Drugs, the CIA and the Black Community

By Cheryl Brown
Black Voice News

A delegation from KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa took a whirlwind tour of the Island Empire which included a visit with Congresswoman George Brown, the Urban League and their Project ST.A.R, program and Mayor Ross Lovern.

South Africa has been named by the U.S. Department of Commerce as one of ten best potential export markets in the world.

In South Africa, a major review of the manner in which public services have been rendered is currently being undertaken. The program is long-term and integrated. It is vital that progress is coordinated with the government's expansion of the island's economy and explained proposed plans for grass roots trade development. The delegation spoke in Washington, D.C.

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Administration will take strategic restructuring of small and medium-size and micro-enterprise development (SMME) a program to help previously disadvantaged businesses of South Africa, between KwaZulu and Natal.

The meeting with Congressman George Brown focused on public policy and governance issues. He suggested the delegation not overlook the resources they have in the African-American community. "They will give you immeasurable direction on trade development and government strategies," he said.

It was decided that cooperation among African-American professionals like Access International and told them they had many advocates for grass roots trade development. The delegation spoke in Washington, D.C.

The meeting with the local Urban League engaged discussion with Vice President Cheryl Brown and Interim Director Yolanda Nava. The discussion centered around the role the Urban League plays in making a difference in the community, and new initiatives that would provide a tour of the Computer Lab and visit with the students who asked questions of them.

Mayor Ross Lovern met with the delegation and discussed good city government. He gave them ideas of economic strategy implemented by his administration and in use by other U.S. cities. He additionally spoke of his plans to make Riverside an international city.

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Responsibility
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“We inherit a great responsibility... for we must give voice to centuries, not only of silent bitterness and hate, but also of neighborly kindness and sustaining love.”
Alice Walker, “In Search of Our Mother’s Gardens,” 1983

War on Drugs has Impact on U.S. Hispanics
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The prostate, a 20 gram gland, is the largest accessory sex gland in males. It contains the posterior urethra (a tube that connects the bladder to the exterior world via the tip of the penis). The gland is formed of a fibrous portion which surrounds the urethra and is sensitive to estrogen and androgens. The true male prostate, which is sensitive to androgens, never really developed a female portion which survives to the pubis symphysis (the bone to the rectum and posterior to the pubis). The gland is located just below the bladder. The posterior area of the prostate, which is palpated by a finger which is what occurs during a rectal exam of the male. The ejaculatory duct, which transports semen from the testes, passes through the posterior part of the prostate. Dopping the sperm into the posterior portion of the urethra that runs through the prostate gland. During the third trimester of fetal life the gland enlarges as the result of hormones from the mother. This persists for a few days after birth and the prostate atrophies or grows smaller and does not full develop until puberty. The normal development and maintenance of the prostate depends on testicular androgens (male hormones). The gland contains a thin, milky fluid, which contains many substances including fats, calcium and other minerals.
Why do we hold our brothers and sisters to a higher standard than that which we hold others? Have we ever thought about that? Like a brother or a sister say, “I’m not doing business with any more Black, they don’t do what they promised”... they charged me too much... they messed up my order.” And the beat goes on.

It is unfortunate that some of us start immediately to measure, compare, analyze and chronicle the mistakes, instead of admiring it, admitting it, the unfairness of Black businesses persons and never do the same thing for businesses owned by others.

Certainly most of us have been “tipped-off” at least once in our lives, and many of us are at least once a week. However, we tend to punish our own people for their transgressions and serve as apologists for others. That does not make much sense, especially when we try to gain parity with ourselves, let’s be fair to other.

I am not saying we should overlook bad services or an inferior product -- from anyone. But, I am suggesting that we apply the same yardstick and the same principles to a business that betrays our trust.

For instance, while we are railing against Black-owned businesses, we should also be aware of the fact that Black professional cents of one we make to businesses other than ours, we get a fair return? Do those businesses hire our sons and daughters? Do those businesses participate in and support Black communities? Do those businesses serve as a matter of policy, see that a portion of their business goes to Black-owned businesses?

Now some might say this is an unfair comparison, since one of the greatest economic strength, as one of the largest consumer groups in the world, is our buying power -- at least for now. We must take into account our $400 billion contribution, and that is exactly what it is per year to this country's economy. What do we get for it? If we can criticize and initiate a virtual boycott of our own businesses because of a few dollars, in most cases, what’s so outlandish and unfair about the same thing?

An excellent example of what I am talking about is something a friend told me. He said a Black friend of his refused to buy his groceries at a black-owned station because he could get a five cent cheaper price at black-owned station, in another neighborhood.

Keep in mind the black-owned station had black employees, the station owner asked the "brother" the capacity of his gas tank. "Twenty gallons," was his reply. My friend then asked if supporting another brother's business was worth $1 per fillup to "Hemem," the brother said, "I never thought it that way.

Too often we see the big picture when it comes to economic enterprises. In this case it was not about the cost of fuel per gallon, it was about the collective cost of 20 gallons; one dollar. It's often the easy way out for us to find reasons and excuses not to participate in a collective economic struggle. We should spend more time finding reasons for doing so.

The next time you walk away from a Black-owned business after receiving poor service or an inferior product or even a higher price -- don't think. Don't give up on all of our businesses because of a bad experience with one. Think not about your alternative. If you do your homework, you will see that you’re getting an inferior product or service-from "the other guys" as well. At a cost of more than $300 billion -- 95 percent of what we earn -- we get very little in return.

Besides, if we kept just another 25 cents of every dollar we spent within our own businesses, we would have that extra nickel to buy the brother's gasoline -- a whole lot -- and a lot more.

As we seek fairness for ourselves, let's be fair to one another.

Blacks Involved in Clinton's Administration

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale has been named by President William Jefferson Clinton as the first African American to be named President of the advisory council of the Clinton/Gore Re-Election Committee, the campaign committee of the President and Vice President's presidential campaign, press secretary Angela Alsobrooks announced at the White House.

"This is an incredible opportunity for someone of our community to contribute a great deal to the Clinton/Gore campaign," said the former Vice President. "I am thrilled to have been asked to serve in this capacity and I look forward to working with the President as he works to reach the entire American community in the upcoming election."
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Black Ministers Support Freedom of Choice

By Carla Sanders

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By LELAND STEIN III
BVN Sports Editor

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 30 - Can any game this early in the season be considered a must win? For the San Diego Chargers 22-19 victory over previously undefeated Kansas City Chiefs, it was indeed a very important victory.

"It was a hell of a win and a hell of a character check for our team," noted Charger defensive back Darrien Gordon, who made one of those key plays in a 1-5 yard punt return that put the Chiefs up 16-0 in the third quarter. "Anytime you have a team like that, in which the swings and the momentum of the game changed so rapidly and so quickly," Ross said.

Mims, whose birthday was yesterday, celebrated his 26th birthday on Sunday. He followed the advice of All-Pro middle linebacker Junior Seau and stepped into the interior of the game and guard, found one-a-lapel and the goal field attempt Kansas City's Pete Stoyanovich with only 22 seconds remaining in the game finished big.

"It was a good birthday gift for me," Mims said. " Didn't do anything special, but the ball was kicked kind of high. I just jumped up and the ball hit me on my wrist and arm. But sure, it was one of the biggest plays or blocks of my career."

Said Seau, who in on 13 tackles and added two interceptions for good measure: "I anticipated they were coming at me, so I pointed to Mims to move over in the open gap. It was just a hunch that paid off this time for us.

Mims' big block left the Chargers locked at the top of the AFC West with Kansas City and the Denver Broncos - each has a 4-1 record.

The lost also halted the Chiefs' mastery of the Chargers with a 4-0 record.

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"We are two big physical teams that come to play and I don't think anyone expected us to win, but we are coming together as a team. I think when people count us out it just draws us closer."

Surely the 59,394 at San Diego's Jack Murphey Stadium were in playoff form vocally as the game extended into a second overtime, the closest point the Rams have been to victory since 1990.

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"I was praying that the guys would get that last stop at the goal line. As you can see, we had a couple key plays and they were key factors in us winning this game." Ross said. "It was a rough rock-em, sock-em, hard-nosed, tough football game and whoever got the last break was the team that was going to win."

The contest between these two West rivals proved to be a thrilling football encounter, that answered some questions about how real both teams are. They are indeed quality football teams that will be battling all your long for that championship feeling. How good can this team really get? After all, a number of exceptional veterans that were key players in the Chargers' Super Bowl year (1995) are long gone. Is this year's version of the revamped and better chemistry Chargers a better team?

"We have a good team," Moten said. "The way the team responded in this game is great, everybody gets along, there's good competition on this team, but there's no animosity. That's one of the big differences between this year's Chargers and last year's Chargers."

Photo by Hassan Ali Bahar II - BVN

ON THE RUN: Marcus Allen tries to slip by a Charger defender.

Defining CIF Champs: Riverside North Huskies (standing l-r) Danny Garcia, Nick Hinopaso, Matt White, Sam Brandon, Abraham Trevino, Cory Kopp and Israel Torres. (kneeling l-r) Coach Brian Treviso, Cory Kopp and Israel Torres. (kneeling l-r) Coach Brian Treviso, Cory Kopp and Israel Torres.

BVN High School

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Tony Toni Tone to Release New LP in November

Mercury recording artists TONY TONI TONE are currently in the studio wrapping up their new album, titled House Of Music. This new studio album is the follow-up to 1993's critically acclaimed Sons Of Soul album, which sold over two million copies in the U.S., USA Today and Newsday. Additionally, Rolling Stone critics named TONY TONI TONE the best R&B Band of the Year. The band was also nominated for a Grammy for "Anniversary."

The album was recorded in Los Angeles and Oakland, House Of Music is set for a November release.

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Johnnie Cochran will appear at the StageTen Theater of Fine Arts located at 760 E. 8th Street in San Bernardino on Wednesday, October 16 at 4 p.m. Tickets to the event will include Cochran's Journey to Justice (One World/Ballantine Books) in which he discusses his beginnings in Shreveport, Louisiana to his successful and reputable career as a defense attorney.

"Johnnie Cochran represents success in the most high profile of our times," said Robert, co-owner of the presenting bookstore, "It's a great way for someone to start their career field or possible help someone make a career of the law. It's a given. Most of us know that with education, you can do just about anything. The San Bernardino Public Employees Association is an independent public employees labor organization representing over 12,000 public employees in the county and numerous other public agencies in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties.

Weekend College at RCC Norco

Looking for a better way to spend your weekends?

If you are, Riverside Community College has the answer.

Starting in January, the college will offer—at its Norco Campus—weekend classes.

Weekend College students can earn a degree or certificate in several different fields, including Computer Science, Accounting, Business Administration, and Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Anyone who is not currently enrolled in College courses can apply to Weekend College.

"It's aimed at the working adult," Dr. Brenda Davis, Provost of the Norco Campus, said. "It's a great way for someone who has to work 40 hours a week, to advance their knowledge in their career field or possible help someone make a career change, without having to quit his or her job."

The college is currently distributing applications for Weekend College. Applications may be picked up from any of the three campuses' admissions offices from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Beginning October 1, the college will begin accepting completed applications for Weekend College.

Potential Weekend College students who have never attended Riverside Community College will be required to take an assessment test on one of the following dates—October 19, November 2 or November 17. Dr. Davis suggests potential Weekend College students call (909) 372-7003 to schedule an assessment appointment as soon as possible.

"From the response we have had to the initial surveys, I think Weekend College will be a success for not only individuals but the business community in the Inland Empire," Davis said. "We are hoping the business community will encourage employees to take advantage of the program."

Nissan Taking People Places

Nissan Motor Corporation has created two positions for Jerry Florence (l) and Diane Foster-Pinkley (r). Florence has been named President, Brand and Consumer Marketing for Nissan Motor Corporation U.S.A. and will also take on the role of Nissan's Director of Diversity Marketing Management. Florence joined Nissan in 1993 and served as Vice President, Marketing until his career position. He is responsible for all marketing activities for Nissan and Infiniti Division in domestic and international markets. His specific functions include marketing strategy for all cars and trucks, advertising, as well as a host of other duties. Foster-Pinkley joined Nissan North America, Inc. in 1991 as Manager of Public Affairs, responsible for the creative and implementation of national wide outreach programs, as well as the administration of the Nissan Employees Association. In her new position, Foster-Pinkley's duties will include managing, marketing and advertising plans and strategies and developing incentive programs in support of core strategies targeting minority consumer audiences.

Phoenix Information Center said, "Even beyond his role in the criminal trial system, he has demonstrated courage to fight against misconduct in the criminal justice system and he has boldly fought for the rights of those in what some might believe were questionable cases."

In Journey, readers will learn of Cochran's role in such cases as Ron Settles, a Black college football star whose death at the hands of the police was made to look like a suicide, and a record 9.4 million dollar jury verdict he won for a 13-year-old Latina girl molested by a uniformed LAPD officer. "When readers learn of his previous experiences," Roberts adds, "they then will learn of the passion this man has to fight for the rights of others. He has an incredible past and we are pleased to help share his story with the community."

Cochran's appearance follows visits by Prosecutor Chris Darden and three former Jurors who provided personal insight and experiences from the Simpson trial.

A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit Ecclesia Christian Fellowship's Youth Program and Building Fund. Co-sponsors of the event include: the Inland Empire African American Attorney Association, James Wesley Voiles Medical Association, San Bernardino Bulletin and Main Street, Inc.

For ticket information about the Cochran event, contact Phoenix Information Center by calling (909)-383-2232.

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We're both retired, and we've had to cut way back on our expenses. We even thought we would have to give up our telephone, just to make ends meet. But, with GTE's Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS), we can still be there for our loved ones and stay in touch with our friends. And in case of emergency, help is just a phone call away. There's no deposit. Just an installation fee of $10 and $5.62 per month covers our basic telephone service. We're so glad we found out that GTE offers ULTS. Now we can stay in touch for half as much!

ULTS was designed for folks with low income. If your household income is $16,500 a year, or less, you may qualify. It's easy to enroll, just call 1-800-846-8611 and ask about it. It's so good to know that GTE and ULTS folks like us have the power to be connected!

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EVERY YEAR, FIRES CAUSE NEARLY 4,000 CIVILIAN DEATHS, NEARLY 21,000 CIVILIAN INJURIES AND MORE THAN $4.4 BILLION IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

Smoke detectors are capable of reducing your risk of dying in a fire by half. It is common knowledge that fires occur much more frequently in the homes of persons of color. It is therefore very important that we heed the advice that we first of all make sure we have smoke detectors and that we maintain them.

Virtually every major city's fire department now has a free or reduced-cost smoke detector giveaway program. Many major city fire departments also participate in the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" program, in which they distribute free 9-volt batteries to help keep every smoke detector in the homes of disadvantaged persons. Make use of this information and call your local fire department.

A number of fire departments also provide free fire safety inspections for businesses and homes. If you are not sure whether you are doing things properly, then please call your local fire department for this help as well.

This fire safety and fire prevention issue also comes at a sad time when arson fires have gutted at least 35 African American churches throughout the country. Churches are a common target for arson, and because of this, we have included a number of articles on preventing arson, on recognizing the signs of juvenile firesetting, and also urge you to call your local fire department if you have any information on a particular arson fire or on a young person who displays the troubling signs of firesetting.

The fire department is here to help prevent deaths, injuries and damage to property.

We are grateful to all the fire departments, the National Fire Protection Association, which is celebrating its centennial this year, the National Fire Marshals Association and all the organizations who make it their goal to prevent these needless fire deaths and injuries, as well as to all the individuals who have made fire safety a personal goal.

We are very grateful to Philip Morris USA for sponsoring these fire prevention and fire safety issues, as they have for nearly a decade. It is through their help that we have been able to supply you with this helpful information. Read through it, save parts of it or share it with a friend or relative. The more everyone knows about preventing fires, the better off we all will be.
MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS WORK

By Chief Michael Vonada
City of Riverside Fire

Association's (NFPA) Fire Prevention Week theme emphasized smoke detector maintenance. Because of the importance of this issue, NFPA has chosen to highlight this topic again in 1996 by adopting the theme, "Let's Hear it for Fire Safety: Test Your Detectors!" In honor of NFPA's centennial anniversary there reveal there are still key things Americans don't know—and should—about protecting themselves from fire. After 100 years of promoting fire safety, we are making progress, but there's still much work to be done.

This year's Fire Prevention theme, "Let's Hear it for Fire Safety: Test Your Detectors!" reinforces one of the most basic but effective steps toward increased fire safety. Making sure your smoke detectors work properly. Smoke detectors aren't new. The technology has been around since the 1960s. The single-station, battery-powered smoke detector, similar to the one we know today, became available to consumers in the 1970s. NFPA estimates that 93 percent of U.S. homes have at least one smoke detector. They save so many lives that most states have laws requiring them in residential dwellings. So, why is so much attention being paid to smoke detectors? According to information provided in NFPA's Fire Prevention Week kit, although 13% of every 14 homes have at least one smoke detector, almost half of home fires and three-fifths of deaths occur in the share of homes with no detector. Thousands of people still die each year in home fires where smoke detectors aren't present.

In addition, there are now more homes with smoke detectors that don't work than homes without detectors at all. The poorly maintained units create a false sense of security among occupants. Approximately one-third of homes with smoke detectors that experience fires have smoke detectors that don't work.

In 1995, the Los Angeles Fire Department Disaster Preparedness Division and the Earthquake Survival Program of the City of Riverside Fire Department made a commitment to maintain our smoke detectors. Most people who die in home fires are not in the room where the fire starts; working smoke detectors alert people to fire and give them time to escape in a situation where minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Having a smoke detector in your home can save your life. Always practice survival skills. Indoors, Duck, Cover and Hold. By Patti David

OUTDOOR FIRES CAN BE PREVENTED

Every year we see amazing footage on television about some brush fire raging out of control, destroying hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable forests. Although many of us may not be too concerned about damage to our own homes, we can and must do something about it. The following measures will discourage outdoor fires:

- Remove combustible vegetation near wood fences and within 10 feet of roadways.
- Remove dry grass, brush, downed tree limbs and other combustible vegetation from property.
- Use caution with outdoor cooking fires such as barbecues. Make sure there is a water source nearby.
- Install and maintain smoke detectors in your home, "Let's Hear it for Fire Safety: Test Your Detectors!" during Fire Prevention Week and every month.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to install and maintaining smoke detectors in your home, "Let's Hear it for Fire Safety: Test Your Detectors!" during Fire Prevention Week and every month.

BE PREPARED FOR THE BIG ONE

Earthquake survival and disaster preparedness is essential throughout the West Coast with the probability of a magnitude-7 or greater earthquake. Practice these tips on earthquake survival recommended by the Los Angeles Fire Department Disaster Preparedness Division and the Earthquake Survival Program of the California Office of Emergency Services. Always practice survival skills. Even moderate earthquakes can cause a significant number of deaths and injuries.

If an earthquake strikes while you are indoors, Duck, Cover and Hold.

Duck: Duck, or drop down to the floor. Avoid windows, bookcases, file cabinets, heavy mirrors, hanging plants and other heavy objects that could fall. Watch out for falling plaster, ceiling tiles or light fixtures. Heavy velcro is available for anchoring down computers, television sets and other breakable items.

Cover: Take cover under a sturdy desk, table or other piece of furniture until the shaking stops. If this is not possible, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck by covering them with your arms. Avoid windows, hanging objects, mirrors and tall furniture.

Hold: Hold onto the leg of a sturdy desk, table or other piece of furniture if you take cover under it. Be ready to move with it. Hold this position until the shaking stops.

If you are in a crowded store, remain calm. Do not dash towards the exit. Move away from display shelves containing objects that could fall. Duck and cover.

If you are in a wheelchair, stay in it. Move toward cover, lock your wheels and if you are in the kitchen, move away from the refrigerator, stove and overhead cupboards. Before any earthquake occurs, anchor appliances and install safety latches on cupboard doors to reduce hazards.

If you are in a stadium or theater, stay in your seat and protect your head and neck with your arms. Do not try to leave until the shaking is over. Then leave in a calm, orderly manner.

If you are in a mall, get out of the main area and into a store along the side of the road. Take cover against the back wall and protect your head and neck with your arms.

After an earthquake, be prepared for aftershocks, and plan where you will take cover when they occur.
If Your Clothes Catch On Fire...
(Trace the letters below)

Stop
Drop
Roll

Who is watching this campfire?

Help Smokey Bear find the grown-up who needs to watch this campfire.

If people are not careful, campfires can start forest fires. That's why a grown-up should always watch a campfire. Forest fires hurt more than just trees. Animals, people, and people's homes can be hurt by forest fires.

TOOLS OR TOYS?
Put a O over the safe tools for children.
Put a X on tools that are not safe for children.
Put a △ over the toys.

COMMUNITY HELPERS
Draw a line to match the person with their job.

Firefighters rush to put out fires.
Doctors help us stay well.
Medics help us if we are hurt.
Police officers keep streets safe.

We thank the Seattle Fire Department's Fire Education Division for providing these helpful games and puzzles.
CLEARING THE AIR ABOUT SMOKE DETECTORS

By Patti David

On May 17, 1996, the ABC News program "20/20" aired a piece on residential smoke detectors whose detectors were downplayed the effectiveness of these life-saving devices. In response to this, the International Association of Fire Chiefs sent out bulletins asking fire chiefs to keep the facts surrounding smoke detectors.

The following information was provided about smoke detectors to clear the air about any doubts the news program may have brought into the public mind.

How effective are smoke detectors? Residential fire deaths have decreased steadily as the number of homes with smoke detectors increased. Reports from the National Fire Protection Association on residential fire deaths show that people have nearly a 50 percent better chance of surviving a fire if their home has the recommended number of smoke detectors.

Should I replace my smoke detector? Most detectors 10 years old are near the end of their service life and should be replaced. A smoke detector's batteries must be replaced every year. After this time, the components may become less reliable. This means that as the detector gets older, the probability that it will detect a fire increases. Replacing them after 10 years reduces this possibility.

My detector is wired into my electrical system. Do I need to replace them as often as battery operated detectors? Yes. Both types of detectors are equally affected by age.

How many detectors should I have? The average sized home or apartment will need at least one detector in the bedroom area and one in each bedroom.

Is there more than one type of smoke detector, and what is the difference? There are two types of smoke detectors for homes. One type is called an ionization detector because it monitors ions, or electrically charged particles. Smoke particles entering the sensing chamber change the electrical balance of the air. The detector's alarm sounds when the amount of current that reaches the light sensor. The detector sounds when the smoke density reaches a preset level.

What is the most important type of detector? The ionization detector responds faster to small smoke particles, while the photoelectric responds faster to large smoke particles. As a rule, a ceiling ionization detector in small smoke particle types will and smoldering fires produce more large particles. The type of detector will vary, depending on the mix of smoke particles. Smoke particles of different types will vary depending on the mix of smoke particles. Smoke particles of different types will vary depending on the mix of small smoke particles and large smoke particles.

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Should I use real smoke to test my detectors? This is not recommended because the burned objects used to create smoke might cause a fire. Some stores sell pressurized cans of simulated smoke for this purpose. When using this product, follow the operating instructions and do not get the can too close to the detector. This prevents the smoke from coating the detector's sensing chamber, which can make the detector inoperable.

How important is it to clean my detectors? Cleaning is easy. Just vacuum the detector at least once a year. This will keep the openings clean and reduce nuisance alarms.

What about changing batteries? Smoke detector batteries should last at least one year under normal conditions. The biggest reason that smoke detectors don't work is because people remove the batteries and forget to replace them. When a battery runs out near the end of its service life, the detector will give a short beep every minute or so. It is easy to replace the battery and then forget to replace it. The best way to prevent this is to replace the batteries at the same time each year before the low battery signal begins.

NEW LAWS COULD REDUCE DEATHS IN UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE-STARTED FIRES

By Frank McGarry

In 1993, although only 3 percent of the fires in American homes were started by the ignition of upholstered furniture, these fires caused 9 percent of the injuries and more than 17 percent of the deaths in residential occupancies. Tragically, those most at risk from these fires are the poor and minority segments of our nation's population.

This is why the National Association of State Fire Marshals, an organization whose members are the most senior fire officials from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, has been hard at work in its efforts to encourage the federal government to require fire resistant standards for all upholstered furniture sold in the United States.

In 1993, the National Association of State Fire Marshals petitioned the Consumer Product Safety Commission to impose flame resistant standards on all upholstered furniture sold in our country.

In 1994 the Commission accepted NASFM's request to set ignition-resistant standards for small open flame-caused fires and began the lengthy process of establishing this regulation.

However, when NASFM asked for regulations requiring that upholstered furniture be resistant to smoldering (or cigarette-type) ignition as well, the Commission's response was that it wanted to study the voluntary industry standard for this type of ignition before it would consider mandatory standards.

In 1975, the furniture industry, through its own Upholstered Furniture Action Council, established a voluntary program to produce smoldering ignition-resistant upholstered furniture in order to avoid mandatory standards.

The industry's voluntary standard has been attacked by many fire officials since, because there is no evidence that this standard works, and there are serious questions about the industry's full compliance with the standard.

The NASFM project studied industry compliance in stores that market low-cost, discount furniture, both nationally and in nine states.

The Administration showed that in most cases, more than 50 percent of the furniture on display did not comply with the industry's own voluntary standards. In addition, many of the sales persons, whom the industry relies on to assist customers in choosing fire resistant furniture, did not even understand the program. In some 35 percent of the cases, they gave consumers dangerous misinformation which could lead to injury or death, if this furniture ignited.

This tragic situation cannot continue. The 800-900 preventable deaths which occur annually due to fires in upholstered furniture demand more than lip service by an industry that profits from the sale of more than 24 million pieces of upholstered furniture each year.

Currently, only California requires that all residential furniture sold within its borders meet certain ignition-resistant standards. NASFM believes that if the entire country enforced the same standards as California, fire deaths due to the ignition of upholstered furniture would decrease dramatically—from up to 100 deaths per year to about 100 per year for the entire country.

California has enforced its standards for more than 15 years and has demonstrated that California's is the fastest growing population in the nation, its upholstered furniture is fire safe and deaths and injuries continue to decline.

When California began to enforce its standards years ago, the furniture industry claimed that manufacturers would go out of business; that the fire-resistant upholstered furniture would cost 70 to 80 percent more; and that customers would not buy the furniture because it is less comfortable.

Today, there are more than twice the number of furniture manufacturers selling in California than before the standards were imposed. The predicted cost increases, in the rare cases when they occurred, amounted to less than 5 percent. What's more, California's upholstered furniture is considered among the most comfortable furniture available in today's market.

If the United States follows the lead of California and requires that all upholstered furniture sold in this country be resistant to open flame as well as to smoldering ignitions, this would reduce the fire deaths caused by upholstered furniture to about 10 percent of the 800-900 deaths that occur due to these fires each year, saving more than 700 lives each year.

Frank McGarry, currently a Fire Protection consultant, is the former Fire Prevention Administrator for the City of New York. He was the founding Vice President and, from 1992-1996, served as President of the NASFM.
STOP KITCHEN FIRES BEFORE THEY START!

By Frank McGarry

How many times have you just started dinner when the phone rings and what's happening, you smell the bitter odor of burning in the bottom of the pot. Have you ever just begun heating the oil so the family can enjoy grandma's delicious fried chicken recipe when you hear a loud crash and the baby starts to cry?

Distractions happen all the time, but they can be deadly when we are cooking. In 1993, cooking fires accounted for more than 25 percent of all fires in U.S. homes, responsible for 370 deaths and about 6,000 injuries. Tragically, African Americans are more prone to cooking fires than other ethnic groups, according to a recent study. Although the reasons for this are still unclear, the figures showed that African Americans were involved in more than 60 percent of all the cooking fires studied.

The study considered more than 2,000 cooking fires in 10 cities, ranging from Boston, Mass. in the East to Portland, Ore. in the West. It found that unattended cooking was responsible for 75 percent of the cases reported during the six-month data collection period. The study, conducted jointly by the National Association of State Fire Marshals and the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, found that in these cases, people began cooking, were distracted from the task, and a fire started.

We face distractions continually, but they are critical when we are involved in risky activities. For instance, distractions when people drive at high speeds on freeways often prove injurious or fatal. It is tragic, however, that few people see how critical our main task is when cooking—a task which is done at least once a day. It's easy to wonder that cooking fires are one of the three main causes of fires in homes. Fortunately, these fires are preventable. The study showed that most cooking fires occur on range tops. Ovens, both microwave or regular, toaster ovens and other cooking appliances account for only a small percentage of the cooking fires analyzed. The study showed that men were responsible for 41 percent of the cooking fires, suggesting that they may be more prone to distractions when cooking. This statistic is especially pertinent when one considers that women prepare substantially more meals than men do—76 percent of them, according to a recent Roper study.

Contrary to popular belief, most of the fires—more than 50 percent—were caused by people between the ages of 30 and 49. It had been widely believed in the past that the elderly and the very young get more likely to cause cooking fires. Instead, the study shattered the belief—instead, the age group most considered least likely to be prone to simple distractions while cooking was the most likely to be involved in a cooking fire.

The Delinquent Firesetter: Delinquent firesetters are usually slightly older than the curiosity firesetters, and may be up to age 16. They usually perform these acts deliberately, with the intent to cause damage. Their motives may include revenge, a desire to strike out due to family problems or change, such as a relocation, a divorce in the family, or a new boyfriend or girlfriend. Most delinquent firesetters are male and require both counseling and education.

The Problem Firesetter: These firesetters can range in age from about 10 to 16, and are usually youth with other anti-social behavior. Many belong to gangs or may be involved in other crimes. Problem firesetters may be placed in a juvenile home. They can benefit from learning what kind of damage they cause and that there may be severe consequences to their continued destructive behavior, such as being institutionalized. They should be given extensive counseling.

IS YOUR CHILD A JUVENILE FIRESETTER?

A least 80 percent of all children play with fire at one time or another. How can you tell if your child is a juvenile firesetter?

The National Fire Protection Association lists four categories of juvenile firesetters.

These categories are:

The Curiosity Firesetter: This type of firesetter is usually between 4 to 7 years of age, and most are boys who start fires out of natural curiosity. Curiosity firesetters can usually benefit from learning what they have done is not safe, and that there are dangers involved in setting fires.

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The Severe Disturbed Firesetter: These juvenile firesetters are often emotionally disturbed and may not even realize that their activities are wrong. They may set fires in an effort to solve a problem they perceive in their home or school. These youth are referred to specialists and may possibly be institutionalized, in order to protect themselves and others.

KEEP YOUR FIRST AID KIT CURRENT

First aid kits are handy and can potentially save lives, but they can become useless with time and gradual use. Often, first aid kit medication expires or is used up. Remember that not keeping one's first aid kit current can make it virtually useless in an emergency.

The following list of first aid kit essentials can help you update your kit or build a new one from scratch. Make sure your kit is tailor-made for your needs and the needs of family members.

• A first aid manual such as The American Red Cross First Aid and Personal Safety Handbook for ready reference.
• A box of assorted adhesive bandages for minor cuts
• Sterile 4-inch by 4-inch gauze dressings
• A 2-inch wide roll of gauze bandage to hold dressings in place
• At least one roll of 1-inch wide adhesive tape to secure dressings
• A one-step burn dressing such as Second Skin emergency burn dressing
• Safety pins of various sizes
• A good pair of scissors
• Two triangular bandages to use as a sling
• A survival blanket for treating shock
• A flashlight with fresh batteries
• 10 packages of moist towelettes
• A gentle cleanser for splinter removal
• A thermometer
• Sunburn lotion
• Hand soap
• One bottle of aspirin and one bottle of acetaminophen
• Alcohol swabs
• A tube of antibiotic ointment
• Insect bite remedy and antihistamine tablets
• A snake bite kit
• Include items needed by family members in one's first aid kit. If a family member has insulin-dependent diabetes, include glucose tablets, a tin of sugar and syrups, and a glucose test monitor if one is using the first aid kit as a travel or camping kit.

SURVIVAL KIT ADD-ONS FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

A side from first aid kit essentials, the following can be added on as part of a survival kit:

• A polyethylene taro measuring about 6 feet by 3 feet should be brought along for shelter. This taro should be waterproof, waterproof and brightly colored so it can be seen from afar.
• A matches and a strike kept in a sealed, water-proof container, as well as a candle, for light and warmth. If the trip will mean cold weather, bring along a wool sweater and a space blanket for extra warmth.
• Carry enough food to last at least 24 hours. Sugary foods such as chocolate biscuits, raisins, dextrose or glucose tablets are essential, along with high-protein foods such as nuts. Make sure the kit includes enough water or a filter or purification system. Other beneficial foods include soup stock cubes and powdered milk.
• A signaling device such as a flashing mirror or whistle is also a must.
LET'S HEAR IT FOR FIRE SAFETY. TEST YOUR DETECTORS.
Although all fires are dangerous and the increased density but also because more than one family lives, greater densities. Each of the residents in these multi-family dwellings is capable of accidentally starting a fire. Fatalities may be higher not only because of the increased density but also because multi-story dwellings may take longer to escape from. Smoke detectors are required to protect the sleeping areas in your home. Tenants are responsible for testing their smoke detectors at least monthly. Push the button on the detector— it should beep loudly. If your smoke detector uses batteries, replace them at least once a year. Never disable smoke detectors. Periodically vacuum around detectors to remove cobwebs and dust, which can impair a smoke detector.

Plan ahead. Every family should have a fire escape plan and should practice it. Know at least two ways out of the building. Feel door knobs and doors before you open them. If they are hot, do not open them. Use another exit instead. Be sure to close all doors as you pass through, including your apartment door. If you run into smoke, drop to the floor and crawl, since smoke rises. In the event of a fire Act at once. If you hear the building alarm, react immediately. Do not wait for instructions to begin evacuation. If there is a fire, every second counts.

If you discover a fire, pull the building alarm to alert others. If you can close doors to confine the fire, do so. Once you leave the building, call 9-1-1 from a safe location to make sure that the fire department responds. Be prepared to tell them the nature of the emergency and the address of the building, in case your phone does not have an enhanced 9-1-1 system.

If you have special needs that prevent you from leaving the building via the stairwells, ask the building manager to post your name and room number at the fire alarm panel or in the manager's office, so that firefighters learn that you need help.

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### Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan Often

- Make sure all persons in the house know two ways to escape from every room. Collapsible ladders should be purchased from hardware stores for all two-story or higher sleeping rooms.
- Practice feeling your way through each room with your eyes closed.
- Choose an outside meeting place so that household members know if anyone is missing.
- Practice the home fire escape plan regularly.
- Keep a flashlight with fresh batteries available so we can see even slightly through smoke.
- Keep a whistle available to alert the family.
- Keep the fire department's phone number handy.
- Install and maintain a smoke detector or two on every level of your home.
- If a fire occurs, everyone in the house should be trained to crawl to a door and touch it to see if it is hot. If it is, they should be told to stay by alternate escape route. If people are unable to leave their room or apartment, they should try to seal the cracks around the door with wet towels and open the windows for fresh air.

### Fire Heroine Now Teaching Children Fire Safety

Most of the children she has been teaching since April of this year through one of the Boston Fire Department’s Safety courses don’t know it, but Razenea Sadiq is a heroine.

"They don’t know anything about that, and I like it that way," Sadiq said. "I would rather people just consider me a normal person, not a hero."

Sadiq, 17, an ROTC student who has taken up some fire science, was hardly 15 years old, for saving the lives of 13 persons while she was on her way to school one day soon after the Christmas of 1994. Soon after she left for Hyde Park High School at about 6 a.m. that day, she didn’t think before I acted, which is something I would do differently, now," Sadiq said. She has earned national recognition for her actions. President Bill Clinton wrote her a letter congratulating her on her heroism, and she has been written up in quite a few newspapers since. But she does not enjoy the limelight. In fact, she tried to hide her deeds.

"I was wearing two coats because it was really cold, and I gave them both to a man who didn’t have enough on," Sadiq said. "I went home to get more clothes to give to the man, and when I got back, my brother was telling the firefighters and the police what I had done. I tried to make him stop." Sadiq has a selfless courage that extends into her desire to help people. She is trying hard to achieve what she considers will be her career—become a doctor and work on ways to cure diseases such as AIDS.

"That’s what I want to do," she said. "Right now, I’m working for the Boston Fire Department, but eventually I would like to take up medicine and help others in that way."

She says she teaches the children everything she has learned in the course of fire education both through ROTC and through the Boston Fire Department. She teaches children through the Fire Safety House, and finds it rewarding when her young students show her how much they’ve learned about crawling low under smoke, leaving the burning premises, and calling 911 for help from outside of the building.

"Most of all, I teach them to think before they act," Sadiq said. "I want them to do what I did, and I know you better."

She also encourages the children to consider careers in firefighting or fire safety.

"Although medicine is my love, I can see that this would be a great career," said Sadiq, whose father was a fire­fighter and a U.S. Navy veteran.

Sadiq suffered some smoke inhalation in the process of saving those 13 lives that cold Boston morning, but she suffered no other injuries.

"It wasn’t luck," she said. "I had an easy escape behavior is common sense, yet thousands of Americans are injured or killed in fires each year because they cannot remember what to do," USFA guidelines state. "Surviving can be as simple as devising a home escape plan, but it must be practiced."