

# NEWS CLIPS

## KUNV CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH EVENTS AT BORDERS BOOKS

UNLV's public radio station, KUNV, will celebrate black history month with a series of events at Borders Books the weekend of Feb. 20 - 22. The events, all of which are open to the public free of charge, will range from jazz performances, to CD signings, to lectures. Events are scheduled for the Borders stores at Lake Mead Drive and Rainbow Boulevard, Sunset Road and Stephanie Street, and Decatur Boulevard and Sahara Avenue. In conjunction with the weekend-long celebration, Borders will donate 15 percent of all sales to KUNV, 91.5 FM, as long as the buyer presents a special coupon at the time of purchase. Coupons may be obtained at Gameworks and at Einstein Brothers Bagels on Sunset, at the Lakes, and on Maryland Parkway across from UNLV. They also may be obtained on campus, at the offices of KUNV, the Rebel Yell student newspaper, and the Moyer Student Union.

## MISS. CONGRESSMAN CALLS FOR FBI PROBE INTO NEWSPAPER'S FIREBOMBING

Mississippi congressman Bennie G. Thompson has made a formal, written request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Brad Pigott, the United States Attorney of Mississippi, to conduct a hate crime investigation into last month's firebombing of the Jackson Advocate. The African-American owned newspaper was firebombed Jan. 26. "The Jackson Advocate has been the backbone of the community for nearly 60 years," Thompson said. "Some individual has made the mistake of thinking he can hide a cowardly act under the cover of darkness. As of right now, there is nowhere in this country that this person can hide without having to fear the full weight and authority of the federal government." A preliminary investigation shows the fire started around 3 a.m. Jan. 26. There is evidence that the front door was kicked in and flammable liquid poured over the office and set alight, according to reports. Jackson Advocate publisher Charles Tisdale said his office sustained around \$100,000 worth of damages in the attack.

## W. VIRGINIA NIGHTCLUB AGREES NOT TO EXCLUDE BLACKS IN JUSTICE DEPT. DEAL

A West Virginia nightclub that allegedly refused to admit African-Americans, has agreed to implement a new non-discrimination policy, under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice. In March 1997, the Justice Department filed a suit against Images Nightclub in Kearneysville, in the state's eastern panhandle, alleging that its owners and operators refused entry to Black customers, violating the Civil Rights Act of 1964. According to the suit, the club told African-Americans who wanted to enter that it was private and open only to members, even though Whites without memberships were routinely admitted. "No one should be denied access to a restaurant or a nightclub simply because of the color of their skin," said Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Bill Lann Lee. The settlement will remain in effect for five years and requires owners to post signs in the club announcing that it does not discriminate on the basis of race. It will also have to advertise its non-discrimination policy in local newspapers.

## TRIAL FOR ENNIS COSBY MURDER SUSPECT POSTPONED

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Adding to the year-plus delay in the trial of a man charged in killing entertainer Bill Cosby's son, a judge on Tuesday granted another delay that could push the trial, which has no definite date, back to June, a defense lawyer said Tuesday. Superior Court Judge David Perez granted the delay Tuesday after Mikail Markhasev's public defender, embroiled in another long-running murder trial, told the judge he needed a postponement. Markhasev, 19, smiled and nodded agreement as Perez set an April 15 deadline for filing pretrial motions and said Markhasev's murder trial would begin within 60 days after that. Originally set to have begun Tuesday, the trial was postponed indefinitely last month because public defender Henry J. Hall said he was busy with his other case and lacked time to prepare. Hall said the trial would now probably start at the end of the 60-day period, putting it in late May or early June. Markhasev has pleaded innocent to murder and robbery in the Jan. 16, 1997 killing of Ennis Cosby, 27. Cosby was shot to death as he was changing a flat tire on a darkened road off the San Diego Freeway.

# Clinton should act unilaterally to aid Africa

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The White House has announced that President Bill Clinton will visit Africa in March 1998 for purposes that include promotion of democracy and economic investments. The other sitting American Presidents who visited independent Africa were Jimmy Carter in 1977 and Franklin Roosevelt who participated in the historic wartime Casablanca Conference in 1943.

Clinton's proposed trip will hopefully amount to a summit conference with leaders like Abacha of Nigeria, Kabila of the DRC, Mandela of South Africa, Rawlings of Ghana, Qaddafi of Libya, Museveni of Uganda and others, to embrace common strategies for defeating neo-colonialism. All leaders who have joined the struggle for the liberation of Africa from foreign domination should be invited to participate.

The United States should make clear to Asia and Europe that Africa is for Africans and, accept strategies that include such doctrine. African-

American strategic advisors should not hesitate to urge a decoupling of political-economic forces in the Brussels-Paris-Rome-Zurich axis, including so-called international human rights initiatives designed by them to secure their own selfish economic ends.

The President should advise the Secretary General of NATO (and respective heads of State) that America no longer views Africa as a threat or under-belly to western interests, and thus in terms of European influence or protectorate populations. Military organizations should be removed from Africa and commitments sought to prevent armament training, sales, credits and shipments to African governments known to use such for population control.

Colonial and post-colonial era agreements and treaties should be reviewed. America's aid and trade machinery should be opened to African-American input. The so-called African Bureau of the U.S. State Department should be abolished, and a new



organizational structure created for the Southern Hemisphere, based upon interest and knowledge of Africa's cultures, histories and languages, not its colonial legacy and relationships with Europe.

After more than 100 years of American cooperation with Europeans in development of foreign policy toward Africa, it is time to attack "Fortress Europe's" concepts that have underdeveloped the continent. Africans are not step-children of Europeans and most do not want to be regarded as such.

Africa's economic development must not be held hostage to so-called multinational aid formulas concocted to fight Sino-Soviet led communism with neo-colonialism. Clinton should act unilaterally to aid Africa!

New strategic objectives must include overland link-ups of all major market centers by highway, rail and waterways including modern affordable telecommunications systems. The logistics of creating labor intensive endeavors for millions of African peasants (See Africa, Page 9)

## KCEP

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I could not come on that station because it was a government station," said Lewis who would like programming on school district issues. "So many times I have cried out to that radio station for help in getting information out to the parents about their children's education."  
Rutledge's backers said his detractors should take their concerns and arguments to the Economic Opportunity Board

which regulates and supervises the station.  
"KCEP afforded me an opportunity that I could not find any where else," said weekend on-air personality Zenja Dunn. Dunn, who has a bachelor's degree in communications, worked as an intern at the station to fulfill her dream of being in broadcasting. She said the station is a valuable training ground for Blacks interested in radio.

Rally goers did agree that if Rutledge is being handicapped by the EOB to produce programming the community wants, action needs to be taken.  
Some suggested attacking the EOB board and chairwoman Verla Davis.  
Collins backs an FBI or IRS investigation and says Davis should be removed.  
Rutledge said he has been accessible to his critics, a claim they deny. Rutledge, advised not to speak on the charges,

forwarded complaints and questions to the EOB.  
Eighteen-year-old Karrianna Turner, one of at least 15 young people who were present at the rally, came to find out what sparked everyone's ire. The Cheyenne High School student left disenchanted with the way the grown-ups conducted themselves. "I'm really appalled at my elders who are supposed to be the people I'm to look up to."

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