Association, Kevin Sparkman with Delaware Valley Transplant Program, and Coalition member Diane Duell.

Also represented will be a member of a donor family and a transplant recipient. Design winners will be announced during the week of April 17th which is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week.

The Central Pennsylvania Coalition for Organ and Tissue Donation was established last year to promote awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation. Relying totally on the efforts of volunteers, this grassroots organization is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

The members of the Coalition are: American Cancer Society, American Lung Association of Lancaster and Berks Counties, Community Hospital of Lancaster, Community Services of Organized Labor, Ephrata Community Hospital, Gift of Life Support Group, Fred F. Groff, Inc., Harrisburg Area Community College Lancaster Campus, HOMEDCO, The Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, Lancaster Area Kidney Association, Lancaster General Hospital, Pennsylvania Jaycees, Quantum Health Resources, Saint Joseph Hospital, Schmucker Insurance Associates, Wiley's Pharmacy, Justin L. Capiello, M. D., Patricia Coulson, and Jesse L. Lowe.

CONCERN Offers New Adoption Program Through SWAN

FLEETWOOD, PA (March 7, 1994) - CONCERN, Professional Services for Children, Youth, and Families is now offering special needs adoption services through the Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN) at their Fleetwood office.

Children with special needs are those who are over the age of five, are members of a sibling group, are of minority racial backgrounds, or who have some type of physical, intellectual, or emotional disability.

SWAN was developed in 1992 at the initiative of Governor Robert P. Casey to centralize the special needs adoption process by creating a statewide computerized data base of available children and parents. SWAN has subcontracted

with CONCERN to provide adoption services at not cost to the adoptive family. These services include the home study process, family training, child assessment, necessary legal requirements, and follow-up support. Most, if not all, of the children will qualify for an adoption subsidy from the state based upon individual needs.

To be eligible to adopt a child with special needs, an individual does not need to be married, own a home, or have a large savings account. The only requirement is that the prospective parent be stable and able to provide for the child. Children with special needs have many adversities to face, and prospective parents must have the commitment to stand by them and the life skills necessary to meet a

child's needs. The goal of SWAN is to provide permanence for children with special needs through adoption. If you are interested in providing a permanent home to one of these children, CONCERN can be of assistance. Contact Marcia Moll or Florence Westley at 610-944-0445 for more information.

Met-Ed Boosts Fuel Fund Contribution

Because of the unusually harsh winter weather, Met-Ed will increase stockholder funding for its charitable fuel fund, Project Good Neighbor. During 1994, Met-Ed will add \$25,000 to its initial Project Good Neighbor contribution, increasing start-up funding from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

And to keep pace with increased customer and employee giving, Met-Ed also will double its annual matching contribution from \$50,000 to \$100,000. This means the company will match every dollar contributed to Project Good Neighbor up to \$100,000.

Project Good Neighbor was established in 1983 to help pay the electric bills of Met-Ed residential

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Conducted: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 & 19, 1993
Police Athletic League, Reading, PA.

- Dende Caulker, PLANS Caseworker
(Dende, was born and grew up in Sierra Leone, Africa)
 - Elizabeth Anthony
 - Jorfui Kandeh
 - Edward Musa
- (Rural, Urban, School And Work Settings Represented)

Photos Contributed By: Mike Korenish, Director of Resource And Program Development, CONCERN, INC.

An African Village in Berks County

By: Mike Kroenich Director of Resource and Program Development

As the youngster looked into the sparsely-furnished hut of a rural West African family, Edward Musa leaned over and said, "This is the

way we make our living. If you do not wish to live this way, then you must stay in school and study." The descriptions of rural American life that Edward was offering to the crowds at the African Village program were spellbinding,

even for the teenagers and younger children.

The African Village program was sponsored by P.L.A.N.S. (Post - Legal Adoption Network Services), which was a federally-funded program offered by CONCERN and

One Church, One Child of Pennsylvania, Inc. PLANS was funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. On Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, 1993 a program of West African culture was offered at the Police Athletic League of Reading, Pennsylvania. Dende Caulker, PLANS caseworker, opened the presentation with a video-lecture describing the diversity of African family life, pointing out differences in the United States. Dende, who was born and grew up in Sierra Leone, engaged the crowd and answered questions.

There followed a fashion show, in which children who have been adopted volunteered to model tra-

ditional African clothing. With some steady World Music in the background, these youngsters "Wowed" the crowd with their poise and their beautiful clothing. Sylvia DeTurch, CONCERN adoption coordinator, spent many hours crafting the authentic dress.

Later came a tour of some typical African Village settings. These settings were simulated thanks to the planning, imagination, hard work, and crafting of PLANS staff. Rural, urban, school and work settings were represented with Elizabeth Anthony, Jorfui Kandeh, Edward Musa, and Dende Caulker providing a guided tour to their "guests". At each stop, visitors were treated to a presentation and ques-

tion/answer session which was both educational and fun.

The program was concluded with a feast of West African cooking, which enabled guest to smell and taste the joys of cooking from another culture.

The African Village was designed to be educational and to serve as the final major offering of the PLANS program. This two-year program offered special services and activities for families who had adopted children from minority backgrounds. The smiles and many positive comments from the diverse crowd of those who visited the program were a tribute to those who took us on a visit to Africa.

In The Name Of Master Fard Muhammad

On February 24, 1994 at about 5:05 p.m. in the city of Atlanta, Georgia the Lost-Found Nation of Islam received notice from Spelman College marking cancellation of facilities contractually provided for the National Convention of the Lost-Found Nation of Islam called Savior's Day. This event was to be held in Sisters Chapel on the campus of Spelman College, Sunday, February 27, 1994.

According to Spelman College, they received a leaflet reporting our lecture topic "Yes, Jews are the Blood Suckers of the Poor," in which the Lost-Found Nation of Islam knows is a sabotage and direct attack from our enemies. We have reason to believe that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and/or Jewish Defense League

(JDL) have direct involvement in this conspiracy. Meetings in Philadelphia and New York were cancelled previously by the same Jewish groups.

A national press conference was held 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 25, 1994 at the gates of Spelman College on J. P. Brawley and Greensferry, Atlanta, Ga. Media from around the country responded to our press conference call. Dr. Minister Kuba Abu Koss, the National Spokesman for the Honorable Silis Muhammad and the Lost-Found Nation of Islam chaired the press conference and directed questions and answers from reporters and to responding media, via phone, across the nation.

However, unjust, the Savior's Day Celebration (2-27-94) was

successful. The celebration was held at the Atlanta Headquarters Mosque, 3040 Campbellton Road, Atlanta, Ga. where the Honorable Silis Muhammad delivered a powerful and inspiring message to the supporters overflowing the building. The Honorable Silis Muhammad is petitioning the World Court, United Nation, in behalf of African Americans for claims of reparations due to slavery in America. The reparations bill is to be filed within weeks of this date. The wife of the Honorable Silis Muhammad, Harriet Muhammad, delivered an International Address at the Saviors Day Celebration (2-27-94) hosted by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakahn, Chicago, Ill. The message was a request for the Honorable Louis Farrakahn to speak at the United Nations in behalf of African Americans for reparations.

All matters relating to these events can be confirmed and addressed by contacting Muhammad's Mosque, 2314 Cecil B. Moore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. (215) 236-4746 or (404) 584-5498.

RACC's Adult Education Department Slated to Offer Stimulating Spring Schedule

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"Conquering Clutter" - An entertaining and informative two-night program for those who want to become more organized. If "Space Invaders" have taken over your life, learn the techniques to unclutter your mind, home and office before you run out of space. Thursdays, March 31 - April 7 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at RACC.

Arts

"Picture Perfect - Preserving and Displaying Your Family Photos" - A unique 2-week program for those who are overwhelmed by the task of organizing boxes full of photos and memorabilia. Jeannie Angelo Ruth will provide you with researched information and hands-on instruction to create a photo-keepsake. High grade acid-free album pages, photo-safe adhesive and special tools for cropping and labeling photos will be available. The class meets Thursdays, April 21-28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at RACC.

Health and Fitness

"Kids in the Wild" - Cindy Ross has created an exciting new class to give parents both the knowledge and confidence to share favorite outdoor activities with their young children. Some of the activities covered include: hiking, backpacking, camping, rafting and cycling. Food, clothing and safety will also be discussed. The class will run Thursdays, April 14 through May 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at RACC.

"Healing Arts I and II" - Helga Martin has designed two exhilarating 4-week programs for those searching for peace, joy and health. Some of the alternative therapies investigated to eliminate stress

and anxiety include: aromatherapy, foot reflexology, meditation and Dr. Bach's Flower Remedies. Healing Arts I begins March 29; Healing Arts II begins April 26. Both classes meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the College.

For more information or to reg-

ister for any of the classes, please contact RACC's Adult Education Office at (610) 372-4721, ext. 294.

Note: For additional information on any of the classes or instructors, contact Merry Fidler, Coordinator of Special Activities at (610) 372-4721, ext. 261.

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Evangelism Seminar Held

Nearly 170 people, from 32 different Berks County churches, were encouraged to become involved in personal evangelism this past weekend (February 25 & 26) at a "Share The Life" Seminar. The gathering, sponsored by Greater Reading Encounter '94, was held at Zion UCC, Hamburg, Pa.

The Reverend Ed Searce, Associate Evangelist with the Steve Wingfield Evangelistic Team, conducted the 7 hours of training which guided participants to have a fuller understanding of how God is using individuals in reaching the world for Christ.

The seminar provided specific step-by-step preparation for evangelism, ranging from assessing one's personal walk with Jesus, to how one can find the right time to pray with friends and acquaintances about their faith.

Greater Reading Encounter '94 is a community sponsored Christian outreach which will be held June 12-19, 1994, at Albright College Stadium in Reading.

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Sincerely,

Tim Holden

TIM HOLDEN
Member of Congress

State health centers offer free poison prevention materials

It's time for us to do our "home" work and eliminate child poisonings. That's what the Pennsylvania Department of Health's, Southeastern District is encouraging residents of Southeastern Pennsylvania to do during Poison Prevention Week, March 20-26th, 1994. But poison prevention practiced one month a year is not enough. It must become a habit. We must be constantly reminded

to be aware of the basics about poison prevention. To this end, the Berks County State Health Center is offering free "Mr. Yuk" stickers and related materials during March. The majority of child poisonings occurs when a product is being used and not when it is stored. Children are of course natural explorers. They are attracted to bright colors, sweet smells and pretty bottles and boxes in which

household products, cosmetics and medications are packaged. Child-resistant packaging is an effective deterrent. Anything that delays a child's access to a medication lessens the potential of a child poisoning. Parents should only buy over-the-counter medications with child-resistant lids, request prescription medications in child-resistant bottles, keep products in their safety packages and resecure the safety cap after each use. In

the event that a child is poisoned, every home should have a bottle of Syrup of Ipecac. It is best to administer this medicine under the supervision of Poison Center Staff. Some over-the-counter prescription medications look like candy. Children are prone to take and swallow these candy look alike if they're left out on a table, counter top or night stand. The most common offenders are iron supplements and prenatal vitamins with

iron. Since 1983 there have been 27 deaths from iron supplements among children under six years of age. Other high incidence products causing childhood poisonings are cleaning products, cosmetics, plants and insect bite repellents and pesticides. Once these products are used they should be put away, preferably in a locked cabinet or in a place high enough so a child can't reach them.

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son Center, Hershey, 1-800-521-6110, is your greatest asset when there is a poisoning, actual or suspected. Staff nurses and pharmacists are standing by, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They are specially trained to handle poisonings and when necessary, to advise a course of treatment or make a referral to an affiliated hospital. Through the network of the poison control centers, 7 out of 10 poisonings can be managed at home, saving the community thousands of dollars in unnecessary emergency room visits.

Remember, anything that presents a potential poisoning hazard to a child should be labeled with a "Mr. Yuk" sticker. These stickers are available free at the Berks County State Health Center, 625 Cherry Street, Reading, PA 19602.

Please call 610-378-4377 for more poison prevention information.

RACC to present three programs

Mail order entrepreneur, Ed Allyn, returns to Reading to present his nationally-known seminar, "How to Start a Mail Order Business." As seen in USA Today and Venture magazine, this information-packed evening will teach you what to do and what to avoid. Whether you are already in business or if you have no idea what to sell, join Ed Allyn and avoid costly start up mistakes. The seminar takes place Thursday, May 12 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at RACC.

In today's economy of high taxes and low interest rates, H. Wesley King's Money Management Semi-

nar is a must. Developed for the non-expert, this three-week program will discuss: saving money, tax-advantaged investments and repositioning, a proven money management technique. The class begins Thursday, April 14 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at RACC.

The "Prebusiness Clinic," offered in conjunction with SCORE and the U.S. Small Business Administration is an updated seminar which takes into account today's economy. Such considerations as sources of capital, financial needs, marketing, record keeping and management qualities will be discussed. Advice from these retired

executives can help you achieve success in a new business before you start. The seminar meets Monday, April 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at RACC.

To register, contact the Adult Education Office at 372-4721, ext. 261.

Lawrence Sykes to exhibit at Penn State Berks Campus

"Beyond the Next River," a special exhibition by Lawrence Sykes dedicated to the renowned ex-

triate Kenyan writer, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, will open at the Freyberger Gallery of the Penn State Berks Campus March 28.

Sykes, an artist and faculty member at Rhode Island College, has created multi-media installations inspired by Ngugi's writings. He has visualized several of the themes Ngugi uses in his works: the dictator and the colonized classroom.

The Berks Campus is hosting an international conference on "Ngugi: Texts and Contexts" April 7-9. More than 170 scholars from 16 nations will present papers about Ngugi and his work.

The gallery will be open expanded hours during the conference and will host a reception April 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. Regular gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, noon to 3:00 p.m.; Thursday, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; or by appointment 610-320-5309. The exhibition runs through April 9.

A Boston artist, Sykes held his last solo show at St. Olaf College in Minnesota in 1989. His most recent group show was at Brandeis University's Rose Art Museum in 1993. He has been a visiting lecturer at the College of Art UST, Kumasi, Ghana. In the summer of 1986 he served as photography instructor in the Parson's School of Design West Africa Program.

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As you read Richard Jackson's column "Black anti-Semitism" in the Reading Eagle, you will notice that Jackson attacks black anti-Semitism in the Aug. 19th issue of the Reading Eagle and Herald. Jackson's column is a measure of the current anti-Semitism in the Reading Eagle.

Black anti-Semitism is a real and growing threat to the Jewish community. It is a form of anti-Semitism that is often more subtle and more insidious than the overt anti-Semitism of the past. It is a form of anti-Semitism that is often more dangerous because it is more widespread and more accepted.

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Guitarist Preston Reed to play April 5

Acoustic guitarist Preston Reed will appear at the Perkins Student Center Theatre at Penn State Berks Campus Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in a concert postponed from February due to snow.

Called a "knockout virtuoso deserving of his own cult" by *Musicians* magazine's Charles M. Young,

Reed has established himself as an instrumental innovator. He attacks his six- and twelve-string steel guitar with both hands dancing on the fret board.

"The left hand and right hand work closely together, continually trading off duties of providing rhythm, melody and bassline; quite

unlike the traditional method of making chords and fretting strings with the left hand while strumming and picking with the right. It's a more physical way of playing," Reed has explained.

He puts the acoustic guitar in an ethereal light, giving it a whole new role, sometimes treating it like a piano or vibraphone, sometimes like a drum kit.

Reed was originally attracted to the guitar through the works of Jorma Kaukonen, John Fabel and Kottke, yet he includes electric guitarists such as Jimi Hendrix and Larry Carlton as highly influential in his development.

Reed grew up in Westchester County, New York, started playing guitar at age nine and almost quit when his creativity proved too much for a disciplinarian teacher. At the age of 17, he made his first solo appearance, accompanying poet Allen Ginsberg at a reading at the Smithsonian Institution. In 1974, after a year at Beloit College, the artist moved to San Francisco and appeared as a musical interlude between comedy acts such as Robin Williams and Bob Sarlotte.

He has performed at the National Governor's Conference and been featured at the New England Fiddle contest.

With seven recordings under his belt, his newest release, *Border Towns*, on Liberty Records, is a cross-cultural collaboration with Latin jazz musicians John Pena, Alex Acuna and Otmario Ruiz.

Tickets are \$3.00 for general admission and \$2.00 for students and senior citizens. Performances are free to Penn State students, faculty and staff.

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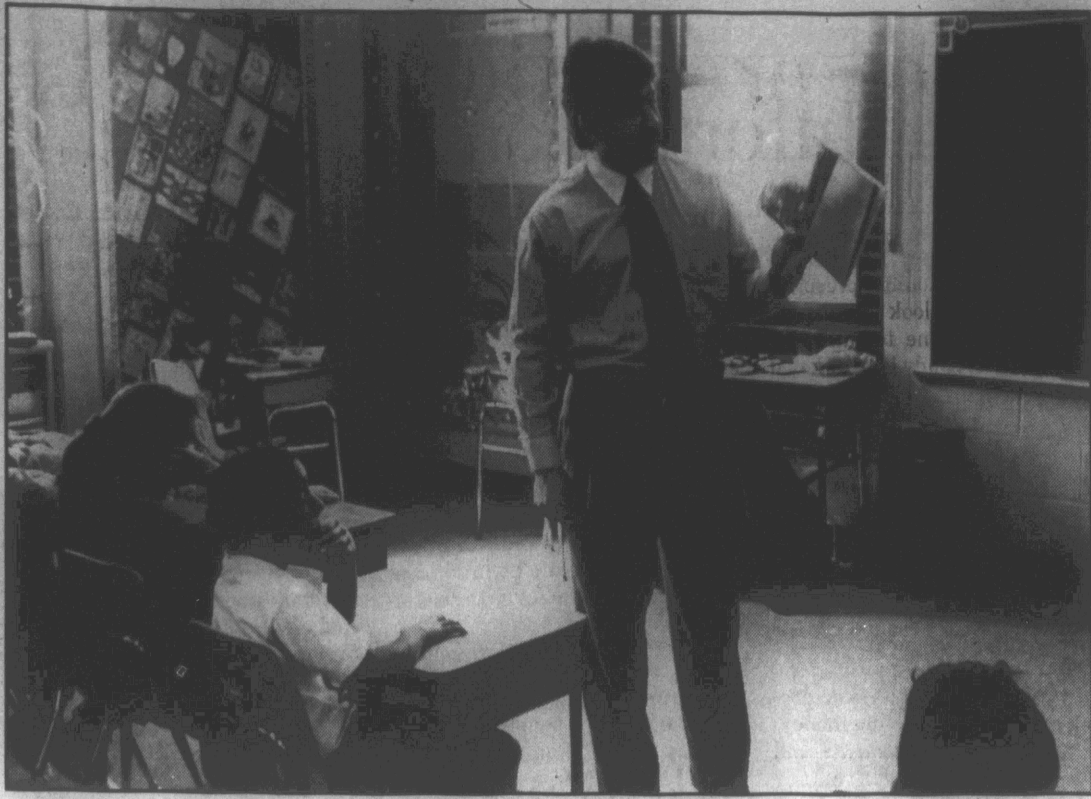
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Mercy Health plan employee participates in "Love-A-Book" Week

Wilfredo Seda, Mercy Health Plan Community Relations Associate, reads to school children at William Cramp Elementary School children at William Cramp Elementary School, Howard and Ontario Streets, during "Love-A-Book" Week. The annual literary

program exposes students to literature, and encourages them to read on a daily basis.

Mercy Health Plan is a managed health care plan that Medical Assistance recipients can choose for their medical care. The plan serves more than 100,000

Medical Assistance recipients in Philadelphia and six surrounding counties. Mercy Health Plan is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and operates in affiliation with Aetna Health Plans of Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.

Home, Church & Community: Three keys to AIDS prevention

After more than a decade of the AIDS epidemic, there still is no cure nor medical vaccine. If we hope to prevent AIDS from spreading, education and learning the facts are the key. In other words, our "vaccine" is information that we learn.

In Berks County many schools teach some AIDS prevention to our young people. But the goal is not high test scores, unlike most education programs. The goal is wise decision making and changing risk behavior that leads to AIDS.

In order to do this, AIDS education must involve the home and family, church and religious values, and the entire community we live in.

As children learn about AIDS they need to be able to discuss this at home with their family. Parents are the most important role model for our children. If parents can discuss AIDS with their children, we can change behaviors to prevent AIDS.

In addition, if the Pastor at our church is able to talk about AIDS, to talk about the difficult issues, it can help provide the permission

we need at home to discuss AIDS. It is vital, therefore, that our church leaders be vocal, active and involved in AIDS issues.

How do we do this in Berks County? We are fortunate to have a number of AIDS education programs, starting with Berks AIDS Network and the American Red Cross. These two organizations have a number of AIDS education and prevention programs appropriate for all age groups from kindergarten through college as well as adults. The goal of Berks AIDS Network and Red Cross education programs is to bring the family, the church, and the community together to create the most effective AIDS prevention program and to change risk behavior of our young people.

Family and community values have a role to play in effective AIDS prevention. No prevention program will meet our needs if it does not reflect participation and values that we hold as a community.

What does this mean for you? It means that you have a responsibility in preventing AIDS in your community. You need to learn all

that you can as a parent, as a Pastor, as an adult, and as a role model. If you need more information, if you would like to set up a program at your school, church, work place or at home, please call us at Berks AIDS Network at 375-6523. Or if you would prefer, please write to me here at the "M"-Voice newspaper.

A wise man once said that the only stupid question is the one that you do not ask. I believe the words of that wise man. As we create AIDS prevention programs to keep our community, our youth, safe for the future, the question you do not ask could be the question that costs us another young life. We look forward to working with the Berks County community and integrating our community values and church leaders into an effective AIDS prevention program.

NAACP to sponsor: Sixth Annual Radiothon

February is a busy month as African-Americans celebrate a heritage and legacy of Black History. The National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP) is no exception as the Association prepares to commemorate its 85th year as the Nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. The NAACP's birthdate is February 12, 1909 and on this date the Association will sponsor its 6th annual Radiothon.

The NAACP membership Radiothon originated in 1988 as the brainchild of Dr. William F. Gibson, Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors. Each year the Radiothon serves as an outreach effort to increase NAACP membership and heighten awareness of NAACP programs and initiatives such as "Goods For Guns," ACT-SO and Voter Education in South Africa.

The NAACP currently boasts a membership of more than 610,000. However, Dr. William F. Gibson said: "As an organization, we have long understood that numbers are raw, untapped grassroots power. And power influences what we do... what others can do to us. That is the reason why our goal is to raise our membership from the current 610,000 - to over one million."

The theme for this year's Radiothon is "Don't Stand on the Sidelines - Come Home to the NAACP - Join Today!"

The Honorable Nelson Mandela, President, African National Congress; Henry "Hank" Aaron, former professional baseball all-star; Frank Belattie, President, CEO/American Favorite Chicken; and Susan Taylor, Editor, Essence Magazine; are honorary Chairpersons for Radiothon 1994.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Executive Director and CEO, NAACP commented: "We are excited about the opportunity this national program gives us to reach millions of people in a concentrated effort and encourage them to join us in the struggle for economical, educational and environmental equity." With over 2,500 NAACP adult, youth and college chapters and more than 79 prison chapters conducting a Radiothon on February 12, the NAACP hopes to increase its membership by at least ten percent.

"Although each branch negotiates with a local radio station to serve as the host station, the American Urban Radio Network has agreed to broadcast a three hour segment from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

from New York City and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on February 12th, and we are pleased to have their support," said Jondelle Johnson, National Radiothon Director.

"This membership drive is especially important to the association this year, because it serves as a kick-off for a worldwide search for our one millionth member," said Isazetta Spikes, NAACP National Membership Director.

Throughout the year, Jondelle Johnson has been working to secure taped messages from celebrities to be aired during segments of the Radiothon. To date, celebrity participants include: Maya Angelou, Shirley Caesar, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Kim Coles, Ossie Davis, Earth, Wind and Fire, Dr. William F. Gibson, Isaac Hayes, Quincy Jones, Martin Lawrence, Otis & Juanita Nixon, Leontyne Price, Donnie Simpson, Sinbad, Will Smith, Raven Symone, Nancy Wilson and Andrew Young.

The national segment to be aired on the American Urban Radio Network will be co-hosted by actress, Arnetia Walker from "The Nurses," and Elliott Frances from "Ebony Showcase." During the broadcast, listeners will be encouraged to call a number in their local area to pledge their membership.

The membership costs range from \$3/year for youth to \$500/one-time cost for a life membership.

To celebrate the 85th anniversary of the NAACP, more than 25 billboard companies have donated 1,250 billboards to the NAACP in 160 cities. The billboard is adorned with kente cloth borders with a kente bow wrapped around an NAACP membership card. The billboard reads: "HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY - GIVE THE GIFT THAT PRESERVES YOUR RIGHTS! GIVE A NAACP MEMBERSHIP. Listed at the bottom of the billboard is the announcement about the National Membership Radiothon date with a toll-free number to call to join the association.

The Radiothon is only the beginning of a year-long birthday celebration for the NAACP which has seen a 20% increase in membership since Dr. Benjamin Chavis was named Executive Director last April. Throughout the year many other programs and initiatives will be sponsored to increase membership and advance the cause of civil rights in communities throughout the country and around the world. For more information on the Radiothon, or other NAACP initiatives, call your local branch.

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Additionally, the recently announced acquisition of Shadow

Lawn Savings Bank ("Shadow Lawn") is expected to add approximately \$779 million in assets and approximately \$725 million in deposits. Shadow Lawn has 17 branches located in Monmouth an Ocean Counties in central New Jersey. This acquisition is expected to be consummated during the 3rd quarter of 1994. "We expect this acquisition to be about 5% accretive to Sovereign's earnings per share," Sidhu said.

Sovereign expected to announce 1st quarter earnings by mid-April. Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. is the holding company for Sovereign Bank, FSB which has a network of 81 Community Banking and Loan Origination Offices throughout eastern Pennsylvania and central New Jersey. Sovereign's total assets are approximately \$4.5 billion, total deposits are approximately \$2.8 billion and shareholders' equity is \$220.5 million. Sovereign's stock closed at \$10.625 on Tuesday, March 15, 1994.

Motorcycle Safety Program Set to Begin

Reading Area Community College in cooperation with the PA Department of Transportation is once again offering the very popular Motorcycle Safety Program (MSP). Based on the nationally known Motorcycle Rider Course, this 17-hour program will be held at the Reading-Muhlenberg Vo-Tech. Any Pennsylvania resident who has a valid motorcycle license or permit will be enrolled free. Motorcycles are provided and upon successful completion of the course, the permit will be validated as a license.

To register, call 1-800-845-9533. Call soon as sections fill quickly. Note: For additional information contact Merry Fidler, Coordinator of Special Activities, at (610) 372-4721, ext. 261.

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Gen. Colin Powell



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(1) Ghana Presentation
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(2) April 3, 1994

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(3) April 10, 1994

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can American Literature

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Readings from works of Fred-
errick Douglas, Martin Luther
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Nikki Giovanni, Maya Angelou,
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(4) April 15, 1994

Health Fair, Sponsored.
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(5) April 16, 1994

Glad-Bag-A-Thorn, Sponsored
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Volunteer to help for just a few
hours between 9:00am to
11:00am, 2nd & Penn Streets.
The nations largest organized lit-
ter clean-up effort, which is spon-
sored by GLAD Wrap, program
will include a celebration event
acknowledging the hundreds of
volunteers and supporters. The
celebration will take place at 5th
& Penn from 11:00am to 2:00pm
following the clean-up, free food
and refreshments. will be served
in addition to music, special guest,
cash award prizes and lots of fun
for adults and children.

(6) April 17, 1994 (Rain date
May 1, 1994)

The 1994 Berks County Earth
Day Committee, has completed its
plans for this year's festival in
Reading City Park. This years
event features over 100 exhibitors
displaying Earth Friendly prod-
ucts and services. Non-profit envi-
ronmental groups, a separate
childrens educational area. Native
American dancers, speakers, mus-
ic and food. All profits go back
into the community by supporting
various local environmental
groups and projects. For infor-
mation concerning exhibiting or other
details contact Bill or Beth Litvin
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(7) April 23, 1994

African American Family Day,
Union Baptist Church Community
Center, 201 Schuylkill Ave &
Jefferson Street, Reading,
8:00am to 4:00pm, Reading area
Black Churches & Reading Branch
NAACP will sponsor African
American Family Day, a day long
event of activities for children and
adults, Free Refreshments, park-
ing is available, Come and enjoy
this fun filled day, gain knowl-
edge of the African American Fam-
ily, planning committee are
Mrs. Pattee Miller, Mrs. Lilly
Foster, Mrs. Grace Jones. For In-
formation Call NAACP (610) 670-
4399.

RACC Professor develops program in environmental science

Andrew H. Lapinski, Professor
of Natural Science at Reading Area
Community college has co-
authored the Northeast Regional
Edition of Environmental Science,
4th ed. published by Benjamin
Cummings, 1994. He also assisted
in the preparation of the activities
laboratory exercises manual which
will be used in environmental
courses. It is entitled An Interdis-
ciplinary Approach to the Ches-
apeake Bay Watershed. As part of
the project, he produced an inter-
active videodisc. The laboratory
manual and videodisc were funded
through a grant from the National
Science Foundation in cooperation
with the Chesapeake Bay Research
Consortium.

Lapinski's academic credentials
include a Bachelor's degree in Zo-
ology from Ohio State University

and a Master of Science degree
from the University of Michigan.
He has had specialized training in
aquatic ecology. He has been on
the faculty at RACC since 1976
where he teaches courses in biol-
ogy and the environment.

As a part of his teaching and
research into environment prob-
lems, Mr. Lapinski developed a
new Associate of Arts program in
Environmental Science at Read-
ing Area Community College. The
program will be offered for the

first time in the Fall 1994 and is
designed to transfer to a four-year
college at the junior level.

Environmental science is a high
interest field today. Occupations
in which this type of training is
required include land use plan-

ning, solid waste and hazardous
waste management, pollution con-
trol and employment with regula-
tory agencies.

For more information contact
Renee L. Dietrich at the College,
(610) 372-4721, ext. 329.

Controlling our destiny as a people

'We have great men and women
who have made their mark in his-
tory'

'The achievements of the Negro
(Black) properly set forth will
crown him (and her) as a factor in
early human progress and a maker
of modern civilization.'

Carter G. Woodson,
Brilliant historian
(1875-1950)

As we scan the pages of history,
few would question the wisdom of
Carter's observations about the
prominent place of Blacks in the
world.

Although the late C.L.R. James,
the noted Caribbean author and
thinker, warned years ago that
"great men" (and women) make
history but only such history as it
is possible for them to make,"
meaning that people's freedom to
rise to their fullest potential and
to achieve greatness is often lim-
ited by the necessities of their en-
vironment, it's clear that Blacks,
especially African-Americans,
have been among the major archi-
tects of modern civilization.

For whether in the world of sci-
ence, literature, the arts, business,
human development, sport, gov-
ernment, politics, diplomacy and
justice and whether their names
are Harriet Tubman, William Ed-
ward Burghardt DuBois, Frederick
Douglas, Carter Woodson, Martin
Luther King, Malcolm X, Thurgood

Marshall, Asa Philip Randolph,
Mary McLeod Bethune, Colin
Powell, Daisy Bates, Sojourner
Truth or Rosa Parks, we have great
men and women who have made
their mark in what is often dis-
cribed as a dialectical relation-
ship with the masses of humanity
and with objective historical forces.

To that never-ending list of he-
roes whose clear and decisive
thoughts and deeds forced people
of all races to elevate them to po-
sitions of leadership as great per-
sonages of this and other centu-
ries, we must add Charles Drew,
the pioneer in blood plasma; Daniel
Hale Williams, the first successful
heart surgeon; Matthew Henson,
the polar explorer; Martin
Delaney, the ethnologist; Granville
T. Woods, the prolific inventor
whose induction telegraph system
slashed the number of railway ac-
cidents and collision; Elijah
McCoy, the "real McCoy," whose
lubricators revolutionized manu-
facturing machinery; Dr. Ralph

Bunch, the international diplomat
whose career led to the 1950 Nobel
Peace Prize, Edmonia Lewis, the
sculptor; Lwontyne Price, the
prima donna on the center in
American grand opera; Marion
Anderson, the 20th century's con-
tralto; Toni Morrison, the 1993
Nobel literature prize winner; and
Claude McKay, the Harlem Ren-
aissance poet and novelist.

Such people are important be-
cause in our search today for he-
roes, one is often left with the
impression that sports and enter-
tainment are the fields of endeavor
reserved for Blacks.

This cast of thousands, so to
speak, doesn't detract from the
achievements of any one individual
shows how historically ridiculous
it is to assert that we only have a
few "real heroes."

In striking a note for self-deter-
mination, Frederick Douglass once
asserted that the destiny of Blacks
was "largely in their hands." and if
we were "to succeed in the race of
life it must be by our own energies.

Both by our past and current
actions as Blacks in this country
we have shown Douglass to be
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nia 18704.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the County of Berks will consider amendments to its
Federal Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs as follows:

1. The FFY1994 HOME Program be amended to eliminate \$75,000.00
allocated for the County's Property Rehabilitation Program and the funds
be reallocated to Neighborhood Housing Services of Reading, Inc. for the
reconstruction of the building located at 383 Schuylkill Avenue, Reading,
PA commonly known as "The Blue Whale".
2. The FFY1994 HOME Program be amended to eliminate \$25,000.00
allocated to the County's Property Rehabilitation Program and the funds
be reallocated to Hogar Crea, Reading for the rehabilitation of properties
located at 302 South Fifth Street and 926 Franklin Street, Reading, PA.

Formal action on the amendments will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting
of the Berks County Board of Commissioners on March 31, 1994 at 10:30 A.M. in
the Commissioners' Board Room, 13th Floor, County Services Center, 633 Court
Street, Reading, PA.

Any questions about the projects or requests for additional information should be
directed to Mr. Kenneth L. Pick, C.D. Director, Community Development Office,
County Services Center - 14th Floor, 633 Court Street - Dept. #125, Reading, PA
19601. The office phone number is (610) 478-6325.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed amendments may do so at the public
meeting of the Commissioners on the date noted above or in writing to the Chief
Clerk prior to the above meeting date.

By Order of the County
Commissioners of Berks County,
Ernie Miller, Chairman
Glenn B. Reber
Anthony J. Caraballo

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the County of Berks will consider amendments to
its approved Eighteenth (FFY1992) Year and Nineteenth (FFY1993) year
Federal Community Development Block Grant Programs as follows:

1. The Eighteenth Year Program be amended to add Felix Dam Park,
Cherokee Ranch Playground, Pioneer Grove, Laurel Run Park, Hyde Park
Playground, South Temple Neighborhood Park, and Stoudt's Ferry
Playground to the Removal of Architectural Barriers Project of the
Township of Muhlenberg. The project involves handicapped access, handi-
capped accessible water fountains, renovation of restrooms and related
work. The parks and playgrounds primarily serve the areas of the township
where they are located. The project regulatory citations for eligibility and
national objectives are 570.201(k) and 570.208(a)(2)(ii) respectively.
2. The Nineteenth Year Program be amended to eliminate \$50,000.00 al-
located to the Township of Perry for the Removal of Architectural Barriers
Project at the Municipal Building and the Municipal Recreation Area and
the funds be reallocated to the County's Closing Cost Assistance Program
in the Year.
3. The Nineteenth Year Program be amended to transfer \$2,055.00 from the
Woodland Avenue Footbridge Project of the Borough of Mohnton to the
Removal of Architectural Barriers at the Municipal Park Project of the
Borough.
4. The Nineteenth Year Program be amended to eliminate \$2,925.00 allocat-
ed to the Borough of Mohnton for the Removal of Architectural Barriers at
the Municipal Building Project and \$1,180.00 be reallocated to the Front
Street Storm Sewer Project and \$1,745.00 be allocated to the Removal of
Architectural Barriers at the Municipal Park Project of the Borough.
5. The Nineteenth Year Program be amended to eliminate \$27,284.00 allocat-
ed to the Reading Regional Airport Authority for demolition activities in
Section II. of the Industrial Park and the funds be reallocated to the
Authority for public improvements in Section II. of the Industrial Park.

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NOTICIA DE UNA VISTA PUBLICA

Los residentes de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Reading estan avisados
que la Autoridad tendra una vista publica a las 12:00 p.m., Martes, Abril
5, 1994 en el edificio de comunidad en Hensler Homes, 800 Bloque
que la Avenida A, Reading, Pa. El proposito de la vista publica sora
para recibir comentarios de la comunidad de Reading acerca de la
aplicacion de mejoras comprensivas para los proximo 5 anos de la
autoridad ante el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD)
como parte de el nuevo modernizacion de viviendas publicas.

Como muchos de ustedes saben la Autoridad va recibir \$3,027,796.00
cada ano, por los proximo 5 anos. Este dinaro sera usado para mejorar
lo fisico y el manejo de la Autoridad.

Informacion adicional de el programa comprensivo y los planes para 5
anos seran disponible el dia de la vista publica y en la oficina central de
la Autoridad de Vivienda de Reading, 400 Hancock Boulevard,
Reading, PA 19611.

Los residentes de la Autoridad estan invitados y inspiramos veros en la
vista publica!

VISTA PUBLICA

Martes, Abril 5, 1994 a las 12:00 p.m.
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READING HOUSING AUTHORITY
HOMEOWNERSHIP PLAN AMENDMENT
PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The resident of the Reading Housing Authority are hereby advised
that the Housing Authority will hold a public hearing at 12:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, April 5, 1994, at Hensler Homes Community Building, 800
Block of Avenue A, Reading, PA. The public hearings being held for
the purpose of receiving comments from the citizens of the City of
Reading on the proposed comprehensive 5-year plan being
prepared by the Housing Authority for submission to the U.S.
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of
the new public housing modernization program known as the
Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP).

As most of you know by now, the Reading Housing Authority is to be
the recipient of CGP grant funds in the amount of \$3,027,796.00 per
year for the next five years. CGP funds will be utilized for physical
and management improvements at the Housing Authority.

Additional information on the Comprehensive Grant Program and the
proposed 5-year plan will be available at the public hearing and at
the central office of the Reading Housing Authority, 400 Hancock
Boulevard, Reading, PA 19611.

Residents of the Reading Housing Authority are invited and
encouraged to attend this public hearing!

PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, April 5, 1994, at 12:00 p.m.
HENSLER HOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING
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The Reading Housing Authority is an equal opportunity agency which
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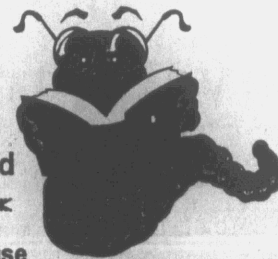
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PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Berks will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday,
April 6, 1994, at 2:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Boardroom,
County Services Center - 13th Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA.
The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the County's submission of an
application to the State's Federal Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)
Program for FFY1994. The County's application must be submitted to
the Commonwealth by April 15, 1994. For more information, please
contact the County Community Development Office at (610) 478-
6325. Persons requiring assistance due to hearing, speech or vision
impairments should notify the County Community Development Office.

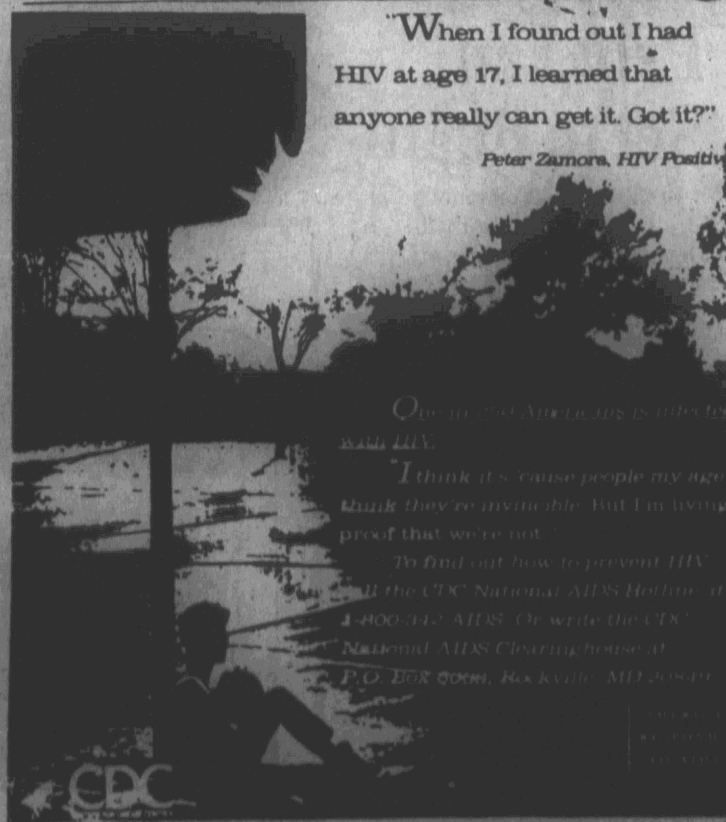
"When I found out I had
HIV at age 17, I learned that
anyone really can get it. Got it?"

Peter Zamora, HIV Positive

Quinn, HIV Positive

"I think it's cause people are
think they're invincible, but I'm using
prevention, that's what."

To find out how to prevent HIV,
call the CDC National AIDS Hotline at
1-800-45-AIDS, or write the CDC,
National AIDS Clearinghouse, P.O.
Box 1612, Rockville, MD 20851





Black History Month Presentation...(L-R) Berks County Commissioner Glen Reber, Postmaster Sharon K. Williams, Reading, Chairman Commissioner Ernie Miller, Commissioner Anthony Carabello. The county commissioners were presented a framed Black History Heritage collection of postage stamps issued by the United States Post Office commemorating the contributions of past great African Americans through the issuing of .29¢ postage stamps as part of the heritage series. Accepting the stamp collection were the Berks County Commissioners.

Voice Photo By Ron Rouse



Reading Postmaster Sharon K. Williams.. is pictured with Berks County Commissioner Anthony Carabello holding a framed rendition of thirteen (13) Black Heritage collection postage stamps issued during 1993 of famous African Americans from the past who have added to the growth of America.

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 2. Develop knowledge of your heritage. . . to know your past is to define your future;
 3. Develop respect for each other. . . respect between individuals makes for a strong and united people;
 4. Develop clear lines of communication between parents and children. . . there must be clear understanding so true love can exist;
 5. Develop firm objectives and goals for yourself. . . to plan today is to be aware of where you are going tomorrow;
 6. Develop and define the role of man and the role of woman;
 7. Develop a strong base of unity and keep it solid;
 8. Develop your knowledge of black history and basic education skills. . . education is the key link to economic strength;
 9. Develop clear understanding of politics. . . therefore ideologies and philosophies can be better defined;
 10. Develop your spiritual belief to the highest plane possible;
 11. Develop discipline and control for lust, desire, and sheet materialism;
 12. Develop your home (Afrika) land of origin. . . for without a home these comandments can not flourish to their fullest potential;
- "Remember these comandments and keep them conscious"

From The Pen of the pastor

The snow is melting, the piles of dingy ice and snow that stood higher than we are tall are being reduced by the ever lengthening rays of the sun.

The miracle of Spring is about to take place in the Northeast! The tulips and daffodils are beginning to push up through the ground, and all nature is obeying the unheard voice of God that summons life to reappear and to awaken after a Winter that seemed never to end.

What is astounding to me is the power that is both in cold and the ice as well as the power that is in the sun.

We have witnessed the terrible power of sub-zero temperatures and the largest snow cover in recorded history.

There are the potholes that give not so mute witness to the power of freezing and then the thawing. There are scores of buildings that collapsed as a result if the snow cover and weight of the ice, and life

was brought to a virtual halt by the snow and freezing temperatures.

Then it dawned on me! Just as there is a power to the freezing cold and ice and snow - there is a strange power to a frozen, cold and icy disposition that has gotten that way by not forgiving, by not choosing to celebrate life and God's gifts that He has given us, by not focusing on Christ and Calvary.

Our spiritual life suddenly has "pot-holes", and we find ourselves frozen - unable to enjoy worship - unable to move from a stance of a perpetual winter mentality, constantly suspicious of everyone.

But, just as there is a power to the ice and cold - there is greater power in the sun and if you would allow me to say in THE SON!

The sun melts the ice and snow, the sun calls forth the dormant bulbs in the earth. The power of the sun makes the grass green, makes the birds sing, and puts a song in our hearts.

When you think about it, the Son of Righteousness will bring Spring time in your life, if you will let Him. You may be in a frozen state of sin. Your relationship with your husband, your wife or brothers and sisters in Christ may be buried under a mountain of snow, and you find yourself unable to move in the arctic condition of your heart. In fact, maybe you have become a miserable soul because of the condition of frozen relationships.

Let the Son Shine In, and he will melt the ice cubes. He will allow the accumulated layers of frozen hurt and suspicion to thaw, and once more the flowers of his grace will blossom in your heart, and the joy of the risen Saviour will break through to you. You will find yourself free from the cold and you will rejoice in the power of the Son!

Pastor Robert Hinson
Spring Valley Church of God

Think on these things

I read a story recently in a Church Newsletter, the story was taken from "The Christian Reader." It is about a deacon in a church who also served on the Church's Usher Board.

One Sunday morning after helping to take the offering, he returned to his pew to sit beside his wife. However, he misjudged the pew where he was sitting with his wife before he took the offering and sat one pew earlier.

He put his arm around the lady he sat beside and pulled her closer to him, while he was still gazing on the pulpit. He only realized his mistake when his wife who was sitting behind him leaned over and asked, "practising to love thy neighborhood today." Humor is good medicine to the best of us.

How often we see things that

should be accepted as a "Laughing Matter," but because we are so serious the simplest thing may cause division among families and friends. Some people are so uptight and untrusting that everything is a problem.

When was the last time you have a good laugh at yourself, not someone else-just yourself. Try and remember something in your life and have a good laugh.

I heard a story of a couple who could not have any children in the state where they were living, so they moved to Twin Forkes in Indiana, and the wife gave birth to twins, later they moved to Three Rivers in Michigan and the wife gave birth to triplet. Now they have moved to Thousand Island in Upstate New York(?)

Think on these things.

Free at Last, Great God Almighty, Free at Last.

It is written in 2nd Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

During the shortest month of the year, February, now known as "Black History Month," many will be celebrating the many deeds of past and present American heroes and heroines of African heritage who fought for freedom for all people. We will be reminded of the courageous works of such brave men and women as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass and others who were engineers on the Underground Railroad to "the promised land" for many who were physically chained and in bondage during the lunatic era in the United States of legal slavery.

We will also be reminded of the civil rights movements of the fifties and sixties, led by Mrs. Rosa Parks, the Rev. Vernon Johns, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Min. Malcolm X and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. And of how, through their efforts, with the unrelenting support of their constituencies and their congregations, African Americans gained the legal right to vote, temporarily achieved (on paper) equal employment and housing opportunities, and finally elected through unity, Black men as a Governor in Virginia and as a Mayor in New York.

The small advances have lulled many into believing that they are free at last or, at least, on the road to freedom. Many look at these real chains being unlocked and these limited opportunities being granted as freedom.

However, as the scriptures states, only where the Spirit of the Lord is, is there freedom. The Lord Jesus further states (John 8:31-36):

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." They answered him "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave had no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

These Jews had no visible chains, had rights equal to any citizen and by their own definition and that of many today, were completely free, Jesus, however, made it quite clear that because of the sins, they were slaves.

There can be no question that the civil rights movements and the resulting laws have been a blessing to all in this country

known as "home of the free", but none of these laws have broken the supernatural chains of Satan, which has people in bondage of all races—the chains forged by drugs, alcohol, homosexuality, incest, lust, lying, cheating, stealing, in other words: sin!

Unlike nay other campaign of freedom, only Jesus, the Son of God, can completely set you free. He can break both physical and demonic chains, as it is written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus said (Luke 4:18-19), "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Apostle John wrote about this in 1st John 3:8b, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."

Now those of us in the Church of God who call ourselves disciples of Christ must continue the same liberating ministry through the

power of the Holy Spirit, which God gave us all on the Day of Pentecost when the Church of Christ was born. Jesus said (John 14:12, Mark 16: 17-18), "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

It is the responsibility of every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ to seek after the power and anointing of God's Holy Spirit in order to perform these much needed signs and wonders in the Name of Jesus Christ. We need the Holy Spirit because in these last days, we now more than ever need to finally be "Free at Last, Great God Almighty, Free at Last."

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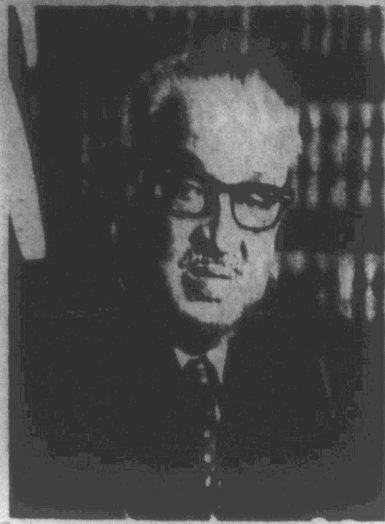
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Marshall was born on July 2, 1908 in Baltimore, Maryland. His father was a dining room steward while his mother was a school teacher. His grandparents were slaves from the African Congo.

In 1933, Marshall graduated from Howard university magna cum laude and was admitted to the Maryland Bar soon after. Through 1938 he worked in private practice as well as served as a counsel for the Baltimore branch of the NAACP.

In 1961, Marshall became a federal circuit judge for the Second Circuit. But the historic moment came on October 2, 1967, when he was appointed to serve on the highest court in the land.

During his time with the NAACP, the basis for most of his courtroom arguments was the Constitution of the United States which guarantees equal protection for all citizens. After he was appointed a Supreme Court justice he laid the groundwork for changing the lifestyle and legal rights of Blacks in America.

He soon helped to establish the right of Blacks to serve on juries. He also successfully fought for the right of Blacks to freely purchase property, and he also helped establish the right for young people to receive an education.

Marshall reportedly became the most feared lawyer because of his brilliant mind and he was constantly being offered large salaries to work for various leading law firms in the country. He refused stating that he was dedicated to making America a place for everyone to live.

Not sure of his career choice Marshall was a pre-dental student at Lincoln university before earning LLB degree at Howard. He paid his tuition by working as a grocery store clerk, a dining car waiter and as a bellboy. While in school, and working at the same time, he found time to serve on the debating team.

NAACP Was Precedent

In his native Baltimore, he was in private practice for five years and subsequently joined the NAACP, handling all cases involving constitutional rights among Blacks. In 1950 he was named director-counsel of the organization's Legal Defense and Educational arm. Four years later, he played an important role in the historic case of school desegregation.

Marshall turned out to be a key figure in enabling a qualified Black student to enter a law school of Texas for the first time in Sweatt V. Painter. And then he fought to establish the right of Blacks to vote in that state's Democratic primaries.

He was also known for his careful approach in the courtroom and for his sharp, clever, extremely logical and objective arguments. He won 32 of the 35 cases he argued.

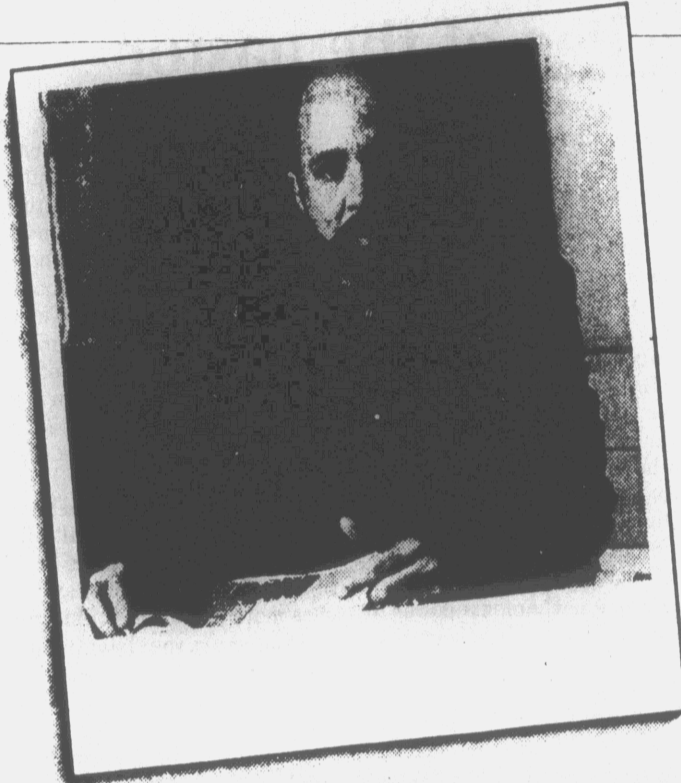
Marshall was married in 1929. His hobbies included listening to phonograph records, watching football games and reading detective novels.

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