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**HILTON  
CONTEMPORARY  
AFRICAN WOMEN  
LEADERS- AN  
EMERGING LIST**



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In March, we presented a preliminary list of fifteen contemporary African women leaders (1900-1993), with the intention of expanding the list to twenty five. This final list would be based on nominations submitted by readers and callers.

Two women heading our initial list were Spellman College's President Johnnetta Cole and Washington D.C. based psychiatrist Dr. Frances Cress Welsing.

Dr. Cole, who by example, policy making and visibility, is rehearsing the image of higher education leadership in America.

Dr. Welsing, as far back as 1970, introduced the Cress Theory of Color Confrontation and Racism (White Supremacy). The other thirteen presented at that time were equally as distinct and international.

Since then, the list has grown to over ninety. In order for us to comply with our original goal of

twenty five influential women, we are again asking readers to view the following list and then give us your new lists.

We will compare, count and then publish our final list in July, therefore, we need your feedback (lists) by June 15.

Please call (909) 899-6050 or write us at 3179 N. Garey Avenue, #101, Pomona, CA 91767. Your lists may have as few as one or as many as twenty five.

Let's talk.

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Lucy Addison, Debbie Allen, Maya Angelou, Louise Bennett, Mary Berry, Cardiss Collins, Mary McLeod Bethune, Carol Mosley Braun, Mildred Brown, Eugenia Charles, Azoka Chenzira, Shirley Chisolm, Johnnetta Cole, Barbara Rose Collins, Celia Cruz, Angela Davis, Suzanne De Passe,

Franny Jackson Coppin, Shirley Graham DuBois, Katherine Dunham, Ramona Edelin, Marian Wright Edelman, Roberta Flack, Aretha Franklin, Lenora Fulani, Vivian Fuller, Amy J. Garvey, Althea Gibson, Nikki Giovanni, Licia Greene, Lorraine

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Hansberry, Fannie Lou Hamer, Julia Hare,

Patricia Harris, Dorothy Height, Anita Hill, Billie Holiday, Lena Horne, Cathy Hughes, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Mae Jemison, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Eunice Johnson, Barbara Jordan, Augusta Knapper,

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Coretta Scott King, Iris King, Iris Knight, Debra Lee, Rosa Parks,

Julianne Malveaux, Beverly Manley, Winnie Mandela, Patricia Moore, Queen Mother Moore, Toni Morrison, Linda Johnson Rice, Jewel Jackson McCabe, Patricia Russell-McCloud, Cyn-

thia McKinney, Terri McMillan, Tyretta Muhammed, Janice Nessibou, Jessye Norman,

Eleanor Holmes Norton, Hazel O'Leary, Gwendolyn Patton, Ethel Payne, Sylvia Rhone, Joyce Robinson, Wilma Rudolph, Gloria Scott, Betty Shabazz, Ann Shirrells, Albertina

Sisulu, Portia Simpson, Dolores Spikes, Niara Sudarkasa, Susan Taylor, M. Udenwaeze, Alice Walker.

C.J. Walker, Margaret Wangari, Marian Washington, Maxine Waters, Ida Wells-Barnett, Frances Cress Welsing, Myrlie Evers Williams, Oprah Winfrey.

## CLINTON UNVEILS LOAN REFORM BILL TO AID STUDENTS AND TAXPAYERS

President Clinton recently announced that he will ask Congress to approve the Student Loan Reform Act which would simplify the student loan system, make repayment easier, reduce interest rates for students and save taxpayers billions of dollars.

The new bill would offer students the opportunity to repay loans on an income-contingent basis through EXCEL accounts. "With loan repayment based on income, more students will be able to pursue careers in critically needed, but low-paying, public service jobs without fear of being overburdened with debt," Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said.

The Student Loan Reform Act would also replace the current Federal Family Education Loan Program with a new Federal Direct Student Loan program. In this program, colleges and trade schools would use federal capital to make loans directly to students and their parents. An estimated \$4.3 billion could be saved through fiscal year 1998 as a result of lower government borrowing rates and the elimination of lender subsidies.

"Students and taxpayers will benefit from a less expensive program," Riley said, "and students will enjoy lower interest rates, with simpler, more flexible repayment options. By cutting out middlemen and eliminating excessive profits, billions of dollars can be saved."

Riley said an orderly transition from guaranteed to direct loans would assure an adequate

supply of loan capital for all eligible student and parent borrowers in the future.

Schools that meet administrative requirements would originate loans, and the Department would contract with alternative originators to issue loans at eli-

gible schools unable or unwilling to function as a loan processor.

Loan collection and servicing would also be performed by Department contractors selected through a competitive process.

The Secretaries of Education and Treasury would develop a

way to involve the Internal Revenue Service in student loan collections.

President Clinton has also today announced companion legislation to create a national service program that would allow students to repay loans through public service jobs.

## SYMPOSIUM TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Self empowerment of people with developmental disabilities will be the focus of a symposium that will be held May 21 and 22 in Las Vegas.

The second annual symposium, open to the public, will be held at the Mirage Hotel from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It is sponsored by the Clark County Developmental Disabilities Committee, the Nevada Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, the Clark

County School District and the Mirage Hotel. Pre-registration costs \$30 and registration at the door costs \$35.

This year's theme is "Unified through Diversity, Empowerment with Dignity." Topics that will be addressed include "National Initiatives and Trends: Towards a Nicer Place to Live," "Full Inclusion" and "Capability Training." More information is available by calling 799-1023.

## CCSN JUNE NON-CREDIT CLASSES

The Community College of Southern Nevada's Division of Community Education has a sizzling summer schedule of non-credit classes and activities lined up for June.

Escape the heat to the refreshing coolness of Pah Tempe Mineral Springs in Hurricane, Utah for a special "Relaxation Workshop." Learn how to cope with your hectic life and it's stress in this unique 4-hour seminar where you will learn effective relaxation and stress reduction techniques from medical professionals. The workshop will be mixed with relaxing breaks to the hot springs and a picnic lunch in a superb setting. A pre-trip gathering will be held 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 4 to discuss travel

plans. The workshop will be held Saturday, June 5, from Noon to 4 p.m. The fee is \$45 and includes entrance to the hot springs.

Hit the water with an exciting and easy class in "Windsurfing." In this beginning class, you will learn the basics of windsurfing at our own Lake Mead. One-day classes are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays, June 19, July 17, and August 14. The cost is \$69.

Take the plunge and learn "Open Water Scuba Diving" this summer. In this entry level class, learn scuba diving basics in both a pool environment and the open water of Lake Mead. Two classes are scheduled this summer. The first meets Thursday, June 24 to

July 24, from 6 to 10 p.m., with weekend outings scheduled to Lake Mead. The second class meets Saturday and Sunday, July 17 to 25, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fee for each class is \$125.

Be a better boater with "Basic Boating and Seamanship," a 14-hour course co-sponsored with the U.S. Coast Guard. This informative class is a must for recreational boaters and covers navigation, legal requirements, trailering, seamanship, and rules of the road. The course meets Tuesday, June 1 to July 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and costs \$19. For more information on location and registration for any of these courses, call the Division of Community Education at 871-4404.

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