

# A Kid's Opinion



by Anika Jones

This is my 1992 review.

In January President Bush attended a dinner in Japan, while having the flu. Now this is something really surprising for some people. Do you know that in February ex-heavyweight boxer, Mike Tyson raped a Miss Black America Model and was sentenced to six years in prison.

A Russian Astronaut came back from 10 months in space to find the Soviet Union no longer existed. Also I turned 9 years old in March.

Next was dramatic for a lot of families in April. It was the King riots. It was really bad. In May Johnny Carson quit his job on the Tonight Show. And in June The Supreme Court ruled states will not and cannot ban most abortions, upholding the case of Rowe vs. Wade. In July City Councilman Bob Nolan said black ministers were taking money from politicians. Marzette Lewis, the leader of WAAK-UP started a black boycott of Clark County schools to stop busing.

In September I started my column for the Sentinel-Voice which makes me the youngest journalist in the world. That breaks my brother's record; he started at ten. The West Coast Black Publishers convention was held in Oakland Calif. In October, a shopping mall Santa made a racial remark to a black boy referring to him as a monkey. Also in November, Bill Clinton was elected president, and busing ended for Clark County Schools after 20 years.

In December the U.S. military went to Somalia to help the hungry people, and Tark was fired for the San Antonio Spurs.

My brother Kwasi Jones won an M.V.P. award at the holiday Prep Classic while my other brother Che Jones covered the games for the Review-Journal.

Well that's my review. What a year!

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found in Exodus. He too looked forward to the day when the "death-angel" would pass-over the South and set them free. The "death-angel" became the Great Civil war that eventually threw off the yoke of bondage.

The modern day Jews do not let their children forget the pass-over ritual and significance. This sacred period is celebrated yearly with great ceremony. In like manner, Jubilee Day for Black Americans is a type of "pass-over." It too portends of the miraculous. We believe that it was only through our suffering and the providence of God, that we were set free. Abraham Lincoln once said his aim was not to free the slaves, but to save the union. If the union could be saved, with slavery, he would keep slavery. If it could not, he would abolish the system. The High Judge of the Universe, so "arranged" events, Lincoln saw the union saved only if slavery was abolished.

It is significant, therefore, that black Americans come together once a year to celebrate their freedom from slavery. Jubilee Day is a time when the history of our suffering as slaves is remembered; the experience of segregation is recounted; and, the strategies for facing equality and justice for the future are reshaped. We must never forget, forfeit, or falsify our past.

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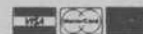
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