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"I HEARD THAT!!"

Locally:

□ Rochesterian Dean Edwards, aka "the dean of comedy," was one of the funniest on HBO's "Def Comedy Jam." His impersonations were the greatest.

□ Also on national TV was Shiera Coleman of Ch. 13, who made an appearance on the Today Show along with her son, Christopher. Shiera presented two gifts representative of Rochester to Bryan Gumbel. A jar of Snuffy's Gourmet Bar-B-Q sauce and a jar of Boss sauce.

Nationally:

□ The Jackson Five will reunite and may tour Britain and other countries sometime next year.

□ According to his doctor, Martin Lawrence, of TV's "Martin" fame, had a "seizure" because he had not taken his medicine, explaining why he "lost it" last week in L.A. He's sure to get "it" back as plans are in the works for "Bad Boys II." "Bad Boys" grossed \$16 million.

Robert Reynolds First African American to Retire from Fire Department



Robert Reynolds

After nearly 30 years of climbing ladders, inhaling smoke, and fighting fires, Robert Reynolds of Quint-Midi 3, finally decided to

call it quits in September 1995. He became the first African American to retire from the Rochester Fire Department.

During his career, Reynolds received numerous awards for his outstanding service and dedication to the Rochester community.

Most notably, in 1970 he was named Firefighter of the Year, and received the New York State "Frank Kridal" award for rescuing a life, a heroic act in which he suffered burns to several parts of his body.

But the burns never stopped the 5'11", medium built, energetic man from doing what he did best—fight fires.

Reynolds, the father of three daughters and a son, is looking forward to being Best Man in his son's wedding this month. And with time on his side, perhaps Reynolds will share the secrets to his union of thirty-five years to his beautiful wife, Margaret.

It's been said that a fireman's wife always has plans after retirement. "Bob will spend some time traveling and doing chores. He's already acquired 'dishpan hands,'

and now I am trying to get him to take over the shopping," Mrs. Reynolds exclaimed with much enthusiasm.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reynolds

In April, Fire Fighters Acting For Community Togetherness of Rochester (F.A.C.T.O.R.) held a surprise party at Kim's Chinese Restaurant to wish Bob farewell and good fortune, as he takes on new adventures in life.

—by Lisa A. Johnson

Mayor Announces Highlights of '96 City Summer Event Season

Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., launched the City's warm weather season of free concerts, performances, festivals and other festivities in public spaces throughout Rochester by announcing program highlights (including a brand new dance party series and Gospel concert), and introducing the complete, full color '96 special events calendar.

Noting that the festival season is just beginning as the Lilac Festival closes, Mayor Johnson advised area residents to mark their calendars for two expanded celebrations next month, the aromatic Maplewood Rose Fest, June 13-16, with new features like the Spalding Beach Volleyball Tourney, WXXI Family Day and the Kiwanis Kid 500 Soap Box Derby.

The Mayor stressed however, that many of the most exciting

events won't even get underway until July, including the Manhattan Nights Dance Party Series on Thursday evenings, July 11-August 15, in Manhattan Square Park. Featured will be different live dance beats from New Orleans' Zydeco to South-of-the-Border Salsa (with matching menus by Canopy's in the park).

Among other events to debut this season are a free Gospel Concert, July 20, and a Spotlight on Youth Talent Show, Saturday, August 3. Both will be held river-side in Downtown's Charles Carroll Park, located behind Radisson's Rochester Plaza on State Street, which is a new site for Saturday afternoon programs.

Another long-awaited occasion will be a free, rare performance by Rochester's acclaimed Garth Fagan Dance Company on Friday, August 2 in Manhattan

Square Park.

Back again after premiering last year are the Time-Warner American Music Fest, July 12-14, which will bring headliners like Patti LaBelle, Grover Washington and Robert Cray Band to Brown Square Park; popular Takin' It To The Street con-

certs, which will return as part of Beau Productions' Festivals at the Falls, along with a Jazz & Wine, Glen Brewery and Watkins Glen theme "fests" from July through August in Brown's Race Historic District at High Falls.

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Special Events Celebrate Fatherhood

Come, look, listen, learn, and revel in a week-long celebration of fatherhood created by Rochester Area Foundation's ten community partners, with artistic support from Garth Fagan Dance and GeVa Theatre.

Register early and be among the select Rochesterians to commemorate Father's Day by participating in these and other special events:

• An eclectic picnic at Seneca Park on June 8 with a unique "Zoo Dads & Zoo Kids" tour, a highly interactive "Me & My Daddy" clothesline art contest; plenty of food and field activities that will be enjoyed come rain or shine from 11:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• And let no man miss the Men's Spirituality Breakfast on June 9 with food for thought and the stomach too, beginning at 9 a.m. At 11 a.m. the community is welcomed to attend a worship service designed and conducted by celebrating fathers.

• Even more choices abound throughout the week. You may choose to deepen your understanding of the philosophical nature of fatherhood as interpreted by a multi-cultural panel of clergy leadership, or learn more about the relationships Hispanic fathers have with their families. You may be encouraged by positive examples of young dads, pick up successful parenting tips

from parents who have been there on the front lines, explore facts, fun, and feelings in an exciting Father/Child retreat that comes straight from the heart, or choose to experience the pleasure of the movies with "Hollywood Dads."

No matter what your choices, you're sure to be celebrating fatherhood with fellow Rochesterians who will leave you breathless, hopeful and enthusiastic. Come for one event or participate all week.

To register for events or ask questions, call 234-0065, option 5. Limited reserved seating.

For information on the Foundation, call 325-4353 or write them at the Triangle Building, 335 E. Main St., Suite 400, Rochester, NY 14604.

Community partners are: Action for A Better Community, Black Male Connection/Second Chances, Equal Parents for Children, Hillside Children's Center, Ibero-American Action League, Planned Parenthood, The Health Association, URCM Family & Marriage Clinic, Urban League, Webster Avenue Family Resource Center.

Supporting Partners are: Gannett Rochester Newspapers, Dajhlon Recording Studios, WXXI.

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News From South Africa South African Embassy Goes On-Line

In celebration of South Africa's historic election which took place two years ago this April, the South African Embassy in Washington unveiled an extensive World Wide Web site on the Internet.

The Official Home Page of the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa can be found at <http://www.southafrica.net>.

The new site is the most in-depth source of information on South Africa anywhere on the World Wide Web. It will be updated regularly and is designed to be the "one-stop shopping" site for anyone with an interest in South Africa.

Prominent on the Home Page are sections on Business and the Economy, the Government of National Unity, Tourism, Arts and Culture, News, the Olympics, and a calendar of upcoming trade events in South Africa.

—See South Africa p. 3

WMSBA's Freedom Way Festival Preserves History & Highlights New W. Main

The West Main Street Business Association (WMSBA) has announced the dedication ceremony for the renaming of the business district as the Freedom Way Commercial District highlighting the improvements and developments, as well as honoring the historical value of this area to the total Rochester community.

The ceremony will commence at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 25 with distinguished guest, Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., as well as other representatives, will give presentations on the historical attributes of such locations as St. Mary's Hospital, St. Peter & Paul Church, The General Hospital, William B. Morse Lumber Co., Susan B. Anthony House, Frederick Douglass Museum, and

Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church.

Ford through King Streets will be blocked off from 3-6 p.m. Choirs, steppers, double dutchers and singers will entertain, beginning at 3 p.m. Photographs from pre-1950 Rochester will be on display in storefront windows from Canal to Litchfield Streets.

All members of the Rochester community are invited to attend. The WMSBA feels that the ceremony, along with the installation of pole banners, will highlight the positives that currently exist in an area that has come back from abandonment. The area now exhibits an entrepreneurial spirit, along with functioning businesses, that invites the Rochester community to patronize its services.

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Guest Editorial -

CADILLAC OF MEDICAID?

New York gets bum rap for big spending

by Carl S. Young, Pres. NY Assoc. of Homes and Services for the Aging

Bits 'n Pieces

by Joan Howard

- Our new \$100 bills look like funny money!
- Well, the Adoption Promotion and Stability Act has been passed by the House. It allows for trans-racial adoption of children. All that remains is for Clinton to sign it. The NABSW (National Association of Black Social Workers), is against this Act for the right reasons, calling it "cultural genocide." One of the issues addressed at the Million Man March was that Blacks should be adopting more Black children to ensure their proper upbringing. It is a fact that a very low percentage of Black families adopt. Now, since almost half the children waiting to be adopted are Black, that means that this Act will allow the placement of these Black children in non-Black homes. The House vote was 393-15. I wonder if the vote would have been different if the issue was about non-Black children being placed in Black homes.
- Do you ever have times when you ask yourself--Does life really have to be so complicated?
- When you're tempted to complain about the cost of living in NYS, consider this: In NYS it cost \$55 to register my car for two years. In California, to register the same car, the cost is \$250 for one year.
- Need more proof we need to get out and vote? Try this: According to the Amsterdam News, New York Mayor Giuliani's budget plan, which has been called "mean-spirited," is responsible for the loss of jobs for 2,000 hospital workers, mostly Black and Hispanic.
- Best invention since whole wheat bread: Self-adhesive 32¢ stamps. Next time you're at the post office, try them.
- Who needs the Academy Awards, we've got the Image Awards!
- I'm not complaining, but summer weather came so fast this year, I didn't have a chance to enjoy spring fever!
- Some people who work on computers a lot, get a fancy sounding condition called carpal tunnel syndrome. All I've gotten is a callous on the base of my palm!
- I think Kweisi Mfume is the perfect choice to lead the NAACP. As its president, he has strong leadership abilities and the experience to bring the NAACP back to their former status. But a leader is only as strong as his people!
- Lionel Richie is back and larger than life! New album, *Louder Than Words*, produced by Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis (that's a winner), new movie with Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington. How about that for a comeback! Oh yes, he's wearing a beard now - very attractive.
- My mood during the one week 'crunch' period before each edition of the *Voice*, can be compared to that of a woman with monthly PMS.
- Sign in a restaurant: God is not politically correct, but He's Right.
- We're all something special.

The Bits 'n Pieces column has been appearing in the VOICE since the 1960's.

In a recent front-page article published in a national newspaper, a Republican congressman from Ohio bemoaned the fact that older voters were blaming Republicans for "cuts" in Medicare. This was a misrepresentation, he explained, because the Republican proposal merely slowed the anticipated rate of growth. He expressed great frustration that the "whole story" had not been told and that Republicans were paying a price for this incomplete representation of their position.

The congressman's lament could have been taken as a sign that there is some justice in this world. For it is this same Congress (including many Democrats) which has pointed accusing fingers at New York State, claiming that our Medicaid system is wildly extravagant, far outspending any other state's and even combinations of other states.

As a consequence of this claim, New York has been disproportionately punished in all of the proposed Medicaid spending plans, be they from the Republican Congress or the Democratic White House. For example, New York's Medicaid growth rate is restricted to a disproportionately lower level compared with other states.

These allegations, and the figures which are used to support them, are the products of what can only be characterized as apples-and-fruit-loops comparisons. As misrepresentations go, the Republican Medicare lament pales in comparison to the inaccuracy of the allegations about New York's Medicaid expenditures. Regrettably, these allegations have been embraced by politicians of both parties right here at home, as well as by the business community, many in the news media, and, consequently, much of the public.

In truth, there has been no comprehensive analysis done that would give us a true apples-to-apples comparison. There have been, however, some analysis which clearly demonstrate that simple comparisons of gross Medicaid expenditures between New York and other states mask more than they reveal.

For example, New York's critics always point to "lower" expenditures in California as "proof" of New York's profligacy. However, a 1988 study by the State Communities Aid Association (SCAA) and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) documented a wide range of services which New York pays for through its Medicaid program but which California, though it provides them, pays for through a different spending mechanism. Such services included mental health, care for medically-indigent adults and home health services, to mention a few. All of these are big Medicaid items in New York.

In the area of long-term care, there are also a

number of significant differences between New York and other states. New York's nursing home reimbursement system provides incentives for nursing homes to admit sicker, more frail populations, thereby getting those individuals out of more expensive hospitals more quickly.

Most other states, including California, have a flat-rate system of reimbursement which is an incentive to take the healthiest (and lowest-cost) patients.

In many other states, including California, Medicaid payment rates are dramatically higher than in New York, often two and three times our rate. This enables providers to transfer costs to Medicare while keeping Medicaid costs low.

New York's wages are generally higher than other states, but do we really want a system that pays nurse's aides minimum wage for their extremely difficult work, as in the case of many of these "low-cost" states? The simple fact is that the quality of care is higher in New York than in these same low-cost states, which makes those moderately higher wages a good investment in the quality of the lives of New York's nursing home residents.

These are but a few examples of care and financing differences that make state-to-state comparisons extremely misleading. There is, however, a far more important issue to address than debunking spurious comparisons of Medicaid spending.

There can be no disagreeing with the need to make our long-term care system more coherent and most cost effective. Unfortunately, we cannot achieve this goal through the reckless slashing of Medicaid payment rates, which for nearly a decade has been the state government's practice during its annual budget process.

Our biggest single problem in long-term care is that we have no policy. We have no vision, no concept of what we want the system to look like or how we want to pay for it. Our current system is extraordinarily fragmented, which results in confusion for consumers, frustration for providers, and unnecessary expense for taxpayers and other payers for care.

Restructuring the system, centralizing its administration, relaxing its stifling regulatory climate and reducing our overdependence on Medicaid as the primary funding source are all critical steps which New York must take immediately.

The conflicting pressures of a rapidly aging population and limited resources, combined with our moral obligations to make sure that services are available and accessible, command that we abandon inaccurate rhetoric and past approaches to state budget crafting.

We can, and we must, do better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 1996 New York State Fiscal Budget proposed by Gov. George E. Pataki totally eliminates funding for children in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) category. This deletion is in both the Assembly and Senate bills of the Social Service law. These funds support approximately 100,000 NYS children and about 4,000 children locally to attend camps, during the Summer. If Pataki's budget is approved with these provisions there will be no funding available for AFDC children. A vote is expected by June 1996.

Over 36 local camp program who receive AFDC funding for children to attend Summer Camps will be effected, if camperships are cut. These camps provide structured activities and guidance for children out of school, when there is little else to do. Many of these programs are also summer lunch distribution sites.

If camperships are cut it is expected to have a dramatic impact on families and children from Monroe & surrounding counties, the city of Rochester specifically and other cities throughout New York State:

- An increase in child death rates (related to car accidents, violence and other at-risk behaviors)
- An increase in Foster Care

placements and Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals

- Increases in Juvenile Delinquency (JD) and Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) cases
- Higher Teenage Pregnancy, Vandalism and Graffiti
- A rise in drug and alcohol experimentation among youth
- Lack of nutrition for many children

Community Impact

- Vendors suffer (i.e. suppliers, bus companies, etc.)
- Unemployment of camp personnel

- Shoplifting and loitering leading to higher prices
- Strain on police and justice departments

- Lack of safety, child abductions and car accidents with bikers/child pedestrians
- Wider gap between the "haves" and "have nots"

What is being done? Everyone is encouraged to contact local and state representatives to express that camp cuts are not cost effective, practical and is not responsible (turning thousands of children out in the streets without options) and request them not to cut camp funding. Over 5,000 petitions have been collected so far which a delegate of approximately 50 people delivered to Albany May 8, 1996, to echo the message No Cuts To Camps!

Council for Civil Rights News

The Council for Civil Rights, Inc., 494 W. Main Street, is holding a March and Rally on Friday, June 28 beginning at the Council office at 10 a.m. and proceeding to the Court House. The theme is Justice Under Law. Participants are invited to return to the Council office for free refreshments.

All activities at the Council for Civil Rights are free and open to

the public.

The Council has also announced the Second Annual Canal Street Festival to be held August 3, on Canal Street.

There will be speakers, vendors, music, a raffle, games, food and more, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information about either of these events, contact the Council at 328-7145, or stop in to the office.

ABC Annual Dinner in June

Action for a Better Community will hold its 1996 Annual Dinner on Thursday, June 13 at the Riverside Convention Center.

Guest speaker will be Donald Sykes, Director of the Office of Community Services, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

James Norman, Executive Director of ABC says, "Annual Dinners are for celebrating successes, embracing challenges and sharing dreams. Come celebrate with us."

For ticket information, call ABC at 325-5116.

Buffalo Urban League Offers Free Housing Services

The Buffalo Urban League, Inc. is now accepting listings from landlords for apartment rentals and applications from tenants who want to rent a nice place to live.

The Urban League will also help with HUD home sales, foreclosures and assignments, along with various types of housing counseling. All services are free. Call Otto Young at 854-7625.

South Africa cont'd. from p. 1

The South African Ambassador to the United States, Franklin Sonn, believes the Web site will help communicate the many positive changes taking place in South Africa.

"There are exciting opportunities to do business in South Africa or simply to travel and enjoy the rich culture and beauty of our country," said Sonn. Visitors can communicate with the Embassy directly through the Guest Book which provides a prompt for sending comments and questions.

Ambassador Sonn said, "This will allow the South African Embassy to continue to build an

important relationship with the American people."

Additional features on the site include: a virtual reality tour of the famous Franschoek wine route; a look at the "Panoramas of Passage" art exhibit that is currently travelling the U.S.; and a Trade & Investment Bulletin Board which will allow U.S. and South African businesspeople to establish communication and to identify opportunities and partnerships.

For more information, contact Mr. Daniel Ngwepe at email: safrica@southafrica.net.

Courtesy of the South African Consulate General.

STRAIGHT... no chaser

by Gloria E. Winston



They say, "the more you stir it the more it stinks." However, I could not help but respond with joy to Mayor Bill Johnson's editorial in the Gannett papers, adequately addressing recent innuendos regarding his travels. If you missed it, you missed a great editorial. Explicit and to the point.

I just love it when people who don't mind their own business, get told off effectively. Be honest, don't you too? My cowboy hat is off and flying to you Mr. Mayor.

In addressing the types of travel in his life, the Mayor made no excuses or bones about having a personal life and building in quality time with his loved ones. That's what real men do.

How often are men criticized for not spending "quality" time with the significant people in their life? The pitiful thing about the editorial is that he even felt the need to write it. That there are those who, in his absence (cowards), sought to make unnecessary comments to the media.

No comments on the great strides and progress he has made; no comments on his visibility in every arena imaginable. As a matter of fact, being the social butterfly I have been known to be, I was beginning to wonder if there is a shortage of qualified speakers in town, since he speaks at breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, suppers, banquets, and other social gatherings I attend.

The Mayor is everywhere, showing concern for and interest in, those representing his multicultural constituency—even non-voters. So why does he need to defend travelling? And who holds the yard stick measuring what is too much or too little?

I can answer that one for you. The control freaks. Now, you may be wondering just what is a control freak? SNC (Straight... no chaser) definition: *Someone who likes to think they are controlling someone else's life. Someone who feels it is their right to monitor someone else with the sole intent of keeping them in a box. A box that the control freak designs.*

A control freak is usually a person with no life of their own (not one that they are satisfied with). They are usually little peo-

ple, not in size but in mind. They have tiny ideas and major problems with those who exercise their God-given right to explore their own creativity. If a creative thought ever hit the mind of a control freak, their mind would explode into a thousand pieces.

Control freaks were probably in the immediate vicinity when an author (unknown to me), wrote, "Great minds discuss ideas, Average minds discuss events, and Little minds discuss people." I don't know if the quote is accurate, but I'm sure you get my drift.

Control freaks have little minds. Their mission in life is to make sure everything is done their way, "My way or the highway!" They come in all forms and have a variety of roles as mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, friends, and neighbors.

They are preachers, teachers, administrators. The more authority they have, the higher the position they hold, the worse they are. Whether you live with them, work with them, or encounter them by chance, control freaks exist.

What is the best way to handle a control freak? 1) Try not to let them steal your joy. 2) Try to ignore them. 3) Laugh at them. When all else fails, put them back in their place. When the imaginary chalk line of respect is crossed over, then you have a responsibility to yourself to continue to be yourself.

You see, control freaks are very unhappy people, and the box that they will try to put you in, is where they live. When you take time to understand them, you realize that when they position themselves to criticize you, it is because they can't stand to see you doing things that they don't feel they are capable of doing!

The quickest way to spot a control freak, is to listen to what they say. When they are attempting to dialogue with you, they usually begin sentences with, "If I were you, I would....."

They offer suggestions and advice you don't ask for. They confuse honesty with a hidden agenda. They are the ones who feel that keeping knowledge from

you, makes them more powerful. They don't know or believe that knowledge isn't worth a dime unless you have someone to share it with. They can be insulting, but don't like being insulted.

Control freaks are the epitome of hypocrisy, praising God on Sunday, but watchout Monday! They want to make choices for you.

Many control freaks are so busy finding fault in others that they find very little time to examine themselves. They don't take the time to take self-inventory and ask and answer the question, "Are people running to me or from me?"

The Mayor addressed the control freaks' petty concerns with diplomacy. There is a much bigger picture that they could have looked at, like all the accomplishments and successes (too long to list here) our Mayor has had in his two-years in office.

However, control freaks are also opportunists. Just like snakes, if they see an opening wide enough, they will attempt to sliver through, unnoticed. If there is no opening, they will attempt to make one. Much like snakes, they will be biting at your ankles before you know it.

Keep your lawn mower running, and the grass cut low enough so you can keep an eye on them. Some snakes are harmless, some are deadly. The funny thing about snakes is what they have in common with control freaks—they crawl, they don't walk tall.

This editorial also brought to mind, three of my favorite quotes (or misquotes, authors unknown):

"People who don't know how to build anything are always tearing something down."

"The library is full of books and knowledge, the next time you visit make sure your container is with you."

"It is the heat and pressure that forges the diamond."

A luta Continua.

YWCA Will Honor Five Women at Annual Meeting

One woman will receive a special recognition award for her contribution to the Young Mothers Program, a teen mother will share an award-winning essay, and three women will receive YWCA Women First Awards at the YWCA's annual meeting on Thursday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m. at School of the Arts, 45 Prince Street.

Mary Ann Hayes, retiring principal of the Rochester City School District's Young Mothers Program, will receive special recognition for her leadership, collaboration and commitment to the program since its beginnings in 1969.

Helen Young, YWCA Vocational Counselor, will read the award-winning essay, "The Woman in My Eyes," by LaTori Taylor, a student in the Young Mothers Program.

The three YWCA Women First Award winners are: Evelyn Torres-Gonzalez, for helping to improve the status and participation of women in the community through her professional and community

work. Torres-Gonzalez coordinated three classes of community leaders through the United Way's Hispanic Leadership Development Program.

Nan Johnson, for advancing women's rights through education and advocacy during her 20-year tenure on the Monroe County Legislature and through her work as Director of the University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center.

Juanita Simmons, for being a mentor and role model to women coping with the pressures of the workplace. Simmons chaired a "Reuniting of Family" conference sponsored by Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

The YWCA annually recognizes women who exemplify its "women helping women" approach to empowerment.

The annual meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by the program at 6:30 p.m. and concluding with a musical journey by Grupo Semilla. For tickets call 546-5820.

Street Talk: Will return in the June issue.

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They just might snap your picture!

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1966 Tour de Cure Cycling Event

The Rochester Chapter of the American Diabetes Association challenges every local cyclist to take part in a multi-distance cycling event, the 1996 Tour de Cure, a day of cycling to beat diabetes on Saturday, June 1, at Hamlin Beach State Park.

Tour de Cure features 25, 40, 62.5 and 100 mile routes, all of which will include fully catered rest stops, lunch, medical and mechanical support to ensure a safe trip.

To register for the Tour de Cure or obtain more information about diabetes, call 1-800-TOUR-888.

The Tour is sponsored locally by Grassroots Shoe Store, WJZR North Coast Radio 105.9, FREE-TIME Magazine, WOKR Channel 13, Keri Lotion, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and nationally by Weetabix & Grainfield's cereals, Tussin DM Clear and Allergy Clear, and People Magazine.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, advocacy, education and patient programs. The Rochester Chapter provides programs and services to individuals throughout Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca and Yates counties.

St. John's Hispanic Cultural Festival

St. John the Baptist Church will hold the 21st Annual Family Oriented Hispanic Cultural Festival on June 22 at City Recreation, 700 North Street.

The day's events begin with a 10 a.m. Mass at Mt. Carmel Church, 60 Woodward St., followed by a parade from Mt. Carmel to City Recreation beginning at 11:45.

At noon, the festivities will include family entertainment, domino and softball tournaments, children's activities, and Spanish cuisine.

The festival is sponsored by the St. John Baptist Committee in cooperation with the Lewis Street Center and the City of Rochester.

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New Life Fellowship Women's Conference

The 11th Annual Women's Conference, presented by New Life Fellowship Women of Excellence Ministries, will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7-8 at Marriott Thruway Hotel, and Sunday, June 9 at New Life Fellowship Church, 362 Columbia Avenue.

Speakers will be Minister Dorrine Jones, Founder of Heart to Heart Ministries in Media, PA, and Co-Pastor at New Life and Conference founder, Dr. Cynthia L. McGill.

There are eleven workshops to choose from, including Why Do I Keep Falling for the Wrong Man?, Lord, Help Me With This Child of Mine, Taming the Tongue, Spiritual Warfare: What is it and How do I Win, Keeping the Sparks in Your Marriage, and Saved. Single and Loving It.

For more information, call New Life Fellowship at (716) 436-0085.

Humane Society Offers Pet Talk

Pet setting is the subject of the next community education program sponsored by the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. The Humane Society is located at 99 Victor Road in Fairport.

Barbara Jonak of Kritter Kare Pet Sitting Services will discuss the many and varied services that pet sitters provide to the pet owning community. Learn how pet sitting can be a more relaxing alternative to your pet than traditional boarding when you travel. How to select a pet sitter will also be discussed.

Pre-registration is encouraged. For further information, call the Humane Society at 223-1330.

Advisory Council Elections at ABC

Action for a Better Community, Inc. (ABC), in keeping with their historical mandate to involve the beneficiaries of their programs in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of ABC activities, is holding elections for their advisory council, a portion of which actually become members of the ABC governing (policy) board.

There are two ways for potential candidates to become part of the process. One is to be nominated by an eligible agency or organization; the other is self-nomination. Nominations are due by May 24, 1996. Once you accept the nomination, you become a delegate.

Three informational meetings have already been held for anyone wishing to learn more about becoming a part of ABC or ABC's Community Council. The two remaining meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 21, from 6-8 p.m. at Main Quest, 774 West Main Street and Thursday, May 23, 6-8 p.m. at the Henrietta Library, 455 Calkins Road.

Final orientation for all delegates is Wednesday, May 29, 6-8:00 p.m. at ABC Head Start, 316 Bay Street.

CAAU's 3rd Annual Unity Banquet

The Congress of African American Unity, Inc. (CAAU) will hold their Third Annual Unity Banquet on Saturday, June 8 at Richie's Party House, 277 N. Winton Rd.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a social gathering, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by May 20 by calling 232-1270. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

2nd Annual Father and Son Banquet

The Fruit of Islam (FOI) of Muhammad's Mosque, is presenting their Second Annual Father and Son Banquet on Saturday, June 15 at Montgomery Neighborhood Center, 10 Cady St.

Their will be a video presentation of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan, live jazz entertainment and a drill performance.

For more information and ticket cost, contact Muhammad's Mosque at 328-2024 or 783-3871. Security check will apply.

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Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information call 235-1080.

Free Training for RIJM Volunteers

RIJM, an agency that serves prisoners in the Monroe County Jails, will hold a training session for prospective volunteers on Saturday, June 1, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Road at East Avenue.

The training is free of charge and free parking is available. Participants are requested to bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. Training will prepare volunteers for jail visitation and will give them a sense of the needs of prisoners and their families.

RIJM is a non-preaching ministry of presence. For more information or registration, call the RIJM office at (176) 325-1942.

Free Bereavement Support Group Meets

The Monroe County Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its semi-monthly Bereavement Support Group on Tuesday, May 24th, 7:00 p.m., at the Unit office, 1400 North Winton Road, East Irondequoit.

This FREE support group is open to any adult who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at 288-1950

Delta's Party

Rochester Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. will hold a Delta Summer Breeze on Friday, June 21 at Harro East from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance. Call 247-8750.

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Women's Umbrella Network is sponsoring "Honoring The Hand That Harvests The Crop," a tribute to our matriarchs, on Sunday, May 26, 4 p.m. at the Freddie Thomas Foundation-Triangle Ctr., 1180 E. Main St.

There will be an awards ceremony, and Joan Howard, editor of the *Frederick Douglass Voice* will be the guest speaker. Entertainment includes a performance by The Black Seeds.

For more info call 529-9323.

More Summertime Music Announced

Darien Lake: Hootie & the Blowfish and John Hiatt will make an appearance July 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Smokin' Grooves Tour with Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, Cypress Hill, Fugees, A Tribe Called Quest, Busta Rhymes and Spearhead will bring us reggae and rap, Aug. 10 at 5 p.m.

Celine Dion will appear Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Finger Lakes Performing Arts Center will have the House of Blues Tour on their stage Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., featuring Buddy Guy, Joe Cocker, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, the Radiators and the Gales Brothers.

Golf for ABC

The 4th Annual James McCuller Memorial Golf Outing takes place August 5 at Green Hills Golf Club, Mendon, NY.

Cost if \$125, and all proceeds benefit the programs of Action for a Better Community. For more information call 325-5116. This event is sponsored by Marine Midland Bank.

Scholarship Awards

The Ralph Bunche Scholarship Awards will be held on Sunday, June 16 at 3 p.m. at the Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church.

For more information contact Vikki Ray at 235-7711.

MADD & Red Wings

Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Monroe County Chapter is selling tickets to the Red Wings vs. Columbus game at Silver Stadium on Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. You can purchase any number of tickets you like for \$3.00 each—a 25% savings.

The Red Wings will be sponsoring a MADD 50-50 Raffle at the stadium that night, which means that 50% of the money raised in the raffle will go to MADD-Monroe and the other 50% could go to YOU!

June 14th is also Flag Day, a terrific day at Silver Stadium, complete with fireworks!

All of the proceeds raised for MADD-Monroe through ticket sales and the 50-50 Raffle stay here in Monroe county and will be used to purchase educational and victim support materials for distributions to schools, community organizations and businesses, and supporting MADD-Monroe's public awareness programming.

Think of the recent number of DWI crashes in our community. There's no better time to support your local MADD chapter, and it's a great way for you and your employees, friends, or neighbors to celebrate spring together by heading out to a great ballgame.

Tickets can be ordered by contacting the MADD-Monroe office at 426-3130.

MADD-MONROE thanks the community for its local support, and looks forward to seeing you at Silver Stadium June 14!

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Monroe Community College Offers Intro to Civil Service Positions & Exams and Freshman Jump Start Program

On Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monroe Community College will offer a Community Education seminar co-sponsored by Assemblyman David Koon.

Introduction to Civil Service Positions and Exams will be held at Fairport Public Library, Fairport Village Landing.

Through this seminar, participants will learn how to locate civil service positions. They will also receive information on applying for positions and exams. Study tips will be provided and a discussion on non-civil service positions will be included.

Registration is required and the seminar fee is \$20. For more information call MCC's

Community Education Office at (716) 262-1776.

MCC is also offering high school students a chance to put their college careers in high gear through the College's new "Freshman Jump Start Program."

The program, which starts July 8, includes over 175 morning, afternoon and evening courses at four convenient locations: the Brighton campus, the Damon City Campus, the Western Center at Apollo High School in Greece and the Eastern Center at Webster High School.

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Enterprise Rent-A-Car Increases Commitment to Inroads As One of Top Corporate Sponsors

Enterprise Rent-A-Car has announced that it will increase its commitment to Inroads, an organization dedicated to the career development of talented minority youth in business and industry.

In 1996, Enterprise hopes to sponsor as many as 75 internships through Inroads, making Enterprise one of the organization's top corporate supporters in the country.

"Enterprise considers its relationship with Inroads invaluable," said Andy Taylor, president and CEO, Enterprise. "Inroads provides us with ener-

getic and talented individuals anxious to lean about industry. We provide an environment to learn about every facet of business—customer service, marketing, sales and operations. It's a positive experience for everyone involved."

Inroads recruits and places minority college students in two-to four-year internships with sponsoring organizations and trains them for corporate and community leadership.

Sponsoring corporations make a three-part commitment that includes career-related summer

work for interns, staff involvement as advisors and mentors, and a sponsorship fee to Inroads plus the intern's summer salary.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the largest rental car company in the U.S., is one of the top employers of college students. The company plans to hire more than 2,000 college graduates this year.

For more information about Inroads, call Adrienne Thomas, Inroads at (314) 241-7488 or Enterprise Rent-A-Car at 1-800-307-5555 or call the local Inroads office at 238-8070.

Free "In Control" Summer Kickoff Event For Teens Will Feature Special Showing of Film "Girl-Friend"

In Control, a teen pregnancy prevention program sponsored jointly by Planned Parenthood of Rochester and the Genesee Valley, Urban League of Rochester and SWAN (Southwest Area Neighborhood Association), will host its summer kickoff event for teens on Friday, May 31 at the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Avenue. The event will be held from 6-9 p.m. and is free for teens.

The In Control event will feature live entertainment such as the Girl Scouts gospel choir, rap-

pers, and steppers, and a special showing of the locally-produced teen abstinence film "Girl-Friend."

After the film, there will be a teen panel discussion about issues surrounding sexuality and drinking. Teens can also enjoy refreshments, prizes and giveaways.

The In Control program is sponsoring this summer kickoff event as part of the Health Association's "Safe Summer" for teens, which is designed to promote safe activities for Monroe County youth during the summer

months. Funded by a special grant from the NYS Department of Health, In Control aims to reduce teen pregnancy in zip code areas 14611, 14619 and 14608, which have some of the highest rates of teen pregnancy in New York State.

In Control offers teens a unique combination of education, medical care and case management to reduce the barriers teens often feel they face in obtaining health care.

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Rochester Coalition of the Million Man March

Ed. Note: The following column is a continuing series on the intentions, actions and progress of the Rochester Coalition of the Million Man March. In an effort to keep the community informed, the VOICE will provide information on each of the Coalition Committees and print any and all news regarding the Coalition.

Long Live The Spirit of the Million Man March.

Mission Statement of Education Committee

To Create conditions by which African/African American parents are empowered with the realization that by the grace of God, they are in control of their lives and are the ones who have the most influence over the lives of their children. We must educate and counsel our own African/African American children and at the same time, educate the parents. We must provide an opportunity for parents, students and entire families to come to the Coalition for educational and family support (ie., GED, guidance counseling, intervention by the males of the Coalition on behalf of young males or other males in the household).

We must encourage pregnant mothers to receive proper pre-natal and post-natal care and educate them as to the mortality rate of African/African American infants. We will bring parents together on a regular basis to foster a sense of unity and support. We will encourage parents to organize themselves into a unified source of strength and power for the benefit of themselves and their children. We strive to be realistic and strategic in carrying out this mission.

Goals and Objectives

1. To design and establish an educational institute which will enhance and supplement the academic growth and development of the African/African American student. This institute should start in the summer of 1996 and should focus on, but not be limited to:

- educating students both historically and culturally
- increasing writing and math skills
- expanding the scientific knowledge of students

- providing a support system that will foster a sense of self-worth and self-esteem in African/African American youth

2. In our role as advocates, accompany parents to school, upon request, to attend parent-teacher conferences, to intervene on behalf of parent when students are threatened with suspension or other disciplinary action, etc.

3. Implement a door-to-door campaign to introduce the Educational Committee of the

Coalition, with a letter of introduction, a copy of our Mission Statement, and a list of names and phone numbers of Educational Committee members.

4. Provide opportunities for parents to meet on a regular basis to discuss concerns regarding the education of their child(ren).

5. Provide a staff of people from an array of backgrounds, including certified educators from all disciplines, to be supporters, advocates, teachers and mentors to parents and students.

Core Values

1. We believe that parental encouragement and involvement in all aspects of a child's life is essential and that parents can provide the support students need to succeed.

2. We believe that parents should be empowered to know how the "system" works to enable them to protect themselves and their child(ren) when confronted with unfair tactics by the system.

3. We believe that a "one-stop" system of educational support should be established for parents and students. We further believe that we are a "bridge" between the parent and the educational system, and should serve as an advocate for parents/students.

4. We believe that if the African/African American family does not know from whence it came, this ignorance will lead to continued enslavement of the mind, which will eventually result in a return to physical enslavement.

5. We believe that the African/African American family should unite around common educational goals for themselves and their children. Therefore, it is essential that a process be implemented to reach out to parents by going from door to door to inform them of our mission.

6. We believe that a healthy infant will be a healthy child, then adult in both body and mind. We further believe that a child's feeling about his/her self-worth begins while in the womb of its mother. We believe that a child requires nurturing from moment of conception, therefore it is critical that a mother receives excellent pre and post-natal care. We, therefore, encourage the Health Committee of the LOC to address the issue of proper pre and post-natal care for mothers and infants.

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ABC's Head Start Recruitment Drive In Process

Action for a Better Community Head Start kicked off its annual recruitment drive with a city-wide door-to-door campaign on Friday, May 3rd, 1996.

For many years, ABC Head Start has opened its month-long recruitment drive by hitting the streets in order to find low-income families who might benefit from the comprehensive services that Head Start provides.

Head Start is the widely recog-

nized early childhood education program which serves low-income families and their preschool children. As a comprehensive program, Head Start works closely with parents to ensure that the child's early educational needs are met in addition to the child's mental and physical health needs, nutritional needs, and social development skills.

The door-to-door campaign provides important outreach to

parents who may be unaware of Head Start and who may need its services the most.

Locally Head Start serves about 1,000 children annually through its three primary and three delegate agency locations. These six sites can provide transportation for eligible children.

Parents can contact Head Start at (716) 482-8914 for registration information.

Urban Diversity: House Tour With A Difference

You might be surprised at what Rochester has to offer. Take a *House Tour with a Difference* offered by Housing Opportunities, Inc., on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour new homes, renovated houses and historic residences in Marketview Heights & Grove Place. Have lunch at the new Dr. Freddie Thomas Learning Center and meet Thomas VanNortwick, Regional Director, New York State Division of Housing and

Community Renewal. The tour will visit the Public Market along the way.

The tour starts in the Eastman Place Park, corner of Gibbs and Main Streets. Free parking is available at the Metro Garage on Main St., next to the Eastman Theater.

Homes in the Marketview Heights neighborhood will be open after lunch. Afternoon parking is available at the Dr. Freddie Thomas Learning Center on Scio

Street near Central Park.

Tickets are \$5 per person and includes lunch. For more information call: Housing Opportunities, Inc., 546-6340; Marketview Heights Association, Inc., 423-1540; Grove Place Association, 546-1459; or North East Block Club Alliance, 544-0140, all sponsors of the tour.

Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at Eastman Place Park.

Black & Gold Musical Appreciation Dinner & Awards

On Saturday, August 10, S.E. Productions will host the 2nd Black and Gold Musical Appreciation Dinner & Award Ceremony. "Awarding those working towards Christian unity in the Rochester community."

The evening of elegance will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Tickets are \$30 for the dinner and ceremony, \$10 for ceremony only. Proceeds benefit the Christian Scholarship Fund and the 8th 24 Hour Gospel

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Who will receive the 1996 "Rejoice" Award? Send your recommendation, by Friday, May 31, to S.E. Productions, P.O. Box 1875, Rochester, NY 14603. For more info call (716) 467-2898.

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BUYING A HOUSE: WHAT TO EXPECT

While most people dream of one day buying a home and look forward with excitement to the day of closing and moving in, uncertainties about the legalities of such a transaction, as well as the process involved, can cause many home buyers to suffer unnecessary anxiety.

Granted, the purchase of a house is the largest single investment the typical person will make in his or her lifetime. However, with proper legal counseling, the journey to home ownership need not be a frustrating experience.

Attorneys generally become involved in a residential real estate transaction after the buyer and seller enter into a Purchase and Sale Contract. This contract begins the process as it expresses the buyer's intention to purchase and the seller's intention to sell the property.

Contained in the contract, among other things, is a provision that the contract is contingent upon attorney approval. Once the contract is signed by the buyer and seller, it is sent to their respective attorneys, usually by the Realtors, for their review and approval.

Once the attorney reviews the contract and is satisfied that the best interests of his or her client are protected and that the contract clearly states what the parties intend, the attorney will approve the contract.

When the buyer subsequently receives his or her mortgage commitment, the seller's attorney will forward title documents to the buyer's attorney. Buyer's attorney will review the documents then forward them to a title company to ensure that the property has a clean title, that is, that there are no liens, judgments, bankruptcies or any other encumbrances on the property which would prevent the buyer from owning the home free and clear.

If any encumbrances do appear, they must be removed prior to closing. The lender will insist upon this and no buyer should purchase property with any blemish on the title. Once the title is clear, the title company will issue title insurance to both the lender and buyer.

When the lender is satisfied that the buyer has completed all of his or her pre-closing requirements as set forth by the lender, and all title documents are in order, the closing of the transaction will be scheduled.

At closing, the lender will present to buyer numerous documents for signing, including the mortgage. It is the responsibility of buyer's attorney to explain to buyer what each document is and to answer any questions buyer may have.

Once all the documents are signed, buyer and seller exchange money and keys to the newly pur-

chased home, the transaction is complete. The attorney for the lender will then have the necessary documents recorded in the County Clerk's Office. The typical home-buying process will take about six weeks.

From the time the attorney reviews the initial purchase and sale contract until the deal closes, the attorney is your advocate and counselor. Ensuring that a real estate closing proceeds smoothly takes a lot of time and attention to detail.

No real estate transaction is without its problems, so it is crucial to the protection of your interests that you invest in competent legal counsel. This applies to both buyer and seller. Considering what a buyer will spend for the purchase of a new home, the small cost in attorney's fees should be of minimal concern. The cost is well worth the peace of mind. And buying a home without the benefit of an attorney is never an option worth contemplating.

This article was written by T. Andrew Brown and Michelle A. Hutchinson, attorneys engaged in the private practice of law with the firm of Brown & Hutchinson, representing both businesses and individuals. For consultation or to obtain a referral, the firm may be contacted at (716) 454-5050.

Don't Call Me Out My Name
by M. D. Davis

I've got some pride in this country.
But, mostly what I've got is shame.
After so many hundreds of years,
You still calling me out of my name.

The names I have been called over the years
are mostly what's been assigned to me.
Instead of you raggin' on what I call myself,
why don't you all just let me be?


Let me just be a student and come to school;
teach me of the heroes with skin like mine.
Instead of magnifying the darker moments,
tell me of the history wherein we've shined.

Let me just be another worker,
coming to earn my board and bread.
Instead of hounding me on the job
like someone placed a bounty upon my head.

Let me stand firm and be a man.
I am no different than those of paler hue.
(Wonder just how you would bear up
if what's done to me was being done to you?)

My mama has done your washing.
My grandma nursed your young at her tit.
Seem like y'all have held us down so long
you'd see it's past time to let up a bit.

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Potato Salad	\$1.75	\$2.50
Macaroni Salad	\$1.75	\$2.50
Baked Beans	\$1.75	\$2.50
Fries	\$1.50	

VEGGIES

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Mustard Greens	\$1.25	\$2.75
String Beans & Potato	\$1.25	\$2.75
Corn on the Cob	\$.99	

SUBS

Steaks	\$4.00	lg. \$6.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00	\$5.00
Assorted	\$3.50	\$5.50

SANDWICHES

Chicken	\$3.00	dark \$3.50white
Fish (Fridays only)	\$3.50	
Pork Chop	\$3.25	
Sausage	\$2.25	
Hamburger	\$2.00	
Cheeseburger	\$2.25	

WINGS & Buffalo Style Blue Cheese \$5.00 Extra Sauce \$5.00

10 pieces	\$4.25
16 pieces	\$6.00
20 pieces	\$8.30
30 pieces	\$12.50
Gizzards	\$2.70 doz.

DESSERTS

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Corn Bread	\$0.50

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QUOTES FROM BROTHER MALCOLM X

"I am not anti-American or un-American. I think there are plenty of good people in America, but there are also plenty of bad people in America—and the bad ones are the ones that seem to have all the power."

"We didn't realize that as soon as we were made to have Africa and Africans, we also hated ourselves. You can't hate the root and not hate the fruit."

"It doesn't mean that I advocate violence, but at the same time I am not against violence in self-defense. I don't even call it violence when it's self-defense. I call it intelligence."

Malcolm X - El Hajj Malik El Shabazz • May 19, 1925 - February 21, 1965

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Takin' Care Of **BUSINESS**
by Lisa A. Johnson

PANTHER GRAPHICS

When Daryll A. Jackson, Sr. started his company three years ago, he wasn't looking for silver and gold. He simply wanted to provide a unique, high quality, on time printing service to meet customers' needs.

To fulfill this desire, Jackson, along with his four partners, Guy Ramsahai, Richard Rivera, Deborah Nider and Vincent Anzalone, created Panther Graphics, a full service printing company offering a variety of services, such as offset and commercial printing, publications, and marketing services.

Prior to opening this successful business, Jackson spent nearly 17 years in industry learning the tricks of the trade. "I unloaded trucks, operated press machines, worked in the film department, in sales, cost estimating, accounting—you name it and I did it," he explained. "All of a sudden it became increasingly difficult to be an employee. When I stopped learning, it was definitely time to move on," he added.

Traditionally, in the business world, the secret to a successful business was always measured in terms of dollars and cents. However, according to Jackson, the Panther Graphics philosophy is somewhat different. "We measure success by our personal success(es). We are in total control of our own destiny(ies), and I determine how hard I want to work," notes the savvy business owner.

His advice to young minds is plain and simple: Pursue your dreams, believe in yourself, and most of all get a quality education. "My partners and I are all armed with the expertise needed to survive in the business world. You don't need a college degree to be successful. We are all living proof!" he exclaimed. "But you must have a spiritual side and we have that here too," Jackson added.

For all your printing needs: Contact Panther Graphics, 250 Cumberland Street, Rochester, NY 14605 (716) 546-7163, Daryll A. Jackson, Sr., President.

Fresh Air Fund Seeks Rochester Host Families

The Fresh Air Fund is looking for families in the Rochester area to open their hearts and homes to inner-city children between the ages of six and 12 for two week this summer. Hosts can request a boy or a girl and the approximate age of their visitor.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.6 million disadvantaged NYC children since 1877.

Children are selected to participate in Fund programs based on financial need. The children are from low-income families, with the majority receiving some form of public assistance.

There are no financial requirements for hosting a Fresh Air child. Most hosts simply want to share their homes with inner-city youngsters. Host families are not paid. The Fund has a program for placing children who have special physical or emotional needs.

Most host families enjoy their young guests so much that more than 60% of the children return to visit the same family year after year. All it takes is a bed, an extra plate at the dinner table and lots of love to share.

For more information, please call Elaine O'Connor at (716) 392-9428.

African-American and Hispanic Children Sought

Walt Disney Theatrical Productions is looking for African-American and Hispanic male and female children who sing, between the ages of 7 and 16, for an open call audition for the upcoming productions of *The Lion King* and *Aida*.

The auditions will be held at Raw Space, 529 W. 42nd Street, New York, NY, on Saturday, June 1. Sign-up begins at 8:45 a.m., with auditions scheduled to begin by 10 a.m.

If your child sings, please bring sheet music for one uptempo song that shows personality. Do not bring tape recorders, a pianist will be provided. It is

not essential to prepare a song. Please bring a current photograph or snapshot.

Be prepared to stay until late afternoon, if necessary. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Children selected during these auditions will participate in workshops for *The Lion King* and *Aida* and will be considered for roles in the upcoming Broadway productions.

Further information regarding the staging of these productions will be announced at a later date.

For more information, please call (212) 827-5467.

Teddi "T" 3-on-3 Tournament is Back and Bigger

The Teddi "T" 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, sponsored by Camp Good Days & Special Times' Partners Against Violence Everywhere (PAVE) program, is back and bigger than ever. This year's tournament will be held on Main Street in downtown Rochester, July 20-21.

Players interested in participating in the tournament can complete team entry forms and pay a reduced fee of \$80 until May 31. The cost per team is \$100 from June 1 to July 8. No forms will be accepted after July 8. Forms are available at all Tops Friendly Markets, M&T Bank branches and Wilson Farms Neighborhood Food Stores, or by calling Camp Good Days at (716) 624-5555.

According to Camp Good Days Chairman and Founder Gary Mervis, spectators and players will notice some changes to this year's tournament. "We've added a full week of sports to this event and some additional surprises. We want the Teddi "T" to be an exciting event for families to bring their children and for sports enthusiasts to enjoy," he says. "Sports have a way of bringing people from all walks of life together. That's the primary reason Camp Good Days continues to sponsor this event. It is one of the largest participatory summer sporting events that people look forward to in Rochester."

Preceding the tournament kick-off, Camp Good Days and the football coaching staff at St. John Fisher College will host a three-day football camp July 16-18, on the main practice field at St. John Fisher. The cost is \$50 per person and scholarships are available. This non-contact camp is only for high school students who participate in freshman, junior varsity or varsity football. Players will work on the fundamentals of football.

On Saturday, July 19, the Teddi "T" tournament officially begins at 8 a.m., with nearly 50 courts.

This year, arts and crafts vendor's display area. A limited number of vendor applications are currently being accepted. If you would like to be an arts and crafts or food vendor, please contact Camp Good Days.

Also on Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Boston Celtics' captain Dee Brown, will be the featured guest at a catered Sponsors Luncheon. He will conduct a foul-shooting clinic for 150 children, who will be selected randomly through a drawing sponsored by *The Shopping Bag*.

A community-wide sunrise service, in memory of the innocent victims of violence, cancer or AIDS, will be held Sunday, July 20 at 6:45 a.m. at Frontier Field. The 90-minute service will feature performers of Christian, Rap and Gospel music. Featured speaker will be Lonise Bias, who lost her son Jay to violence. She is also the mother of Len Bias, the University of Maryland star basketball player, who was drafted by the Boston Celtics and died from a drug overdose. Speakers from various denominations will also take part. Gates for the service open at 6 a.m. The Teddi "T" championship rounds will resume at 9 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with the tournament. All volunteers must participate in a mandatory training session and will receive a complimentary Teddi "T" T-shirt.

The Teddi "T" Tournament reflects PAVE's belief that people from all walks of life can come together in a peaceful family atmosphere without violence. Now in its fourth year, PAVE hopes to be part of the solution to violence by offering prevention, education and support programs designed to increase community awareness.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Camp Good Days.



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SHOULD BLACK FEMALES DO SILENT FILMS?

by Chris Stevenson

You know, it's starting to be like some perverse catharsis. The harder the black male works, the more likely he is to hear the black female state: "There are simply no good black men around."

Are we hidden in plain sight? Only to be summoned out as 'advisors,' or platonic friends as that movie "Waiting to Exhale" suggests? Or has writer Terry McMillan used the current anti-black male political landscape to march her girls to the witches castle over a moat of false consciousness?

Recently, I had an argument with my sister over the subject matter of "Exhale." She saw the film, I didn't. I read the book (OK, I just read the first 99 pages). This movie makes black females take on the characteristics of the conservatives toward black males.

Perhaps I'm out of touch. After all, these are the 90s, the Left-Eye-Era: "Take my wife please, before she burns my house." The laws of cause and effect are now thrown out the window. They want no responsible implication in any failed romance.

If President Clinton can state he never inhaled, then Terry McMillan can say black females have not exhaled. And maybe she's right. After all, *she can feel their pain.*

My beloved older sister told me it was not male-bashing as I imagine it to be. "Black men really are like that," she said. (See what I mean?) "When I'm at work, nobody's there for me," she said, grasping for some emotional straws. She picked the wrong subject to do it on.

I said, "Look, at least you're working. Almost 1 in 3 young black males are in the judicial system."

"Don't talk to me about the judicial system!" she blurted. Her unwillingness to understand that stunned me, as if I played an unfair hand by mentioning it. Just like the conservatives, she just wanted to focus on the results and ignore one of the major causes.

Our difference of opinion was

no longer about solving problems, but simply a matter of on-upmanship.

I know it's not fashionable to say this, but the majority of us black males are a rather quiet, boring, routine, committed lot. Yes, many of us are great lovers, husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, and men. We just keep on keeping on. Unfortunately this does not always make for a good novel or an exciting screenplay. And even when it does, it goes largely unnoticed.

Compare us to those unsung, heroic Tuskegee Airmen. Society refuses to recognize us, so the black female—always status-quo minded, even since slavery—follows in kind. Yes! we have saved the world and gotten the girl, and in many cases kept her.

But this goes largely unnoticed and unappreciated. That has been very deliberate. Young black males belong to a machismo fraternity that is second to none. Don't take my word for it, just notice how often it's imitated.

I live in the black community, and I can say there are role models all around, and obviously this inspires me to be a role model. The guys I went to school with yes,—for you cynical-minded—there are some of them in prison, but the vast majority I see are working.

Maybe not making the kind of money our expensive high-heeled sisters seem to demand, still there are Bus drivers, Janitors, Butchers, and they are happy. They are not beating their women, or doing drugs, or involved in gangs. But, I might ask Terry's girls, do you notice them? Do you acknowledge them? AND what are you doing to help those young black males who are on the negative side of the statistics.

Actually, I waited a couple months to see "Exhale." This was a couple weeks after I wrote my *Times-Union* essay on it. There was never any worry on my part that the film would leave the theater after a month or two, as most films do.

Like "The Color Purple," this

movie had a take-the-whole-family-to-see-the-black-buffoon angle to it. I'm surprised Disney or Spielberg didn't pick this up. Like "Purple" however, this story left me black and blue.

Even aside from the script, some of the pictures look as if they were shot through a camcorder. The movie seemed rushed and thrown together. It focused on black men at their worst; there seemed to be quickly contrived sequences where the black man had to say "b----."

The book only featured one gay black man, the movie showed two. The book only featured one gay black man, the movie showed two. The book only featured one black man with a white woman, the movie made reference to two.

So rushed was the film, they couldn't get a major star, like Wesley Snipes, on the credits (would they have done that to Kevin Costner or Don Johnson?).

Of course, don't mind me. I'm just your average, everyday, warm, cuddly, male chauvinist, still waiting for some film studio to purchase the rights to *The Blackman's Guide to Understanding the Blackwoman.*

Seriously, don't shed any tears over why McMillan's film didn't run off with a slew of Oscar's (or any Oscar) as anticipated. It really wasn't a quality picture.

Affluent black females finally think they have a movie made for them. "Exhale" stands to have the same cult status that young adolescent whites give "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

With the black female prison population growing, and recent revelations about the sisters being most vulnerable to diseases related to smoking, McMillan and other black filmmakers—male and female—had better make putting positive role models on the screen, working together.

Only this, can make a favorable inspirational impression on black youth who desperately need it, as opposed to filling some petty gender agenda as is the case now.

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BAILEY, Sheila D.
May 16, 1996

Funeral services were held at Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church. Survived by 2 daughters, Ebony and Nyara; 1 grandson, NaJeeb; parents, Edwina and Walter Bailey; 1 brother, Randall Bailey. Final arrangements by Joseph Hall Funeral Home.

FLETH, Theodore Jr.
May 10, 1996

Funeral services were held at Northside Church of Christ, Dr. Wilson Dicker officiating. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Steven and Donald Fleth, Taryn Kohmann, Jo Anne Jones, Sue Borrelli, Richmond and Chante Pollock, Keesha, Joaquin, Joseph and Princeton Fleth. Final arrangements by G. L. Dixon Funeral Home.

GUNN, Estella "Mother"
May 10, 1996

Funeral services were held at Goodwill Baptist Church, Rev. A.W. Forbes officiating. Survived by daughter, Tishie Babers; sister, Mary Lee Norris; 5 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; 4 Fourth Generation grandchildren. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapels, Inc.

JONES, Charles A., Sr.
May 9, 1996

He is survived by son, Charles (Rosetta) Jones, Jr.; 1 daughter, Ellen R. (Larry) Darden; 8 grandchildren, 1 sister, Catherine Boone, all of Suffolk, VA; 2 nephews, Edward Lee Thompson of Rochester and Ronald J. Wilson of Suffolk, VA; a host of great nieces and nephews and a special friend, Iris Simons and family, all of Rochester. Final arrangements by Hall Funeral Home.

LANE, Lawrence E., Sr.
May 2, 1996

Funeral services were held at G. L. Dixon Funeral Home, Rev. Sam Wheatley officiating. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; children, Lawrence (Deborah), Eugene, James (Lola), Robert (Elaine), Bruce (Gwen), Marcia, Barbara (Fred) Davis, and Charlene Bromell; 22 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren. Final arrangements by G. L. Dixon Funeral Home.

LEWIS, Wayne "Pancake"
May 13, 1996

Funeral services were held at Aeon Baptist Church, Pastor James L. Cherry officiating. Survived by son, Wayne Lewis, Jr.; mother Nellie Mae Lewis; brothers Mason Lewis Jr. and Frank J. Lewis; sisters Ann Walker, Carol Lewis and Betty Lewis-Hooks; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapels.

MATTIS, Raphael F. "Ray"
May 11, 1996

Funeral services were held at Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Rev. Raymond Graves officiating. Survived by his wife, Patricia President-Mattis; 2 step sons, Junior and Albert; step daughter, Virginia; brother Erol Mattis; sister Evelyn Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangement by Metropolitan Funeral Chapels, Inc.

McCULLOUGH, Frances
May 4, 1996

Funeral services were held at Church of God by Faith. She leaves husband, James; 5 children; 4 sisters; 2 brothers; and 13 grandchildren. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapels, Inc.

MOORE, Carolyn Elaine
May 9, 1996

Funeral services were held at Antioch Baptist Church, Rev. Marvin Duhart officiating. She is survived by her husband, Gerald John Henry Moore; one son, Gerald A. Moore; two daughters, Fanita M. and Karen C. Moore; four grandchildren; four brothers, Harold, Mitchell, Alfred and Anthony (Renee) Burno; four sisters, Stella (Willie) Sanford, Kathy (Derek) Murphy, Veldra (Ronnie) McCrea, all of Rochester, Maxine Bennett of NYC; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Final arrangements by Millard E. Latimer & Son.

NEWPORT, Theodore
May 9, 1996

Funeral services were held at Metropolitan Funeral Chapel, Rev. Raymond Graves officiating.

ROBINSON, Charsie M.
May 6, 1996

Funeral services were held at Latimer Chapel, Rev. James L. Cherry, Sr., officiating. She is survived by 5 grandchildren, Kenya, Shannon, Lisa, Anthony, & Kendall Robinson; 3 brothers, Cleveland (Rosa) Moore, Churchville, NY, Willie (Loretta) Moore and Franklin Moore both of Chicago; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by M. E. Latimer & Son.

STOKES, Arveta
April 29, 1996

Funeral services were held at Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Douglas Smith officiating. She is survived by her husband, Zeke; daughters, Raystine (Larry) Wims and Carmen Randall; brother, Oscar Doss, Jr., all of Rochester; sisters, Berdell Martin, Lynell Sims, Mary Wright, Melcina Golfin, all of Bradenton, FL, Mabel Thomas of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Dorothy Chestnut of Rochester;

granddaughters, Yolanda and April Randall and Vona Marie Wims; a host of other relatives. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapels, Inc.

TOLBERT, Mae Alice
May 16, 1996

Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Samuel McCree officiating. Survived by 3 daughters, Colette Stith, Rowena Monts and Patricia Tolbert; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapels, Inc.

TRENT, Ethel H. "Big Ethel Mae"
May 7, 1996

Funeral services were held at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Pastor Samuel McCree officiating. Survived by a beloved and devoted niece, Ann Huff-Hall; cousin, James Poindexter of Palo Alto, CA; a host of nieces, nephews; great-nieces, great-nephews; other relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Metropolitan Funeral Chapels Inc.

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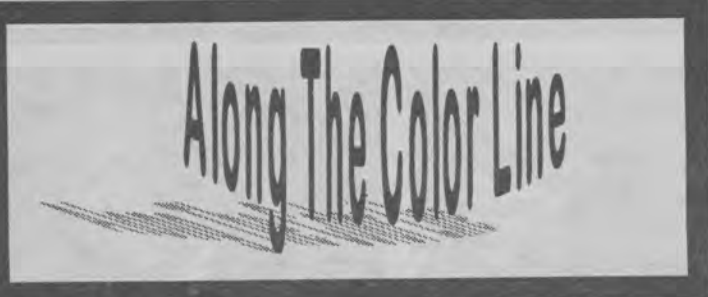
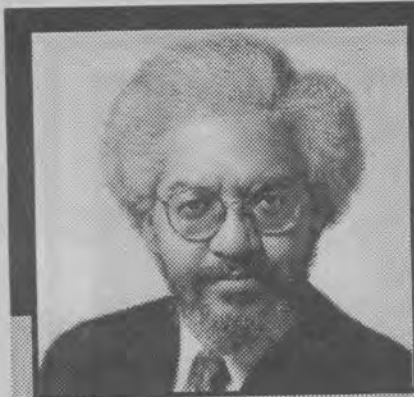


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**EQUAL ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION:
THE CASE OF MISSISSIPPI**
by Dr. Manning Marable

Will black public universities in Mississippi survive into the 21st century? The US Supreme Court's recent refusal to block the enactment of new admissions standards for that state's public universities, threatens to destroy equal access to higher education for black residents.

The new requirements that are being implemented might ultimately eliminate one half of the total enrollment at Mississippi's three predominately black state-supported universities.

We need to remember the history of segregated education in the South, to acquire a proper perspective on the current controversy. For generations, blacks were denied access to white secondary schools; their teachers were paid much less than whites, their school texts and educational materials were usually substandard.

Jackson State University, Alcorn State University and Mississippi Valley State University, were created in part to preserve racial segregation in higher education. Yet despite their limited financial resources, these schools performed remarkably, providing access to quality education to tens of thousands of poor and working-class black people. Today, about 60% of all African American students in the state attend these three institutions.

In 1992, the Supreme Court ruled that the state of Mississippi had to dismantle its dual system of education; with different standards for black and white admission to attend any of the state's eight public colleges.

Under the new rules, any high school graduate with at least a 3.2 grade point average was automatically admitted to any of the state colleges. Students with a 2.5 average could be enrolled if they

also scored at least 16 on the American College Text, or ACT.

Those students with a 2.0 grade point average would be required to score at least 18 on the ACT. Of all high school graduates in Mississippi, 79% of all whites score 16 or higher on the ACT; only 30% of all African Americans score at this level.

With these new admissions guidelines, thousands of black people will be refused admission to the historically black colleges. Enrollments for this coming fall may be 20-30% lower than last year.

Jackson State President James E. Lyons stated that a "decrease of 500 students, a possibility for this fall, would cost the University \$2.5 million."

Combined with the recent Hopwood decision in the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the Mississippi case symbolizes the cynical manipulation of "race" for the purposes of pushing blacks' educational opportunities backward.

In the Hopwood decision, the court ruled that race could not be used as a factor in admitting students. Educator Elias Blake, Jr., astutely observed that the Hopwood case "is the closing of the doors to the elite universities and graduate and professional schools at the top." The Supreme Court's refusal to block the new admissions criteria in Mississippi "is about closing the door for the mass of blacks at the bottom."

All educators know that standardized tests don't tell us everything about the intellectual potential of students. If young people are taught for 12 years in substandard public schools, with limited resources, they will probably be less competitive in standardized tests.

But to use a single, arbitrary standard for admission to every-

one, in effect, penalizes young people who come from impoverished backgrounds and poor school systems. If a single standard is to be used, for the sake of educational opportunity, then let it be applied equitably for all.

For example, a more democratic method of college admissions would be to accept the top 20% of all graduating seniors from every high school in the state, based on the same grade point averages.

Black and poor students who are valedictorians at their schools might score lower on ACTs than whites from privileged backgrounds who only have 3.0 averages. But hard work and merit should be rewarded equally at state-supported institutions, regardless of the unequal conditions for learning at public high schools.

What is absolutely certain about this latest educational controversy is that it has little to do with improving the quality of learning in the state of Mississippi. It does have everything to do with destroying educational access and opportunity.

We will not eliminate racism in our universities by pretending that "race" as a barrier to opportunity no longer exists, and that an arbitrary standard can be applied to groups with very different cultural, social and political histories. In the interests of fairness, we must ironically use "race-conscious remedies" for the short run to eliminate racism in the long run.

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"Along the Color Line" appears in over 275 newspapers and is featured by 80 radio stations across the U.S. and internationally.

Ron Brown: A Trailblazer Who Achieved The America Dream



Somers, NY—As America reflects on the legacy of the late U.S. Dept. of Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown, it recalls a great American whose career bridged cultures and removed barriers of ethnicity in business, politics and the marketplace.

"Ron's life was a guidepost for all of us who aspire to create positive changes and to make a difference," said Maurice Cox, Vice President of Corporate Development and Diversity, Pepsi-Cola Company.

Ironically Brown's introduction to public life began at age seven when he was among the first African Americans to appear in national advertising for a major consumer products company.

Brown was featured in a print ad for Pepsi Cola in 1949. It was the first such ad ever created by the company to appeal to African American consumers. The ad features an African-American family at home enjoying a Pepsi. Ron, in the foreground reaches for the carton of Pepsi his "mother" holds.

The ad, enlarged to life size, became a display piece that was placed in stores selling Pepsi in heavily Black neighborhoods in the 1950's.

"It was an ad about Pepsi, sure, but it was about so much more," Cox said. "It made you think, whoever you are, in this country you could reach for and attain the American dream just like that little boy Ron portrayed was reaching for that Pepsi."

Ed Boyd, a former National Urban League housing official and one of Pepsi's first Black marketing specialists, was head of the special sales and marketing team that conceived the idea for the "family" picture.

"It was a landmark in marketing because up until then I don't think advertisers thought of Blacks when they wanted to sell their products to American consumers," Boyd said, recalling a time just prior to the civil rights movement. "The ad turned out to be the first National point of sale advertisement featuring Blacks ever done by Pepsi, or any other company," Boyd said.

"Ron Brown's legacy is one that, as much as that of any other American hero, embodies aspects of an Horatio Alger story," said Cox. "We hope his life will inspire young Americans to believe they can also achieve the American dream."

What's Up For Challenge 96?

The Rochester Challenge Against Violence is gearing up for "Year 3" of the ongoing metropolitan collaboration among all community sectors aimed at working together to create an environment of peace, hope and opportunity.

Whether you're a student or an executive, a cook or a reporter, a city or suburban resident, you're invited to become a Challenge "partner" by coming to one of these upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, May 28, 5:45 p.m. at Third Presbyterian Church, East Ave. at Meigs or Friday, June 7, 7:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi Rectory, 18 Prince St.

You'll find out what's new about plans-in-the-making for this July (& thereafter) and how you, your group or business can fit into the most important grassroots partnership you can join to help protect the potential of our Greater Rochester area.

V.P. Powell??

New York, NY—Although Colin Powell has said he is not

interested in being the Republican Vice Presidential candidate, he just may change his mind, according to inside sources in Washington.

The sources told PARADE magazine columnist Walter Scott that Powell has privately expressed a real desire to become the first Black President of the U.S. and believes his best—and perhaps only—chance of fulfilling that dream is to run with Bob Dole this year.

If Senator Dole wins the White House at 73, he is expected to be a one-term President, thus opening the way for Powell to be nominated for the top spot in the year 2000, when he'll be 63.

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THE NEW REALITIES:

WORKING WOMEN AND FINANCIAL PROTECTION

In less than a generation, women have changed the face of the American workplace. Six million businesses are now owned by women, employing more people than all Fortune 500 companies. The majority of recent law school and college graduates are women. In every segment of the American economy, women are making startling advances, but you can't always tell from looking at their insurance and retirement savings.

Despite economic gains, many women remain woefully unprepared for the potential financial catastrophes that premature death and disability can bring. Additionally, many women lag behind men in retirement planning.

Although lower initial salaries and later entry into the workforce can help explain away some of this discrepancy, surveys show that women are underinsured compared to men even when both earn the same income.

According to the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association, married women typically carry less life insurance than married men. Disturbingly, the higher the income, the more likely the insurance gap.

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In the traditional one-income earner family of the past, determining life insurance needs was simpler. The husband worked and the wife cared for their family. The amount of life insurance needed was typically equal to the potential lost earnings of the husband. Today, both spouses likely work full-time, most often because two incomes are needed.

Despite increasing equality in the workplace, women still often maintain the primary child-raising responsibilities in the home.

When deciding how much life insurance is enough, women need to consider both their economic and social—as in child-rearing—value to a family.

If every family looked like the typical nuclear family of the past, determining life insurance needs would be a breeze. There is nothing typical, however, about the American family today.

Single mothers, divorced women, childless families, single women and second and third marriages are commonplace. Each situation makes finding life insurance needs a unique undertaking. What is right for someone else may not be right for you.

These complications tend to extend to other planning areas, such as retirement and disability. It is in these two areas where women may be most unprepared.

On the average, women live longer than men, so it only makes sense that women should pay particular attention to their financial needs during retirement.

Because many women enter the workforce later than men and typically start out at lower salaries, their retirement savings are usually smaller than those of men. But because women live longer on the average than men, they need to consider not only the adequacy of their savings at retirement age, but the possibility they might outlive their benefits.

Studies show that social security and company-provided pensions rarely provide the retirement savings needed or expected by men or women. The solution: save early and often. Savings vehicles such as company-sponsored 401 (k) plans, individual retirement accounts (IRA) and mutual funds offer a smorgasbord of long-term savings alternatives.

Women also need to concern themselves with the prospect of permanent disability and its financial effect on them. During a woman's working years, permanent disability without financial protection can wreak havoc on a family's or an individual's finances. In later years, disability may translate into long term care needs—an expensive proposition in which a nursing home stay can top \$50,000 annually in some regions.

If all these potentially disastrous scenarios seem daunting to women, some financial planners and insurance professionals unfortunately don't make the problem any easier.

Women tend to be more deliberate and more demanding of information than the traditional male buyer of financial service products in the past. Rather than adapt to this change, some financial salespeople bypass women instead of altering their approach, leaving many women financially unprepared.

How can women choose a professional who will understand their needs? Look for the person who understands the uniqueness of women and their needs, one who will provide the patience and information that is needed. Look for the professional who listens, not the one who summarily places all women in a stereotypical box.

In today's rapidly changing world, insurance and planning needs also must change to keep pace with a woman's changing financial needs.

Leta Griffin is a Financial Planner, servicing businesses and professionals. For more information on this or other financial matters, call 288-7130.



Tamera Mowry

Tamera Mowry Makes Singing Debut Receives Award from Casey Kasem

Tamera Mowry, who stars with her twin sister Tia on the WB Network's hit comedy series "Sister, Sister," made her singing debut in a special episode entitled "The Audition," which aired Wednesday, May 15.

In the episode, Casey Kasem made a special guest appearance as himself when his high school alma mater dedicated the auditorium to him. The faculty and students held an audition to select a performer for the dedication ceremony and Tamera, encouraged by her twin sister, Tia, entered the talent show. Her rendition of the blues tune "I'm Goin' Down," by Mary J. Blige, is so extraordinary, that she received the nod from Casey Kasem.

Kasem, the 25-year veteran radio personality notes, "Tamera has a terrific voice which may surprise her fans. I hope she continues to sing, and who knows, maybe one day, I will announce her on my countdown show!"

Recently it was announced that "Sister, Sister" has received a two

year, 44 episode pick-up from the WB. The show has been a ratings winner from the network since it's debut in August of 1995. The program immediately solidified the Wednesday night line-up as the 8:00 p.m. anchor show. In the time-period, "Sister, Sister" has not only drawn new viewers to the network, but helped to increase the ratings of the programs that follow: "The Parent Hood" and "The Wayans Brothers." In addition to airing on Wednesday nights, the series also airs on Sundays at 8:00 p.m.

Tamera and Tia Mowry are currently nominated for the 1996 Nickelodeon Kids Choice Award for Favorite Youth Actress, an award they won last year, and "Sister, Sister," is nominated for Favorite Comedy Series.

"Sister, Sister" stars Tamera and Tia Mowry, Jackee Harry, Marques Houston and Tim Reid. "Sister, Sister" is a de Passe Entertainment production in association with Paramount Network Television.

In The News Nationally:

—Dorothy Pappas, formerly of Rochester, received the Professional Achievement Award from the Alumni Association of Keuka College and also the Friends of Buffalo Psychiatric Center Award for service to patients and their families at the Center where she works.

—"We've come a long way baby!" The NBA Board of

Governors has approved the Women's National Basketball Association, the first professional women's basketball league. They will begin play in 1997. Announcements of teams and city locations is to be announced in July.

—Sidney Poitier will play the part of South African President Nelson Mandela in a movie called "One Man, One Vote." Michael Caine will co-star as F. W. deKlerk, leader of the white government, and the man who led negotiations with Mandela to bring about the nation's first all-race election in 1994.

—Look who's back! Jim Brown, Fred Williamson, Ron O'Neal, Richard Roundtree, and Pam Grier, black action film heroes from the 1970s, are reuniting in a movie, appropriately called, "Original Gangstas."

—President Clinton has nominated Vice Admiral J. Paul Reason, 55, to be the Navy's first African-American four star admiral.

—Vernon J. Baker, 76, will become the only surviving black soldier from WWII to receive the Medal of Honor for heroism in combat. Baker, a member of the all-black 370th Infantry Regiment that fought in Italy during 1944-45, fought most of his life to erase the lie that African-Americans could not, or would not, fight the common enemy. More than 1 million black people served in the armed forces during WWII, but none of the 433 Medals of Honor awarded during that conflict went to them.

—Addisu Messele, Ethiopian political activist, could become the first black Israeli elected to parliament in Israel when their elections take place May 29th.

—Phylicia Rashad and Bill Cosby are pairing up one more time and will appear together on a new CBS sitcom in the fall. They co-starred for eight years on *The Cosby Show*.

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Rochester Group to Attend African American Women On Tour Conference

Bertice Berry, Ph.D., former host of her self-titled talk show will join African American Women on Tour (AAWOT) when the conference comes to Philadelphia, PA, July 19-21, at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

The women's empowerment conference will feature poet Maya Angelou, author Iyanla Vanzant and Jewell Jackson McCabe of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, as keynote speakers.

Dr. Berry, who is currently touring her recently released book, *The World According to Me*, will present a workshop at AAWOT entitled "Your Prescription for Loving Those Big Brown Thighs (and Other Healthy Habits for the Mind, Body and Spirit)."

The professor-turned stand-up comedienne will share her story of success and triumph despite the stereotypes of a young African American child growing up poor.

AAWOT features Heart & Soul's Editor-in-Chief, Stephanie Stokes Oliver as the official tone setter for this national event. Ms. Oliver brings her holistic message of physical, mental and spiritual health to conference attendees.

"Now more than ever before, with the nation's focus turned towards health care, African Americans are actively pursuing ways to look good, live longer and feel better," states Ms. Oliver.

AAWOT features over 30 empowerment workshops, exercise classes, networking events, forums, a Village Marketplace bazaar, a rites of passage retreat for women and a girls' rites of passage program.

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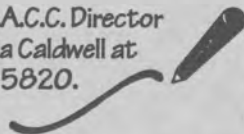
Voice editor Joan Howard, is hosting a luxury bus trip to the Conference thru Free Spirits Travel Club. Group package rates are available which includes the conference, bus fare and hotel accommodations. Men are welcome to attend also.

The deadline for reservations is June 3. For more information call Free Spirits Travel Club at 385-1924.

Stand For Children Day, a national day of commitment to children will be held June 1 at Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC. Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund & president of Stand For Children said, "On Stand For Children Day we will commit ourselves to positive personal steps as families, citizens, and communities to do more to improve the quality of children's lives: their health, safety, school readiness, education, and future."

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Summer Events continued from p. 1

The International Sister Cities Fair will visit the Falls again on June 29 & 30.

This year, the Pythod Jazz Reunion moves back to its old neighborhood as part of the free Clarissa Street Reunion Festival, featuring Jack McDuff, Gap Mangione and Abram Wilson.

Annual favorites included in the free summer event program include three Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra concerts: June 21 in Manhattan Square Park, July 18 in Genesee Valley Park, and October 2 at Brown's Race Market, as well as a concert by the Rochester Youth Philharmonic as part of the annual 4th of July Fireworks Program at Manhattan Square Park.

Free Noon Hour Concerts daily in downtown parks through July and August, filling out the season for visitors, workers and shoppers, rotate from Mondays at Cornerstone Park, to Tuesdays at Manhattan Square Park, Wednesdays and Fridays at

Aqueduct Park, and Thursdays at Liberty Pole Plaza.

Also at noon Fridays, the Riverwalk Farm Market has fresh produce, baked goods and crafts with live music at Bragdon Place, behind the Holiday Inn.

In addition to these many new and popular annual activities, Mayor Johnson added that the opening of Frontier Field Stadium and launching of the EZ Rider entertainment shuttle will enhance the excitement of this year's special event season.

He emphasized that the free EZ Rider shuttle in particular, will create significantly more options for fun with a new dimension of convenience and accessibility by linking arena and stadium events to High Falls Laser Shows, park concerts, museums and theaters, restaurants, clubs and retail shops along its route.

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WHO IS REALLY ROCHESTER'S CHAMPION SOUND?

I heard my article on Silverfox was controversial and touched the nerves of several people who felt offended. But instead of criticizing what I wrote, I am very interested in those people putting in writing what they think are the facts, and submit it to the paper for publication. The truth would not hurt if it is the truth. Everyone is entitled to his or her own belief or opinion of the truth.

Everybody wants to be champion or number one in the sound business, but such title doesn't come overnight. You will have to work for it and very hard too. To be called number one, is determined by a lot of factors. Such as:

- 1) Sound qualities - base and treble, mid range
- 2) Dub plate special - top artists, Buju Bounti, Beenie, Capelton, Sanchez, Luciano, even local stars.
- 3) Supporters - you will have to have supporters and ardent ones too.
- 4) Top Selectors and Mike person - keep the vibes flowing all night.
- 5) Dates - without dates, who will hear your sound regular.
- 6) Silver Fox has all of the above and if compared to all the sound I mentioned in my previous article,

would come out on top in each category. There is still no sounds in Rochester to kill Silver Fox in a clash, and I am talking about Poineer and Lovers Rock.

As a part of the Silver team, I can hereby challenge any one of them to a showdown whenever they think they are ready—such is the talk of a champion.

To my good friends remember, champions are not automatically born, they are born, grow and groom into champions.

So please, never use such terminology as "Rochester Champion Sound" unless you gained and earned it. I rest my case.

Who is hot and who is not in Rochester. Jamaican affiliation.

Lovers Rock - Hot new sound system just came out. I heard it sounded pretty good and a lot of people were impressed with the sound quality. I heard the selectors were very weak. The selections weren't the type to keep the crowd yearning for more.

Bosco Club - Very hot on a Thursday night with DJ Dwight, DJ Skill, and Irini at the Wheel of Steel.

Club Taurus - Hot on a Sunday night with Sasa and the

Gangalee crew.

Club Platinum - Reggae night on Friday with the Silver Fox crew.

Silver Fox Sound - Rochester award-winning sound.

Ocean Sound - Getting a lot of dates recently, on a roll.

Supa B Sound - The sweetest little sound around, keeping the after hours blazing. Respect.

Scorcher Sound - Making a comeback.

Much Music Record Store - The latest in Reggae hip hop.

Lovers Rock Record Store - Wide selection of every music.

Imperial Record Store - Record store of the year for '95, so this speaks for itself.

Caribbean Grocery - The choice is yours. Jamaican products in excess.

D & L Grocery - Wide selection of clothes and Jamaican products.

Where It At Restaurant - Top of the line food and drinks.

Jerker Restaurant - Comfortable atmosphere, good food. DJ Dwight & DJ Skill.

The above mentioned are really hot and steaming!

Dominican, Caribbean, and "World Beat" at Eastman House

For the fourth year in a row, George Eastman House will host a series of summer garden concerts. *Garden Vibes* will be held on the second Wednesday of June, July and August in the

restored gardens.

The series will kick off Wednesday, June 12 with Orchestra Antonetti, salsa and Dominican rhythms. July 10, Trinidad Tobago Steel Band,

Caribbean music, and August 14, Outer Circle Orchestra, World Beat band-African and Caribbean.

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ALCOHOL

If there is one main experience that has picked up where White America left off in destroying the black family, it is alcohol. Alcoholism has destroyed many black families and is a serious problem in the black community.

Many blacks, in their hopelessness, have turned to alcohol—the hidden poison. Alcoholism has been responsible for the destruction of many relationships and homes.

It is sad to see men and women, many with untapped talent, enslaved by alcohol, rising early in the morning looking for their master—alcohol. Alcohol is a demon, and whosoever plays with it will eventually get burned.

The high consumption of alcohol and cigarettes is killing blacks physically, emotionally, socially, and economically. It is sad that a large percentage of billboards in the black community advertise either alcohol or cigarettes.

Many of our black athletes are role models for black youths. The alcohol industries recognize this. Therefore, they pay these black role models to use their influence to seduce black youth through advertisement. And we wonder why so many of the young athletes are involved with alcohol

and drugs. Alcoholism is a serious public health problem. The average alcoholic life span is shortened by 10-12 years. Intoxication causes brain damage. In very heavy drinkers, this damage is irreversible. Heavy drinking can damage the liver and about 8% of the alcoholics develop cirrhosis of the liver.

The heart rate increases with small amounts of alcohol and decreases with large amounts of alcohol. Persons who drink three or more drinks a day are apt to have higher blood pressure than the average.

Alcohol is also responsible for 50% of all deaths caused by automobile accidents, 25% of all suicides, and about 40% of all problems brought to family court.

Alcohol can effect the skin and mucus membrane because it produces dehydration. Certain cancers of the upper digestive tract have been related to the consumption of alcohol.

It affects the cardiovascular system. The heart rate increases with low concentration of alcohol and decreases with high concentration. Symptoms of alcoholic heart disease include: unexplained shortness of breath, fatigue, gallop rhythm, chest pain, enlarged heart and an abnormal cardiogram.

The chief action of alcohol is on the central nervous system. It affects first the higher functions of consciousness and performance, then the functions of the respiratory and circulatory systems.

Drinking large amounts of alcohol over a long period of time can bring brain damage that cannot be reversed.

About 90% of alcohol entering the body is metabolized by the liver. Disease of the liver is a growing medical problem. Liver cirrhosis is hardening of the liver. It is estimated that 8% of chronic alcoholics develop cirrhosis in contrast with 1% among non-alcoholics.

Even though recent studies have stated that drinking alcohol has a few health benefits, they don't tell you all the negatives that could result. For your own health, take it easy on the drinks.

If alcohol is a problem in your family, seek a local alcohol support group and get the family member involved in a program.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1

Dr. Richard Williams is a Consultant on Health Education, Black History, and Relationships. He is author of the book, "They Stole It But You Must Return It."

African American Healthcare Unequal



Panelist at the African American Health Summit pictured, l-r, Dr. Muhammed, Dr. Williams, Mr. Strait, Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Bristow, Dr. Pinn, Dr. Foster, Dr. Watkins, and Dr. Smith.

Washington, DC—"There is a disparity of care being received in the African American community" said Dr. Henry W. Foster, Senior Advisor to President Clinton on Teen-Aged Pregnancy Reduction & Youth Issues.

Foster's remarks capsulized the concerns expressed by the distinguished panel of leading African American health care specialists who participated in "African American Health Summit," a special taping of America's Black Forum (ABF) in association with the National Medical Fellowship (NMF). The taping, which focused attention on the state of African American health-care, took place May 1 in Howard University's Cramton Auditorium.

Sponsored by AT&T, the 1-hour summit which aired nationally on May 19 and will be shown again on May 26, is expected to reach 70 markets. Veteran broadcasters Julian Bond and Janet Langhart hosted the special. The town meeting's panel discussion was moderated by Harvard Law School Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.

Speaking candidly about the variety of health hazards African Americans face, the panelists cited cardiovascular disease as the top killer of African Americans, but suggested that the real disease killing African Americans is economic poverty and poverty of information. "Attitudinal barriers," like fatalism and fear, were also described as obstacles to effective health treatment and preventive care for African Americans.

"These attitudes must be broken down in order for the community to be effectively serviced" said Dr. Foster.

"Black people feel mistreated

in terms of healthcare," said Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammed, Director of the Abundant Life Clinic HIV Alternative Treatment Group. "They distrust doctors unless they can identify with them."

The panel of experts, in addition to Dr. Foster and Dr. Muhammed, included Dr. Lonnie Bristow, the current and first African American president of the American Medical Association; Virginia Davis Lloyd, M.D., MPH, Branch Director for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health; Floyd J. Malveaux, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of the Howard University College of Medicine; Vivian Pinn, M.D., Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH; Mark Smith, M.D., Executive Vice President of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Betty Smith Williams, M.D., PH., RN, FAAN, President of the National Black Nurses Association; Levi Watkins, Jr., M.D., Associate Dean of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Professor of Cardiac Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital; and George Strait, Medical Correspondent for ABC News.

AT&T is committed to using its telecommunications expertise to improve the quality of health-care. Since 1972, AT&T has been a supporter of the NMF, a 50 year old organization devoted to supporting the medical education of minorities and improving the conditions for their practice of medicine. AT&T has also provided funding for the nonprofit's AIDS Fellowship Program, Unrestricted Need-Based Scholarships, research on NMF scholars, and the Pilot Technology Fellowship Program.

—by Natalie Bullock

Cancer Society to Launch BSE for Young Women

The Monroe County Unit of the American Cancer Society was recently awarded a mini-grant from the Junior League of Rochester that will enable the American Cancer Society to begin a BSE for Young Woman program. The first of it's kind in Monroe County.

A BSE for Young Woman kit will be created and contain brochures, posters, a video tape and standard breast model. The kit will be available to health educators and other professionals interested in teaching proper breast self-examination techniques to young high school

women. Studies indicate that breast self-examinations learned early in life are likely to continue into adulthood, therefore promoting personal health responsibility. For more information call the American Cancer Society at 288-1950.

"Funny Girl" Helping People With AIDS, Inc.

Helping People with AIDS, Inc. (HPA) announced a special benefit performance of the Blackfriars Theatre production of "Funny Girl" on Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the School of the Arts, 45 Prince Street.

"Funny Girl" is Director John Haldoupin's 10th anniversary production of a musical for Blackfriars Theatre. Based on a book by Isobel Lennert, with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Bob Merrill, the musical is seldom done live. Blackfriars is planning a lavish production.

Performing in the demanding role of Fanny Brice is Kathleen Eng. Although a newcomer to Rochester, Kathleen is an accomplished professional actress, singer, and comic who has performed extensively.

Playing the part of leading man Nick Arnstein, is one of Rochester's favorites—Gary Grana. The production also features a great cast of performers and a superb orchestra under the direction of Jack Lowe.


Helping People with AIDS, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization which raises money to fund programs and projects which provide direct services to those living with HIV/AIDS in

Rochester and the nine county Finger Lakes region.

Guided by a Board of Directors, HPA is a volunteer operated organization with no paid staff. HPA directs 100% of net monies raised to HIV/AIDS related services. To date, HPA has raised over three quarters of a million dollars.

Tickets are \$18. All proceeds benefit HPA. Advance tickets are available at Borders Books and Music. Tickets at the door may be purchased only as available.

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Emergency Medical Dispatch Now in Monroe County

The Rochester-Monroe County Office of Emergency Communications announced the availability of Emergency Medical Dispatch in Monroe County.

The Advanced Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) has changed the role of the Telecommunicators and Dispatchers from that of a clerk whose principal task was to determine the location of an incident and the call-back number, to that of an EMS professional who plays a key role on the EMS team.

In thousands of municipalities and EMS agencies, trained and certified emergency medical dispatchers (EMDs) are being recognized and utilized as professional, prehospital "first responders." Today, trained and nationally certified EMD's are performing standardized, medically correct caller interrogations and are

making safe choices.

Trained EMDs in Monroe County provide responders with more accurate information, and provide the public with medically appropriate instructions regarding what to do, what not to do, before EMS personnel arrive.

The City of Rochester and Monroe County selected Medical Priority Consultants, Inc. as their provider for Emergency Medical Dispatch. Medical Priority Consultants, Inc. is recognized as the international leader in EMD. The Medical Priority Dispatch system has had a long and successful history since its introduction in 1978.

All employees in the Office of Emergency Communications have been nationally certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers by the Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch. They are mon-

itored by a Quality Assurance Division which ensures that the protocols established by Medical Priority Consultants are followed.

Citizens of Monroe County will notice that when they call for an ambulance, additional questions are now being asked to ensure the appropriate response is being sent. If necessary they will be given instructions over the telephone on how to do CPR, assist a choking victim, stop bleeding, or even deliver a baby.

Since the program began several weeks ago, the 9-1-1 center has assisted in several CPR and choking calls and the staff has also helped in the delivery of two babies.

With this new system Monroe County has moved to yet another plateau in public safety, providing the best service and care possible to all citizens they serve.

Lutheran's Project Benefits Joseph Avenue Area

Two well-known area Lutheran charity organizations have joined together to form Lutheran Charities of the Rochester Region (LCRR). This new organization is the result of a joint venture between the Rochester Lutheran Mission Society (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) and the Martin Luther Foundation, Inc. (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

The purpose of LCRR is to further extend and support the Lutheran churches' ministries and social outreach program in the "Rochester region," which comprises the counties of Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Wayne and Yates. More than 50 Lutheran churches are included in LCRR's membership, which is open to Lutheran churches regardless of synodical affiliation or lack thereof.

LCRR will be responsible for fund raising in the Lutheran communi-

ty for ministries which serve our area's college campuses, inner city, elderly, and physically and mentally challenged, as well as meeting such other social concerns of this community as may be necessary.

LCRR, through its member Lutheran churches, recently promoted the "Million Pennies for Maggie's Kids" project during the Lenten season. This project benefits Community Lutheran Ministry at 942 Joseph Avenue, an area of the city which has a high rate of hunger, poverty, unemployment, and school dropouts. Maggie Harris, Deaconess of Community Lutheran Ministry, oversees five programs that help families and children confront these problems. These programs include emergency services for food, clothing, child abuse and substance abuse, and an after-school program. This ministry also provides classes for parent-

ing skills, single teen-age parents, counseling in career development, and a summer camp for children age 4-13.

Look for LCRR to continue to make its presence known in the community, as it continues this area's Lutheran community's support of Lutheran Campus Ministry, Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, and the nursing home ministries sponsored by both the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as various social outreach programs that benefit this community. Lutheran Night at Silver Stadium on July 19, 1996, LCRR Sunday on October 13, 1996, LCRR Annual Report Dinner on October 16, 1996, and the Fifth Annual Oktoberfest at Hilton Exempt Hall on November 9, 1996 are among the upcoming fund raising events.

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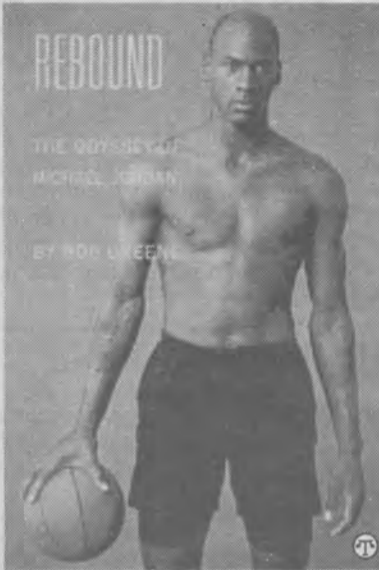


by Jimmy Haynes

HAYNES SPORTS

Michael Jordan The Man Behind The Myth

As the NBA season moves towards the finals, the Chicago Bulls not only have the best record in the league, they are being talked about as the best basketball team ever. Leading the Bulls on this drive toward history is Michael Jordan, who has reached new heights of achievement since his return from retirement and baseball.



The story of what has gone on behind the scenes with Jordan is as dramatic as anything that has taken place on the court, and offers the answers to what had made Jordan elevate himself and his team in a manner unprecedented in the annals of basketball.

In *REBOUND: The Odyssey of Michael Jordan* (Viking, \$22.95), bestselling author Bob Greene takes an intimate look at a man who rarely lets anyone know what he's really thinking. Critics report *Rebound* is moving and evocative, a sports book unlike any other, capturing the man behind the myth and the life behind the legend.

the vital jump shot or pull down that key rebound that could spell victory or defeat. Shawn Kemp's defensive play could make the difference for the Sonics if he is not in foul trouble early.

NBA

The NBA draft will be held June 26, headed by Marcus Camby (Massachusetts), Allen Iverson (Georgetown), Stephen Marbury (Georgia Tech), John Wallace (Syracuse) and high school greats Kobe Bryant and Jermaine O'Neal.

What bothers me about this draft is that the experts and analyst are saying "There is not an impact player among the draftees." WOW!!! Did they watch the NCAA's this past season or is this just another disguise to keep from paying these talented young brothers their proper. WOW!!! Hm-m-m!!! Ditto!!!

Magic Johnson has retired for the 3rd and final time, and at the same time, realized that there is a new breed of player in the NBA that does not play the game with a smile on their face and demands respect from Coaches, Referees and owners; to be able to take time off when the grind gets too gritty and live life with other outlets and not be consumed by the hype of the game.

Magic was great for the game of basketball and his future input with the Lakers management (and maybe someday as Commissioner) will keep him forever atop the list as one of the greatest. He will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on the first ballot, the fifth year of eligibility. Thanks for the memories.

MONROE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Gates-Chili track stars Quinzell Williams and Haneef Sharif, who finished 1-2 in the 100 meters. Sharif also came in first in the 100 meter hurdles and the long jump.

BOXING

Charles "The Natural" Murray has signed to fight Jake "The Snake" Rodriguez June 25 at the War Memorial. Rodriguez dethroned Murray of his IBF Championship in February '94 and has since lost it to Kostya Tszyu in January '95. Murray currently holds the NABF belt, and it will be on the line against Rodriguez.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

After thrashing the New York Knicks 4 games to 1 (without Tony Kukoc), Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls waved goodbye to Spike Lee, Joan Howard and all the diehard Knicks fans, and proceeded to open the Eastern Conference finals with a severing of Shaquille O'Neal's ten fingers, by winning game one by a hatchet score of 121-83.

Shaq has 10 fingers, no rings, and the love of jewelry. Brother Shaq's got enough money to buy any kind of ring he wants except one, that's an NBA Championship ring. The way he shoots free throws you'd think he had 10 thumbs and no palm in his hand.

The Bulls also handcuffed the outside three-point shooters of Orlando and dominated the boards on both ends of the court. The "Worm" wiggling through the Magic's defense to score 13 points and unearth 21 rebounds. Dennis Rodman had a career day against the Magic and I don't foresee it getting any better for Orlando with the injury to veteran leader, Horace Grant. While his status is uncertain at this point, 0 points that is, and one rebound in three quarters before hyperextending his elbow.

The in-your-face defense and quickness by the Bulls' defense, coupled with the strong bench play, makes Chicago the team to beat for the NBA title. Isn't that right Bo-Wally? In game 1 Orlando played 12 players, while Chicago used only 9. Rebounds were 66-35 for the Bulls. WOW!!!

WESTERN CONFERENCE

The Seattle (known to choke in the first round) Supersonics avoided the first round jinx and have advanced to the conference final round, leading the Utah Jazz 2 games to 0. After sweeping the Houston Rockets, the Sonics have not let up. Coach George Karl has managed to keep the team focused and their eye on the prize, to meet Chicago for the NBA title. The Sonics should split games 3 and 4 with Utah on the road and win the conference title at home.

It is this writer's opinion that the Supersonics are too quick for the Jazz, and the younger Seattle players run their opponents to fatiguedom, which was quite evident in the first game blowout of 102-72. The second game was won by a much slimmer margin, but the Jazz' legs were not under them in the last minutes to make

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THURSDAY, MAY 23
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SATURDAY, MAY 25
Freedom Way Festival, Ford St., 11 am (story p. 1).

8th Annual Guyanese Independence Ball & Dinner Dance, Guest speaker, scholarship awards, song & dance, Guyanese food, Riverside Convention Ctr., 7 pm. Tickets \$35, call 381-1345

SUNDAY, MAY 26
"Honoring The Hand That Harvests The Crop," Guest speaker, awards ceremony, Freddie Thomas Foundation (story p. 5).

FRIDAY, MAY 31-JUNE 2
Syracuse Jazz Festival, Clinton Square, Syracuse FREE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Tour de Cure, cycling event, Hamlin Beach State Park. Info 1-800-TOUR-888 (story p. 4).

2nd Annual Rochester Step-Off, for local middle & high school teams, War Memorial, Info 325-5116.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
6th Annual J.C. Wynn Family Ministries Lecture w/Dr. Nancy Boyd-Franklin, lecture, Mt. Olivet Church, 7-9 pm, FREE (see June 8).

East End Nightlife Festival, music, vendors, art, food, 5 pm, FREE. Info 454-4612.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
6th Annual J.C. Wynn Family Ministries Seminar, Mt. Olivet Church, 9 am-4 pm, \$35. Info call Colgate Rochester Divinity (see June 7).

CAAU Third Annual Unity Banquet, Richie's Party House, 6:30 pm (story p. 4).

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
Black Scholars, Urban League, Riverside Convention Ctr. Info 325-6530.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
"Funny Girl," play, School of the Arts, 7:30 pm (story p. 16).

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
2nd Annual Father & Son Banquet, Montgomery Neighborhood Ctr. Info & ticket cost call 328-2024 or 783-3871 (story p.4).

Black Doll Show & Exhibit, Freddie Thomas Triangle Sq. Ctr., \$6. Info debbie Maisha 288-4216.

Juneteenth Family Celebration, Strong Museum, noon-7pm. Adults \$2.50, Children \$1.50.

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Ralph Bunche Scholarship Awards, Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 3 pm (story p. 5).

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
21st Annual Family Oriented Hispanic Cultural Festival, City Recreation (story p. 4).

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
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SATURDAY JULY 27
Jamaican Independence Dinner Dance, Holiday Inn, 7:30 (story p.5).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
Harry Belafonte, Artpark, 8 pm, Tickets \$19.50, \$29.50. Call 1-800-659-PARK or 754-4375.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
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On The Music Beat



with Dan Bindert

Johnny "Guitar" Watson Dies at 61

From the hit records he scored as a teen in the mid-1950s, to the recent success of his 1990s comeback album *Bow Wow*, Johnny "Guitar" Watson had a knack for consistently staying on top of musical trends while always creating music which reflected his unique personality.

Renowned for his capabilities as a songwriter, guitarist, keyboardist and singer, he was also known throughout his career as an especially talented live performer.

Watson suffered a heart attack and collapsed onstage while preparing to appear at the Yokohama Blues Cafe, a nightclub near Tokyo, Japan, on Friday, May 17. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He was 61 years old.

Born in Houston, Texas on February 3, 1935, Watson learned piano from his father and guitar from his grandfather before moving to Los Angeles as a teenager. He began his recording career as a featured singer and pianist with the Chuck Higgins band in 1952. He soon began switched his emphasis to electric guitar and scored hits with songs like "Three Hours Past Midnight" and a cover of Earl King's "Those Lonely, Lonely Nights."

Watson's wildly extroverted stage performances during the mid-50s were said to be legendary, as he often appeared at concerts which included the equally showstopping talents of blues great Guitar Slim. The two developed a friendly rivalry in

which one performer would attempt to out-do the other with exciting displays of showmanship and blues guitar prowess. In 1957, Watson recorded "Gangster Of Love," the song which gave him a nickname that stayed with him all through the years.

The 1960s were not the most successful decade for Johnny "Guitar" Watson, but he did have a few hits, including "Cuttin In" 1962, and "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" from 1967, his vocal version of the Cannonball Adderley hit. On the latter tune Watson had combined forces with Larry Williams (of "Bony Moronie" fame). The duo stayed together throughout most of the '60s, touring Europe (where they were especially popular) and recording a few studio albums, including the modest hit, *Two For the Price of One*.

By the time the early '70s rolled around most people would have figured Johnny "Guitar" Watson's hitmaking days were over, but they were really just about to begin. He revitalized his career in the '70s by presenting a whole new sound and attitude that was right in step with the times.

Watson's album covers usually pictured him (wearing his trademark wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses) in some sort of silly situation that illustrated the album's title. His sense of humor was an important element in the music, but if you looked closely enough, you could often find some clever social or even political commentary beneath the humorous exteri-

or of his songs.

Musically, he took the '70s funk sound and added bluesy guitar licks, along with a touch of jazz. An all around talent, he frequently recorded every instrument on a record himself, as well as writing and producing his own material. With best-selling albums like *Ain't That A Bitch* and *A Real Mother For Ya*, Watson reached his peak of popularity with music fans during the late '70s.

In 1995 Johnny "Guitar" Watson made yet another comeback with the release of *Bow Wow*. The disc earned Watson a Grammy nomination and put his voice back on the radio, as well as rekindling interest in his older material. Still riding this latest wave of success when he died, Watson had arrived in Japan May 11 to perform at an event called the Japan Blues Carnival.

The influence of Watson's music seems certain to live on as several of his songs have become blues "standards." Robert Cray, Albert Collins, Guitar Shorty and Walter "Wolfman" Washington have all recorded versions of Watson songs in recent years. And if you've heard local Rochester musicians Steve Grills, Dan Schmitt, or Marshall James perform lately, you may have heard one of them singing "Looking Back," "Too Tired" or "Don't Touch Me (I'm Gonna Hit That Highway)," songs written by Johnny "Guitar" Watson.

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Joe Henderson

Jazz legend, Joe Henderson paid a recent visit to our fair city to jam at the Eastman Theatre with the Eastman Jazz Ensemble and the Eastman New Jazz Ensemble. And jam they did, playing Henderson tunes that were arranged by Eastman student musicians. Since every little advertising of the event was done, the Theatre was not filled to capacity. But if you missed it, you can still check him out at Artpark in Lewiston, NY at their annual Jazz Festival, Saturday, August 31. For more info see *Good To Go*.

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METRO-GOVERNMENT

by Joel Tolliver, Jr.

Here in Rochester there has been much talk in recent times about the pros and cons of metro-government. Such a system involves managing the City of Rochester and the surrounding suburbs of Monroe County as one unit. The two goals of the system are (1) a consolidation of efforts and (2) resources. Once this is achieved it is believed that the city can once again become a viable economic entity. By correlation the citizens living within in the city limits will become economically empowered, and thus free to pursue the American dream.

Elected officials involved in this debate, which has divided the suburbs and the city, find themselves using flip charts and economic forecasts to present their for or against stance. For reasons known only to them, they have not voiced the true causes underlying the need for a new contract between the city and the suburbs.

These same causes have been brought up many times, in many different forums. I am referring to the Kerner Commission, Plessy vs. Ferguson, Brown vs. the Board of Education, etc. The cause is the unspoken, but acted upon, doctrine in America of separate and unequal. This unswerving truth has been seized upon by the editorial staff of that other newspaper in town and I salute them for bringing the issue to light.

In debating a solution which is designed to address this separate and unequal reality, it is very easy for a biased official against the whole idea to hide behind the numbers and still appear genuinely interested in trying to find a better solution. After they succeed in shooting down a concept like metro-government, their better solution never arrives. They go ahead and prepare their next defense against the next rabble rouser who would dare change the status-quo.

What I am getting at is the major problem which has dogged us since we arrived here over 400 years ago. One cannot legislate a good heart. One cannot legislate brotherhood, honesty and fairness. I agree with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. when he said that laws can modify behavior if not morality. In the context of the

struggle to open up public facilities to all, this line of reasoning did not fail him.

When it comes to economic equality, a formidable brick wall appears. For every bill that is supposed to help the downtrodden, 100 ways are found to avoid it, co-opt it, water it down, and ultimately neglect it. Which is to say that if metro-government becomes a reality, every aspect of its execution will have to be watched like a hawk, for the simple reason that our governing bodies have a terrible record in implementing and sustaining laws designed to overcome the separate but equal doctrine.

A big number of residents from the suburbs put out all-point-bulletins whenever someone brings up the idea of metro-government. They do not want any part of the city and the problems of "those people." To them we must effectively point out the causes of the problem. Again it gets back to the heart. I believe that most people of all colors are good. Somehow most people are conditioned to fall into these sleep walking type states; oblivious and uninformed, yet still full of opinion. The desire to seek the truth, to get the facts, is dulled. Those who know better, seem to either profit from the situation, or find themselves on a lonely road in the struggle to see life, liberty and happiness for all.

In discussing metro-government we are really putting forth a referendum on whether or not there remains any shred of interest in the plight of our brown and black peoples by the system. Merely putting the issue on the table reveals that all parties involved have conceded that the integration Dr. King was looking for is unlikely anytime soon.

I say this because across the board, true integration would create a mathematical straight line relationship between the peoples of this country. If a previously favored group improves their situation, then the corollary would be that the previously unfavored group would improve their situation also. Therefore, the need for laws to address previous hardships would gradually diminish over time. A discussion on metro-government

would not be necessary; but alas, this is America. With the integration option removed from the dialogue, metro-government becomes the winner by default.

What we really need is metro-money. A sharing of the wealth that is woefully, unfairly and ineffectually distributed. This is a direct result of the separate and unequal doctrine. It is like being asked to come in during the last two minutes of a basketball game and being expected to make the same contribution as someone who was in the game the whole time.

If one's biases and prejudices will not allow them to live with people of different origins, then so be it. At this point in the game, our energies can be better spent on seeking swift tangible results as opposed to a massive education campaign. However, they will be put on notice that business as usual will not continue under metro-money. They will be economically involved in alleviating the situation they have helped to maintain by a being a part of the problem and not the solution.

A much needed jump start in getting a metro-government system going needs to come in the form of getting the rich folks money. An attempt needs to be made to get into the pockets and bank accounts of the billionaires and multimillionaires. The old money and new money needs to be re-allocated. Some people do not like the term "redistribution of wealth." Perhaps they would prefer the term, "righting of wrong." America has become, and perhaps always was, an aristocracy.

The day will come, and is coming soon, where we as a people must make the assessment as to whether universal enlightenment will ever come in the current structure we live in. This structure encompasses the media, the entertainment industry, government, big business and traitors who walk among us, propelled to success by maintaining the status quo. If we do not feel the moral turnaround is going to come, then metro-government may be the way to go. "Separate" will continue to be a big word in this country, but hopefully "unequal" will not.

THE BLACK FAMILY: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

by Waddell Nazeer Ansari

What has happened to the Black Family? This should be the most oft repeated question by men, women and children. Today, the hearts and minds of people around the entire planet Earth are troubled. While we ponder the unexplainable horrors of the world, little do we see the direct relationship between the plight of the Black Family in America and all other worldly woes. Yes, if man, as we know him to be here on earth, could peek into the guarded canopy of the universe itself, he would find this same question being asked by those who occupy the celestial realms of other created worlds.

There has been, and is, an eagerness on the part of some to solve this seemingly unsolvable dilemma. They rush blindly using many approaches to come up with a quick-fix. Such efforts range from the ridiculous to the sublime. No answers have been found. Why? It is due mainly to our willingness to allow someone else to set the standards by which we define, measure and value ourselves and, our failure to know, appreciate and see ourselves as we really are. Please do not underestimate the as by looking at the now condition of Black people.

The subject is entitled, *The Black Family: Past, Present and Future*. Therefore, since the Black Family is the Original Family, we must look at the as when we were the Kings and Queens of the earth and gave birth to all other families of people. We must look at the as, due to our falling from once an elevated status of eminence to the present quagmire of shambled devastation.

We must look to the future and see the as in the hope and desire to return again to that high place of dignity and respect exceeding past and present track records. Therefore, the repeated phrase of our great leaders has to be understood fully when they say to us, "We have a past to remember, a presence to live and a future to build."

WHAT IS BLACK FAMILY?

Before any attempt is made to advance the causes of Black people, we must first answer this most important question. Even though we generally have similar notions of what constitutes Black Family, reality suggests by our practice,

that we have yet to come to consensus concerning this matter. To suggest that there is a structure that can be identified as Black Family automatically pre-concludes other than Black Family. How do we separate one from another? Some of us would say, family is family. We have to come to grips with this question in order to identify our reality from someone else reality.

I would suggest to you that in being what Almighty God has intended for us by His creation is the beginning and the ending of it all. For as the Psalmist says, "...It is He who has made us and not we ourselves.... enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving and into His Courts with praise...."

THE GLORY OF THE PAST:

It is written by renown Black scholars, "If the sky was a chalkboard and the oceans were ink; if you had the capability to use up each in writing the history of Black people (your and my ancestors), you would only scratch the surface of the history of the Black man and woman. Five thousand years of perpetual study, if an individual could live that long, would not exhaust the study of Black people. Every civilization known to man, drew its light from your and my ancestors. We taught the world the science of everything."

According to the Bible, there is nothing new under the sun, accordingly, we should be able to glorify our past as having accomplished everything we see and far much more which is locked inside our genes. Therefore, it is from within that we must draw our strengths. Knowing ourselves and being ourselves is to know God's Will and what He wants us to be.

THE PRESENT DILEMMA:

We are at the brink of becoming extinct. Is this to be our fate? History can show us that many groups of people who underwent far less than what we have gone through ARE NO LONGER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. Nowhere in all pages of history has any people suffered the plight endured by the Black man and women in America. It has been like an indescribable nightmare that has lasted for Six Thousand years. Yet, as we have said before, the whole future of everyone else is determined by the restoration, eleva-

tion and sanctification of the Black Family. What is the cause of this great dilemma?

This question is so important, for in it's answer we'll get the directions necessary to take us into the future. Here is something worth considering. We have not, yet we must, with the help of Almighty God, be the ones to solve our own problems. We cannot look outside ourselves for answers. The more we refuse to take over the responsibility, the more destroyed we'll become, and yes, eventually extinct.

We cannot waste precious time talking about what others have contributed to our downfall - except, only to pinpoint the effects and to identify our oppositions. Failing to recognize what the obstacles are has been in the past, and will continue to be, detrimental to our cause. Whatever stands in our way, we must meet and overcome it.

OUR FUTURE:

Every knock is a boost and each block is a stepping stone. "Where there is no struggle, there can be no progress," said Frederick Douglass. Our struggle has made us a very wise people and yearning to be free. From our mist is born the capacity for leadership that is destined to lead the whole world. "Up you Mighty Race, you can accomplish what you WILL," echo our great leaders. Do you have the courage to persevere? In spite of broken homes, mis-education, unemployment, drug addiction, AIDS and all other atrocities which bring pain and misery, let us march on to our destiny, which is Freedom, Power, and Dominion. Then and only then will we be true to our God, true to our native land.

CONCLUSION:

We have lost the knowledge of ourselves. We must return to that Divine light of truth which comes from self knowledge. There must be a re-training and re-education of the Black man and woman in America by people who know the truth. This process must be designed, financed, operated and controlled by Black people. This will gain for us the respect and pride that come to a people who truly believe in themselves.

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