

**BMI Cooperative Newspapers and Carriers of  
the National BLACK MONITOR**

- Akron Reporter Group (OH)
- Albany Southwest Georgian (GA)
- Albany Times (GA)
- Atlanta People's Crusader (GA)
- Augusta Black Focus (GA)
- Augusta News Review (GA)
- Austin Capital City Argus (TX)
- Bakersfield Metro Star (CA)
- Bakersfield News Observer (CA)
- Bennetsville Fine Print News (SC)
- Birmingham Times (AL)
- Bloomington Voice (IL)
- Boston Greater News (MA)
- Buffalo Criterion (NY)
- Buffalo Fine Print (NY)
- Charleston Black Times (SC)
- Charleston Coastal Times (SC)
- Charleston Chronicle (SC)
- Chattanooga North Star (TN)
- Chicago Citizen Group (IL)
- Chicago Independent Bulletin (IL)
- Chicago Observer (IL)
- Chicago Tri-City Journal (IL)
- Chicago World News Examiner (IL)
- Cleveland Metro (Bedford Hghs., OH)
- Columbia Black News Group (SC)
- Columbus Times (GA)
- Cordelle Southeastern News (GA)
- Dallas Weekly (TX)
- Daytona Times (FL)
- Decatur Speaking Out (AL)
- Decatur Voice (IL)
- Denver Weekly News (CO)
- Detroit/Ecorse Telegram (MI)
- East St. Louis Monitor (IL)
- Florence Black Sun (SC)
- Florence Shoals News Leader (AL)
- Fort Pierce Chronicle (FL)
- Fort Wayne Frost Illustrated (IN)
- Fresno California Advocate (CA)
- Gary Info (IN)
- Goldboro Metro Times (NC)
- Grand Rapids Times (MI)
- Greensboro Carolina Peacemaker (NC)
- Greenville Black Star
- Greenville Palmetto Leader (SC)
- Hartford Northend Agents Newspaper (CT)
- High Point Journal (NC)
- Houston Defender (TX)
- Houston Sun (TX)
- Indianapolis Indiana Herald (IN)
- Jackson Blazer (MI)
- Jacksonville Advocate (FL)
- Kansas City Globe (MO)
- Las Vegas Sentinel (NV)
- Little Rock Southern Mediator (AR)
- L.A./Bay Area News Observer (CA)
- L.A. Metro Gazette (CA)
- L.A. TV Journal & News Magazine (CA)
- L.A. Watts Times (CA)
- Lubbock S.W. Digest (TX)
- Macon Times (GA)
- Marion Pee Dee Observer (SC)
- Memphis Mid-South Express (TN)
- Midland Progressive Times (TX)
- Mobile Inner City News (AL)
- Montgomery/Tuskegee Times (AL)
- Muskogee Oklahoma Eagle (OK)
- Newark/Essex Suburban Greater News (NJ)
- New Orleans Black Data Weekly (AL)
- New York Daily Challenge (NY)
- (New York) L.I. Black Advocate
- (New York) L.I. Courier
- New York People's Tribune (NY)
- New York Recorder (NY)
- Orangeburg Black Voice (SC)
- Orangeburg View South News (SC)
- Orlando Sun Review (FL)
- Orlando Times (FL)
- Pasadena Gazette (CA)
- Pensacola Voice (FL)
- Peoria Voice of the Valley (IL)
- Philadelphia New Observer (PA)
- Philadelphia Spirit (PA)
- Pittsburgh Homewood-Brushton News (PA)
- Portland/Vancouver Skanner (OR)
- Riverside Black Voice News (CA)
- Rochester Communicate (NY)
- Rock Hill Black News (SC)
- St. Louis Crusader (MO)
- St. Louis Morning News (MO)
- Sacramento Black Market (CA)
- San Francisco New Bayview News (CA)
- San Francisco/Sacramento Observer  
Newspapers Group (CA)
- Sarasota Weekly Bulletin (FL)
- Savannah Tribune (GA)
- Seattle Facts (WA)
- Sumpter Black Post (SC)
- Tacoma Facts (WA)
- Tacoma N.W. Dispatch (WA)
- Tallahassee Capital Outlook (FL)
- Tampa Dollar Stretcher (FL)
- Texarkana Insight (TX)
- Tulsa Oklahoma Eagle (OK)
- Washington Informer (DC)
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## EDITORIAL NOTES

Prior to the "providential" conception and "phlegmatic" inception of the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), there was a widespread and deep-seated belief, or notion, that there was little or no chance that massive numbers (*i.e.*, more than eight or ten) of our Black-led organizations would ever coalesce and commit themselves to come together long term on any common issue. As evidence, these prognosticators—or "wise" foretellers of the future—would only have to point to one powerful mountain of evidence in four simple words: "It never has happened."

However, many now believe that the concept of approaching illiteracy eradication—or the desire to want to learn—from an overall community-

building and hope-filled point of view is spiritually based...and, as a consequence, has been made possible by divine ordination. And, whether we do believe in that basis or don't believe in it, the fact of the matter is that today well over 80 national Black-led, community-building organizations are committed, and are beginning, to work together on new approaches to eradicate the root causes of functional illiteracy.

By means of this approach, which calls for changing the negative environment in which our young people and others must live into a positive and hope-filled one, AOIP is emphasizing the need for supporting our own businesses and institutions...and for these entities to join with the AOIP millions in an

equitable and mutually-supportive manner.

This month's Cover Story deals with how one major educational institution—America largest Black-led educational system—is joining with AOIP in a historic way. We surely hope this will be a model for others in the field of education. Also, beginning in the September issue of the *National BLACK MONITOR*, we begin examining what roles Black executives play in the White business world (NAMD in September and the National Black MBA's in November) and what Black entrepreneurs (February 1986) are doing to join forces in this divinely-inspired community-building approach to literacy enhancement.

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