

NEWS CLIPS

M.A.S.H. VILLAGE RECEIVES \$763,888 GRANT TO HELP HOMELESS

President Clinton announced recently \$850 million in grants to help more than 330,000 homeless Americans get housing, job training, child care, mental health services and substance abuse treatments so they can move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. The assistance announced includes \$763,888 for M.A.S.H. Village, 1559 North Main St. Nationally these grants will go to more than 300 communities, all 50 state governments, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and American territories. In addition, more than 1,000 non-profit organizations will receive funding for homeless assistance programs. The City of Las Vegas, Clark County and the State are receiving emergency shelter grants. M.A.S.H. Village president Father Joe Carroll will also receive funds for California based shelters. "These funds are greatly needed for us to continue to treat our homeless Americans as neighbors," he said. "We have come to find that when you treat people with dignity they'll respond to dignity. We have no problem taking people in. We'll find room for anybody who comes and one way or other we'll take them in. This is a most welcomed gift."

JUDGE BLOCKS SUSPENSIONS FOR DALLAS NAACP

DALLAS (AP) — A judge has blocked an attempt by the national NAACP to suspend several of its Dallas officers over charges of election improprieties. State District Judge John Marshall on Friday lifted the suspensions of the Dallas chapter members until a hearing could be held on the matter next week. Last week, national NAACP officials suspended the newly elected board for violating certain rules. The dispute over the Dec. 5 election results stems from complaints that re-elected chapter President Lee Alcorn was ineligible because he did not live or work in Dallas. Alcorn successfully argued before national officials that he worked in Dallas as a consultant. Alcorn's challenger, Dwain Caraway, filed a complaint with the state office and the results have yet to be certified by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The Dallas officers were sworn in last week despite the lack of certification, which prompted the suspensions.

OCTUPLETS' MOTHER HOLDS ONE OF HER NEWBORN

HOUSTON (AP) — The mother of the Houston octuplets got to hold one of her babies for the first time Monday. Nkem Chukwu cradled Jioke Louis. At 2 pounds, he is the most robust of the seven surviving babies, all of whom remain in critical condition. One of the girls, Chima, was put on antibiotics Monday for an infection. Another sister, Chidi, also was being treated for infection. Both babies on antibiotics are being fed intravenously. The others are receiving both IV nourishment and breast milk.

LAWYERS IN DRAGGING CASE TO STAY ON

JASPER, Texas (AP) — Two defense lawyers lost a bid Monday to be taken off the case of a man charged with murder in the dragging death of a black man. State District Judge Joe Bob Golden rejected a request by attorneys C. Haden Cribbs and Brack Jones Jr. to be removed from the case of John William King, whose trial is set to begin Jan. 25. Cribbs said King has been uncooperative, ignored his lawyers' advice and refused several times to speak with his defense team. King, 24, is one of three white men facing capital murder charges in the June dragging death of James Byrd Jr., 49, who was beaten, chained to a pickup and dragged to his death along a rural road just outside the city limits. King and two other men, Shawn Berry, 23, and Russell Brewer, 31, also are accused of killing Byrd. Prosecutors believe Byrd, who was black, was killed because of his race.

Queens parents happy with 'nappy hair' teacher

NEW YORK (AP) — The white teacher threatened for reading a multicultural book called "Nappy Hair" to her mostly black and Hispanic third-grade class has been transferred to a school in Queens.

Ruth Sherman, 27, who left Public School 75 in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn in November, has adjusted to her new second-

grade class at P.S. 131 in the Jamaica section.

Parents at her new school welcomed her warmly. "I am glad she is coming to this school," said Yvonne Miller, whose daughter is in the fifth grade. "I think her motive (in reading the book) was good."

Sherman asked the Board of Education to transfer her on Nov. 30 after several community residents

threatened her at a school meeting. The residents, led by one angry parent, did not approve of the book, saying that the word "nappy" is derogatory and that the drawings and text are offensive.

The book, about a young black girl with kinky hair, was written by black author Carolivia Herron, a professor at the University of California

at Chico, about her own hair. The award-winning book is meant to teach children self-esteem and racial acceptance, she has said. Since the furor over the book erupted, the author and Sherman have appeared together on numerous television talk shows. They plan to work together to develop a guide instructing teachers on how to use the book.

Murder suspect wrote white supremacist letter

DENVER (AP) — Nathan Thill, the white supremacist accused of killing a West African immigrant on a Denver street a year ago, wrote a letter last summer calling on whites to resist "the New World Order."

Prosecutors at an evidence hearing last month presented the letter in hopes of getting it admitted when

Thill goes to trial.

In the letter written June 12, Thill noted that 2000 is fast approaching and predicted a computer failure would precede some type of crisis.

"It is time to be ready for chaos," he wrote in the letter addressed to another Colorado Department of Corrections inmate.

"And it is time for our folk to fully resist the New World Order."

Thill is charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Oumar Dia on Nov. 18, 1997.

A bystander, Jeannie VanVelkinburgh, also was shot when she attempted to help Dia, but she survived.

Prosecutors say the letter

is further evidence of Thill's racism.

In the letter, Thill recalls various heroes of the Nazi and neo-Nazi movement, including Adolf Hitler and Robert Jay Mathews, the now-deceased leader of The Order, an extremist group involved in the fatal shooting of Denver radio talk-show host Alan Berg in 1984.

Jordan

(Continued from Page 1) desire to play, he said: "The desire is always going to be there." But he said he wanted to make sure that the desire was there "not one-fourth of the time I step onto the court, but every time."

Jordan, who had a bandage on his right index finger, said he severed a tendon while trying to cut a cigar and would need surgery. But he said he had already decided to retire before the accident.

"I'm just going to enjoy life and do things I've never done before," he said.

He said he looked forward to being a parent and would "live vicariously through my kids," whether or not they

played basketball.

"My life will take a change," said Jordan, adding that he also will tend to his many business interests. He makes an estimated \$45 million a year from endorsements.

Added his wife: "I see Michael doing a lot more carpooling."

Reinsdorf called Jordan's announcement "a tough day for basketball fans all over the world."

"This is a day I hoped would never come," he said.

Countered Stern: "I disagree with Jerry. This is a great day. The greatest basketball player in the history of the game is getting

the opportunity to retire with the grace that described his play."

Asked after the news conference how the league would survive after the nasty six-month lockout and Jordan's retirement, Stern said: "We're going to be in fine shape."

At the White House today, President Clinton said Jordan had "a remarkable set of qualities of mind, body and spirit... who always expected to do whatever it was he tried to do."

"I think it's appropriate that the sports fans around America take a day or two to 'Ooh' and 'Ahh' and hold their breath again and be glad

again."

Jordan, 35, said he hoped the Bulls would re-sign teammate Scottie Pippen but added that was only his opinion and that he didn't know what decisions the team would make.

"We set high standards around here," he said.

Jordan met with a few teammates at his home Monday and told them the thought of playing an abbreviated, 50-game season wasn't enough of a challenge.

Now, Jordan goes out as he always wanted - on top. His last-second shot - the last one he ever took - gave the Bulls a victory over the Utah Jazz and their sixth title.

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