

# FOR THE LADIES

## C. DELORES TUCKER SUCCEEDS SHIRLEY CHISHOLM AS CHAIR OF POLITICAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN

Washington, D.C. — CNS — Dr. C. Delores Tucker, prominent civil rights and political activist, has been named Chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women, succeeding former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm who now serves as Chair Emeritus.

Dr. Tucker was Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and presently serves on the National Trustee Board of the NAACP, as Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Black Caucus, President-Founder of the Bethune-Dubois Fund, and President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

The National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW) was founded in 1984, in Washington, D.C., when Dr. Tucker called together a group of black women leaders to discuss the "critical and urgent" need for black women to organize for greater involvement in the political process.

Dr. Tucker said the Democratic Convention's failure in 1984 to address crucial issues facing black women and their families and the exclusion of black women leaders from the selection process for Vice Presi-

dent that years provided the call to action.

"Black women from across the nation rallied, recognizing the need to become key participants in the process to achieve parity in politics. Once we organized," Dr. Tucker recalled, "we called upon Shirley Chisholm to serve as our Chair. We were most fortunate to have had the benefit of her leadership for the past eight years, during her tenure as Chair, more than 42 chapters were established."

Dr. Tucker announced that Ms. Chisholm and Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote will be honored for their contributions to NPCBW at the organization's 7th Annual Brunch during the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Week-end on Sunday, September 27, 1992, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. Dr. Toote, who served as Second Vice President of NPCBW since 1985, was recently appointed by President Bush to the Board of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae).

Dr. Dorothy Height, President of the National Council of Negro

Women, is serving as Chair of the Brunch, and Rev. Willie Barrow and the Honorable Jewel Lafontant-Mankarious are serving as Co-Chairs.

NPCBW is a non-partisan, non-profit organization. The primary mission of NPCBW is to promote and encourage the participation of black women in the political process to gain the social, educational and economic empowerment needed to enhance the quality of life for black women, their families and community.

Founding members of the NPCBW include Dr. Dorothy Height, Coretta Scott King, Congresswomen Maxine Waters, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Barbara Rose Collins, and Cardiss Collins, Antoinette Ford, Rev. Willie Barrow, State Senator Gloria Lawlor, Barbara Williams Skinner, Leslie Baskerville, and Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote.

Dr. Tucker said black women interested in more information about NPCBW should write to the national office at: 600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Suite 1125, Washington, D.C. 20037.

## FASHION FORECAST

# Leather through the Ages

As amazed as we might be by the way leather was made many centuries ago, the people of that time would be even more amazed by the stain- and water-resistant leathers of today.

**Then:** In early times, the leather-making process was done completely by hand. Leather was cured in old lime or a leaven of barley water. Curing hides with tallow was known as Hungarian tanning.

**Now:** Leather jackets, skirts and pants are hot items for fall 1992—especially thanks to breakthrough technology that has changed leather garments from being luxury items that are very expensive, difficult to maintain and easily ruined, to long-lasting wardrobe essentials that remain stylish year after year.

There are now two lines of leather garments, Firenze for women and M. Julian leather jackets for men, that feature Futura II leather from Pittards, the world's leading leather manufacturer. Futura II leather is water- and stain-resistant—coffee, lipstick, mustard, even hair gel will not stain garments made from Pittards Futura II. Rain and snow are repelled instead of absorbed, so they will not discolor the leather.

Most leathers are sprayed or treated for water resistance, and over time and during dry cleaning this coating wears off. Pittards Futura II leather is water- and stain-resistant because it undergoes an exclusive tanning process that permanently transforms the



The latest leather fashions, made with Pittards Futura II leather, are water- and stain-resistant, combining practicality with luxury.

leather, so it will continue to perform season after season, even after numerous dry cleanings.

Not only is Futura II highly water-resistant—26 times more than the average leather—it's also extremely breathable and sweat-resistant, so garments will keep you comfortable in a variety of temperatures.

Classic styling, timeless colors and long-lasting Futura II leather from Pittards all combine to make Firenze and M. Julian garments that will last years and years, providing the utmost in value and style.

## TODAY'S BUSINESSSMAN IS A WOMAN SEMINAR AT SAHARA WEST LIBRARY

Learn the most successful ways to market and promote your service or product as Betty Williamson from the Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE) presents a seminar designed for business women Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m., at the Sahara West Library, 9002 W. Sahara Ave. Pre-registration required, call 228-1940. Receive real-life business suggestions from executives that know the ropes. SCORE volunteers come from all walks of life and have valuable experience in the business world.

SCORE executives discuss how to maintain your business or open a small business of your own.

Discover how to choose the best location for your business and how to serve the public once the doors to your business are open.

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## Women's Self-Defense Class

A women's self-defense class will begin November 2 at the Stewart/Mojave Sports Center, 275 N. Mojave Rd. The six-week course will run 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays and covers blocking, striking, defense/offense, take down, pressure points, and situations.

Registration takes place October 19-November 2 at a cost of \$36. The class is designed for those 13 and older and sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. Call 229-6563.

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## Aerobics Classes

A pair of aerobics classes are offered on an ongoing basis at the Stewart/Mojave Sports Center, 275 N. Mojave Rd. Sessions take place weekdays at noon, and are designed for teens and adults. The cost is \$2 per session, or \$20 monthly.

Step-up aerobics, using benches of varied desired height, is taught Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursday; while a regular aerobics class takes place Tuesday and Fridays. Both classes are on the intermediate level, however, instructors are available to show students the proper moves for their individual needs.

In addition, the Sports Center offers wake-up aerobics, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday's class emphasizes the step-up routine, while Thursday's session focuses on beginner aerobics. These classes are sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. Call 229-6563.

## HELP of Southern Nevada's Displaced Homemaker Center

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