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By Robyn-Denise Yourse

WORD...
True To His Word?

As the Valentine's Day weekend approaches, here's one promise made last summer that we're glad to fulfill.

It's a sad but true fact that the Nation's Capitol has many married Don Juans (or Don Juanita's) — who somehow convince their "other loves" that a divorce or separation is in the works. Often, this is not the case.

And we promised last summer to reveal their names. Well, we made good, here's the first installment.

According to the Daily Washington Law Reporter, those granted recent divorces/separations through the District's Superior Court include:

Leslie Y. Stewart from Troy R. Stewart
Linda A. Harley-Melvin from Brian R. Melvin
Berha A. Monterey from Manuel E. Monterey
Oliver J. Thorne from Gloria H. Thorne
Wendy M. Adkins from Timothy Adkins
Anthony Williams from Tracey D. Turner Williams
Ernest Daniel from Harriet Daniel
Clemence B. Jones from Compton M. Jones
Bernadette E. Arthur from James W. Arthur
Denise M. Manning from Douglas W. Manning
Muriel Yvonne Arrington from Jonathan Duane Arrington
Shirley Gross from Francis Gross
Shawn Berry from Michael Berry
Bobby L. Pitts from Clara D. Pitts
Diana Patrice Pinn Frye from Wayne H. Frye
Thomasina Sharps from Arnold Sharps

Remember, if you don't see your honey's name, and a promise has been made, it may be time to ask questions — or better yet, time to leave.

WORD...
Saucy Threads.

The attire spotted by award-winning Olympic sprinter Florence Griffith-Joyner, and **Mrs. Roscoe Dellums (Congressman Ron Dellums'** wife) in the February **Ebony Magazine** is really raising eyebrows.

The ladies are revealing an awful lot of body, and cleavage, respectively.

I guess the motto is, if you've got it, flaunt it!

WORD...
Nice Ice.

Rapper **Ice T** (of "Colors") fame wants you to know why he and other rappers have removed the curse words from their songs.

This and other pertinent information from the world of rap is available to you daily by calling 1-900-909-1100.

Dial soon — they're waiting.

WORD...
Congratulations —

To: **WUSA's** (Channel 9) **Sheila Jack,** who is leaving the station for a job opportunity in Albany, N.Y. Cameraman **Kevin King** hosted a party in her honor, attended by most of the city's media elite.

WORD...
Hour of Power.

Hizhonor Mayor Marion Barry is hosting a luncheon for the publishers (not editors, mind you) of the city's black newspapers.

Does this mean we'll get "scoops" too, like The Post and The Times, or is it the "right" time for such action?

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Send her your love

Suggestions for the lovelorn on hearts and flowers day

Slightly confused about Valentines Day? Wondering what to get that special person?

Well, not to fret. If the subject is roses, there are more than dozen ways to make her/him happy. Here are a few.

For a mere $2,875 Bird's Florist in downtown Washington will deliver a dozen long-stemmed premium roses to your sweetheart every — that's 52 — in the year.

Lesser high-rollers, however, may go for the firm's "Room Full Of Roses," twelve dozen long-stemmed beauties arranged in country baskets. The cost? $1,195 per order.

And then there's the ever-popular "Safe Sex Bouquet," featuring a dozen long-stemmed roses and a dozen condoms — which made its debut last year.

"It's back, and it's the safe way to say 'Happy Valentine's Day' in the 1980's," the management says.

Those looking to get even with "cheatin' hearts" can also have their day.

H.L.B. Security Electronics of New York can literally put a bug in your ear if you suspect your loved one has been less than honest. A device called "Tele-ear," which details for about $500, allows you to phone home — to see what's happening — without the suspected cheating partner being the wiser.

L'Image, a minority-owned greeting card company offers one-of-a-kind valentines, like this one featuring the Supremes, and other musicians and themes (far right).

The device attaches with ease to any telephone, and rings silently when the wrong-ed party calls, but transforms into a microphone with the first "silent" ring. With this, the small, intricate gadget can detect any sound — including heavy breathing in the room.

Other surveillance companies have also gotten into the act with the creation of tiny video recorders, and voice activated tape recorders, according to published reports.

But suppose you don't have a problem and your real desire is to make the day memorable for that special someone.

Truly original suitors in search of a unique offering, may find their heart's desire in greeting cards with an original line designed by L'Image Graphics.

The minority-owned California firm has more than nine distinct collections with about 200 designs.

Those items hot on the list for this year's love day include a cartoon replica of the Supremes, as well as astrological Valentines, and are available at 2,000 outlets nationwide.

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Distinguished black attorneys honored in Capitol Hill art exhibit

More than 500 guests were invited to view the unveiling of an exhibit honoring black attorneys at a Capitol Hill reception.

The collection, entitled "Black Attorneys ... Counsels for the Cause" was a joint development of the Miller Brewing Company and the National Bar Association.

Distinguished black attorneys Louis A. Bedford, Jr.; Rep. George Crockett, Jr.; Howard Moore, Jr. and Constance Baker Motley were on hand to witness the unveiling of their portraits. Attorney's Wiley Branton, Patricia Harris and Charles H. Houston were honored posthumously both in ceremony and portraits for their unique contributions to the American judicial system, and the perseverance of civil rights.

The collection will be on display at the MLK Memorial Library, 901 G Street N.W. from Feb. 2nd through 11th; and at Howard University's Blackburn Center from Feb. 13th through the 24th.

Photo and text by Herb Quarles

Three of the honorees who are continuing the fight for civil rights. Drew S. Days, III, law professor at Yale University, A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., a sitting judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia, PA; and, Fred D. Gray, who argued the Rosa Parks case.

1989 Gallery of Greats: "BLACK ATTORNEYS ... Counsels for the Cause"

Shown above are Leonard J. Goldstein, president of Miller Brewing Company, and Frankie Muse Freeman (honoree).

Artist Evelyn Terry of Milwaukee, WI, who was commissioned to paint the oil collection: "Black Attorneys ... Counsels for the Cause." Photos by Herb Quarles

Family members of the late Wiley A. Branton pose beside his picture. From left to right are Stephanie Branton (daughter-in-law), Lucille Branton (widow), little Carolyn Branton, little Wiley Branton, III, (grandchildren) and Wiley Branton, Jr.

Obrie Smith, above, introduced the honorees at the unveiling the collection: "Black Attorneys ... Counsels for the Cause."

George W. Crockett, Jr. (honoree), Congressman from Michigan who also has been involved in the civil rights struggle.

Atty. Louis A. and Mrs. Bedford, Jr. standing beside his portrait.

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