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## Publisher Files Federal Complaint Over Call for Advertising Boycott

By Roger K. Clendening

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COLORADO SPRINGS – James Tucker, publisher of the African American Voice, the city's only Black newspaper, has asked the federal government to stop a local school district from advocating an advertising boycott of his publication.

Tucker filed a racial discrimination complaint with the U.S. Justice Department against Harrison School District 2 alleging that Superintendent F. Mike Miles wrote a letter ask-

ing businesses not to advertise in the African American Voice.

"If your organization advertises in his paper, you are either wittingly or inadvertently sending a message of support for the paper's extreme views and incivility," Miles wrote in a letter on Harrison School District stationery dated Nov. 2.

"I ask that you take a stand and pull your advertisement from the paper," he wrote in the letter saying that "a quick look through a few editions of the Voice will make apparent the use

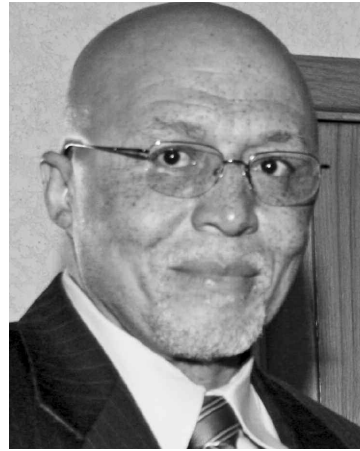
of personal attacks and the fomenting of racism."

Tucker announced the filing of what he described as a Title VI 1964 Civil Rights complaint against Miles and the District 2 School Board during a news conference this week.

For several years, Tucker has been publishing a scorecard of those business entities he maintains are "Title VI

Civil Rights Violators" because, he maintains, they receive federal funds,

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James Tucker (left)  
Publisher of the African  
American Voice newspaper

*The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonism when it affords to all people – regardless of race, color or creed – their human and legal rights. Hating no person and fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.*

*The Black Press Creed*

DWN file photo

## Fighting Spirit Lives on In Haiti "Our innate instinct is to be free"



Photo: Lens of Ansar

Richard Muhammad holds up a copy of *The Final Call* Newspaper. Conditions in Haiti are portrayed differently in the *Final Call* and the beauty, strength, resiliency and fighting spirit of the people are honored as strengths of the country rather than focusing on Haiti as the "poorest country in the Western Hemisphere."

By Adeeba Folami

In January, the Caribbean country of Haiti was devastated by a high magnitude earthquake that destroyed most of the nation's government buildings, causing chaos and instability. The world's attention once again turned toward Haiti, as it did in 1804 when the oppressed "slaves" in the country overthrew Napoleon and his French army to become the first Black republic in the new world. That event was similar to America's 9/11 in that both were incidents that caused changes around the globe, declared Richard Muhammad, Editor of *The Final Call* (FC) Newspaper. He recently visited Haiti and was in Denver to kick off a series of public forums entitled "Haiti: A Perspective on Her Crisis, Her People, Her Future." His visit was organized by Ansar Muhammad and sponsored by *The Final Call* Newshour, Brother Jeff and DWN. Dozens came to Brother Jeff's Cultural Center Saturday to hear his presentation and view pictures the journalist took while visiting the country with the Haiti Support Project

(HSP).

Muhammad's first visit to Haiti took place in 1985 and his last trip there was in October. He shared photos of the destruction of the national palace, residence of Haiti's president and asked the audience to imagine what it would be like if such damage happened to the White House. Images also revealed extensive devastation to historic cathedrals and buildings found in Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital and the occupation by the U.S. military of Toussaint L'Ouverture International Airport. "Whose interests were they looking out for?" he asked.

In contrast, the beauty of the country was showcased in photos of hills and mountains covered with greenery and luxurious beaches found in isolated locations. The FC editor admitted that at one time he thought of Haiti as a flat and dusty place based on how the country was often portrayed in the media. He also found positive and encouraging pictures to take of girls in uniforms attending school and teen

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## Black Farmers Settlement Approved

WASHINGTON – The House has given final Congressional approval to a bill that would provide more than \$4.55 billion to settle tens of thousands of longstanding claims brought by African American farmers and American Indians.

The bill provides \$1.15 billion to African Americans left out of a 1999 settlement of a lawsuit, *Pigford v. Glickman*; in that settlement the federal government agreed to compensate black farmers and would

– be farmers who said Agriculture Department officials denied or cheated them out of federal aid. To be eligible for money now, claimants must have farmed or attempted to farm between 1981 and 1986, have filed a discrimination complaint before July 1, 1987, and have filed a claim after the deadline in the original settlement.

The bill provides another \$3.4 billion to American Indian plaintiffs who claim that Interior officials m-

ismanaged royalties from leases of tribal land used to harvest oil, minerals and timber. Plaintiffs will receive \$1.4 billion directly, while the government will use \$2 billion to repurchase Indian lands broken up under the Dawes Act in the late 19th and early 20th century. Another \$60 million will fund scholarships for American Indian students.

Representative James Clyburn, the majority whip, said the bill helped right

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## Obama on the 55th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott

Fifty-five years ago, on December 1, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus – an act that challenged the moral conscience of an entire nation. The Montgomery Bus Boycott marked a turning point in American history – the moment where we began the march toward the Civil Rights Movement and the eventual outlawing of racial segregation and discrimination. Rosa Parks and the many other leaders and foot soldiers in that struggle for justice championed our founding principles of freedom and equality for all, and today, as we commemorate the anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, I encourage all Americans to honor their legacy – the legacy of Americans who marched bravely, worked tirelessly, and devoted their lives to the never-ending task of making our country a more perfect union.



Rosa Parks is fingerprinted at the jail.