Newest members of the

By Ann Williams-Roblow

Congressional Black Caucus

Founded almost 13 years ago "to lobby for legislation and executive action of benefit to blacks," The Congressional Black Caucus continues to strive toward its goals.

From the Caucus' early days with a handful of members, it has grown in 1983 to 21 strong. Black legislators who form the Caucus' ranks represent the black community from California to New York and points in between.

Composed of 21 different personalities, who have different outlooks on life, the caucus counts among its membership two women who are no less talented or experienced than their male counterparts.

One of these women is a veteran national legislator, Cardis Collins. The other, Katie Hall, is a freshman to the U.S. House of Representatives. Each of these women brings to the caucus years of valuable experience and firm commitment.

The mother of three children, Katie Beatrice Green Hall has come a long way from the days when she simply was a social studies teacher in the Gary (Indiana) Public Schools.

Her November 1982 election to Congress makes Mrs. Hall, 43, the third woman and the first black woman ever to represent Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mrs. Katie B. Hall

Active in state politics before her election to Congress, Mrs. Hall was in the middle of her second term as a state senator last year when Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher named her to replace the late Rep. Adam Benjamin on the state ballot.

Voters in Indiana's 1st Congressional District rallied behind Mrs. Hall as she garnered 87,369 votes to her opponent's, Republican Thomas Krieger, 66,921 votes.

At her swearing in ceremonies in Washington, DC, on Dec. 6, 1982, Congresswoman Hall said she was looking forward to her term in office.

"I am very pleased," she said. "I look forward to working with the Indiana Delegation and members of Congress to getting the job done for the American people."

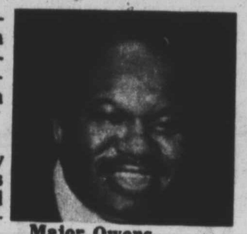
Mrs. Hall's past legislative experience should stand her well. Besides being a state senator, to which she was elected in 1976, Mrs. Hall spent four years in the Indiana General Assembly as a state representative.

Professionally, Mrs. Hall made education her career, but she also has been active in the Gary Branch of the NAACP and is a member of the National Council of Negro Women.

Other activities include membership in the Association of University Women and membership and the vice chairmanship of the Gary Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.

Along with Mrs. Hall, the Congressional Black Caucus welcomed three freshmen legislators for the 98th session of Congress. These representatives are Major Robert Odell Owens, and Edolphus "Ed" Towns, both of New York state; and Alan Wheat of Missouri.

Major Owens, 46, was born in Memphis in 1936. He attended Hamilton High School in Memphis and graduated with honors from Morehouse College in 1956. He represents the 12th District of New York.



Major Owens

He received a from Atlanta University in 1957.

Moving East, by 1964 Owens had joined the Brooklyn chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality and Brooklyn's Metropolitan Housing Council.

Owens also has been active as a community coordinator for the Brooklyn Public Library Commission of the New York City Community Development Agency and director of the Community Media Library Program.

He was elected to the New York State Senate in 1974 and served there eight years until his election to the 12th Congressional District of New York.

A recognized authority in community development, Owens is married to the former Ethel Wefel and has three sons.

Ed Towns, 48, is a native of Chadburn, NC. The son of the Rev. Dolphus Towns and Versie Towns, he moved to New York City after earning a degree from North Carolina A&T Univ.

He represents the 11th District of New York.

Edward Towns

Active in Brooklyn community life and politics, Towns was the first black deputy borough president in Brooklyn's history. That came in 1978.

During his career, he has worked in health care, youth programs, minority education, programs for the elderly and community advocacy.

Towns has taught in the New York City Public School system and also has served as a director at Metropolitan Hospital. He was the assistant administrator at Beth Israel Hospital from 1965 until 1975.

He is a former professor at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn and a lecturer on urban issues at Fordham University in the Bronx. A U.S. Army veteran, Towns is married to the former Gwendolyn Forbes and has two children.

The fourth of the freshman black legislators for the 98th Congress is

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Your horoscope ★★★★★★

By Peni Gant-Brady

★★IT'S IN THE STARS★★

ARIES
March 21 - April

Intrigue is the word to describe this month. Emotions and feelings run high especially where that special someone is concerned. There is a secret admirer and chances are Pisces is its sign. Don't make unnecessary moves in business. Maintain balance and avoid arguments. Maintain coolness.

TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

The new moon of the 14 brings important people and goals for you to achieve. Being bullish and capable helps you during this period. Venus will be in Taurus after the 19. That special someone needs to be put in check. The full moon of the 28th brings work and lots of pressure. Your lunal cycle is low between the 29 and 31. Do not try to be a hero.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 20

This is career month for Gemini. All the work time and effort will be repaid monetarily. This should occur around the new moon of the 14. Be prepared for the unexpected. Your mate or partner will destroy the solid foundation of your relationship. Keep in mind the full moon of the 28th will add additional stress and tension. You can handle anything.

CANCER
June 21 - July 22

Your creative juices are flowing this month. Projects and new ideas are high on the agenda. You might find an Aquarian becoming a part of your life. It is not everyday you find such a compatable person. Mercury moves into Pisces on the 7. This is a time for innovative assignments. The new moon in Pisces on the 14 encourages travel, future plans and new outlooks.

LEO
July 23 - August 22

Try not to let your fears and emotions take control of your life. Financial affairs are highlighted this month. The new moon of the 14 accents the unexpected. The full moon of the 28th accents travel. You will find Capricorn as a fine business partner.

VIRGO
August 23 - September 22

This is a high month for Virgo. Basically your enthusiasm and to please will be showing. The new moon of the 14 will involve you with a member of the opposite sex. This person will not reciprocate the way you want. Watch spending around the full moon of the 28th. You usually are frugal but may be tempted to splurge.

Spotlight On Pisces

February 19 - March 20

Happy birthday to the two fish tied together, Pisces. As the last of the twelve mysteries of love, you are the "I believe." Since achieving emotional maturity during the first six stages of development, a person must pass through the final six to discover the deep spiritual meaning. "To teach that love is compassion and learn that love is all."

Being a mutable water sign, Pisces is able to distribute its compassion and sympathy over a wide range of conditions. The strength of Pisces lies in the ideals and aspirations rather than actions. Basically Pisces has very little world ambition, seldom succeeds in money ventures or even accumulates it.

Pisces is the most difficult sign to understand. Being a fish it lives in two worlds simultaneously. Life borders both heaven and hell. With Neptune as its ruling planet, Pisceans are aware of the beauty of truth and retreats from the negative aspects of life.

Pisceans usually avoid reality by escaping with drugs, alcohol, meditation and sometimes daydreaming. They can usually be found as teachers, musicians, artists and even in the monastery.

Even with these negative traits, Pisces is self - sacrificing, devotional, artistically gifted and very merciful person. In love, the fish has a multitude of sexual and romantic experiences. Usually the fish floats from one affair to another. Being permanently and emotionally committed is Pisces cup of tea.

LIBRA
September 23 - October 22

Work is on the mind of Libra. This is a time to concentrate on where you are and where you going. But watch your health, you do not want to overdo. Get help with your taxes. After all, it is nice to receive money instead of paying out. The full moon of the 28th is good romantically. Be ready for surprises.

SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21

Love, romance, dreams and fantasy are in the minds of Scorpio. Love is all you want and need. A Virgo will be the ideal person to share this special time. With the earthiness and realism of the Virgin, Scorpio will be ready to accept this relationship. The full moon of the 28th may find a co - worker admiring you. Do not mix work with pleasure.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21

You and Scorpio have a lot in common this month, romance. Love is at the top of your list. You will find Taurus a good source of strength. This individual is not meant to be the love in your life. The full moon of the 28th will find you still on a social cloud. Just keep business straight and enjoy yourself.

CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19

This is a reevaluation, fact finding, inventive month. You will find Pisces a great source of comfort. Venus enters your house of love, creativity and children after the 19. Knowing you, that special person will possess the qualities you need.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

This month focuses on finance and the ability to expand. Around the new moon of the 14, a new light will shine in the area of investments, income and tax. Watch your so - called friends this month. Some are only out to hurt you. Do not be disappointed this is only a momentary set back.