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Congressional Black Caucus Reports to the People

The American people expect much -- perhaps too much -- of education. Americans place more hope and faith in education as a means of salvation than in any other single institution. Whether or not such great expectations are realistic are, practically speaking, a moot point.

Over 177 years ago, Thomas Jefferson said, "I hope our successors will turn their attention to the advantages of education . . . education on the broad scale. . . ." By mid 19th century, every state of the union had approved some statutory language which affirmed free public education as a governmental responsibility. Public education became one of the cornerstones of our society. Now more than ever available to all Americans, educational opportunity stands firm as one of the most important yardsticks of the quality of American life.

But there appears to be widespread concurrence that gap, if not chasm, exists between opportunity and reality. We read of the decline of standardized test scores, of high school graduates who can't read, of the establishment of reading and writing clinics at prestigious colleges and universities.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities has recommended that minimum academic and competency requirements be established as criteria for baccalaureate degrees. The seemingly ubiquitous concern about the shortcomings of education may well prove to be comparable in impact and reverberation to Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education and Sputnik.

It seems that many are agreed that back-to-basics is the avenue which will furnish the answer. We all know that basics mean reading, writing, and counting. We seem to know that intuitively. It requires no thought; (in fact, it may anesthetize thought). According to the National School Boards Association, candidates running on a back-to-basics platform have been more likely to win election to school boards.

In the President's February education message to the Congress, he said, "We must do a better job of teaching the basic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics." Of course, we must, but does the ability to read, write and count equal the ability to reason and think? Are these basic skills not means rather than ends, goals, objectives?

If the acquisition of skills and information, though certainly crucial, not being considered as an end rather than a means? Earlier this year, considerable coverage was given to the most recent report of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Less than 50% of the high school students tested, we were told, could name one of their senators or congressmen.

I am less concerned about the inability to cite names than I am if young--or old--people are unaware of the impact of government on their lives-- and vice versa. I am concerned if Democracy represents nothing more than the right answer to the question, "America has what form of government?" Information is different from knowledge.

Is it possible to be able to read, write, and count but not think, reason, communicate, understand, appreciate, relate, or infer? I believe the latter are the competencies on which education should be based, the crucial criteria of reference.

The Westside

A strong spirit of progress is gripping the minds and moving Black People and concerned people of other nationalities too.

Join in and cause a improved change to take place in the Westside sector of the city - A mere whisper is becoming a loud scream as people are motivated to voice their dislikes of how poorly this part of the city dwells while other citizens bask in the splendors of the earths riches. Black people need more than flashy cars and clothing to enjoy - better wages, more jobs so as to purchase homes, a sense of pride to walk and live along side of other born into the earths unfolding creation - Black gems are rare because they have been dept hidden from the - leaders of the city and being put to the test in a small way, but much more pressure is needed from the black citizens - attend the meetings that are being held thruout the days to come let your body unitdly join with others to stand up against the "dealt and odds" that are bent on keeping the Westside in a lowly state of being. So that they heap the hard earned dollars of the transit vistors who come - force Las Vegas to love you or leave! You work hard to keep the glither and glamour fresh and appealing - why not your birth-rights-lay claim to what is yours, no one else will do it for you - Yell out that a change must take place - NOW!

Phi Lambda Alpha

Phi Lambda Alpha, an honor society at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has initiated 40 new members.

The local honorary was originally organized by the UNLV chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholastic honorary. Freshman and sophomores who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.40 or better are eligible for membership in Phi Lambda Alpha.

Phi Lambda Alpha is unique among university honor societies as both two-year associate and four-year bachelor degree candidates may qualify. More than 700 students have accepted membership since the society was organized in 1968.

Initiates from Las Vegas and their colleges are Robin M. Adams, Cheryl J. Alston, Mary E. Arnold, Jan C. Brundage, Marc S. Charisse, Peggy A. Cloninger, Michael D. Johnson, Deborah K. Keyes, Robert B. LaPorte, Kenneth J. Moran, Charles F. Morgan, Russell N. Neibaur, Darla R. Pierce, John Surina, Judi Trout and David L. Witman, all in the university college.

Carolyn A. Brooks, Burce D. McLaughlin and Terence E. Sherbondy, arts and letters; Mitchel P. Cox, James A. Deakin, William R. O'Donnell, Micah J. Parks, business and economics; Sharon E. Bently, education; Jeffery B. Kinner and Glenn C. Neal, science, mathematics and engineering.

Other Nevada initiates are Jeff T. Hughes, Reno, university college; Kathleen R. Moore, Yerington, university college; and Virginia K. Jeppson, Reno, science, mathematics and engineering.

Out-of-state members are Julia C. Angelica, Ilford, England, Michael R. Lawrence, San Antonio, Tex., Roger P. Martin, Portland, Ore., Kathryn D. Rehkop, Lompoc, Calif., all in the university college; Gloria S. Walker, Leeds, Maine, allied health professions; Nancy M. Fay, Evergreen, Colo., Ruth A. Joseph, Chula Vista, Calif., arts and letters.

John T. Jensen, Ogeen, Utah, James R. Parker, Beaumont, Tex., business and economics; Judie P. McClue, Santa Cruz, Calif., education; and Carolyn J. Bray, Montreal, Quebec, science, mathematics and engineering.



YOU AND THE STARS

by sylvia hairston

April 27—May 4



SOCIAL AND RECREATION

ARIES — March 21-April 19

Thoughts of love and fun are on your mind. It's a good time. Take that trip that you've been procrastinating over; could be that you'll meet that new love while traveling. Or if you can't get away this is a time to get out to the theatre and do those little things like hosting at home that you find fulfilling. **TAURUS — April 20-May 20** Accent on the self. It's a good time to get back into jogging or your routine exercises now that spring is here. This is a time to contact relatives that you may not have corresponded with lately. You may want to lavish yourself or someone you are fond of with a few niceties, which will be done with quality and frugality.

GEMINI — May 21-June 21

Part of this period is best spent in peace, quiet and introspection. Not entirely, as there is indication that expressing your desires, dreams, hopes, and wishes will be better received by those close to you now.

CANCER — June 22-July 22

You feel more secure about showing the world who you are as a person and displaying your talents. Accent is on group involvements and communication. Others could make you aware of your giftedness in areas which could bring additional income to you, should you choose to exercise it. You have what it takes now.

LEO — July 23-August 22

This is a time of year when you should turn your attention to the most outward aspects of your life—your career, your role in the larger society and your standing within the community. You may have ideas of a philanthropic project you wish to organize. You may be called upon to take on additional responsibilities which will put you in the limelight.

VIRGO — August 23-September 22

It is time to break traditional customs through study, involvement in new and unfamiliar experiences, travel or by meeting people from a totally different background who can reveal another aspect of the world to you. Strive to make the most trivial encounter a positive experience.

LIBRA — September 23-October 23

Chances are that you will meet someone during this

period who will effect very powerful changes on your life. Also joint resources are of importance at this time; the indications are not negative—you might receive that long awaited financial support that you desire.

SCORPIO—October 24-November 22

Accent on forming intimate one-to-one working relationships with others for various purposes and through these units you will understand more and more about the effects that you have upon others. Already existing relationships of this sort will serve the same purpose as you become more conscious of how you operate within them. This is not the time to go it alone—you need the cooperation of others.

SAGITTARIUS—November 21-December 21

Strive to make every action as much to the point as possible. In your work this is a good time to examine and refine your techniques and procedures, for your mind can work clearly and sharply to discover the best way of doing things. You may have to plan and adhere to the suggestions of others (superiors and/or customers) but all in all, social relationships are beneficial now.

CAPRICORN — December 22-January 19

Give vent to that strong drive to get out and have a good time now; there is no reason why you shouldn't. You also have an interest in children now; consider taking them along as well as the mate. But don't get so wrapped up in yourself and your enjoyments that you forget what a wise man once said, "It is one thing to be yourself, it is another to know yourself." You can catch two fish with one hook.

AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18

Focus on your most intimate personal life and those who affect it the most...your family and friends. You will be in familiar surroundings. Recreational outlets in the form of some sort of artistic expression are favorable.

PISCES — February 19-March 21

This is a time of year when the tempo of your life accelerates. There is more activity, more moving around and even a sense of restlessness that can only be soothed by getting out and doing something new and different. You might study a new subject or take a series of short trips.

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