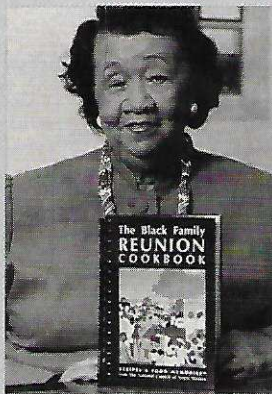


THE BLACK FAMILY REUNION COOKBOOK

"The Black Family Reunion Cookbook," published by Tradery House and spearheaded by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), is marketed as the first "community cookbook" of African-American cuisine. The cookbook provides an overview of traditional and heritage recipes and gives a portrait of the roles these dishes played in everyday life in the form of "Food Memories." In a Food Memory, Dr. Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, speaks of little known yet historic meals that cemented the formation of the United Civil Rights Leadership in the early 1960s. The book also contains an African-American food glossary.



Profits from the book will go to support the work of the NCNW and their programs impacting issues such as teen pregnancy, AIDS, substance abuse, employment opportunity, international development and education. Among those who have contributed their family recipes and "Food Memories" are Dionne Warwick, Marla Gibbs, Natalie Cole, Esther Rolle and Patti Labelle. "The Black Family Reunion Cookbook" is a collaboration between the NCNW, the Crisco division of Proctor & Gamble and the Wimmer Companies. The book retails for \$12.95 and can be obtained through the NCNW; c/o Wimmer Books Plus in Memphis, Tenn.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN BINGO

African-American Bingo, developed by Jacqueline Bryant, adds a new twist to the classic game — African-American history. The game features biographical information on 75 accomplished African-Americans and includes a 100-book bibliography. Adding to the format of classic bingo, each square of the African-American Bingo card, in addition to numbers, has a biographical sketch. The caller's cards also contain extensive corresponding biographical

information. "It's not a game of memorizing names, but of getting positive images. It gives players examples of black people who have made contributions to America; people who have made accomplishments such as inventors, chemists, bank executives, educators, entertainers and in other professions," Bryant said.

A versatile game, African-American Bingo can be played exactly like the classic bingo game and features a "learn as you play" version. A knowledge of history is not required. Designed for ages 8 through adult, the game is on the approved curriculum list for Rochester, N.Y., and Chicago schools. Bryant spent more than two years assimilating data for the game. She and her family self-publishes and markets the game through their company, Visions Research Co. located in Pittsford, N.Y. The game retails for \$24.95.



POSITIVE BLACK IMAGES

Positive Black Images (PBI), a multi-level publishing company located in Dallas, has been publishing ethnic art reproductions and distributing ethnic dolls and African-American books since 1989. The "Success Comes in Cans — I Can, You Can, We Can" was the first of a series of art reproductions aimed at improving children's self-perception and conveying that success could be achieved through education, family life and spirituality. Dexter Merritt, founder and president of the company, developed the concept of PBI because of a belief that when used properly, ethnic art can serve as a "teaching tool" for today's youth.

The PBI collection includes art reproductions of positive images including "The Last Supper," "The Mandelbas," "Martin Luther King Jr.," a "West African Sunset," "Harambee Festival" and others. The collection of dolls include ethnic boy and girl learn-to-dress dolls to help teach children how to dress themselves. The art reproductions are sold through art galleries, direct-mail, mail order, PBI dealers and fund-raisers. The dolls and books can be obtained through mail order. Catalogs are available on all merchandise.

