

# NEWS CLIPS

## LEADERS UNVEIL PLAN FOR NATIONAL TRIBUTE TO JAMES FARMER

(NNPA)—A group of congressmen recently unveiled their plans to pay tribute to the late James Farmer Sept. 10 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. A civil rights pioneer, Farmer founded CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality.) Those on the committee include: Rep. John Lewis (Ga.), the honorary chair; Rep. James Clyburn (S.C.), D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, Rep. Major Owens (N.Y.), Rep. Bobby Scott (Va.), Rep. Bobby Filner (Calif.), Rep. Max Sandlin (Texas) and Rep. Bennie Thompson (Miss.).

## AMNESTY INT'L ELECTS FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO CHAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(NNPA) — Amnesty International USA (AIUSA), the nation's leading human rights organization, has elected its first African-American woman to head its board of directors. Julianne Cartwright Traylor, a veteran grassroots activist and educator from Oakland, Calif., succeeds attorney Paul Hoffman to lead the 18-member national board. "I feel extremely honored to have been elected to this post," she said. "I will be a strong advocate for human rights education and training, US ratification of international human rights treaties, promotion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including economic, social and culture rights, and multicultural organizational development issues. "I will work to raise the profile of AIUSA within the African-American community and other communities of color." In addition to the many positions she has held within AIUSA, Traylor founded the Human Rights Advocates (HRA), and has done advocacy work in China, Zimbabwe, Norway and Switzerland. Traylor holds a bachelor of arts degree in government from Skidmore College and a master's of arts degree in political science from the University of California -Berkeley. She has also received extensive training in international law and international human rights law here and abroad.

## AUTO EXPO WILL DISCUSS MARKETING TO MINORITIES

(NNPA) — The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) has partnered with the *African American On Wheels* (AAOW) magazine to conduct special workshops on marketing to minorities during the 1999 SEMA Show in Nov. 2-5 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev. "We have to find a way to attract more minority businesspeople to our industry, and we are excited about working with AAOW to reach a broader audience," said Charles R. Blum, SEMA president. AAOW Editor and Publisher Randi Payton will moderate two of the 70 seminars planned for the convention: "Marketing to Minorities" on Nov. 3 and "Exploring Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Minorities in the Aftermarket" on Nov. 4. For information on the SEMA Show, call (909) 396-0289.

## JUDGE DISSOLVES KKK RALLY SETTLEMENT

CLEVELAND (AP) — A federal judge who voided a settlement between the city and its largest police union on plans to handle a Ku Klux Klan rally on Friday must now decide whether the rally can go ahead. U.S. District Judge Patricia Gaughan must also decide where Klan members can change into their robes at the scheduled Aug. 21 rally - something that has been an issue between Mayor Michael R. White and the 1,700-member Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association. The KKK wants to rally downtown a few hours before the Cleveland Browns play their first home game in nearly four years and at the same time as a convention for black families. The union asked Gaughan to block the rally, saying it would be too hard to provide security for all the events that day. The mayor said he is constitutionally obligated to let the KKK hold its rally. He also said it's necessary to provide a safe place for the group to change into its robes.

## Online

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your way out," said Irving, adding that falling computer prices will continue to help.

Other key findings:

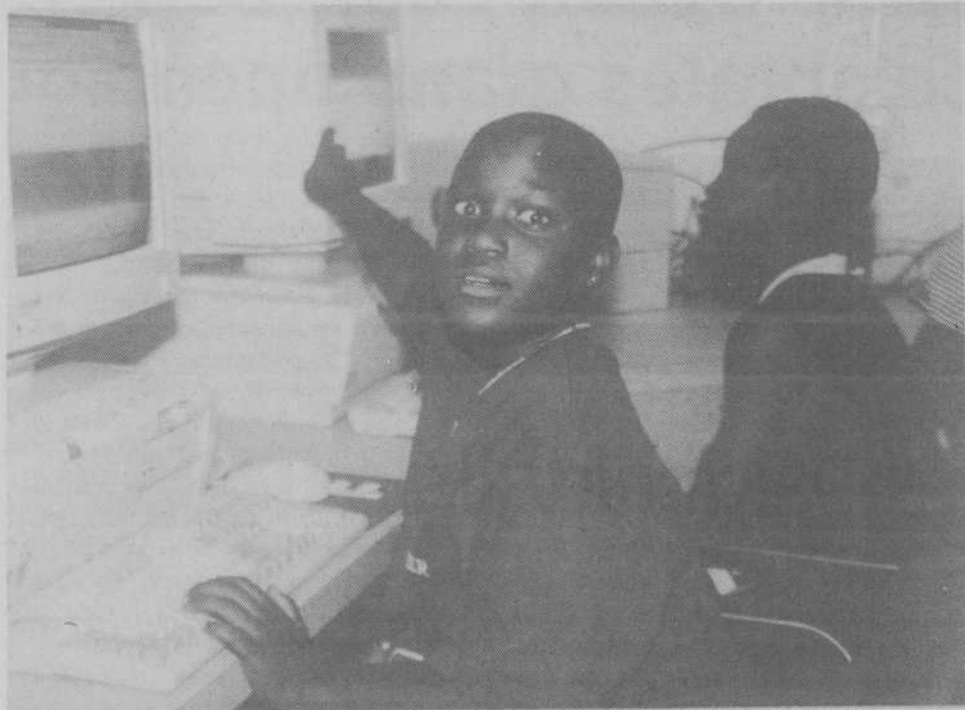
-About 47 percent of all whites own computers, but fewer than half as many blacks do. About 25.5 percent of Hispanics own computers, but 55 percent of Asians do. Asian families also are most likely to have Internet access, with 36 percent online.

-A child in a low-income white family is three times more likely to have Internet access as a child in a comparable black family and four times more likely than a Hispanic child.

-People with college degrees are more than eight times more likely to own a computer and 16 times more likely to have Internet access than people with elementary school education.

The report, the third such survey by the government since 1995, did not suggest specific ways to encourage Internet use or computer ownership except to recommend continuing to provide online access at community centers, such as schools, libraries and other facilities.

"It allows minorities to come into an area that's populated by themselves and



Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

Experimenting with the computer to close the online gap, Omar Williams, is taking advantage of the free computer lab at the Clark County School District's Area Service Center in west Las Vegas.

learn how to use the technology," agreed Willie Atterberry, chairman of the AfroNet Web site and magazine in Los Angeles. "You don't have to worry about going to Silicon Valley. It comes to you."

Ameritech Corp. and the National Urban League announced Wednesday they will spend \$350,000 to build five new Internet community centers in Aurora, Ill., Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis and Milwaukee.

And 3Com Corp. said it will spend \$1 million in donated equipment and training in 10 cities to help teach students to be computer network engineers.

"In the information age, there cannot be two separate societies," said Milton Little of the Urban League.

Some industry experts suggested that minorities might also be discouraged by computers and the Internet as difficult to learn, or at least consider the Web a medium

whose benefits haven't been sufficiently explained.

"I really don't think the advantage of being online has been instilled in them," said Trevor Farrington, a director at the Massachusetts-based African American Internet network, a Web site aimed at blacks. "I really don't think they understand it. They think it's too technical, (but) it's as easy to use as TV and it's better. Once they understand that, it should grow."

## Teen-agers charged in crime spree

HOUSTON (AP) — Four teen-age girls who police say hatched a crime spree when they found themselves without pocket money were charged Friday with five armed robberies.

All four girls are middle-class high school students or recent graduates in suburban Kingwood.

"That's not the typical profile of an aggravated robbery suspect," said Capt. Steve Smith.

Authorities charged Katie Marie Dunn, Malissa

Chalerm Warzeka, both 17, and Michelle Renee Morneau, 18, with one count each of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. A 16-year-old female, whose identity was not released because of her age, was charged with two counts of aggravated robbery.

"They were sitting at a Sonic restaurant, and ran out of money and said 'Let's do a robbery,'" said Billy Stephens, a police spokesman. "One of them said 'I've got a gun' and

another said 'I've got a mask.'"

Armed with a shotgun, a .22 rifle and semiautomatic pistol, the hooded and

sunglass-wearing robbers struck a bakery, a grocery store and convenience stores from May 30 to July 10, police (See Crime, Page 5)

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