



Accepting Southwestern Bell's Community Relations Team donation is (left) Meals-On-Wheels Director Cindy Simpson. Also pictured are Community Relations team members Liz Montagna and Marcy Sawyer.

### Local Hospital's Foundation Holds First Annual Dinner Meeting

The Foundation at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital and Rehabilitation Center marked four years of dreams, plans and organizing efforts with its first annual dinner meeting Monday night, Nov. 30. St. Mary's Foundation is a separately-incorporated, tax-exempt organization established to raise funds for medical equipment and other health care needs not covered by patient fees. Weldon Gibbs, one of the founding members, gave a brief history of the foundation to the approximately 40 hospital trustees, foundation directors, sisters and others present.

how new this organization is. You are it. From here we move forward."

Gibbs then introduced the foundation's current officers: Winston Robertson, president; Mike Bennett, vice president; Marge Snyder, foundation representative to the hospital board; Gene Westerburg, secretary; and himself as treasurer. Fred Gotthard, assistant administrator of the hospital, gave the financial report for the foundation stating that current assets stand at \$196,792.20 which includes the money raised last year through a year-end appeal chaired by Mrs. Snyder.

The hospital's board began discussing the idea of a foundation in 1977. They then applied for and received a charter on Dec. 21, 1978. The founding members who helped shape the structure of the new foundation, write its bylaws and obtain its charter were local banker Gibbs, Dr. S. C. Arnett of the hospital's medical staff, local accountant L. Edwin Smith and business owner Jesse Mattox. All are current foundation board members as well. The foundation took the next step slowly and deliberately. "We did not want to enlarge suddenly," explained Gibbs. "We were looking for people with a solid interest in quality health care to become members of the foundation's board. I want to stress just

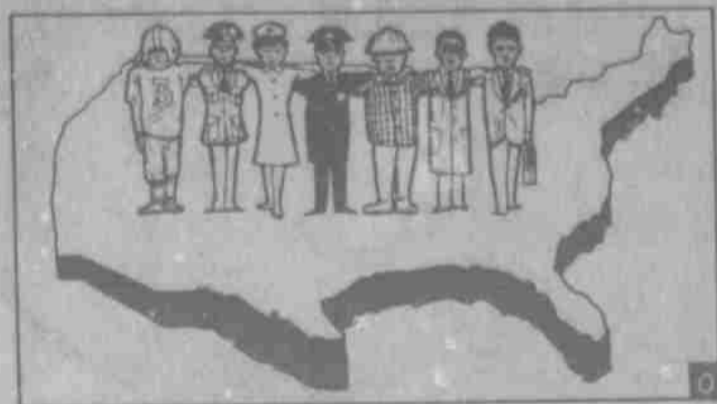
pharmacist, nurse, teacher, musician, accountant or mayor? There's a group dedicated to your specific needs.

Black organizations are an important part of American life. Their variety is apparent in *A Guide to Black Organizations*, an 80-page listing and description of many of the local and national groups currently operating. The book runs the gamut from A Better Chance, which prepares minority students for leadership roles in society through educational opportunities, to Zeta Beta Sorority, the first American Greek-letter organization to establish a chapter in Africa.

The *Guide*, published by Philip Morris U.S.A., includes professional, cultural, religious, educational, social and political organizations. There is sure to be one just for you!

The *Guide* is free. For your copy, write to Philip Morris U.S.A., Public Affairs Department, 100 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

### Making It in Black America



Black involvement is as easy as ABC.

If you want to make friends, develop new interests, share skills—and get things done—join a group. Blacks have been helping each other for a long time through their own organizations. Best known is the 400,000-strong National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Talented women seeking advancement might look into the National Hook Up, which maintains a job bank for corporate, university and government jobs. Or they might

join the National Association of University Women, a resource for college graduates interested in education and civic affairs.

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# ASTRO/NUMEROLOGY AND YOU

December 23-29

By Lloyd Strayhorn

### Numerology From Real Life

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Over the last two weeks, we gave examples of Numerology and its effect on such persons as the "Son of Sam" and the late comic actor Freddie Prinze. This week we'll focus our attention on that musical genius supreme, Stevie Wonder. Here are a few examples:

1. Stevie was born on May 13th (1 + 3 = 4) [4]
2. His first successful single, "Fingertips", adds up to 40 (4 + 0 = 4) [4]
3. Stevie's first wife Syreeta was born on the 13th of August [4]
4. Stevie has a 13 million dollar contract with Motown (1 + 3 = 4) [4]
5. His classic album, "Songs in the Key of Life", had advance sales of 1.3 million orders (1 + 3 = 4) [4]
6. Stevie won 5 grammy awards in 1975 (1 + 9 + 7 + 5 = 22; 2 + 2 = 4) [4]
7. Stevie's first child was born in 1975, in the 4th month, April [4]
8. Stevie's second child was also born in the 4th month, April [4]
9. His second wife's name, Yolanda, adds up to the single number of 4 [4]

Of course there is much more on the life of Stevie Wonder where the number 4 can be seen, but I think you have the idea. The above excerpt was from the Numerology book "Numbers and You".

Next Week: Numerology and Alex Haley

(Please clip and save as a series)

**ARIES—March 21-April 20**  
This holiday week will be free of obstructions in your path. Use the time to renew your friendships and vows with others. The day before Christmas and on into it looks very good. Count your blessings and be merry! 4 is your number. **ARIES BORN:** Diana Ross, famous total entertainment talent.

**TAURUS—April 21-May 20**  
If you've been having the pre-holiday blues lately, it should be easing up just about now. Going into the rest of the holiday week spiritual gifts will be just as important as tangible gifts. Keep this in mind for your better success. Sunday the 27th holds good news. 8 is

the number this week. **TAURUS BORN:** Willie Mays, famous athlete and personality. **GEMINI—May 21-June 20**  
From the time of this reading until Christmas day, you have to be very careful to make the most of this holiday week—the stars are not exactly in your favor right now. Whatever gifts that come your way, in any size, should be received with much appreciation. Master number 33 is yours this week. **GEMINI BORN:**

Katherine Graham, famous dancer and choreographer. **CANCER—June 21-July 21**  
Most of the holiday will go pretty nicely for you. Just let things happen, and all will seem to fall in place. There's a strong suggestion that you be very careful over the weekend, right after Christmas, especially with money and arguments. Your number is 5. **CANCER BORN:** Bill Cosby, famous comedian, actor, business and sportsman.

**LEO—July 22-August 20**  
This Christmas should go pretty well for you, right up to the main holiday event itself. The weekend will give you a good chance to reflect and count your blessings. This we should all do, anyway. Your number this holiday week is 9. **LEO BORN:** Douglas Lewis, founder and president of Nova Publishing and Management in New York City.

**VIRGO—August 21-September 21**  
The day before Christmas may prove to be a little upsetting for you, but take everything in stride for best results. As you go into the holiday weekend itself, a bit of news from afar will prove to be very important. 33 is your number this week. **VIRGO BORN:** Dr. Gregory Douglas, gynecologist in Sacramento, Ca.

**LIBRA—September 22-October 21**  
October 21  
Christmas day for you, Libra, should hold memories that you will long remember. There will be joy, celebration and the good feeling of being alive. Only Sunday the 27th suggests that any aggressive moves and arguments should be watched. 6 is your number. **LIBRA BORN:** Stock G. Wilson, famous

New York Astrologer. **SCORPIO—October 22-November 21**  
All this week will be pretty much like the last. It's going to be joyful, spiritual, beneficial and personally rewarding. Take this time to be merry, count your blessing, and spread good cheer to your fellow man. 11 is the number for you this week. **SCORPIO BORN:** James Van Der Zee, famous photographer/historian in New York.

**SAGITTARIUS—November 22-December 21**  
This will be one of those types of weeks you'll never forget. For the holidays, the planetary arrangements have shined special favors on you. And the holiday spirit will only increase this awareness. Take advantage of this goodness, and spread good tidings and good will. Use the number 1 this week. **SAGITTARIUS BORN:** Joseph Teixeira, executive assistant of Inner City Broadcasting in New York.

**CAPRICORN—December 22-January 20**  
Christmas day indicates no problems ahead for you. As a matter of fact, the day after Christmas day will be fantastic in the way of finances or an improvement in your job situation. This is one of your strongest periods of the year. 22 is your lucky number. **CAPRICORN BORN:** Richie Havens, famous balladeer.

**AQUARIUS—January 21-February 19**  
Thursday leading into Christmas day looks very good, especially from the viewpoint of home, family and happiness. Give love, and it will be received. But you ain't seen nothing yet—Monday and Tuesday will be especially good. **AQUARIUS BORN:** Clarence Jones, New York freelance writer, photographer and filmmaker.

**PISCES—February 20-March 20**  
During late Wednesday and Thursday, things may appear to be a little upsetting. But it's probably because of the holiday tension. By Christmas day and on into the rest of the week, you'll find yourself enjoying the balance of the holiday. 8 is your number. **PISCES BORN:** Andrew Young, newly elected Mayor of Atlanta.

## MEDIA REVIEW

### A Time For Change

A review of *Weekend Fathers*, by Gerald A. and Myrna Silva (New York: Harper and Row, 1981). 236 pages—Hard Cover—\$13.95.

Here is a book that speaks in the most compelling terms of the need for change in the legal and social arrangements of broken homes.

The Silvers make a highly persuasive—and an exquisitely portrayed—case for much more equitable approaches toward post-divorce adjustments between former spouses themselves in the best interests of their children.

As the title of this exceedingly provocative book implies, *Weekend Fathers* sets forth the premise that divorced fathers and mothers should share

equally in the nurture of their children. Yet there is in our legal system the entrenched and traditional notion that "children belong to the mother." Thus 92 percent of the children of divorced parents are assigned to the custody of mothers.

Although there is a clear trend toward short term, alimony payments, this movement is slow and, as the Silvers argue, these present arrangements may serve to keep families apart and to structure out both reconciliations and fresh unions of a long-term nature. You must agree with specific conclusions, but here is a book that will encourage a larger number of readers to work for swift changes in the nation's present post-divorce arrangements.



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## Pastors Talk About Church

(Editor's Note: Lubbock Digest staff writer, Denise Kinner, invited various pastors and ministers in the Black community of Lubbock to address the problems of the community and their opinions and ideas for solutions. This week Rev. Larry Polk, pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, is interviewed by Ms. Kinner. Another local pastor, Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church has refused to be interviewed. He told Ms. Kinner that he didn't have time and wasn't interested.)



Rev. Larry Polk, Sr.

### "Exodus of Black Youth To White Churches Is Problem"

Rev. Larry Polk, Sr., pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, has been in Lubbock for almost two years. During that time, Polk has seen black ministers and black churches in East Lubbock, criticized for their lack of involvement in community affairs. However, Polk believes that black preachers and the church still have a role to play.

"I don't buy the concept that the black preachers role has diminished. The black church has stood for liberation in the black community. The black church was fighting battles long before we had the NAACP and ACLU. I see the church in East Lubbock seeking to attain the goal of being a restoration center for the lost souls, a house of bread for those who are hungry and a fortress for those who are frightened."

Polk added that one of the biggest problems of the East Lubbock community is a lack of involvement. "The black community lacks involvement and total commitment. Everybody is out for the limelight. We have leadership but no followship. If there is no followship you don't need leaders."

One problem that continues to plague black churches in the community is the exodus of black youth to white churches.

"The members of our church have been made aware of the need for a bus ministry and a door-to-door ministry. But it is not enough to have just a bus ministry. You have to have a ministry to hold the youth after you get them into the church. If you don't have something to hold them there, you're still lacking."

Besides the goal of providing a bus ministry for youth in the community, Polk says he would also like to provide services for ministers in the community. "I would like to do some modification of Mount Gilead to house a religious institute to serve ministers of this community. It would give them the opportunity for seminary training and refresher courses."

But these goals are in the future. At present, Polk's main concern is to build a church. "My goal is to build a church, not a physical plant but to build the membership. I hated to see the church divided. Sometime splits are for the better. Our only goal is to do the will of God."

## America's Second Largest Black Business Files Suit Against SBA

A New York black businessman has filed a civil rights lawsuit against the Small Business Administration. Charles Wallace, president and major stockholder of Wallace and Wallace Enterprises, charges that the agency, which is mandated by law

to assist minorities participate in the market place, "will only help minorities providing they stay in their place, which is, stay small, and present no threat to the economical system of this country."

The suit states that in February, 1978, the S. B.

## Digest To Set Up Regional Offices In Expansion Move

Rev. Bob Tieucl, Jr., pastor of Friendship C. M. E. Church of Pecos, Texas and regular columnist for the Digest has announced plans to establish regional offices for the Digest in the Midland-Odessa area and in Hobbs, New Mexico area within a short time.

This is in keeping with the policy of the Digest to serve the entire West Texas area and South-eastern New Mexico. "We are 100 percent behind plans for the Digest" and we are

certain that with greater news and editorial coverage of these areas, our people will show a renewed interest in the only black-oriented newspaper in West Texas and New Mexico. There is such a great need for such coverage and expansion in areas where a large black population lives.

A subscription and advertising campaign will be launched by the Digest shortly after the beginning of the New Year - 1982.

## Husband Shoots Dying Wife

Indianapolis - Louis Desmonds, 91, shot and killed his 88 year old wife, Charlotte, with whom he had shared a small home on the city's Eastside for 70 years.

He then took his 38 caliber revolver and shot and killed himself.

Desmonds had been informed that his wife had terminal cancer and was not expected to live through last week. An unidentified visiting nurse quoted the despondent man as saying, "I just can't lose my little girl."

"They were like two kids," the woman said. "He loved to hear her play the piano. He petted her a lot."

A. falsely accused Wallace of wrongdoing and froze Wallace's funds thereby halting construction of an oil refinery and an oil storage facility near Tuskegee, Alabama.

Wallace alleges that administrators of the S. B. A. used unwarranted investigators to destroy the character of Mr. Wallace and his family and the credibility of the project.

Wallace claims that these actions were taken because he was an active worker and contributor to the Republican Party.

"This racist and political conspiracy to destroy this project did not begin until 1977 during the beginning of President Jimmy Carter's administration," according to Wallace.

Wallace learned that during this period of time, that administrators of the S. B. A. were out to destroy the project because he was a leading black Republican.

A family friend, Sherman Gatchell, discovered the bodies sitting upright on the couch in the couple's living room. They were clutching hands.

Neighbors reported the Desmonds as "a loving couple who shared their entire lives."

Gatchell said, "They were the kind of people that made your life better."

A marriage license found near the bodies revealed the couple had been married 65 years.

Homicide investigator, Joe McCoy, said the case is being treated as a murder-suicide.

## Digest Office Closed

The Lubbock Digest office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, December 24th thru December 28th.

The entire staff and co-publishers would like to wish everyone a most Merry Christmas!!

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MEET OWNERS - Eddie P. Richardson, Jr. (center), co-publisher of the Lubbock Digest, had an opportunity last week to meet the owners and supervisors of the Phenix Apartments, formerly Coronado Apartments.

They are (left to right): John B. Hardwicke, Jr. of

Water Walk; Steve Cowan, head superintendent; Tommy Daniel of Water Walk; Richardson; Dan Griffin of Griffin Investment & Development of McAllen, Texas; and Calvin Howell, building superintendent.

(Photo by Ufok Etukudo)

# Santa Comes To East Lubbock

The site of "Queen City" in East Lubbock has taken several turns since the days it housed Lubbock's Black community's record number of Black businesses. The "Queen City" area was once the mecca of the Black community of Lubbock with a number of Black businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants, drug stores, barber and beauty shops, a bicycle and lawnmower repair shop, washeteria, service stations and garages and other type businesses - including various small mom and pop stores -- and churches.

The majority of the buildings were substandard. Urban Renewal came into the area and

bought and re-located most of the business operators as well as residents. Some moved to other areas; some went out of business - the area was eventually cleared of the buildings. Some re-located and repaired at other locations. Most, however, were torn down.

Once the area was cleared, a Black Masonic group (St. Joseph) build an apartment complex in the area which was called Coronado Apartments. These were nice medium priced apartments which flourished for a number of years. Eventually, they changed hands and were remodeled and some furnished. This lasted for a while. They changed hands again and again!

With each change, they began to decline in upkeep and appearance until it became the eyesore of the City of Lubbock.

In early December, Santa came to East Lubbock - through the efforts of Dan Griffin of Dan Griffin Investment and Development, along with his associates who are developers and investors, purchased the Coronado Apartment complex.

In an interview at the apartment complex last Wednesday (December 16, 1981), the following information was revealed to the Lubbock Digest by Dan Williams and Tommy Daniel of Water Walk Developers, both of McAllen, Texas --

along with other members of the Water Walk staff who will do the one million five hundred thousand dollar plus remodeling job.

Griffin told the Lubbock Digest the first thing he wanted to do was "change the image" of the apartments in order to do an outstanding job.

In order for this to become a reality, however, the following must be done: "Have topnotched first class professional management, change the name from Coronado, fence the place in -- with an entrance and an exit; have armed guards for security and protection of

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SANTA LEADS PARADE - Last Saturday afternoon Santa Claus had an opportunity of leading the parade at 1701 Parkway Drive after stopping the Parkway Mall. Hundreds of kids were on hand for the affair. (Photo by Ufok Etukudo)

# PEACE ON EARTH



# Life Style

by Joe McConnell

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is another series by Mr. Joe McConnell about "Life Style." It is his way of sharing his any experiences in life.)

## Listen Black Brother & Sister Blackness Is An Attitude!

Continued from last week

When it does, he will be ready to encounter that white rider. But the Black man sees that he will not be along when he meets him. He looks at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago and notices that the sons and daughters of the white man are jumping off the pendulum already -- men and women who live in the area and spend much of their time in the alley or in public places, and co-workers. The result is that the alley men, perhaps more than others in our society, tends to use the same individuals over and over again. He may make a friend, neighbor and co-worker and his kinsman, or a friend, co-worker and kinsman of his neighbor. A look at some of the personal relationships can illustrate the many standard aspects of friendship and the bi-directional character of friendship on the one hand, and kinship, neighbor, co-worker and other relationships on the other. Especially lacking is an exchange of secret thoughts, or private hopes and fears. Friendship thus appears a relationship between two people who, in an important sense, stand unrevealed to one another. Lacking depth in both past and present, friendship is easily uprooted by the tug of economics or psycho-logical self-interest or by external forces acting

against it. The recognition of this weakness, coupled with the importance of friendship as a source of security and self-esteem, is surely a principle source of the impetus to romanticize relationships, to upgrade them, to elevate what others see as a casual acquaintanceship to friendship, and friendship to close friendship. It is this, perhaps, that lies behind the attempt to ascribe a past to a relationship that never has one, and to borrow from the bony structure of kinship ("going for brother") to lend structure support to a relationship is an artifact of desire, a wish relationship, a private agreement between two people to act "as if,"

rather than a real relationship between persons. A new phase of social evolution has developed where white folk are battling in the streets over Black folk, what was supposed to have happened during the Civil War. There those who say that the American pendulum has swung about as far right as it can get, if so, it will soon start swinging back. When it does, Black folk, and their young White, Puerto Rican, Chicano, Indian and Oriental allies will be ready. Blackness is no longer a color, you see, it is an attitude.

Merry Christmas!!

## Bethel Will Hold Christmas Services Friday

The pastor and members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will sponsor Christmas

services on Friday morning at noon, December 25th.

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## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met for the last time this year in the home of Mrs. Juanita Sowell. There were unusual spiritual happenings going on last Saturday morning -- on the very last half of the meeting. All members wish you could have been there. Juanita Sowell presided over the meeting. Opening scripture was taken from John 3:16. Participating were: Mrs. Buelah Winters, Rev. Donald Montgomery and Mrs. Sowell.

The morning lesson was taught by Rev. Montgomery. His scripture was found in Isaiah 9:6; John 3:16. "For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. These will be his royal titles, 'Wonderful,' 'Counselor,' 'The Mighty God,' 'The Everlasting Father,' and 'The Prince of Peace.'"

We truly thank God for the gift he gave to this

world on that special day. You know, Rev. Montgomery is such a special young minister. He is so real! His proclaiming of the real truth all over the city and are sure, like that, we love this minister dearly.

Remarks were given by Mrs. C. C. Peoples. Thought for this season: "What ever it takes for thou will to brake we'll do it Lord." Think about it!

Breakfast was served. It had to be multiplied as the morning group has become larger. We fed spiritually and physically. This year, one thousand and forty-four people has eaten with us. Won't you be a part of this number on the next year. You are so welcome!

Our guest list last week included: Mrs. M. Peppers, Rev. Harris, Rev. Grant Hood, Rev. Donald Montgomery, Mrs. C. C. Peoples, Mrs. Phillis White, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Romos, and Mr. and Mrs. Pedro G.

Romos. Because of people like you, this year ended perfectly. Our sick and shut in list include: Mrs. Ophelia Smith and Mrs. Artie Mae Washington.

We are sorry because we do not have the complete list of all the sick in our community, but God still specializes in things which seem impossible.

Prayer request was made. If you have one, come by or call one of the following numbers: 762-3347, 747-7326, 762-5917 or 744-6642.

We will begin the New Year on January 2, 1982.

If you have a prayer request, during this holiday season call any of the above numbers. We will be happy to pray with you, because prayer works. If you want the works, if you work the prayer.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Harris. The food was blessed by Rev. Montgomery.

Can any good come out of Nazareth? Have a Happy, Holiday Season to all breakfast members and friends, and all readers of the Lubbock Digest newspaper everywhere. God loves you, and we do to.



## VOTE

### Bea Smart



Dear Bea: When did the custom of decorating the Christmas tree originate? Tree worship was practiced by the ancient Druids and taken into Christian practice by the German Druids when they were converted. The first tree in America was mentioned in a diary of a Lancaster, Pa., resident, Dec. 20, 1821.

Next meeting place will be announced in next week's report. Come and see in "82." President is Mrs. Mary Ward; vice president is Mrs. C. E. Fair; secretary, Mrs. C. E. Brown; and reporter, Mrs. D. Hood.

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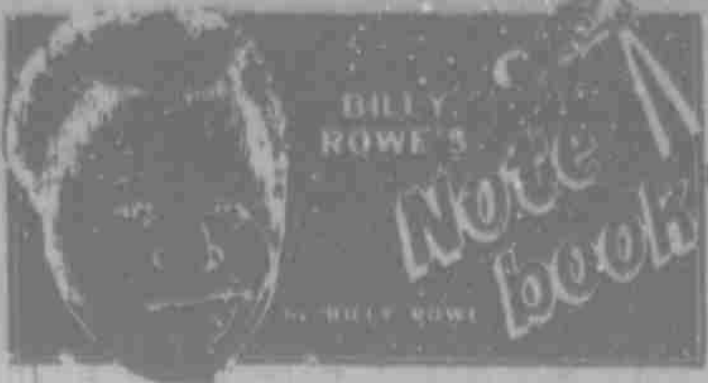
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### So. African Treatment of Blacks Is Appalling

Washington, D. C. — The appalling treatment of black South Africans by that nation's white Apartheid government filled Congressman Richard Ottinger with such dismay during a recent stopover visit. He was so horrified by it all he wrote the U. S. Senate Dept., and on his return home, read his findings into the Congressional Record. His indictment of the insensitive nature of the white ruling class of this ludicrous land is repeated here for your eyes and the shame of others.

"Mr. Speaker, I raise to bring to the attention of my colleagues a most devastating experience. In August, I attended the first United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Energy in Nairobi, Kenya, as a congressional adviser to the U. S. delegation. On the way, I visited South Africa with the House Subcommittee on Africa, chaired by my good friend from Michigan, Howard Wolpe. What we saw and experienced was appalling."

"We learned firsthand the absolute horror of apartheid, a policy of systematic repression and torture wreaked upon the black population of South Africa, which constitutes a 6-to-1 majority of its inhabitants. South Africa's black population is being consigned to "homelands" which are nonarable areas designated arbitrarily as black zones, given independent status, and thus cast off by South Africa. Blacks living in these "homelands" cannot make a living, cannot farm, and many are starving as a result."

"No black is permitted to migrate to the white areas of South Africa without a special pass issued by the government. Since the burgeoning economy of South Africa's white community requires more manpower than that community can provide, black males are encouraged to work in the mines, factories, and as domestics in white areas. They are not, however, allowed to bring their families to join them in these areas. Police checkpoints are set up outside the white areas to insure against illegal entry, and unannounced searches are conducted in the homes of blacks to root out illegal entrants. Violators are taken before "pass courts," one of which we visited, where trials are conducted in the Afrikaans language, which many blacks cannot understand."

"Despite the repressive 'pass laws' against immigration of blacks from their "homelands," conditions there are so desperate that women and children have been migrating in large numbers to join their husbands and fathers. We saw the government's brutal treatment of these refugees who settled outside Capetown in a community called Nyanga. Hundreds of women and children were forcibly arrested, removed, and repatriated to conditions of starvation in Transkei. When I brought this appalling situation to the attention of the State Department in a letter to Secy Haig, I was told that our Government considers the incident in Nyanga "a particularly grievous example of the serious human rights implications inherent in South Africa's apartheid policies." Yet despite its own acknowledgement of the particularly repugnant nature of this incident, the State Department insists that these tragedies are best resolved by "quiet diplomacy," read "Acquiescence by Silence."

"At any sign of protest to their brutal treatment, the South African Government can arbitrarily invoke a law which makes it illegal for more than two blacks to congregate. Banning, which prohibits the banned person from conversation with more than one person or any contact with other banned persons, is also instituted. Violations can result in jail terms. Black leaders suspected of organizing opposition to any government law or edict have recently been subject to severe physical torture, leading in some cases to death, as was the case with black leader Stephen Biko."

"Incredibly, the Reagan administration has chosen to respond to these tragedies by remaining silent. As Jacobo Timmerman, an Argentine exile who endured the torture and repression of another government said, "A quiet diplomacy is silence; a silent diplomacy is surrender."

"Indeed, our silence on these issues is tantamount to complicity in these atrocities. Under Pres. Reagan's foreign policy, we have become an international outcast, alienating our allies as well as our entire developing community, ironically thwarting the stated goals of Reagan's foreign policy: The halt of Soviet expansionism."

"Every black nation we visited has made a priority of seeking an end to apartheid in South Africa and South African actions against its neighbors. They want to end South Africa's forced domination of Namibia through settlement in accordance with U. N. Resolution 432. We visited Angola, including some of the communities claimed to be under control of the South African movement, UNITA, which the Reagan administration seeks to recognize and help. The Angolan Government made it clear to us, as it had proclaimed publicly in the past, that it does not want Cuban or Russian domination any more than it wanted Portuguese colonialism. Angola is being threatened by the South Africans, however, and its people abhor apartheid. Officials reiterated that if the South African military threat were withdrawn, they would be delighted to see the Russian and Cuban troops withdrawn."

"Mr. Speaker, apartheid is one of the most blatant possible violations of human rights, and witnessing its horror firsthand was simply devastating. If the United States is to tolerate the starvation, torture, and repression apartheid details entails, it is simply handing the Soviets a victory that could not otherwise be contemplated. The American public provided no

electors' mandate for these dangerous and counterproductive policies that have us siding with the worst elements of the world against our own interest. STAY LOOSE. (BILLY ROWE IS A SYNDICATED COLUMNIST FOR THE NNPA)

## — This N That —

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** It's that time of the year when we should all keep the GOODNESS of PEACE!! Let us keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS!! Remember the greatest GIFT the birth of our LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST!! GIVING!! No doubt about it GIVING should come from the heart... give out of the goodness of your heart... GOOD NEWS!! Corono Apartments will become a new name in the very near future... Would you believe... PHENIX APARTMENTS?? Well... that is the new name... Over one million dollars have been set aside for the redevelopment of this project. It will not be long before we will have something GREAT in East Lubbock. Eddie P. Richardson... co-publisher... has written many articles about this project... but now... he is as happy as the new owners... If you'd talk with him... you will see how excited he is about the new effort. More will be written about these projects in the near future.

**DRINKING??** During the holiday season you'll probably hear the following: **IF YOU DRINK DON'T DRIVE**... **IF YOU DRIVE DON'T DRINK**... No matter how you hear it... both make a lot of sense. **BLACK RADIO STATION NEEDED!!** It would be real great... if the BLACK COMMUNITY of Lubbock had a BLACK ORIENTED RADIO STATION... Maybe one day... it will become a reality... Anyone interested in

getting involved with one?? **STUDENTS WILL FLUNK!!** In Dallas... SUPT. L. WRIGHT... approximately 14,000 students... between the FIRST... and SIXTH GRADES... are expected to flunk this year... No more social promotion... according to Wright... Wonder if this will become a reality in Lubbock. **WHAT'S WRONG... REV. FORD???** According to DENISE KINNER... staff writer for the LUBBOCK

**DIGEST**... REV. J. H. FORD... pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church... HE (REV. FORD) DOESN'T WANT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE DIGEST... because... (according to

Kinner)... HEDOSEN'T HAVE TIME... and... IS NOT INTERESTED.

Maybe... Rev. Ford... should get his act together and listen to what... REV. LARRY POLK... is saying this week... "GET INVOLVED..." After

### Annual Christmas Party

The Ladies Community Club sponsored its annual Christmas Dinner last Saturday night, December 19th, at the 7 p. m. hour in the home of Mrs. Claretta Brown.

Every year the club get together with their many friends and share the joy of the Christmas season, and the birthday of Jesus. Not as a helpless babe, but as a man grown up to carry the problems of the world on his shoulders, to sit at the right hand of the father and intercede for our sins.

For too many people still see Jesus as a helpless babe, but how would you like to always be remembered as just a babe.

The Ladies Community Club is one which shares a Christmas atmosphere and the love of God in their hearts. The occasion was one to be remembered for years to come. The guest was entertained with games and songs — several guest received presents from the games they played.

The table setting was in the traditional Christmas flavor — red and green. The food was delicious.

and served by a most gracious host.

Members present were: Ms. C. Brown, Ms. B. Collins, Ms. C. E. Fair, Ms. P. Baker, Ms. F. Young, Ms. P. Daniels, Ms. M. Ward, Ms. G. Shepherd, Ms. M. Hayes, Ms. G. Davis and Ms. L. Johnson.

Guest present included were: Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Hereford, Mr. Davis, Mr. Collins, Mr. Braley, Ms. W. Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and many more.

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# Editorials

## Now Is The Time To Move Forward

by  
Eddie P. Richardson, Jr.

The Lubbock Digest has had its share of ups and downs as well as any limited financial business during the past four years. In September of 1982, the Lubbock Digest will celebrate five years of continuous service to the Lubbock community and surrounding areas.

We have a problem! The problem now is ... the Lubbock Digest needs to expand its efforts. The services this newspaper has, needs to be utilized throughout the South Plains of Texas -- within a 150 miles radius. Not only has the need grown, but the demand is there. Since 150 miles in any direction -- from Lubbock, there is no Black Oriented Newspaper.

No doubt about it, the request for expansion is mounting. The first month of the new year, with the help of God, one of our columnist -- Rev. Bob Tieucl, Jr. -- will open regional offices in the Midland/Odessa area. In talking with Rev. Tieucl and another agent in the Clovis, New Mexico area, the name Lubbock is not the best seller for other areas and towns.

This is true! Come early next year, a phase out program will begin to phase out the present name. Hopefully, this newspaper will become either the "Southwest Black Digest" or "Sun Belt Digest." Further, we thought about having some kind of a contest to depict the new name. What do you think? Let me hear from you!

Anyway, the demand is there so now is the time to move forward.

On the recent civic leader tour of the Air Force Academy and the Cheyenne Mountains NORAD complex, the highlight of the tour was the return home on a cargo plane -- which was a 1957 KC130 (it also doubles as a troop carrier). It was great, because a lot of our civic leaders who made the trip -- may have forgotten how the troops travel, even in the war zone, and some of the new military people who did not know just how the troops traveled.

In my opinion, this was necessary and informative. The difference between this carrier and some this writer has flown on in past years -- when I was in the U. S. Air Force -- it was rather luxurious as compared to some I flew, even with a parachute on my back and no seats. Only canvas benches or the top of jeep served as a place of comfort. Some of us today who fly in luxurious birds, can appreciate the experience we had recently. It's just good to see how the troops travel.

Now to one of my favorite gripes -- Coronado Apartments have been turned into praise -- and will be named the Phoenix Apartments. In talking with the new owners from McAllen, Texas, they really mean business.

As stated to this writer recently, "We are putting a lot of money and effort to correct this mess." "We will have to have some conduct, decency, and hard work to live down what has happened in the past."

The people in the city, especially officials, have been very nice and cooperative. This writer was most fortunate to have been told by one of the owners that this writer didn't laugh when he was advised about the purchasing of the complex. Today, no doubt, it would take at least \$6 1/2 million dollars to replace them. The predominant factor, as it was explained to this writer was, "We are investing private money, without government strings. We will provide safe decent housing for Lubbock citizens and we will protect our investment."

This column and newspaper has nothing but good wishes and high hopes for the courageous people from McAllen!! Congratulations and good luck!!

As we close the year, we would like to thank all of our advertisers, supporters, readers and everyone who helped us through another year -- and even if only goodwill. Thank you!! God bless all of you. Have a Merry, Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

If you travel, have a safe and happy holiday season. To you, you and yours -- a most joyous and happy holiday season. Thank you for everything. Hope we will grow and prosper in 1982.

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## Ringling The Bell



Another view of the Black Experience: Dear Bob -- Our young people represent the future leadership of the Black community. However, they need some guidance, and we, Black adults and designated Black leaders, have a responsibility to encourage and assist these leaders of tomorrow. We must remember that a college graduate in 1975 was probably born in 1953; thus he or she was only 2 when Mrs. Rosa Parks was too tired to move to the back of the bus; ten years of age during the outrage of snarling dogs and forceful fire hoses in the park in Birmingham and the memorable 'March on Washington' and 12 when thousands marched from Salem to Montgomery. As a result, too many of our young don't know or understand the thrust of the Civil Rights Movement. Too many young Blacks have chosen to be guided by emotion and want to believe that all this struggle and suffering proved that Black can beat White or we will get something just because we are Black. We must tell our young people what they are spending too much time worrying about the word 'racism'. It is not something new -- when we were young, we called it 'prejudice' or 'segregation' or 'jim crow'. We have more college-educated Blacks than we have ever had and also higher unemployment. Racism is not our primary enemy. We must select courses of study that are not just 'sop' ones but courses in college that will make us competitive in today's labor market. The doors that were opened during the Civil Rights Movement are for the most part still open. We just have to go marching through them. Signed: Joe Black -- Vice-president of The Greyhound Corp.

## Social Security Tips

by  
Jewel M. Love  
Service Representative

### Social Security Disability Benefits

Social Security is more than a retirement program for old people... It's also a disability insurance program that protects workers and their families throughout their lives. That's right ... If you've worked long enough and recently enough in a job covered by Social Security and you become severely disabled and can't work for a year or more, then you may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits. And if you're eligible, then your spouse and young children may also be eligible. You'll get help from State's vocational rehabilitation service ... so that you can return to work as soon as possible. But, if you get disability checks for 24 months, then you'll get Medicare to help pay your hospital and medical bills. For more information about social security disability insurance, call or write any Social Security office.

## Letters to the Editor

### "Let's Get It Right"

Dear Editor:  
We certainly enjoy reading your paper each week. I noticed in one of your articles the writer mentioned the Thanksgiving Dinner that was given on Tuesday evening, November 24th. Right, we had a Thanksgiving Dinner at Zenith Senior Citizens Center. It was a combination of North Zenith and Mae Simmons Seniors and their guest.

I am sure there were members from the Barbara Jordan Senior Citizens present. But this particular group was not sponsors of the dinner. Please be advised to make this correction. Our guest soloist was Mr. Samuel Curtis, who is a gentleman. A gifted singer and a very talented pianist. Also for persons who are not aware of the Center's operations for Senior Citizens in Lubbock, there are six different locations. They are: North Zenith, Mae Simmons, Homestead, Arnett-Benson, Copper Rawlings, and Lubbock Senior Citizens Center -- which is the largest and the center for obtaining information and referrals. Seniors over 60 years of age may avail themselves to either center convenient. Activities of all interests held daily. Also a hot nutritious meal is served at 11:30 a. m. daily. The centers are open Monday through Friday, 9 a. m. Anyone interested, call Mrs. Dorothy Dailey at 744-3222.

### "Anson Jones Award"

Dear Editor:  
The Texas Medical Association has advised us that literature concerning the Anson Jones Award for excellence in communicating health information to the public has been sent to you. We have appreciated the interest given this recognition program locally by the media, and it is our hope that you will enter this year. Too, we hope this award will be won in our area. If you have any communique you would like to submit for competition in this prestigious award, please let us have your entry prior to January 31st for submission to the Texas Medical Association by the 15th of January. We sincerely urge that you enter this State recognition of excellence.

Milton M. Rowley, M. D.  
Secretary  
Lubbock-Crosby-Garza County Medical Society

### "Thank You!"

Dear Eddie & T. J.:  
On behalf of the Lubbock City Council, I would like to extend to you our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your work on the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Citizens Advisory Committee did an excellent job prioritizing the various projects necessary for the future planned development of our City. The City Council appreciates your many hours of work necessary to accomplish this task. One reason Lubbock is a fine place to live is that a great number of citizens, such as both of you, give a tremendous amount of time and effort to work on a board such as the Citizens Advisory Committee. Thank you for being willing to share yourself and your time.  
Sincerely,  
Bill McAlister  
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Business in the Black  
By Charles E. Belle

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champion auto race drivers at a decent price to the public. People are the key to Ford's future and they're turned on at Ford Motor Company. "Fundamental changes in management style," have taken place at Ford, according to John B. Ferguson, Equal Employment Planning Manager for Personnel and Organization Staff. Sitting in his office overlooking the American Road in Dearborn, he knows the personal sacrifices several thousand employees have made "voluntarily" to get involved in improving the quality of Ford Motor Company cars. Minorities have played a major part in the Ford Motor Company family for more years than he can remember. William Perry was Ford Motor Company's first

known Black American employee. "According to published reports, Perry was hired February 9, 1914, at the Highland Park Plant in Michigan. In 1918, over a thousand Black Americans were employed by Ford, today the number is 30 times that size. Salaried minority employees earnings over \$29,500 today also far exceed the total in 1918. Ford has found that around one-fourth of its workforce for the past few years comes from a minority background. Black Americans and women have found Ford to be one of the finest companies to work for in or out of the

automobile industry. In point of fact, Ford has found its female employees reflect the growing professionalism prevalent in today's society. Some highly motivated fashion design features of Ford's EXP and Mercury Lynx reflect this too long delayed sexual revolution in society. Some \$4 billion per year will be spent each between 1981 and 1985 for worldwide facilities and tooling. This capital formation is an effective tool in increasing productivity and combating inflation. It should reflect in lower prices for Ford Motor Company products. Performance, personnel and profits are expected to be in the winner's circle with any Ford Motor Company car in your future.



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T. J. Patterson      Eddie P. Richardson, Jr.  
Editors

# BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Mathaniel Wright, Jr.  
Human Rights Activist

# FROM CAPITOL HILL

By A. Madison

## It Was Said First By Congressional Black Caucus

Rank and file American citizens should laud the gray-haired bespectacled whiz kid from Michigan, whose early priesthood qualities caused him to cry out against a policy he was espousing for political reasons instead of the sincere and compassionate good of the less affluent citizens. David Stockman, the Director of Office of Management and Budget revealed his deep concerns to a Washington Post reporter.

Stockman told how, as a Congressman, he was against the nuclear reactor at Clinch River, Tennessee, but because he knew Majority Senate Leader Howard Baker was strongly for it, so he says, he just got out of the way and let it pass. He stated that other pet projects were saved in similar fashion. The OMB Director said Congress was already thinking about 1982 elections, and that politics of winning overwhelm the philosophical premises.

In speaking of the House Democratic budget which was not very different from the Reagan budget, Stockman said that Representative Gramm was his spy in the House Budget committee. Gramm and Latta were the sponsors of a bill to include \$6 billion additional cuts to the Reagan budget. The Congressional Black Caucus fought hard for defeat of Gramm-Latta, as well as defeat of the entire Reagan package.

Stockman admits that they put together very rapidly a budget without any serious analytical process, that they really gave numbers which were only political. He stated that the defense numbers got out of control. It was only a bunch of numbers on a piece of paper. He emphasized strongly that the Reagan policy-makers knew their plan was wrong, but that the President went ahead and conveyed the opposite impression to the American people. "He went on television, displaying his cool experienced actor ability to rally the people to his budget support, promising a new era of fiscal control and a balanced budget," said Stockman. He says the supply-side economics is only a trickle-down theory—that is making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

The Congressional Black Caucus can utter loudly, "I told you so." All that David Stockman revealed in the interview is what the Black Caucus has been saying all along. No white press gave any consideration to the Caucus arguments and press conferences when they said all along the exact same things that Stockman, recently, revealed in the Atlantic Monthly. Now, all the leading white papers are carrying the story, the complete Atlantic Monthly article was printed in the Congressional Record, and President Reagan was asked about it at his recent press conference.

The Congressional Black Caucus came out with an alternative constructive budget based on careful analysis, and with a plan for more fair equalization of both burden and profits of our economy. That budget gave numbers based on careful study. It presented ways for lowering inflation, increasing employment, and increasing economic growth. Even Senator Dominic, Chairman of the Senate Budget committee, admitted that the Caucus had done a wonderful job. Having based their budget upon careful study, they showed how waste could be cut in defense spending, closing tax loopholes, and saving school lunches by placing a fifty percent cap on the three martini lunch—just to mention a few of all of the budgetary considerations. Recently, Senator Gary Hart has introduced a bill calling for a seventy percent three martini cap.

Representative Augustus Hawkins, the author of the Humphrey-Hawkins bill, which really contributed a lot to the Black Caucus Alternative Constructive Budget, has been criticizing for more than two years the country's "trickle-down theory". Mr. Hawkins has consistently taken a strong stand against the "trade off" policy of raising unemployment in order to reduce inflation. He paints a grim picture of where the Reagan domestic program is headed. Considering the Administration's prediction that unemployment will rise, Hawkins says that white males are rapidly losing their jobs and that there will be one million more unemployed people. This really can't mean minorities, because it won't be that many left above this present joblessness, among them. He sees no possible recovery before late summer, and even then it will only be in a technical sense, because many people are already witnessing foreclosure, bankruptcy, loss of health benefits and school dropouts. These will prove catastrophic, because these people will have to start at the bottom again, which will render them forever to the poverty level.

Mr. Hawkins said giving big profits to big corporations only enable them to consolidate and instead of producing more goods and jobs here, they are investing in foreign countries; providing foreigners with jobs. He stated that the great waste in defense spending should be investigated—all defense contracts run over prospect cost. Representative Hawkins feels that change in the direction of our economy will only come when unemployment gets around 9 percent and the people demonstrate and take to the streets.

Since both of President Reagan's budgets and the House bill are known by all members of both Houses and the Administration, the only real wise and sensible thing to do is to take a good look, at the Congressional Black Caucus' Alternative budget.

The white press owes it to the American citizen: to give as much play to the Caucus budget as it has given to the other budgets, and Stockman's denunciation, so the people will have a choice.

All of this just proves that American leaders, instead of using black ability, would rather suffer than switch.

There is a great deal of easygoing and light talk about President Ronald Reagan's racial attitudes. The things that are said are potentially devastating. Many of them are said with deep feeling, especially by those who sincerely hold to the notion that Mr. Reagan might be an enemy of the poor.

Not long ago we were privy to a rather thoughtful and moving discussion on this issue. We share its observations with our readers for whatever value these fresh or somewhat different estimates may hold.

For one thing, Mr. Reagan has been accused of being "a racist" because he has stated that he was not aware that there was a race problem until he was an adult.

It was noted in the discussion that we all too often use the term racist lightly or even flippantly. It has been the experience of large numbers of black people to state quite frankly the point in their own lives at which they came to recognize for the first time that there was a racial problem in this country.

Some blacks are aware of the situation almost from birth or from the "get-go," as some would call it. For others, it is upon first going to an integrated school. For still a few others, it is not until

an adult age. Regardless of how naive we may feel that some of these persons are, apparently they have honestly held convictions. Then, too, none of us can deny that we do not veil from our sight of senses a great many personal, familial or social circumstances which are simply much too painful for us to face.

What is essentially a commonly shared and deeply human mechanism cannot lightly be called "racism."

It was suggested in the conversation by someone who had a rather intimate picture of President Reagan that what is possibly the President's "fault" or "sin" might be rooted in his brand of idealism.

Perhaps all people ideally ought to be idealistic. One of the most attractive things apparently about Mr. Reagan is that, once people get close to him, they sense an infectious, engaging and almost irresistible idealism in him.

His economic, political, social and even religious outlook is, and by some appreciative critics to be of a blandly idealistic mold to which the President brings the most earnest kind of commitment. Well, obviously there are a great many people who do not feel that Mr. Reagan is bland, to say the least!

So far as race is concerned, one party present noted that Mr. Reagan—like many other idealistic Americans—honestly believes that, at rock bottom, "all people are alike." This person went on to say that it was in this kind of "faulty idealism" that the racial thorns in Mr. Reagan's posture and policy were to be found.

He continued in, this immensely provocative way. All people are not alike, even though Mr. Reagan seems to believe this on thoroughly idealistic grounds. When the President says that his staff will not be chosen with any racial weights or "quotas," he is giving voice to what I see as an awkwardly faulty or flawed idealism.

"But it is the same kind of flawed idealism that is mixed into the official viewpoint or philosophy of the Urban League, for example. The Urban League places—or at least comes through as placing—what some of us see as an easy-out-for-white-folks emphasis upon equality when it speaks of 'equal treatment'. The President also believes in 'equal treatment'.

"None of us in fact, are equal. If there are five children in our family, we do not treat them exactly alike. They have five sets of needs, predispositions, and talents. So we treat them differently. That dif-

ferent treatment is called 'equitable treatment.' We need to get our goals and our thinking straight, and first of all, we must stop casting stones about when we have flawed thinking ourselves."

Well, that was a mouthful. If we are to be helpful to the President, that is, if we are to exercise any effective policy—making influence upon him, we shall need to get away from in-actives.

Perhaps, as one other person present noted, we might do ourselves exceedingly well by acting deliberately upon the assumption that President Reagan represents the penultimate in white American idealism today. If we do this, we may not be far from wrong. But, more importantly, once this kind of assumption is made, our tactics will be thoroughly political and not emotive.

We shall use his idealistic predispositions as a means of helping him to see beyond his immediate limitations; and once we have "touched base" with his best hopes and dreams for America—and helped to re-shape them toward what we see as reality—we shall have developed a tool for affecting the attitudes of perhaps a majority among us.

## LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

Re: Civil Rights Commission Call for Tighter Police Discipline

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Better civilian complaint procedures and tighter discipline within police departments could ease the problem of police brutality and draw police closer to their communities, while changes in Federal law and staffing would help ensure needed legal action in cases of police misconduct. These are among the key conclusions of *Who is Guarding the Guardians: A Report on Police Practices*, a recent report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

"The volume of complaints of police abuse received by the Commission has increased each year, and the nature of the complaints has become more serious," says the report. The Commission found such abuse to be closely tied to the lack of effective discipline exercised within police to meet the varied demands of their jobs and communities. Abuse and ineffectiveness are further fueled, says the report, by continuing race and sex bias in the hiring of officers.

Among the recommendations contained in *Who is Guarding the Guardians* are:

- \* Federal law (18 U.S.C. 241-2) should be amended to "eliminate the restriction that the victim of abuse be a citizen," "remove the requirement that prohibited actions must be proven to be a part of a conspiracy," and "the judicially imposed 'specific intent' requirement" and "treat unlawful acts of violence committed under color of law as felonies under any circumstances."
- \* "Congress should enact legislation specifically authorizing civil actions by the Attorney General

of the United States against appropriate government and police department officials to enforce proven patterns and practices of misconduct in a given department."

\* Added staffing is needed for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, for the Community Relations Service and for other Federal agencies that fund police departments.

Noting that "Very few serious complaints against police officers are sustained, and prescribed penalties are often inappropriate," the report recommends that departments:

- a) place more emphasis on civilian complaint systems which the public feels free to use, and in which complaints are efficiently recorded and investigated;
- b) create departmental internal affairs units to investigate complaints, with "detailed written investigative procedures" and a staff "confined to investigative tasks" (also, "an officer who has caused a civilian death should be placed on off-duty status" pending complete investigation); and
- c) impose disciplinary sanctions "fairly, swiftly, and conscientiously," as is not now the case. "The files of violent officers abound with laudatory observations," says the report.
- \* Many police hiring standards discriminate against minorities and women by not judging applicants on job-related criteria; changes in the physical, written and psychological tests given applicants are suggested to make hiring less discriminatory and more job-related.
- \* Departments "should develop and implement af-

firmative action plans so that ultimately the force reflects the composition of the community it serves"; "minorities and women ... should hold positions that lead to upward mobility in the ranks and thereby allow them to compete for command positions."

\* Departments should provide stricter instruction in and regulation of the use of firearms; officers also need more training in human relations and cultural awareness to cope with the substantial social-service aspect of their jobs.

Have you written to one of your local, state or national elected officials this week? Remember, your elected officials need to know where you, their constituents stand on the important legislation that they must consider.

Why not write to your Congressmen and Senators and let them know your feelings about tighter police discipline.

You may write to your Congressmen and Senators at: Congressional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 or Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Please congratulate them for their important work and let them know every week where Black America stands on crucial issues.



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the residents, have a curfew for children (11 p. m. on week days and 12 p. m. on weekends); immediately evict abusers and wrong doers; have no junk cars in front of the apartments (there will be a work area in back of the complex for residents who would like work on their cars), and will use the Texas Apartments Association's format for management or one approved by them.

Some other proposed additions and changes will be new plumbing, new and different style roof, new tile, new appliances, new stoves, new refrigerators, air conditioning, hot water heaters, new front doors and locks, new fixtures, new insides, and new gas line.

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Griffin emphasized the fact that one million five hundred thousand dollars was private money and not government money. "That's a lot of money for remodeling alone," says Griffin. "There is no government money involved. Therefore, we will be more concerned about our investment," Miller stressed. He also made it known that the management of the renovation, will be handled by Water Walk personnel, but the labor and supplies will come from local sources.

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