

This Week In Black History

January 25 — In 1966 Constance Baker Motley became the first Black woman to be named to a Federal Judgeship in United States' History.

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January 26 — In 1873 the first Black aviator, Bessie Coleman, was born.

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January 27 — In 1863 Black Lieutenant Colonel A.T. Augusta, was appointed surgeon to the United States Black Troops.

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January 29 — In 1977 the Senate confirmed Andrew Young as Ambassador to the United Nation.

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January 30 — In 1979 Franklin A. Thomas was named President of the Ford Foundation, the first Black to head the Foundation.

POET'S CORNER

The Door of Tricknology

(part IV)

By Keith A. Brantley (Izulu Poets)

Venom drips from curled lips.
 Fangs puncture unsuspecting flesh.
 The pain is old, the wound is fresh.
 Scream and run from the garden.
 The soil beneath you hardens...
 into hells' floor.
 When you reach the door,
 pound with your fist.
 Enter at your risk...
 the devils' domain...
 the suburbs.

White picket fences.
 White linen on the line
 and good white neighbors.

Oh, but when it rains...
 something stains...the good white sheets
 into red crosses.
 Kiss your blessings
 and count your losses.

What Time Of Day It Is

By Clifton Mitchell

To those who don't truly know just
 what time it is,
 Stop and take a real good look around
 you so life won't pass you by —
 I've done this at one stage of my
 life and by doing so I see the world
 through a pair of clear eyes.
 I'm saying this only because it took
 me a long time to stop and take that
 look around,
 which was only because I thought I
 knew what time it was,
 but I found out I was only fooling
 myself for all those past years.
 To do what I'm saying you will be
 taking a real good look deep within yourself,
 By doing that you will become a
 much better person to those around
 you as well as to yourself and
 that is just what time it is...

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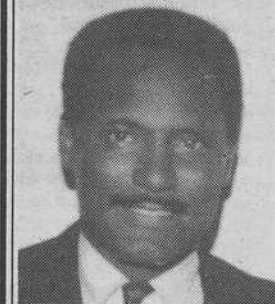
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