

# NEWS CLIPS

## BEST GOSPEL PROMOTERS HOSTING 'IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR'

Best Gospel Promoters, Inc., which has been promoting gospel performances since 1987, will hold a gospel festival July 10 at the Charles County Fairgrounds. "It's A Family Affair" will feature performances by Shirley Caesar, Dorothy Norwood, Vickie Winans and leading comedians. Advanced tickets are available by contacting BGP at (301) 731-1213 or through Ticketmaster. Tickets will also be sold the day of the event. Proceeds from the concert will go to the American Heart Foundation, Grandma's House and the Kidney Center Transplant Unit at Howard University Hospital.

## THREE CITIES CITED TO RECEIVE HELP IN HIV/AIDS FIGHT

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala said Detroit, Philadelphia and Miami will be the first of 11 U.S. metropolitan cities to receive special technical assistance from federal Crisis Response Teams for eight to 10 weeks to help combat the spread of HIV/AIDS among racial and ethnic minority populations. Shalala said HHS targeted cities with the largest minority populations affected by HIV/AIDS. To be eligible for this assistance, cities had to have populations of at least 500,000 persons and at least 1,500 African-American or Hispanic persons living with HIV/AIDS. Other areas scheduled to receive help from the Crisis Response Teams are Atlanta, Baltimore, Md.; Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C.; Newark, N.J.; New Haven/Bridgeport/Danbury/Waterbury, Conn.; and West Palm Beach/Boca Raton, Fla.

## RESULTS FROM THE NNPA'S 1999 ELECTIONS

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## PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE NNPA'S TOP PAPER, TATUM TOP PUBLISHER

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The *Philadelphia Tribune* won the coveted John Russwurm Award and Wilbert Tatum, publisher emeritus of the *New York Amsterdam News*, was named publisher of the year on June 18 at the Merit Awards Banquet during the 59th Annual Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. The publisher of the *New York Amsterdam News* for 15 years until he handed it over to his daughter Elinor in December 1997, Tatum still writes weekly editorials for the newspaper. Voted top publisher by his peers, Tatum won the use of a Lincoln LS donated by Ford, for one year. The *Philadelphia Tribune*, won 10 awards — including five first places — among the 19 categories. The awards featured a special appearance by Negro League baseball great, Buck O'Neil. Several corporate sponsors supported the event. Coors underwrote the dinner, while Coca Cola USA, GTE, Sprint, United Parcel Service and 7-Eleven sponsored individual categories. Major donors to the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation's Scholarship Fund included the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, who gave \$10,000 and was represented by Larry Lucas.

# Next justice critical in direction of court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's 5-4 commitment to giving states more power at the federal government's expense grew more intense in its 1998-99 term. The hardening split, identical to the court's rift over the role of race in American life, emphasized the enormous impact the next president could have with just one appointment.

The just-completed term saw Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy, who wield great power from the court's ideological center, join the more conservative Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas to dramatically enhance states' rights by eroding Congress' power.

Their more liberal colleagues — John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer — joined in dissent as a decade-long trend continued.

The same division developed in previous terms in a series of rulings that curtailed racial affirmative action when election districts are drawn and government money is spent.

"The next presidential election means a great deal for the Supreme Court's future," said Douglas Kmiec, a Pepperdine University law professor. "The current cast of justices is so closely balanced in terms of ideology that whoever gets elected in 2000 could be deciding the court's philosophy for the next decade or more."

None of the court's members appears to be contemplating imminent retirement. Stevens is 79, and Rehnquist will turn 75 before the court returns to the bench in October.

In three rulings, the court invoked states' sovereign immunity in sweeping terms to shield them from being sued by individuals or businesses who claim a state or one of its agencies has violated some federal right. An act of Congress could not trump such immunity, the court said as it banned, among others, private lawsuits against states to enforce patent, trademark or copyright protections.

"We've seen nothing like this since the 1930s," Washington lawyer Walter Dellinger said, referring to a conservative Supreme

Court's dismantling of various federal economic programs.

The court's deference to state power was not absolute, however. O'Connor and Kennedy joined the four more liberal justices as the court banned California, and by extension all other states, from paying lower welfare benefits to newcomers than longtime residents.

Other cases focusing on individual rights yielded mixed results.

The court, by striking down a Chicago ordinance, limited cities' authority to use anti-loitering laws to rein in street-gang dominance of terrified neighborhoods.

In other law-and-order decisions, the justices said police can search the personal belongings of all passengers in a car whose driver is suspected of possessing illegal drugs.

But the court barred officers from searching people and their cars after merely ticketing them for routine traffic violations.

On personal privacy, the court ruled that short-term guests in someone's home have no constitutional protection against

unreasonable police searches. It also ruled, however, that police cannot let TV camera crews and other news media accompany them when they enter someone's home to make an arrest or conduct a search.

The justices ruled that the Americans with Disabilities Act obligates states to place mentally disabled people in community settings, not state hospitals, whenever appropriate and financially possible.

But they said the law does not protect the more than 100 million Americans whose physical impairments can be corrected with medication or devices such as eyeglasses or hearing aids.

"The court's record in more traditional civil rights cases was probably better than expected," said Steven Shapiro, national legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Washington lawyer Theodore Olson said the term's record indicated how difficult it can be to place labels on its jurisprudence. "We want to characterize 'the court,' and there are nine fiercely independent justices," he said.

# Prisoner denies whites-only nation plot

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A man sentenced to life in prison for killing a family as part of a plot to set up a whites-only nation in the Pacific Northwest says there's no truth to prosecutors' claims.

"There were no aims, no group, nothing of that nature," Chevie Kehoe, 26, said in a telephone interview from jail Friday after he was sentenced to five terms of life in prison without parole.

Kehoe, of Colville, Wash., and a co-defendant, Danny Lee, 26, of Yukon, Okla., were convicted last month of racketeering, conspiracy and three counts of murder in the deaths of William Mueller,

his wife, Nancy, and her 8-year-old daughter Sarah Powell in January 1996.

Jurors already have recommended the death penalty for Lee, who has a court hearing scheduled this week.

At his sentencing, Kehoe maintained he was innocent. Asked afterward if he knew who had killed the Mueller family, Kehoe said he couldn't answer that question yet because of the complex nature of the case.

Prosecutors said Lee and Kehoe wanted Mueller's guns to sell or use to further their conspiracy to overthrow the government and set up a new nation where people of

Asian, black, Hispanic and Jewish descent would be banned.

Kehoe said he considered himself a white separatist, but not a white supremacist, because he believes that nature intended for different

racings to be separate.

But he said he didn't expect his separatist beliefs to cause any problems for him in prison because he'd never had any problems getting along with people of other ethnic backgrounds.

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## Cancer

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Yes" and "Lady."

A long-time friend of The Whispers, Ballard was well aware that the group had lost their musical director to prostate cancer.

"One of our mutual friends was instrumental in assisting us with this event," she said. "We were aware that the Whispers and Dells had been touring together, so this seemed to be a logical combination. Confunkshun is managed by the same company as the Whispers, so their involvement came pretty easy."

Those interested in more information can call the American Cancer Society at 798-6877 or KCEP Radio at 648-0104. Table seating is limited.