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gations of tax fraud and other charges, not one sheds of actual evidence was introduced in court against Congressman Flake.

We are aware that some will say, "Well, Congressman Flake received a fair trial because the judge dismissed the charges for the lack of evidence.

The system of justice worked." No, the system of justice did not work. A fair trial for Congressman Flake would have been no trial at all. Why was he indicted in the first place? Why did the media treat Flake as if he were a convicted felon?

Why does the established news media, like the courts, have a double standard based on race? Is there no "good news" when it comes to African American leadership in America? But this is a national problem from Detroit to Birmingham, from New York city to Selma, from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles,

California.

Even in "liberal" New Haven, Connecticut, the local newspaper appears to have a racist vendetta against Attorney Lubbie Harper. Attorney Harper is an African American who is the legal counsel for the local school board and an outstanding community leader.

THE NEW HAVEN REGISTER repeatedly has attacked Harper. Other local African American leaders in New Haven have declared, "The singling out of Lubbie Harper again and again by THE NEW HAVEN REGISTER looks like, smells like and sounds like selective persecution and racial harassment." Again, similar to the false allegations against Floyd Flake, THE NEW HAVEN REGISTER has printed misinformation concerning the issue of Lubbie Harper's taxes.

The allegations against Harper now have been found to

be baseless and false.

One would think that after New Haven successfully elected its first African American mayor, John Daniels, the tide of racism in the local media would recede. To the contrary, racist journalism in New Haven is escalating. It now appears that the forces of

racism within THE NEW HAVEN REGISTER are bent on polarizing the people of New Haven along the lines of race for political and economic reasons.

We support the newly formed New Haven Committee for Fairness and Racial Justice in the Media (CFRJM). Throughout

the nation local committees, like CFRJM, should be organized to monitor and challenge racial bias in the media.

We respect and demand the freedom of the press. That is not the issue. We, however, know from our monitoring the media across the nation that there is an

increasing negative, racial over-tone in the manner in which African American leaders are being treated by the press. Racism in the media is a threat to liberty and freedom.

Racial attacks against anyone by the media can not and should not be tolerated.

ACT-SO AWARDS

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winners are awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Houston, Texas will be the site of the national competition being held this July. ACT-SO also promotes the NAACP in a positive light, rather than as simply a reactionary organization.

It is believed that through ACT-SO, scholastic test scores of African-American high school students will match and even surpass those of all other ethnic groups.

According to the national ACT-SO chairman: "ACT-SO is an emergency declaration of war on that smothering climate of low expectations and low scholastic achievement that can destroy the black communities of America."

Judging from our own bright, creative participants and winners this year, Las Vegas black students are winning the battle.

The winners in each category are:

DRAWING: Davon Lawson-1st Place

DRAMA: Dustin Bass -1st Place, Steve Horsford-2nd Place, Yolanda Shae Wilson-3rd Place.

MUSIC/VOCAL/CLASSICAL: Dustin Bass-1st Place

VOCAL/CONTEMPORARY: Dustin Bass-1st Place, Francesca Lopez-2nd Place.

INSTRUMENTAL CLASSICAL: LaCelia Shipp-2nd Place.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Aneka Williams-2nd Place.

ELECTRONICS: Onkelos Herndon-1st Place.

COMPUTER SCIENCE:

Tamara Bennet-1st Place. POETRY: Urina Hawkins-1st Place, Aneka Williams-2nd Place, Laquetha Mason-3rd Place and Stephine Hill-Hon. Mention.

ORTATORY: Keith Harrison-1st Place and Steve Horsford-2nd Place.

ESSAY: Trina Williams-1st Place.

DANCE: Umeka Reynolds-1st Place and Urina Hawkins-2nd Place.

ARCHITECTURE: Raquel Watson-Hon. Mention.

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Help Your Heart

American Heart Association

WOMEN, SMOKING AND HEART DISEASE

At the turn of the century, cigarette smoking was considered risqué for American women. By the 1950s it was fashionable. But today women are faced with the reality that what was once a "fashion statement" is now killing them.

Nearly 22 million American women still smoke. And the American Heart Association urges those women to consider some alarming facts:

- Smoking is the greatest single preventable cause of death in the United States.
- Heart attack is the No. 1 killer of American women.

The solution: If you smoke, quit. Studies have shown that women who smoke are two to six times more likely to have a heart attack as non-smoking women. In fact, any smoker who has a heart attack is more likely than a non-smoker to die from it and is two to four times more likely to die suddenly.

In addition, women who both smoke and use oral contraceptives are in greater danger. Recent studies show that women smokers who use oral contraceptives are up to 39 times more likely to have a heart attack and up to 22 times more likely to have a stroke than women who neither smoke nor use birth control pills. More studies are needed to understand the influence of birth control pills on heart attack and stroke risk. However, it may be because they tend to cause slight to moderate elevations in blood cholesterol and blood pressure.

Studies show that if a woman starts to smoke, she is less likely to quit than a man. However, if she stops smoking, no matter how long or how much she smoked, her risk of heart disease rapidly declines.

In short, the days of "fashionable" smoking are over.

To get more information on the dangers of smoking and how to quit, contact your nearest American Heart Association.



- For women, smoking is the most significant risk factor for heart attack.