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Celebration Marks Preservation Of Branch Villa/Leon Sullivan Care Center

Members of the Seattle Central Area community joined King County Executive Ron Sims in a celebration last week to mark the preservation of the Branch Villa Health Care Center. The Executive signed a deed to transfer ownership of the Branch Villa property to the non-profit organization, Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Washington, which has been renamed the Leon Sullivan Health Care Center.

"Today we celebrate the hard work and perseverance of a community organization and a dedicated non-profit to save a nursing home that is a vital part of the fabric of life in the Central District", said Executive Sims. "I am extremely pleased that I was able to help OIC acquire the Leon Sullivan Center and I welcome them to Seattle."

The Community Coalition and OIC approached Executive Sims in March 2003 to help with the sale and transfer of the Branch Villa property. The property was in foreclosure with HUD, and according to federal regulations, local governments are the only entities that can negotiate to purchase multi-family properties in foreclosure. The Executive joined other elected officials, including U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, State Representatives Sharon Tomiko-Santos and Eric Pettigrew, and State Senator Adam Kline in supporting the effort of the Community Coalition to Save Branch Villa.

"We are very impressed with the support we have received from Executive Sims, our State District Representatives and Senator Cantwell," said Nat Jackson, co-chair of the Community Coalition to Save Branch Villa. "We would not be here today without the support and dedication of elected officials who responded to the community's request for help in accomplishing this important goal."

Henry Beauchamp of OIC also thanked the Executive and the legislators for their assistance in saving this community resource. "This means that a long-running community institution can stay open and provide quality, specialized care to those who need it, and it means that seniors who were moved out of the home when it was threatened with closure and have been longing to come back, are now able to return," said Beauchamp.

"I would like to commend King County Executive Ron Sims, the King County Council and the Community for their hard work, and HUD for working through the numerous details of the agreement," said U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell. "The success today is about more than protecting a facility, it is about protecting the community's seniors. This is the kind of service government should always strive to provide for communities."

A community celebration and open house at the Leon Sullivan Health Care Center is planned for Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.







LEFT: King County Executive Ron Sims signs the deed to transfer ownership of the Branch Villa Property to OIC of Washington. TOP LEFT (L - R): Publisher/Broadcaster Chris H. Bennett, Nat Jackson, Harriett Walden, Ron Sims, and Henry Beauchamp, president of OIC of Washington are acknowledged for their efforts to help save Branch Villa. BOTTOM LEFT: Sims and Beauchamp embrace after Sims hands the deed to transfer the Branch Villa property over to Beauchamp, as Nat Jackson looks on. ***Staff Photos/Chris B. Bennett.***

The Medium's Political Endorsements

Next Tuesday, September 16, is Primary Election Day in the State of Washington. Many choices will be made, vote and the choice is yours. Don't vote and the choice belongs to others. The following is The Medium's recommendations for the 2003 Primary Election...

King County Assessor
Richard Pope

King County Coouncil
District No. 2: *Cynthia Sullivan*
District No. 8: *Dow Constantine*
District No 10: *Larry Gossett*

Court of Appeals
Divison No.1, Dist.No. 1, Pos. No. 3: *Anne Ellington*

Seattle City Council
Position No. 1: *Jean Godden*
Position No. 5: *Tom Rasmussen*
Position No. 7: *David Della*
Position No. 9: *Angel Bolanos*

Initiative No. 75: *NO*
Initiative No. 77: *YES*

Seattle Monorail
Position No. 8: *Cindi Laws*

Seattle School District
District No. 1: *Theresa Cardamone*
District No. 2: *Darlene Flynn*
District No. 3: *Brita Butler-Wall*
District No. 6: *Betty Hoagland*

Mayor of Renton
Kathy Keolker-Wheeler

Community Forums On High School Graduation Requirements To Be Held In Seattle

Forums are scheduled for Thursday, September 18 to give community members the opportunity to give feedback on the final draft revisions to Seattle Public Schools graduation requirement policies. The draft reflects feedback received during the summer from more than 1,500 parents and community members. The final recommendation will be presented to the School Board for its consideration later this fall.

The new policy would increase the number of credits required to earn a diploma from the current 20 to 24, beginning with the class of 2010; give students the flexibility to graduate in three, four or five years; and incorporate performance-based assessments that allow students to demonstrate what they know and are able to do. Credit requirements and other aspects of the new policy will be phased in over time. The class of 2008 - or those students entering eighth grade in fall 2003 - will be the first to graduate under the new policies.

Over the last two years, a team comprised of high school teachers and counselors has worked to revise the graduation requirements to ensure that graduates of Seattle Public Schools have the necessary skills to thrive in the 21st century. To develop the draft policy this group:

*Reviewed research and data from leading educators around the nation.
*Examined best practices from other school districts.
*Asked community members about their ideas. In partnership with the Alliance for Education, Seattle Public Schools heard from more than 3,000 community members about their expectations for graduates.

The community forums are scheduled for 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18 and will be held at five locations:

Ballard High School commons, 1418 NW 65th Street; Garfield High School lunchroom, 400 23rd Avenue South; Ingraham High School cafeteria, 1819 North 135th; Rainier Beach High School lunchroom, 8815 Seward Park South; West Seattle High School lunchroom, 3000 California Avenue SW.

Additional information on high school graduation requirements, including the full draft policy, information on performance-based assessment, and a series of presentations made to the School Board and the community on this subject are available at http://www.seattleschools.org

Probe Of Tacoma Chief's Hiring Raises Questions

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - An investigation into the hiring and career of former Tacoma Police Chief David Brame has raised questions of political favoritism, as well as concerns over the department's hiring and promotion process, newly released documents show.

A retired Tacoma deputy police chief also told investigators that he believes someone tampered with Brame's personnel records.

``The system was perverted,'' James Knutsen told the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, which began its investigation shortly after Brame fatally shot his wife and himself in April.

The interviews, which were not sworn statements, were obtained through public records requests by The News-Tribune and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Knutsen told investigators he believed someone in the police department told Brame he had failed his first psychological test, then placed a second exam, which showed mixed results, in his file.

He said a third test should have been administered as a tiebreaker in determining Brame's eligibility.

Knutsen said an applicant could never ask that results of a second psychological exam be used instead of findings by the department's psychologist. And there were no documents from the personnel department, which would have handled Brame's appeal of his failed test.

The association conducted the bulk of its investigation in the weeks after the April 26 shootings. The inquiry remains unfinished after it was put on hold in June at the request of the Washington State Patrol, which conducted a criminal investigation into Brame's career.

The patrol turned its findings over to the state Attorney General's Office on Thursday, and its investigators declined to discuss the case.

``We can't talk about the facts and circumstances of the investigation,'' Capt. Glenn Cramer said. ``Wherever the evidence leads us. That's where we will go.''

The FBI also is conducting an inquiry into the handling of Brame's career by Tacoma officials.

Among the findings by the police and sheriffs' association:

• Police department leaders ignored negative psychological evaluations of police officer candidates.

• The process of choosing the new police chief in 2001 relied heavily on Brame's status as an internal candidate, though candidates from outside the department were deemed more qualified.

• Brame told city leaders of his fears that a 1988 date-rape allegation would derail his plans to become police chief, and about worries that he and his wife might divorce, undermining his reputation.

When Brame first applied to become a Tacoma patrol officer in 1981, two psychologists who examined him said they recommended he not be hired.

One of them, James Shaw, said he quit working with the Tacoma police department in 1998 because of differences with then-Chief Philip Arreola, and because the

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Return Of Wet Weather Prompts Words Of Caution To Drivers

The King County Road Services Division is advising motorists that the first threat of rain in nearly a month may cause very hazardous driving conditions when the more fall-like weather moves in as predicted this weekend.

Because the weather has been so dry, roads have seen substantial oil build-up this summer. When the rain does begin to fall, the oil will begin to liquefy on the road surface, causing very slippery driving conditions. Road conditions can become so slick that road crews sometimes have to respond with sanding trucks.

Before the long, dry spell comes to an end, motorists should also take time to inspect their vehicle's windshield wiper blades and tires. That includes paying close attention to both your tire tread and air pressure. When the rain does begin to fall, motorists should also remember to leave plenty of space between themselves and the car ahead. That extra caution just may help you avoid an accident when conditions deteriorate.

Some parts of the county are also seeing dry leaves begin to fall now that the days are getting shorter and we're slipping into fall. That means property and roads will become increasingly vulnerable to water pooling and flooding as we enter the storm season. Property owners should remember to check storm drains often during the fall months to maintain proper drainage.

"While we've had one of the most enjoyable summers in recent memory, the down-side is motorists have become used to driving on dry roads and perhaps have forgotten how slippery they can become when it rains," King County Road Maintenance Superintendent Tony Ledbetter said. "Now that we're facing some of the wettest weather we've seen all season, it's a good time to inspect the car and return to our more typically cautious rainy day driving habits.

Motorists who spot a problem on a roadway maintained by King County are urged to report it by calling (206) 296-8100 or 1-800-KC ROADS.

Compton Repays Costs Of Portland Basketball Trip

(AP) - City Councilman Jim Compton has changed his mind and reimbursed billionaire Paul Allen's mother for the private plane trip and game tickets he accepted in March to attend a Portland Trail Blazers game.

Compton said he wrote a $950 check to cover the airfare, game ticket, a bus ride to and from the stadium and a hot dog.

``I am convinced that there was no intent to influence my vote,'' Compton said Friday, ``but I intend to correct any appearance that there might have been.''

Compton wrote in a letter last month to the director of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission that he had been invited by a friend of Allen's mother, Faye, to fly to Oregon to attend a Trail Blazers game, which Paul Allen owns.

Compton said originally that he wouldn't reimburse Allen, or his holding company Vulcan, for the cost of the travel and entertainment.

City of Seattle elected officials and employees are prohibited from accepting gifts worth more than $50.

Vulcan owns about 50 acres in South Lake Union that it plans to develop, along with other companies and institutions, into a center for biotechnology.

City Council committees began on Friday considering issues related to South Lake Union development, including changes to land use code that would allow construction of the buildings that meet the needs of research facilities and laboratories.

Compton said Friday he has no plans to abstain from future council votes on South Lake Union issues.

``I have no intention of recusing myself from any matters relating to Vulcan or South Lake Union,'' he said.

``This was a purely recreational trip, but it created an unfortunate impression.''

A Glance At The U.S. And Allied Anti-Terrorism Deployment Around The World

By The Associated Press

MAIN FRONTS

IRAQ: Nearly 140,000 U.S. soldiers, 11,000 British and 9,500 others under Polish control from 21 countries.

AFGHANISTAN: NATO leads 5,000 peacekeepers from 30 nations in alliance's first operation outside Europe. Mission limited mostly to capital, Kabul, but U.S. and Afghan forces battle remnants of toppled Taliban around country.

PERSIAN GULF: About 2,000 U.S. troops stationed in Qatar, emirate that hosted command center for Iraq war. U.S. Navy 5th Fleet based in Bahrain.

PHILIPPINES: United States giving counterterrorism training and aid to military in fight against Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf, which officials have loosely linked to al-Qaida.

REAR GUARD

CENTRAL ASIA: U.S. troops at air base in Uzbekistan. U.S.-led anti-terror coalition at civilian airport in Kyrgyzstan.

DJIBOUTI: More than 1,800 U.S. troops with anti-terrorism task force for the Horn of Africa.

EAST AFRICA: U.S. 5th Fleet expanding patrols in region. Eleven nations join U.S.-led terrorism response force.

CAUCASUS: Pentagon provides military aid to Azerbaijan. U.S. troops training Georgia's military in anti-terrorist operations.

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Kayesha Henderson

Martin Luther King Elementary

Age: 7

Favorite School Subject: Math - it's her favorite because she can calculate fast.

Hobbies/Interests: Kayesha loves to read because it helps her to understand many things.

Proudest Achievement: She listens to her teacher and mother so that she can learn from them.

Ambition: She would like to help others by being a doctor.

How She'll Get There: By learning from her teacher and her mom.

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department did not ``adhere strongly'' to his findings.

Tacoma police sometimes offered second or third psychological examinations to candidates who failed the first.

``If they really wanted someone, they would say, 'We want this person and we're going to find somebody who will give us a positive evaluation so we can hire him,'" Shaw told investigators.

``It's the only agency that I know of that does that,'' he said.

Investigators could not explain why Brame was hired 22 years ago, but they offered two theories. One is that Brame slipped through a training division that was in disarray, the other is that rules were bent to get him hired.

Some of those interviewed said Brame was hired while a major lawsuit distracted the department and prompted changes in the command staff, including the chief.

``I think this thing dropped through the crack,'' said retired chief Richard Amundsen, who signed Brame's hiring letter.

He said he never would have hired Brame if he knew the results of either psychological test.

Brame's father worked for Tacoma police and his older brother was a Tacoma policeman.

None of the department employees interviewed said they felt pressured to favor Brame. They said they saw only portions of his application, not his complete file.

Some city attorneys considered his promotion to chief inevitable.

``He was the golden boy,'' Assistant City Attorney Cathy Parker said. ``Everybody talked about him as the golden boy. He was favored by people in City Hall.''

Chief Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli told investigators she thought all the external candidates were more qualified to be chief than Brame.

Parker added that city leaders should have investigated the 1988 date-rape allegation more thoroughly before appointing him.

The allegation led to an Internal Affairs investigation at the time, with a finding that the accusation could not be proved.

``People relied on the word of other people all the way down the line,'' Parker said. ``That may have been a big mistake.''

On Thursday, the parents of Crystal Brame revised their claim against the city of Tacoma, saying that instead of demanding $75 million, they'll accept whatever the city's insurance will cover.

The generous offer comes with conditions, including the city taking responsibility for their daughter's death at the hands of her husband.

Student's Death Puts Focus On Use Of Restraints

PARCHMENT, Mich. (AP) - The death of a 15-year-old autistic high school student who lost consciousness after being restrained by school employees is calling attention to the techniques used to control people with mental difficulties.

Mothers of autistic children point to the death as a cautionary lesson about the dangers of restraint, a practice that can range from a bear hug to use of a mechanical device to keep people from hurting themselves and others.

``The word has got to get out,'' Kathy Damron, who was so upset by use of restraints on her 10-year-old autistic son that her family moved so the boy could change schools, told the Kalamazoo Gazette for a recent story. ``Because there's a real problem here.''

Disability rights group Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service Inc. and the NAACP are investigating the death of Michael Renner-Lewis on Aug. 25 at Parchment High School near Kalamazoo after an autopsy failed to determine a cause.

Police said the 6-foot, 200-pound sophomore had a seizure at school, recovered and then, hours later, became combative. Four school employees grabbed his limbs and sat down on the ground with him, police said.

Parchment school officials have declined comment.

The case is being investigated by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

The Michigan Department of Education is updating its 1993 policy on behavioral interventions in schools, and the use of restraints likely is to be addressed for the first time. Meanwhile, Kalamazoo County is hosting two workshops this month on restraint practices and strategies to prevent their use.

Many advocates say the practice should be banned, that it is degrading and counterproductive. Educators say restraints should be a last resort but are sometimes necessary.

``I'd like to be able to say they're not necessary, but I can't,'' said Kellie Cody, executive director of Kalamazoo's Lakeside Treatment and Learning Center, a residential facility for children with emotional issues and disabilities. ``The issue of safety is paramount, and it trumps everything else.''

Mark McWilliams of Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, said more positive strategies exist to prevent such problems. Moreover, he said, while institutions say it's a last resort, it's often a routine practice based on his discussions with parents.

``People don't have any idea of the extent that it's used,'' McWilliams said. ``I think it happens a lot.''

Former Official Urges One-On-One Negotiations With North Korea

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Korean affairs expert who recently resigned from the State Department urged the Bush administration Monday to assign a full-time negotiator to work with North Korea on ending the nuclear weapons impasse.

``We've got to get serious about this,'' said Jack Pritchard, who served as the main State Department link to the North Korean U.N. mission until he stepped down last month.

It was widely reported at the time that he left because of policy differences with the administration.

At present, the main forum for negotiations with North Korea is a six-nation mechanism that met in Beijing two weeks ago. Pritchard said that forum is too unwieldy to achieve North Korean disarmament.

A resolution of the North Korea stalemate ``cannot occur without a sustained and serious dialogue between the United States and North Korea,'' Pritchard said in an address at the Brookings Institution, with which he is now affiliated.

He recommended the appointment of a full-time negotiator to keep allies and friends in the six-nation process informed on the status of the one-on-one talks.

Starting last fall, North Korea strongly urged bilateral negotiations with the United States aimed at achieving a nonaggression treaty.

The United States rejected that approach and pushed instead for a regional grouping to deal with the issue. It contended a nuclear-armed North Korea would threaten a number of countries, each of which should be entitled to have a voice in discussions.

After an inconclusive three-way meeting in Beijing involving the United States, North Korea and China in April, the six-way meeting was held last month. It involved the same participants plus South Korea, Japan and Russia.

Asked about Pritchard's proposal, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher suggested any such proposal was premature since only one meeting has been held using the six-nation format.

``We're just getting started,'' he said.

Making the case for one-on-one talks, Pritchard said, ``You cannot get to the point where you understand who your opponent is at the negotiating table unless you have continuous contact over a period of time.''

Highlighting the cumbersome nature of six-nation discussions, Pritchard noted that 24 interpreters are needed _ and 48 when backups are required.

He questioned how much work can be done at ``drive-by meetings,'' such as the one held last month, ``where we roll down the window and we kind of wave to the North Koreans and we move on.''

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Seattle Seahawk's running back Shaun Alexander will be Honorary Co-Chair of the campaign. Join them on Sunday, Sept. 14 between noon and 4 p.m. at Seward Park for a picnic and the 'Walk For Seniors."

Your charitable contribution will support the non-profit mission of The Cannon House, which is to promote affordable assisted living for seniors. Make your tax-deductible donation to The Cannon House.

Volunteers are also needed to make this event a huge success. An invitation is extended to visit and tour The John C. Cannon Retirement and Assisted Living Residence, 113 - 23rd Avenue So. in Central Seattle.

For additional information, contact Eudora Carter at (206) 219-5952

Free Immigration Assistance In The Rainier Valley

The Access to Justice Institute at Seattle University School of Law is teaming up with the Washington State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division to offer free immigration consultations in the Rainier Valley. This one-night clinic will be held from 5:00-8:30pm on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at the Rainier Community Center. Volunteer attorneys from the American Immigration Lawyers Association, as well as other local firms and organizations will be available to meet privately with participants to answer immigration related questions and evaluate the participant's legal issues. Following the consultations, participants will be given a referral list of attorneys who have agreed to assist them on a sliding fee scale.

Accurate immigration information is crucial for the well-being of many families in the Rainier Valley area, yet this kind of legal resource is rarely available free of charge. The demand for free or low-cost immigration assistance is one of the highest unmet legal needs in the Seattle area.

The Rainier Community Center is located at 4600 38th Ave S at the intersection of Rainier Ave S and S Alaska Street. Light refreshments will be provided and child care is available. This event is free and open to the public. Participants seeking immigration assistance should bring all of their immigration-related paperwork. Interpreters will be on hand to assist clients in Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Russian. Questions concerning this project should be directed to the Access to Justice Institute at 206-398-4173.

Seattle Women's Commission to Hold Second Annual Seattle Women's Summit October 4

Women from all communities of Seattle are invited to attend the Second Annual Seattle Women's Summit on October 4th from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Seattle Central Community College. Attendees to this free event, along with community leaders, service providers, and elected officials, will engage in dialogue about the most pressing issues facing all women in Seattle today and will identify plans for change.

The morning session will feature a report on the status of women in Seattle, and the presentation of the Inaugural Seattle Women's Commission Jeannette Williams to a woman who has demonstrated significant leadership and service in advancing the cause of women in Seattle.

To register, get directions or for more information, visit the Seattle Women's Commission at www.seattle.gov/womenscommission or contact Kaarin Stowell, Summit Coordinator, at (206) 684-0454/kaarin.stowell@seattle.gov

This event is barrier-free. To request a reasonable accommodation, ASL or other interpretation services, call (206) 684-0454.

Girlz Group Project Self-Sufficiency Offers Anger Management Classess For Adolescents

Girlz Group Project Self-Sufficiency an organization designed to help assist young girls to achieve in education and life is now offering an alternative method instead of suspension or expulsion. The program is open to both boys and girls.

Anger Management Classes is designed especially for adolescents and pre-adolescents.

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To refer youth please contact Girlz Group at (206) 424-4780 to receive a referral form or email girlzgroup206@yahoo.com.

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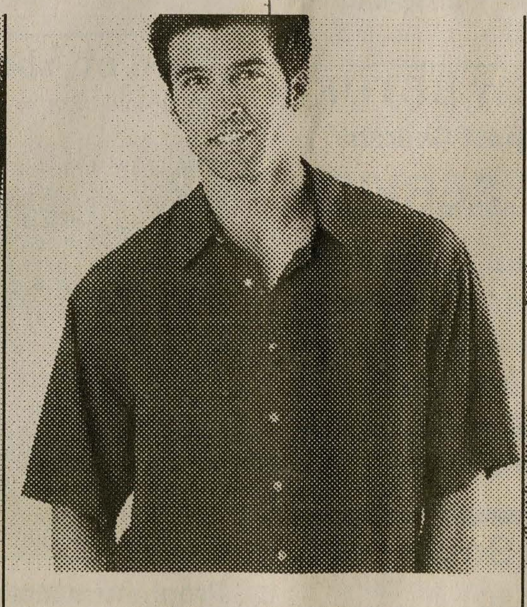
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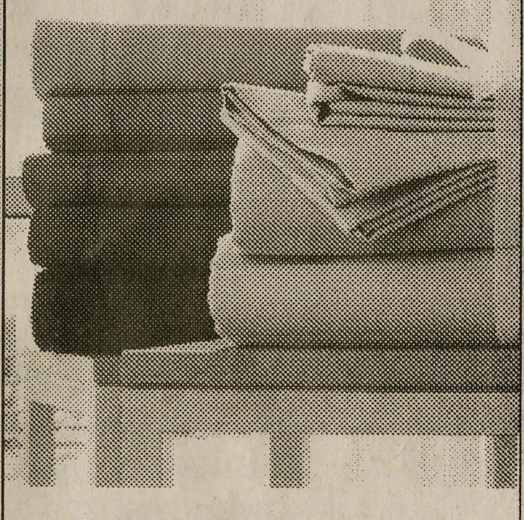


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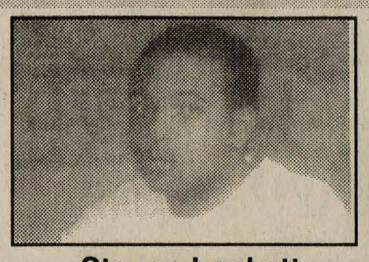
Unity Church of God In Christ Proudly Presents Their College Bound Scholars



Pastor James E. Hicks & Missionary Helen Hicks

Pastor James E. Hicks, First Lady Missionary Helen Hicks and the Unity Church of God In Christ family are proud to present to the community their college bound scholars of the 2003-2004 academic year. As they go to higher educational and spiritual heights, the church wishes them the best and congratulates them on their achievement.

Unity Church encourages academic excellence for all children and is located at 8302 Renton Ave. S. in Seattle.



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Seed of Abraham Pentecostal Church Members Return From Malawi and Mozambique



Prophetess Mattie J. Bass

Prophetess Mattie J. Bass, founder of the Seed of Abraham Pentecostal Church, Inc., has just returned from a week-long inspection tour and revival in the Malawian branch of the church.

The Seed of Abraham general secretary Evans Khobidi was quoted in the Malawian Newspaper as saying the USA prophetess decided to visit Malawi following a request from the late Bishop Dulla Voster Khobidi, the church's regional overseer who died last March.

Prophetess Bass was accompanied by Associate Pastor Lois Sharpe, Evangelist Calvin Robinson, Prophet Bernard Harmon and Minister Beverly Hicks and the team also preached in the twice-daily revivals.

Prophetess Bass' said her visit did much to strengthen the African churches under her administration. She appointed and consecrated the new regional overseer (Pastor Evans Khobidi) to replace the late Bishop and she encouraged the pastors, lay leaders and youths at Chifundo I Orphan Care Center in Ndirande.

Prophetess Bass stated that the church, whose mission statement is to continue to reach the lost for Jesus Christ, has 57 branches and 3,994 registered members in Malawi and Mozambique and is growing.



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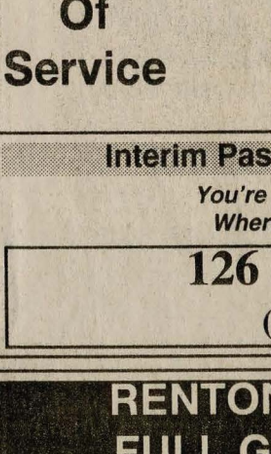
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Church Calendar

Tabernacle Celebrates 53rd Church Anniversary

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, located at 2801 South Jackson, will celebrate its 53rd church anniversary Sept. 14-21. Opening service is Sunday, Sept. 14 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Week day services will be held Tuesday thru Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dana McClendon, pastor of Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Seattle will be the guest speaker during the week day services. Sunday, Sept. 21, closing service will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Manaway, Sr. and Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church invite the community to join them in celebrating another year of God's blessings.

Trinity Gospel Choir Live And Silent Auction

The First AME Trinity Gospel Choir invites you to attend their first Live and Silent Auction Saturday, Sept. 20, 6:30 - 9 p.m. at First AME Church, 1522 14th Avenue. Recently, Trinity Gospel Choir celebrated their second year anniversary and continues to inspire audiences throughout Washington singing God's praises. Auction items include sports gear signed by Seahawks and Sonics team members, spa certificates, vacations, and much more! Proceeds from the auction will be used to support Trinity's continued community outreach ministry. For more information contact Rache Boston (425) 652-6473.

Brotherhood Time At Paradise Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to The Paradise Baptist Church, 4353 So. Henderson Street. Each fifth Sunday is Brotherhood time. It is the time when singing, testifying, and praising the Lord takes place with all designed to help the less fortunate. Rev. B.T. Kindrick is pastor.

Dr. Flora Bridges Is New Pastor At Madrona Presbyterian Church

The new minister at Madrona Presbyterian Church, Dr. Flora Bridges, an African-American, is already known to many in the community thanks to her powerful sermon to the combined congregations of St. Therese, Epiphany, and Madrona Presbyterian churches during last January's celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

Formally installed as pastor in July, Dr. Bridges succeeds the interim minister Rev. Christine Dickerson.

Dr. Bridges is the first person of color to join the full-time faculty of Seattle University's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, where she serves as a tenure-track assistant professor of Pastoral Theology. She holds a MA in Religion from Yale Divinity School and a PhD. from Vanderbilt. She has served as a minister in Atlanta; Mount Vernon, New York; and Gadsden, Alabama. She was a dean and instructor of religion at Fisk University and at Spelman College and was the first African-American professor of religion at Colorado College.

Among the several awards she has received have been those for preaching and for community and humanitarian services.

Assisting Dr. Bridges for three academic quarters will be a lawyer who is now a theology student, Elizabeth Stanhope, who was drawn to Dr. Bridges during a presentation Dr. Bridges made at a Town Hall meeting on peace and justice. Stanhope was formerly director of Washington Protection and Advocacy System.

Madrona Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of 32nd Avenue and Marion Street. The Sunday service is at 11, adult Sunday School at 9.

Bethlehem Usher Ministry Will Celebrate Their Annual Day

The Bethlehem Baptist Church Usher Ministry will celebrate their 57th Annual Day on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Amos Landry of Peoples Institutional Baptist Church in Seattle. Every one is invited. Bethlehem Baptist Church is located at 4818 Portland Ave., Tacoma, WA.

The Electrifying Mighty Warriors Spiritual Singers Will Celebrate 35th Anniversary

The Electrifying Mighty Warriors Spiritual Singers will celebrate their thirty-fifth anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. This event will be held at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 124-21st Ave. in Seattle.

The Total Experience Gospel Choir and the Sons of Thunder are among the many gospel artists that will perform during this event.

For more information call 206.725.7418.

Shining Star Faith Ministries Annual Back To School Drive

Shining Star Faith Ministries Church of God In Christ is now taking donations to help families with children. Lend a helping hand and sponsor a child back to school. For more information call (206) 772-4574.

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Foster adoptive families are urgently needed for children under the age of 9 for the Permanency Planning Program of the Lutheran Community Services. A free information night will be held Oct. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Family Support Center, 6330 195th St. SW in Lynnwood. Call 694-5713 for more information.

Back To School Revival Set

To God Be the Glory, a place of worship, invites you to join them for their Back to School Revival. This event will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2003 through Friday, September 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. nightly; services will be held at 2700 South Hanford Street, Seattle.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Rozella Brown of Ocala Florida. Pastor Brown is dedicated to reaching the lost at any cost. She is currently celebrating her 10th year of Leadership at Tabernacle of Deliverance Outreach Ministries, Inc., in Ocala, FL.

Voices of St. John Baptist Church Presents Music Celebration

The music ministry of St. John Baptist Church presents The Voices of St. John in their annual music celebration, "Get in the Overflow", where the spirit is full, poured out and the anointing is for all who will receive it. This event will be held Sept. 21 at St. John Baptist Church, 2001 S. "J" St., Tacoma, WA at 7 p.m.

Preacher Man, The Book

Preacher Man, The Book is available at The Medium and Z-Twins Studios, at 2600 South Jackson Street, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the Washington, D.C. area, Preacher Man is available at the Howard University Book Store, 2225 Georgia Avenue Northwest. For more information, call 206-323-3070 x 110.

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Special Report: Gentrification In Black And White

Newcomers Steer Clear Of Public Schools

By Jamal E. Watson
Special to the NNPA from The Amsterdam News

NEW YORK (NNPA)- Leticia Martin has carefully watched how gentrification has changed almost every aspect of her Harlem neighborhood. In recent years, Whites have moved into traditional working-class Black neighborhoods all across the city. They've opened up businesses, integrated Black churches and purchased brownstones.

What they have not done with great force, experts say, is placed their children in the local neighborhood public schools, where they could learn alongside working-class and, in some cases, poor Black children. While city officials estimate that thousands of Whites have moved into Black neighborhoods in New York City over the past 10 years, only a few dozen have opted to place their children in the public schools that are based in their new neighborhoods. Citing poor test scores, inadequate teachers and crumbling buildings, many of these parents refuse to enroll their children in schools that in some instances are located just a block or two from their homes.

"We really thought about it for a long time," says Joan Toobin, 38, a new Harlem resident and parent of 7-year-old twins. "But the schools here are horrible. Someone told me a story about a kid bringing a knife to school. It's just too much."

In actuality, it only took Toobin, a stay-at-home mother, and her lawyer husband, Jeffrey, a day to decide that the boys needed to be enrolled in a private Westchester day school.

"We support public education, but the schools in the city have so many problems," Toobin says, adding that small class sizes, nutritional lunches and great facilities were why she sent her kids to the private school almost 45 minutes away.

"We love Harlem and want the schools to be better, but we can't just socially experiment with our children. They need a good education."

That kind of talk irritates parents like Martin, who argue that many Whites want the real estate that is housed in Black neighborhoods, but do not necessarily want to spend the time to address such neighborhoods social problems as drugs, racism and failing public schools.

"These people could really be allies and partners and make a bold statement by putting their kids in public schools right in this neighborhood," says Martin. "They choose not to because they have the means and the ability not to. We can't afford no ritzy schools for our children. It makes us resent them."

The burden, some say, of improving the public schools should not be put on newly arrived Whites to fix all of the problems that Blacks face. But Gary Orfield, a professor at Harvard University and an expert on urban education, says that if gentrifying Whites enrolled their children in Black schools, it would likely improve the schools and, as a result, improve relations between the races.

"Our research shows that integrated schools really help bring neighborhoods together, Orfield says. "There are huge advantages to going to integrated schools for everyone. It can really make a difference for the neighborhood."

Still, Orfield knows that class matters. And he knows that those with economic opportunities have far more options to place their children in achieving schools than those who must send their children to failing schools. He says that convincing Black middle-class parents to send their children to public schools in minority neighborhoods has been particularly challenging.

New York is no anomaly. All across the country, thousands of public schools from the elementary level through high school remain segregated. This reality comes almost 50 years after the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case, "Brown v. Board of Education," which outlawed segregation in public schools. Historically, the task of integrating public schools has been met with fierce opposition. In Boston during the 1970s, angry White parents resisted the integration of their schools, hurling rocks at the school buses and engaging in other types of mob violence.

Gabriel Brenner, 38, remembers those scary times. The former investment banker who now rents an apartment in Fort Greene has been thinking about ways to improve the educational divide. He knows very little about starting a private or charter school, but it's something he's been thinking about a lot lately.

"This community is beautiful," he says. "There are many Whites like myself who have come in and have purchased homes and have helped to make this community beautiful. That's great, but we have not taken the time to bother at all with the schools and the poor education that many of our Black neighbors receive. We could really help to make these schools better."

Brenner doesn't know much about education, but after making a lot of money crunching numbers, he wonders if he might be able to make an impact on the children in his neighborhood.

"I mean, how do you end the cycle of poverty?" he asks. "I've always been told that if you want to achieve the American dream, you have to have a good education."

Brenner isn't alone. In other parts of New York City, especially in Harlem, there are a handful of White activists and middle-class Blacks based in Black neighborhoods who are planning private or public schools aimed at improving education in many of these communities. Orfield says the success of these schools will depend on whether the faculty is integrated and well trained.

"Studies show that Black parents care more about the quality of the teacher then the race of the teacher," says Orfield, adding that if committed Whites want to teach Black children, they should do so, but have to be mindful of forming relationships with the larger Black community.

Martin doesn't necessarily have a problem with Whites like Brenner setting up new schools. But she wonders about the public schools that are struggling to stay afloat.

"I don't know if we need new schools," she says. "If Whites and upper-middle-class Blacks find our neighborhoods good enough to live in, they should also make sure that our schools are good enough for every child, including their own."

DNA-Testing Deadline Fast Approaching For Florida Inmates

By K. Chandler
Special to the NNPA from the Westside Gazette

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. (NNPA)-Florida, which holds the dubious distinction of housing the nation's third-largest prison population behind Texas and California with 75,210 prisoners statewide-including 368 who are facing the death penalty-may soon become known as the state that denied thousands of inmates the right to pursue their innocence through DNA testing, despite some 131 criminal exonerations so far nationally.

Across the country hundreds of lawyers, paralegals, law professors and their students, along criminal justice advocates are rushing to beat an Oct. 1 deadline for submitting DNA claims, which will hopefully clear thousands of prisoners. Rudolph Holton, who served 16 years on Florida's death row for a conviction that was later determined to be without merit, is just the latest example.

Released in January, he became the 25th person to be exonerated in a state, which leads the country in the sheer number of prisoners who have been exonerated. Another 10 or more inmates, who are believed by many legal experts to have a good chance of being found innocent through DNA evidence, continue to languish on death row.

The law allowing inmates to seek relief through DNA testing was sponsored by state Sen. Alex Villalobos (R-Miami) and went into effect in 2001. The impetus for it stemmed from the death of Frank Lee Smith, a convicted murderer and rapist from Broward County. Tragically, a year after his death, DNA evidence, which had only recently been introduced as a viable tool in clearing criminals of wrongdoing, proved that Smith was innocent of the brutal 1985 murder and rape of an 8-year-old Broward girl. But by then it was too late, as he had died a painful death from cancer while awaiting execution on death row.

Similarly, Jerry Frank Townsend, another Broward County resident serving a 22-year sentence for the capital offenses of rape and murder, was also exonerated after DNA evidence determined that he could not have been the perpetrator.

Under the new law, anyone who is criminally convicted has two years following sentencing to request that a judge review DNA evidence that might clear his or her name. This covers anyone who was convicted prior to when the law went into effect as long as they meet the Oct. 1 deadline. Excluded are those individuals who pled guilty.

According to Jenny Greenberg, who works with the Innocence Project out of Florida State University in Tallahassee, there are about 82 cases that they are currently fast tracking in order to submit them for DNA examination before the rapidly approaching October deadline. That is 82 out of a total of 400 cases that were originally submitted by inmates. Of these 82 cases, only 20 are completed and ready for DNA testing, she said.

Many other pro-bono lawyers are facing the same dilemma and complain that they are being stretched to the limit by a deadline that appears to be both capricious and arbitrary. They assert that there should never be any limitations or restrictions placed on justice, and maintain that in order to prepare their cases properly, it is only fair that the Oct. 1 deadline be extended.

According to attorney Barry Scheck, co-founder of The Innocence Project at Cardozo Law School in New York, there is enormous difficulty in tracking down legitimate cases. Some of the obstacles hindering the process, he pointed out, include locating the attorneys who originally represented the case, along with court transcripts that have long since been filed away, and DNA samples that may or may not exist any longer.

Gov. Jeb Bush disagrees with extending the Oct. 1 deadline and according to his press secretary, Alia Faraf, he is fully "satisfied that Florida has adequate safeguards in place to ensure that no person is wrongfully executed."

Faraf also noted that the governor had given his assurances that he would never sign a death warrant "until relevant DNA evidence that could exonerate the inmate has been considered."

"The fact is, in most of the cases around the nation, there wouldn't have been exoneration if there was a deadline," said Raag Singhal, former president of the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "I don't understand what the governor's office is afraid of. The legislators wanted closure on these cases, so they created this window, but the window doesn't come with the appointment of competent counsel. Inmates have to find pro-bono lawyers to represent them. There's too much work for that type of window or deadline."

Villalobos, who was approached by Barry Scheck during this last legislative period regarding an emergency amendment for an extension, stated, "I'm in favor of extending the time period if there is a solid reason... We won't let the testing go on indefinitely, there has to be some end to it. But you can't push for DNA testing to prove someone's guilty without using that same evidence to prove someone's innocence. You cant' talk out of both sides of your mouth."

Partial sources: Palm Beach Post, Sun Sentinel & the Miami Herald.

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Young Activist Leaders Struggle To Be Heard

By Artelia C. Covington
NNPA National Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)- When Markel Hutchins approached the microphone last month on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to speak at the March on Washington, the 26-year-old speaker reminded many in the audience of another young orator who had appeared there 40 years earlier. In fact, he even sounded a little like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I remember walking up to the podium feeling very excited and also feeling like I had this heavy burden to bear," Hutchins says. "I prayed with Bernice King just before I got up to give my speech and I just felt that God would use me to speak to the nation."

He was used, delivering what was arguably the most inspirational speech of the day. However, instead of being applauded by his movement mentors, he was castigated.

"A very prominent national leader cursed me with everything he could think of the day before I got up to give my speech," Hutchins recalls. "He basically asked me who I thought I was and that I didn't have any right and had no foundation to speak from."

It was a cruel lesson in movement politics for anyone who believes the torch of leadership should be passed to the next generation.

Hutchins explains: "Our elders have fought us tooth and nail and, frankly, it hurts," he acknowledges. "We get knocked down and told that it isn't our time and they tell us to wait, but I'm not waiting because I know that God raises up leaders, not these men," he says.

Jamal Bryant, pastor of the Empowerment Temple in Baltimore, says youth should borrow a page from today's movement leaders.

"I think it is up to us as youth to rub our own sticks together and start our own flame," says Bryant. "No one passed the torch to King or to Jesse [Jackson], and we can't expect someone to pass it to us either."

Hutchins, president and chief executive officer of the Atlanta-based National Youth Connection Inc., knows that from his study of history.

"It was really the youth who ran the Civil Rights Movement, and I plan to do the same thing," he says.

Judging by the poor attendance at the last March on Washington, perhaps someone else should have been placed in charge of organizing it.

"I was embarrassed to see the March on Washington's anniversary," Bryant says. "To me it was a class reunion-it was nothing to really make a deposit to where we are. It was just a rehashing of where things have been."

Prior to forming his own church, Bryant, 32, was youth membership coordinator for the NAACP for five years.

"They had 2,000 people in 2003, which is 10 percent of what they had in 1963-all we can say now at this point is that maybe Spike Lee will make a movie just like he did with "Get on the Bus," and maybe we could get more people interested in it," he says.

Otis Moss III, 32, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., agrees that if young people want to become leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, there will be some inevitable tension.

"Historically, when we talk about this torch being passed, it is up to the younger generation to snatch it and say it's time for another voice to be heard and ministers like Bryant are a good example of that," he says. "Bryant and others are able to reach a larger and younger generation in a way that the civil rights leaders of our day cannot."



Alise Barrymore, dean of ministries at North Park University in Chicago, says she has had "wonderful mentors."

Kirk Clay, 31, deputy director of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation in Washington, D.C., says being young isn't the only criteria for being an effective leader.

"If your hands aren't strong enough to hold it up so that others can get the light that radiates from it then you should let us help you identify ways to get the light brighter so that it might benefit everyone who is in darkness," he says. "We need to make sure that the person carrying the torch is doing what they are supposed to be doing."

Not all young torch-bearers have been snubbed by their elders. Alise Barrymore, 34, dean of ministries at North Park University in Chicago, is an example.

"I've had the benefit of having some wonderful mentors in that I saw from them ministry that was done well, that was inclusive and intelligent. So I feel that I also have been able to do what I have done in the ministry for those women who's voices maybe don't get heard because they don't have the benefit of being a popular name," she says.

Julian Bond, 63, chairman of the board for the NAACP, has observed the movement from the perspective of a young activist in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and now as a senior statesman.

"I was associated with SNCC and between 1960 and 1963; we had already established ourselves as equals," Bond recalls. "The only time my age ever came into question was when they handed out responsibilities-- I ended up passing out the drinks to the movie stars who came to march and Sammy Davis Jr., told me thanks, kid, for the drink I passed him."

Bond says that the very fact that there were youth leaders who spoke at the most recent march is proof that their voices are being heard.

"I think it's artificial to say that there is a passing of the torch," he says. "No one ever passed the torch to me. I mean this is not a relay race where one passes leadership to another. And just like every other facet of life, if you expect some one to just pass it to you, then you've got another think coming."

Bond argues that age is overrated.

"This youth-versus -older-generation phenomenon is an old thing and it's always been with the younger sect pushing the elders and you shouldn't think that simply because you are young, that it qualifies you for something. That's not true if you are young and it's not true if you are old," he says.

Jesse Jackson, in his speech at the anniversary of the March on Washington, appeared to take a swipe at young leaders trying to assert themselves.

"There was a song we used to sing called 'Which Side are You On?' and it is not about your age, that which you cannot determine, but about what team you are on and what direction you are going," he said. "Are you with an older Thurgood Marshall or a younger Clarence Thomas? Are you with an older Franklin Roosevelt or a younger George W. Bush? Are you with an older Nelson Mandela or a younger Mangosuthu Buthelezei or Jonas Savimbi?"

Now that he is older, Jackson seems to forget some of the criticism he faced as a youth eager to create his own following.

In Ralph David Abernathy's autobiography, "And the Walls Came Tumbling Down," (Page 425), he recounts a staff meeting in which Jesse Jackson, Andy Young and James Bevel were arguing against launching a "Poor People's Campaign."

Writes Abernathy, "Jesse had taken the floor and was enumerating all the reasons why Martin's [King] Poor People's Campaign would never work, why we should try something entirely different. Once again that morning he went on at great length and I could tell that Martin was getting more and more restless. Finally, without saying anything in response to Jesse, he got up, walked over to the chair where I was sitting, and said, ' Ralph, give me my car keys.'"

Abernathy said after he and King walked out on the balcony, Jesse Jackson followed them.

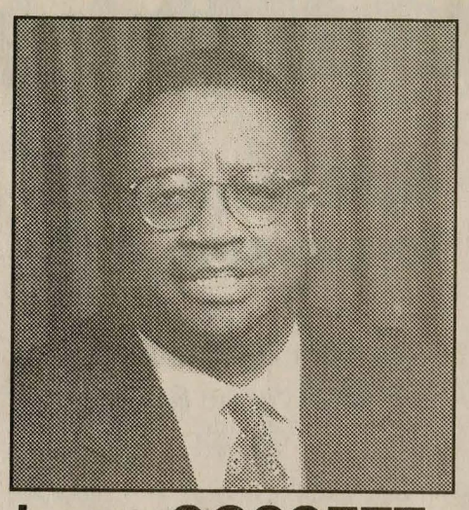
"'Doc,' he called out.' Martin whirled and glared at him. 'Jesse,' he barked, 'it may be necessary for you to carve out your own individual niche in society. But don't you bother me.' Such an outburst was uncharacteristic of Martin and Jesse was stunned. His mouth fell wide open and for the one of the few times in his life, he was speechless."

Hutchins says he, too, was speechless after being upbraided by some of his mentors.

"If I ever become despondent it's not because of the death threats I receive on a daily basis. It's that the elders attack us," he says. "A couple of my elders got back up behind me and assaulted me publicly and their speeches were very anti-young people coming up and taking up leadership and you would think that they would have said good job or we appreciate what you have done. But what was said was that it wasn't about age-it's about agenda."

Hutchins says older civil rights leaders may have a monopoly on age - but not ideas.

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University of Washington To Lead Regional Center for America's Bioterrorism Research

Senator Murray's Efforts to Fund Bioterror Preparedness Pay Off for Washington State

Washington, D.C.-- U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash) announced that the University of Washington has been selected to become a new regional center for bioterrorism research. UW is one of eight new Regional Centers of Excellence named by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Each center will conduct research to assist national, state, and local public health efforts in the event of a bioterrorism emergency.

Each regional center will receive about $40 million in grants over the next five years. The University of Washington will receive its first grant of $4,440,215 to cover the program's first six months.

"I'm thrilled that the University of Washington will play a leading role in helping our nation mount a strong defense against the threat of bioterrorism," Murray said. "UW has a tradition of excellence in cutting-edge research and has earned a place in the coordinated, research-based response to bioterrorism which I've been advocating in the Senate."

Since September 11th, Congress has focused in increasing our nation's biodefense research to ensure that we are prepared for a bioterrorist attack. As a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee and the Senate Labor, Health & Human Services (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee, Murray has worked to fund critical biodefense research. Senator Murray raised this issue at several hearings on bioterrorism preparedness and urged the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop research criteria and to disseminate this information to first responders and public health officials. She has consistently urged greater research efforts in developing new, safe vaccines, therapies and treatments. These new research centers will increase our commitment to bioterrorism preparedness and will help us develop effective and safe treatments to prepare for and respond to this deadly threat.

Senator Murray also helped draft S. 1715 the Bioterrorism Preparedness Act of 2001, which was signed into law in June 2002. This legislation urges greater research and development of effective, safe biodefense strategies. As a member of LHHS, she has worked to increase funding for NIH to support this important research. In the past five years, Murray has worked to double NIH funding. The increased focus on bioterrorism research and strengthening of public health can also improve our response to infectious disease threats like SARS and West Nile.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Judge Revokes Rapper's Bail, Day After U.S. Judge OKs Treatment

By MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press Writer

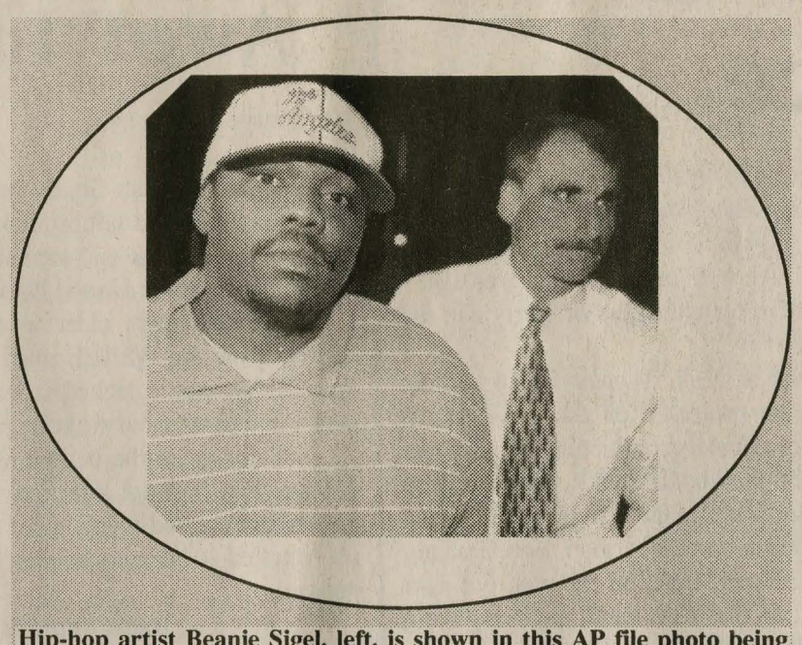
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Rapper Beanie Sigel's plan to leave jail for drug treatment was thrown into doubt Friday after an alleged shooting victim and his girlfriend testified that they had been receiving threats about the case.

Following hearings in both state and federal courts, Sigel's bail situation remained unresolved and was scheduled for another hearing on Monday.

Sigel, the 29-year-old South Philadelphia native born Dwight Grant, has a pending drug and gun case in federal court and two pending cases in state court, including an attempted murder charge.

Terrance Speller, who was allegedly shot by Sigel, and his girlfriend testified Friday morning that they have been receiving daily threats about the case. None came directly from Sigel, they said.

``They received phone calls from people on a daily basis, (saying) that their lives are in danger because of their cooperation in this case," Assistant Philadelphia District Attorney Deborah Robinson said.



Hip-hop artist Beanie Sigel, left, is shown in this AP file photo being escorted by Philadelphia police Lt. Michael Chitwood after surrendering to the police July 3, 2003, in Philadelphia. Sigel's two albums broke the Top 10 on Billboard charts, but the South Philly native's legal problems, including three arrests this year,are catching up with him. AP Photo/Sabina Louise Pierce, file.

Sigel attorney Brian McMonagle dismissed the alleged threats as merely rumors.

Common Pleas Judge Carolyn E. Temin originally revoked bail at Robinson's request Friday, but then vacated the order. At a hearing later Friday, a federal judge then asked for clarification of the state judge's order before moving forward, Assistant U.S. Attorney Curtis Douglas said.

Sigel has been held in federal custody without bail since July 14, but Thursday won the right to attend a residential treatment program for drug and alcohol abuse and anger management.

To attend the program, Sigel agreed to post a $1 million federal bond, including $150,000 in cash, his $400,000 suburban Philadelphia home and four other properties.

He hoped to go home after the four-week program to finish up work on a third solo album, ``The B-Coming," which had been scheduled for release this month, as well as on film and cartoon projects.

Defense lawyer Fortunato N. Perri Jr. did not immediately return a phone message Friday.

Sigel's rap sheet includes nine arrests as an adult but just one conviction, for simple drug possession, and two juvenile assault convictions.

He allegedly shot Speller outside a West Philadelphia strip club on July 1, when he was out on bail for allegedly punching a man outside a Chinese restaurant, breaking his left eye socket.

Sigel, whose two solo albums have sold more than 1 million copies, missed most of a summer ``Roc the Mic" tour with Jay-Z, Memphis Bleek and other Roc-A-Fella label stars after he was taken into federal custody.

The federal charges stem from an April 20 traffic stop in which Sigel allegedly tossed a semiautomatic pistol from a black Cadillac Escalade. As a convicted felon he is not allowed to carry a gun.

He was caught with two large bottles of cough medicine, about 50 Xanax, Percocet and other pills, and a small bag of marijuana, Philadelphia police said.



Danny Glover Promotes Anemia Testing In Nashville Walk

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Actor Danny Glover saw the improvement in his father's life after being treated for anemia while suffering from kidney failure.

Since then, Glover, 56, became the national spokesman of Anemia Lifeline, an organization that helps people with the condition that stems from diseases like kidney failure, . diabetes, cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, HIV and AIDS.

Glover is joining a kidney walk here to raise awareness Saturday. He said his father was on dialysis after kidney failure.

``When he was diagnosed with anemia and treated, it changed the quality of his life," Glover told Nashville television station WSMV.

Anemia, a blood condition that causes the body to circulate less oxygen because of a reduction in red blood cells, affects about 3.4 million Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Glover said he did 10 kidney walks last year, and the organization's Web site had received heavy traffic.

``It's been extraordinary with people coming in and being tested," Glover said.

He also said it's important for people suffering with anemia, which can be detected with a simple blood test, to not just accept the problem as a condition of their disease.

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John Kerry: Fence Sitting On The War And Race

By Ron Walters

Have you ever seen a race where the lead runner, called the "rabbit," started off running and shocked people when it kept on running and won the race? Well, some are afraid that the current race for president is a little like that right now. Many people think that U.S. Sen. John (D-Mass.) Kerry is really the candidate who will emerge victorious, but that Dr. Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor, has started off like a house afire and will eventually burn out; then Kerry will come on and eventually win.

That scenario may well be true, but you couldn't tell it from Kerry's formal announcement for president at Patriot's Point, S.C., recently. To begin with, many pundits scratched their heads at why Kerry would announce in South Carolina rather than in his home state and city of Boston. But I can understand the strategy of trying to get a "twofer" by establishing that he was not just a Northeast regional candidate and that he could compete in the South with Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) and, not incidentally, Al Sharpton.

Sharpton is expected to do well in the South and right now, Edwards is reported not to be doing so well in the polls there because the Black vote has not warmed up to him. Kerry may be concerned that he could suffer the same fate-that is, to win or place second in the Northeast primaries and then come South and fall flat on his face. So, he is trying to make nice in South Carolina, hoping that he can build a beach-head to other areas in the South.

All of this says that the Black vote, especially in South Carolina, is key. It constituted 25 percent of the entire electorate in 2002 and in a Democratic primary, probably constitutes up to 50 percent of the vote. So why would you suppose that Kerry's speech would include just one line about civil rights and his prepared text didn't even mention African-Americans. He extemporaneously offered that discrimination should be ended with respect to African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans. The prepared text only mentioned gays and lesbians. Maybe, it's good that Kerry went South, so that his staff can understand the necessity for him to appeal more effectively to the Black vote. This outing just didn't get it.

But I'm still puzzled. One of the strong themes of Kerry's announcement party was his connection to the military, establishing his strength on this issue by invoking his credibility as a genuine war hero in Vietnam. One of the clearest signals of both his military theme and his wish to link to the South was to find former Georgia Sen. Max Cleland sitting on the stage with him. Cleland was also a highly decorated war hero and a former colleague of Kerry's in the Senate.

But Kerry's position on the war is weak. It goes something like this: I believe in the war (so I am protected on the conservative flank), but by the way, I oppose how Bush is conducting the post-war arrangements (so I am protected on the liberal flank). Vagueness on the war has become the sore point with many activists Democrats. Sure, it is a fact that Democrats such as Joe Lieberman, Bob Graham, Dick Gephardt and Kerry all sided with Bush on the war, but now want to have it both ways. Dean, on the other hand, is getting a big push because of his clear opposition to the war and the post-war occupation of Iraq by the United States.

Ultimately Kerry's fence straddleing seriously undercuts his credibility on the issue of defense and security with core Democrats. But then, the gang of four, led by Kerry, are betting that Dean, the rabbit, burns himself out on issues such as his opposition to the war and then they (who were handicapped to win all along) will come on in the finish to win the race.

Meanwhile, Dean who, like Sharpton, also has taken the strongest positions on race and racism, just keeps on out-running the pack, presenting the clearest, strongest issues. You'd think the "fab four" would get it. They do, but then they are just biding their time.

How Blacks react to this will be important, since the "fab four" have been the weakest on questions of race overall. Will we take it and fall in line, hoping to score with the group that is supposed to contain the eventual winner, or will we have the courage to push those who have had the correct positions all the way? I don't know. These days I find that courage is in pitifully short supply.

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A Test For Labor, Yale, The Nation

By Jesse L. Jackson Sr.

On this Labor Day, Yale University, one of the nation's wealthiest private universities, was the site of a major worker strike. More than 2,000 workers marched on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington, calling for Yale to negotiate on wages, job security and pensions. Five union retirees staged a sit-in at the investment office that handles the university's billion-dollar endowment funds, protesting the fact that they cannot make ends meet on the pensions Yale awards workers after decades of loyal service.

The Yale Corp. is a notoriously tight-fisted, hard-nosed, anti-union employer. It has suffered brutal labor strikes over the last decades as graduate students, service and technical workers have fought for decent wages and benefits. In this, the corporation sadly reflects the worst in the culture of the modern corporation.

Today in America, the gulf between the top floor and the shop floor has reached obscene depths. Last year, CEOs made an average of 200 times the average worker made, far above the 40-60 times that is the average in Europe or Japan. CEOs reward themselves million-dollar annual pensions, even as they slash worker pensions and cut retiree health benefits. A recent study by the Institute for Policy Studies shows chief executives of companies that had the largest layoffs and most under-funded pensions, and that moved operations offshore to avoid U.S. taxes, were rewarded with the biggest pay hikes in 2002, on average. Many CEOs are rewarded for crushing any attempt of workers to organize a union, and to gain a fair share of the profits that their work produces.

Unions, now representing less than 8 percent of the private workforce, are verging on extinction. Their decline is not a reflection of worker attitudes: The vast majority of workers would like to be represented at the workplace. No, their decline comes from the spread of aggressive anti-union tactics, many of them illegal under the toothless National Labor Relations Act. Companies routinely fire workers who lead organizing efforts, threaten workers with loss of their jobs if they vote for a union, threaten to shut down plants to foil successful union drives, refuse to negotiate in good faith with unions once they are formed, and use permanent replacements to effectively erase the right to strike.

The results are apparent: America's middle class is shrinking; stark inequalities are growing. Workers are working longer for less, with fewer benefits, while executives at the top rake off more and more of the companies profits in sweetheart employment contracts approved by directors of their own choosing. While Enron CEO Ken Lay was enjoying three vacation homes in Aspen alone, his workers were watching their life savings disappear, locked into company stock that they were not allowed to sell.

This growing inequality is not good for Yale or for America. It erodes the very foundation of our democracy-a broad, successful middle class. It saps the key to America's prosperity-that we all grow together. Now we suffer a slow growth economy, in no small part because workers are feeling less secure, bearing greater debt, and holding less hope for the future. The 10 states where unions are strongest have higher earnings, better health coverage, less crime, more civic participation, less poverty and better schools than the 10 states where union membership is lowest.

The federal government should be on the side of workers and unions in this battle. But the Bush administration is populated by CEOs and reflects their piratical attitude towards workers. One of Bush's first acts in office was to repeal a Clinton executive order that would have penalized corporations seeking government contracts for repeated violations of labor and environmental laws. The administration has sought to privatize and de-unionize hundreds of thousands of federal jobs. It opposes lifting the minimum wage for poor workers. It pushed to weaken the 40-hour week and deprive millions of workers of overtime pay. Its pension reform bill after the Enron scandals actually would have made it easier for companies to reward lavish pensions to executives, while doing nothing for their workers. When AFL-CIO President John Sweeney calls this the "most anti-worker administration in memory," he isn't kidding.

Yale prides itself on minting the nation's leaders. Both George Bush and Bill Clinton spent time there. Yet the values that the corporation enforces on its workers are bad for New Haven, Conn., where it is located, and bad for the nation. By example, Yale represents the values of the old Gilded Age, not those that made America a prosperous, middle-class democracy.

So thousands are striking for decent pay and benefits. Their struggle highlights the glaring contrast between the billions in the Yale endowment and the wretched condition to which it condemns many of its service workers. The CEOs of the Yale Corp. and the Bush administration may have little shame about their treatment of the workers, but surely they must have some sense of responsibility about the strength of our democracy and our economy? Will they help expand the middle class or help destroy it? That is now what is being put to the test.

Jesse L. Jackson Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow/Push Coalition.

Bush Is 'Shocked And Awed' Into Reality

By George E. Curry

George W. Bush finally has been "shocked and awed" by the rising cost and casualties in Iraq, as well as the realization that efforts to rebuild the war-torn country will not be successful without assistance from the United Nations.

That was made clear in Sunday night's nationally televised address from the White House. It was not so much what Bush said-though the speech lacked the swagger and bluster of some of his earlier comments-but what he proposed.

Let's begin at the beginning. The major pretext for invading a country that had not attacked the United States was that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and posed a threat to Americans because of his ties to the Al Qaeda global terror network.

To this day, Iraq's weapons of mass destruction have yet to be found. This has seriously undermined Bush's credibility both at home and abroad. Even members of his administration now admit that Hussein's ties to Al Qaeda were tenuous at best.

Bush's greatest mistake was trying to go it alone in Iraq. When the United Nations refused to sanction military action in Iraq, the U.S. thumbed its nose at the U.N., dismissing it as being irrelevant.

Under the direction of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, the United States launched it's "shock-and-awe" attack on Iraq, unleashing a barrage of bombs on what they said were carefully selected targets.

On May 1, slightly more than a month later, Bush stood on the deck of an aircraft carrier to announce: "Mission accomplished."

In some ways, the mission was just beginning.

Not only was no effective plan in place to quell Iraqi violence and looting that followed, American soldiers became sitting ducks. So much so that the number of American casualties suffered after the war (149 as of this week) now exceeds the 138 combat deaths. That was shocking.

And lawmakers are in awe over how much money it is costing to attack and rebuild Iraq. In his address, Bush announced that he will ask Congress for $87 billion for the fiscal year that begins next month; about $75 billion of that is earmarked for Iraq. That's in addition to the $79 billion Congress approved for the war. Further, administration officials say an additional $30 billion to $55 billion and 15,000 troops are needed from the international community.

By contrast, the cost of the 1991 Persian Gulf War was $82 billion in current U.S. dollars. Acting in concert with other nations, the United States paid only $9 billion of that amount. Looked at another way, if the money being spent on Iraq was used at home, we could more than double the amount the federal government allocates to education. Even more would be available if Bush's $674 billion tax cut were repealed.

Rather than engage in more domestic spending, the administration will increase the federal deficit, which had been eliminated during the Clinton years, to $475 billion in 2004. It will go even higher, probably topping $600 billion, before the rebuilding effort in Iraq is complete.

Bush's mishandling of the war will undoubtedly be an issue in next year's presidential election. Already, there are signs that his popularity, which was unusually high during the war, is plunging. A recent Time/CNN poll showed that 63 percent of Americans believe going to war was the right policy. Bush's approval rating was 52 percent, about where it was before the war. However, a new poll by Zogby International put his approval rating at 45 percent and 54 percent negative.

Now, the United States must go before the United Nations, the same body that it dismissed as irrelevant at the onset of the war, to beg for help.

"...We cannot let past differences interfere with present duties," Bush said Sunday night. "...Members of the United Nations now have an opportunity and the responsibility, to assume a broader role in assuring that Iraq becomes a free and democratic nation."

Bush should have done more to enlist international cooperation prior to attacking Iraq. Many allies had wanted to assist in the mission but on a timetable established by the United Nations, not George W. Bush. And even while seeking U.N. help, the United States is still trying to dictate the terms, insisting that a U.N. force be headed by an American.

The tragedy is that this is a war we shouldn't have started. And if the administration had wanted to persist, it should have acted in concert with the United Nations. Now, we're paying the price, financially and in human casualties. We should not be shocked or awed to learn that we will pay an even higher price in the future for this lunacy.

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Bon-Macy's Associates Ratify Contract

Bon-Macy's announced recently that members of United Food and Commercial Workers unions 1001, 367 and 44 voted to accept its contract offer. Approximately 1,800 Bon-Macy's employees voted on Sunday and Monday to ratify the three-year contract after more than five months of long difficult negotiations. The agreement covers eight Bon-Macy's stores in the Puget Sound area.

"We are very pleased to have reached a settlement," said Kimberly Reason, spokeswoman for Bon-Macy's. "Our new contract will not only enable us to build a selling culture that focuses on our customers, but also reward associates for consistently delivering excellent customer service."

Bon-Macy's, a division of Federated Department Stores, Inc., is headquartered in Seattle. It currently operates a total of 48 stores in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

22 Million In U.S. Suffer From Substance Dependence Or Abuse

In 2002, an estimated 22 million Americans suffered from substance dependence or abuse due to drugs, alcohol or both, according to the newest results of the Household Survey released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). There were 19.5 million Americans, 8.3 percent of the population ages 12 or older, who currently used illicit drugs, 54 million who participated in binge drinking in the previous 30 days, and 15.9 million who were heavy drinkers.

The report highlights that 7.7 million people, 3.3 percent of the total population ages 12 and older, needed treatment for a diagnosable drug problem and 18.6 million, 7.9 per cent of the population, needed treatment for a serious alcohol problem. Only 1.4 million received specialized substance abuse treatment for an illicit drug problem and 1.5 million received treatment for alcohol problems. Over 94 percent of people with substance use disorders who did not receive treatment did not believe they needed treatment.

There were 362,000 people who recognized they needed treatment for drug abuse. Of them, there were 88,000 who tried but were unable to obtain treatment for drug abuse in 2002. There were 266,000 who tried, but could not obtain treatment for alcohol abuse.

"There is no other medical condition for which we would tolerate such huge numbers unable to obtain the treatment they need," HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said. "We need to enact President Bush's Access to Recovery Program to provide treatment to those who seek to recover from addiction and move on to a better life. That is what Recovery Month is all about."

The new 2002 Household Survey has been renamed the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The survey creates a new baseline with many improvements. The annual survey of approximately 70,000 people was released as part of the kick-off for the 14th annual National Drug and Alcohol Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month) observance.

John Walters, White House Director of National Drug Control Policy, pointed out that "a denial gap of over 94 percent is intolerable. People need to understand the addictive nature of drugs and not presume that they are 'all right' when everyone around them knows better. Families and friends need to urge their loved ones to seek treatment when they experience the toll that addiction takes on loved ones and communities."

The 2002 survey found that marijuana is the most commonly-used illicit drug, used by 14.6 million Americans. About one third, 4.8 million, used it on 20 or more days in the past month. There was a decline in the number of adolescents under age 18 initiating use of marijuana between 2000 and 2001, according to the 2002 survey. There were 1.7 million youthful new users in 2001, down from 2.1 million in 2000. The percentage of youth ages 12-17 who had ever used marijuana declined slightly from 2001 to 2002, from 21.9 percent to 20.6 percent. Most youngsters 12-17 reported that the last marijuana they used was obtained without paying, usually from friends.

"Prevention is the key to stopping another generation from abusing drugs and alcohol," SAMHSA Administrator Charles G. Curie said. "It is gratifying to see that fewer adolescents under age 18 are using marijuana. Now, we need to step up our prevention activities to drive the numbers down further."

The survey found that 30 percent of the population 12 and older, 71.5 million people, use tobacco. Most of them smoke cigarettes. But, the number of new daily smokers decreased from 2.1 million per year in 1998 to 1.4 million in 2001. Among youth under age 18, the decline was from 1.1 million per year in each year between 1997 and 2000 to 757,000 in 2001. This is a decrease from about 3,000 new youth smokers per day to 2,000 per day.

In 2002, there were 2 million persons who currently used cocaine, 567,000 of whom used crack. Hallucinogens were used by 1.2 million people, including 676,000 who used Ecstasy. There were 166,000 current heroin users. Among youngsters 12-17, inhalant use was higher than use of cocaine.

The second most popular category of drug use after marijuana is the non-medical use of prescription drugs. An estimated 6.2 million people, 2.6 percent of the population ages 12 or older, were current users of prescription drugs taken non-medically. Of these, an estimated 4.4 million used narcotic pain relievers, 1.8 million used anti-anxiety medications (also known as tranquilizers), 1.2 million used stimulants and 0.4 million used sedatives. The survey estimates that 1.9 million persons ages 12 or older used OxyContin non-medically at least once in their lifetime.

Current illicit drug use is highest among young adults 18 to 25 years old, with over 20 percent using drugs. Youth ages 12-17 also are significant users, with 11.6 percent currently using illicit drugs. Among adults ages 26 and older, 5.8 percent reported current drug use. There were also 9.5 million full-time workers, 8.2 percent, who used illicit drugs in 2002. Of the 16.6 million illicit drug users ages 18 or older in 2002, 12.4 million were employed either full or part time.

The 2002 survey found that 11 million people, 4.7 percent of the population ages 12 or older, reported driving under the influence of an illicit drug during the past year. Those age 21 reported the highest rate of driving while drugged, 18 percent, but the rate was 10 percent or greater for each age from 17 to 25.

About 10.7 million people ages 12 to 20 (28.8 percent of this age group) reported drinking alcohol in the month prior to the survey interview. Of these, 7.2 million were binge drinkers (19.3 percent) and 2.3 million were heavy drinkers (6.2 percent). There were 33.5 million Americans who drove under the influence of alcohol at least once in the 12 months prior to the interview.

Of those 3.5 million people ages 12 or older who received some kind of treatment related to the use of alcohol or illicit drugs in the 12 months prior to the survey interview, 974,000 received treatment for marijuana, 796,000 received treatment for cocaine, 360,000 received treatment for non medical use of narcotic pain relievers, 277,000 for heroin, and 2.2 million received treatment for alcohol.

Trends in lifetime use of substances were calculated from the 2002 survey based on reports of prior use. Use of pain relievers non-medically among those ages 12-17 increased from 9.6 percent in 2001 to 11.2 percent in 2002, continuing an increasing trend from 1989 when only 1.2 percent had ever used pain relievers non-medically in their lifetime. Among young adults, ages 18-25, the rate of ever having used pain relievers non-medically increased from 19.4 percent in 2001 to 22.1 percent in 2002. This rate was 6.8 percent in 1992.

For teens ages 12-17, the lifetime LSD rate is down from 3.3 percent of this population to 2.7 percent, the Ecstasy rate is up slightly from 3.2 percent to 3.3 percent, cocaine use is up from 2.3 percent of this population to 2.7 percent, and inhalant use is up from 9 percent in 2001 to 10.5 percent in 2002.

In 2002, the survey found, over 83 percent of youth ages 12-17 reported having seen or heard alcohol or drug prevention messages outside of school in the past year. Youth who had seen or heard these messages indicated a slightly lower past month use of an illicit drug (11.3 percent) than teens who had not seen or heard these types or messages (13.2 percent).

There are 4 million adults who have both a substance use disorder and serious mental illness. In 2002, there were an estimated 17.5 million adults ages 18 or older with serious mental illness. This is 8.3 percent of all adults. Adults who used illicit drugs were more than twice as likely to have serious mental illness as adults who did not use an illicit drug. Among adults who used an illicit drug in the past year, 17.1 percent had serious mental illness in that year, compared to 6.9 percent of adults who did not use an illicit drug.

Among adults with serious mental illness in 2002, over 23 percent, were dependent on or abused alcohol or illicit drugs. The rate among adults without serious mental illness was only 8.2 percent. Among adults with substance dependence or abuse, 20.4 percent had serious mental illness, compared with 7 percent among adults who were not dependent on or abusing alcohol or drugs.

The survey is based on interviews with 68,126 respondents who were interviewed in their homes. This includes persons residing in dormitories or homeless shelters. The interviews represent 98 percent of the population ages 12 and older. Not included in the survey are persons in the active military, in prisons or other institutionalized populations or who are homeless.

Recovery Month is a celebration of the accomplishments of people in recovery. Since its inception, it has highlighted the strides made in substance abuse treatment. This year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Health" emphasizes that addiction to alcohol and drugs is a chronic, but treatable, public health problem that affects everyone in the community. Recovery Month is celebrated to promote the message of recovery, applaud the courage of people in recovery and recognize the contributions of treatment providers. More than 90 organizations and individuals partner with SAMHSA in the Recovery Month planning process.

Findings from the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health are available on the Web at www.DrugAbuseStatistics.samhsa.gov

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Rental Assistance Programs Receive Grant Awards

The City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) announced recently that grant awards for two rental assistance programs, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Rental Stabilization Program. These programs will provide rental assistance to hundreds of low-income households who are transitioning from homelessness or facing a housing crisis that may result in eviction.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program offers a unique opportunity for HSD to join forces with United Way of King County to provide short-term, direct rental assistance through contracts with 11 community-based, nonprofit human service agencies. A variety of other services provided by the agencies will also be available to households receiving rental assistance and support from United Way's Out of the Rain Homelessness Initiative.

The following agencies will receive grants from the $300,000 Emergency Rental Assistance fund: Catholic Community Services, El Centro de la Raza, Family Services, First Place, Fremont Public Association International District Housing Alliance, Refugee Federation Service Center, ROAR of WA, Salvation Army, Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation, and YWCA of Seattle-King County.

The Rental Stabilization Program will provide rental assistance up to 18 months and will emphasize comprehensive case management services to ensure that households served will achieve long-term housing stability. An existing provider, the Salvation Army, has been selected to receive $550,000 to provide services to approximately 100 households over the course of one year. "Our goal is simple: to continue to be a vital resource for making a difference in people's lives," said Mayor Nickels. "These grants provide hope for so many in need of a little extra help to keep a roof over their head."

Both programs are designed to provide optimal opportunities for families and individuals to achieve housing stability and include follow-up visits six months after leaving the program to verify that clients have achieved stability in their lives. Funding for both programs comes from the 2002 voter-approved Seattle Housing Levy. The programs will begin immediately.

Flap Over New S.C. Prison Facility

(Special to the NNPA)-Black leaders see the new federal prison being built along a lonely two-lane highway in a South Carolina county that is more than two-thirds Black is meeting with resistance from some who feel the community should not bind its future to a system that locks up so many members of their own race.

In Williamsburg County, S.C., a $110 million medium-security prison that will hold about 1,150 inmates is scheduled to open at the end of the year. Although the prison will bring jobs to the financially strapped county, local leader Rev. Joe Darby told reporters that the jail brings "jobs for an horrendous reason."

"Some used to argue slavery was good for the economy, but it was bad for the slaves," said Darby, first vice president of the South Carolina chapter of the NAACP.

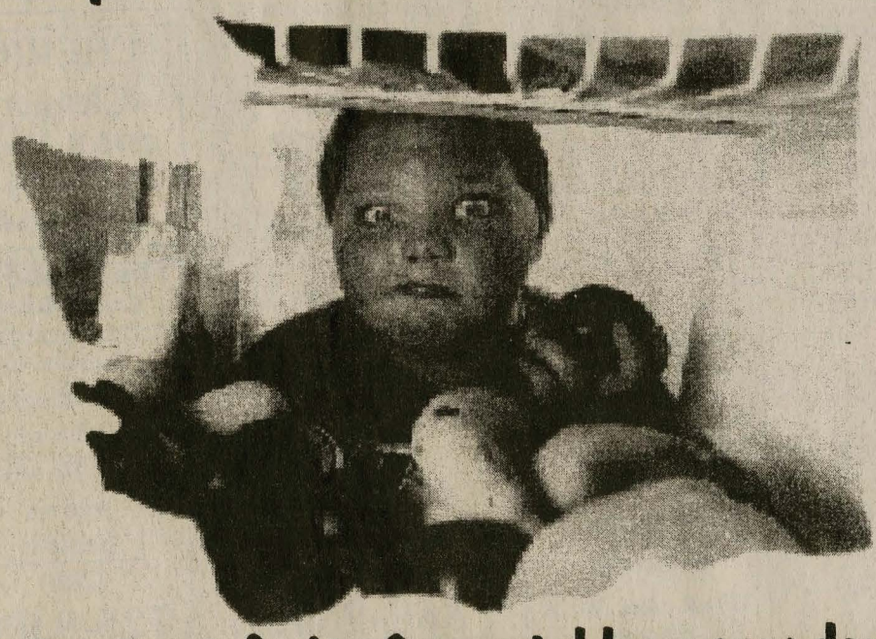
The prison is expected to bring more than 380 jobs, most of them paying well more than double the county's average personal income of $12,794, according to the federal Bureau of Prisons.

But not all are opposed to the facility.

"I think sending more Blacks to prison is not a solution," Hezekiah Pressley, co-owner of a restaurant in Williamsburg told reporters. "But jobs are jobs, and economic growth is economic growth. It's got to go somewhere."

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ARIES
Give yourself a chance to know yourself better. Let others reflect the beauty that is you and that will give you added knowledge of yourself this week. Ask for opinions and listen closely, making something good out of whatever is said. Soul Affirmation: I spend the week celebrating me.

TAURUS
You'll meet someone that you could come to adore. Make sure you've laid the groundwork because they might not be ready for all the adoration that you are ready to give. Make sure that you don't adore a bird in the bush while neglecting a bird in hand. Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the act of adoring.

GEMINI
Being an artist doesn't always mean painting a picture. This week apply your artistry to anything that you do. Look at life as an empty canvas upon which you have the skill to paint almost any wonderful thing that you want. Soul Affirmation: My life itself is my greatest creation.

CANCER
This week is better than last week for career goals. Think deeply about what you really want for a career. Clarity is easy to come by. Charm is an extremely effective tool for you this week. The smile is needed more than at any recent time. Soul Affirmation: I keep my smile shining, especially at home.

LEO
Believe that it is true when a friend or family member praises you this week. There is something good happening with you that you cannot see. Expect good news about a publishing, educational or legal venture. Romance is in the air, revel in it. Soul Affirmation: All the good things said about me this week are absolutely true.

VIRGO
This week let your nurturing spirit shine through. Your tremendous adaptability will make it possible for you to show kindness even where it is not deserved. Know that your kindness is appreciated. All week long you'll find yourself in helpful conversations with friends or family members. Heed what is said. Soul Affirmation: Everyone deserves kindness this week.

LIBRA
This week is a good week for new investment of money, time or energy. Your investment will be attractive to someone who wants to help. Make the call. This week let the feeling of being special bathe you. Soul Affirmation: I invest new faith in everything I do this week.

SCORPIO
Opportunity knocks this week; be ready and waiting. An old love may resurface. Take a good look. This week is good for you financially. Look for a special opportunity at work. Families matters; spend time with yours. Soul Affirmation: Old love? New love? The most important thing is true love!

SAGITTARIUS
They get on your nerves but you'll profit from joining with them in a common effort. Pull close to an annoying buddy. Joint adventures will pay ten-fold. Household projects call. You and a lover can finally reach the same page. Soul Affirmation: I am patient with all that comes my way this week.

CAPRICORN
This week begins three weeks during which success and romance are closely related. Kill two birds with one stone. Enjoy your feelings and let your brain relax. Suspend all judgments of others. Being stern won't work for you this week. Soul Affirmation: I judge no one, especially myself this week.

AQUARIUS
News that comes by phone, e-mail or snail mail makes it easier for you to remain upbeat. Focus on what is said. No matter what it is, find the good in it. Invite new insights. They could well come from your lover. Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.

PISCES
Don't be dismayed if you tried to prevent it but couldn't. It was meant to happen, and you were intended to learn from it. Nothing was lost. Something was delayed. After you've learned your lesson the chance will come again. Soul Affirmation: Faith keeps me calm in the storms of life.

ASK GWEN... My Husband Did The Unthinkable To Me, But I Still Love Him!

Dear Gwendolyn:

I am 27-years old and married with a 10-year-old daughter. I have been involved with my husband since I was around 14 or 15. I honestly love him with everything I am and hope to become. We have had some difficult ups and downs and have done the unthinkable to each other. He has abused me on more than one occasion. One time he served three years in prison for abusing me, and of course, we ended up getting back together after he got out. We both had hoped that things would change. However, they didn't and he is currently incarcerated for the same abusive act to me. Although it has been over a year, the point is it happened again after promising it wouldn't.

I have a new idea. The bottom line is we never tried our marriage with God. I feel we shouldn't give up without doing so and to be honest, I never felt the need and desire to go to God who has all strength. Together, we (my husband and I) are not strong enough.

My husband received his ministry, license and all, the first time he was locked up. Well, that was short. When he was released from prison, he went the other way—started his sinner ways again.

Gwendolyn, my question to you is, "Should I let God fight for my marriage?"

Hannah

Dear Hannah:

And my answer to you is "no." Let God stay in the hospitals to heal the sick, and let God stay on the highways to see that people go from point A to point B in safety.

Hannah, you seem to be confused and you are confusing me. Allow me to explain: You did not state what the "unthinkable" was that caused your husband to serve three years in prison, get out and return for the same "unthinkable" act. You need to seek professional counseling. You are being the victim.

You are young and I hope you take my advice so that you can live out your life in happiness. Your youth is your reward. You would be amazed at the number of women and men who did not make a firm decision at 27, but went on to reach the age of 90 regretting what they didn't do at 27. Don't make that same mistake.

What I am saying to you is, don't wait for God to fight your battle. Use your own "common sense" and end this relationship. Be cautious because I don't know what the "unthinkable" was, but your husband sounds like a person with a violent temper.

Hannah, I know you love him, but don't let it ruin your life. It's not worth it. I also doubt if this man loves you as powerfully as you love him. For him, I do believe it is security he seeks. Think about it. In prison, out of prison; he still has a place to call home.

If you do not have a college degree, then go to school or take a training that pays well. Being single, you may need to increase your income. I want you to put full attention to yourself and to your daughter. You started dating young. He took your years as a teenager. That's enough. Do not let him stay in your life until you are old.

You know what? The last time I told someone not to involve God in their problem, I received a flood of mail. But I tell you, don't let these little old religious ladies tell you how to live your life. You know why? They have already miserably lived theirs. Again, your marriage is not worth saving. It's not the institution of marriage itself that counts. It's the happiness, love, comfort and joy received and given in a marriage that counts. Do not allow old ladies to cloud your judgment. After all, they grew up during a time when a woman would take any type of mistreatment just to be able to say, "I is married."

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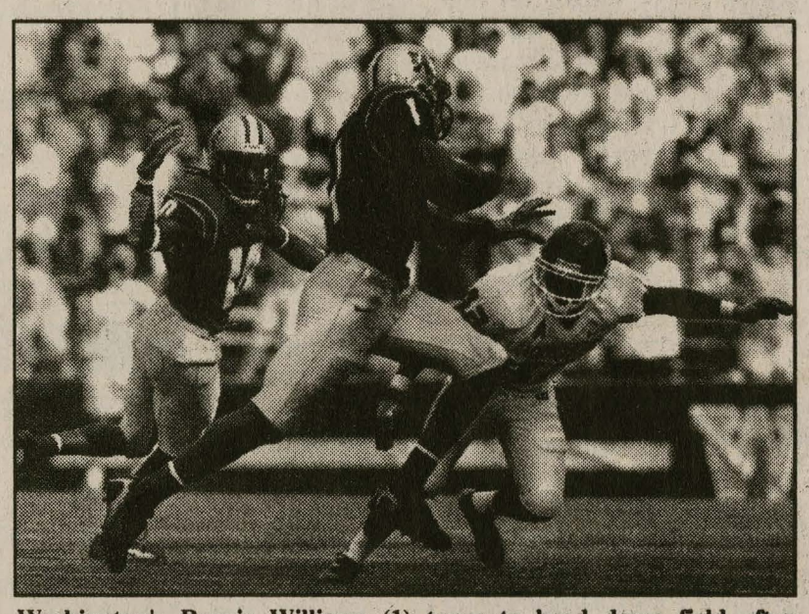
Huskies Rebound -- Beat Indiana 38-13

The University of Washington Huskies got back on the winning track last week, with a 38-13 victory over Indiana. However, the bitter-sweet victory did not come without a fight.

Indiana drew even with the Huskies 10-10 at halftime and then took a 13-10 lead after marching down the field on the first possession of the second half.

"I'm very disappointed that they came right down the field to kick a field goal (to open the second half," said Husky head coach Keith Gilbertson. "Their offensive coordinator did a good job of keeping us off-balance."

The field goal seemed to be a wake-up call to the Huskies, who looked to be in jeopardy of starting the season 0-2.



Washington's Reggie Williams (1) turns to head down field after catching a pass on a 70-yard touchdown play with Indiana's Duane Stone defending and Washington's Charles Frederick (10) looks on during the third quarter at the Husky Stadium in Seattle on Saturday. Washington won, 38-13. *AP Photo/John Froschauer.*

On the Huskies next possession, wide receiver Reggie Williams revived the crowd at Husky stadium with a 70-yard touchdown catch to put the Huskies ahead 17-13.

"It was a slant route. I got a good block from E.T. (Frederick) and there was nothing but space, so I just tried to get to the end zone as fast as I could," said Williams.

The Huskies then got a pair of touchdowns from running back Shelton Sampson, who provided a glimpse of why the coaching staff so high on him as a runner.

"He is skilled and talented guy," said Gilbertson "He does give us some explosiveness back there. He is very fast and I am expecting to him just get better and better."

Washington put up 28 points during the third quarter, tying a school-record, and put the game out of reach as Williams caught his second touchdown pass of the game with two-seconds left in the third quarter to put Washington ahead 38-13.

Rich Alexis led all Husky rushers with 75 yards on 18 carries, while Kenny James rushed 14 times for 40 yards, and Shelton Sampson chipped in 39 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries.

Cody Pickett completed 18 of 26 passes for 290 yards and three touchdowns, while William led all receivers with 4 catches for 98 yards and two touchdowns.

While the team came away with a victory, Gilbertson still sees a lot of room for improvement.

"We've got some work to do on defense," he said. "I'm not pleased with the pass rush at this point. I think we can tackle better. I see a lot of improvement that needs to be made."

Black College Football Scores

Alabama A&M 31, Tenn. St. 24

The Bulldogs jumped on the visiting Tigers early, building a 31-2 lead into the third quarter (11:13), but had to hold off a late 22 point charge preserve their initial win of the season.

Alabama A&M running back Jeremiah Bonds had a career-high rushing day gaining 183 yds on 20 carries (50 lg) with two TDs.

Grambling St. 40, Alcorn St.28

Alcorn State played Grambling State tooth and nail for just over three quarters, leading 28-23 with 9:46 remaining in the game. The Braves, however, yielded 17 points to the Tigers in the final 6:13 of the game.

GSU quarterback Bruce Eugene, gained 356 yds of total offense, and accounted for 5 touchdowns, as Grambling rolled up 477 yards of offense.

NC Central 31, Morehouse 24

Maurice Glenn caught two touchdowns and Lawrence Fuller rushed for a 131 yards and a touchdown as the North Carolina Central Eagles downed the visiting Morehouse College Tigers 31-24.

Kentucky St. 35, Clark-Atlanta 18

QB Joe McBride led Kentucky State to a season opening 35-18 win over Clark Atlanta by connecting on 23-of-36 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions

Other Scores:

Albany State 27, Miles 12
Ark.-P Bluff 27, Miss. Valley St. 7
Bethune-Cook 31, Alabama St. 26
Bucknell 33, Delaware State 28
Catabwa 49, Livingstone 6
Fayettville St. 27, Virg. Union 19
Florida A&M 26, Morgan State 7
Kutztown 34, Virginia State 6
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