May 1, 1994, Metropolitan Auto Exchange opens for business. A new era is entered, a new entrepreneur steps forward and a whole new way of car buying and selling is born.

Jonathan Neal had been operating an accounting service called Computedge since 1988, but had been working on the concept of Metropolitan Auto Exchange for about a year prior to downsizing which separated him from his 13 year tenure at Eastman Kodak.

So many aspects of the new business were already in place, that Neal decided to take the plunge. Fortunately for him, his wife Alfair, a teacher at City School #14, was 100 percent behind him. Neal says Alfair felt "some sadness and uncertainty...but supported the business concept" and was happy that he would have the opportunity to do the Exchange.

The business was the marriage of computer technology and the desire to do something different about the way people buy and sell cars. Neal's past experiences in this arena were anything but positive and he did not like the process. For at least the last two years he had been thinking of ways he could improve on it.

As a Financial Analyst at Kodak he was extensively with databases and studying the used car classifieds in the newspaper, he came up with a plan to make the entire search for the right car easier.

The service is similar to putting together a presentation intelligent method of dealing with both parties involved. He would not want to tell the seller what he didn't like about the vehicle. So Neal finds the seller appreciates the "qualified buyer" which he has pre-screened, both for serious intentions and financial ability. The buyer has viewed the vehicle via video as the first step and wants a closer look at the vehicle. So Neal has focused on sellers and enters their vehicles readily into his computer system.

The buyer however, has been the daily story. Neal feels they would rather make the contact themselves, but is not sure why. Fees for the MAX service are minimal and are only incurred if an actual sale or purchase is made. The service is similar to the new car brokerage services, but the fees are more than 50% less. So cost can't be considered a factor. Neal also offers his customers sources for financing.

The potential MAX customer is anyone seeking to buy or sell a car. Much of the time they will be a first-time buyer, a younger person or a middle-aged person looking for a second vehicle for a spouse or teenager.

In order to cover all marketing aspects of his business, Neal is putting together a presentation which he will begin to offer to various organizations. It will acquaint them with this new and intelligent method of dealing with used cars.

This now available alternative makes it easier, whether buying or selling a vehicle. Neal estimates in 2-7 days you can purchase the car you've been looking for. Neal compiles videos of advertised vehicles and has 1500 cars on file at any one time.

Generally a customer chooses three or four vehicles to look at first. The seller can bring the car to the MAX office, or directly to the buyer, or it can be seen at the seller's home.

Neal feels he has found a way to create a "win-win" situation for both parties involved. He recognizes the value retention of the various vehicles and has that information available making the decision-seeking process easier.

Neal who has a Masters in Business Administration, finds the scope of functions you perform as a business owner is not narrow as it is in the corporate structure. So he utilizes a lot more of the things he's learned.

He says "I have always wanted to be my own boss." He acknowledges it "has its own problems in terms of keeping yourself motivated." Self-control is a necessary ingredient in the make-up of an entrepreneur.

In the office by nine in the morning Neal says, "the beauty of that five o'clock, I'm not looking to go home. I'm not watching the clock." In fact, he doesn't even have a clock in his office. He does whatever needs to be done and enjoys doing it. "I've never gotten up any day and said I don't want to go to work today. Nothing's routine, it's always a different day. I'm having fun!"

Neal's fifteen year old son, Pharon, a student at Rush Henrietta High School, helped his Dad out during the summer doing computer entry for him. Pharon is also an entrepreneur. He is producing his own comic book. He's offered to hire his Dad to work at his comic book company, but that's another story.

Story by Joan Howard

"ONE WITH GOD IS A MAJORITY." F DOUGLASS

"Buying or Selling a Vehicle? Talk to Neal First"

Nigerians Celebrate 34th Independence Anniversary

goria Turner

The Nigerian Association of Greater Rochester, Inc. (NAG Roch. Inc.), presented their Annual Dinner and Celebration of Nigeria's 34th Independence Anniversary on October 7, at the Radisson Inn located at 172 Jefferson Road in Rochester, N.Y.

The Honorable Charles O. Awani, the Consul-General of Nigeria in NY delivered the keynote address: "Forging A United Front."

Consul-General Awani spoke of the unifying of China and Manchuria in 1931 against Japanese aggression. "There are two parts in the Chinese Moto...to build a solid rock from two opposing groups," Consul-General Awani stated. He urged Nigerians in the U.S. to follow the Chinese analysis by forging a united front to defend the name of Nigeria and "to make it good."

Consul-General Awani continued, "Today, there are large numbers of Nigerians in every major city in the United States. That situation produced a parallel development of Nigerian Associations...the purpose of which is to promote the welfare of its members."

"The ultimate goal," Consul-General Awani emphasized, "is to mobilize all Nigerian organizations in the United States." He spoke of the merits of these associations, Consul-General said, "Apart from the fact that these associations provide a forum for the expression of leadership ability, the membership;" he continued, "also found themselves to be more expressive of their
“RIGHT is of no sex, truth is of no order - GOD is the father of us all and we are brethren.”

Washington, D.C.—Marion Barry’s election could only occur in a democracy— in an open, free and fair election. Marion Barry’s election could only occur in a democracy because the police had no chance of convicting him. The reason is because the system is broken. Thousands of previously untried and untried people, many of them young and restless, saw a great light of hope— in Marion, and his people within themselves. If you continue to vote, in act and to agitate for a morally sound agenda of jobs and justice, they cannot be ignored.

Some will say, “Marion got away with it.” He didn’t. He got away with it because of the way Democracy can win to broaden the pool of incompetence; 2 candidates, Curtis (Gutter) through voter registration, not recycle Republican and Perrot voters and call them “New Democracy.”

But as are as many people in this country who don’t vote as do. Democrats ignore the fact that voters (and Republicans act like they don’t know it) because they are too many minorities, or poor, uneducated, young and ill-prepared for the world of work. The experts based their prediction on a specific pool of voters and not on the fact that Barry added more water to the pool by registering more than 12,000 new voters. If they did know it, they would have known these newly registered voters would vote— but they did—and he won.

Marion Barry’s victory symbolizes not the victory of all poor, those in trouble with the judicial system, and the unemployed, but rather those who have hope beyond prison and there can be a resurrection and life beyond the crucifixion.

Marion Barry’s victory was won, not with fingerpointing, fighting or violence, but with the power of the ballot. The police had no chance of convicting him. Thousands of previously untried and untried people, many of them young and restless, saw a great light of hope— in Marion, and his people within themselves. If you continue to vote, in act and to agitate for a morally sound agenda of jobs and justice, they cannot be ignored.

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**OBITUARIES**

**ALEXANDER, Lloyd F.**

September 29, 1994

A memorial service was held at Second Baptist Church of Mumford, Mumford, N.Y. Mr. Alexander is survived by his parents Harold and Elmina Alexander of Centreville, his grandparents Eula M. Bryant of Rochester, niece Mary Alexander of Palmetto, brother Dwight R. Alexander of Buffalo, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was employed at Buffalo General Hospital.

**BELL, Frankie L.**

September 29, 1994

Funeral services were held at Second Baptist Church of Mumford, Mumford, N.Y. Mrs. Bell is survived by her husband, Curtis Bell; 2 sons, Curtis Bell and Thomas (Alice) Bell; 2 daughters, Kathy and Tracey Bell; 2 grandchildren; 1 brother, Ernest (Doretha) Turner; 3 sisters, Ruby Turner, Rochelle (Glennie) Lewis and Lucinda Jones; 2 nieces, 2 nephews, 8 nieces, 8 nephews, relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Millard E. Latimer & Son Funeral Directors, Inc.

**FALKE, Lisa**

September 29, 1994

Funeral services were held at the Latimer Chapel, Pastor Anthony Saxos officiating. Ms. Falke is survived by her parents, 3 brothers, 5 sisters, 1 niece, 1 nephew, relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Millard E. Latimer & Son Funeral Directors, Inc.

**FRAZIER, Pervis**

September 29, 1994

Funeral services were held at Church of Faith, Church of God, Darrell Jones officiating. Mrs. Frazier is survived by her husband, Mr. Pervis A. Frazier, Jr.; son and daughter-in-law, Lenard (Lisa) Frazier; 2 grandchildren, all of Rochester; 2 sisters, Paul Lee of Miami, Fla; 2 nieces, 2 nephews, relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Millard E. Latimer & Son Funeral Directors, Inc.

**GREENLEE, Donald R.**

October 3, 1994

Funeral services were held at the Latimer Chapel, The Rev. Ernest Hunt officiating. Mrs. Greenlee is survived by 1 brother, Henry Greenlee and 1 sister, Lucinda Greenlee.

**KING, Esther M.**

October 3, 1994

Funeral services were held at Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Mrs. King is survived by daughters, Deloren Nuiley, Sylvia Thompson; sisters, Carrie Williams, Ellis Campbell; brother, Thomas Morris; a host of grandchildren. Final arrangements by Millard E. Latimer & Son Funeral Directors, Inc.

**JENKINS, Mary E.**

October 15, 1994

Ms. Jenkins is survived by cousins, James and Harriet Brown and Dwayne Davis of Rochester, The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse King is survived by daughters, several cousins, aunts and other relatives. Final arrangements by Millard E. Latimer & Son Funeral Directors, Inc.

**JONES, Alberta**

October 19, 1994

Funeral services were held at Christ Tabernacle Church, Bishop, Reece Jones officiating. Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pervis A. Jones; son and daughter-in-law, Lenard (Lisa) Frazier; 2 grandchildren, all of Rochester; 2 sisters, Paul Lee of Miami, Fla; 2 nieces, 2 nephews, relatives and friends. Final arrangements by Millard E. Latimer & Son Funeral Directors, Inc.

**KING, Agnes**

October 3, 1994

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**KING, Ethel M**

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The advertising deadline for the next issue of the VOICE is Friday, November 4, 1994.
75th Anniversary of Ecumenical Ministries in Monroe County

The Greater Rochester Community of Churches (GRCC) will celebrate the 75th anniversary of ecumenical ministries in Monroe County with an Anniversary Banquet on Sunday, November 13, at 5:30 PM at the Mapledale Party House. Tickets are available through local parish offices or by calling GRCC at 254-2570.

The anniversary program will include a dramatic telling of local ecumenical history and interchurch cooperation which began in 1919 in the aftermath of World War I. The program will also include special recognition of the Rev. Lawrence Witter for nearly 18 years of service as Executive Director of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries and the GRCC.

Keynote speaker Dr. Robert Franklin, Associate Professor of Social Ethics and Director of the Program of Black Church Studies at Carleton School of Theology (Emory University, Atlanta, GA), will deliver the anniversary message, "Covenanting for Community." Dr. Franklin is listed in the November 1993 Ebony magazine "Honor Roll of Great Black Preachers," and is the author of Liberating Visions, a comparative study of the moral and political visions of Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Malcolm X, and M. L. King, Jr.

"Get Over It!!"... Sounds like something I have been known to say a time or two to my critics, after they have read my latest column.

This time however, that profound statement came from the mouth of the new Mayor of Washington, DC. (A prediction I made while he was serving time for his mistakes).

Now how did I proclaim such a ridiculous assumption? How could I begin to imagine that with all the publicity and character assassination, with all the head shaking and the gossip that took place, that Marion Barry could ever be Mayor of Washington, DC again?

Simple answer, Marion Barry took care of his people. If they had taken care of him as well as he took care of them, he probably would never have participated in any habits that launched him into the out-of-control orbit he found himself in.

Well, that is Monday-morning-quarterbacking. The reality is he is back, as strong as ever. The message his candidacy brings is one of hope for the downtrodden, those that have stumbled or fallen and have given up.

Marion Barry's story should be a Sunday morning sermon in every Black church in America, because to me his comeback has very religious overtones and is truly a resurrection from the dead.

Why was I so sure he would be Mayor again? Because I know personally that Marion Barry is not a quitter. I witnessed serving in his former administration as a Community Involvement Specialist, giving me an opportunity to know first hand how the people of Washington DC felt about this man and they love him.

Many don't realize that he was the first elected Mayor to the District of Columbia. Many do not realize the economic growth that the District of Columbia experienced under his administration. The people who have helped him come this far realize it.

The last time I had my ear to the ground, it became real clear to me that he was very badly missed these last four years, by many on the Federal level who, according to some news reports, appear to be his worst critics.

I find it curious that Marion Barry, convicted for a misdemeanor and having paid for his mistake, is subject to such negative publicity, while on the other hand, Ollie North, a convicted felon, has not served a day in jail and is considered such a viable candidate in his current run for Senator in the state of Virginia.

Hammurabi's this morning was a prelude to Rev. Jesse Jackson's reasonable justification for why Marion Barry will be and deserves to be Mayor of the District of Columbia again.

For more information contact Farouk at 235-0828 or 442-9892.

STRIGHT ... no chaser
by Gloria E. Winston

"My teacher made me shift gears."
I had it with school.
I wanted to get a job, get some wheels.

My English teacher threw my plans in reverse.
"Don't be foolish," she said.
"Ten years from now you'll be driving the same dumb car, but you'll be too embarrassed to come back and finish school."

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Mayor Launches First Community School Project

Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., in collaboration with five local human service agencies and the City School District, announced that the City's first Community School Collaborative Project is now in operation at School #6.

The project, which brings human services directly into the school, enables children and their families to receive many of the services they desperately need in an environment that is easily accessible and already familiar to them.

The development of the community school project is the direct result of Mayor Johnson's strong belief that existing resources can be effectively utilized to improve services to families and children.

The concept for community schools, like this one at School #6, was first outlined in Johnson's "Blueprint for Change," the document that served as his campaign platform during last year's mayoral race.

The school #6 program is made possible largely through the efforts of William Fawcett, Jr., staff assistant to the Mayor and the individual responsible for the Mayor's human services restructuring initiatives; Barbara McGriff, principal at School #6; and the cooperative efforts of the five participating agencies listed below who generously agreed to donate their time and resources.


Many of the services, including all case management, tutoring, mentoring, health care services, seminars, and workshops are being provided at no additional cost. The participating agencies have agreed to provide these services from funds already within their existing budgets.

The School #6 site was chosen as a pilot for the community schools program for several reasons. Many of the students are considered at high risk, many of the families are at or below the poverty level, and the caseloads of the school social workers are extremely high.

For these reasons, among others, Principal McGriff was happy to have her school serve as the community school model. "The School #6 family truly believes that it takes an entire village to raise a child. This collaborative effort of five agencies is a demonstration of our belief," McGriff stated.

The Project has also received support from the City School District and its Board. According to Loretta Johnson, interim superintendent of schools, "the District welcomes community support as we continue to expand and improve programs that address the educational and health needs of our students."

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Mystery Writer Seminar
At Strong Museum

Mystery writer Miriam Monfredo, author of North Star Conspiracy and Seneca Falls Inheritance, heads a seminar, "So You Want to Be a Mystery Writer," at the Strong Museum, Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The afternoon seminar, presented in conjunction with Writers & Books, also includes a panel of local writers (Nancy Kress, Edward D. Hoch, Mary Stanton) who will share secrets of the novel writing trade.

In addition, Strong Museum librarian Carol Sandler will present "A Brief History of the Strong Museum's mystery fiction collection." Monfredo is a women's history buff with a special interest in Women's New York. Her novels are rich in period detail and feature cameos of significant historical figures.

Monfredo says she uses her mystery novels as a means of writing about women's history because fiction enlivens history and makes it more accessible to the public.

She is currently working on Black Water Spirits, a novel set in 1839 that deals with Iroquois women and the spiritualist movement.

Monfredo, who has a master's degree in library science, will discuss the importance of in-depth research to the craft of writing and will explore the differences between mystery writing and other genres when it comes to plot, pacing and character development.

Registration is $12.00 for students with I.D., seniors, and members of the Strong Museum and Writers & Books. The fee for the general public is $16.00.

To register, call the Strong Museum at 263-2709 x202.

First Annual Women's Retreat

The Women's Prayer Ministry will host a retreat for women October 28-30, 1994. The theme will be "Praying Women of Character."

The keynote speaker, Grace Lee, is a Christian Counseling Psychologist who has ministered throughout the world. The 3-day retreat will be held at the Christian Retreat Center at Woman Homestead, Painted Post, New York.

Some of the topics that will be focused on include; Spiritual Maturity, How to learn to be patient and overcome temptation, and How to pray and get results.

For additional information contact Chino Bowens at (716) 436-1164, Sylvia Williams at (315) 524-2490 or Francesca Bridges at (716) 225-8748.

Rhythm and Blues Sound at Strong Museum

Take a musical excursion through the history of rhythm and blues.

Radio music host Doug Curry (WRUR and WXLI) and local R&B artist Ted Salamandra and Lady Rose, and Joe Beard explore the evolution of this music from and its continuing appeal in the Rochester area at "Flour City Blues & Rhythms," a program of the Wednesday Evening Making American Music series at the Strong Museum on November 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Rose is a female blues belter in the tradition of Kokis Taylor, Dinah Washington, and Bessie Smith. Joe Beard, one of Rochester's best known blues men, has jammed with such notable names as Ron House and Buddy Guy. The Salamanders are one of Rochester's finest rhythm and blues/rock and roll bands.

According to Curry, in the past two decades, Rochester has emerged as a premiere city for authentic rhythm and blues music. The audience attracted to the popular blues-based, African music has expanded tremendously.

Curry will talk about the popularity of rhythm and blues in the Rochester area as the performers illustrate the variety of R&B styles.

"We're going to perform vocal styles and blues forms from the one-man, one-guitar country blues to the brassy, dancehall party rhythm and blues," says Curry.

"Flour City Blues & Rhythm" is presented in conjunction with the new exhibition "Between 2 Worlds: African-American Identity and American Culture."

The audience is invited to view the exhibition prior to the performance beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Jefferson Avenue Extends Invitation

The Jefferson Avenue Business, Inc. cordially invites the public to attend the unveiling of the new Street Light-Pole Banners on Jefferson Avenue, Thursday, October 20, 11-1 p.m.

The associations new banners are a message to the community that we must stop violence, the illegal sale of drugs and addiction to drugs and alcohol. We must instill pride on the 'Avenue.'

This initiative is part of the Jefferson Avenue Business Enhancement Program, funded by the City of Rochester.

For more information, please contact Patricia Jackson at 328-1940 or Frances Johnson at 529-5545.

Volunteer Training Offered

Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry announces its Fall Volunteer Training Program for visitation with inmates in the Monroe County Jail and the Monroe Correctional facility.

The training will be held on Saturday, October 22, 1994 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Church, 17 South Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, New York.

Free parking is available in the lot next to the church (corner of W. Broad Street), or on the street.

For information and applications, please call the Jail Ministry Office at 325-1942.

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commend the founding members
of this organization for their
sense of enterprise." Other
distinguished guests and
speakers included Dr.
Ifeoma Okoye of Brockport,
NY, who spoke of the reality of
the African Revolution, and
Councilwoman Maxine Chil-
dress-Brown, who spoke about
the positive influences the
Nigerian people are having in
our community.
Councilwoman Childress-
Brown also received the People's
Award in the category of
Outstanding Service Award to
Non-Nigerian. This award hon-
ors a non-Nigerian citizen who
has contributed to the betterment
of Nigerians in the Greater
Rochester area.
"The most important part of
the celebration, in Nigerian cul-
ture," according to Dr. M. Ehi
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ed in the Edo/Ishan style. "It is
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life. "As you chew, the experi-
tence is mild bitterness. The after-
taste is enhanced with a drink of
water," Dr. Ayewoh explained.
"Life is not always sweet," he
continued, "especially the initial-
ness[sic]."
Dr. Ayewoh praised, "He who
brings the Kola Nut brings life."
and he concluded emphatically
with the closing remark, "May
the positive guiding spirit of our
people guide and protect us."
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The mortgage would be $58,200 at a fixed rate of 8.5% APR requiring 360 payments of $447.50.

NSW's parents dream of owning a home with a yard for their children to play in and a room of their own with treasured toys. They want their children to enjoy the same opportunities and wages. (See SEEN SCENE on Page 7.)

The dinner menu, prepared by Logan's Party House, Rochester, NY, included swedish meat balls, string beans, rice, potatoes au gratin, salad, cranberry sauce and fresh Italian bread. Ice cream for dessert.

The entertainment for the evening began with mellow jazz by A Few Bad Apple who provided background music during the reception. Before the buffet dinner, the guests were entertained by Sankofa African Dance and Drum Ensemble of SUNY Brockport, Clyde Morgan, Director of the Dance Theatre. They made special remarks to the dinner Chairperson, James Waters, acknowledging and thanking him for the opportunity to perform. Mr. Morgan said, "I always tell teachers to take care of their students because they in turn will take care of you.

The keynote speaker for the evening was The Honorable William A. Johnson, Mayor of Rochester. The Mayor's comments were brief and he centered most of his attention around the theme for the evening, raising scholarship dollars for students. This is an investment in the future of our community.

Mayor Johnson also made reference to an article that appeared in the March '94 issue of Esquire magazine, entitled "The Education of Mike Tyson." He referred to the article to emphasize the importance of scholarships and helping our young people to attend college. The Mayor said that he had very little compassion for Mike Tyson during his trial. He said he often found himself in heated debate about Tyson, especially when he was guilty, "I didn't think he got enough time.

However, the Mayor said after reading the article in Esquire which told the story of what Mike Tyson has been doing while incarcerated. While there are other alternatives open to Tyson, he has chosen to educate himself. The article quotes Tyson as saying, "I decided to exercise the one muscle in my body that has been mistreated and abused, my brain."

This 23 year old Tyson had never learned fractions or percentages in his glory days, others had managed his money for him. The Mayor said that after reading the article, "My admiration for him has multiplied many times over.

Mayor Johnson closed his comments by reminding the audience that everyone has an obligation to extend themselves beyond their homes and reach out to other children. He went on to compliment the Alpha Phi Alpha brothers for sponsoring such a classy evening.

By Gloria E. Winston

For example, the home you wish to purchase costs $60,000.00. With a 3% down payment, $1,800 the mortgage would be $58,200 at a fixed rate of 8.5% APR requiring 360 payments of $447.50.

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Organizing For Economic Power
Theme of 2nd Annual CAAU Banquet

The 2nd Annual Unity Banquet, hosted by the Congress of African American Unions, Inc., was held recently at the Afro American Club, 685 Hudson Avenue.

The CAAU President and founder is the Rev. Lewis Stewart. The theme for this year's dinner was "Organizing for Economic Power." Among the approximate 125 guests that attended the organization's annual fund raising event, were Andrew Langston (WDKX); The Rev. Raymond Graves (New Bethel CME); Senator Richard Dollinger, Matt August 75% (ELTREX); Capt. Fred Bell (Rochester Police Dept.); School Board member, Darryl Porter; John Clandine (Independent candidate for Congress); Clyde Morgan (SUNY Brockport); William Clark (Urban League President); and Mike Farrow (Farrow Plaza). Seated at the head table with other CAAU Officers was the Rev. John Walker. Mr. Langston and Mr. Augustine received awards for their support of CAAU.

The dinner menu, prepared by the Afro American Club "Chefette", was tasty and plentiful. There was turkey, "homemade" dressing, roast beef, swedish meat balls, string beans, rice, potatoes au gratin, salad, cranberry sauce and fresh Italian bread. Ice cream for dessert.

Following the main course was an address by the Rev. Lewis Stewart. Herb Washington, owner of several McDonald's Restaurant franchises, was originally scheduled to deliver the keynote address but was called out of town at the last minute.

Rev. Stewart's message was inspiring as he enlightened his listeners with facts and statistics outlining the spending power within the African American community. He stated that the approximate 300 billion dollars that is "spent by African Americans in this country, that 93% of it is spent outside of our own community. He also stated that the African American community has not known full employment since 1895.

According to Rev. Stewart his research indicates that in 1910, at the time of the agricultural revolution, 90% of the Black children in this country had their fathers in the home. In 1966, fifty years later during the industrial revolution, 80% of Black children had their fathers in the home, and in 1990, during our post-industrial-automation-computer age, 38% of Black children have their fathers at home.

Rev. Stewart also predicted that by the year 2000, 25% of Black males will be in jail. He said that there are three major areas of employment for Black males today, the military, McDonald's and selling drugs. The average drug dealer is making between $7700 to $10,000 per month. Big profits, according to Rev. Stewart, are not realized unless the dealer is considered a major one.

He went on to say that the white male with a high school diploma makes more money than a Black woman with a college degree in today's labor market.

One of the reasons for the decline in the Black community, according to Rev. Stewart is because, "We sought integration instead of liberation, and we lost our gains...many of our people today act like zombies in a deep sleep...Many of our people are the living dead...our Black children face a dismal future. Where there is no vision, the people perish."

The immediate vision of the CAAU is to impact on the economic climate in this community. They have organized a "Jobs 3000 Campaign" and held a very successful and well attended march and rally, October 15, 1994 to exemplify and publicize their demand for adequate job opportunities and wages. (See SEEN SCENE on Page 7.)

Rev. Stewart closed his address with a quote from Marcus Garvey, "Do you mighty race...you can accomplish what you will."
Tom Golisano knows you can’t reduce taxes until you reduce spending!

Ladies and gentlemen—uncontrolled, wasteful state spending and staggering taxes are crippling New York State’s economy. You know it...and, I know it! Unfortunately, politicians promise change, but, never deliver! The real solution: Hold spending to 1% below the rate of inflation!

- Over 100 Fortune 500 company headquarters have left NYS since 1965!
- Over 500,000 jobs since 1989...gone!
- $63.6 Billion budget has grown three times the rate of inflation since 1982!
- $4300+ State & local taxes for every man, woman and child in NYS!
THAT’S 68% HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE!

**PROBLEMS**

INDIVIDUAL TAXES
- Too many forms of taxation that disguise real personal tax burden.
- Too many government agencies collecting taxes.
- NOT deductible on Federal Tax Return.

CORPORATE TAXES
- High corporate tax rates cause businesses to leave NYS for a more profitable economic environment.
- Extremely high Workers Compensation costs.

STATE PAYROLL
- 20% more state employees per 100,000 population.
- 20% higher pay than U.S.A. average (not including fringe benefits).

MEDICAID
- NYS has 10% of U.S.A. Medicaid recipients...
- Twice the national average!
- Over 25% of total NYS annual budget.

**SOLUTIONS**

INDIVIDUAL TAXES
- Consolidate forms of taxation and collection bureaucracies.
- Federal tax deductibility should be a factor in state tax decisions.

CORPORATE TAXES
- Reduce corporate tax rate to make NYS more competitive.
- Reduce benefit levels so Workers Compensation costs are in line with other states.

STATE PAYROLL
- Being number of employees in line with other states through attrition and increased efficiency.
- Replace old-fashioned state office systems with newest management methods and electronic business technologies.

MEDICAID
- Stop using Medicaid to provide health insurance for those on welfare or without private insurance.
- HMOs and private insurance providers cost far less and are more efficient.
- Restrict the practice of parents transferring assets to children and having the taxpayers pay for eldercare.

**RESULTS**

A better understanding of our real tax burden.
- Lower operating costs for businesses and the state.
- Taxpayers will have higher federal tax deductions.
- More companies will stay—others will be attracted to NYS—creating more jobs.
- Lower operating costs will allow NYS businesses to be more competitive in U.S.A. and worldwide.
- Streamlined systems will lower government operating costs and control spending growth.
- People receive more effective and personalized health care.
- Reduced tax burden for residents...increased standard of living.

"There’s no reason why our state’s taxes cannot be brought under control! You have to be a disciplined management leader and be free from obligations to special interest groups. As governor, I will introduce specific plans to get our state’s budget under control and work to create a renewed business and employment environment that will win back lost jobs!

LET’S JOIN TOGETHER AND TAKE BACK CONTROL—WITH YOUR VOTE. WE CAN ALL WIN!"

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A Paid Political Announcement
**FOOTBALL**

BILLS Coach Levy please don't sing again. Where do you go, where do you go Buffalo, not to the Superbowl. Not with that score.

The Bills 27-17 loss to the Jets could be blamed on Coach Marv Levy and his rendition of the Bills fight song. It seems that the Bills were rehearsing the "fight song" more than preparing for the game.

Colts Coach Machiarella, former offensive coordinator of the Bills, praised Buffalo's offense and defense and Colts offensive tackle (a former Bill) Will Wolford kept Bruce Smith at bay and sacked.

Bill Jim Kelly passed Joe Ferguson as the Bills all-time winning quarterback. He is 1-3 years old. Call 7pm-9pm daily.

**HEALTH WATCH**

By Gloria Turner

The Birth of a Child: What an exciting time! So much planning has been done in anticipation of Baby's birth. This mystical, miraculous time has finally arrived.

And now you're excited parents! You wonder about the expectations and ideas of how wonderful life will be through the eyes of your newborn child. Everything seems perfect, and life is wonder-ful until that first a.m. feed-

"What's going on?" you puzzle,

After changing the tenth dia-

Of the day. "Why is Baby al-

ways crying?" you ask.

Feelings of doubts and frustra-

tion concerning your parenting skills begin to consume your every waking hour. "What's wrong with me?" you question. "More to the point," you think, "what's wrong with this baby of mine?"

NOTHING. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

Throughout all of our physical preparation for the arrival of Baby, they've neglected the pre-natal examinations to monitor and to better ensure the safe birth of a healthy baby; purchasing new clothes to accommodate the beautiful physical changes occurring in Mother, and to cover Baby's nakedness; acquiring blankets, sheets, towels, bedding, diapers, bottles—every occasion—and shoes, and a host of other necessities in preparation for the arrival of Baby; we soon-to-be parents must consider the emotional and psychological aspects of parenthood.

One way to prepare oneself: knowing what one should know about the physical and emotional challenges of parenting is to accumulate knowledge concerning what is normal and what is abnormal in Baby's emotional and psychological development.

Then, know what one should do to healthily understand the behavior of the baby, and how one can healthily accommodate the child's needs too.

Understanding your baby's development sets you on a course of a more enjoyable par-

enting experience.

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FDV at the Movies
by Janice Kelso Langkans

Ever since Bogie said "Here's looking at you kid," it has cropped up in the most unlikeliest places. It's been used to sell eyewear and as a byline in a popular tune. In one form or another it spread like wild fire across the spectrum of our existence. Too metaphysical?

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"You're the rigger, I'm the trigger." But on one job, the inevitable happens. The explosives are in place and the timer is set. The "target" approaches and then, oh no, you see that he is not alone. Quick demands Trent abort the mission and Trent tells him there is no failsafe. BOOM! Everybody in the vehicle is blown to bits.

The Frick 'n Frack relationship between Quick and Trent is similarly blown when Quick turns Trent in.

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Pan-Africanism

by Joel Tolliver, Jr.

Sometimes it seems that chaos and despair have an unbreakable choke hold on the black citizens of this planet. Every step forward is accompanied by two steps back. The celebration in South Africa over the new government was quickly overshadowed by the inhuman situations in Somalia and Rwanda. Now we find out that Nigeria is on the verge of a civil war and Haiti has experienced the familiar occurrence of U.S. military intervention.

In the process of leading our daily lives, it is easy to read about these events, become upset for a short while and then get on with our lives. Only when one scientifically gathers all of the data and meditates on it can the dreadful conclusion be reached: The black world is self-destructing.

External pressure on the Black world has always been a given. Now the internal pressure has caught up and has accelerated the pace of deterioration. I submit that the events mentioned above are all related and in turn are related to the condition of the black race here in America.

To be related means that they must have something in common. Ten things that the black community has in common with its black counterparts abroad are: 1) Low per capita income, 2) High birth rate, 3) High infant mortality rate, 4) A small/weak middle class, 5) Low rate of capital formulation and domestic savings, 6) Economy dependent on foreign labor, 7) Major export is labor, 8) Tremendous demand for products made by wealthier nations, 9) Most of land and business owned by foreigners, and 10) Indigenous entrepreneurship limited (Taken from "Black Economics" by Jawanza Kunjufu).

If you and I have the same problem, working together we could find a lasting solution quicker than either one of us could by working alone. Hence the concept of Pan-Africanism was born out of the common circumstances facing Black folks around the globe.

Ben Chavis joins the list of those persecuted for taking a shot at Pan-Africanism. This list includes W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. Henry Sylvester Williams of Trinidad issued the call for the first Pan-African meeting which took place in London, July 23-25, 1900. The math says that this conference took place 94 years ago. Ninety four years have passed and we still argue over who gets invited.

By the way, the list above are the ten characteristics of a colony. Webster defines colonialism as "A governmental policy of controlling foreign dependencies. While the control part is subject to debate, the foreign dependency part is not. I cannot name an African country exempt from the ten characteristics.

Pan-Africanism seeks to bring the various nations together to discuss these common problems. No other group is addressing the common plight of black people all over the world. Certainly not the Group of seven (G-7), the United Nations, or the U.S.

A lobbying group in D.C. known as TransAfrica is the only group I know of that attempts to keep U.S. policy in check when it comes to the African peoples of the world. Even with their valiant efforts though, there is a void, and it needs to be filled. I submit that any group not focusing its efforts on one of the ten rules above is wasting its time and effort.

Pan-Africanism is not about Shelby Steele, Ken Hamblin and Clarence Thomas professing micro-self help solutions to macro-economic problems. Black people didn't own the manufacturing companies that decided to move the jobs out of reach of the urban resident. Black people didn't create the unequal distribution of educational resources.

And lastly, to be separate in this society almost always means unequal. That basic rule is the reason why absolute separation will never work.

Pan-Africanism does not involve provisions such as "Three strikes you're out" and adding more funds for police and prisons. Any doctor will tell you that treating the symptom and not the disease is at best, a temporary reprieve. Eventually the disease will adapt to the medication and come back stronger and deadlier.

For 12 years the Republicans threw money into police and prisons and the amount of crime has not slowed down. Making more crimes susceptible to the death penalty and punishing children as adults will be equally useless as crime deterrents. The fundamental flaw here in this line of thinking is that fear tactics only work on people who have something to live for.

The majority of the people who commit these crimes were spiritually dead a long time before any law enforcement body caught up with them. Having nothing to live for, they have nothing to lose and any legislation designed to punish a dead man is destined to fail.

Black people have a communication method beyond the spoken word which facilitates a Pan-African gathering. Communication is the first step in any undertaking. The communication we experience here in America has always been an explosive mixture. We've seen the language of peace, war, love and hate. As children we quickly pick up the preferred mode of communication in our environment. That mode can range anywhere from respecting others to shooting them over a bag of potato chips.

So I suggest that one of the items on the agenda at the Pan-African meeting is to reestablish the methods of communication that worked for us as a people.

Finally, people need to see results before they buy into something, i.e., jumping on the bandwagon. I don't think we will see any as long as our major organizations are dependent on outside financial sources.

Since when is a difference of opinion the ground for sabotaging the whole agenda? I'll tell you when. It's when ever black folks try to get together. If outside agitators aren't enough, we must deal with people on the inside who see green before they see black.