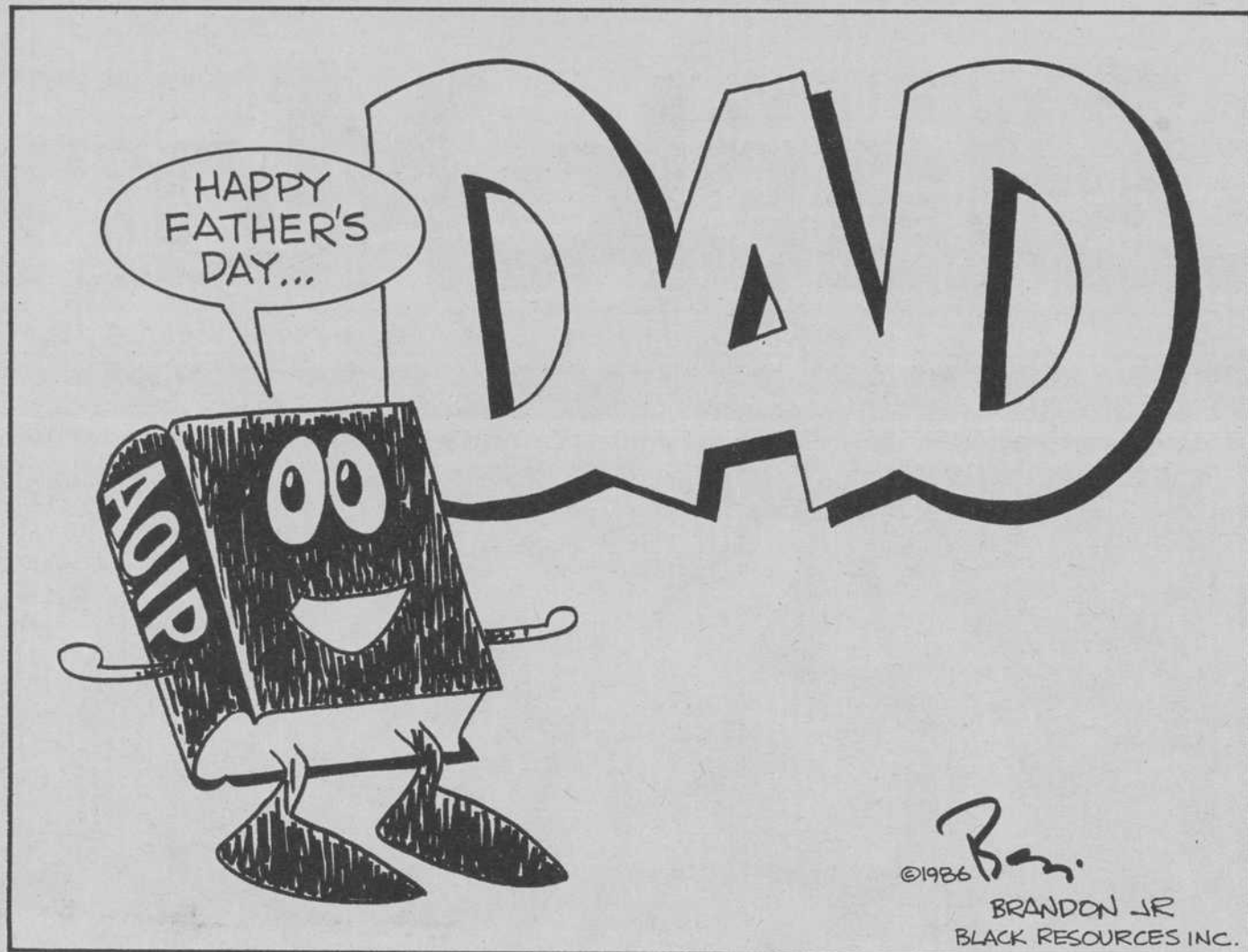


**BMI Cooperative Newspapers
And Carriers Of
The National BLACK MONITOR**

- Akron Reporter Group (OH)
- Albany Times (GA)
- Arkansas State Press (AR)
- Atlanta People's Crusader (GA)
- Augusta Black Focus (GA)
- Bakersfield Metro Star (CA)
- Bennettsville 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)
- Chicago Independent Bulletin (IL)
- Chicago Observer (IL)
- Chicago Tri-City Journal (IL)
- Chicago World News Examiner (IL)
- Cleveland Metro (Bedford Heights, OH)
- Columbia Black News Group (SC)
- Columbia Palmetto Post (SC)
- Columbus Times (GA)
- Cordele 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)
- Eutaw Green County Democrat (AL)
- 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)
- Goldsboro Metro Times (NC)
- Grand Rapids Times (MI)
- Greensboro Carolina Peacemaker (NC)
- Greenville Black Star
- Greenville Palmetto Leader (SC)
- Hartford Northend Agents Newspaper (CT)
- Hattiesburg Hub City Community News (MS)
- Houston Sun (TX)
- Indianapolis Indiana Herald (IN)
- Jackson Blazer (MI)
- Jacksonville Advocate (FL)
- Kansas City Globe (MO)
- Las Vegas Sentinel (NV)
- L.A. Metro Gazette (CA)
- L.A. TV Journal & News Magazine (CA)
- L.A. Watts Times (CA)
- Little Rock Arkansas State Press (AR)
- Lubbock Southwest Digest (TX)
- Macon Times (GA)
- Marion Pee Dee Observer (SC)
- Memphis Mid-South Express (TN)
- Midland Progressive Times (TX)
- Milwaukee Times (WI)
- Mobile Inner City News (AL)
- Monroe Free Press (LA)
- 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) Long Island Courier (NY)
- New York People's Tribune (NY)
- New York Recorder (NY)
- Orangeburg Black Voice (SC)
- Orangeburg View South News (SC)
- Orlando Times (FL)
- Palmetto Post (SC)
- Peoria Voice of the Valley (IL)
- Philadelphia New Observer (PA)
- Portland/Vancouver Skanner (OR)
- Riverside Black Voice News (CA)
- Rochester Communicade (NY)
- Rock Hill Black News (SC)
- St. Louis Crusader (MO)
- 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 Northwest Dispatch (WA)
- Tallahassee Capital Outlook (FL)
- Tampa Dollar Stretcher (FL)
- Tulsa Oklahoma Eagle (OK)
- Washington Informer (DC)
- (Washington) New Observer (DC)
- West Palm Beach Florida Photo News (FL)

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EDITORIAL NOTES

“Supporting Our Supporters”

As loyal readers of this publication, you are aware of our efforts in informing you of those national advertisers appearing in this medium, and in your local Black newspaper carrying this magazine that have demonstrated their commitment to help uplift our communities. The slug, “Please check in your local BMI Cooperative newspaper to find out where you locally can purchase this advertiser’s product(s),” is but one way of alerting you to those advertisers who are concerned about the Black community. Also, we recently began mentioning them in our Editorial Notes. However, we felt that was not nearly enough to let you, the consumer, know who his/her “friends” are.

Later this year, we will introduce a new column that deals not only with the advertiser and its products, but also, what specifically in other ways do these advertisers demonstrate their concern and commitment to the Black community.

What you may not be aware of is that all of the net proceeds from this publication and from the advertising representative agency that works with the newspaper publishers (listed on page 2), have been and will continue to be allocated to the national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), and its community-building related needs. Please take special note of this month’s Cover Story on AOIP’s objectives by the Year 2000, wherein we have listed many of these corporate supporters.

Also, we are pleased to present in this issue the pictures of some of the State Grand Masters of Free Masonry (Prince Hall Affiliation). They have agreed to assume some major leadership roles for coordinating the AOIP. Additional State Grand Master pictures will be presented in the July issue when we also will begin focusing on the State Grand Matrons.

Another pleasant announcement is that the Benevolent Order of Elks will be working closely in some leadership roles with Earl Gray and Faye Bryant.

Finally, our long-awaited time to announce our “state of readiness” to others outside the Black community came on
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