

# NEWS CLIPS

## PUBLISHER OF FIREBOMBED PAPER RECOUNTS EARLY-MORNING ATTACK

The Jackson Advocate was firebombed in an early morning attack, Jan. 26, publisher Charles Tisdale told the National Newspaper Publishers Association in a phone interview. Tisdale said someone kicked in the door of his Jackson, Miss., office at around 3 a.m. Jan. 26, and spread gasoline on the floor. They then threw two Molotov cocktails into the building, damaging a first-floor room, destroying several computers, a fax machine and causing other damage totaling more than \$100,000. Tisdale said his insurance will cover some of the damage on the contents of the building. The attack came days after Tisdale received a threatening telephone call. According to Tisdale, a man called into a local radio station where he is a regular guest and threatened to kill him. It was the third time the man had called in, Tisdale said. Additionally, in June 1997, Tisdale said his house was shot at several times. So far, he said, the police have failed to investigate that attack, despite his complaints to Jackson city council. He said these attacks are not recent or isolated occurrences as his office has been firebombed and/or vandalized more than 20 times over the years. Despite the most recent firebombing, Tisdale vowed the Jackson Advocate will continue production.

## McKINNEY NOMINATES PRESIDENT OF MOZAMBIQUE FOR NOBEL

Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney on Jan. 23 formally nominated President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique to receive the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. McKinney and supporters of Chissano point out that when he assumed the presidency in 1986, his country had been embroiled in civil war for almost 22 years. In just 10 years, they say, he has brought peace, democracy and billions of dollars in foreign investment to Mozambique. While working to rebuild his own war-torn country, President Chissano has simultaneously assisted in brokering peace agreements in Namibia, Angola and Zimbabwe, say those championing his nomination. They also say he was a strong regional player in the effort to end apartheid in South Africa. Speaking from her Decatur, Ga., office McKinney said that "much of the credit for Mozambique's pluralistic democratic political system — as well as for similar developments in other countries in the region — must go to the quiet and steady work of this Mozambican statesman. President Chissano has placed the people of Mozambique on his back, lifted them from the depths of colonialism and is carrying them to a brighter tomorrow."

## POSTAL SERVICE TO 'CELEBRATE THE CENTURY' WITH CARVER STAMP

The United States Postal Service on Jan. 23, unveiled the George Washington Carver stamp at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala. The stamp is the 19th of 30 stamps unveiled over 30 consecutive days (Jan. 5 - Feb. 3, 1998), as part of the "Celebrate the Century" program — an unprecedented commemorative stamp and education program that honors the most memorable and significant people, places, events and trends of each decade of the 20th century. "George Washington Carver's inventions are at the heart of 20th century American society and culture," said Walter D. Moon, district manager of Customer Service and Sales for postal services in Alabama. Born a slave, Carver became a prolific inventor whose creations include: peanut butter, bleach, printer's ink, linoleum, shaving cream, mayonnaise, shampoo, instant coffee, the meat tenderizer, white paper (from vinca), plastic and pavement. While serving as director of agriculture at Tuskegee University, Carver developed the crop rotation method, which revolutionized southern agriculture. He never patented or profited from any of his inventions and often said, "God gave them to me. How can I sell them to someone else?" Carver donated his life savings to the establishment of the Carver Research Foundation at Tuskegee and on July 14, 1940 became the first African-American to be honored with a national monument, located in Diamond, Mo.

## EX-NBAER OPENS THIRD MOVIE THEATER

HOUSTON — Magic Johnson has opened his third movie theater complex, this time at a shopping mall where a roof collapsed a year ago and killed three women. Demolition crews at Northline Mall were removing the last sections of an old department store when the roof collapsed Jan. 30, killing three mall walkers and injuring seven others. The store was being demolished to make room for the 12 theaters. The complex that opened Monday is the third for the former basketball star. He has theaters in Los Angeles and Atlanta. Johnson, who played for the Los Angeles Lakers from 1979 to 1992, believes the enterprises provide jobs and service in minority urban areas.

# Wine tasting fund raiser jazzes up spirits

By Sonya Douglass  
Sentinel-Voice

It was a full house last Saturday night as wine tasters, both seasoned and inexperienced, gathered to make a special toast; a toast celebrating excellence in education.

The Community College of Southern Nevada presented its third annual "Educational Toast of Excellence," known as the Wine Tasting, Spirits and Jazz fund-raiser. The event, held each February at the Cheyenne campus, is

designed to raise money for the college's Black History Month Scholarship Awards.

Guests were greeted with complimentary wine glasses to be used not only as souvenirs, but as important tools in the evening's wine tasting festivities. Between sampling the broad spectrum of wines and spirits and lining up for delectables such as cheese and pate, participants enjoyed the smooth sounds of contemporary jazz and viewed displays of Black paintings, jewelry and sculptures.

CCSN Provost Thomas Brown, with the college since its inception in 1971, described the event as a "great program that gives ourselves the chance to see the best of the college" while providing "money for scholarships to students of CCSN."

The awards included the Black History Student Achievement Award and the Rhonda Jefferson Scholarship Award. KVVU Fox-5 television personality Lillian McMorris served as the emcee and announced the scholarship

recipients, Bernadette Quander, Stephanie Powell, Wendy Taylor, Yvonne Pladna and Sherida Devine.

Although the event's primary purpose was to recognize outstanding students and raise funds to assist them with their educational expenses, it also offered people the chance to socialize, network and celebrate Black History Month by appreciating a variety of arts and entertainment.

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# Black politicians laud State of the Union address

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — African-American leaders praised President Bill Clinton for outlining in his State of the Union address an agenda relevant to the needs of blacks.

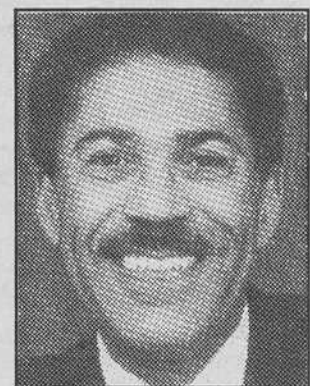
Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, welcomed the President's address.

"We particularly applaud the president's additional funding for civil rights enforcement," she said. "As we look toward the future and what it holds for all Americans, we must be diligent in our efforts to resolve the discriminations of the past."



REP. JESSE JACKSON, JR.

Dr. C. Delores Tucker, a long-time civil rights leader and political activist, commended President Clinton for "remaining focused, devoting considerable attention to domestic issues and



REP. WILLIAM CLAY

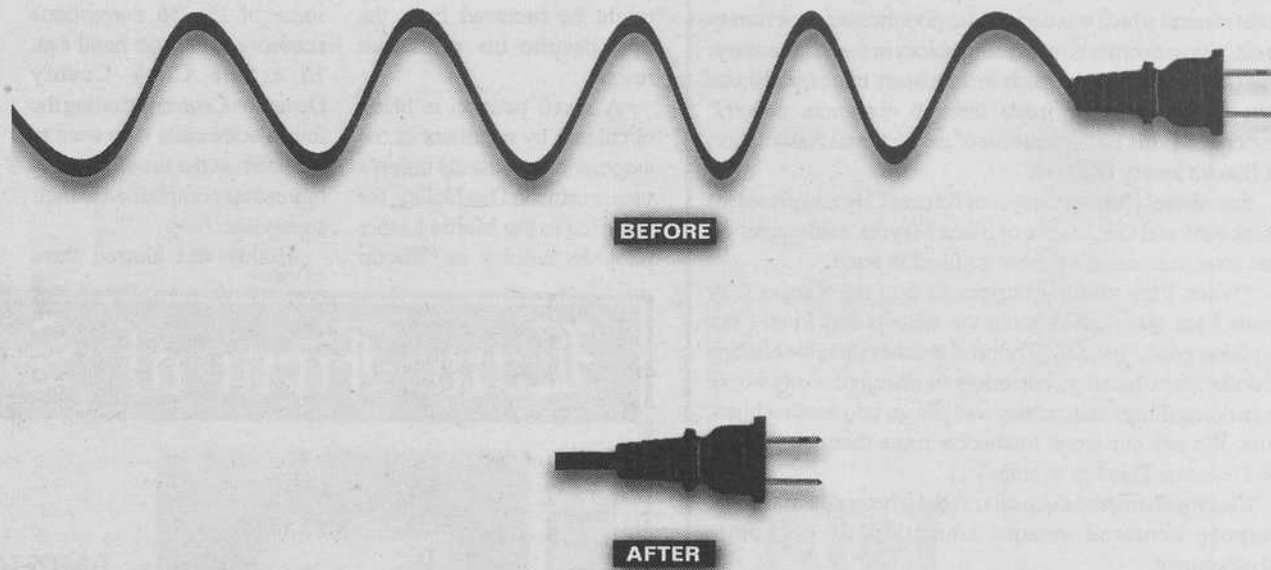
offering a substantive and progressive domestic agenda."

Rep. John Conyers, the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said, "The president impressed me by not allowing any amount

of allegations or excessive media coverage to deter him from carrying out the functions of his job. His State of the Union address was a bold and daring challenge to the Congress."

Rep. William L. Clay, leading Democrat on the House Education and Workforce Committee, said, "Once again the president is demonstrating his commitment to building world class public schools.

These new initiatives will give parents, schools and teachers, powerful new tools to improve student achievement. The president's agenda stands in stark contrast  
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