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Marchers Call for An End to Racial Violence



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At least 600 people participated in the Black United front 11th annual march against racial violence. The group called for unity of all races and making a determined effort to make our city a better place to live. Taking note of the violent deaths of two young men, Stanely Reed and Mulugeta Serau, both were victims of racial violence.

Tony Brown: Modern Black Hero



BY ULLYSSES TUCKER, JR.

Why Tony Brown keeps insisting that he is not a role model for young Black journalist/communicators is to emulate confuses some people because for the last twenty-years, he has set a high standard in the industry. It would be virtually impossible to mention media giants such as Max Robinson, Ed Bradley, Lem Tucker, Charlene Hunter-Gault, Stephanie Stokes-Oliver, Bob Maynard, Brian Gumble, John H. Johnson, and many others without mentioning Brown's name. Still, he ignores the praise and respect others have for him. "I don't feel that I'm a role model. I'm a journalist. I think that journalists should be journalists."

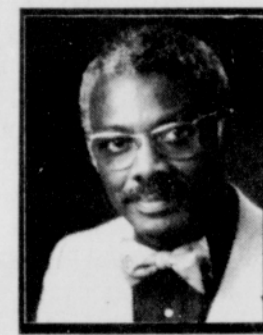
Brown, the host/producer of Tony Brown's Journal, is the founder of the Howard University School of Communications in Washington, D.C. His television program is the longest running television program on Black affairs in America. It airs at 2:30 p.m. each Saturday afternoon on Oregon Public Broadcasting (Channel 10). Tony Brown's Journal is also seen on 240 other stations across the country. He is also a syndicated columnist. According to Brown, Black journalist/communicators have a strong social responsibility when it comes to enlightening the masses of Black people in America.

"I think that journalism is a very unique obligation and opportunity", he said. "I think that for blacks in particular, we have an opportunity to the truth and I think many of us focus or should focus on telling the truth, not on being public relations adversaries for Blacks or for being apologist for a system that is wrong. I think that the truth is what we need. That's what journalism has suffered from over the years. It has not had a balanced approach because for the most part, the people in it have been emphasizing and re-emphasizing the same values. We have a unique opportunity, but I will stop there before I say that we have made a radical change."

Known for his creative storytelling a blunt talk, Brown is considered as a true fighter for the Black cause and very intelligent. Brown believes that objectivity does not exist in journalism and he is not hiding behind his perspectives.

"I think that everybody is subjectively objective," he said. "No, there is no such thing as objectivity. I don't think being objective is a desired goal. I think that being honest and truthful is the desired goal. I think we all have to lay our subjective bias on the table when we deal with other people so that we can present to the reader, viewers, or listeners the truth. I think journalism simply put is a search for the truth."

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Richard Brown, Marcher Organizer Quotes:

"We need to be mindful of the young people who were killed in our Community"

Stephanie Stokes-Oliver: A Down Sister



Photo by Veronica Green

Stephanie Stokes-Oliver
BY ULLYSSES TUCKER, JR.

Essence Magazine Editor Stephanie Stokes-Oliver has no emotional or psychological hangups about being accepted by white America. She is very pleased to be a black mother, woman, a role model, and communicator of information.

Stokes-Oliver was in town this past weekend to attend the Association of Black Journalists Regional meeting hosted by the Portland chapter. A native of Seattle and a graduate of the Howard University School of Communications, Stokes-Oliver believes that many Black professionals need to get over the "illusion of inclusion" within white corporate America and learn to feel better about themselves. She also thinks that it's alright to have a BMW and own a nice home in the suburbs, but be Black in the process.

"If you're a member of the NABJ (National Association of Black Journalist), then you must be proud to be black. It's not always easy telling employers that you want to attend a Black journalist conference. It takes a

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April Has Been

The American Red Cross is committed to disaster preparedness and providing the public with information on how they can avoid, prepare for, and recover from a disaster.

Although the general population considers the risk of an earthquake in this community as small, recent research by the United States Geological

Declared Earthquake

Survey (USGS) indicates that the potential for an earthquake in western Oregon and Washington is actually quite significant.

The devastation of an earthquake in this community would be great because we are not prepared. During the month of April, the Red Cross will be engaged in many preparedness activi-

Preparedness Month

ties to bring attention to the fact that every family needs to consider how they will survive an earthquake.

We hope that you will assist us in spreading the word during April that we must prepare now.

If you would like any additional information please call me at 284-0011 ext. 293.

Familial Discrimination: Help Is Available

BY PAMELA SLAUGHTER

Most people realize that it is illegal for a landlord to deny housing because of a person's race, sex, religion, or national origin. However, many people are not aware that as of 1988, the federal Fair housing Amendments now make discrimination against families with children and handicapped people illegal, too. This means that is no longer all right for a landlord to refuse to rent to a family or person because of their children, except in certain cases where the housing is strictly for the elderly. Landlords may not place an unreasonable limits on the number of people who may live in the dwelling. In spite of the 1988 Fair housing Amendments, some landlords still have an occupancy standard that allows for two people per bedroom, no matter what the total size of the dwelling is.

Many Fair Housing experts argue that the only occupancy limit is professional or legal over-crowding standards, so a two person per bedroom policy is illegal. A landlord cannot base the

amount of the security deposit on the number of children a person has, nor can he charge a larger security deposit to people with children.

For some people, discrimination takes place after they have moved in. The following complaints are real life examples of illegal discrimination that

Legal Aid helped to correct. One apartment complex allowed children to swim or play in the pool only during certain hours. The rest of the time was reserved for adults. That practice is discriminatory against children, and is illegal. Another apartment complex had a policy that required a parent to be present any time their child was outside of the apartment, including if the

child was playing outside, or playing on the playground. This requirement, again, is discriminatory against children and is unreasonable. In another case, the resident manager of the apartment complex had no problem if adult tenants left their bicycles and sports equipment on their balconies, but would not allow children to put bicycles and



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