Rochester Police Seek Recruits

African American, is the recruit-
ment coordinator who is present-
ly searching diligently for black
recruits. He says finding qualified
candidates is tough, mainly be-
cause blacks don't want to 'serve
and protect.'

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30-year-old Senior Pastor of
the 5,000-member Bright Hope
Baptist Church in Philadelphia,
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1935 publicity shot of Duke Ellington,
emphasizing his elegant and graceful
persona.

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Guest Editorial

Black Men Unite
(Where's Your Life Force?)

I would like to thank the Creator and my parents for without them there would be no I.

In order for Black Men to unite, we must have a visible life force. This life force must be significant and prominent (there's no time for partying and games). Where's your life force Black Man? Does it shine and state all that you are or is it a blur?

Well Black Men, to have this life force you must go through a transformation. Transformation? Yes! Take a caterpillar, he has one choice, to become a butterfly or die. However, the Human can choose, stay a caterpillar or become a beautiful butterfly and control your destiny.

One can only become a butterfly when he is transformed by his mind, not his body (Knowledge is Power). Remember how ticked you became when your oppressor called you "Boy?" Well think, is this the way you treat your oppressor?

Well I have made a declaration of war, "I'm going down, standing up for liberation." Therefore Black Men make a Declaration of War and speak out for liberation. "Let Your Life Force Shine!"

By M. Bruce Mussey III, V.P. African American Youth Cultural Development Inc.
Aazen Baptist Church Plans Expansion
The congregation of Aenon Missionary Baptist Church, 125 Genesee Street, recently kicked off their fund-raising efforts, called "Building on Faith" with a church service and a meal. Chairman members intend to raise $1.7 million to expand their church.

The planned addition would add 765 seats to the existing 675, as well as allow space for other activities and classrooms.

The renovations will retain the architectural style of the building and will also include air conditioning. The church is hoping that all renovations will be completed by Christmas of 1995.
The Rev. James L. Cherry, Sr., is pastor of Aenon.

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Slaughter Guest Speaker at Dinner

The 27th Legislative District will hold a fundraising dinner at the Wishing Well, 190 Chili Avenue, April 1st at 6:30 pm. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter will be the guest speaker and the theme for this year’s dinner is “To Reach the Unreachable Stars.” The Black Seeds, a local dance troupe led by Jim Perkins will perform and Chris Beard, (Prince of the Blues) and his All-Star Band will provide dance music for the evening.

For tickets which are $25 per person, or for more information, contact Barbara Smith at 235-7752 or John Shelly at 235-6052.

Alone Walker Film at Little Theatre

'TV Dinner, Metro-Act's television task force will present Alice Walker's first film, 'Warrior Marks, Female Genital Mutilation and the Sexual Blinding on Saturday and Sunday, April 29, 30, at 1pm at the Little Theatre, 240 East Avenue.'

Religious Science Church Opens

All Souls United is the name of the new Religious Science Church which held it's first service on January 22. The Rev. Ron Skowronski is the minister of the church which meets Sunday's at 3 pm in the upstairs Sanctuary of the Unitarian Church at 220 Winton Rd., S.

Religious Science is non-denominational and is in a correlation of the laws of science, the opinions of philosophy, and the revelations of religion applied to human needs and the aspirations of mankind.

All are invited to attend.

Call the City Drug Hotline

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The Local

The Concerned Grandmothers Against Violence and Crime meet every Saturday at 11 am at The Council For Civil Rights office, 494 W. Main St. All children will be exposed to things parents don't like. The Grandmothers philosophy is to make the most of troublesome events by using them to teach values. The Grandmothers are also offering a GED program.

For more information, call The Council For Civil Rights at 328-7145.

Third Annual ABC Memorial Golf Event

Wanna eat, wanna win, wanna play? Great food, great car, and great golf are all available at the 3rd Annual ABC James McCuller Memorial Golf Outing to be held August 7 at Geneva Country Club.

For details call 325-5116.

Corn Hill Site of Home Expo ‘95

The City of Rochester will hold their Home Expo ’95 in the Corn Hill area June 16-20. Selected builders will construct and sell new homes on 11 sites, bordered by Trupa, Ford, Waverly and Clarissa Streets. Each of the houses (one double and 10 singles) will have a fair market value of $80,000. Buyers may be eligible, depending on income limits, for subsidies up to $22,500. The homes are required to be owner-occupied for 10 years.

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Gospel Music Showcase Returns

The Gospel Music Showcase is now showing on GRC Cable Channel 5, Sunday mornings from 8-9 am.

The show, produced by Unique Video Conceptus (UVAC), features the latest in gospel music videos and 'The Inside Track' that gives you the we’re on your favorite gospel entertainers in addition to the history of gospel music.

Writers & Books Open Reading

On Thursday, April 6, 7:30 pm a dynamic evening of open reading will be presented at Writers & Books, 740 University Ave. The cost is $2 for the general public, free to UVAC members. This is a chance for local writers of all genres to read from their works-in-progress, or for the quieter types, relax and listen to literary voices from throughout the area.

For more info call 473-2590.
Youth With a Message: “We Care.”

Keith A-Dot Willis, a familiar sight in the city of Rochester, is at it again. Keith started singing at the age of five and by the age of fourteen he was booked to sing at Howard University for national recording artists, The Thompson Community Singers. Within the last five years Keith has become a very remarkable male soloist, earning special appearances across the country including “Victory In Praise” Convention in Washington D.C. (John P. Kee, founder) and “Gospel Music” in Detroit, MI (Dorinda Clark Cole). Keith has now teamed up with a group of other musically talented young people, who like himself, self have a burden for our community. Keith A-Dot and The Company are preparing for a debut musical. This event is free to the public and is planned for April 15 at Biblesway Healing Assembly, 660 W. Main St., Rochester, NY at 7:30 pm. After this event the group will start planning for a Homeless weekend scheduled for this summer. The “Unity Musical” will raise money and provide an awareness in the community for the homeless. Keith and The Company says, “we don’t want to be recognized as just a bunch of young people, but young people helping a hurting community.”

Council for Civil Rights Meeting

A meeting will be held April 22, 1 pm at the Council for Civil Rights, Inc., 494 W. Main Street. The topic of discussion will be the anticipated changes in the Southwest portion of the city. According to the Council, there are some people who are trying to rid all African Americans from that area.

A bill has been extended to Mayor William Johnson, Terrance Brusdoff, Thomas Argus, The Susan B. Anthony House, B.E.S.T., The West Main Business Association, St. Mary’s Hospital, Barbara Hoffman, Allen Williams/West Main Street Partners, The Historical Society and others, to address the problem and show cause why this project (as is) should not be abandoned altogether.

All interested parties are welcome to attend and share their opinions about the future of business, working and living conditions in the Southwest portion of Rochester.

For additional information call the Council at 328-7145.

Tell them you read it in the VOICE

The People’s Law School

A short course on the law for the lay person is being offered by the Monroe County Bar Assoc. Tues. May 2, Introduction to the Law: Lawyers and Courts Tues. May 9, Small Claims Court, Landlord/ Tenant, Mediation Tues. May 16, Wills and Inheritance Tues. May 23, Custody and Support Tues. May 30, Employment Discrimination All programs are from 6-8 pm at the Holiday Inn Genesee Plaza, 120 E. Main Street. The cost for the entire series is $25.00.

To register or for more information, contact the MCBA, 1 Exchange Street - 5th Floor, Rochester, NY 14614-2098.

Employment Discrimination Education Offered

The Minority Attorneys Committee of the Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) is presenting its fifth annual Employment Discrimination Continuing Education Institute on Monday, April 10 at 9 am at the Holiday Inn Genesee Plaza. The topic will be “Title VII and the NYS Human Rights Law-An Update; and The 1866 Civil Rights Act.” The cost, including lunch and materials is $75, and the reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 5. Contact the MCBA for further information.
Advisory & Consent

Overview of a Civil Lawsuit

The plaintiff is often concerned about the distinction between a civil action and a criminal action. A civil action, or civil lawsuit, is an action in which the person starting the lawsuit, the Plaintiff, is seeking a monetary award from the person he is charging, the Defendant. These cases typically seek monetary recovery for some type of personal or bodily injury or property damage.

Civil lawsuits commonly arise from automobile collisions, slip and fall incidents, or other types of accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage.

In order to prevail in the civil lawsuit, the plaintiff must allege facts that constitute a showing of liability on the part of the defendant. In a typical civil lawsuit, the plaintiff must show that the defendant was negligent.

To establish negligence, the plaintiff must show that the defendant committed some wrongdoing, or was at fault, which caused plaintiff to suffer injury to himself or his property. Clear cases of negligence often result in quick settlement even before trial, often called a "discovery." During the discovery period, the parties typically request each other to produce information, documentation, photographs and identification. If each party intends to call at trial. In addition, in a case involving alleged personal injuries, the defendant will often require the plaintiff to submit to an independent medical exam to be conducted by a doctor chosen by the defendant. Also common to the civil lawsuit is the taking of sworn testimony in an examination before trial, often called a "deposition." This testimony is typically given in an attorney's office. The discovery period will often take an entire year or more to complete.

Following the completion of the discovery period, the case is scheduled for trial. At this point, cases that have still not settled will often do so. If the case does not settle, it will proceed to trial.

A trial of a civil action is either before a judge, a bench trial, or before a jury made up of six members. In a criminal trial, a criminal jury is commonly made up of twelve jurors. If in question is a criminal trial, to prevail in a civil lawsuit, not all jurors must agree. Only five of the six jurors need agree for the plaintiff to prevail. If a jury proves over the lawsuit, the jury decides not only whether the plaintiff has established a prima facie case, but also the monetary amount to be awarded the plaintiff.

The amount of an award in a civil lawsuit depends upon both the degree of liability of the defendant and the extent of the injuries suffered by the plaintiff. In cases of clear and complete liability of the defendant and significant injury to the plaintiff, the plaintiff may be awarded a substantial sum of money. In cases where the damage to the plaintiff is minimal, the monetary award will accordingly be smaller.

If either side is unhappy with the outcome of the trial, it may appeal by filing the appropriate notice within thirty days after the decision.

If an individual is injured or suffers some property damage as a result of actions taken by another person or entity, a lawsuit may be entered by the plaintiff to recover monetary recovery by means of a legal action. Generally, to fully evaluate the merits of a case to determine whether the case warrants the time and energy associated with a lawsuit, legal counsel should be consulted as early as possible.

Louis Shelton, Chairman of the U.S. Postal Service Black History Committee of Rochester, NY, and his fourteen member committee, presented their annual tribute to Black History at the Jefferson Road Post Office. The theme was, "The Buffalo Soldiers." "We Can, We Will." Several members of the Pemmington-Move VFW Post 89251 also participated in the event, and their Commander, Charles Thomas, Sr., was present with a picture and state of The Buffalo Soldiers. In his acceptance of the gifts, Thomas expressed his pleasure at having been a part of the celebration. Clyde Morgan, with the help of the audience, presented an inspired music and dance program, and Tejan's Out Africa gave a fashion show of elegant African fashions. Theophilus Tyson led the group in singing "Black History is the art of survival. The story of African-Americans is a tribute to the art of the possible: Rebuilding a culture from scattered fragments. Creating new families and ways of living. Learning and achieving against astronomical odds. Enlightening and enlivening our country and our world.

The U.S. Postal Service salutes the resilience and vitality of African-American culture. We encourage all Americans to read more about the exploits of a mighty people. Black History Month. Pass it on."

Rochester Association of Black Communicators Celebrates Fourteenth Birthday

The Center at High Falls, Brown's Race was the setting for the birthday celebration of the Rochester Association of Black Communicators (RABC). The organization, founded by Wyoma Best, Denita Banks-Simms and Lisa Boddie-Neal fourteen years ago to develop a kinship and network of minority communicators in the Rochester area. The goal of the RABC is to facilitate role model relationships with high school and college students by holding workshops and speaking engagements, and to maintain a scholarship fund. RABC also wanted to honor and celebrate the artistic, scholastic and cultural excellence of the heritage and current events through its monthly, benefit performances and book parties.

The founders were aware of the involvement of blacks in the media and the need to challenge the opportunity to encourage greater minority representation in all aspects of the communication industry. Congratulations RABC!
Brothers and The Gun

When a young black male sees a gun lying around, what tempted is he to touch it, feel it, go through his mind? How hear whispers? Does it speak to saying perhaps "If you pick me that corporate executive's took years to get, the same respect doctors and others go to school for such youth asked himself up."

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HATTITUDES:
by Diane Sheffield

Facial Shape, Coloring, Skin Texture and Hair Style

Facial shape is another determining factor. But many hats adapt well to a variety of facial shapes, depending on the angle and position (or "attitude") at which the particular hat is worn. It's not the shape of the woman's face that really decides, but the attitude of the hat. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind.

Your face will probably fit (more or less) into one of the categories described. Keep in mind that the hat that I've illustrated won't be the only style you can wear.

Oval: Almost any brim will look good on this shape face. Hats with large brims - straight or floppy - are the most flattering. If you are short or petite however, look for narrow or proportioned brims rather than large ones.

Round: A rising crown and an irregular (asymmetrical) brim will add length to your face and prevent it from looking chubby.

Square: A wide, or square face will appear narrower with an irregular brim and a prominent crown. Setting the hat at an angle will soften square edges.

Long: Widen and soften an oblong face with a full brim. An upswept brim, or a hat with trim that lifts the eye upward, will also soften features. Stay away from tall, narrow shapes.

Triangular: A short asymmetrical brim and high crown will usually coloring, skin texture, and hair style are not important factors, but I would like to offer a suggestion or two for certain problems:

- If you have skin blemishes, such as acne scars, they should be covered with a makeup base, since a hat will draw attention to your facial features.

- You should wear the same make-up to try on hats in the store that you will wear with the hat after you've bought it.

- If your skin is aged, if your complexion is shallow, or if you have shadows under your eyes, don't wear a drooping brim, as the shadow it casts will emphasize these features. Dead-black hats may also emphasize aged or shallow skin.

Today's hair styles allow almost any woman to wear a hat. If your hair is long, short, mid-length, straight, curly, natural or in braids - you can have the right Hatitude - So, Go buy that hat!

Next issue: Trying It On In The Store.

Beyond Category: The Musical
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Beyond Category is part of America's Jazz Heritage, a partnership of the Lila Wallace—Reader's Digest Fund and the Smithsonian Institution. Organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the National Museum of American History's Division of Musical History.

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BASKETBALL

He's back!" The return of Michael Jordan to the NBA has the sports world reeling and mer-
chantile ties ecstatic over the expected three billion dollars in revenue that will be generated by the super star making retirement from a not so super baseball career.

With his future uncertain in baseball with on and off negotia-
tions going nowhere, it was the perfect time for Jordan to return. He had said when he left the Bulls on October 6, 1993, after winning three-peat titles, "I have reached the pinnacle, I just feel I don't have anything else to prove. I'm gonna watch the grass grow and someone will have to cut it."

Well the grass did grow under his feet in the outfield in Triple-A Baseball and Air-Jordan never got off the ground in his new found career interest. And yes, someone else did cut the grass, but someone else will always cut the grass for Michael.

Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers spoiled the return of Jordan with a 103-96 victory in overtime over the Bulls in Indianapolis.

However, it only took Jordan five games to get his wings back and remember how to fly, scoring 55 points against the NY Knicks. And...making the assist for Bill Wennington, who slammed the winning basket with seconds remaining in the game.

MARCH MADNESS

In the first round of the NCAA tournament which fea-
tured the Villanova Wildcats vs. the Old Dominion Monarchs, the sports audience was treated to a 3-OT upset victory by old Dominion. The Monarchs do not have a player on their roster over 6'9" but great rebounding, great foul shooting and coaching were the ingredients for victory.

With speed and quickness, Old Dominion was able to make steals and cause turnovers that frustrated Villa Nova by not giv-
ing them second chances.

Coach Capers managed to keep his team cool through the 3-OT's and come away with the biggest upset of the first round.

The second round of play also saw Arkansas nearly upset twice in three days, as Syracuse had the Razorbacks in the slaughter pen but let them escape on a timely foul call when time ran out. This is a technical foul and the Hogs got the ball. Syracuse had a last shot by Lucius Jackson that hit the side of the front rim.

Lawrence Moten ended a great career at SU and will be seen next season in the NBA.

Georgetown also narrowly escaped an early exit by Weber State and UCLA won by a last second shot at the buzzer. The final four in the NCAA tournament is set; Arkansas will play No. Carolina and Oklahoma State plays UCLA.

There have been some fantastic
times throughout the tourna-
ment and the finals should be just as exciting. My prediction: No. Carolina vs. UCLA in the finals.

BOXING

Is it possible that we could have a Canadian European named Axel Schultz as the new Heavyweight Champion of the World? George Foreman puts it all on the line April 22 when he fights the big German. The media is keeping a low profile on this possibility. Maybe for once

Mike Tyson was released from prison on March 25. At pre-
sent, he is privately putting his affairs in order and by June, I expect him to announce his fight plans.

TENNIS

Andre Agassi defeated Pete Sampras 2-6, 7-6, 7-6 in the Lipton Tennis Finals in Key Biscayne, Fl. Agassi is on target to take the #1 ranking away from Sampras.

The O.J. Simpson saga contin-
ued as Baseball is in a delay. See you next time sports fans.
It's what Bruce Lee would have delivered if he had lived to fulfill his young district attorney who had him held for a kidnapping of which humor, wisdom, blood and honor. It's contemporary and vintage than in *The Joy Luck Club*. Hardada is the quintessential samurai, been thinking? mind that Joan Chen still has it! Yet be mindful of the samurai's mind that he and Lone have themost penetrating stare ever. Never maniacal serial murderer. What could Fishburne and Connery have McCloud's 400 year old shape-shifting nemesis, Kane. years and encounters and then speed forward to 1994 when an the end of the battle ( *Highlander I*) and secured the prize; a human holy ground the iron only sanctuary—until there is only one! That was industrialexcavation opens an ancient cave in Japan. McCloud learns lifefilled with peace. He even adopted a son. Collan McCloud thought he had reached to follow. Yet as a man and maestro, Beethoven was no slouch either! Bernard Rose's straightforward, 'we ain't got to show you no plausible. This is part of the movie-going experience which key to ratings:

**Don't bother**
**Rent the video**
**Good choice**
**Excellent!**
As the suns turned into daybreak Iman spent the rest of the day wandering the downtown area. As he left the bus, he pulled the collar of his coat. A chilled wind whistled by. He came upon an abandoned Chinese restaurant. Inside he found a dirty interior and overturned tables and chairs. A state fortune cookie on the counter was a poem of some sort, a poem with a black eye. He scanned it and opened and read the fortune. "Out of the ashes will the phoenix rise." He walked to the door. He knocked on the door from the main entrance hall. He had found a door to a door in the back. He knocked on the door and heard a voice. A voice from behind the door. "Who are you?" She asked. "I'm just looking for a place to go." He replied. "What kind of place?" She asked. "I don't know. I'm just looking for a place to go." He replied. She told him that any treasure to be found in the eyes of God. Iman filled out a balance transfer form and handed it to the clerk. "Sign here." She said. "I won't do any trouble." Iman responded. "Troubled don't last always." After a brief pause the door opened. Greeting Iman was a young Jamaican woman who beckoned him to follow her into the building. Downstairs he found an elaborate facility equipped with the latest in communication technology. Iman was amazed. He noticed a sign that read working at a terminal. The woman spoke. "I'm Dolby, Chair of Task Force to Reduce Violence. Let's talk about how we can maximize our potential as we work to help those who are in need. Increasingly, we are called to stretch our resources, find creative ways to do more with less, keep our vision from fading, and that has been established in most cases, religious dogma, and a European perspective in the name of Jesus. But nevertheless, the majority of people with such a binding record for what goes on and how difficult it is to assure that lives of Black people, we are entering the death of Black America. For the past ten years without a break in the continuity, we as a people have allowed the so-called mainstream society to dictate with authority, falsehoods to our children. To make matters worse, we've allowed Black representatives from the so-called mainstream society to do the same to the most devastating life-threatening work against us on behalf of their white bosses. In order words folks, these particular Blacks step on the heads of Black people to please their own white masters so that they can map the material benefits of their unprofitable self-interest. Meanwhile, the white boss or the Black boss with the mind-set of the white boss, celebrates the central factors that they have over the Black race in America. Now for those of you with a sensitive digestive system, I don't write these words to conjure up hate or racial tension, I just choose to address the Black crisis as it is presented to me, for it is the God that I serve that teaches me that it is truth that will set my people free. It is my contention that the majority of Black people in the United States of America have become stench in the nostrils of almighty God and this sisters and brothers, is total abomination in the eyes of God.

The Task Force To Reduce Violence Mobilizes for July 1995

Last July, more than 2,000 of us came together to make a difference in the community. You, the people, are our hope. We know what we have to do, and we know that we must do it. Let's talk about how we can maximize our potential as we work to help those who are in need. Increasingly, we are called to stretch our resources, find creative ways to do more with less, keep our vision from fading, and our missions in tact. Because of the political climate in Albany and Washington, we see more mass incarceration, violence and despair, more lives senselessly taken from us because of drugs, alcohol, jail and murder. There is so much to be done.

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The Frederick Douglass Voice

March 29, 1995

Total Abomination...

by Avery T. Blackman

I write the following words in representation of an African-American man clothed in an Afrocentric mind (the mind of my ancestors). I state strongly to the Black male located in the United States of America that for a people with such a binding record for our incompetence.

It is a clear fact that the lack of collective work and responsibilities reflect the growing level of hypocrisy that has been established in most cases, a hypocrisy in the name of Jesus. Now for those of you with a sensitive digestive system, I don't write these words to conjure up hate or racial tension, I just choose to address the Black crisis as it is presented to me, for it is the God that I serve that teaches me that it is truth that will set my people free. It is my contention that the majority of Black people in the United States of America have become stench in the nostrils of almighty God and this sisters and brothers, is total abomination in the eyes of God.