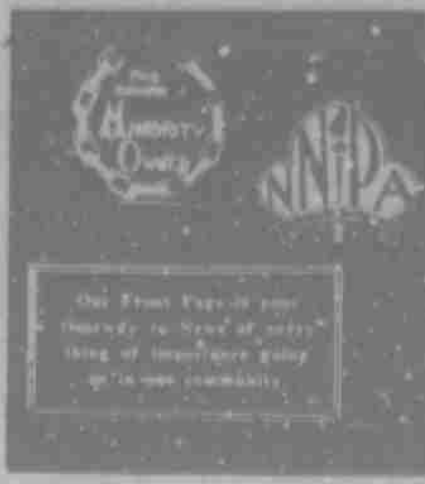


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Blacks Organize National Party

(Editor's Note: Chauncey Bailey, formerly a reporter for UPI and now executive director of the Black Press Institute, covered the National Black Independent Political Party Congress in Chicago (Aug. 20-23).

CHICAGO - Inside the huge Tabernacle Baptist Church the delegates and observers were clapping and thundering in unison -- "Build the Party, build the Party ..."

Some 1,000 blacks from 30 states. Later, a few blocks away at the Phillip High School Auditorium, some persons were expressing concern that this black party was leaning towards a leadership that was purely nationalist, and there might not be room for other radical blacks with other political postures.

And one frantic participant wrote on a blackboard in a hallway: "South Africa is the only issue you idiots." Cracks seemed to be getting wider. It was that kind of a Congress session for the NBIPP. One that swayed back and forth, in and out of turbulence and then into a setting that was tranquil.

also elected Kikora Ros Tabasimu of Detroit as the presiding officer for the National Party Congress. Thad Mathis of New York City was elected the presiding officer for the party's Central Committee. The co-chair posts went to Ron Daniels of Youngstown, Ohio; and Elsa Brown of Richmond, Vir.

New York and a professor at Cornell University. "We saw a need for a real black party because the GOP and the democrats were not working in the best interest of oppressed blacks," he said. Daniels stressed, however, that the NBIPP is not about the business of electing blacks to public office at this time.

Marable, whose column "From the Grassroot" appears in dozens of black newspapers, said, "This black party is not going out to get black faces in high places when we leave here. The American political system is a warped notion of politics. It (politics) is more than just running someone for office, it is the empowerment of a people."

Many blacks could be left with the feeling that "we have heard all this before and we have went down this road before and it didn't take us anywhere" said Robert Jackson from a California delegation. "But this party is different. In 1972 when the blacks met in Gary to organize they left with a black agenda but not the means and programs to carry or with what had to be done. This party is not making that mistake."

Some 8,000 persons had attended the Gary gathering 9 years ago. But it was a session that was too dominated by "mainstream black leaders and democrats," said Manning Marable, a NBIPP member from



CLASS OF 1971 - Pictured above are members of the Graduating Class of 1971 of Dunbar High School. At present time, these members are making preparation for a Class Reunion to be held in September. If you are a member of this class and have not been involved, then this class is waiting for you. (Photo by L. Tok Erukudo)

Black Teachers Feel Policy Hinderance To Hiring Of Teachers

by Denise Kinner

Approximately 1,600 teachers are employed by the Lubbock Independent School District for this year's school term. Although figures are not yet available on how many of those teachers are minorities, it appears likely that at least 7.5 percent of those teachers will be black.

Ralph Madrid, personnel director for LISD, explains, "Under the 1970 desegregation order, we were told, at that time, that we needed to have an

equal percentage of black teachers in every building (school) in balance with the entire black student population. At that time, 7.8 or 7.9 percent of the students were black."

administrators admit that while such a policy may aid in the hiring of blacks, they believe it could serve as a hindrance as well. They point out that the school administration might be tempted to hire only the

minimum number of blacks needed to satisfy the guidelines in the desegregation order and not hire more blacks beyond that point. However, Madrid says such a policy does not exist.

"We in the personnel office recommend people for employment and it wouldn't be smart of us to turn good people away because of numbers. We always employ the people that are the strongest applicants."

Poor Has Right To Challenge Denial Of Their Public Housing Authority

The poor have a right to a notice and hearing to challenge the denial of their application for housing by a public

housing authority. Federal regulations (24 C.F.R. 860.207) require the housing authority to promptly notify an applicant for the reasons for denying them housing. The regulations also give the applicant the right to ask for an informal hearing to challenge their denial.

In March, 1980, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in *Billington v. Underwood*, that the notice must be "sufficiently specific for it to enable an applicant to prepare rebuttal evidence to introduce at his hearing appearance." This generally means the notice must include the reason why the applicant is denied housing and the facts supporting the reason. The Fifth Circuit further said the hearing must be in front of an impartial hearing officer.

While the court did not rule out the use of housing authority personnel to conduct the hearing, such personnel must be a "decision maker (who) will listen to the arguments of both sides before using a decision on the evidence and legal rules adduced at the hearing." In short, a fair minded person who has not already made up his or her mind on the case.

This same issue prompted a law suit to be filed against the Lubbock Public Housing Authority, *Wilson v. Lubbock Housing Authority*, on September 17, 1980. The

plaintiffs are represented by West Texas Legal Services and the suit is still pending in federal court.

Persons who are denied housing by a public housing authority and who believe their rights were violated may consider the following action: 1. Make a request for a hearing with the housing authority by sending a letter to the director of the housing authority.

2. File a complaint with HUD in Dallas explaining what happened to them. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Bruce D. Gipson, 2001 Bryan Tower, 4th floor, Dallas, Texas, 75201.

3. Retain a lawyer by contacting West Texas Legal Services, 1601 Metro Tower, Lubbock, Texas, 79401, or Lawyer Referral Service, 1-800-252-9690.

West Texas Legal Services is a nonprofit organization that provide free legal representation to the poor.

Soul Seekers Sing Sunday

The Spiritual Soul Seekers will be singing Sunday afternoon and night, September 6, 1981, at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. at the Church of the Living God, 408 North Zenith Avenue. Rev. L. F. Bowie is pastor.

— Editorial — Coca Cola Gives In To PUSH

by NNPA

As Blacks across this country were preparing to engage in their first mass activity in protest of inequities in the marketplace, Operation PUSH and the Coca Cola Company announced a "moral covenant" in which Coke will channel over \$30 million to Black business and the Black community. We applaud the leadership initiative taken by Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of Operation PUSH, in pressing Coke officials to the wall, until they reconsidered and abandoned their previously adamant position of not moving beyond what they were presently doing.

And that was not acceptable to PUSH officials who had been in negotiations with Coke for several months. The settlement was more than a victory for Black leadership, but it produced a "mini miracle" in bringing together the scattered civil rights family of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For years, there has not been the best of communications among those who were chief lieutenants of Dr. King. However, in the Coke settlement, Rev. Jackson was in regular touch with Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader, Rev. Joseph Lowery, President of Dr. King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Andrew Young, and others. At the press conference announcing the settlement were Mrs. King, Revs. Lowery, Hosea Williams, Andrew Young, Mayor Maynard Jackson, Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., Jesse Hill, Herman Russell, etc. This was a "wonderful reunion fellowship" in the words of Mrs. King.

So, if Dr. King were looking through the heavenly clouds on the historic setting in hometown Atlanta, we are certain he was overjoyed and proud of those who are following in his footsteps to make real that dream he had of a better life for all Black America. We also salute Coca Cola officials for coming to their good senses and giving us "a clear indication on the part of a major American company that business can listen and respond to presidential and congressional actions for tax cut relief to business, and also to the message and the promise that the free enterprise system can do more to develop opportunity for all elements of society," in the words of Coca Cola president Donald R. Keough.

Applications Sent For Roy B. Bass Achievement Award

More than 350 entry forms have been mailed to Lubbock employers in qualifying for the Second Annual Roy B. Bass Human Goals Achievement Award.

The award consists of a handsome hardwood and ceramic work of art that hangs in the pedestrian mall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The winner will receive a

framed certificate. A project of the City of Lubbock Human Relations Commission, the award is designed to encourage awareness of equal opportunity employment and to recognize an employer each year who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in hiring and promoting employ-

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Appreciation Services For Rev. A. W. Wilson



Rev. A. W. Wilson

The Fast Lubbock Ministerial Alliance will sponsor Appreciation Services for Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson Sunday afternoon, September 20, at the Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, beginning at 3 p. m. Bishop J. E. Alexander will serve as host pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Wilson are retired pastor and wife of Behei African Methodist Episcopal Church. They have given most of their lives in the service of the gospel of Christ.

According to Rev. Kado Lang, president of the alliance, "As members of the alliance this is the only way we



Mrs. Ora Jean Wilson

can say thank God for the both of them. As a ministerial alliance, we want to take out this time to encourage all of their friends to come out and help us make this day one they shall never forget."

"We also are appealing to all ministers of the city to be part of this worthwhile organization. Each year we will do this special service for each retired minister of the alliance, continued Rev. Lang.

"So come on out and join us to help join the community, become a member; you might be the one who makes the difference," concluded Rev. Lang.

Head Start Enrollment

The Head Start Centers with the Lubbock Public Schools are now accepting applications for enrollment for the 1981-82 school year. To be eligible for this program, each child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1981; the family must meet certain financial guidelines as set forth by ACYF (Administration for Children, Youth, and Families), or the child must have a handicapping condition as diagnosed by a professional.

All interested persons are urged to contact the Head Start Office (747-2641, ext. 435), or to contact the Head Start

Center that is close to you.

Centers and locations: Harwell Head Start Center, 4101 Avenue D, 747-4371; Iles Head Start Center, 2401 Date Avenue, 744-2746; Guadalupe Head Start Center, 101 North Avenue P, 762-8759; Martin Head Start Center, 3315 East Broadway, 762-3864; McWhorter Head Start Center, 2711 First St., 763-4529; Wheatley Head Start Center, 1502 East 28th Street, 763-0719.

Classes begin on September 8, so please enroll your child before that date.

5 & 10 Kilometer Run

The City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a 5 & 10 Kilometer Run to be held Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mackenzie State Park.

The 3.1 and 6.2 mile runs will be held simultaneously and are open to people of all ages. Awards will be presented to the first five overall finishers and the first three finishers in each age

class, and all participants will receive T-Shirts.

Pre-registration is accepted through September 5th, with late registration going through the morning of the race. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Offices at 1010 9th Street.

Questions concerning the run should be directed to Sam Gentry at 762-6411 ext. 2669.



Tonda Johnson, of 4118 16th Street, was out making her photo portfolio around the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. She is enrolled in Robert Spence School of Modeling in Lubbock. Tonda plans to be professional model. At age twelve, she is proud of Lubbock, her home. (Photo by L. Tok Erukudo)

Soccer In Lubbock

First Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony - Shown in these photos are members of the Black community who participated in soccer play here. This dinner and awards affair was held at the Gridiron Restaurant on Saturday, August 22nd. Approximately fifty persons were in attendance.



MACKNEYS MEN'S SOCCER TEAM - Left to right - (Sitting) Jimmy Dailey, James Burke, Tommy Leithridge, Roy Parr and Richard McKenzie, Coach. Left to right (Standing) Miguel Rodriguez, Ernest Allen, Wendell Coleman, Darrell Snell, Carey Childress, Artemus Tennison, L. J. Bettis and Charles Anderson. Missing are: Dwight Burr, Glen Canon, Kirby Childress, David Crockett, Kukumlakwe Goddie, Charles Harper, Gerald Jackson, James Skief and Al Vasquez. (Photo by Ufok Etukudo)



SUPA ROOS WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM - Left to right - Richard McKenzie, Assistant Coach: Jossie Leithridge, Barbara Coleman, Mickey Smith, G. Allen, Vera Coleman, Alma Gopie, Joyce Childress and Harold Gopie, Coach. Missing are: Marie Contreras, Zee Davis, Susan Dominguez, Surrenia Ellison, Sandra Longoria, Alicia Ramos, Viola Willard, Jenifer Bigham, Rene' and Wanda Skief. (Photo by Ufok Etukudo)

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Last Sunday was Women's Day at New Hope Baptist Church. Sunday School began at 9:30 a. m. with Supt. R. B. Thompson at her post. Morning worship services with devotional services led by Sis. C. Colquitt and Sis. Arene Flemings. Chords were at their post of duty. Guest speaker for the morning was Sis. Vivian Peoples, wife of Rev. C. C. Peoples. Theme for the services was "Christians, We Need to Mend Our Fence." Mrs. Peoples used as her text II Timothy 2:15 and St. Luke 18:1. She mended the fences which we see in our lives. If you missed her presentation, you missed a treat.

The National Baptist Convention will convene in Detroit, Michigan September 8 thru 13. Rev. A. L. Dunn, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, and Mrs. Bernice Kelly are expected to attend this convention.

Sharonda and Angela Becknell left via Braniff flight No. 414, last Saturday. They had been here spending the summer with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rubie Blakemore. They are daughters of T/Sgt. and Mrs. Sylvester Becknell of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mrs. Veronia Kelly carried her daughter, Chartress, to Houston, Texas where she enrolled in college. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lillie Cork and Allene Woods. They visited several towns before returning home last Wednesday.

Among our sick and shut in are Mrs. Johnella Savage, Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Mr. Dillard Harris, and Mr. N. P. "Beauty" Holmes.

This writer would like to thank all of those who sent birthday cards and gifts. What a surprise. Many, many thanks!

Black Party

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nothing. And the Sun-times didn't do much better. It ran a three inch story on page 75, the obituary page. The Congress launched a battery of salvos at the U.S. and many of its policies.

On party charter section noted: "We believe black people have the right to refuse induction into the U.S. armed services. We believe the black people have the right to refuse One party charter section noted: We believe black people have the right to refuse induction into the U.S. armed services. We believe that the armed forces have become an employer of last resort for blacks.

The party pledged to work to aid black farmers and stop the seizure of black land. A delegate from Maryland said "Black culture and black institutions are slowly being undermined." The party said it will seek ways to promote black culture and black owned institutions. Energy was also a concern. Now, the richest 10 percent of the U.S. population spends about 4 percent of their income on energy, while the poorest 20 percent of the population (mostly blacks) pays up to 30 percent on energy, according to one Michigan delegate, the party pledged to press for solar power units in the black community and call for "sun rights" for the poor in urban centers.

The U.S. government is the biggest slumlord we have in the country right now," said a delegate from New York City. In the area of housing the party charter more loans, low income housing that is not unfit for the masses of urban blacks, rent control and reasonable housing construction and rehabilitation projects in the cities. The charter was also joint blank about affirmative action. It called for the implementation and enforcement of meaningful and workable "affirmative action programs with specific goals, time tables, quotas and penalties for failure to fully comply in all private and public employment, job training programs and education."

Hulbert James of

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St. Jude, St. Joseph and Jesus Christ for prayers answers and favors granted. B. F.

St. John Baptist Church Will Revival

The members of the St. John Baptist Church will hold revival services beginning Wednesday, September 16, through Sunday afternoon, September 20. Each night service will begin at 8 p.m. with the Sunday afternoon service beginning at 3 p.m.

The conductor for the revival will be Rev. W. H. Bland of Roswell, N. M. Rev. James Moore, pastor, invites all citizens of Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas to come out and hear this dynamic man of God. Rev. Bland is the pastor of Wares Tabernacle Baptist Church of Roswell. He is vice moderator of the Mount Zion Baptist Association, and is active in civic and community affairs in Roswell.



Rev. W. H. Bland Roswell, New Mexico

Matthew 11:28-30: Come unto me all who labor and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and lean on me for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Roy Bass Award

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ees without regard to race, sex, ethnic background or age.

Any business and industry regardless of size is eligible to enter the competition, with the exception of the City of Lubbock and businesses owned by members of the Human Relations Commission.

Entry deadline is September 18, 1981. The award will be presented at a Banquet at the Civic Center in October.

The application form comes in three parts: the first identifies the employer. It will be separated, and initial judging will be done without knowing the identity of the company. The second page of the entry form provides a place to fill in statistical information on the applicant's work force. The third provides a place for a narrative description of the employer's efforts to recruit, hire and promote persons on an equitable basis.

"We hope to have many businesses and industries seek this award," said Tim Hatch, a member of the Human Relations Commission, and chairman of the awards committee. "We know many local employers do a good job of hiring and promoting on an equitable basis. I hope we get applications from all of them."

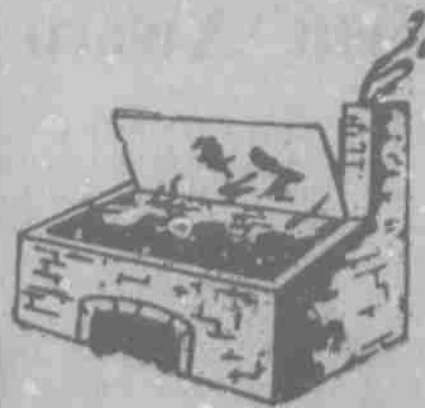
"We feel this is a very prestigious award, named in honor of Roy Bass who was widely respected for his fairness and his interest of

furthering equal opportunity for all Lubbock residents."

Hatch added that the art of work in honor of those recipients will itself be a coveted part of the recognition. It is a locally designed and produced work of art by James Watkins, Director of City of Lubbock Pottery Center at Mackenzie Terrace.

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Evangelist District Convocation

Evangelist District Convocation will begin on Monday Night, September 7, 1981 at 8 p.m. at the Christ Temple

COGIC with opening musical featuring Carist Temple Choir, the District Choirs, along with local and out-of-

town choirs, groups and soloists.

Throughout the week, there will be great gospel singing and preaching. Bishop W. D. Haynes, presiding superintendent, will be presiding. He will be preaching his official sermon on Saturday, September 12, at 9:45 p.m.

The theme is: "COGIC Build on a Rock," Matthew 16:18. Guests expected include Bishop J. E. Alexander and Mother E. B. Williams.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at 9 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Dell Newman. This lady made a lovely host, and she was terrific on Saturday.

President Mary Ward presided over the meeting.

Opening scripture was led by Sisters A. Johnson, C. E. Brown and Mary Ward.

Morning scripture lesson was brought by Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin.

Introducing the speaker of the morning was Sister C. E. Fair, vice president. Her subject was "Help Is On The Way." Psalms 121 was her subject.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."

There are times when we are down because of some misfortune. Just remember Job was tested and when we go through

these test, we come out pure.

I don't know how you feel about others, but we have to love. Love and respect are two important words. Respect is earned, but love is demanded of us by our Lord Jesus Christ. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. No one is big enough to judge another. Just hold out. Help is on its way. Continue to look to the hills from whence cometh our help."

This lady truly had it all together. You see, she knows who wholes tomorrow. She has this same God in her life. If you got Jesus that's enough. Thank you Mrs. Ervin for coming our way. What a difference a day can make. You completed it beautifully. You are loved by this group.

Remarks were made by all members of the group. Solos were sung by Mrs. Buelah Winters - "In Times Like These"; and

Mrs. Arnie Day - "When The Lord Gets Ready, You Got To Move." These women sang out of their hearts. Thought for the day: "A Christian war is the only war that kills its wounded." Think about it.

Breakfast was served with all homemade goodness by our fantastic cooks. You know they can't be beat. This is the truth. Were you there on last week? Come, the food multiplies as the crowd gathers. No invitation needed. OK!!

Our guest included: Mrs. C. C. Peoples, Mr. Curtis Felton, Mrs. Joah Y. Ervin, Miss Tonnya Felton, Mr. Oscar Ramos, and Mrs. Ana Ramos.

Each of you are so very special to us. Come again!!

The sick and shut in list include: Ophelia Smith, a patient at SouthPark Hospital, room 205; Betha Hood, at home; Mr. Joe Roland, Mrs. O. D. Hollins, Little Sugar Baby Fair and Pearl Ruth Brown.

If there are others on the sick list, who were not mentioned on this report,

God cares and we do too. Prayer request was made. If you have one call or come by. Let's pray together. The numbers are 747-4816, 747-7326 or 762-3347. Don't forget to fast and pray this week. If not for yourself, do it for a friend or the overall condition of the world.

Morning prayer was offered by Mrs. Annie Day and Mr. Curtis Felton.

Take your kids to the Children Outreach program on this week. You will be glad you did. These children need our Christian concern. For more information, call 744-5612. Mrs. Donnie M. Graves is directress.

Can any good come out of Nazareth.

Our next special will be in the home of Justita Sowell, 9th Street. Come and see Mrs. Mary W. Fair, vice president; C. E. Brown, secretary; and Mrs. D. Hood, reporter.



By M.A. FETTI, M.D.

When you have your ears pierced, wear stainless steel earrings for the first three weeks. If you wear the usual costume jewelry earrings, you'll develop an allergy to the nickel in them.

Musical Will Be Held At St. Matthews

Everyone is talking about the upcoming musical to be held at the St. Matthews Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, Sunday afternoon, September 6. This special musical is sponsored by the Senior Mission, Usher Board and Brotherhood of the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Special guest will include: Soul Seekers, Spiritual Wonders, King Family, Rose of Sharon, Gospel Lights, Wayside Travelers, Markers and Gospel Flames. The public is invited to attend.

The members of the Royal Ladies Club will sponsor a Chat & Chew and Games on Saturday, September 12, at the Green Fair Community Club House from 7 p. m. to 9 p.m. Donations are \$1.75.

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Editorials

Why Not??

It Is To Be; It's Up To Me/Us!!!

by
Eddie P. Richardson

In Detroit recently at the Cobo Hall, which is now named Joe Louis Arena, Coca Cola came on in. That is, to a request made by Rev. Jesse Jackson of Operation PUSH. Many locals thought Coke could not be moved. They were proving that no matter how big ... they do not want those cash registers slowed even a little bit!!

Glad to see the local County Commissioner Court reconsider on the lay offs of people. This would have been a most inhuman thing to do for the court. Most of the 31 people; yes, were not top echelon, but mostly people on the middle to lower range. Like the Reagan budget cuts ... no real cuts ... just switch from social action people oriented to military defense, i. e. tanks, bombs, planes, missiles and others.

The only thing now is the deficit is going to even greater. At least 20 billion ... but this time the minus will be poor people. At the present rate, a lot of this machinery will become outdated in a few years and many poor people out of work. The worst sham is that many think there has been a reduction in government spending. This is far from the truth. There is actually more spending than ever before ... just spent in different manner. A manner that could lead to all sorts of problems within the people. These problems will surely have a ripple effect if allowed to go unchecked!! Out of work people ... Black people ... Nothing to do folks ... are among the most dangerous. The crime wave across the country is almost entirely due to lack of work or lack of anything meaningful to do ... so crime is up-be it for kicks or need it's still a crime. Crime also follows mind changing drugs ... which in many cases are a thing to turn to when they have need for something to take their minds off the real world. Some use wine ... some use liquor ... and finally drugs. All have to be paid for. So crime follows ... if nothing else is available!! No tank, bomb, missile, plane or new nuclear weapon will alter the course of things ... plus the need of the elderly ... fixed income folks ... and the climbing utilities. All point to a new type of frustration. But the main thing the Reaganites will have to face in 1982 ... how much will the young take. In Britain ... we have already seen what will eventually happen if some relief is not brought to them. There is nothing to make us think that history wont repeat itself in the U.S.A. For years we have heard of what takes over the idle mind. Why should Reagan and Gang bother to prove it all over again??

Hold your breath and don't be surprised if a Black Beauty wins the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N. J. this year. Blacks have been real close in the past few years. Most believing they should have won. This time denying the crown to Robin Harmon of Baltimore ... see Miss Maryland ... the greatest thing since paid toilets. Not even a birthmark.

Good to see Sister Regina Foppe recognized for her many efforts in Lubbock. She gave 18 years of uniring service to Lubbock. She will be missed as she goes off to Washington, D. C. She was admired and respected by all on both sides of the issues. She so diligently fought for the rights of human beings.

Expect problems from the current re-districting plan approved by the County Commissioners. Expect strong opposition from minorities ... i. e. blacks and browns. Most feel 58% is not good enough. It should be interesting and it could lead to a possible suit being filed.

Strange no blacks were seen at the recent ribbon cutting for the School of Nursing at Texas Tech University. Blacks have always liked the field of nursing. Sources say various ways for entry can be found with the many blacks who are qualified here.



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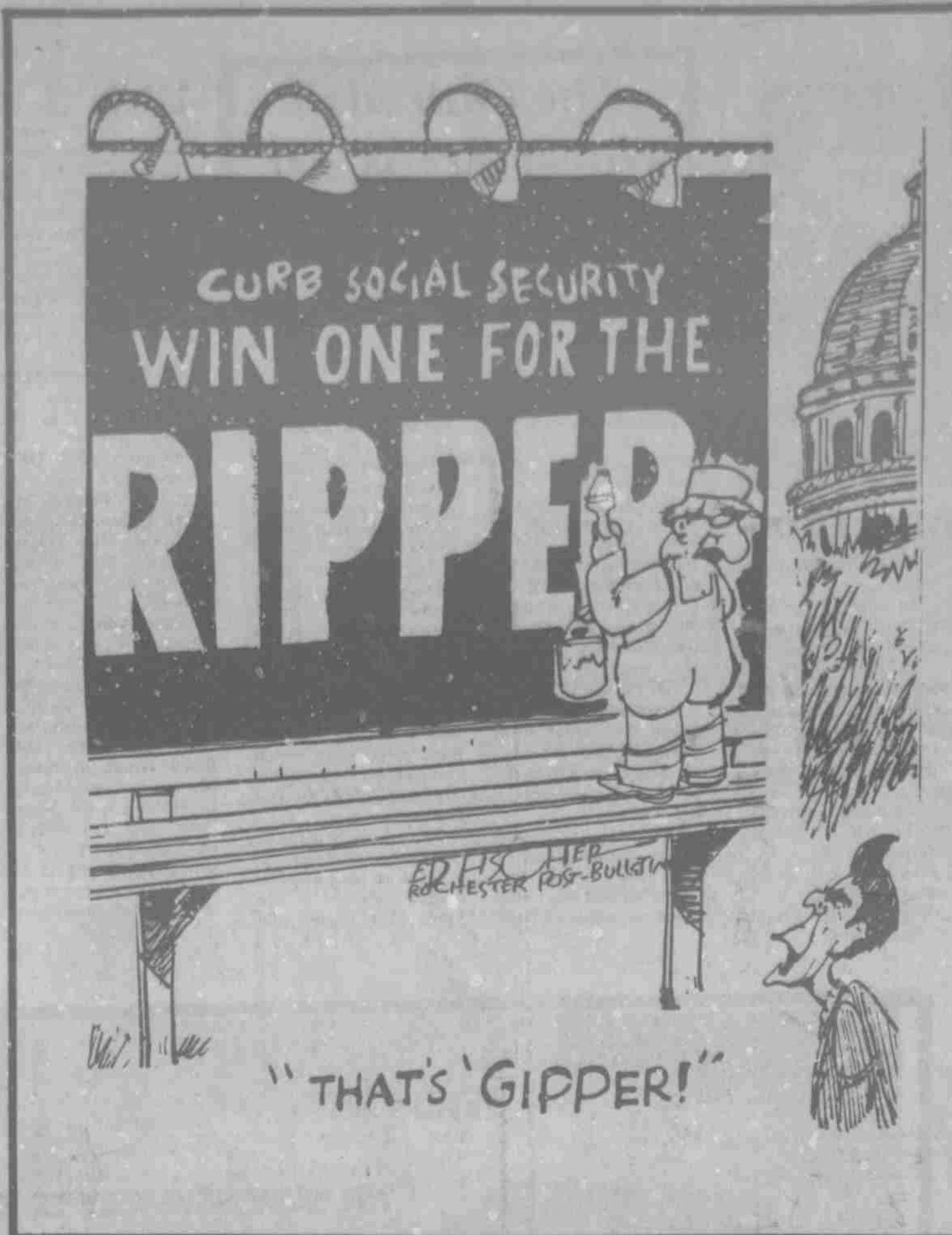
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Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



200 Get Quality Upgrade Program Ford Financing Team Training

"I was one of the lucky ones," said the soul brother in a cowboy hat at the San Francisco International Airport. But the brother wasn't lucky at all—he was smart! Starting back about four months ago he had joined Ford Motor Company's volunteer increase productivity training program. Now he and some 100 employees at Ford's San Jose, California Assembly Plant were taking off on a chartered plane to train for a week side-by-side with quality upgrade operators at Ford's Wayne, Michigan Assembly Plant near Detroit. Doing a better assembly job in San Jose on the hot selling Escort and Lynx cars was the goal of this group of men, women, and minorities. Over ten percent of those getting on board the plane were Black Americans. Destination: Detroit. Task: Training. Objective: More money. Maintaining high quality at the outset of assembling Escort and Lynx cars in the Fall is a firm commitment of these chosen

few. "Each one, teach one" is not news to families from darkest Africa and apparently Ford has found this answer for all its assembly plant workers. The lesson learned in Detroit in assembling the extra high quality Escort and Lynx cars will be donated and taught to the remaining San Jose plant employees. Every department in the assembly plant from paint to trim will be involved in this higher quality control on Ford's Escort and Lynx cars. Competition, mainly the Japanese manufactured car, is behind this quality build up at Ford. Robert McGrath, Pre-Delivery Manager at San Jose plant, says the strategy has been "six to nine months in planning" and the "Wayne (plant) personnel more than cooperative." Comments Lester C. Thuron, Professor of Economics and Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "The Japanese have become successful not because they have better individual entrepreneurs or because their tax laws or regulations are better than ours, but because they have been able to create an environment where workers interested in working together in quality control circles to improve group productivity." Putting Ford workers together with their counterparts across the country and of their plant is a pretty good jump in the right direction to meet this type of competition. "These people (getting on board the plane) in essence will be training our people (back at the San Jose plant)," observes McGrath. Making the worker capable of producing at the "highest level of quality to (be) obtained," is Robert's and Ford Motor Company's commitment to the car buying consumer.

BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist



PARENTS AND OUR SCHOOLS

Almost a dozen years ago, I wrote a chapter in my book *Black Power and Urban Unrest* specifically concerning some of the mounting problems in our schools. The chapter was appropriately entitled "The American Education Battleground." Our schools throughout our cities and suburbs remain battlegrounds today. Regardless of the often muted and possibly "face saving" statistics, upheavals have probably increased in almost all of our schools. Most significantly, however, the battles have changed from those over theoretical approaches to education to physical battles and encounters between pupils and teachers.

The problem pointed to here is a tremendously serious one; and far too often at the center of the problem we find not so much attitudes originating within the school but problems originating in the home.

I spoke recently with a long-time secretary of a suburban school board who told me of some of his personal experiences and woes in this regard. The most alarming—and immediately relevant—incidents which he related involved hearings held concerning alleged student infractions in which parents, teachers and school board officials were present.

The school board secretary said that time and again students would freely admit to having engaged in wrongdoing. Whereupon one or both parents would rise to their feet and threaten their child for lying! It was not to be publicly admitted by the parent or parents that their child could ever do wrong.

Some might call such behavior parental "permissiveness." But it is doubtless much more—and worse—than that. Such behavior comes through to many in our society as nothing short of being criminal.

Our teachers and our school boards and administrators may be rightly ac-

cused of many things. If I were to add to the long list of accusations, I might facetiously charge our school personnel with an utter failure to instill a due sense of responsibility into the parents of the children whom they teach.

We complain of indications that our young people are failing national standardized tests more frequently than in the past partly because of "insufficient homework." But the teachers complain—and most probably with some good cause—that it is the parents who must supervise the homework; and the homework simply is not done.

Time was, and in the not-too-distant past, when relatively poorly educated parents not only saw to it that their children studied for a proper amount of time at home but also actually helped them with problems which they encountered.

Complaints that teachers were using some "new methods" were not always tele-

vant in those days because often the parents had been exposed to practically no method at all. It is fair to say at this point, however, that there has been an admittedly undue amount of experimentation in some of our schools. School officials have been known to advise parents specifically not to help their children, since such help might simply confuse them.

Fortunately, the period of most of those experiences is behind us. But the fact remains that far too many parents simply could not care less if their children did their homework or not. Even worse, there has been a growing trend toward parental over-protection and over-indulgence both in and out of school.

What is said here calls for a far higher priority on our scale of community-wide concerns. If our children can do damage, in any way, to property or to persons or to a misuse of valuable time paid for by our beleaguered tax-

A View from Capitol Hill:
AN INDEPENDENT REPORTS ON WASHINGTON

By Gus Savage
Member of Congress



America Ranks Third in Rate of Incarceration; Follows Soviet Union, South Africa

The United States has the dubious distinction of being one of the world's leaders with respect to its rate of incarceration. Only the Soviet Union and South Africa surpass us.

There is another statistic involving the criminal justice system that I find alarming: the amount of money spent and projected for prison construction. Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, an outspoken member of the House Committee of the Judiciary, has reported that the prison building program in this decade could cost from \$6 to \$7 billion. As recent as 1978, the Federal Bureau of Prisons asked Congress for a construction budget of \$67.5 million.

We have every reason to be concerned about America's prisons and the rate of incarceration. There is a disproportionate number of Blacks in our prisons, and the same applies to the number on death row.

Conyers has an interesting theory about what the nation is doing with people it considers of no use to society. It allows them to go unemployed, it takes them into the military services, or it places them in prison. Black, it should be noted, are in disproportionate numbers in all three categories.

With a greater number of Blacks in our prisons, it follows then that there are more Black serving lengthy terms. Additionally, there is a trend to set mandatory sentences in certain types of crimes and a growing mood to apply the death penalty in more situations.

Numerous studies have shown that our present system of confinement does not rehabilitate people. Instead, it hardens them for more serious criminal activity.

Conyers, a recent guest on my radio program, said that the courts are part of the problem in the criminal justice system. It takes the courts too long to give the accused his or her day in court. Most of the judges are white. And, as Conyers pointed out, the jury offers little more. Instead of having his case heard by one of his peers, the black defendant often faces an all-white jury.

There is another aspect about crime that annoys me. We hear of crimes of violence and street crimes. We all deplore these actions. On the other hand, we hear very little about the crimes that have a greater impact on the nation's economy.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark said in a recent report that most of the crimes that the public hears about—street crimes for example—represent only a small percentage of the total dollar loss. A report released by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in the mid 1970s showed that white collar crime is four times greater than street crimes in terms of annual dollar loss to the nation's economy. This was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$44 billion.

I agree with my colleague and friend Conyers that if this country is going to continue the imprisonment of people, it has a moral obligation to better equip them for a useful life as a member of society when they leave our penal institutions. Chief Justice Burger advocates this point of view.

If some kind of real rehabilitation is going to result, more money must be directed toward educating inmates and providing them a chance to learn viable job skills.

Finally, more alternatives to incarceration should be explored. Among those suggested by Congressman Conyers are restitution, day fines, and community service orders. Moreover, we should do further research into the relationship between crime and poverty.

An Open Letter
To The Greater Lubbock Community

I would like to extend a very special "thank you" to all the volunteer blood donors who helped make Operation Blood Brother a success. Two hundred (200) units of blood were collected during the two-day drive, the first community-wide drive ever held in the city of Lubbock.

I especially appreciate the endorsing agencies and volunteers who provided leadership for Operation Blood Brother. Without their support the drive would have remained a dream in the mind of the community rather than the reality.

I would also like to thank the technicians and staff of United Blood Services (San Angelo and Lubbock branches) for their willingness to work the long hours needed to make the drive a success.

Sincerely,
John Richmond
Executive Director
South Plains Blood Service

payers, and go away satisfied, then perhaps our parents should pay in some appropriate and telling way.

Some say that if laws were passed affording discretion for a parent, who is clearly over-protective, to pay for the misdeeds of one's children, doubtless far different parental attitudes would be developed. I seriously doubt that such is the proper route to go. But the hard and serious fact of our times remains that "the crime of over-protectiveness" on the part of parents has increased. It has compounded the problems of both our school and our communities as a whole.

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OTHER WEEDS ... The Coronado Apartments ... remind you of a deserted town. There are so many ... WEEDS ... It makes the place look pitiful!! For such a complex to be over here like that and nothing being done about it ... is bad!! **WHATS SO FUNNY ABOUT THIS COMPLEX** ... is what's happening across the streets from the vacant buildings ... is a new ... play ground facility ... being developed by someone. One would quickly ask ... **WHO WILL PLAY ON THIS FACILITY?** ... **MAYBE THE RATS AND RODENTS!!** **THIS N THAT** ... hopes the CITY OF LUBBOCK didn't just have some money to get rid of ... and the only way ... to dispose of it was to utilize it (FUNDS) ... for some darn playground facility. **GRANDPARENTS** ...

DAY!! SEPTEMBER 13TH has been selected as **GRANDMOTHER DAY** ... But wait ... they have now agreed to call it ... **Grandparents Day** ... How about that? **DID YOU GIVE ANY BLOOD LATELY?** The question to be asked now ... after the blood drive ... **Operation Blood Brother** ... is ... **DID YOU GIVE ANY BLOOD?** With only ... pints of blood given at ... **GREEN FAIR COMMUNITY CENTER** ... last Saturday ... one would wonder how many **BLACK** organizations gave who endorsed such a ... **NEEDED EFFORT**. If the president or chairperson ... was unable to give any blood ... because of health reasons or whatever ... Why didn't someone from the organization give their fair share???? **THIS N THAT** ... gave it share ... and on ... TV ... (WHAT'S GOING ON? show) ... before thousands of viewers. Even ... **EDDIE P. RICHARDSON** ... gave his pint of blood. How about the rest of you. Where were you? If you still endorse such an effort ... it's not too late to give a pint of blood for a worthwhile cause. **CALL SOUTH PLAINS BLOOD SERVICES** ... TODAY!! **WATCH FOR THIS** ... A big change in ... **WORKERS BENEFITS** ... during the coming year ... among various occupations ... The companies cannot afford them ... and **DON'T HAVE TO HAVE 'EM** anymore ... **FARMERS** ... and ... **BUSINESS** ...

MEN are the biggest ... **CRYBABIES** ... **NEED SOMEONE OR AN ... ORGANIZATION TO SPEAK OUT!!** This seems to be what many **BLACKS** are saying these days in Lubbock. **THIS N THAT** ... would have thought the local branch of the ... **NAACP** ... **WOULD HAVE BEEN CALLING** ... **SOME PRESS CONFERENCES BY NOW** ... about some of the problems in our city. We'd hope by now this would become a reality ... but it hasn't. Visiting with ... local prexy ... **ROSE WILSON** the other day ... she said it is was forthcoming ... **BUT TO DATE** ... it hasn't happened. There are several issues which the local branch of the

NAACP could address with some kind of a press release. Example the **BUSSING ISSUE** ... the **DEATH OF THE TWO BLACK KIDS** ... who were killed in pickup mishap recently ... even the **DR. CHARLES HENRY CASE** ... and there's the opening of the new **SCHOOL OF NURSING AT TEXAS TECH** ... where there are no blacks as employees ... there may be one black student. The recent killing of ... **ELTON THOMAS** ... an amputee ... who was murdered recently ... Of course there are others ... but these are only a few which are in the area of **NAACP involvement**. **DO YOU HEAR US** ... **ROSE WILSON??** If not **THIS N THAT** ... will talk louder. **MORE WHITES THAN BLACKS** ... If you have had an

opportunity to go on the campus of **TEXAS TECH** and visit the **FINANCIAL AID OFFICE** ... you will see that more **WHITE KIDS** are seeking Financial Aid than **BLACK KIDS**. The Reagan Budget cuts will hurt many of them. **COY BIGGS ARE YOU HIDING??** It appears as though ... **COMMISSIONER** ... **COY BIGGS** is hiding from the **BLACK COMMUNITY** as well as the other voters in his district. Since his stance on trimming the county budget ... where he voted to cut at least 31 employees ... he hasn't been seen. The County Auditor apparently made an error in projecting the budget ... therefore ... not all will be terminated. Now there is the redistricting issue ... An issue in which many **BLACKS** and **BROWNS** are unhappy about ...

Movie At Faith Christian

Saturday, September 5th, a film - Cross & Switch Blade - will be shown at the Faith Christian Fellowship, 915 31st Street. Starring Pat Boone and Eric Estrada. Distant Thunder will be shown on Sunday evening, September 6, at 6:30 p. m. The public is invited. There is no charge.

By the way ... **COY** ... you haven't been to East Lubbock since the Juneteenth Celebration in Mae Simmons Park. **WHERE ARE YOU??** **JOAN Y. ERVIN** ... and **HAROLD M. CHATMAN** ... are taking note to what you are doing. By the way ... **COY** ... with the new lines ... the **BLACK VOTE** will still count!! Don't forget that!!

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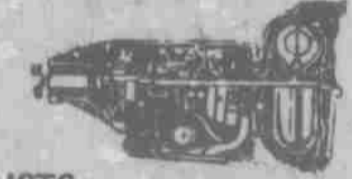
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