

# Tribune and WB22 News join in marriage

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The Triangle Tribune and WB22 News At Ten invite their readers and viewers to celebrate a new partnership that promises to revolutionize the way the African American community is covered. The union is called, which officially starts today, News Link, whereby the two conglomerates will link up on the major issues and concerns affecting the African American community to give you the most in-depth, topical and informative news around.



Pitt

Statistics show that most people get their news from television, yet it's the print media where readers can get the most detailed information. WB22 and The Tribune will cross-promote on some of the major issues that affect the black community.

"This is probably one of the greatest partnerships in African American print media in this state," said co-owner Ernie Pitt, who is also publisher of The Chronicle in Winston-Salem. "It's a relationship that bodes well for TV, print and the African American community. It will enable us to provide a greater service in linkages from print to the electronic media to the black community."

The partnership works like this: A major issue is brewing that will greatly impact the African American community. The Tribune will

report the most extensive details, while WB22 will include the piece on its Thursday night Ten O'clock news with graphics and other visuals to give the feature its full effect.

If WB22 News does a five minute piece on a major event first, they then tell their viewers to read more about it in the upcoming issue of The Tribune. A win-win proposition for all parties involved.



Johnson

"Partnerships between newspapers and TV are nothing new," said WB22 news director Jonathan Knopf. "We have a real commitment in addressing the needs of the African American community, espe-

cially your [Tribune] readers and felt that it was a good opportunity and a good match."

The first collaboration will occur during Black History Month. The Tribune and WB22 will showcase a series called "Common Threads," in which they highlight African Americans who have made a significant contribution in the black community.

"[Partnership] will help both of us forge the community tie that will do nothing but benefit the Triangle community," said co-owner Gerald Johnson, who is also the publisher of The Charlotte Post. "The partnership between broadcast is something that gives the viewer and reader the best of both worlds: in-depth coverage as well as the visual aspects of the news. We're looking forward to working together and making things happen."

## Nobel

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and Harvard.

Much of Soyinka's work deals with his own trials and tribulations as an outspoken advocate for human rights in Nigeria. Soyinka was forced to flee the country in 1994 after he criticized the tyrannical reign of dictator Sani Abacha.

Olasope Oyelaran, the coordinator for international programs at WSSU and a longtime friend of Soyinka, says the school is excited about his visit.

The schools have promoted Soyinka's visit via fliers and word-of-mouth.

Oyelaran says he hopes that city residents will come out in droves to show support and interest for the Nobel Laureate.

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principals think they need; and guaranteeing every student and adult a mentor/tutor who will visit them once a week for an hour. As the mentors/tutors do their work, they'll be telling the children: first, as a human being you are important; second, your education is vitally important; and third, you are a part of a community and a heritage that embraces you and seeks to inspire you.

It is the mentor/tutor guarantee that is the most important

aspect of caucus' work. It eliminates mere talk about the "good old days," when the whole the black community reared our children, and actually recreate them. It helps us keep our eyes on the prize: Black students graduating from high school with the ability to read, write, speak standard English, do mathematics and be computer literate — to be able to produce and compete in the real world. It eliminates black-on-black bickering and focuses our attention on the actual adversaries of our agenda who are the majority of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools.

## Farmers

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will provide a better forum than Monday's court date for black farmers to air their grievances. Farmers will be able to talk individually with Friedman.

"The judge will undoubtedly make changes to the decent decree to make it fit or he could have the lawyers go

back and work on it," Taylor said.

Taylor, a former USDA employee, says a court victory against one of the largest governmental agencies wouldn't necessarily equal pay dirt for farmers since the department would most likely appeal the decision.

"It could take 15 years to get out of appeals," Taylor said. "Most of these farmers

would be dead by that time. These (farmers) are the weakest people financially in our nation and they need compensation now."

Grant, Taylor and many other farmers from across the United States plan on being at the hearing in person but at least one important player in the proceedings will not be in attendance.

Pigford has recently taken ill and is bed ridden. Pigford, who lost his farm and was one of the first to point out problems at the USDA will be missed.

Several of his friends point to the pressure of the suit as the reason for his condition.

"I'm sure it's this fight that has brought it on," Grant said. "What people don't understand is the stress that this case brought upon farmers."

## Senate

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witnesses help you."

The president's lawyers and Democratic allies reacted with a mixture of scorn and warnings, knowing that public opinion polls favor a swift end to the trial and that Clinton's acquittal on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice is virtually assured.



Clinton

"The time to end the trial is now, and the correct number of witnesses is zero," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts told reporters in an interview off the Senate floor.

From the lectern stationed in the well of the chamber, lead Clinton attorney David Kendall said the House had yet to prove its case. He likened the prosecutors to a blackjack player betting against long odds.

"Here, they're simply gambling... I think it has no place in the impeachment trial here" when the fate of the president is

at stake."

The day's events set the stage for a pair of showdown votes, first on a proposal by Democratic Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia to dismiss all charges and bring the trial to an end, then on the call for depositions.

Byrd's proposal is widely expected to fail, by a party-line vote or more. Democratic officials have expressed concern that they may suffer defections from two or three members of their caucus, including Sens. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, Bob Graham of Florida and possibly John Edwards of North Carolina, in office less than a month.

The second vote would take place on the call for subpoenas only, meaning that the Senate will not vote, for the time being at least, on whether to request that Clinton submit to a deposition. Majority leader Trent Lott has labored behind the scenes to make sure GOP defections don't doom the proposal for subpoenas.

If the proposal is approved, the Senate still would have to resolve numerous details about the subpoenas, as well as grapple with White House demands for an extensive time to review records not previously made

available to the president's lawyers.

With Republicans professing eagerness to wrap up the trial quickly, Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., circulated proposed ground rules at a closed-door GOP caucus. They would call for each witness to be deposed for a maximum of four hours, two hours for the House and two hours for the president's lawyers. Witnesses could be questioned only about areas of factual dispute. The sessions would be videotaped for senators to view.

Following the depositions, the Senate would decide whether to approve live testimony in the well of the Senate.

Lott's spokesman, John Czwartacki, said the Mississippi Republican hopes the depositions can be wrapped up by early next week.

At a news conference, Daschle said Democrats would insist that Clinton be treated

fairly.

In addition to being entitled to depose the witnesses, Daschle said the White House should have access to 54,000 pages in the record it has yet to see, as well as voluminous documents assembled by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. In addition, he said, the "White House itself may want to call witnesses."

Prosecutors want to question Jordan, an attorney and longtime Clinton friend, about his efforts to find Ms. Lewinsky a job at the same time she had been subpoenaed in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against Clinton.

Blumenthal, who is close to first lady Hillary Clinton, is one of the White House aides to whom the president falsely denied having had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. The article of impeachment alleging obstruction of justice says Clinton lied to his aides so they would pass on the false information to the grand jury.

In addition, House prosecutors also asked permission to introduce three pieces of evidence that weren't in the official House impeachment record used so far during the trial.

## Session

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have had to come back year after year to make a request anyway."

Last year, Republicans spearheaded a drive to rid welfare rolls of, sometimes, the most needy people. Among other things, Republicans made changes to Welfare-to-Work, an initiative to assist mothers who do not work. The changes included stiffer sanctions, which

could begin before the time limit expired.

In the longest short session in history, which wrapped up in November instead of July, House Republicans only requested the bare essentials in funding for HBCUs. While the Democratic majority Senate slated more than \$10 million, the Republican controlled House only originally designated \$2 million, which was duly

needed by North Carolina Central University for a mandatory campus safety upgrade. The two feuding houses eventually agreed on a budget, including meager funds for HBCUs, but not after debating almost through the election.

"With the new Democratic majority, you can expect more attention to be paid to the plight of the HBCUs," Michaux said. "Hopefully the majority can get

operating and capital funding for these schools."

According to Michaux, the problem which exists in the state's HBCUs is a catch 22.

"I am particularly interested in seeing more operating funds and a new formula put into place to fund these schools. As it stands now, if one HBCU drops enrollment to increase standards, they stand to lose much needed funding."

# Harvard chaplain to give next James A. Gray lecture at WSSU

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The Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Highbaugh will give the next lecture in the James A. Gray Religion and Ethics series on Feb. 4 at 9:45 a.m. in Dillard Auditorium at the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center.

Her topic is titled "The Stories of Our Lives: Teaching Values Through History, Story and Myth."

Highbaugh, a native of Chicago, is chaplain at the Harvard Divinity School with responsibilities for the program of ministry and ministerial studies in the Master of Divinity Program. She has also served as the Associate University Chaplain at Yale Universi-



Highbaugh

ty and has been a lecturer at Yale Divinity School.

Much of her work in ministry involves advocating for children and youth. She is an author and serves on several national and regional boards and councils related to Christian ministry. She is a published author and serves on numerous national and regional boards and councils related to Christian ministry.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in English from Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio and her master of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees from the Claremont School of Theology at Claremont, Calif.

Dr. Cedric S. Rodney is James A. Gray Professor of Religion and Ethics at WSSU and is the program coordinator. For more information about the lecture series contact Dr. Rodney at (336) 750-2479 or (336) 924-6992.

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