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## Spirit Run through River City



At dawn on May 29, the day of Ascension of Baha'u'llah, after an all night powwow, encampment, and good wishes from dignitaries at the Daystar Indian Cultural Center, nine runners of diverse ethnicities left Seattle on the first leg of a Spirit Run across the United States. Sponsored by the Baha'i National American Indian

Teaching Committee, the runners are raising the cry for race unity and carrying a sacred message to the indigenous peoples of the continent.

Arthur Fernandez-Scarberry, inspired by his Native American Choctaw heritage and by the principles of the Baha'i Faith, envisioned a journey across the continent, demonstrating the unity of mankind and carrying a sacred message on foot, as his ancestors had done before him.

"We're no longer living in a time when words are enough. We must take action, for it is our actions that bring to life our words and beliefs," explained Fernandez-Scarberry.

The runners arrived on the campus of Mukogawa Ft. Wright Institute on the evening of June 2, having passed through Goldbar, Leavenworth, and Elmira. Now 11 runners strong and accompanied by support vehicles, the runners were chanting prayers and carrying the sacred bundle containing the words of Baha'u'llah and an invitation to serve his cause.

"It's an honor to be doing this. It's been a very spiritual experience," said runner Alfred Khan, Jr., a 15 year old of Navajo, Cherokee and Hungarian background. He said he draws strength for the run from his Baha'i faith, prayers,

and a firm belief that there is only one race, the human race. "The elimination of racism of all kinds will benefit all humanity and lead to peace among all nations."

Each runner runs at least 6 miles a day, with an average of 54 miles per day covered by the group. The runners, whose ages range from 14 to 24, will be traveling from town to town, from reservation to reservation, including locations in Canada, concluding on August 14 at the Shinnecock Reservation in New York.

For more information on the Spirit Run, visit their website at [www.spiritrun.org](http://www.spiritrun.org).

## Black cowboy history told at Fairchild AFB

### The Black West: Dispelling the Myth of the American Pioneer West

Among cowboys of the frontier, five thousand black men helped drive cattle up the Chisholm Trail. Some had come West as slaves and were roping and branding cattle before they became free men. Others had come west after emancipation, seeking a new and free life where skill would count more than skin color. Some came to live by the law and others rode in to break it.

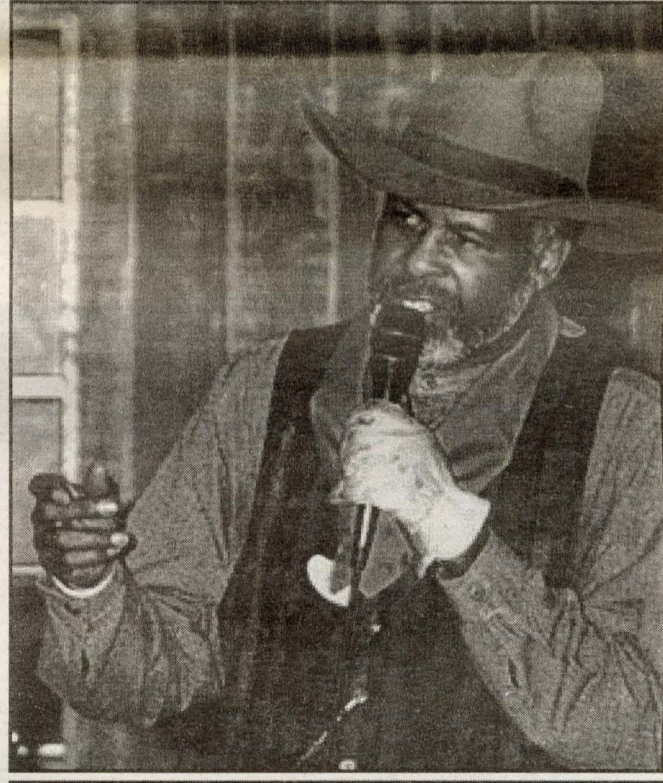
Wil Robinson, a descendent of American Black pioneers, a former rodeo bronc rider, a graduate of Kansas State University, and a veteran Marine Corps combat photographer in Viet Nam, will perform a dramatic presentation of African-American involvement in the frontier at this year's FAFB Multicultural Fair July 20 from 10 am to 3 pm.

This will be the 4th year the 92nd Air Refueling Wing and 141st Air Refueling Wing have joined to bring people together from as many diverse backgrounds as possible and provide an opportunity to share cultures. Organizations, agencies and services will have

displays and information tables. There will be food booths and musical and cultural performances. The fair will be held at the Deel Community Center on Fairchild Air Force Base.

Wil Robinson, who acted in the movie Buffalo Soldiers, is also publishing a book this year, "Cowboys of Color: Yesterday and Today". He has produced and is selling "Cowboys of Color Educational History Game" and is working on four Black west action hero figures with sound giving historical information.

For more information about the Multicultural Fair call Peggy Troutt at 247-7001.



Wil Robinson, historian of the African-American West. Mr. Robinson will be the featured attraction at Fairchild AFB Multicultural fair on July 20th. Check out his webpage at:

[www.geocities.com/Athens/Troy/9713](http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Troy/9713)

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CONTEST

Leaders we have known and admired



Who is this man?

Ask your parents, ask your teachers, ask a librarian, ask your community leaders. At the end of a year's issues, will you know the name of each leader?

Youth who write a short article for the history page earn \$25 if accepted for publication.

# Over 61% not meeting standard

In June the NAACP sent out to its members a copy of District 81 student scores on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) broken down by gender and race along with the agenda for the next meeting announcing that Dr. Gary Livingston, the superintendent of Spokane School District #81, would speak about the WASL scores.

The report lists the percentage of students not meeting grade level standard for each minority group as follows.

1999 Grade 4 WASL Results

READING (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	48%
African American	55%
Asian	44%

Native American	56%
MATH (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	73%
African American	71%
Asian	61%
Native American	82%
WRITING (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	82%
African American	75%
Asian	54%
Native American	88%

1999 Grade 7 WASL Results

READING (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	69%
African American	82%
Asian	74%
Native American	82%
MATH (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	85%
African American	93%
Asian	83%
Native American	90%
WRITING (not meeting standard)	

Latino/a	60%
African American	77%
Asian	58%
Native American	86%

1999 Grade 10 WASL Results

READING (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	67%
African American	80%
Asian	73%
Native American	58%
MATH (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	88%
African American	91%
Asian	74%
Native American	75%
WRITING (not meeting standard)	
Latino/a	71%
African American	79%
Asian	62%
Native American	64%

Dr. Livingston, accompanied by Dr. Nancy Stowell, addressed the

NAACP meeting on June 19 at the East Central Community Center. Commenting on the high percentage of students not meeting standards he said there is a problem, but not as large a one as the scores appear, since the standards were purposely set high by the legislature and students across the state and across all ethnic groups are struggling to meet them. He said that he and the district are doing all they can to solve the problems there are.

Dr. Livingston also discussed the fact that starting next year, students in the 4th, 7th, and 10th grades must "qualify" before moving on to the next grade. What the stan-

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## Dr. Pichon fills vacancy left by Dr. Williams

Spokane Community College has a new president starting this month, Dr. Doris F. Pichon. In announcing her appointment, Dr. Charles A. Taylor, chancellor and chief executive officer of Community Colleges of Spokane, said "Dr. Pichon brings a wide range of experience to SCC, in both liberal arts and technical fields. In addition, she has demonstrated an outstanding ability to lead and to listen which makes her an

important asset to any team."

Dr. Pichon comes to SCC from Palomar College in San Marcos, California, where she has served since 1992 as dean of the Human Arts and Sciences Division. The college, in a suburb of San Diego, serves some 29,000 students annually.

Previously, Dr. Pichon taught 13 years at San Diego City College, where she also served as chair of the college's Black Studies Department and helped

develop and manage a pilot retention program for disadvantaged students.

Dr. Pichon holds a Ph.D. in community college leadership and public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in counselor education from San Diego State University.

The nationwide search to fill SCC's top job began last June and involved a 15 member search committee under the direction of Roberto Gutierrez, SCC



dean of instruction for business, hospitality and information technologies.

"I'm extremely excited by Dr. Pichon's academic background and her leadership abilities," said Gutierrez. "The community college leadership program at the University of Texas is respected worldwide, and we will benefit from the experience she brings."

## A A Voice Drop Points

Churches:

- Bethel
- Calvary
- Full Gospel
- Holy Temple Mt. Zion
- Morning Star
- Mt. Olive

- New Hope
- Refreshing Spring
- Salvation Inn
- Solid Rock
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- Zion Temple

- Casey Family Partners
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- Downtown Public Library
- East Central Community Center
- East Central Community SDA
- Eastern State Hospital
- Volunteer Services
- EWU African American Education Program
- Excell Stores
- Fairchild Airforce Base
- African American Club
- Gonzaga University
- Unity House
- Group Health (Lidgerwood)
- Hampton Institute
- Hastings (Valley)
- Jantz High School

- Jose Vigil Imagemakers
- Juvenile Court
- Larry's Barber and Styling
- MLK Center
- North East Community Center
- North Idaho College
- Multicultural
- Salon East
- SCAN
- SCC Multicultural
- SCC Single Parent Program
- SFCC Multicultural
- Spokane City Hall
- Spokane Mental Health
- TASC
- University of Idaho
- Multicultural
- University of Washington
- Washington State
- University Multicultural
- West Central Community Center
- Western Washington
- University Multicultural
- Whitworth College
- Multicultural
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# Seeing the System

## Alan Greenspan, unemployment, and the validation of radical analysis

BY TIM WISE

"What's the difference between a radical and a liberal?" It is a question I'm regularly asked at lectures, usually by college students struggling with their own sense of the world, trying desperately to figure out where they stand on the seemingly endless spectrum from right to left. Often it is put to me by College Democrat types: folks who are frustrated by their party's lack of commitment to social and economic justice, but who can't quite bring themselves to break with the group they consider the only alternative to the far right.

Usually, I answer the question in the fairly predictable way: by explaining that at the most basic level, the difference between radicals and liberals is one of focus, and where one places the crux of the blame for our current predicament, whatever that might be. In terms of economics, liberals tend to believe that the larger system of which we are a part is basically just, and that injustices and negative goings-on within that sys-

tem are mere unintended consequences of an otherwise well-oiled and beneficent machine: a little tinkering here, a little reform there, perhaps a little more money for those at the bottom, and everything will basically be O.K.

On the other hand, the radical believes that the system itself is the problem: in terms of economics this means that the system of profit does not create hardship as the unfortunate sidelight of an otherwise warm-and-fuzzy social order; rather, we believe that the pain experienced by people under such a system is very much inherent to that system, and is in fact required by it in order to function. People are out of work in such a system, and thus poor and even destitute, not because the system is breaking down; but indeed, because it is working exactly as intended.

Now at first, this is an analysis that most don't want to accept. And that's no surprise, as "seeing the system" goes against everything most of us have been taught since we were

young: the idea that one can be whatever one wants if one simply tries hard enough and plays by the rules. The notion of the US as a pure meritocracy where individual failings

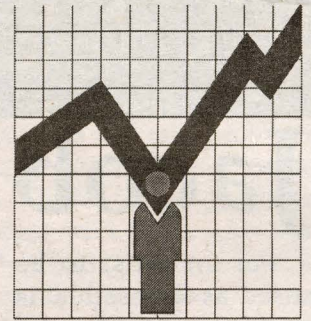
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are just that -- individual -- is a very seductive ideological posture, and one that few have ever subjected to real challenge.

The good thing for those of us who are radicals however, is that every now and then we get a little help in proving the larger point from the most unlikely of sources, and this week was no exception. For as I write this, Americans have just been told that we must brace for a ratcheting up of interest rates: three times in one day as we enter May, and another likely hike in the middle of the month. And why? Well, as Federal

Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan explains, the economy is too healthy, unemployment has fallen too low, and wages -- God forbid -- have started to inch upward for too many, thereby raising the specter of dreaded price hikes. As such, it has now become necessary according to the worldview of the Fed -- one that is shared by all major players in both the Democratic and Republican parties and certainly by their Presidential candidates -- to raise the cost of borrowing money, thereby cooling off the expansion and hiring spree, and perhaps even nudging the unemployment numbers back up a bit.

But wait: what was that? Intentionally slowing down job and wage growth? Intentionally doing something to push unemployment up -- and thus, put folks out of work? Exactly right, and thus, it is Alan Greenspan who has demonstrated this week the accuracy of radical analysis as to the nature of the economy under which we labor and live. This former devotee of the market-worshipping, pseudo-intellectual cultist, Ayn Rand, now



demonstrating clearly that pain and suffering, low wages and poverty are not the result of individual moral failings or a decline in the Protestant work ethic, but rather, are built-in to the nature of modern capitalism.

The fact that wages for most workers are still at lower real dollar values than they were in the late 1970's, or that most of the wage gains have been at the top of the employment structure and that over 40 million working people still lack health insurance is of no consequence: according to Greenspan, things are too good for too many people, and now it is time to tighten our monetary belt. But what does it all mean, outside the confines of economists' models and reserve bank meeting rooms?

Well consider this: when the Labor Department says the unemployment rate is 3.9 percent -- the current official rate and a 30-year low -- this is hardly an accurate depiction of the joblessness picture in the US. After all, the official unemployment rate doesn't include those who

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# Arts and Culture

## Jacob Lawrence 1917-2000

"For an artist to be praised as 'accessible' is not always considered a compliment. But when it came to Jacob Lawrence, the beloved African American painter who died this weekend at the age of 82, the word carries only positive connotations. The apparent simplicity and piercing clarity of Mr. Lawrence's most famous works did nothing to diminish their seriousness. On the contrary, their power and importance were, and continue to be, much enhanced by the way they made tableaux of specifically black experience immediately accessible and emotionally real to a diverse audience."

Thus did a June 13 Washington Post obituary sum up the incredible contributions of Jacob Lawrence, one of the most important black artists of the twentieth century. His work has illustrated the black experience from slavery until the present. It has given honor to the working man. It has been accessible to the common man as well as appreciated by art aficionados. He worked steadily, and the work continued to be appreciated, for 65 years until his death this June.

The northwest welcomed this artist when he moved here to take a position at the University of Washington in 1971. In addition to teaching, his work was widely exhibited and he gave speaking engagements, including here in Spokane. The first issue of the African



American Voice four years ago in June of 1996 invited readers to visit a thirty year retrospective of his work on exhibit at the Cheney Cowles Museum that summer. He had recently retired from the University to an emeritus position.

Two years ago, in the summer of 1998, the Jundt Art Museum exhibited a portfolio of eight silk-screen prints embellished with handwritten lithographed captions from the Book of Genesis. "Eight Studies from the Book of Genesis" had just been donated to the museum by Duff and Dorothy Kennedy.

Also that summer, the Henry Art Gallery at the University of Washington held a major retrospective exhibit of his work, "Jacob Lawrence: A Painter's Life". It was curated by Beth Sellars, formerly the curator of art at the Cheney Cowles Museum, and covered six decades of his art with more than 200 works.

"Lawrence's paintings tell the story of his own

migration as well as the Diaspora of black Americans. His words say how and why: 'To the

extent that I've used the content of my environment in my art, I suppose I can't help but make a social statement. It's comparable to a person living in the country and painting landscapes'" said Lawrence in a 1998 article in the Tacoma News.

"No other artist of our time," Milton Brown wrote in a preface to Lawrence's exhibition at the Whitney Museum of Art in New York in 1974, "has stayed so close to original inspiration and commitment to

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## Experiencing Global Community with music and dance

BY PATSY WHITE

Coming up July 28 - 30 in Redmond Washington is the 3rd annual WOMAD World Music and Dance Festival, bringing the world's top musical performers together to celebrate the richness of cultural diversity and the human spirit. Some of the best music in the world will be enjoyed right in our own back yard!

Stay with friends in Seattle or car camp on site. Sixty dollars in advance will get you (no, not an hour of Dylan) a three day pass to all events, 30 plus hours of your choice of the best of today's music from around the world. For detailed performer and concert information, tickets in advance (though they are available on site for slightly more money), and on-site camping information, go to [www.womadusa.com](http://www.womadusa.com).

WOMAD USA offers the chance to interact with performers, and is as much a world convention for the musicians as it is a spectator event. It will be held in Redmond a total of five years, through the summer of 2002. After that you will have to travel to Seoul or Rio or somewhere to enjoy it.

Performers this year include Miriam Makeba (!) and nine other groups from Africa (including Mali's Ali Farka Toure), Jamaica's Jimmy Cliff, and Americans Bonnie Raitt, Los Lobos, Mickey Hart, Geno Delafosse, and Meshell Ndegeocello. There will be groups from New Guinea, Viet Nam, India, Ireland, Columbia, Israel, Mongolia, and the list goes on.

Start making plans now, so when your grandkids ask you someday about WOMAD, you can tell them with a smile that you were there!

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### "No Color At All"

By Aimee Atkinson Age 14

To me, the color of all people is neutral,  
No black, no white, no purple.  
All people, black or white, are mocked, ridiculed, and labeled.

A bigot is a person who holds a prejudice against a racial or religious group.  
Bigots aren't bad people because in a way everybody is a bigot,  
The way that white people are labeled as hicks even, is an example of bigotry.

World Peace is what we all wish for even though we may not want to admit it.

We all want the hating to stop.  
We have to put an end to racism and prejudice,  
Our children need to learn that people shouldn't be looked at and judged because of their color, religion, or sex.

In the words of the Declaration of Independence,  
"ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL",  
No matter what color.  
Black, White, or Purple.

## Unconditionally

William Ahanti Hobbs III

REVIEW  
BY ARKAME CURRY

"Unconditionally" is one of those books you can't put down. It has an element of self-exploration and mysticism that keeps you thinking and holds your interest. Mr. Hobbs has written a beautiful story about a young Black woman, Ayanna, on her way to discovering her purpose on the planet.

With this hint of discovery, Ayanna finds that she has to begin to question and evaluate friends, foes and lovers, all while searching for the role that she plays in these relationships. All the while, Ayanna is being undermined by an attempt to

play her out by supernaturally negative forces. Gradually, she comes to recognize the innate positive spirit within her. The dilemma for Ayanna is, can she trust the spirit or herself to "do the right thang?"

What she doesn't know is that there is a struggle between these two forces for her life. Ayanna has the ultimate choice regarding how she'll be influenced, but it's a process that you will have to read about yourself.

"Unconditionally" can be purchased through Moren Press, PO Box 6632, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6632, or at (850) 224-0338.

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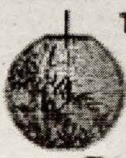
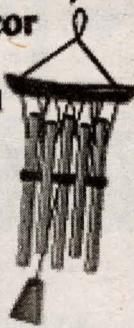
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**AHANA EVENTS:**

AHANA invites you to a Partnership Breakfast Meeting to discuss AHANA's promotion campaign project in partnership with A.H. Belo/ KREM and KING 5.

This is a community project to create public awareness and improve AHANA's economic base and cultural development of Spokane. July 20th - 7:30 AM at Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park 303 W. North River Drive Please RSVP no later than July 12 to reserve your seat. Call 325-5057.

**Events**

**Ritzville Blues Festival**  
July 8 Downtown Ritzville, WA Tickets \$20 (509) 325-7328 or (800) 325-7328

**Our Place July Jubilee**  
July 8 Sat 11 am - 2 pm. West Central Community Center 1603 N Belt. Celebrate Our Place Community Ministries 13 years as West Central Spokane's emergency service center at 1018 N Elm. Launch fund drive for new building. Entertainment, music, prizes, programs, displays. Tickets \$10 donation. Call 326-7267 for more

**Science Fiction musical at the Civic**

Spokane Civic Theatre will present the hit musical Return to the Forbidden Planet on the Main State from July 14 to August 5. This hilarious sendup of Shakespeare's The Tempest with music of the 1950's is directed by John G. Phillips, with music direction by Kasey RT Graham.

Shakespeare's forgotten rock 'n' roll masterpiece blasts off on a routine flight and crashes into the planet D'Illyria, inhabited by a sinister scientist, Dr. Prospero; his delightful daughter, Miranda; Ariel, a faithful robot on roller-skates; and an uncontrolled monster.

For reservations or more information call (509) 325-2507 or visit the theatre's website at [www.spokanecivictheatre.com](http://www.spokanecivictheatre.com).

information.  
**Radial Jazz with Alex Bedini**  
July 13 6 pm Coeur d'Alene Park, Browne's Addition, Spokane ((509) 747-1615.

**10th Annual KPBX Evening Under the Stars**  
July 14 6 pm Dancing and silent auction. Arbor Crest Winery, 4705 N. Fruit Hill Rod. (509) 456-0580

**Return to the Forbidden Planet**  
July 14 - Aug 5  
Spokane Civic Theatre, 1020 N Howard. (509) 325-2507 for tickets.

**Kevin Welch**  
July 20 7 pm guitar, singer, founder of San Francisco samba band, Vivendo De Pao. The Shop 9th & Perry (509) 327-8303.

**LaRae Wiley Band**  
July 20 6 pm Coeur d'Alene Park, Browne's Addition, Spokane (509) 747-1615

**Tops in Blue**  
July 20 7 pm Air Force's amateur entertainment group. Spokane Opera House, 742-9398. FREE, but tickets required. at Spokane Regional Business Center, 801 W. Riverside.

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July 27 5 - 9 pm Music, art, dance, food. Downtown Spokane (509) 456-0580

**Blues, Brews & Reggae Microbrew Festival**  
July 29 1 - 6 pm Silver Mountain Amphitheatre, 610 Bunker Ave, Kellogg, ID (509) 325-7328 or (800) 325-7328. Tickets \$17.95 (Age 21 and older, ID required).

**Allegro! The Royal Fireworks Festival & Concert**  
July 29 - 30 Two day baroque festival of performances, visual arts, and historical fun. Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors Saturday night. 22nd Anniversary Royal Fireworks Concert Sunday night. Riverfront Park. FREE. 455-6865

**Children's Activities SFCC Youth College**  
Session II: July 10-14  
Session II: July 17-21  
One-week courses taught by college faculty and staff for youth ages 9 - 13. Classes include acting, film, archery, computer graphics, web page design, nature classes,

photography, Italian, sign language, rockets, story building and wilderness survival. Call 533-3522 for registration and cost information.

**Children's Museum of Spokane**  
110 N. Post(509) 624-KIDS  
July 11 10 am - 12 pm Kids Create  
July 12 11 am Storytime: Dick Warwick, cowboy poetry  
July 19 11 am Storytime: Tino Jimenez  
July 25 10 am - 12 pm Super Cool Science  
July 26 Bubbleology & Techno Art  
Aug 1 10 am - 12 pm Storybook Works

**ID Tech Camp**  
July 23 - Aug 18  
Computer camp for kids

ages 8 - 17. Gonzaga University. Call (888) 709-TECH for cost and info.

**KPBX Kids' Concert Series Coeurimba**  
July 28 noon Marimba Concert Riverfront Park, Clocktower Meadow

**Coming Events**

**Fitness Festival**  
Aug 5 9 am - 3 pm  
Demonstration and hands-on lessons on a wide variety of sports, exercises and activities in the new state-of-the-art Inland Empire YMCA Sports Complex in the Spokane Valley.

**Maya Angelou**  
November 1 7:30 pm  
Gonzaga University. Tickets \$10 - \$40. Call (509) 323-3548 for reservations or email [lybbert@gu.gonzaga.edu](mailto:lybbert@gu.gonzaga.edu)

**Noam Chomsky on the media**

Ever have the feeling you're not getting the whole story on the 6 o'clock news? Come to a showing of the film "Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media" on Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 pm at the Lindaman Non-Profit Center, 315 W. Mission.

The film explores the political life and times of the controversial author, linguist, and radical philosopher, Noam Chomsky. As an outspoken critic of the press and one of American's leading dissidents, he has

unrelentingly dissected how our much-acclaimed democratic freedoms often mask an irresponsible use of power. Shocking examples of media deception permeate Chomsky's critiques of the forces at work behind the daily news.

The event is sponsored by Thin Air Radio, Save Our Wild Salmon, Eastern Environmental, the Kettle Range Conservation Group and the Green Party of Spokane County. For more information call 456-6915.

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# Editorial

## Public critiques

Another Juneteenth celebration has come and gone. The kids performed, the choirs sang, and people sat up under the trees and socialized. The weather was beautiful, but the climate in the park was hot -- and I mean hot. Several African American community leaders expressed dissatisfaction with comments that I made at a Blacks In Government conference held in Spokane last month. Some even said that they might have agreed with what I said, but "to air our dirty linen before our guests just wasn't right".

Well, what was the dirty linen? I talked to the BIG audience about two points. One was an article run in the April 2000 issue of the African American Voice looking for participants in a scenario of a foundation wishing to help provide college educations for young people coming from families with incomes under \$18,000. The article in our paper was followed a major article in the Spokesman Review. No one took the foundation up on its offer.

The second instance was when I was asked by the financial advisor of a dying African American who wanted to leave \$25,000 to a non-profit 501(c)3 African American organization in Spokane - one that I myself would consider donating \$25,000 to. My reply was that I didn't know of a local African American organization that I would donate \$25,000 to. I couldn't think of a program that was capable of managing \$25,000 or whose performance of their mission was worthy of it. Now, I do know of a lot of organizations that I would donate \$25 - \$100 to, but for \$25,000 I'd have to see more bang for my buck.

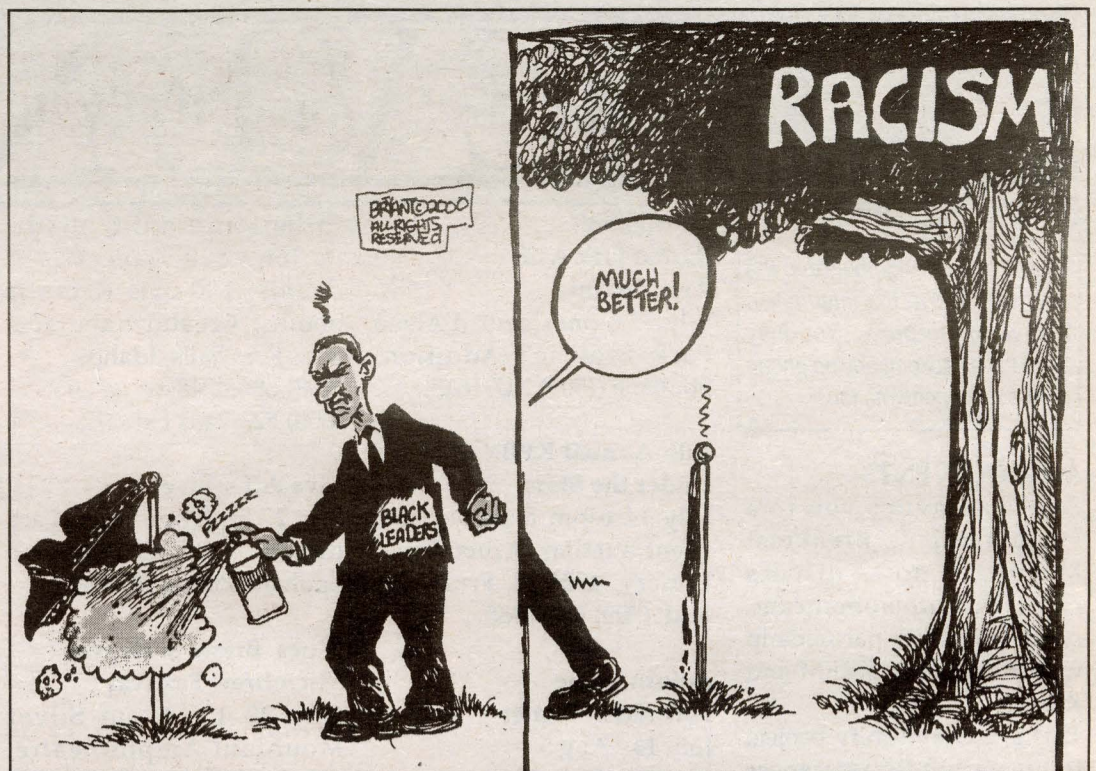
All those who approached me knew exactly what should be done with that money - it should be given to their organization or church. Self-serving, my thoughts were. Let me ask you the same question that was asked of me, in order that the next time I am asked I'll know who is worthy. Or better still, I'll print your letters in the Voice so everyone in the community will know. If I don't hear from you, then the answer is obvious. Be sure to include your name so that your reputation will be put on the line.

I know you think I am criticizing our folks in front of the larger community again. Check out these excerpts from *Outlaw Culture* by bell hooks, (pages 66-72):

"Marginalized groups often fear that dissent, especially if it is expressed in public critique, will play into the hands of dominating forces and undermine support for progressive causes. Throughout the history of black struggle against racism there has been, and continues to be, major disagreement over whether or not we should rigorously critique one another publicly, especially in racially integrated contexts. Efforts to censor surface whenever marginalized groups are overly concerned with presenting a 'positive' image to the dominant group. Most recently, the outcome of the Clarence Thomas hearings and his subsequent appointment to the Supreme Court shows how misguided, narrow notions of racial solidarity that suppress dissent and critique can lead black folks to support individuals who will not protect their rights. As Clarence Thomas uses the power invested in him as a member of the Supreme Court to curtail human rights, to stand in the way of racial justice and the struggle against sexism, those who felt it was more important to support the 'brother' because white folks were out to get him, must if they are at all aware see the error of their ways. We will never know what the outcome of the Thomas hearings might have been had powerful black leaders around the United States collectively called for mass support to resist this appointment."

"Fundamentally, many folks evoke keeping confidence as another way of talking about secret-keeping. Suppressing critical comments or making them in private one-on-one settings where there are no witnesses are deemed more appropriate ways to handle dissent. Bourgeois decorum upholds this means of dealing with conflict. Lying is often more acceptable than speaking truth. The equation of truth-telling with betrayal is one of the more powerful ways to promote silence. No one wants to be regarded as a traitor. Issues of regard are invariably linked to the desire to shape and construct

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## Opinions

### Sweet land of liberty

BY VICTOR E. BUKSBAZEN

"Arkansas Supreme Court Favors Disbarment of Clinton," the headline read. Who would have thunk it? The most powerful lawyer -- not just in this country, but the world -- may possibly lose his license to practice law.

Over what? Not an extra-marital affair. That's almost non-news among public officials these days.

For lying to a court under oath, that's why. Like playing footsie with the IRS, it's not the basic crime that usually does one in, it's lying about it afterwards.

What is happening to us, anyway? We're becoming a society which not only tolerates evil and violence, we actually promote it. Got a few minutes to spare? Let's take a walk through a land which even Alice would not recognize. A land filled with riddles and enigmas. A land which was founded on freedom of expression, but has been recast to effectively disapprove of any opinion which deviates from the oh-so-transitory fads of the moment.

Watch where you walk and keep your eyes on the road signs. You are about to enter ...

#### The Tolerance Zone

Have we as a nation gone mad? Or are we just following the wrong piper? The "Pied Piper of Tolerance"? Following are just a few of the trends which we are seeing as standard features of daily life nowadays:

- The nation which was carved with the knife of ethics, honed with standards of morality, decency

and compassion, now extols situational ethics and looking out for "number one" as solutions.

- The value of human life has been so diminished that the routine premeditated murder of unwanted pre-born infants is a common form of elective surgery.

- Kids today regard weapons as toys.

- Schools routinely make students pass through metal detectors when they enter for their own protection, and hire off-duty police or armed guards to patrol their hallways.

- There is a serious lack of respect for another person's property.

- Recreational drugs are readily available both on and off campus.

- Impatience, loss of temper and violence on the highway threaten all drivers every day.

- Casualties from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol occur daily throughout the USA.

- Some men -- even those with high degrees of education -- consider their wives and children as personal property whom they can treat well or abuse as they see fit -- and as their moods change!

- Abuse of the elderly and the physically or mentally challenged is increasing, not abating, in many areas. This writer personally deals with cases of abuse or potential abuse seven days a week.

In this nation there is an established system for correcting wrongs and protesting injustice. It's called law. There is also a peaceful means for expressing opposition to governmental or industrial policies. Letters sent to

newspapers and public servants and the strike against Kaiser (which, for the most part, has been nonviolent) are good examples.

You see, it is not just isolated incidents such as Ruby Ridge, the World Trade Center, the Columbine massacre or other high-profile tragedies that we need to be examining. It is also the disabled and lonely, the troubled and abandoned, the neighbor you have been feuding with for years. It is the driver in the vehicle next to yours on the interstate, the workers in your shop who have been passed by for promotion many times because they have a foreign accent or a different skin color. It is the orphan or the kid from a broken home who has been sent to a series of foster families, but still feels abandoned and without a meaningful future.

#### Promises to keep

The United States is truly a world-class nation. We have been blessed with every possible privilege, benefit and advantage on earth. Yet we still neglect the weak, the poor, the infirm and those who do not know how to make themselves seen and heard in a proper manner in society. We banish the elderly, pour contempt on the oppressed and treat racial and ethnic minorities as pariahs.

Although we command two thirds of the world's wealth, we refuse to pay living wages to a large segment of the workforce. We enjoy the ultimate in cutting-edge technology in the fields of science, yet we allow HMO's to withhold treatments in order to save money and

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### Land of liberty

maximize profits -- sometimes at the cost of lives. What's more, the Supreme Court refuses to hold them accountable for doing so. We have unparalleled natural resources, yet they are frequently threatened by the lust for corporate profit.

We were founded by religious exiles and God-fearing, Bible-toting explorers, Pilgrims and pioneers -- yet today those who revere and honor God in public life are scoffed at or ridiculed for being old-fashioned.

Our values have been warped -- not because most of us are that way -- but because unregulated business and entertainment interests always demand their piece of the pie without regard, seemingly, for how getting it will affect public morals

and conduct.

And our kids grow up mimicking these values. We are our own worst enemies. Yet we refuse to acknowledge it.

Are these the standards for which our ancestors shed their blood? Is this the "freedom" they sought? The right to exploit workers, to contaminate the minds of children -- to outlaw law itself?

I think not!

It was William Havard who wrote: "The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children."

So the question each one of us must answer this Independence Day is "What legacy am I leaving to future generations?"

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but we have promises to keep. And miles to go before we sleep. And miles to go before we sleep."*

Robert Frost

## Democratic Diversity Committee welcomes participation

The Diversity Committee (of the Spokane County Democratic Central Committee) welcomes all those who are interested to participate in our activities and especially people from the twelve underrepresented groups in any political party in Spokane. The committee will meet at community centers and libraries throughout the city beginning in September. We will not disappear after the November elections.

We encourage all peoples to join us at meetings and other activities. Some of the upcoming activities include a boat cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene in July. Also on July 12, the quarterly meeting of the party will take place, and the public is invited to attend to see the internal activities of the party. The annual Democratic picnic will be held in August at Franklin Park. It will be the last time before the September primary elections to collectively hear and ask questions of all the candidates.

The committee thanks Madeline Wilson for inviting us to the Juneteenth Celebration. We hope to attend many other community events.

For more information, please call 324-8525.



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## God's Eternal and Unchanging Law

Dear Dr. Laura:

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's law. I have learned a great deal from you, and I try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind him that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some of the specific laws and how to best follow them.

When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord (Lev. 1:9). The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. How should I deal with this?

I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as it suggests in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

I know that I am

allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness (Lev. 15:19-24). The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

Lev. 25:44 states that I may buy slaves from the nations that are around us. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans but not Canadians. Can you clarify?

I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself?

A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination (Lev. 10:10), it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this?

Lev. 20:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear prescription glasses. Does

my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

I know you have studied these things extensively, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Sincerely,  
Very confused

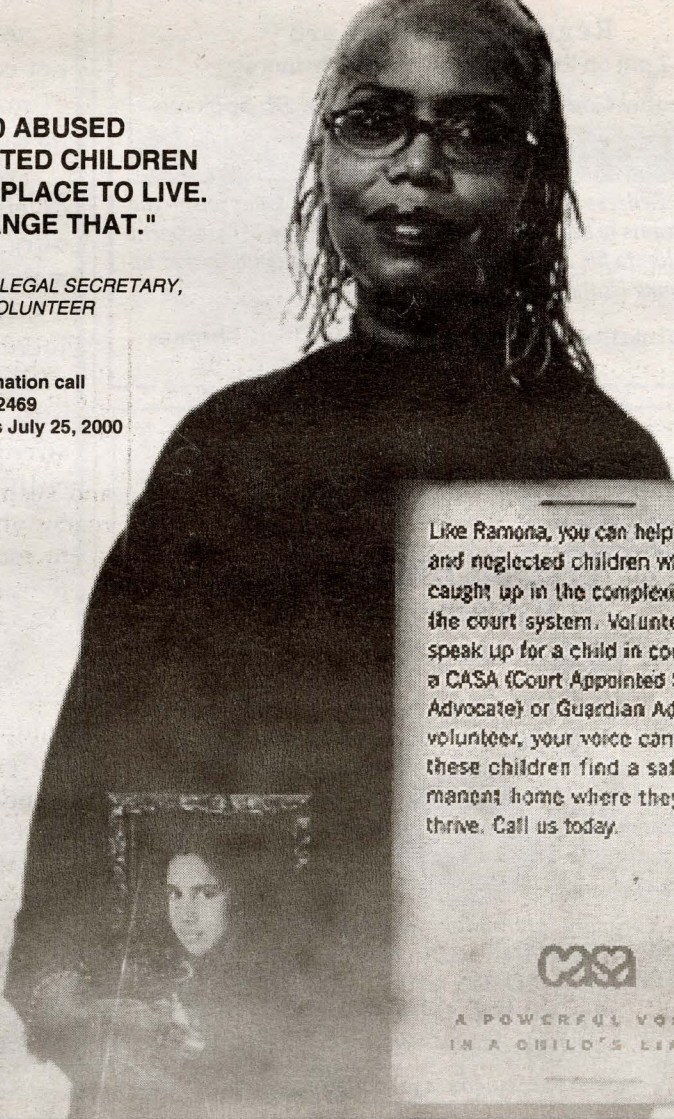
*Something to think about from an anonymous email source...*

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### Black Women in the Military

By 1996, blacks made up half of all enlisted women or 6.5% of the total armed forces (women accounted for 13% of enlisted personnel overall). Of the 280,464 African Americans serving in the US armed forces in 1997, 59,784 were women. African American women officers numbered 4,200 (13.7% of all officers in the military), and the enlisted ranks included 55,584 African American women (34.3% of all blacks enlisted).




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### Black artist dies

social consciousness and black history."

Jacob Lawrence was born on Sept. 7, 1917 in Atlantic City, though the family soon moved to Easton, Pennsylvania. His father was a cook on the railroad, a job that was hard on the marriage. His mother first moved with the three children to Philadelphia and then to Harlem in 1931 when Lawrence was 13. The Harlem Renaissance was still a vital force, and combined with Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration projects such as the Federal Art Project, nurtured the cultural renaissance of the black community. Under the program, Lawrence studied at the Harlem Art Center and went to work for the project in 1938. There he also met his wife of nearly 60 years, painter Gwendolyn Clarine Knight. By 1941 he had

produced the highly regarded "Migration Series", a massive work of 60 paintings documenting the great move north of millions of southern blacks in the early decades of the 20th century. The series is currently owned by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the Phillips Collection in Washington, DC, but the full series was exhibited in 1993 at the Phillips Collection.

"Seen as a whole, the series helped illuminate for many a history that had remained underappreciated. It resonated too with common American cultural experiences of immigration and the constant, often uphill search for a better life in places unknown," said the Washington Post obituary.

When Jacob Lawrence migrated again, this time to the northwest, he found that "the space and the color were so different from the East Coast. It was a lift for my work. There

were new things to consider. There's this beautiful gray here. I call it tonal color. It holds a lot of possibilities."

But there were also things he missed. "It's a comfortable life - almost too comfortable. Washington is a lovely place, and the people have been wonderful to us. But sometimes I miss the struggle and teeming quality of the East Coast. I worry that a certain

nuance might not be in my work as it once was."

"Nuances aside", wrote Keith Raether in a 1998 Tacoma News Tribune article, "he still chronicles the lives and times of black Americans. He still paints everyday activities and lifelong struggles. His vibrant color choices, flat figures, and exaggerated shape and space produce vibrant paintings. They celebrate history and instill hope in the same stroke."

### AHANA Directory

If you are in the 1999 - 2000 AHANA Directory, we encourage you to check out the website for your business updates and corrections; or if you are a new member and would like your business posted at the AHANA website please contact us. Website;

[barney.gonzaga.edu/~ahana](http://barney.gonzaga.edu/~ahana)

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### Public critiques

images. Many individuals in the public eye want to determine and control their representation. When the notion of solidarity or allegiance is reduced solely to the issue of secret-keeping in the interest of both making and sustaining images, we lose our ability to form communities based on respect and mutual commitment to the free expression of ideas."

"Often, major black writers and academics feel that it is their responsibility to determine which voices from the margins strengthen the struggle for racial uplift and which impede the progress of the race. Comfortable with censorship when they can assert that it is in the collective interest, they do not see a connection between these actions and overall efforts to undermine free speech in this society . . . there are just too few all-black settings for us to maintain silence waiting for the best 'politically correct' settings to speak freely and openly. Evoking 'betrayal of the race' effectively acts to silence dissenting voices."

"Usually, critique causes some pain and discomfort . . . there has to be a celebra-

tion of differing opinions even when there are conflicts, even when there are hurt feelings."

". . . all our progressive political movements to end domination must work to protect free speech. To maintain the space for constructive contestation and confrontation, we must oppose censorship. We remember the pain of silence and work to sustain our power to speak -- freely, openly, provocatively."

These selections were posted in an listserv discussion by a Black OU student whose mother had been criticized. She gave the following endnote: "If we are to win our struggle for freedom, we must maintain an open discourse of ideas, even those ideas that we may disagree with. Likewise, we must hold all public officials accountable, including Black public officials, and we should not be shackled by fear to do so. When we advocate for the censorship of Black people who publicly criticize other Black people, we jeopardize the very freedom that we struggle for".

The African American Voice is in complete agreement.

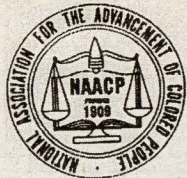
Robert Lloyd  
Publisher

### Share old photos from St. Matthew's

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## AHANA'S BUSINESS & CULTURAL TIPS

By CHARITY DOYL

America is a melting pot comprised of people of many ethnic origins mixed together.

We are so culturally diverse and yet maintain our cultural identity amidst the mixture.

This article seeks to increase multicultural awareness as our community works together to strengthen and promote culturally diverse relationships and a sensitivity to each other's social customs and traditions.

I hope to give you do's and don'ts in cross cultural situations. If you have any questions or comments on this subject, please send them to:

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### Cultural tips

#### Cultural Dress Codes

As the saying goes "First impressions always last". The way we dress and groom ourselves can speak volumes about us and it can affect our professionalism, self-confidence and relationships. Which is why we should always strive to look well groomed, neatly dressed and wear the right clothes at the right time. Summer is a popular time to get married and when invited to a wedding from the following cultural backgrounds please avoid the following colors as a sign of respect to their beliefs and traditions.

**Indian Wedding:** Only an enemy wears white to the wedding. If someone wears white it can bring bad luck and even death to the married couple.

**Filipino, Guamanian & Thai Weddings:** Female guests should avoid the wearing the color white

because only the bride should wear white. Black is also a color to be avoided as this color represents death.

**Chinese Wedding:** The colors black & white should not be worn as these colors are associated with hostility and death. Avoid giving umbrellas, knives, scissors and clocks as gifts, because it symbolizes the severing of a relationship and giving a clock means you want that person to die.

**Japanese Wedding:** Purple should not be worn, according to Japanese superstition, purple fades faster than any other color and signifies fading of marital happiness. when wrapping the wedding present never wrap it in white paper, use pastel colors instead. The color white is mostly used at funerals. Avoid giving knives and scissors as a gift.

**Japanese, Chinese & Koreans:** The number 4 is considered bad luck, therefore avoid giving gifts that are a set of four.

# African American Voice hires professional construction consultant for diversity dome

By PAUL HAMRE  
UBUILDIT

Managing the construction of your home can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life, or...one of the most disastrous. What will make the difference is how well you plan and prepare before you begin and how much expert guidance you employ along the way.

There are seven fundamental steps in the process of planning and preparation that you should thoroughly accomplish before you even apply for a building permit. Reading books and taking classes on how to be a general contractor is not necessarily one of these steps. Do this only if being a general contractor will be your next occupation. Instead, consider hiring a professional consultant who provides a proven program to guide you step-by-step through the process of planning and building your dream home. Remember, making even one fundamental error in the planning and construction of your own home could turn the project of your life into a long-term disaster. An experienced consultant can help you avoid that disastrous error.

## Phase One: Feasibility Study

**Step one: Goals.** Look inward and discover what your true priorities are for a home environment. Discuss these feelings and desires with the members of your family and listen to what their individual needs and priorities are. Use a facilitator if necessary to distill all the wish lists and "gotta haves" down to the fundamental truths of your families needs and desires for a home. Try to define these core priorities in terms of how your family will live in and use a home for the years you will be in it. It is not necessary to define the specifics of the design yet, rather define what your family likes to do when you gather together in your home: Cook? Play games? Exercise? Study? What do each of you like to do when alone? How do you see these patterns changing as your family grows older? True answers to all these types of questions will greatly assist a designer to design the home that is right for you.

**Step two: Establish a budget.** How much do you have to invest now and how much can you

afford to borrow? You may need to get pre-qualified by a lending institution to determine your borrowing limit. Even more important, decide how much debt you are comfortable with over a long term, regardless of the amount you qualify for.

**Step three: Allocate your budget.** Your major cost categories are land, land development, house, and home furnishings. Here again, your consultant can help you determine what portion of your budget should be dedicated to each category. This will depend on the priorities you established in step one, lots o' land or lots o' house.

**Step four: Acquire land.** No, it is not the time to design your home yet. First, find that piece of land that fits your life style, fits your spirit, fits your family, and fits your budget. This may take awhile and deserves the help of a real estate professional. Don't be afraid to interview several agents until you find that person who you believe hears you when you describe what you are looking for. Look at more than one piece of land so that you will have perspective on value and amenities. Before you buy, get an expert analysis of the costs of developing a given piece of land. If serious development problems exist, you may be able to cut a deal, or you may want to walk away. When you are ready to make your offer, get advice on what contingencies you may want to include with your offer. For instance, you can't build without a source of water so be sure you can get it before the deal closes.

**Step five: Design your home.** Here is where home designers and residential architects can be worth their weight in gold. If your designer saves you from making even one fundamental design error, he or she will earn their fee tenfold.

Find a designer who listens and understands who you are. And find a designer who you like, and like a lot; both who they are and what they have done for others. You and your family are going to tell this person all about your feelings and dreams with the hope that he or she will correctly interpret and design the perfect house for you, your family, your land, and your budget. This is a tall order but

when the mark is hit, you'll probably know it and say to your designer, "Exactly!" If not, don't be afraid to start the design process over with the same designer or with someone else. It is your house, after all.

**Step six: Specify everything.** Now is the time for the long and detailed process of marrying your tastes with your budget. We all love granite countertops but at eighty dollars a square foot maybe granite will have to wait for the remodel ten

and lighting fixtures all have huge price ranges. Establishing a balance between quality, style, and your budget is a big job. You will want to have your specifications nearly all complete before you start building. That way, you will avoid making impulsive and unbalanced decisions during the "heat of battle" known as construction. The specification process can be hugely facilitated with the help of a consultant.

**Step seven: Cost-out the construction.** The final step in your "feasibility study" is to turn your plans and specifications over to an industry expert for a detailed cost analysis. This can only be accomplished accurately when all decisions on material specifications and construction methods have been made.

Otherwise, you will be thrust into the dubious and uncertain world of "allowances". Allowances are line item budgets assigned to costs where specifications are not provided. Twenty-five dollars a yard for carpet sounds great until you realize that the only carpet you can live with costs forty dollars a yard. Yikes! The dreaded cost overrun. The

result? You may run out of money before the house is complete. Thus, be sure your cost-out is provided in great detail with all prices backed up by secured bids from quality subcontractors and suppliers. The costs should be precisely what you would pay the actual vendors and should not include a builder's mark-up or any kickbacks. You, after all, are the builder. Your expert estimator will know to include costs for all required construction activities and where to include contingencies for unknowns such as underground conditions, weather, or commodity price fluctuations.

At last, your plans and specifications are complete and you know with a great deal of accuracy what your project will cost. If the total cost is less than your budget you have the option to reduce your borrowing or you may decide to upgrade some of the finishes. If the total cost exceeds your budget, you can review your specifications and make modifications to reduce costs. Either way, you have successfully defined your whole project before you jump into it. Now you are ready for Phase Two, construction.

Watch for Phase Two in the August issue.

*This article is part two of a series on the dome that diversity is building.*

*The A A Voice is trying to compile a list of diverse contractors, suppliers, building trade workers, artists and craftspeople, landscapers, interior designers, suppliers of furnishings, and anyone else who thinks they have something to offer to this project. If this includes you or someone you know write the AAV at PMB 145 2920 S. Grand Blvd. Spokane WA 99203.*

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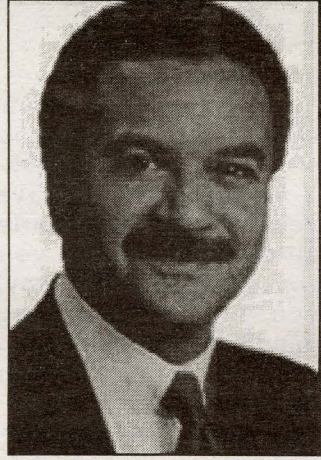
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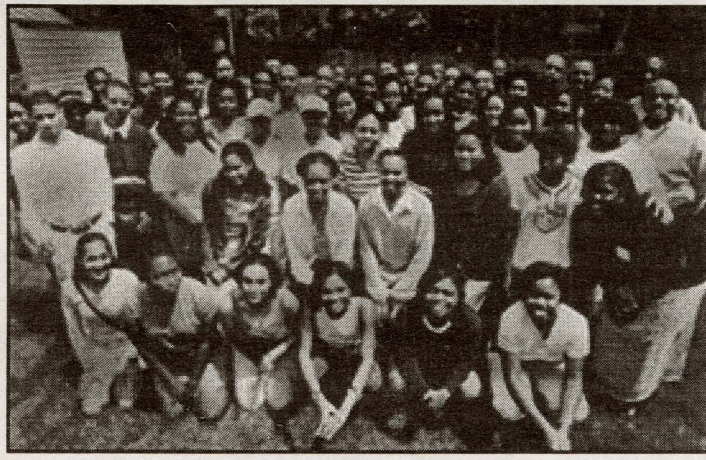
# Ron Brown Scholarship

## Ron Brown Scholar History

Established in December 1996, the Ron Brown Scholar program is sponsored and funded by the CAP Charitable Foundation, a private philanthropic foundation which has historically provided educational opportunities through a variety of scholarship programs. The Ron Brown Scholar Program honors the memory of the late Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown, who among many accomplishments was a visionary, a unifying force, an inspiring leader and public servant. The Program is specifically focused on young African-Americans of outstanding promise; it seeks to accelerate their progress into the mainstream of leader-



Secretary Ron Brown 1941 - 1996



Past Scholars

ship positions in business, education, government, and a wide spectrum of professions. In addition to awarding each student \$40,000 for college and providing guidance throughout their academic careers, the Program coordinates a wide variety of summer study-abroad programs and internships, and underwrites Scholars' attendance at leadership

programs including the National Outdoor Leadership School.

CAP Foundation believes deeply that the playing field should be leveled so that outstanding students who have demonstrated leadership qualities and concern for others can attend colleges of their choice irrespective of financial means. The mission of this program is

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For further information contact the sponsor by email to: [mmallory@ystone.net](mailto:mmallory@ystone.net) or browse their website: <http://www.RonBrown.org>

### Contact

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There is also a list of other scholarships available listed on this web site. [http://eric-web.tc.columbia.edu/hbcu/financial\\_aid/merit.html](http://eric-web.tc.columbia.edu/hbcu/financial_aid/merit.html)

# SCC students receive Gates Scholarships

Two Spokane Community College students, both native American, have received 2000 Gates Millennium Scholarships for the upcoming school year.

The scholarship recipients are Shawn Brigman, a member of the Spokane Tribe, and Richard Whitney, a member of

Colville Confederated Tribes.

Brigman will graduate at the end of summer quarter 2000 with an associate of arts degree. He will attend Washington State University in the fall, majoring in architecture.

Whitney, who already has two associate in applied sciences degrees from SCC (one in natural resources-parks and recreation and the other in natural resources-wildlife), also plans to attend WSU this fall.

The largest privately

funded scholarship program in the United States, the Millennium Scholarship program was established with a \$1 billion dollar endowment by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda. Scholarships pay for all college expenses beyond tuition, with a goal of increasing minority employment in technical fields.

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## Free math / science summer camp

Gonzaga University and the Alcoa Foundation will again offer a free two-week mathematics and science camp on campus for students who have completed grades 9-12. All are welcome to apply, but an emphasis is on encouraging women and students of color to participate. The camp will take place Monday-Friday from 9 am - 1 pm, July 24 - August 4.

Hosted by a team of college and pre-college educators and professionals in math, science and engineering, the camp engages students in a variety of hands-on, collaborative activities, while showing them the range of career options available through math, science and engineering.

Students must have completed an algebra course and be covered by health insurance. Students will not receive college or

high school credit. Program activities will be on the Gonzaga campus except for field trips, for which transportation will be provided. A focus for the camp will be preparation for the SAT test (mathematics).

Women and minorities continue to be underrepresented in math, science, and engineering. Research indicates that 16% of scientists, 6% of engineers and 4% of computer scientists in the United States are women. Although African-Americans, Latinos and Native Americans make up 23% of the population, they comprise only 6% of the total science and engineering labor force.

Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-serve bases. For more information or to apply for the camp, contact Gonzaga math Assistant Professor Gail Nord at (509) 323-3907.

## Military Builds Spokane Home

USAA foundation, A Charitable Trust has donated \$44,000 to Habitat for Humanity-Spokane to build a Habitat home at 619 South Napa St. Fairchild Airforce Base and other military personnel, both active and retired, will provide the labor.

Chaplain (Capt.) Bruce Glover has been coordinating Fairchild volunteers on Habitat jobsites for the past nine months. "We've had more than 150 people who've given their time and labor," he said. "I've taken groups to help build homes on six Saturdays, but sponsoring a home is a higher level of commitment than just providing labor."

Sponsoring a home

also means partnering with the family who will work hard to fulfill their commitment of 500 hours of 'sweat equity'. Chaplain Glover and others on the steering committee look forward to working with Oleg and Larisa Ambursumyan and their three children who will own this home.

The United States Automobile Association, an insurance company that serves the military, has been partnering with other military bases around the United States to build Habitat homes for the past three years.

Military personnel are welcome to call the Habitat for Humanity-Spokane office at 534-2552 for more information.

## Hunger doesn't take a vacation- 800-201-3964

The Children's Alliance Summer Food Hotline starts June 1, connecting families around the state with sites in their communities where kids can get lunch and have safe fun. The federal Summer Food Service Program reimburses school districts, community centers, tribal organizations, and parks departments for nutritious lunches and snacks provided free to

all children.

Call the Hotline to find sites in your community. Spread the word! Summer Food bridges the gap for hungry children when school lunch and breakfast programs are closed for summer break. The Children's Alliance Summer Food Hotline is supported by Lawyers Helping Hungry Children and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

## Organize - be involved - affect change for the common good

By Bob Glaza

"The room was rocking!" With music from the Combined Choirs of Calvary Baptist Church, Covenant United Methodist Church and Highland Park United Methodist Church, the Spokane Interfaith and Education Alliance (SIEA) held a countywide assembly on May 22, 2000. The assembly took place at Whitworth College and an impressive 300 plus people attended. Over 20 member institutions and 18 observing institutions took part in this benchmark event.

The event celebrated work done in SIEA's initial year by participating institutions. The accomplishments included building relationships, reflecting on values and coming together to work for the Common Good. The biggest public event experienced in the year is the success of the Sheridan PTA. Through a safety committee of concerned parents, the group was able to gain unanimous approval from the Spokane City Council for a stop light at 5th and

Freya - near the school. Groups have tried for over 14 years to get a light at this increasingly busy intersection. SIEA helped in the training of leaders through leadership institutes. The power of more than one group was evident during the analysis of how to get the project approved. When was the last time the city council agreed unanimously on anything? Of course, now the City is re-thinking it's decision. This is a public issue to be watched closely.

SIEA is an emerging countywide organization of parent-teacher organizations, diverse religious institutions, unions and other interested groups. It is driven by the belief that these Mediating Institutions must be strong. These institutions are the cornerstones of a vibrant democratic society and hold the key to mending and reweaving the social fabric essential for healthy communities and a just world. Emerging themes in Spokane are livable wage jobs, affordable housing, prescription drug costs, time pressures, safe-

ty for children, health care costs, and affordable long term elder care. These issues rise from the conversation that member institutions share with themselves and each other. Individual institutions have begun action on small issues. SIEA will launch as a public organization of 40-60 institutions in 2002 and is beginning to take unified action addressing some of the major problems affecting our region. This year's proposal outlines a campaign to address racism and intolerance promoting diversity and enhancing the relational culture within Spokane. This is an intentional effort and grows the relational culture for a specific purpose - eliminating racial ignorance and prejudice. The effort attempts to expand the understanding between and among all cultural groups. If you or your group or institution is interested in learning more or participating in the Fall 2000 Leadership Training institutes, SIEA can be contacted at 509-532-1688.

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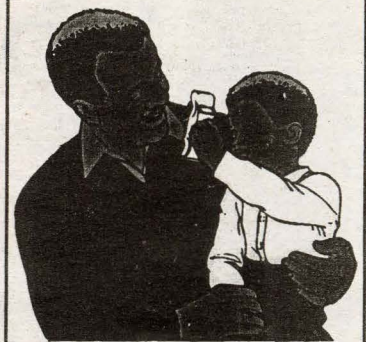
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**Gonzaga Native American outreach receives grant**

The Alcoa Foundation and the Wells Fargo Foundation each recently awarded \$5000 grants to Gonzaga University to support science outreach programs benefiting two regional, rural and isolated native American schools in Eastern Washington: the Wellpinit School (K-12) on the Spokane Indian Reservation, and the Nespelem School (K-8) on the Colville Indian Reservation.

The Alcoa Foundation grant, provided through Northwest Alloys in Addy, Washington, will help equip each K-6 classroom at both schools with science kits tailored to match each grade level. The Wells Fargo Foundation grant will help purchase microscopes and imaging equipment, as well as environmental sampling kits for both schools. The equipment acquired from the Wells Fargo grant will be used by approximately 50 Nespelem 7th and 8th graders and 90 Wellpinit high-school students.

The projects address

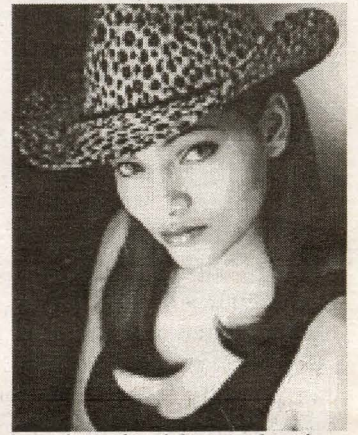
the dire needs of two native American schools while providing Gonzaga undergraduates with opportunities to expand their educational horizons, share their research with others, and act as mentors and role models. Tribal school students will learn more about science by doing experiments on the reservation's environment -- testing water and soil quality, for example. The students will communicate in person and via the Internet with their Gonzaga mentors, and will come to campus for more focused laboratory experiences. It is expected that they will see a positive impact of their research in their immediate environment. Another component of the program is family and community involvement through summer enrichment course co-taught with tribal elders and professionals. At the same time, Gonzaga's students will become more aware of poverty, inequity in education, the environment, and issues facing Native American society.

**Sunburst Beauty Pageant winner is a local girl**

Ashley Blodgett of Nine Mile Falls, won the Sunburst USA Northwest Regional Finals, held in Missoula Montana. The 15 year old Lakeside High School student was professionally trained by PJ and Company Models, of Spokane. Sunburst is a 22 year old organization that awards savings bonds to pageant winners.

An individual was chosen to be queen for each age group at the pageant. Then an overall winner was chosen as Queen for age groups 5 - 27. Ashley was selected as the overall winner, based on scores she received in each pageant category she participated in.

At the conclusion of the pageant Ashley was awarded a \$400 savings



bond and additional gifts. She will be competing in the international competition in August in Atlanta for a \$10,000 savings bond.

Ashley wishes to thank all the sponsors who supported her and welcomes sponsors for this future trip. Interested sponsors may contact the African American Voice at PMB Box 145, 2920 S. Grand Blvd. Spokane WA 99203

**African Drum, Dance Camp in August**

The 4th Annual West African Drum and Dance Camp will be held August 18, 19, 20 at Camp Neewahlu, on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The camp is open to everyone -- beginners are welcome and encouraged to attend. In addition to enjoying the beautiful outdoor setting and community atmosphere, you will learn excellent technique in the traditional music and dance of West Africa. The drumming instructor is Michael Moon Bear, specialist in West African drumming and drumming director of the Grant Drummers & Dancers, and the Dance instructor is Mabiba Baagne, teacher and choreographer of traditional and contemporary African Dance. She was born in Congo Brazzaville and is

currently a professor at the University of Nevada Reno as well as choreographing shows and performing.

The dance classes include instruction in stretching, warm-up, isolations, and specific dance steps and combinations. The drumming classes include comprehensive instruction in everything from basic drum technique to traditional beginning, intermediate and advanced rhythms, as well as lead playing techniques.

The cost of the camp is \$135 for all drum or all dance classes, or \$175 for all drum and all dance classes. Some drums are available for a \$15 rental. Registration is due by August 11 to Moon Shadow, 2 North Howard. For more information call 509-624-7573.

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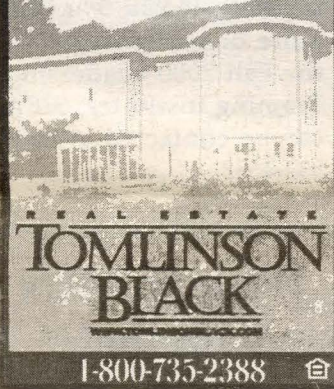
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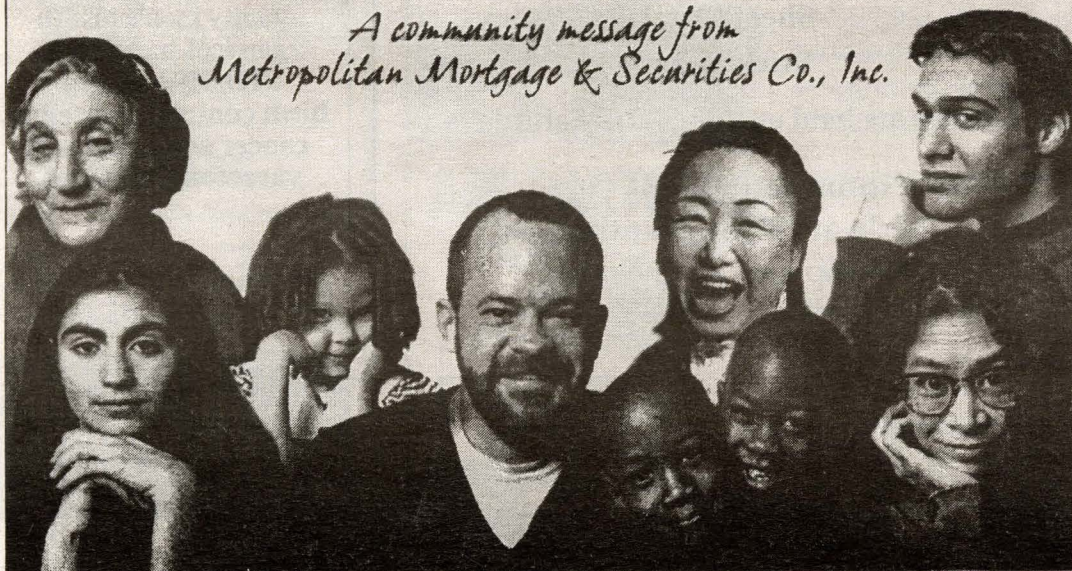
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**Medicaid reinstatements**

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About 70,000 individuals have been reached by

mail, but there are still 30,000 families for whom DSHS could not find a current address. If you or someone you know was terminated, contact DSHS's special Family Medical Project to report your current address and request reinstatement:

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# Health

## Medicare Basics

# Know now and plan now, don't feel had later

BY

ROBERT C WILLIAMSON JR

As I promised in last month's edition of the Voice, here is some information on a health insurance program that we all will become eligible for at some point in our lives. Some of the elders in your family are already enrolled in the program. This health insurance program is called Medicare.

**Medicare is a health insurance program for:**

- People 65 years of age and older
- Some people with disabilities, under 65 years of age
- People with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant).

**Medicare has two parts:**

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**The original Medicare plan**

This plan is available everywhere in the United States. It is the way most people get their Medicare Part A and Part B benefits. You may go to any doctor, specialist, or hospital that accepts Medicare. Medicare pays its share and you pay your share. Some things are not covered, like prescription drugs.

**Medicare managed care plans**

These are health care choices (like HMOs) in some areas of the country. In most plans, you can only go to the doctors, specialists, or hospitals that are part of the plan. Plans must cover all Medicare Part A and B benefits. Some plans cover extras, like prescription drugs. Your out of pocket costs

may be lower than the original Medicare plan.

**Private fee-for-service plans**

This is a new Medicare health care choice in some areas of the country. You may go to any doctor, specialist, or hospital. Plans must cover all Medicare Part A and B benefits. Some plans cover extras,

like extra days in the hospital. The plan, not Medicare, decides how much you pay.

**How do I enroll in Medicare Part A & B?**

Enrollment in Medicare is handled two ways: either you are enrolled automatically or you have to apply. Here's how it works.

**Automatic enrollment**

If you are not yet 65 and already getting Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board benefits, you do not have to apply for Medicare. You will be enrolled automatically in both Part A and Part B effective the month you are 65.

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# Spokane AIDS Network receives major grant

The Spokane AIDS Network (SAN) has been chosen to receive a major HIV prevention grant from the Centers of Disease Control. SAN was one of two agencies in the state of Washington and one of 74 in the nation chosen to receive this grant. SAN will be partnering with North Idaho AIDS Coalition to serve Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. The funding will be renewable for four years and begins July 1, 2000. The grant will be used only for prevention services and additional personnel will be hired for these new prevention pro-

grams.

Two new programs will be funded by this major grant: Prevention Case Management and Positive Power. Prevention Case Management will focus on reducing the risk of HIV transmission and infection among gay and bisexual men. Positive Power is a group-based program focused on helping HIV-positive men remain healthy and navigate the many emotional, physical, and mental pitfalls of their HIV status. Tracy Mikesell is the new Project Coordinator.

"We're very excited

about this opportunity to provide a comprehensive prevention program in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. Having struggled for many years to locate funding for prevention, this will allow us to focus our energies on reducing the impact of HIV in the Inland Northwest. In addition, SAN will be inviting community partners such as Spokane Regional Health and the (North Idaho) Panhandle Health District to implement this vital new service" said Anne Stuyvesant, executive director of the Spokane AIDS Network.

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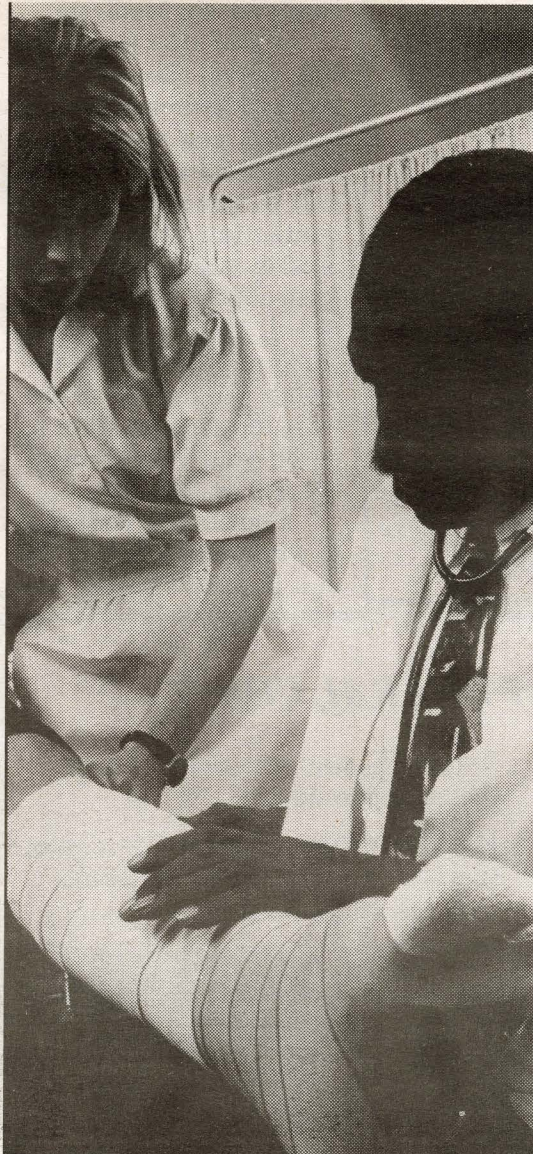
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# Characteristics to consider when choosing a college

BY PATRICE WILLIAMSON

East coast or west coast? Metropolitan area or small town? These are just two questions of many that a student in pursuit of a college must answer.

Finding a school that best suits the criteria of an individual is a time-consuming process in part because there are so many colleges and universities from which to choose. When choosing a college it's important to consider many aspects of a school including its size, location, students, housing, and academic programs.

Not only does the size of a school's population matter, but it is important to look at who is on campus. For the African American student the presence of other Black students and teachers may be important. For this type of student a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) may be the perfect fit.

Simone Barr, a 19 year old college sophomore from Indiana, spent a lot of time selecting a college.

She was looking for a change of pace from her rural surroundings and she found a new environment at Hampton University in Virginia. She said, "I chose an HBCU because I needed to have a truly Black experience in my life. In high school, I was the only Black girl that graduated in my class. In fact, I was the only Black girl in my school. I just wanted to be around other Black people that wanted to be successful in their future, like me. And I'm glad that I made that choice."

Barr also sought a change in population. She said, "When choosing a school, size was an important factor to me. I have always gone to a small school and I didn't want to go anywhere that would have over a hundred people in one class. I wanted a school where I could receive personal attention from teachers. Hampton fit my needs because their student-faculty ratio was so small."

Location and cultural sensitivity were two of the

major aspects that 18 year old sophomore Angela Levy honed in on during her college selection process. Coincidentally, the Baltimore, Maryland native also chose Hampton University. When Levy was searching for a college she looked for specific characteristics. She said, "Scholarship was important, and I looked at size, minority population, academic status, sports, and the environment." Levy went on to say, "I chose an HBCU because I was tired of answering ignorant questions and I felt like I was becoming as out of touch with my race as [the people asking questions] were."

Perhaps the most important aspect to keep in mind when searching for a college is that the school needs to be a place in which the student can succeed. If possible high school students or transfer students should visit potential colleges when classes are in session to check out the campus atmosphere. After all, the school will become a home away from home for at least four years.

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## Alan Greenspan

have grown so discouraged by their job prospects that they've stopped looking for work, nor does it include the many who work only seasonally and so they don't actively seek employment for much of the year, nor does it count those persons who are able to pull down only a handful of hours -- perhaps temping -- and instead counts these as if they were every bit as employed as the full-time salaried employee. If these persons were counted in an official unemployment/underemployment rate, the number of such folks would at least double, coming to around 8%, or perhaps even as high as 10%. That the Labor Department does in fact keep this number -- called the U-7 rate but never reported to the general population -- is only further confirmation that the propaganda system in this land requires intentional obfuscation of the true state of economic affairs.

And so it is essentially a matter of official monetary policy to maintain unemployment at around 8-10% of the potential workforce -- around 9-11 million people in all -- so as to keep the economy from "overheating," which really means to keep wages from rising too high, thereby forcing companies to either raise prices or suffer a loss of profitability as workers pocket more of the value produced by

their output. If we assume that many of these 9-11 million unemployed and underemployed persons have dependents, and that lacking steady income they likely also lack bankable wealth-producing reserves to call on in hard times, it is fair to estimate that over 20 million Americans are stuck in the ranks of the poor and near-poor thanks to the conscious decisions of economic elites to keep them there.

The doors that this simple and readily apparent fact of American life has the power to open are substantial: after all, if people are out of work and poor (and thus, often in need of public assistance) because of a deliberate economic policy; and if, indeed, the destitution of these individuals is something which is required so that the rest of us may enjoy lower prices by maintaining a certain degree of slackness in labor markets, then not only should we not disparage the poor for their poverty, but indeed, we should perhaps consider them among our most noble citizens: sacrificing their own good for the well-being of us all.

To witness what the Fed is doing this summer to interest rates -- all because workers are supposedly doing too well -- is to witness perhaps one of the central organizing issues of the new decade: simply put, that working people are hurting and will continue to hurt in this system so long

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## Job Fair July 11

Companies with over 300 jobs are available in downtown Spokane will be looking for applicants at the West Central Community Center on Tuesday, July 11 from 10 am - 2 pm. The center is at 1603 N. Belt

To get yourself better prepared for success at the job fair, call one the numbers below and sign up for classes to touch-up interview skills, refresh your resume and present yourself well:

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### East Central Community Center

500 S. Stone 625-6699 (Ask for Dawn)

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## Medicare Basic

### Applying For Medicare

If you are not receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board benefits you must apply for Medicare Part A and Part B. You can apply by contacting the Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board. You should apply three months before the month you turn 65. If you wait longer than this to enroll your Part B coverage will be delayed.

Even if you continue to work after you turn 65, you should sign up for

Part A of Medicare. Part A may help pay some of the costs not covered by the group health plan. It may not, however, be advisable to sign up for Part B if you have health insurance through your employer. You would have to pay the monthly Part B premium, and the Part B benefits may be of limited value to you as long as the employer plan is the primary payer of your medical bills.

It is critical that you contact your employee benefits office and the Social Security Office for information about your particular situation well in advance of turning 65 or retiring.

### The Bottom Line

I admit this is a lot of information to digest. What I want you to remember is that everyone eligible for Medicare Coverage is allotted 100 days of coverage. Medicare will cover your hospital stay. Should you need to go to a skilled nursing facility for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy or skilled nursing after hav-

ing a three day stay at the hospital (you must have what is called a qualifying stay of three days) Medicare will cover 20 days at full coverage if the therapist needs to work with you for the full twenty days. After twenty days Medicare will cover 80 percent of the cost and you will pay the other 20 percent. After you use your 100 days you do not automatically get another 100. You have to be out of the system for 60 days (this means you are not in the hospital) and then you will qualify for another 100 days of Medicare coverage.

If by some chance you should find yourself in the hospital and are covered by Medicare and your physician decides to send you to a skilled nursing facility contact your social worker to find out if your stay there is covered by Medicare. Should you have any questions about Medicare and how it works contact your local Social Security office.

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# Every month is Black History Month Unsung Heroes

By HOWARD ZINN

A high school student recently confronted me: "I read in your book 'A People's History of the United States' about the massacres of Indians, the long history of racism, the persistence of poverty in the richest country in the world, the senseless wars. How can I keep from being thoroughly alienated and depressed?"

It's a question I've heard many times before. Another question often put to me by students is: Don't we need our national idols? You are taking down all our national heroes -- the Founding Fathers, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, John F. Kennedy.

Granted, it is good to have historical figures we can admire and emulate. But why hold up as models the fifty-five rich white men who drafted the Constitution as a way of establishing a government that would protect the interests of their class -- slaveholders, merchants, bondholders, land speculators?

Why not recall the humanitarianism of William Penn, an early colonist who made peace with the Delaware Indians instead of warring on them, as other colonial leaders were doing? . . .

Why go along with the hero-worship, so universal in our history textbooks, of Andrew Jackson, the slave-owner, the killer of Indians? Jackson was the architect of the Trail of Tears, which resulted in the deaths of 4,000 of 16,000 Cherokees who were kicked off their land in Georgia and sent into exile in Oklahoma.

Why not replace him as national icon with John Ross, a Cherokee chief who resisted the dispossession of his people, and whose wife died on the Trail of Tears? Or the Seminole leader Osceola, imprisoned and finally killed for lead-

ing a guerrilla campaign against the removal of the Indians?

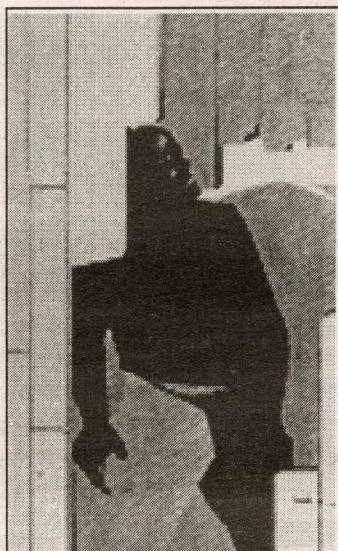
And while we're at it, should not the Lincoln Memorial be joined by a memorial to Frederick Douglass, who better represented the struggle against slavery? It was that crusade of black and white abolitionists, growing into a great national movement, that pushed a reluctant Lincoln into finally issuing a half-hearted Emancipation Proclamation, and persuaded Congress to pass the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth amendments.

Take another Presidential hero, Theodore Roosevelt, who is always near the top of the tiresome lists of Our Greatest Presidents. There he is on Mount Rushmore, as a permanent reminder of our historical amnesia about his racism, his militarism, his love of war.

Why not replace him as hero -- granted, removing him from Mount Rushmore will take some doing -- with Mark Twain? Roosevelt, remember, had congratulated an American general who in 1906 ordered the massacre of 600 men, women, and children on a Philippine island. As vice president of the Anti-Imperialist League, Twain denounced this and continued to point out the cruelties committed in the Philippine war under the slogan "My country, right or wrong."

As for Woodrow Wilson, another honored figure in the pantheon of American liberalism, shouldn't we remind his admirers that he insisted on racial segregation in federal buildings, that he bombarded the Mexican coast, sent an occupation army into Haiti and the Dominican Republic, brought our country into the hell of World War I, and put anti-war protesters in prison?

Should we not bring forward as a national hero Emma Goldman, one of



those Wilson sent to prison, or Helen Keller, who fearlessly spoke out against the war?

And enough worship of John F. Kennedy, a Cold Warrior who began the covert war in Indochina, went along with the planned invasion of Cuba, and was slow to act against racial segregation in the South.

Should we not replace the portraits of our Presidents, which too often take up all the space on our classroom walls, with the likenesses of grassroots heroes like Fannie Lou Hamer, the Mississippi sharecropper? Mrs. Hamer was evicted from her farm and tortured in prison after she joined the civil rights movement, but she became an eloquent voice for freedom. Or with Ella Baker, whose wise counsel and support guided the young black people in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the militant edge of the civil rights movement in the Deep South? . . .

Our country is full of heroic people who are not Presidents or military leaders or Wall Street wizards, but who are doing something to keep alive the spirit of resistance to injustice and war.

I think of Kathy Kelly and all those other people from Voices in the Wilderness who, in defiance of federal law, have traveled to Iraq more than a dozen times to bring food and medicine to people

suffering under the US-imposed sanctions.

I think also of the thousands of students on more than 100 college campuses across the country who are protesting their universities' connection with sweatshop-produced apparel.

I think of the four McDonald sisters in Minneapolis, all nuns, who have gone to jail repeatedly for protesting against the Alliant Corporation's production of land mines.

I think, too, of the thousands of people who have traveled to Fort Benning, Georgia, to demand the closing of the murderous School of the Americas.

I think of the West Coast Longshoremen who participated in an eight-hour work stoppage to protest the death sentence levied against Mumia Abu-Jamal.

And so many more. We all know individuals -- most of them unsung, unrecognized -- who have, often in the most modest ways, spoken out or acted on their beliefs for a more egalitarian, more just, peace-loving society.

To ward off alienation and gloom, it is only necessary to remember the not remembered heroes of the past, and to look around us for the unnoticed heroes of the present.

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## Ten Ways to Fight Hate

### #3 Support the Victims

Hate-crime victims are especially vulnerable, fearful and alone. Let them know you care. Surround them with people they feel comfortable with. If you're a victim, report every incident and ask for help.

Victims of hate crimes feel terribly alone and afraid. They have been attacked for being who they are, and silence amplifies their isolation. They need a strong, quick message that they are val-

ued. Small acts of kindness -- a phone call, a letter -- can help.

- In Montgomery, Alabama, after hate mail and nails were thrown at black families in a formerly all-white neighborhood, a woman left a rose and a card, telling them "You are not alone."

- As white supremacists marched in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a number of families invited black and Hispanic neighbors to dinner. "Just as a way of saying, 'You are welcome.'" said one host.

- When the Inner City Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, was burned and spray-painted with racial threats, a local chapter of the national Coalition Building Institute gathered 300 signatures of support and presented them to the congregation as it met three days later in the parking lot.

**A hate crime isn't just "mischief"**

A burning cross evokes for blacks the terri-

fying specter of lynching. A scrawled swastika is an epithet from the Holocaust that says Jews are not wanted alive. Because hate criminals target members of a group, an attack on one is meant as an attack on all, and the terror is felt by others in the group. We urge hate victims to report the crime to police. Because they may fear "the system," they may welcome the presence of others at the police station or courthouse.

- After white supremacists harassed a Sacramento

family, a labor union provided round-the-clock security. At Gonzaga University in Spokane, administrators moved final exams for harassed black students to a safe location.

- When a cross was burned at a migrant camp in Bellingham, Washington, police hired a translator from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to gather information. Suddenly afraid of being deported, the migrant worker wouldn't talk,

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## Stop Predatory Loans!

*Publisher's note: The information in this article is taken from an article in the June 2000 issue of Handful of Salt, the newsletter of the Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane. The article was background information for a June 3 action "to shed some light upon...predatory business practices that victimize low-income, minority, and elderly people in Spokane" held at Money Tree Loan and Check Cashing and RAC Rent to Own. When you see or hear of demonstrations such as this taking place, it is in your best interests to support it. Exploitation sees no color.*

Perhaps the most dramatic way to see economic polarization in the US is looking at the predatory loan industry. The wealthy have many options for low cost loans and can multiply their wealth by making judicious use of large loans. Poor people, on the other hand, have no access to low interest loans from

lending institutions in any amount, but they can still borrow money.

Borrowing from a loan shark may be easier for a poor person than borrowing at a bank for someone with good credit and collateral. Interest rates make paying off the loan another matter. With a huge impact upon the poor in our community, pay day loans, check cashing, rent to own, and other predatory lenders gouge low-income, minority and elderly people. An explosion of such business in Spokane in the past few years is having catastrophic results.

Julie Graham and Sarah Peterson, who work with low-income women in Spokane through VOICES (Voices for Opportunity, Income, Child care, Education and Support), have checked with the National Consumer Law Center on these practices and

researched specifics on Money Tree Payday Loan & Check Cashing and RAC Rent-to-Own. They report the following:

The "One time fee" for lending is \$15 per \$100 lent. Washington allows loans up to \$500; Idaho up to \$1000. Loans last until the business day following your next payday (approximately 2 weeks or one month). For a payday loan from Money Tree that lasts 14 days, you pay the equivalent of 391% interest. For 31 days, you pay 177%. Law prohibits "rolling over" the balance at the end of the loan period.

At Rent-a-Center an RCA 27" TV, which costs \$300 new from K-Mart, can be purchased on a rent to buy for \$17.99 a week in 78 payments. The total cost would be \$1403.22, the equivalent of 245% interest. If purchased at \$71.96 a month in 18 payments the total is \$1295.28, the

equivalent of 221% interest. The tags on the merchandise list \$1403.22 total price and \$701.96 "cash price" for the "90 days same as cash" option. This tagging makes the 90 days option look cheaper, but when you calculate its cost to you in terms of annual interest rates, you pay the equivalent of 543% interest.

Additionally, new and previously rented merchandise is rented for the same price. So if you end up with merchandise that has been previously rented, the actual value of the item is lower, making interest cost to you proportionately higher. "New" or "previously rented" is indicated on the tags in the store. If you miss a payment, you lose the item.

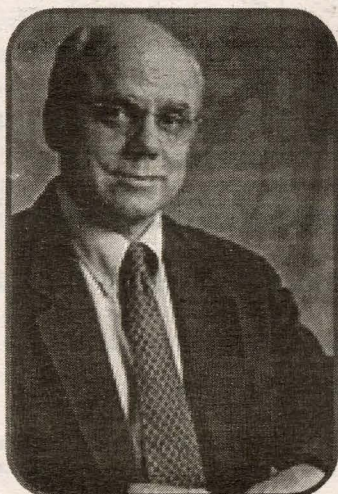
"The sales representative told me that if you 'return the item' because you can't make payments or no longer want it or whatever, you can, at a

later date, rent the same item again and what you paid previously is credited to you. I couldn't tell whether 'returning the item' was the same as having it repossessed. I sense there might be a difference in policy for these two situations. I asked for a written copy of store policy on matters like these and they don't have one", said Julie.

Sarah reports that at Payday Loans or Check Cashing some lenders will let you write a personal check for cash. Then at the end of the loan period, usually one or two weeks (until your next payday, for example), the lender will cash the check.

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**Talk with your child about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use**

Start young -- Let them know your feelings, views and reasons -- Clear up any myths or misconceptions such as the belief that everybody uses drugs.

**Help build self-esteem and confidence**

Children who feel good about themselves are less likely to grow up to be adolescents who use drugs. Give children the opportunity to succeed. Praise them often. Show children respect.

**Teach ways to deal with peer pressure**

Teach your child that it's OK to say "No" to negative peer pressure -- Think of ways to say "No" such as offering an alternative behavior: "No, I don't want to drink, let's play basketball instead." -- Role play to practice.

**Encourage positive activities**

Involvement in sports, hobbies, art etc. may help build self-esteem, create positive peer groups and

help prevent boredom

**Set clear expectations and rules**

Write out clear rules that Alcohol, Tobacco and other drug use is not acceptable -- Set consequences for rules being broken.

**Be a positive role model**

Children may not always listen to our words but they do watch our actions -- Show them how to be responsible -- If you drink alcohol, let them see you being responsible -- Let them hear you say

"No thanks, I'm driving" -  
- Avoid statements about needing or deserving a drink after a hard day of work. This teaches that alcohol will take problems away or that it is a reward -- Teach other ways to deal with stress such as a hot bath, reading a book or taking a walk

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**Stop hate-crime**

until a human rights worker interceded.

If you are a victim

Only you can decide whether to reveal your identity. But many victims have found the courage to lend their names to fighting hate. If you decide to speak up, we recommend:

- **Reporting every incident.** If you are a targeted minority, harassment could continue. What began as egg throwing at five black families in rural Selbrook, Alabama, escalated for 18 months until

hate mail made it a federal offense. The story made the news, police patrolled and harassment declined.

- **Speaking to the press.** Your story, with a frank discussion of the impact on your family life, can be a powerful motivator to others. Copycat crimes are possible, but rare. More likely, you'll be encouraged by love and support. After an Arab-American family in Montgomery County, Maryland, was repeatedly harassed during the Gulf War, the mother told her story. The community rallied, and a suspect was convicted. In Watertown,

New York, a black minister talked about the vulgar hate mail he received. His community held a special unity rally. "Denying that racism exists, or not talking about it, will not cause it to go away," he said.

- **Researching your legal rights.** After enduring racial slurs, slashed tires, broken windows, and the wounding of their dog by their white neighbor, a six-foot burning cross finally moved Andrew Bailey and Sharon Henderson of Chicago to file suit against the neighbor. A federal jury awarded them \$720,000.

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**Below Standards**

dards they must meet are he did not say, but he assured the group that they would not be as high as standards for the WASL, because the community wouldn't stand for it. He said that the community thinks it is good to hold students to a higher standard until it affects their child, then they will be up at arms. He was sure he would be hearing from people sitting around the table this time next year if minority kids were not passed on.

One of the problems the district is having is getting the students, parents, and the community to take advantage of the resources that the district has already put in place. Every elementary and middle school has homework center hours at least one or two days a week and certain schools have more extensive hours. The high schools are open every day after school, and Libby Center is open until 9 pm for homework assistance and tutoring. Summer school is offered at more schools and is free.

Lack of participation

was believable, given that of the 210 members who received the scores and meeting notice, only about 20 people came, only six of them black, and only one with school aged children.

After Dr. Livingston and Dr. Stowell left, discussion continued as to what could be done. It was suggested that the NAACP

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**Alan Greenspan**

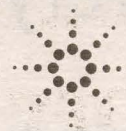
as the interests of the owning class are put ahead of those of everyone else. As long as jobs and wages are seen as zero-sum games -- and profit maximization seen as the ultimate goal of a national economic policy -- working people will continue to be played off against one another, rotating in and out of financial instability. To highlight the structural nature of economic hardship -- and the Fed's actions make this much easier for radicals to do effectively -- is to provide a new way of discussing so many of our most vexing political and social issues. It is to allow citizens to potentially rethink their stereotypical and negative views about the poor, about people of color (blamed for "taking" jobs from whites), and the real sources of whatever

do something that is measurable. One idea was to identify a manageable number of the minority students who are having problems with the WASL test and connect them with the resources necessary to address whatever the problems are that are keeping them from success.

pain and insecurity they may be experiencing in their lives. It is to launch a frontal assault against the myth of meritocracy and the "magic" of the marketplace, and it is to make clear the overlapping worldviews of the two dominant political parties in America: a clarity that will be desperately needed if we are ever to build an effective alternative to the status quo.

So this week, let those of us who are radicals do something we probably never expected to find ourselves doing: thanking Alan Greenspan for making the nature of our economic beast more apparent than any army of sociologists could ever hope to do. And let us go forward, using the facts pulled from the very headlines of the mainstream press, as we strive to make the public "see the system" for what it is so they may join in an effort to replace it.

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