Tuskegee Experiment: Is An Apology Enough?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Recently, President Clinton formally apologized to the survivors of the Tuskegee experiment. But Clinton's apology can't and won't wipe away the shame and disgrace of one of the most monstrous episodes in the annals of American medicine.

In 1932, the U.S. Public Health Service recruited more than 600 African-American men to take part in the study on the long-term effects of untreated syphilis.

The men were never told they were infected with syphilis. They believed that they would receive free medical treatment. They were given no treatment then, and later doted care even after penicillin became widely available for treating the disease in the 1940s.

The government got away with using these men as human guinea pigs for a simple reason: that was the breeding era in the South and the men were poor, black, uneducated little education and lived in the deeply segregated rural South. Their lives meant nothing to the officials conducting the study. Even the title of the experiment, "The Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male," showed the abominable concept that government officials had for these men.

One of the many men did, officials provided them free burial plots and the families concerned to allow the government to perform autopsies to gather data.

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Valarie Miller Story Has an A Happy Ending

By Cheryl Brown

Seven thousand flyers were printed and distributed, and the police were called, the media was getting the word out and her church was praying. But still no Valarie, that is until yesterday.

Valarie Miller, 18, disappeared on Monday May 19, 1997, on her way to school at Riverside Community College. She had attended her church Park Ave. Missionary Baptist on Sunday and there was no indication she would not come home. Her mother Besibe Miller was frantic. "We looked at riverbottoms; we passed out fliers in Beaumont, County, San Diego, we passed out fliers in San Ysidro," she said her uncle, Carl Smith.

On last week her mother declared, "she is not a run away." She was not in many places. According to Smith, Valarie decided to go to the 27 Palms Marriott Base and see a friend and while she was there the main road was washed out by the rain. She didn't try to find an alternate route and did not call home. Her paper was out of range, the frequency did not work there. Then she thought, rightly so, she was in trouble. Yesterday there were rumors she was on Base and someone checked the interior leads and they were registered, when visitors come on Base, tags are confirmed and the family was out after her.

"I thought she was being held against her will or dead," said Mrs. Harris. Family members from Mississippi came out to assist in the search, her brother Carl, who lives in Banning, took off the week to side to the search. It was the first time all eight of Mrs. Harris' brothers and sisters had been together in church without it being a funeral.

Although the situation was unusual the family is happy, "I don't know what happened, but I learned why I do not to know that God answers prayer," said her mother. "It was the worst week of my life but praise God my prayers were answered. It was the first time my early mother held all of her children in the same place and praised God around an altar. It was additionally a wonderful thing for me and her children to know that God answers prayer," said her mother.

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Equal Opportunity Summit: Filling Quotas or Justice?

Calling for massive congressional hearings, President Clinton and brother members personally responsible for discrimination practices within their agencies, Congressman Alphonso Wynn (Dem., MD) joined dozens of other civil rights organizations in vehemently condemning discriminatory hiring and employment practices in government agencies, especially the Federal Government.

Dozens of African American Federal employees have been dismissed and are appealing at the "Equal Opportunity Commission.

In Government (B&G) at The Urban League, "We feel that African American employees of the Federal Government are being discriminated against in their jobs. The government got away with letting these men into human guinea pigs for a simple reason: that was the lynching era in the South and the men were poor, black, uneducated little education and lived in the deeply segregated rural South. Their lives meant nothing to the officials conducting the study. Even the title of the experiment, "The Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male," showed the abominable concept that government officials had for these men.

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Scandal Rocks San Bernardino United Parcel Service

By Dianno Anderson

Nearly two weeks ago, a package displaying a swastika was the latest of a dozen similar incidents to surface the United Parcel Service since May.

The package turned up a week after a lawsuit was filed by African American employees charging racial bias at the company.

"The bottom line at UPS is (we) don't tolerate discrimination and we're going to do whatever it takes to find the people who are responsible," said UPS Regional Community Relations Manager Oscar Sepulveda.

Responding to allegations of discrimination in the suit, Sepulveda maintained the company is "in full compliance with affirmative action as well as full compliance with the civil rights laws of all states and the federal government as well."

The plaintiffs—four of whom were also routinely given dangerous work assignments, denied promotions, and faced harassment. Because of the suit, continue to search for "justice," according to Carter. Ettier Carter, one San Bernardino employee representing the class action, said ever since filing a complaint against the company, he and others have faced retaliation and intimidation.

This stuff has been going on for days and Carter, noting he is the only African American supervisor throughout the seven-city district, "not only is racism prevalent at UPS, but it is being acted out by those who are perpetuating the ignorance."

Originally, Carter said the first episodes began the morning after he gave a deposition against the company when a driver in the driver's union "KKK was placed in the back of another African American head." He later that evening, the same magazine was scrawled upon the bathroom wall.

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Urban League Guild Informational Meeting Held

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The Nation finally apologize to the African American Men and the community that they inflicted with syphilis. On Friday May 15, 1997 President William Jefferson Clinton issued this statement that: “What was done cannot be undone but we can and the silence. We can turn our heads away, we can look at you in the eye and finally say on behalf of the American people, what the United States government did was shameful, and I am sorry”. This he did on behalf of all the American people. This had been denied by our government since 1932 until 1972 with no treatment even after a cure was found. They never told nor their wives or other family members may have had sexual relations with about the disease.

This type of treatment is one of the many reasons African American men do not trust the White American medical or legal systems today. This is the kind of thing America fought against during World War II. And we have many Americans or all races who have argued that our government would never do such a thing.

I want to commend the President for his apology and the Black American men who lived through this inhuman treatment to accept the apology on behalf of the others who died as a result of this experiment. Ever since I first heard of this atrocity several years ago, I have been somewhat angry with my government. But when I heard one of the victims we must forgive and even ignore some of the small things that happen to me. This should be a good lesson to all of us that all we do will be found out and the ultimate lesson learned is how to forgive.

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At some point in the future, the United States government should apologize to all African Americans for its role in the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. This study, conducted by the U.S. Public Health Service between 1932 and 1972, involved the deliberate withholding of treatment from African American men who had syphilis, even after a cure was discovered. The purpose of the study was to determine the natural progression of the disease in the absence of treatment.

The study was ultimately shut down in 1972, but its legacy continues to haunt many African Americans. The study was widely condemned, and many people believe that it was a violation of basic human rights. The Tuskegee Syphilis Study is often cited as an example of the racialized medical experimentation that has been carried out in the United States since the late 19th century.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton issued an official apology for the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, acknowledging that the study was “shameful, inexcusable, and an affront to the dignity of all Americans.” The apology was widely praised, but some people believe that more needs to be done to address the harm that was caused.

In the years since the apology, there have been efforts to provide compensation and support to those who were affected by the study. However, it is likely that the full extent of the harm caused by the Tuskegee Syphilis Study will never be fully understood. The study is a painful reminder of the ways in which the United States has failed to adequately protect the rights of its citizens, particularly its African American citizens.
BIG Holds Equal Opportunity Summit

Library of Congress when they provided oral testimony continued this discrimination practice. African American employees at the Library of Congress were awarded $8.5 million in damages, the largest financial settlement involving a Federal agency. A second settlement was recently filed because of the Library's failure to carry out the Court's original mandate. The government has declined itself in the area of equal opportunity, but a re too few African Americans or re going this complex sub-order and defend at all in Government will join with Congress were awarded $8.5 million in damages. African American practice s. African American s welling in my legs usually after a long day of standing. Is it normal or should I seek medical attention?

Water Legged Legs

need to determined whether something is normal. It's a cause for different reasons, some more serious than others. One of the less serious and more common is varicose veins, in which valves in the veins are damaged. Blood moving toward the heart breaks down the valve at each job. As a result, blood pools in the leg with increased pressure that puts the veins at risk. Hydrostatic pressure increases, putting more stress on veins where it stagnates and pools in the lower extremities. This is also a problem for people with congestive heart failure, which is the most serious cause of swelling legs.

Swelling legs can develop edema when alter reactions, burns, insect bites, and allergic reactions cause the walls of their blood vessels to become inflamed and thick. This is also a common cause.

It is normal to have swelling in the legs, especially after standing or sitting for a long time. Women find that this is more likely to happen just before their menstrual period.

A family history of edema, simple, effective measures are available to help in many cases. Socks can be used to prevent swelling if they are applied with enough pressure. Wearing loose-fitting clothing over the shoes, and avoid standing for long periods of time. If swelling is recurrent and you have heart failure, medical attention is necessary.

Our Bodies

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The Family Standards

of Value that tell us what is acceptable/ unacceptable, good/bad, right/wrong. To the left is the Standard of Matter which tells us what is true or false, right or wrong. We draw on these 3 main standards for differentiating between right and wrong.

The Standard of Rebuttable Reasonable people use absolute standards for judging the worth of a behavior or action. Standards of Value, as a basis for the rightness or the wrongness or a behavior or action, are accepted for individual standards.

The purpose of these standards is to enable us to have a common understanding of what is right and wrong. They provide a basis for judging things, the directions, time limits, rules of performance, and principles of judging. Examples: Judicial standards, in the courtroom, meaning, and competing manufactured or purchased products.

The same principles are used with information and behaviors. When standards in different worlds differ, we must use the proper measures for each value or behavior to provide information for them.

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By William Reed

Much like the weather, everybody talks about "networking" but for a term that's been handled around so much by Blacks the results beg for more discussion. When you hear the term "networking", what comes to your mind? Do you think of it as a sales process and technique, or do you get an image of a personal program involving your handing out business cards and setting up a Rolodex in hopes of gaining new friends, employment and/or contractor opportunities? Either process mentioned is actually networking. But, when it comes to practical application of either process this generation of African Americans have yet to become proficient to a point of measurable success in networking.

Technically, a "network" is a group and/or system of related, or connected, parts. And, "networking" is defined as the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions. "No man is an island sufficient unto himself", so, just like we must consider the question of, "What group of like-minded African Americans are you connected to toward some collective goal or objective?" Here is your job to get a contract from either Black through this process? Do you buy a needed product from some Oriental or African Americans? If not, then the logic is simply this, "You get as good as you give." If we are to ever get past being a race of "Slaves", then his generation of Black Americans will have more effectively utilize Old Boy-Net-Worx.

It is crucial that people of color learn to network effectively with each other. The network marketing business is part and parcel to the free-enterprise system. The network marketing business is part and parcel to the free-enterprise system. The network marketing business is part and parcel to the free-enterprise system.

"Networking" is defined as the process and technique, or do you that building a successful network marketing business has helped them to gain more financial security. Note that some of the largest corporations in the world are network marketing companies creating a wide variety of products and services Blacks own, including legal services, cosmetics, information and nutritional products. AT&T, MCI, Avon and Black millionaire Joe Dudley's Dudley Products bring in millions of new customers through their network marketing companies. A network marketing company is a direct sales company that allows independent contractors to derive income from personal sales, and those made by broad-based sales networks which they have developed. This compensation plan is one that encourages large group sales activity typically extending pay levels in the network. In a network marketing company, the bulk of the income earned by the independent contractor is derived from total group sales, rather than just personal sales. While many Blacks have disdain for the network marketing business, many in this field of commerce earn $50,000 to $100,000 per month.

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Recently a celebration was held in recognition of fifteen years of Rev. Roy Brown bringing inspirational music and motivation to listeners to go to the churches of their choice. The celebration was hosted by Temple Baptist Church in San Bernardino, where Rev. Roy Turner is the pastor.

Rev. Turner said he could not let another year pass without honoring a man who has earnestly promoted the Lord's work.

The sad for Bro. Roy, was not one. He is one of 8 boys and 4 girls who were born and raised in San Bernadino. His father, Robert, was a strong disciplinarian, and his mother, Annie, who had passed on, was of even temperament and reserved. It was he who kept the children in line.

Having so many children came in another way. He realized his father's hurt by his lack in the factory, he became a farmer and gave them what he could. Roy somehow never liked the rural life. Roy had been进货ed inside the church during his school years. Through his experience in Upward Bound, he started his own newspaper. His put everyone on the mailing list. His newspaper came to the attention of Dr. William Burke, Assistant Pastor of Notre Dame University, who called him, and in his surprise offered him a scholarship. Believe it or not, he turned him down. "I wanted to go far away from home so I could get away from the "Thurber Club," AL," said Harris. The Provost then made him a second offer. He would build his spot and send him and if he returned the offer would be revoked. The next year, Harris returned and took up the offer to attend Notre Dame.

In those days reading the Bible was not his favorite pastime but it was his mother's and she would sit by the door as he was going out to play. "She never depended on me, she just said she was praying for me and that I should be careful," he said.

In 1973 he left Notre Dame, where he majored in Business and maintained in Health Care Administration, for Cleveland, Ohio. The job opportunities and the city life drew him away from school. Until 1979 he stayed in that city, was married to two children LaChanda and Roy Jr., and then the worst heartbreak of his life struck a divorce, a divorce, and the separation of his children.

His brother lived in San Bernardino and he and one son visited him. To get away from the environment, he decided to take his son and head for the Golden State. Being a single parent was demanding but they made a good life. "It was single, in my 20's, had a good job, and a station wagon, ah, this was the life, or I thought," said Harris. Harris being in the area for a couple of years, one day Roy Jr. at age 6, told him about Carolynn, a beautiful woman he'd met. It seems he was her first and fell in love with her. Bro. Roy agreed and after a courtship they were married. This was two years after he began Gospel Time on KJOR. Pastor Hubbard, of Community Baptist Church asked him to drop off a cassette for his weekly church program on KJOR. The station had been off the air for a while and was just back gearing up when he asked if they could announce, he said. Manager of Harris and some of his church programs and a few weeks gave him his own show. That was 15 years ago and he has been going full blast ever since. The first five years of his radio ministry established stability, it was a learning process. He had only found the Lord six months before. He has broken through in the church UPLIFT, increase and establish help missions and Bible cell groups.

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Coach Leathers and Riverside North girls do it again, hoist third consecutive CIF team title.

By LELAND STEIN III
BVN Sports Editor

NORWALK, May 24 - "Play it Again Sam." "The beat just keeps on going."

A familiar cliché can do no justice to Riverside John W. North's third consecutive California Interscholastic Federation Division 2 girls track and field title earned at Cerritos College, after they outscored Irvine Woodbridge 78-72.

Cajoling and encouraging the youth under his tutelage, North's success is a direct reflection of coach Charles Leathers and his loyal assistants.

"Everything starts with the kids," said Leathers, who now has won three with North to complement his three boys titles earned while at Compton Centennial. "I know this would be a tough battle, because that's a pretty good team we went up against."

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Defending State 100-meter hurdle champion, Hoxie, a senior, did what we've come to expect from her...win. She won both the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, producing the fastest time of the meet in the 100 (13.43). Hoxie also ran the 100-meter sprint and finished second. Gray, a junior, the defending 400 Division 2 champion, chipped in with a victory in her specialty (55.54), placed second in the 200 (24.28) and ran legs on both the 400 and 1600 relay teams that finished second.

"It feels good to win and have the team be successful too," Gray said. "I came out this year ready to run. I've been focused throughout and its paid off."

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Although Hoxie and Gray were the main point makers, it took efforts from Soong (she threw a personal best 130-10), Latisha Spence (6th in triple jump), Isha Blackshear (5th in 100, April Holliverse (5th in 100 hurdles) and Alex Edmond (6th in 400 hurdles). Also important to the overall effort were relay participants Tasha Johnson and Marie Nguyen.

Grady, Soong, Hoxie and both relay teams are headed for the Masters Meet this Friday as is the top nine finishers in all events. The qualifiers out of Friday's meet will earn the right to compete at the State Finals in Sacramento.

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By Letland Stil III

"We must recognize the awesome demands of time, effort, and in fact, life itself. Struggle, explained author and activist Malcom X in his 1965 interview with Playboy Magazine. The compilation of interviews was edited by former Playboy Magazine editor Murray Fisher. Each of these interviews is a treasure map of the mind, revealing how these men shaped the course of history. In the 21st Century, this book explores how the legacies of these individuals continue to influence our world today.

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Author of Research and Commentary on The Autobiography of Malcolm X

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Alex Haley's interviews have been collected and published in the book "The Playboy Interviews," offering readers a unique glimpse into the minds of these remarkable individuals. The book features interviews with a diverse range of personalities, including Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., and Alex Haley himself. These interviews not only reveal the struggles and triumphs of these figures but also provide insights into their personal lives and the challenges they faced.

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Dr. Rosemary Schraer
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Schraer, UC
Riverside's seventh
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was appointed
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recommendation of
President David P.
Gardner in March
1987. She took office
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succeeding former
Chancellor Theodore
L. Hullar, who was
appointed Chancellor
of the University of
California, Davis.
Chancellor Schraer,
was formerly
Executive Vice
Chancellor of the
Riverside campus.
Chancellor Schraer
also held the rank of
Professor of
Biochemistry and
Biomedical Sciences.
She was a scientist
with a deep abiding
love of the
humanities. As a
biochemist,
Chancellor Schraer's
research and
teaching activities
were concerned with
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Prior to joining the
University of
California, Chancellor
Schraer served at the
Pennsylvania State
University from 1959
to 1985, where she
was Associate
Provost and Associate
Provost, Associate of
the Center for the
Study of Higher
Education, Acting
Dean for
Undergraduate
Programs, Associate
Dean for Research,
acting head of the
Department of
Computer Science,
and Professor of
Biochemistry and
Biophysics. In 1984
and 1985, she was a
visiting fellow at
Cambridge
University's
Cavendish College.
She served on the
faculty of Harvard
Medical School and
Radcliffe Institute for
Independent Study at
Radcliffe College in
1967 and 1968. She
began her career in
higher education as
faculty member at
Sage College and
Syracuse University
and also served as a
research associate at
Albert Einstein
Medical Center in
Philadelphia before
joining the
Pennsylvania State
University.
Chancellor Schraer
was fellow of the
American Association
for the Advancement
of Science and the
American Institute of
Chemists and was a
member of several
other professional
societies.
Born in New York, the
Chancellor received
her B.A. in Chemistry,
M.S. in Zoology, and
Ph.D. in Biochemistry
from Syracuse
University where she
was Phi Beta Kappa.
Chancellor Schraer
and her husband,
Harold, who retired as
Professor of Cell
Biology at the
Pennsylvania State
University, have one
son, David Jenkins
Schraer, a physician
and surgeon in
Anchorage, Alaska.
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academic accomplishments, Dr.
Schraer's religious
beliefs were strong.
She fed the poor and
homeless, she got
involved with the
people and she
encouraged the
discouraged. She is
the sole reason many
African Americans
are today proudly
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Luncheon.
Linda Dunn has worked for peace and social and economic justice for over 30 years. A graduate from University of Colorado, and UCR, she is presently the Executive Director of Inland Agency, a non-profit health systems agency serving Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo, and Mono Counties. Dunn has been an advocate for adoption and has worked with the North American Council on Adoptable Children since the 1970's. She has lobbied for children's rights, has been active in the Sanctuary Movement, Thursday Group, and is a founding member of Amnesty International. Dunn and her husband Dr. Michael Dunn have six children (including an adopted and foster child). Her volunteerism also includes the Human Relations Commission and Eastside Community Action Group. Dunn's hard work and dedication has spanned three decades. In the 70's she supported landmark child welfare legislation through a national citizen's network. She also testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Children and Youth before Joseph A. Califano, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. The 80's found Linda designing, testing, and institutionalizing a specialized curriculum on hypertension control for young African American men at the San Bernardino Valley College. Finally, during the present decade Linda Dunn trained volunteers from African American and Latino Churches to become Blood Pressure Measurement Specialists to counsel, track and refer members of the congregations and the larger community.
Eleanor "Jean" Grier is known throughout the community as an outstanding educator, parent, role-model, mentor, and community volunteer. She was one of the first African-American teachers to be hired by the Riverside Unified School District in the early 1950s. She worked in various capacities with the district and distinguished herself as a model educator until her retirement in 1979. As a community leader she has been involved in numerous social, political, cultural, and religious activities. She is a liaison officer of the UCR Concerned Citizens, raises funds for the UNCF (now known as The College Fund), participates in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk-A-Thon, serves on the Jack B. Clarke Scholarship Committee, and is a member of the Riverside Retired Teacher's Association. Mrs. Grier's actions as a role model in empowering women shines like a bright light on a hill. Many of her former students who are now parents and grandparents continually call upon her for advice and counseling in matters relating to education. Her roots are deep in the hearts and minds of those whom she touched and she will continue to respond for as long as there is a need! Jean Grier served as an extraordinary mentor for many women and girls in Riverside County. She mentored them in the acquisition of knowledge—the important stepping stone for empowerment. The following paraphrase sums up her impact: “When you give a hungry person a fish, it lasts for a meal. When you show that person how to fish, it's an everlasting contribution.” Jean has always mentored women and girls in the facts of “how to fish” for lasting empowerment. In the role of a model parent and an educator, Eleanor Jean Grier earned the respect of the community and the Riverside Unified School district because of her involvement in eliminating racism. She is married to Dr. Barnett Grier and they have three children.
Concepcion "Concha" Rivera has been a highly visible Riverside resident since she was introduced to the community as the wife of then-UCR Chancellor Tomas Rivera. After his sudden death in office she remained in Riverside and retained a half-time position as fundraising officer for the California Museum of Photography. For over a decade she has worked in several administrative positions with the Museum including acting director where she was responsible for relocating the $12 million collection of photographic images and apparatus to the renovated Kress building in downtown Riverside. Rivera has served on various boards in Riverside including the Junior League, Riverside Arts Foundation, Riverside CARE, and the Riverside Volunteer Center. Rivera's dedication to higher education is evident in her sustained relationship with UCR and her commitment to continuing her husband's legacy. She dedicates most of her time to the Tomas Rivera Center in Claremont on whose board she serves, to the archives at UCR's Tomas Rivera Library, and to developing the scholarship in his name to its fullest potential. Concha also serves on the board of California Baptist College and the YWCA. She maintains membership in two prestigious organizations concerned with the future of the city, the Raincross Club and the Frank Miller Club. Although free time would seem impossible to find in her schedule, she believes physical exercise is "as necessary as eating". When her schedule permits, she enjoys theatre and symphony concerts. She is the mother of three children.
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