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Cope Rebuilding After Troubled 1st Year

By Meda Okelo

COPE Inc. (Community Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention and Eradication) elected in early October a new board of directors. Consisting of two original members of the previous board, the new board has the onerous task of cleaning up the

previous agency's tarnished image after a year of unrestrained feuding and alleged instances of embezzlement by some board members.

The new board is comprised of Stephenie Smith (President) Charles Brewer (Vice-President) Theresa Hartley (Treasurer), Rick Wilson (Secretary) and Robert Hartley (Executive Director). Both Ms Smith and Mr Hartley were members of the previous COPE Inc. Board. The original COPE Inc was founded in 1985. It, according to its founders, arose out of the concerns of the local 4H club and 7th Day Adventist members over the situation of drug use and sales in the community. It described itself as a grassroots organization with the objective of attaining, through educational programs, the total eradication of drug abuse in East Palo Alto.

The nine-member original COPE Inc. shortly after its creation, selected an executive board consisting of Robert Hartley, president, Rev. Arthur Bushnell, vice-president, and Ms April Gill administrative assistant and treasurer. The other members were Chester Prince (of the 4H Club and considered one of the founders of the organization) Marvin Williams an employee of the County's Employment Development Department (EDD) and a resident who was deeply concerned with the problem of drug use. Stephenie Smith, owner and operator of the Stephenie's Fish Market on University Avenue. Sonya Penalver, Alice Elliot, and Sylvester Coleman, the latter three all affiliated to the 7th Day Adventist Church. Sylvester Coleman, an employee of Big Brother Big Sister organization was named the Project Coordinator.

The creation of COPE was welcomed by the community. Drug peddling and use in city neighborhoods was both a deeply frustrating phenomenon and an embarrassment to many local residents. The city authorities were probably the most welcoming, a request for a grant submitted by the organization late last year was approved without much objection.

Inside COPE, however, according to some ex-members, there raged a power struggle, seemingly between what some referred to loosely as the church and the non-church groups. Each was reportedly seeking to gain control over the organization. To ex-board members Gill and Williams, however, the struggles were not based on religious affiliation but rather on the selfish ambitions of certain individuals who wanted to advance their own personal agendas and others who were repor-

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KRON Visits EPA Montessori



City Council to Replace Howell

By Carlos Romero

City manager Fred Howell "resigned" December 18 under a mutual agreement with the City Council. The action came two years and nine months after Howell's arrival to the City as its first city manager and three months before his contract was to expire with the city.

City Council members were divided on the issue, voting 3 to 2 to accept the negotiated agreement with Howell. The agreement, derived through mediation efforts of Arlen Gregorio, former San Mateo County Supervisor, gave Howell \$45,000 in severance pay and made his resignation effective at 5:00 pm the day the agreement was approved by the Council.

Mayor Barbara Mouton, Vice-mayor James Blakey, and Councilperson Ruben Abrica voted in favor of the resolution agreeing to the termination of Howell's contract.

"The main issue (behind Howell's resignation) was the Council's inability to move its agenda" said Mouton. "In particular there have been problems in getting the Council's policies and procedures implemented. For instance, the Rent Stabilization Program's prolonged lack of competent staff, and Community Development's lack of focus."

The issue over Howell's contract had been brewing for more than five months. Howell's competence as a city manager was never an issue according to Abrica.

"The agreement was not precipitous and was mutually agreed to."

stated Howell. "In this City the math is three and that is all it took. If three people see something some way, then that is the way it is," he said.

"This is one of those issues that in some ways is intangible, but it fundamentally revolves around a working relationship of trust. I think that is the bottom point and that trust did not exist between us," said Abrica.

Councilpersons Warnell Coats and John Bostic voted against the resolution. Both cited their concern over the amount of money being paid to "buy-out" Howell's contract and their respect for Howell's performance since April of 1986, when both were elected to the council.

"The money (\$45,000 severance pay) needs to be highlighted," said Bostic. "We gave him enough money to pay for nine months work; we can't afford to hire another one."

Coats vehemently opposed the decision to terminate Howell saying "I found Fred to be fair and objective." He added, "Buying out his contract was a negative thing to do. It's destructive to the city." said Coats.

Since Howell's arrival in 1984, the City's staff has grown from 7 to almost 100 employees. He supervised the staffing and functioning of all of the City's departments, commissions and boards, and established many of the procedures the City's bureaucracy presently uses.

Howell stated that there is no consulting agreement between him and the City but he will remain a resource

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Kwanzaa Schedule

UMOJA, December 26, 1986

At the East Oakland Youth Development Center
8200 E. 14th St. Oakland CA.
Sponsor: Wose Community Church
For more information Pls call 436-5047

KUJICHAGLLIA, December 27

At the Tulip Jones Women's Club
1310 Bay Road, East Palo Alto
Sponsor: Nairobi Kwanzaa Committee.
For more information Pls call 325-5532

UJIMA December 28

At the East Oakland Youth Development Center
8200 East 14th St. Oakland
Sponsor: Wose Community Church.
For more information; Pls call 436-5047

UJAMAA December 29

At the East Oakland Youth Development Center
8200 East 14th St. Oakland
Sponsor: Wose Community Church.
For more information Pls call 436-5047

NIA December 30

At the Western Addition Cultural Center, Buriel Clay Theater, 762 Fulton St. San Francisco.
Sponsor: Wajumbe Cultural Institution.
For more information Pls call 563-3519

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Editorial

Drugs and the Reagan State

The battle against drugs in our community and in our nation is a battle for our lives. It is a battle for our future.

Community based civic and church groups like COPE and Pros for Kids wage the battle on that basis. They see the effects of wasted minds and lives every day. The high rate of crime reflects this. Whether drugs are a cause or an effect, the high dropout rate in our schools indicate the influence of drugs.

We must separate community based efforts against drug use from the present campaign being waged by Reagan, Meese and the politicians who are jumping on the anti-drug bandwagon as an election issue. In reality the Reagan Administration has cut funds

for government agencies charged with stopping the flow of drugs into our communities. The Justice Department has used drugs as a cover for what is actually a war against Black and Third World communities. Local police agencies have used military vehicles to ransack the houses of suspects. We must support community efforts to control drug trafficking so that it remains a war on drugs instead of becoming a war against people.

Most importantly, we must educate our children against the deadly effects of drugs and set an example for them. This is, in the final analysis, the most important front on the war against drug abuse.

Season's Greetings From The Progress Staff!!

Cityhood Decision Appealed Again The Struggle Continues

An anti-cityhood group led by former congressman and lawyer, Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey, has appealed the California State Supreme Court's August 21st confirmation of the successful incorporation vote of June 1983 to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The appeal alleges that the June 1983 election was won by "fraud, coercion, and tampering." McCloskey maintains that pro-incorporation campaign workers elicited absentee ballots favoring cityhood from elderly, infirm, and illiterate voters.

Cityhood was approved by a vote of 1782 to 1767. One-hundred, eighty-three of 272 absentee ballots favored incorporation. A successful challenge to fifteen votes would nullify the original result.

Appeal of the case to the Supreme Court does not automatically mean that the election will be overturned. The high court must first agree that the case merits review. If review is denied, any further litigation

would have to be brought locally on different grounds and taken through the same process again. Should the Supreme Court decide that the appeal has merit, arguments will be heard by the court and a decision rendered. The process will take at least one year.

The appeal maintains that the decision of the California State Supreme Court to uphold the voting procedures was in error because the procedures allegedly used by pro-incorporation forces may have deprived the voters they assisted of two important constitutional rights: the right to due process and equal protection under the law.

The two principles were made part of the Constitution under the Fourteenth Amendment; an amendment designed to prevent state legislatures from passing laws depriving Blacks of their rights in the Reconstruction South.

The right of due process means that the state may deprive no person of "life, liberty, or property" in any manner other than that allowed by the law. Equal protection means that the laws of the state must be applied equally to everyone at all times. The Supreme Court of the United States will decide whether or not to hear the case on these grounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in the establishment of a womens resource center in East Palo Alto? Are you concerned about the non existence of a shelter for battered women in this community? Would you be willing to work together with others and ensure that such resources exist in this community? If you have answered in the affirmative to any of the above questions then please call Nimat at 322-8089.

In the News

Compiled by Meda Okelo

FREE AIDS DRUGS: Federal Health officials, announced in mid september that they would start the free distribution of the drug AZT (AZIDOTHYIMIDINE) to AIDS patients. Approximately 7,000 AIDS patients will be eligible to get the drug. The drug is restricted to patients whose key symptom is an infection called pneumocystis carini pneumonia. Meanwhile, researchers expect to extend tests of the effectiveness of this drug on other patients with other symptoms.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR GIFTED KIDS: A school for mentally gifted students in grades 7 through 12 is currently being proposed in the Los Angeles area. The school, expected to serve some 500 students is intended, according to one of its proposers, to provide an appropriate environment for kids who might otherwise be shunned as weirdos in existing schools. Only two such schools reportedly exist in the country: the five-decade old Bronx school of Science and Technology in New York and the four year old North Carolina School of Sciences and Mathematics in Durham.

NEH PISSED: Accusing the producers of the nine part documentary known as **The Africans** of glorifying Muammar Qaddafi, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) reportedly demanded that its name be removed from the list of credits. Ali Mazrui, co-producer and narrator for the program, in response, said that he had been invited to look at Africa as an African and not as an apolitician running for office in the U.S.

THE PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS (PAC) GETS A NEW PRESIDENT: Zephania L Mthopeng, a 73 year old activist serving two 15 year prison terms since 1976, was recently named PAC's President. Mthopeng was a founding member of the PAC when it broke away from the African National Congress (ANC) in 1959. The PAC has had only one president, Robert Sobukwe, who died in 1978. The organization is currently being led in exile by the Chairperson of its Central Committee, Johnson P. Mlambo.

CONGRESSIONAL VETO OVERRIDE: Both the House of Representatives and the Senate overuled President Reagan's veto of a South Africa Sanctions Bill. This came amidst desperate appeals by Reagan and threats by South Africa's Pk Botha. The Bill would: 1) ban virtually all new investments 2) terminate U.S. landing rights of South Africa Airways 3) ban all imports of South African coal, steel, iron, uranium, textiles and agricultural products. The vote in the House was 313-83 with Tom Lantos voting for and Ed Zschau abstaining. The Senate's override was 78-21.

Meanwhile, in other South African-related news: **Japan** also announced and sanctions against South Africa. Considered very limited, the sanctions would: ban imports of steel and iron from South Africa; halt air service between the two nations; tighten tourist restrictions and ban government employees from flying on South African flag carriers. **Harvard University** announced that it would part with \$159 million in stocks and bonds in eight companies with operations in South Africa. **Stanford**, thanks to incessant pressure from student and faculty groups, announced in early October that it would sell its stock in Diamond Shamrock Corporation. A spokesperson for the anti-apartheid pro-divestment group, SOSA (Stanford out of South Africa) indicated

though that the struggle for total divestment would continue unabated. **Stanford** has \$187 million worth of stock in companies operating in South Africa. **Forced Relocations hits Ukazi:** African residents of Ukazi, a township in the outskirts of Johannesburg, were recently notified of government intentions to forcefully relocate them to a new settlement. **A Black American Ambassador to South Africa found:** Edward J. Perkins became the new U.S. ambassador to South Africa following the Senate approval of his nomination. His nomination comes in the wake of desperate search by the Reagan regime for a Black-American diplomatic representative to this racist nation. Two earlier nominations came to naught, one on suspicions of illegal business dealings, and the second, of Terrence A. Todman, the current U.S. ambassador to Denmark, was withdrawn following his sharp criticism of U.S. policy vis a vis South Africa. **GM Pulls Out:** After several years of claiming that it could bring about desired changes in South Africa, GM finally left in October. In a statement, a spokesperson for GM said his company was "disappointed in the pace of change in the apartheid system." Observers, however, think the company's withdrawal was more a pragmatic move in response to the economic recession currently prevailing in South Africa, and the dramatic losses in earnings both nationally and internationally. GM has, for instance, announced that it would close several US plants by the end of next year. Meanwhile, in related action, **IBM** became the 75th US company to pull out of South Africa or to announce its intention of doing so. A day after GM's announcement IBM said that it would sell its profitable South African marketing operations to local interests. Observers, however, indicated that the action was rendered meaningless by the decision to allow sales to its soon-to-become former subsidiaries. IBM's South African subsidiary employs approximately 1500 people, of whom only about 340 are Africans. A company spokesperson indicated that the sale was forced upon the organization by the rapid deterioration in the economic situation in South Africa.

SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION OUSTED FROM THE RED CROSS: Citing South Africa's system of apartheid's contravention of Red Cross principles as the primary reason, the October International Red Cross Conference voted 178-52 to eject South Africa from this august body. South Africa retaliated by expelling representatives of the body stationed in South Africa.

PAN-AFRICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL IN ANGOLA: Artists from the Americas, the Carribean and Africa will play at a major concert in Luanda, Angola on Sunday December 14th. Patti Labelle will be one of the featured artists.

SENIOR CITIZENS BEWARE: Insurance companies are reportedly using 'front-names' to sell health insurance to the elderly. According to Consumers Union, these companies use names that sound like government or independent consumer agencies. One such company, the California Association of Concerned Senior Citizens in San Jose is currently under investigation by the State insurance commissioner. Their services, according to the Consumers Union, usually takes the form of mass mailings to elderly people warning of cuts in Medicare and strongly recommending the purchase of

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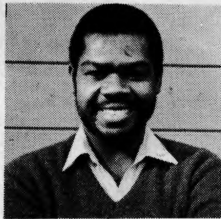
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Ron's Corner

By Ron Drake



ROSE BIRD'S defeat for reconfirmation as chief justice to the Supreme Court is a blot on the state's reputation, a victory for Big Business and the Right, in general a monumental mistake. She and Justices Reynoso and Grodin suffered for their willingness to follow the law. The death penalty was just a red herring. It was rent control, consumer and worker rights, and civil rights that were the real issues. Anyone who saw the chief justice's concession speech knows that a great and gracious woman has been wronged; lets hope she continues in public life.

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RAW DEAL--What's all this crap about ousting City Manager Fred Howell? The man has done a good job. He stuck with us through the possibility of there not being a city to manage. Fred Howell has taken us from a crawl to a walk. The man isn't perfect and word on the grapevine is that he's the dickens to work for but he got us started, he's got a three year contract and we should stand by him. To do less would be a waste of money and talent.

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WOULDN'T EPA DO? The San Francisco Forty-Niners could have been happy here in EPA. They needed the space for a new facility; space with a good climate and easy access to other parts of the Bay Area. That's us to a tee. It couldn't have hurt to try.

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LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT...You mean to tell me that when Sparky Anderson, manager of the Detroit Tigers, uses bad grammar on TV he's being "colorful while O.J. Simpson's an illiterate slob? Ain't is Ain't no matter who says it...Right?

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ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST--Another African American art form has made its way into the mainstream. Rap is hot because of its excellent beat, ease of recording, and its emphasis on the words; perfect for commercials.

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LITTERBUGS--Is there anything more childish than an adult who leaves it to others to clean up after them. East Palo Alto is ours. Help keep it clean.

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Did anybody notice when there ceases to be a dime's worth of difference between Democrats and Republicans?

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My votes for TV Time well spent: The Cosby Show, Moonlighting, The Story of English, The Day the Universe Changed, The Africans, and Sesame Street (those Muppets are better actors than some humans I could mention).

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH--"If you jot down every silly thought that pops into your head, you will soon find out everything you most seriously believe."

-Mignon McLaughlin

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HOT TIP--The Emmerson Street Bar and Grill in downtown Palo Alto isn't the place to take the one you love for a romantic evening in a classy setting but if the one you love loves rhythm an blues, then this is the place. Try to catch the King Bees or the Blue Meanies. Cover charge is two dollars.

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GET READY TO DUCK--Ronald Wilson Reagan has sold America a

bill of goods and we're going to regret his ever having been allowed in the White House. The Iran arms deal is just the latest fiasco. He presides over a undeclared Depression. His budget deficits are larger than all previous administrations combined. When the bill for them comes due, this country is going to be hard pressed to come up with one trillion dollars. The United States is a debtor country for the first time in its history. Not only does the Reagan Administration show a willful disregard for civil rights and human rights; it shows a fantastic disregard for the law (Administration officials tainted by suspicion or conviction of criminal activity recently filled a whole page of a Washington newspaper)! Get ready to batten down the hatches ... when Ronnie's chickens come home to roost, we are not going to be rejoicing over the abundance of eggs.

City Council Beat

October 6

Proclaimed October 6-10, 1986 as 'Rideshare Week' in the city of East Palo Alto.

Authorized the director of public works to submit a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to develop a multi-purpose field at Civic Center (the former Ravenswood High School site). **Unanimous**

Accepted the final report of the East Palo Alto 2000 Committee whose recommendations included limiting the city's population to a "maximum population of 25,748" by the year 2000, that the city strive to maintain its present mix of residential types and industry, that the community "remain largely residential," and that "no major changes" in zoning regulations take place. **Unanimous**

Approved plans for a four-unit residential project to be built at 738 Weeks St. **Unanimous**

Accepted Police Chief Nelson's report for August, 1986 which notes that during this time period, 456 moving citations were issued, 151 vehicles were towed, and that 667.5 overtime hours were worked by officers dealing with illegal drug dealing during which time approximately 130 drug-related arrests were made. **Consensus**

October 20

Proclaimed the month of November, 1986 to be National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) membership drive month in the City of East Palo Alto.

Appointed two new members to the Rent Stabilization Board: Michael Pon (tenant) and Louise Jones (homeowner). **Unanimous**

Approved the Land Use Element and Action Program, and the Conservation Element and Action Program for the

East Palo Alto General Plan. **Unanimous**

Passed a resolution opposing Proposition 63, an initiative designed to amend the California Constitution and designate English as the state's official language. **Unanimous**

November 3

Continued until February, 1987 a proposal to amend the text of regulations pertaining to zoning regulations in areas designated M-1 and M-2. The proposed amendments represent part of the overall project to revise the City's entire Zoning Ordinance. The continuance was granted to allow businesses in the areas under question to study the language of the proposed revision and to make proposals.

Adopted a resolution making declarations required under the Fair Labor Standards Act, a federal law amended by the U.S. Congress on November 13, 1985 which requires all local governments to (1) establish minimum hourly wage rates of \$3.35 for employees, (2) limit the number of hours worked over the established 40-hour maximum per week by requiring overtime pay for excess hours worked, and (3) provide the optional use of compensatory time off in lieu of paid overtime within established time limits. **Unanimous**

Passed resolution approving expenditures of \$44,465 to cover the cost of improvements and maintenance of the new Civic Center facility (the old Ravenswood Highschool site). **Unanimous**

November 17

Proclaimed the week of November 17-21, 1986 as East Palo Alto Family Week.

Appointed Robert Hartley as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. **Unanimous**

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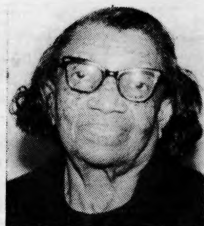
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Oakes' Acorns

By Carmaleit Oakes



It is written, "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens." Here in the Bay Area we find a climate where there are no distinct changes in the seasons. Newcomers to the area marvel at its mildness. The beauty of it is so striking that it creates the illusion of one single season, not four. We miss the familiar sounds and sights we had grown accustomed to -- the fresh layers of pure white snow that later turned to slush; the laughter of children merrily throwing snowballs; the familiar sound of shovels scraping pavement, or the broad patch of ice that sent your vehicle into a spin.

But we knew the snows would melt and we looked forward to the dramatic reawakening of nature. Birds returning. Buds peeping through the good earth. The first balmy breezes. Yes, a few newcomers miss these seasonal changes, but most of them welcome the steady climate of the Bay Area, even with some nostalgia for the invigorating frosty winds of previous winters.

Given time, most of us take this beautiful weather in stride. Oh, we move the clocks forward lest we forget spring has arrived. Autumn days may be no different except that they are shorter and we are reminded to move our clocks back.

Spring signals the dramatic reawakening of nature. Summer days are the ripeners. Autumn days are the season's glory. Winter days are tokens of rest.

Our lives are like the seasons. The spring of our lives prepares us for the summer when our hopes, our aspirations, our ambitions peak -- then on into the fall and evening; the time to pause and to reflect; for nature, the long sleep.

Yes, the year is creeping on to its end. For our Elders, aging is nothing to fear. Rather, it is a comfortable feeling to acknowledge as we count our blessings, how lucky we are to live in a community that recognizes our worth. We are fortunate to enjoy a sense of continuity of the past with the present and the future. Our mayor exemplifies this truism each time she starts her news column giving honor and glory to God.

As the year pushes on, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The stores and television are pleasant evidence. Despite the problems of the world, we pause to reaffirm the full meaning of this holiday season. Would that the spirit of the Christ Child permeate our very being, as we experience a sense of inner peace and gladness.

But what about the other days of the year? Wouldn't it be wonderful if the holiday spirit would evolve into a year-round way of life? Methinks it is especially appropriate to recall verses 22 and 23 from the fifth chapter of Galatians to salute this special season: "The Fruit of the Season is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance." These comforting words enable us to face our waning years in a positive manner -- thankful for our longevity, the experiences, the wisdom we have accumulated. Our self-esteem stems from knowing we are the much loved children of God.

We honor the spirit of Christmas. May we save a bit of it for each day in the coming year. May the joy we give to others live on and on. The year's fast approaching end is a relentless reminder that time is ticking away. In closing, the staff of this newspaper wishes you a blessed and happy holiday season.

PEACE

Births

Compiled by Lon Otterby

Sep. 16, 1986

A daughter to Kalamu Chache Hadiyah.

Sep. 18, 1986

A daughter to Michelle Galvez.

Sep. 22, 1986

A son David Piper and Angela Rooks.

Sep. 24, 1986

A son Joseph Carter and Wendy Roundtree.

Sep. 29, 1986

A daughter to Donna Johnson.

Oct. 5, 1986

A son to Ofelia and Jose Alcantar.

Oct. 5, 1986

A son to Apitanga Makoni.

Oct. 18, 1986

A daughter to Yolanda and Kenneth Early.

A daughter to Glenn and Grace Barbie McCallister.

A son to Leah Dansby.

Oct. 19, 1986

A son to Juan Silva.

Oct. 20, 1986

A daughter to Yolanda Elares.
A son to Freda Gates.

A son to Gloria and Juan Lopez.
A daughter to Petra and Marcelino Rios.

Oct. 22, 1986

A daughter to Rosanne and Brett Villalba.

A daughter to Estela Martinez.

Oct. 23, 1986

A daughter to Clara Madrid.

Oct. 24, 1986

A daughter to Joann Patterson.

Oct. 25, 1986

A daughter to Patricia Luna.

Oct. 26, 1986

A daughter to Karry and John White.

A daughter to April and James Farmer.

Oct. 28, 1986

A daughter to Maria Rodriguez.

Oct. 31, 1986

A daughter to Michelle and Doniell Cobb.

Nov. 1, 1986

A son to Sonia Duenas.

A son to Carmen and Gustavo Landa.

Nov. 20, 1986

A daughter to Jane Maxwell and Michael Blake

In the news...

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supplemental insurance. The elderly are usually requested to mail back cards for more information. These cards are then subsequently sold to insurance agents as leads for new customers.

NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: The 101 member Non-Aligned movement (NAM) at its 8th Summit Conference held in Zimbabwe in early September voted to establish a special fund called AFRICA (Action For Resisting Invasion, Colonialism and Apartheid) The fund is designed exclusively to help the frontline states in their struggle against the racist Botha regime. In other decisions, the meeting condemned the U.S. bombing of Libya last spring; disapproved of Washington's attempts to overthrow the Nicaraguan government; endorsed the role of Cuban troops in defending Angola and called on the U.S. to match the Soviet Union's unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing.

ELECTIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS: Javier Perez de Cuellar was re-elected Secretary General of the 159 nation world organisation in early October.

He will head the organisation for another five years. The United Nations, which has recently been in the news following threats by the U.S. to withdraw its financial support, supports in the average 6000 development projects in over 150 countries. **SAMORA MACHEL KILLED IN PLANE CRASH:** Mozambique's President, Samora Machel was killed in plane crash on Monday, October 20th. The plane reportedly crashed into mountains 200 miles east of Johannesburg. Machel and his entourage was on his way home following a meeting with some leaders of the frontline state. The announcement of his death was followed by widespread demonstrations in countries of Southern Africa. 34 persons died in the plane crash. Survivors have reportedly said that the plane might have been shot. Other evidence coming to light indicates that the South Africa security forces searching through the wreckage took nine hours before summoning help. Up to when The Progress went to press South Africa had not surrendered the black box to the Mozambiquan authorities investigating the crash. In related news: The Reagan Administration sent Maureen Reagan to the funeral ceremonies, a snub which will not go unnoticed in diplomatic circles. MNR,

an organization fighting to destabilize Mozambique and heavily supported by S. Africa, declared war on Zimbabwe.

HASENFUS: The pilot of a cargo plane shot over Nicaragua indicated that he was working for the U.S. government and that he was on a mission to deliver military equipment to the contras. U.S. government officials vehemently denied any associations with him.

SANITARY DISTRICT OFFICIAL OUSTED: Douglas Smith, a director of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District was removed from office in mid-October. A San Mateo county judge found him responsible for willful and corrupt misconduct in office.

ATLANTA MURDERS REVISITED: Five years after the infamous Atlanta murders, new information being unveiled indicates that Wayne Williams may not have been the killer, thus finally acknowledging feelings of the mothers of the victims who for five years have maintained a weekly protest vigil awaiting the capture of the real killer(s). New information seems to indicate that the ku klux klan was involved.

SOYINKA WINS NOBLE PRIZE FOR LITERATURE: Wole Soyinka, a 52 year old Nigerian writer and playwright was awarded in early October the 1986 Nobel Prize for literature. Soyinka was described by the two century old Swedish Academy as one of the first thematic poets in the English Language. The following is a listing of his published works: *Plays:* the Lion and the Jewel, 1959; The Swamp Dwellers, 1959; A Dance of the Forests, 1960; The Trials of Brother Jero, 1961; The Strong Breed, 1962; The Road, 1964; Kongis's Harvest, 1965; Madmen and Specialists, 1971; Before the Blackout, 1971; Jero's Metamorphosis, 1973; Camwood on the Leaves, 1973; The Bacchae of Euripides, 1974; Death and the King's Horseman, 1975; and Opera Wonyosi, 1978. *Novels:* The Interpreters, 1964; The Forest of a Thousand Demons; Season of Anomy, 1973. *Non-Fiction:* The Man Died (prison memoirs), 1972; *Poetry:* Idanre and Other Poems, 1967; A Shuttle in the Crypt, 1972; Poems of Black Africa (editor), 1975 Ogun Abibman., 1977; Ake, the Years of Childhood (autobiography), 1982. *Lectures:* Myths, Literature and the African World, 1972; *Film:* Blues for a Prodgal 1985.

Your Legal Rights

By Sharon Sameck

Scene: Maria and Fernando are in their apartment sitting at the kitchen table. The table is covered with letters, bills, and other assorted papers.
(knock at the door)

Maria: Who's there?

Jose: It's me, Jose.

Maria: Come on in.

Jose: (looking around the kitchen which is cluttered with paper) What are you doing with all these letters and papers? Did you lose something?

Maria: No. We're just sorting through all the bills and mail that we've held on to over the years to see if we will be able to prove to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) that we've been in this country illegally since January 1, 1982.

Jose: Are you crazy? Why do you want to go and tell the INS that you've been here illegally all these years?

Fernando: So we can get amnesty.

Jose: What's that?

Fernando: Under the new immigration law undocumented people like us, from Mexico, or some country other than the United States, who are now living in the United States illegally can become legal permanent residents.

Jose: How did you learn all this?

Maria: We went to the community meeting last week at St. Francis of Assisi church. People from the East Palo Alto Community Law Project (EPAQLP) explained how the new law works:

Fernando: I was surprised. I expected to be bored, but the meeting was actually a lot of fun. We saw people we hadn't seen in a long time. Remember Frank, the guy who used to live upstairs?

Jose: Yes. How's he doing?

Fernando: Well. He just got a new job.

Jose: That's what I could use. But in the meantime this amnesty thing sounds great. Where do I go to apply?

Maria: Slow down. The law doesn't go into effect for a few of months. And besides, it's not such an easy thing to do.

Jose: What do you mean?

Fernando: Well there are a lot of strict requirements. You can only qualify for amnesty if you've been here illegally and have continuously lived in the United States since January 1, 1982, or have spent at least 90 days between May 1, 1985 and May 1, 1986 doing farm work, like picking fruit or vegetables.

Jose: How do you prove you've been here illegally? I've always done without documents like a social security card or a driver's license.

Maria: Us too! That's why we're trying to put together everything that we have that might help us tell our story to the INS people.

Fernando: We have some of our old rent receipts, letters we've received over the years, Lorenzo's school records.

Jose: Maybe I can help. I could be a witness for you.

Maria: Thanks. Witness statements are helpful in proving that we've been here since 1982 but they aren't enough. We need more than that.

Jose: What about someone like Ramon who entered with a student visa before 1982?

Fernando: He doesn't qualify if his Visa expired after January 1, 1982. You have to have lived here illegally since before 1982 in

order to qualify.

Jose: You mean if you became illegal after January 1, 1982 you might not be able to get amnesty?

Maria: Right. And that's not the only crazy rule. If you left the United States after 1982, even for a short visit to family or friends, you might not qualify.

Jose: Oh no. Remember a few years ago when I went back home for about 5 days because my mom was sick? I can't believe I might not be eligible for amnesty just because I left the United States for 5 days over 3 years ago. I'm going down to the INS office and ask someone who works there. None of this seems fair to me.

Maria: Don't do that! It's possible your short visit will be excused. The people from the EPAQLP who spoke at the meeting said it wasn't a good idea to go to the INS with questions without first talking with them or some other qualified community agency.

Fernando: Going to the INS first is like turning yourself in. What would you do if they said, "You're right; it's unfair, but that's the law. And by the way, now that we know you've been here illegally we're going to deport you!"

Jose: Forget it. This is too complicated. They make it all so confusing and difficult; I bet a lot of people don't even bother applying.

Fernando: You might be right, but that would be unfortunate. It's true that a lot of people might not qualify for amnesty, but those that can should take advantage of it.

Maria: Just think how much nicer it would be if you didn't have to worry about the INS knocking on your door some day.

Fernando: You know, this law effects a lot of people in our apartment building but I don't remember seeing very many of them at the meeting.

Maria: You're right. Why don't we invite some of the people from the other apartments in the building over to our place one night and tell them what we learned at the meeting. I would hate to see someone we know apply for amnesty and wind up being deported instead.

Fernando: That's a great idea. You think we could get someone from EPAQLP to come and answer questions?

Maria: We can call and ask them. They said they were making a videotape of the meeting.

Jose: Maybe those of us who didn't go to the meeting could watch the tape. Why don't I call the EPAQLP tomorrow and find out if anyone would be able to come to our building meeting and answer some questions?

Fernando: Okay. Then we can figure out when we want to have the meeting and who we should invite. Here's the EPAQLP's telephone number (853-1600).

Jose: I'll come by tomorrow night and let you know what I find out. It might still be difficult to get amnesty but at least we'll know what we're up against.

If you would like to be on the EPAQLP's mailing list for updated information about the new immigration law call us at 853-1600 or mail your name and address to the EPAQLP, 1395 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.



Crossword Puzzle

By Michael Blake

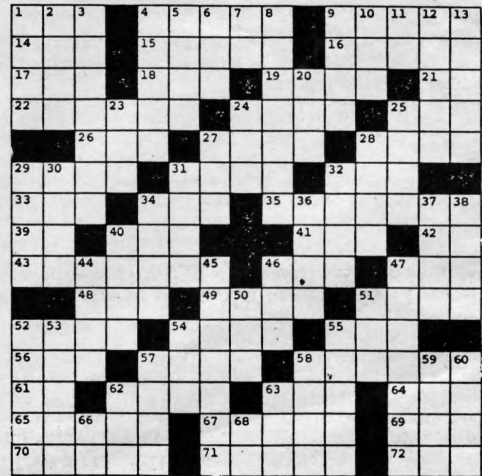
ACROSS

- 1. Actress Reynolds, to friends?
- 4. Type of tree, or EPA street
- 9. Unripe, or EPA street
- 14. Abbrev. on vitamin bottles
- 15. Home, home on the tundra
- 16. Aristocratic
- 17. Of whatever number
- 18. Good buddy
- 19. Mortgage, for example
- 21. Light filtered by ozone shield abbr.
- 22. Yard plot, or EPA street
- 24. Tire problem
- 25. Cmdr. of ETO in WWII
- 26. Weird
- 27. Type of admiral
- 28. White South African
- 29. Troublesome youth
- 31. Sharp
- 32. Drunkard
- 33. Assistance
- 34. Flower plot
- 35. EPA street that becomes E. Bayshore
- 39. Comes after "Raleigh" or "Charlotte" on an env.
- 40. Phoenix athlete
- 41. Abyss
- 42. Before noon
- 43. Fireplace fuel, or EPA street
- 46. Drink a little
- 47. Producers of "Hill St. Blues"
- 48. Negative vote
- 49. Great Lake
- 51. Flat-topped hill
- 52. (To run) in a murderous frenzy
- 54. So be it

- 55. Late basketball star Bias
- 56. World Series ring wearer
- 57. Zenith
- 58. Southern University, or EPA street
- 61. Meese, to cronies
- 62. Assist, in wrongdoing
- 63. Spanish preposition
- 64. Allow
- 65. Explosive liquid, for short
- 67. French novelist Zola
- 69. Infant
- 70. Donald's girlfriend, or EPA street
- 71. What Bay and Bayshore are
- 72. Square root of 1

DOWN

- 1. Type of race
- 2. Poet St. Vincent Millay
- 3. Between Willow Rd. and Cooley Landing; 2 wds.
- 4. One who walks on own 2 feet
- 5. Popeye Doyle's real name
- 6. 45 inches, in olden days
- 7. Cigarettes contain it, says Surgeon Gen.; Chem. sym.
- 8. "Dutch" EPA street
- 9. Tiny insect
- 10. President's nickname
- 11. First initials of essayist White
- 12. Sidestep
- 13. Not at any time
- 20. Rower's need
- 23. Insecticide
- 24. Lawyer's pay



- 25. "Methinks the lady _____ protest..."
- 27. Primary color
- 28. Trunk, in England
- 29. Bathroom, in Tijuana
- 30. Costa _____
- 31. Nevada game
- 32. Use little scissors, perhaps
- 34. Raise (the spirits)
- 36. Ronny Howard role
- 37. Cheerio ingredients
- 38. Goldman, Lazarus, or Peale
- 40. Initials on back of perfumed envelope
- 44. Tree trunk feature
- 45. Harvest goddess, or EPA street
- 46. Peccadillo
- 47. EPA street along MP-PA line
- 50. Harrison or Tyrannosaurus
- 51. Comedian Brooks
- 52. Change the Constitution
- 53. TV, radio, and newspapers
- 54. Mimic
- 55. Baits
- 57. It's _____! (Father's cry)
- 58. Informed
- 59. Type of street light
- 60. Cigar ending
- 62. _____ Gratia Artis: MGM motto
- 63. Actress Zadora
- 66. A note to follow la
- 68. Usual technique for a criminal: police slang

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CULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK

Earlier this month two thousand students in the Ravenswood Elementary School District were offered a taste of the diverse, rich culture of African Peoples.

On December 1st and 2nd at the Ronald McNair and The Ravenswood Middle School auditoriums approximately 500 students a show experienced African dance, music, poetry and drama.

The Cultural package included the performance of reknown bay area artists such as Phavia Kuchichagulia, a poet and avid musician; Keith Archuleta, poet, dramatist and playwright; Dipo Kalejaiye, author, dramatist and poet; Donna McCranney, dancer and musician. The performances were coordinated and produced by Babatunde Kayode a producer and director with Iroko Productions. Iroko Productions, a six year old international theatrical company in the bay area, prime objective is to produce plays that seek to educate people about the culture of African peoples all over the world. Cultural Awareness Week is its second major production this year.

The presentation according to Kayode was both intended to expose global African culture and to inspire children to take active interest in the arts.

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Expressing obvious contentment for its success, Mr. Kayode a native of Nigeria and a U.S. resident for over a decade, however lamented the difficulties he encountered in trying to have the Ravenswood Elementary School District (RSCD) approve and support the cultural presentation.

"The School Board initially approved in late October the proposal to offer the presentation to the schools" Kayode told the Progress, "But a couple of days later, in a letter written with the direction of the Board President R.B. Jones, District staff requested a preview of the performance" he added.

Following the preview Ms. Lois Frontino an Associate Superintendent reportedly approved the production but, "A couple of hours later," according to Kayode, "Insisted that portions of the play 'Their Spirits are Free' be removed because of its overt criticism of the Reagan Administration's policies in South Africa."

"Thanks to the lobbying of Brad Davis and RSCD Board member the production was left intact" Said Mr. Kayode.

The producer now intends to take his production to other school districts in neighboring communities.

Black Nation Magazine

"Black Music is the music slaves created...It is "low down" literally in society. Its players have from day to day, the actual blues--it is not merely a 'style'."

-Amiri Baraka

Explore the significance and impact of African American music in interviews, essays, brilliant photos, original art work and dynamic poetry in the current issue of The Black Nation, Journal of African American Thought.

Editor Amiri Baraka (Leroi Jones) along with contributors Playthell Benjamin and Jimmy Stewart get to the heart and soul of the matter and the music that is the pulse of the African American experience. Their forceful clear-cut essays on jazz and blues challenge the message and motivations of the music establishment.

Experience "The Blues According to Peppermint Harris" in Lorenzo Thomas's interview with this talented guitarist/bluesman and relive the heyday of Harlem, Beale St. and the blues.

The poetry of Charlie Braxton, Nia Damali, Amus Mor, Sterling Plumpp, and Gregory Powell round out

this dynamic issue.

Since 1981 The Black Nation has provided African American activists, intellectuals and the community at large a vehicle for examining the issues and struggles confronting Black America. The Black Nation highlights the arts as part of the whole social movement. Previous issues have featured: an interview with Margaret Walker, pre-eminent African American poet and writer; a focus on the Caribbean, one of the most vital repositories of African tradition in the Western Hemisphere; and a profile of New York artist Vincent Smithe, who came from the generation that defined "cool" in African American art and culture.

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For mor information contact Elena Becks c/o of The Black Nation P.O. Box 29293, Oakland, CA 94604 or call locally 323-2644.

SISTERS UNITED



By Nimat Shakoor

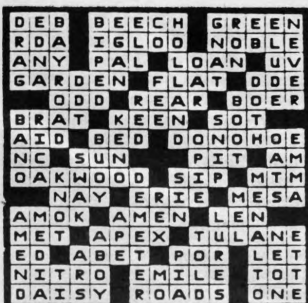
Sisters United will be a regular column in the East Palo Alto Progress designed to voice the concerns, show the interests, and keep the women of East Palo Alto informed about issues of concern to their lives.

The women of East Palo Alto make up a variety of rich cultures and lifestyles. This column would seek to knock down some of the barriers existing between these varied communities. Even though we Pacific Islander, Latina, Asian and Black women have varied lifestyles, we all share in the challenge of living in a relatively new city. The column would seek to answer such questions as: where do we as women fit in the general plans for the community's growth and development? What effect does our city policies have on us? We would also attempt to deal with and share in both the joys and pains of male-female relationships; and other concerns as in employment, family, politics, education, religion, women's fitness, sex, gender roles, health, youth, senior citizen concerns, services to women and a myriad of other issues that might be of concern to women.

I would like this column to be your column. Your input in terms of questions and statements relating to us as women would therefore be very much appreciated.

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Council to Replace City Manager

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should the City request it. "I'm a professional!" said Howell, "I was hired to do a job. I did that job as best I could and I'll stand on my work. Time will be the judge."

Howell pointed to the completion of the City's general plan, the acquisition of Martin Luther King Park and the Ravenswood High School site, and the renovation of the Bell Street Gym as some of the accomplishments during his tenure.

Reaction among community members was mixed. Most were disappointed to hear of Howell's departure. "I think Fred's done a tremendous job and I'm sorry to see him go," said Reverend Joseph Green. "I know there have been many things set in motion in the City. I don't think this will change the momentum

but it will slow things down."

Elbert Mitchell, a member of the Public Works Commission, was relieved that the differences between Howell and the Council were settled without undue hostility. He added, "What bothers me about this is that I don't want us to get into a Ravenswood syndrome, where we are continually replacing administrators."

Bob Hoover, Director of Community Services for the City, noted, "Fred is the best administrator I have work for." Referring to the Council's handling of Howell, Hoover stated, "What may appear to not be a good call from outside the Council may be a good call; it's hard to tell when your not privy to all the meetings or internal workings."

According to Mouton, a consultant will be hired to fill Howell's

position within a month or two. She expects that a new city manager will be hired within five to six months. In the interim, Assistant City Manager James White will fill the position of acting City Manager.

The formal mediation process between the Council and Howell began November 13 and was concluded on December 15. Howell's contract, which was due to expire in March of 1987, contained a clause that automatically extended his contract for another three years unless the Council informed him 180 days before the expiration of his contract that he would not be rehired. Although no notice was given to Howell during the 180 days, the Council wanted to review his contract, creating the need for Gregorio to mediate.



Cope Rebuilding After Troubled First Year

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tedly trying to create a sense of togetherness and allegiance to the organization's goals and objectives.

In the early parts of this year, COPE 'reorganized' its board. This reorganization saw Mr Hartley replaced as president by Rev. Bushnell. The reorganization, also brought to the surface the latent hostilities that existed both between the two groups allegedly existing within COPE.

'This change was made without discussion or vote' said ex board member Smith. To ex board member Gill however, the change was an attempt by the new organization to put in place a process by which leaders within the organization would be selected. 'This was our first election' she said expressing surprise that anybody would consider it an ouster.

Observers admit though that, regardless as to how this change in officers was perceived, it had an indelible mark on the affairs of the organization. For one it saw emerge two distinct groups, with very clear personal allegiances to various members of the group. It also led according to some observers to the resignation of Chester Prince one of the founding members of the organization.

The pro-Hartley group vehemently branded the change and ouster and according to some insiders developed a distinctly anti-board attitude that saw it allegedly do things without consulting with the entire board. On the other hand, the pro-Bushnell group made up primarily of members of the 7th Day Adventist dug in and allegedly adopted an abrasively arrogant and partisan attitude that reportedly frustrated the organizations efforts to mobilize other churches' support for the organization.

In the midst of this squabbling and tussling, Rev. Bushnell was relocated to another parish in Fresno. In the ensuing elections, Ms April Gill took up the presidential mantle. The feuding however continued. In early May, vice president was fired from the organization following allegations of embezzlement and 'deliberate misrepresentation of COPE Inc'. Mr Hartley however vehemently denied any embezzlement. He told the Progress in an interview that the \$35 in question was used to pay off telephone bills incurred by members of TEEN COPE during a weekend fundraising marathon car-wash.

"The issue was far more complicated than that" said James Griffin, public relations officer for TEEN-COPE. "Two members of TEEN-COPE, relatives of Mr. Hartley, allegedly went ahead and had a car wash on a day in which it had been decided not to have a car wash. Money raised during this particular Sunday reportedly never made it into the COPE Inc. treasury. "Allegations were further made that on that particular Sunday we did not want to wash any cars" said Mr. Griffin. Saying that allegations had no foundation, he added that the other members of TEEN-COPE were very surprised to learn both Bobbie and Marvin Hartley had washed cars.

TEEN-COPE was a project spearheaded by Mr. Hartley. Its main objective was to "incorporate a teen voice in the affairs of COPE, INC." It had a separate executive board composed of Ken Winters (president), Bobbie Hartley (vice-president), Martin Hartley (ways and means officer), James Griffin and Dot, public relations officers.

"Members of TEEN-COPE informed us of the situation with the carwash and

other incident reflective of the conduct of Mr. Hartley and the board took the appropriate action," said ex-president April Gill. However, to some the members of the old COPE Inc., Mr. Hartley's ousting was yet another indication of the alleged attempts by the 7th Day Adventist group to take control of the organization. Stephenie Smith, in sympathy with Mr. Hartley, stepped down from the board. "The embezzlement incident" according to ex-board member Marvin Williams, was a manifestation of a far bigger problem within the board: the tendency of some individual board members to make decisions without consulting the entire board."

In early August, the trouble-ridden organization went through another major crisis: Sylvester Coleman, a board member disappeared, reportedly with an unknown sum of money. His disappearance came as a surprise to many. He was, according to some sources, beginning to become a major power broker within COPE. For instance, he was the agency's representative to the city-coordinated Youth Task Force, a coalition of twenty-five agencies seeking to coordinate their service delivery to youth in the community. With his 'disappearance', Ms. Gill shortly afterward terminated COPE's involvement in the Task Force. Observers generally agreed that with his departure, no one else within the organization had the time or the necessary wherewithal to adequately represent COPE within the task force. In addition, a few days later, in a letter dated September 25th, Ms. Gill formally indicated that the board had decided to disband COPE. "Unachieved funding goals...exhausted volunteers...the unannounced departure of the program chairman...the irrepressible personal ambitions of

some board members, are some of the major factors that influenced the board's decision" she said.

Meanwhile ex-board members Stephenie Smith and Bob Hartley had embarked on a crusade seeking to draw the public's attention to alleged misuse of funds within the first COPE. At a city council meeting in early August Hartley and Smith demanded that the council investigate the corporation's use of the \$2500 grant given to the organization late last year.

In mid-September, at a special attended by Dorothy Curry, William Davis, Robert Hartley, Theresa Hartley, Chester Prince and Stephenie Smith, it was decided that an ad hoc body of officers of a new COPE, INC. be created. This body would be "authorized and empowered to execute and deliver to the community of East Palo Alto, and other areas, programs that dictated purposes, goals and objectives of COPE, INC." A few weeks later the ad hoc committee was dissolved and replaced by an executive board.

The new COPE is currently involved in a massive publicity effort to clean up the tarnished image of its predecessor. Asked what the new COPE would do to avoid the pitfalls that led to the previous corporation's fall, Stephenie Smith, the president vowed that the new board was counting on God's direction. "We have put it (the organization) in the Lord's hands", said the new president. "It's up to him to guide us." "So far," she added, "He's done pretty well."

Meanwhile, nothing has been heard about the whereabouts of Mr. Sylvester Coleman and an accounting submitted to the city by the board of the old COPE, INC. revealed that some monies could not be accounted for.

KWANZAA — An African Celebration

By Vulindlela Wobogo

Kwanzaa is an African celebration. By African we mean it was created by and for people of African descent, i.e. Black people. To emphasize this, we will use African and Black interchangeably.

Kwanzaa has roots which are both ancient and modern. Its ancient roots are the celebration of the harvest which was then agricultural. Its modern roots are in the struggle of Black people for liberation, which is in effect a political harvest. It combines the old and the new in a creative and beneficial way for Africans born in the United States and all over the world and is presently celebrated by millions of Black people.

Kwanzaa was first conceived and formulated by **Maulana Karenga**, the founder and leader of US organization, in the mid sixties. Its purpose was to fill a need for non-heroic holidays and celebrations in the Black communities of the USA. The widely observed celebration is actually a practical

expression of the basic tenets of Karenga's doctrine of Kawaide, which is

that our liberation efforts should be based on tradition and reason.

Kwanzaa incorporates tradition; through it's utilization of seven commonly practiced values in traditional African societies, it's use of an African language to name it's components, it's use of the number seven, the incorporation of the ancient Ghanaian colors of red, black and green, which were popularized by Marcus Garvey and it's general African focus. **Kwanzaa** demonstrates reason in it's inherent flexibility and adaptability, in it's modern liberation focus and in it's use of an extra 'a' in it's name, which was originally added to the normal spelling of the word to allow all seven children who participated in the first **Kwanzaa** celebration to have a role. Thus the name itself reflects both tradition and reason, which is fitting and proper.

The celebration embodies seven traditional values which are named using swahili, an African language. Each of these values is observed on successive days beginning with December 26th and ending with the last celebration on the first day of the new year.

It was and is conceived of as a uniting force among Blacks especially among the Black family. It was initially spread to Karenga's efforts, directly and indirectly, but it's development was such that after seventeen years of observation even its founder could not influence its direction. This development was due to it's adaptability, it's utility and perhaps the absence of it's founder, which prevented it from identification with one particular nationalist outlook.

As with any powerful idea, **Kwanzaa** has survived attempts at biological and cultural integration, negative practices, and outright denouncement. A testimony to it's strength is it's observance by groups and individuals who

flatly disagree with the political outlook and alleged practices of it's founder. Many have expressed this disagreement by not acknowledging Karenga's role in formulating the celebration, but as the sincerest form of flattery is imitation so the sincerest form of veneration is use. In observing **Kwanzaa** Karenga's detractors are in the final analysis assuring his place in history.

Kwanzaa is a celebration and should not be a substitute for year-long involvement in the business of African (Black) liberation, but it can be a powerful spiritual catalyst for action and should serve as a time of assessment, reflection, rejoicing and recommitment to the unity, survival and development of the race. Let this twentieth year of **Kwanzaa** be a time for focus on it's fourth principle

Ujamaa, the extended family. Yes **Kwanzaa** is alive and well in the Black (African) community. Join the celebration and help it grow.