

# newsline

**WASHINGTON** -- Colorado Lt. Gov. George L. Brown, one of two black lieutenant governors nationwide, has announced he will not run for a second term, the Joint Center for Political Studies reports.

According to JCPS, a clearinghouse for information on black politics, Brown said he plans to "move on to other arenas where I seek to again be a cutting edge for peace and justice and equality."

Brown was elected in 1974. He had been a state senator since 1956. Before entering politics, Brown worked for the Denver Post as a reporter and night city editor.

The other black lieutenant governor, California's Mervyn Dymally, has won a Democratic primary race and is favored to win re-election. Also in California, Rep. Yvonne Braithwaite Burke won the Democratic nomination for attorney general and Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles won re-nomination in the Democratic primary.

If Dymally, Burke and Riles are all elected, it would make California the only state with three blacks elected to statewide office.

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**WASHINGTON** -- A newly-formed group called the Working Group for Community Development Reform is asking local groups to monitor how their cities are spending community development funds.

The Working Group is affiliated with the Center for Community Change and is funded by the Community Services Administration.

Organizations interested in cooperating with this monitoring program should write the Working Group for Community Development Reform, 100 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

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**RALEIGH** -- State Insurance Commissioner John Ingram has rejected a request by the North Carolina Rate Bureau for a \$12 million homeowner's insurance rate hike.

Ingram said the evidence presented by the Rate Bureau was not credible and the rate increase is not justified.

The insurance commissioner gave four reasons for the rejection:

- \*the insurance industry's homeowners loss experience presented in the filing has never been audited.

- \*investment income was included and therefore was not properly considered by the industry in estimating the amount of premium dollars needed to make a fair profit.

- \*the filing did not contain proper supporting schedules and data.

- \*several parts of the filing were not based on the experience of every company writing homeowners insurance in North Carolina.

Ingram said the rate hike would have resulted in an average increase of 9.1 per cent for homeowners insurance and a 30 per cent increase for renter's insurance.

He allowed the Rate Bureau 60 days to submit an amended filing.

Ingram also met in Greensboro with Carolina Action, a consumer group which has called for an end to high auto insurance rates.

The hearing was the first time the Insurance Commissioner's office held a deposition outside Raleigh on an insurance rate case.

An increase of \$23 million has been requested by the insurance industry.

Wallace D. Muhammad, spiritual leader of the nation's Black Muslim sect for two and a half years, has resigned.

Muhammad, 44, the son of the Muslims' founder, Elijah Muhammad, told his followers via a telephone hookup with about 200 mosques that from now on, the Muslims would be governed by a 17-member council of regional representatives, saying, "In Islam, there is no priesthood."

"When he made the announcement in Atlanta, a hush fell over the audience," Hassan Shariff, one of Muhammad's aides in Chicago said. Shariff said people were "shocked" at the news.

Muhammad is to continue as spokesman for the nation's estimated 100,000 Muslims, serving as an ambassador-at-large.

In recent months Muhammad has issued statements indicating he was trying to rid the movement of persons who advocate separation between blacks and whites. He also urged that the term "black" be avoided, saying blacks should call themselves "Bilalians," after an ancient Islamic warrior.

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	Imogene Brown Ellis	

## Commerce Dept To Hold Confab

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Small Business Administration, Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation plan to hold an export conference entitled "The World is your Marketplace" on October 17, 1978, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem. This conference is designed to introduce new government programs for small and minority firms interested in international marketing.

These sponsoring agencies will present new programs in export marketing, marketing research, small business and international financing.

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