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**A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE AFFAIRS**

Greetings,

Brothers of the Most Honorable Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, it is humbly my pleasure to have become your Director of Collegiate Affairs. As I stated in my campaign to you, my number one goal is to have the collegiate the face of this Region were we may all be proud of.

I am ready to hit the ground running with providing direction and guidance with the establishment of the **“Western Region Collegiate Board of Presidents”**.

Again, I look forward to working with all the brothers in the Western Region by furthering the call to **Sigma** in a **“Oneness”** that will allows us to serve Humanity as we are call to do!

Bro. Keith J. Copeland

**Λ Lambda Xi: Chapter of the Year Λ**



Bro. Damian Lucas, Lambda Xi Chapter, and Bro. Emile Pitre

CONGRATULATIONS to the Brothers of Sigma’s Lambda Xi Chapter for winning the 2006 Chapter of the Year at the 57th Western Region Conference, held in Ontario, CA

The Conference, hosted by Alpha Alpha Epsilon Sigma and Mu Xi Chapters, provided an opportunity for younger Sigma Brothers to connected with older Brothers and for inactive Brothers to return to the fold.

See page 6 for more details and pictures from the conference.

*Executive Board Retreat*

The Western Region Executive Board held its retreat during Memorial Day Weekend 2006. The meeting was attended by the elected and appointed officers.





## *Officers of Sigma*

2005-2007 INTERNATIONAL GENERAL BOARD	2006-2008 WESTERN REGION GENERAL BOARD
<p><b>Honorable Bro. Paul L. Griffin</b> 32nd International President</p> <p><b>Bro. Sidney W. McCray</b> International First Vice President</p> <p><b>Bro. Brandon J. Wallace</b> International Second Vice President</p> <p><b>Bro. Jimmy Hammock</b> International Treasurer</p> <p><b>Bro. Scherod C. Barnes</b> International Director - Bigger &amp; Better</p> <p><b>Bro. Michael W. Hines</b> International Director - Education</p> <p><b>Bro. John E. White</b> International Director - Social Action</p> <p><b>Bro. John Turner</b> International Legal Counsel</p> <p><b>Hon. Bro. Demetrius C. Newton, Esq.</b> DSC Representative</p> <p><b>Honorable Bro. Arthur R. Thomas, Esq.</b> Immediate Past International President</p> <p><b>Bro. Greville H. French</b> Eastern Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Jerry W. Green</b> Gulf Coast Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Calvin B. Glover</b> Southern Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Darryl A. Prince, Sr.</b> Southeastern Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Micheal E. Cristal</b> Southwestern Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Dr. Ernest Miller</b> Western Regional Director</p>	<p><b>Bro. Dr. Ernest Miller</b> 29 Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Raphael Forbes</b> 1st Vice Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Gabriel Okoye</b> 2nd Vice Regional Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Rafael Matos, MPAS, ME</b> Secretary</p> <p><b>Bro. William Savage</b> Treasurer</p> <p><b>Bro. Steven Belhumeur</b> Director of Bigger and Better Business</p> <p><b>Bro. Manzell Baskerville</b> Director of Social Action</p> <p><b>Bro. Emile Pitrie</b> Director of Education</p> <p><b>Bro. Dr. Gary Miller</b> Chaplain</p> <p><b>Bro. Keith Copeland</b> Director of Collegiate Affairs</p> <p><b>Bro. Thomas Broome</b> Legal Counsel</p> <p><b>Bro. Austin Davis</b> Director of Publicity</p> <p><b>Bro. Keith Copeland</b> Regional Parliamentarian</p> <p><b>Bro. Dr. Charles Ranson</b> Arizona &amp; New Mexico State Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Reginal Paul</b> Northern California State Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Joshua Kas-Osaka</b> Nor. California Associate State Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Willie Bluit</b> Southern California State Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Adrian Hunt</b> Nevada &amp; Utah State Director</p> <p><b>Bro. Ian Heisser</b> Washington &amp; Idaho State Director</p> <p><b>Bro. James Carr</b> Military Chapter Director</p>

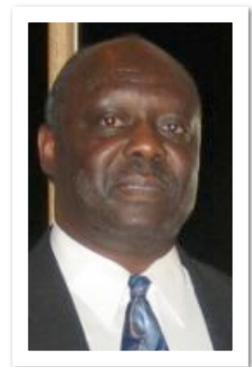


## Words from Our Regional Director

Greeting Brothers of the mighty WESTERN REGION;

It is a pleasure to greet you as your 29<sup>th</sup> Region Director. Thanks to Bro. John Iszard and the members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon Sigma for host the 57<sup>th</sup> Regional conference.

As your 29<sup>th</sup> Region Director I salute you as we continue our efforts to build with oneness as our goal. All that we strive to do should lead to being one in purpose, one in brotherhood, one in Sigma. It is time to refocus on our three programs and how we can display Sigma through the activities fostered by these programs and their partners. Our directives given to us by our International President and the General Board are our marching orders headed by the call to oneness in implementing the same ideas and project through out the fraternity. The Western Region is on course to be a beacon of such oneness in our communities. Join with the Regional board and me as we work for the good of the region. We are calling for each brother to take an active part to bring about unity and oneness as Sigma moves to the next level of SERVICE. Let us work to eliminate hazing, the biggest threat to our organization. It serves no purpose in our organization; it doesn't make for a better brother.



Officers have been given their marching orders and area of responsibilities. We have a great group of State Directors, who will be the key brothers in their state to disperse and collect needed information.

Our goals: Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service.

- ∑ To present our motto "Culture for Service and Service to Humanity".
- ∑ To render, to be inclusive in the service we do.
- ∑ To share information that will benefit society.
- ∑ To increase awareness of our Social Action Program.
- ∑ To present our Bigger & Better Business Program in our communities.
- ∑ To do a better job with our Education Program.

Objectives for 2006 – 2007

- ∑ To become progressive in selling our organization and what we have to offer.
- ∑ To step up the competition with our competitors be it other fraternities or organizations.
- ∑ To represent our Fraternity as a professional organization at all time.
- ∑ To present first class social and business event with the community in mind
- ∑ To become more committed to the ideas of the organization
- ∑ To increase our involvement with the:
  - American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Diabetes Association National Marrow Donor Program, St Jude Children Research Hospital
- ∑ To work with our Regional and National Program Directors as we strive to meet the need of our communities, showing that Phi Beta Sigma is an organization that is concern and involved.

Regional Newsletter: Regional newsletter will be distributed on bi-monthly bases:

- ∑ Each officer will have a Column for reporting to the region.
- ∑ Newsletters will be forward to each officer and chapter presidents distributed via email.
- ∑ Each financial chapter will receive a hardcopy via snail mail. It is important that each chapter president forwards the chapter's current mailing address so the region does not encore any unexpected/wasted expense for returned mail.

Regional Website: We will be creating a brand new exciting looking web site for the region. The new site will consist of more program information then before. A chance for each officer to upload their own messages and we are looking at a greater participation from the chapters. We are creating a site never before ever seen and more exciting.

Bro. Ernest Miller  
29<sup>th</sup> Western Region Director

## *A Message from the Editor*

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Dear Brothers in Sigma:

I am excited to continue my work for our beloved fraternity through the office of Western Region Secretary. Now that I have completed my graduate studies and transitioned into my new career, I am looking forward to building upon my past two years experience.

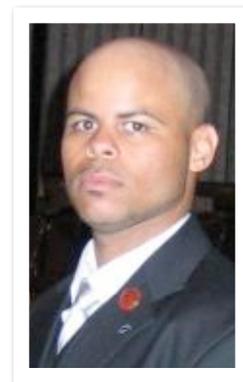
Over the next couple of months I plan on organizing a team of Sigma Brothers from around the region to contribute articles, commentaries, pictures and anything else of value to the region. This will be our editorial staff, and they will be charged with the task of ensuring Sigma West News is truly the newsletter of the Western Region.

For the July edition we are introducing three new features. Every Newsletter from here on out will feature a section called "Officers' Profiles." The purpose of this section is to help Brothers become better acquainted with the officers of the Western Region as well as put faces to the names. The second addition to the newsletter is a section called "Food For Thought," that will include news stories, anecdotes, poems, pictures or anything else of interest that are not necessarily related to Phi Beta Sigma. The third section is the "Classifieds" where we will list job or internship opportunities. These additions to the newsletter are intended to help make Sigma West News more informative.

Brothers, thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your 2006-2008 Western Region Secretary. As always, any constructive feedback you have to offer is welcomed and appreciated. Please feel free to contact us at [SigmaWestNews@aol.com](mailto:SigmaWestNews@aol.com).

Until the next issue, peACE, blessings and G.O.M.A.B.!

Bro. Rafael Matos, MPAS, ME  
Secretary  
Western Region  
LM 1809



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## SCHOLARSHIP AT ITS FINEST!

Congratulations to the following Sigma Brothers for completing their degrees in 2006:

### **Doctorates**

Bro. Geoffery Gilmore (Epsilon Epsilon Sigma)  
Bro. Robert Hill (Theta Alpha Sigma, University of Southern California)

### **Masters**

Bro. Rafael Matos (Theta Alpha Sigma, University of Southern California)  
Bro. Derek White (Epsilon Epsilon Sigma)

### **Bachelors**

Bro. Phillippee Cook (Kappa Lambda, University of Washington)	Bro. Chris Terry (Lambda Iota, San Diego State)
Bro. Stanley Daniels (Kappa Lambda, University of Washington)	Bro. Thomas Pennwell (Zeta Tau, CSU Long Beach)
Bro. Axel Delcid (Kappa Alpha, CSU Northridge)	Bro. Omar Powell (Zeta Tau, CSU Long Beach)
Bro. Ty Eriks (Kappa Lambda, University of Washington)	Bro. Jermelle Robinson (Kappa Alpha, CSU Northridge)
Bro. Matt Fontaine (Kappa Lambda, University of Washington)	Bro. Anthony Rose (Kappa Lambda, University of Washington)
Bro. Michael Haggins (Kappa Alpha, CSU Northridge)	Bro. Frederick Keoke Silvano (Kappa Lambda, U. of Washington)
Bro. Brandon Harris (Delta Gamma, CSU Los Angeles)	Bro. Jawaun Spicer (Kappa Alpha, CSU Northridge)
Bro. Chris Manigault (Lambda Iota, San Diego State)	Bro. Jamar Stamps (Lambda Iota, San Diego State)
Bro. Eugene Moore (Lambda Iota, San Diego State)	Bro. Tremaine Walker (Kappa Alpha, CSU Northridge)
Bro. Maynard Okereke (Kappa Lambda, University of Washington)	Bro. Darrel White (Zeta Tau Chapter, CSU Long Beach)
Bro. Ekioebi Okiyefa (Mu Xi, CSU San Bernardino)	Bro. Davalian Prince James (Lambda Iota, San Diego State)

**ACTION ITEMS FROM OUR WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: BRO. EMILE PITRE**

Work diligently and purposefully to ensure that:

\* Each State Director (on a quarterly basis) provides documentation to verify that the national education initiatives are being carried out. It is highly recommended that special emphasis be placed on Project Sigma Education Time (S.E.T.) initiatives for collegiates.

\* Alumni chapters implement (or continue) a program which mentors Collegiate Brothers on a monthly basis. In addition, match those collegiates who need it, with tutors for each subject area.

\* The name of each Collegiate Brother who distinguishes himself in the following categories is submitted to the Regional Webmaster for publication:

Earned a quarter/semester GPA of at least 3.00 and 3.5 and higher

\* Graduated (major) each year, especially highlighting those with cumulative GPAs of 3.0 and higher.

\* Gained admission to graduate and professional schools, especially noting those who receive fellowships.

\* Earned masters, doctorates, MDs, DDSs and Pharm. Ds.

\* A regional campaign which promotes the increase in the number of African Americans, especially males, who annually take both the PSAT and SAT is implemented. Chapters are urged to spearhead efforts to offer SAT preparation workshops throughout the Western Region.

\* Each chapter pledge to implement at least one Sigma read-in activity per year in conjunction with at least one book-aborations activity.

\* There be at least one Collegiate Brother from each active chapter in the region who is nominated to participate in either regional debate or oratorical competition at Las Vegas in 2007 with winners moving on to compete in the Charlotte Conclave. Both Alumni and Collegiate Brothers are encouraged to serve as tutors for elemen-



tary and high school African American students, especially males.

\*Eligible undergraduate, graduate and professional Collegiate Brothers are encouraged to apply for PBS scholarships at the national, regional and chapter levels.

\*A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 be required in order for Collegiate Brothers to participate in fraternity activities. And make it the responsibility of each Collegiate Brother to provide an updated transcript at the end of each academic grading period.

\* Bi-annual conference calls be used as a mode of communication between State Directors from the region and the Western Regional Director of Education.

I strongly believe that if the Education Program is to become a prominent program in the Western Region, then the above action items must be implemented in a timely manner.

**OFFICERS' PROFILES**

**First Vice Director**

Bro. Raphael L. Forbes crossed the burning sands into Sigmaland through the "Insane"

Lambda Kappa Chapter, April 30, 1983, at 9:49pm. He is 15 of 18, to date the largest line brought in by any chapter in California. He is the son of a retired preacher and teacher.

A true blue legacy, since 1983 he has held various key positions within our Fraternity, on a chapter level to the international level: Various Chapter positions in collegiate chapters \* Southwest Region Associate Regional Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice) 1985 – 1986, while attending Langston University in Oklahoma \* Northern California State Director 1998 - 2002 \* Western Regional Program Director for Social Action 1999 – 2002 \* International Coordinator of Relay For Life under the Bro. Arthur R. Thomas' administration \* Iota Alpha Sigma Chapter [Program Director 1998 – 2001, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 2001-2003; Chapter President 2003 to Present]. While holding these positions he consistently reported to the geographic areas on the current issues and plans slated for the membership.

**Honors and Recognitions:** \* William E. Doar Award Louisville, Kentucky Conclave 1986 \* Southwest Region Collegiate



of the Year 1986 \* Western Region Graduate Sigma of the Year 1999 & 2000 \* Most Outstanding Regional Social Actions Program Director 2001 & 2003 \* Most Active Regional SWWAC Coordinator 2000-2003 \* Sigma of the Year, Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter 2002

**Passion to Fame:** Since 1998, he has continuously held a position under the Social Action Program umbrella and would like to continue the momentum that was created. These positions were: Iota Alpha Sigma Chapter – Program Director (1998-2002) \* Western Regional Program Director (2000-2003) \* Western Regional Coordinator for Project SWWAC (2001-2003) \* International Coordinator of Relay For Life (2003-2005).

**Southern California State Director**

Bro. Willie J. Bluit, a Life Member of Phi Beta Sigma, was initiated into our wondrous band in the Summer of 1999, by the "Notorious Knowingly Arrogant" Kappa Alpha Chapter (located at California State University, Northridge). Bro. Bluit earned his Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and Black Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 2001. He received his Masters of Public Administration from National University in 2004.



Bro. Bluit has held several positions at various levels:

Kappa Alpha Chapter: President and Secretary \* Theta Alpha Sigma Chapter: (Current) President and Secretary \* Western Region: (Current) Southern California State Director and Associate Southern California State Director\* He has served as advisor to Kappa Alpha and Lambda Iota Chapters.

Bro. Bluit is always true to Sigma's ideals. He makes it a point to support undergraduate and graduate functions, as well as programs sponsored by our Sisters of Zeta.

He has been a vital force in helping Theta Alpha Sigma establish itself as a reputable alumni chapter in Southern California. The last two years, Bro. Bluit spearheaded the Chapter's participation in one of the local Relay For Life events. Theta Alpha Sigma's efforts were recognized in the 2006 edition of the Crescent Magazine (page 34).

## 2006 WESTERN REGION CONFERENCE

At the 2006 Western Region Conference, hosted at the Ontario Airport Marriott, CA, by Alpha Alpha Epsilon Sigma and Mu Xi Chapters, the spirit of Brotherhood was alive and thriving; Older and younger Brothers came together to fraternize and network.

International President Bro. Paul Griffin made his presentation, "The Power of ONE," focused on seven areas: Strategic Plan, Infrastructure, Chapter Development, Financial Resource Development, Visibility and Exposure, External Relations and Technology Management. Bro. Griffin suggested



Chapters begin a countdown to Sigma's centennial anniversary starting in 2007. Bro. Griffin closed his presentation by awarding our 29<sup>th</sup> Regional Director Bro. Ernest Miller a plaque in appreciation of his dedication to Phi Beta Sigma.

Bro. Jimmy Hammock, the International Treasurer, delivered good news about the financial status of the Fraternity. He informed Brothers the Sigma's finances are in the blue, as certified by an outside auditor. The Los Angeles Conclave cleared a substantial profit, the first time in years this was accomplished by a Conclave. Bro. Hammock told brothers of the financial assistance provided to Sigma Brothers affected by Hurricane Katrina, the measures to collect the monies misappropriated by past International Treasurer Terry Davis and other projects designed to help build up the fraternity financially.

Reports were presented by Bro. Donald Jemison, International Executive



Director, and Bro. John White, International Director of Social Action, who presented on behalf of the International Directors of Bigger and Better Business and Education, who could not attend the conference.

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Congratulations to Lambda Xi Chapter at Arizona State University, and Kappa Delta Sigma Chapter, South Bay Alumni Chapter, who were crowned Collegiate and Alumni Chapters of the Year, respectively. Congratulations are in order to Bro. Anthony Rose, of Kappa Lambda Chapter, for winning Western Region Collegiate Brother of the Year and Bro. Charles Ranson, Alpha Epsilon Sigma, Alumni Brother of the Year.

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Three awards were given by the International Headquarters to three of our Chapters: Lambda Iota Chapter, 2005 Largest Collegiate Chapter in the Western Region, Phi Beta Sigma Chapter, 2005 Largest Alumni Chapter in the Western Region, and Kappa Alpha Chapter 2005 Chapter with the Most Improved Membership in the Western Region. It was great to see the International Office recognize the work of local Brothers in growing the Fraternity.

There was much unity and thoughtfulness displayed by the undergraduates, especially when discussing the election candidates. Though the undergraduates also decided the elections' outcome at the 2004 Conference in Seattle, WA, unlike the 55<sup>th</sup> Conference, the undergraduates realized this beforehand and so did some of the candidates. It was a great to see undergraduate Brothers take an active role in Sigma's future instead of complaining from the sidelines. If their maturity and poise during these elections are any indication of what is to come, Phi Beta Sigma and the Western Region have a promising future.

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There are some new additions to the Regional Board to accompany the returning faces. Continuing in their roles are: Bro. Ernest Miller as Director; Bro. Rafael Matos as Secretary; Bro. Manzell Baskerville as Director of Social Action; and Bro. Emile Pitre as Director of Education. Joining the Board are: Bro. Raphael Forbes, First Vice Director; Bro. Gabriel Okoye, Second Vice Director; Bro. William Savage, Treasurer; and Bro. Keith Copeland, Director of Collegiate Affairs. Bro. Steven Bellumeur was appointed to Director of Bigger and Better Business after Bro. Greg Brandon, who won the position from a floor nomination, resigned at the post regional board meeting per his chapter's request.

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The next Western Region Conference is scheduled for 2008 in Sacramento, CA. Since 2007 is a Conclave year, there will be a leadership conference in place of the regional conference, scheduled for March of 2007, with the location to be determined at a later date.

by Bro. Rafael Matos  
Western Region Secretary



# Announcements

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**Pilgrimage To Delta Chapter** Have you ever wondered what happened to our Most Honorable Founder Charles I. Brown? The 2006 Charles I. Brown Historical Symposium will provide an opportunity to learn about Phi Beta Sigma's early history at Kansas State University as well insight into our founder who founded the Delta Chapter in April 1917. Please contact Bro. Kevin Christian, [kchristian@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:kchristian@aacc.nche.edu) or (202) 278-0200, ext. 262.

**Support "Waist Deep"** Brothers, if you have the opportunity, please go see the movie *Waist Deep*, starring Tyrese, Larenz Tate, Meagan Good and The Game. This movie was co-written by Soror Tammy Scott's brother, Darin Scott.

**Help Raise Scholarship Funds** Epsilon Epsilon Sigma Chapter (Washington State Alumni) had a Bowling-for-Scholars program on July 15, 2006. Though the event has passed, Brothers who wish to make any donations should send money to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Epsilon Sigma Chapter, P.O. Box 85321, Seattle, WA 98145. All donations will go towards their Scholarship Fund, which provides financial assistance to young men in the Northwest area attending four-year colleges or universities.

**Planning An Event?** A reminder to all that events forms must be requested, completed and returned to the International Office before the date of the event for the event to be covered by the fraternity insurance. This means ALL events, including Regional Conferences, State Meetings, Intake Ceremonies, Blue and Whites Balls, Orchid Balls, dances, picnics, any event that the public can or will be in attendance. It is a must that State Directors be notified by submitting a copy of the form for all events taking place in their states. Contact the international headquarters office for forms.

**Need A Notary?** Bro. Gerald "Flash" Reneau received his Notary Public certification & can provide you with notary service. He is also a loan signing agent who goes under the name of **GR FINANCIAL**. Please pass this info along to friends and family. His e-mail address is [grfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:grfinancial@gmail.com).

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

July 30, 2006

\* Project Live Volume 2, "The House of Soul," feat. Dwele, live at BB Kings Blues Club, Universal Studios City Walk, Los Angeles, 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM. Tickets are \$25 for presale, \$35 at the door and \$50 for VIP. Purchase tickets via BB Kings Box Office or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). Contact [kchaney@rkentertainmentgroup.com](mailto:kchaney@rkentertainmentgroup.com) or (323) 206-0244.

August 19, 2006

\* Blue and White Reunion in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Sigma-Zeta Council. Details to follow.

August 27, 2006

\* Los Angeles NPHC Picnic

September 23, 2006

\* Phi Beta Sigma Chapter Orchid Ball



Bros. Gabe Okoye, Trmaine Walker , Kappa Alpha Chapter, and Bro. Tamico Rahming , Delta Psi Sigma.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I recently received this in an email. I thought I should pass it along. ROM.

Paul Harvey Writes:

We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.

I'd really like for them to know about hand me down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.

I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car.

And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him/her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy\ girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it. And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Hannukah/ Christmas time when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you - tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.

Written with a pen. Sealed with a kiss. I'm here for you. And if I die before you do, I'll go to heaven and wait for you.

Paul Harvey RIDDLE:

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors.

*What is greater than God, More evil than the devil, The poor have it, The rich need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?*

### **21 THINGS AFRICAN AMERICANS NEED TO DO ACCORDING TO TAVIS SMILEY...**

- 1) Register to vote, or shut up!
- 2) Take all that money out of those stocking caps, in cans, mattresses, and floorboards and invest money in something. For

*starters, invest in the food you eat and clothes you wear.*

- 3) Learn another language. Ebonics does not count.
- 4) Stop using the "N" word in the year 2006, especially since Merriam-Webster has announced it isn't changing the definition.
- 5) Buy something each week from a black vendor.
- 6) Stop blaming white folks for 98% of your problems, while giving them 100% of your money.
- 7) Subscribe to Ebony, JET, Black Enterprise, Essence. Then subscribe to one of the three weeklies: Time, Newsweek, or US News and World Report. After we read about what's going on in our world, how about knowing what's going on in theirs? It is, after all, your world.
- 8) Stop walking past each other and not speaking.
- 9) Be on time for something, anything!
- 10) Get an annual check up; herbs do not cure everything!
- 11) 11) In all thy ways acknowledge Him (GOD) and He shall direct thy path." prioritize this as #1.
- 12) Stop being jealous of one another, learn to look past the material things and see the person for who they are.
- 13) Get involved in at least one charitable or voluntary community service.
- 14) Say a prayer for someone besides yourself.
- 15) Hug your child/spouse/parent today.
- 16) LOVE ONE ANOTHER!
- 17) Learn to Let Go and Let God.
- 18) Stop talking about it, and be about it.!
- 19) Let GOD order your steps instead of the world.
- 20) P.U.S.H.!! Pray Until Something Happens!
- 21) In all that you do, get understanding, (turn off the TV, and open a book). Don't just read this, DO IT and encourage others to take nothing for granted.... Tell people what they mean to you - TODAY!!!!!!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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### Knoxville College reduced Tuition

Historically Black Knoxville College, in east Tennessee, has reduced its tuition from \$5,000 to \$1,400 per student including room, board, and books! All you need is \$600 for the enrollment deposit and \$800 can be paid in four monthly installments of \$200 each. The program is funded by corporate sponsors and guarantees a college education where students graduate debt free. Enrollment requirements include a high school diploma and a 2.0/4.0 scale. If your student has below a 2.0, but you know they are college material, they may be considered provided they get three letters of recommendation. For educators who will support their potential, all interested students must immediately contact the admissions office at Knoxville College by dialing 1-800-743-5669 or by applying on line at:

<http://www.knoxvillecollege.edu/>.

### Harvard's Tuition Announcement

Harvard is offering free tuition for students that have a family income below \$40,000. If you are a mentor or have nieces and nephews who might be interested, please give them this information. If you know any one/family earning less than \$40K with a brilliant child near ready for college, please pass this along. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no ! student loans! To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$40,000 a year visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://adm-is.fas.harvard.edu/FAO/index.htm> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**"O" The Oprah Magazine** is looking to hire fall interns in the Fashion and Style Departments. Candidates must be highly organized, detail-oriented and be able to juggle multiple tasks at once. Prior internship experience preferred, but not required. This opportunity is available for college students in need of credit hours and recent graduates who are available to start immediately, full-time from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 5 days a week. Send resumes with a cover letter to: Cindy M. del Rosario, Associate Editor O, The Oprah Magazine, 1700 Broadway, 38th floor NY, or call 212-903-5149.

Here is a job opportunity for anyone who may be interested in getting some experience in the California real estate industry. You will be able to work with the sales team as well as gain exposure to the development team. This is an adaptive reuse project of the original 1925 Nabisco Warehouse that is expected to be open for live/work occupancy in December. It is an exciting project and is unlike any other loft development downtown. If you are interested I would encourage you to contact Liz Gottainer ASAP at 213-393-2209.

Downtown loft project seeking part time sales assistant & host/hostess. Outgoing personality, people person, interest in real estate, computer/phone skills a must.

Hours: Tues/  
Thurs  
11:00-6:00  
Sat/Sun  
12:00-5:00,  
\$12.00 an hour.

### Internship Opportunity in Education

U.S. Department of Education (ED) Internship Opportunity Office of Postsecondary

Education (OPE), Title II Quality Teacher Preparation and Teaching National Data Collection

Students with an interest in teacher preparation and highly qualified teacher issues mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act for 2006 can have an experience with these topics in the federal government through an unpaid internship. OPE is seeking an intern for an assignment on teacher quality topics that has responsibilities such as:

Tracking, inputting and reporting on data related to grant and evaluation activities.

Compiling and analyzing data extracted from grant and evaluation reports.

Researching and writing reports based on the grant data.

Skills needed are writing, descriptive statistics, knowledge of EXCEL, WORD.

For these tasks, interns will need prior training in research methods, preferably with a substantial quantitative component.

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