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Former Bozeman Secretary Claims Discrimination

Last week, a longtime Lubbock public school employee accused a Bozeman Elementary School principal and the administration of discrimination at a regular meeting of the Tri Ethnic Commission.

This commission will meet tonight, Thursday, at O. L. Slaton Junior High School at 7:00 p. m.

The employee, Ms. Mildred Snell, said she was

let go as principal's secretary at Bozeman Elementary School in 1986 by Ms. Carolyn Solomon, who succeeded Mr. Clarence Priestly.

Ms. Snell, who now serves as a special education aide at Lubbock High School, and Priestly, for whom she worked 20 years, are Black; Ms. Solomon is White.

Ms. Snell also claimed that two Black teachers left Bozeman during Ms.

Solomon's first year there.

Ms. Snell also accused the school system's personnel office of passing her over for subsequent secretarial positions. She claimed that former personnel staffer Tom Brown, who now heads the Drop Out Program for LISD, and others failed to advise her of vacancies.

Brown is White; the personnel director, Ralph Madrid, is Mexican American.

Ms. Snell admitted she attended Thursday night's meeting because of the efforts of the Lubbock Branch's NAACP effort to see that there are Black teachers at Bozeman.

In relating to her transfer because of questions from the commission, Ms. Snell made it known that her transfer from Bozeman in the fall of 1986 came as a "complete surprise." She said all her performance evaluations were above average or excellent and that she was never told she was underqualified.

According to Ms. Snell, Ms. Solomon replaced her with an employee from Ms. Solomon's previous school. It was made known by Commissioner Lloyd Garland that bosses such as principals often are allowed to bring their own staff with them when they take a new position.

Ms. Snell, however, claimed that she was not notified about subsequent secretarial openings, particularly ones she heard about at Posey and Overton Elementary Schools.

According to LISD, vacancies normally are publicized through the district's in-house newspaper, cable television channel and a hotline. It was also noted that personnel such as Ms. Snell, those on the payroll who no longer have positions, are given top priority for placement.

A list, according to our sources, is kept of people interested in certain positions, and their files are given to principals when vacancies arise.

Ms. Snell said she called the personnel office "several times" after transferring to Estacado High School, where she kept in school suspension study halls until the program was phased out for budgetary reasons. She claimed the LISD Personnel Office never informed her of any vacancies.

Final Tri Ethnic Meeting Set

A final town hall meeting of the Tri Ethnic Commission is scheduled for 7:00 p. m., Thursday, November 10, at O. L. Slaton Jr. High School. This is the fourth public meeting sponsored by the commission to gather citizen input regarding unitary status.

Persons wishing to participate will be permitted to sign up the evening he or she attends the town hall meeting. There will be a five minute time limit.

The commission also has available a 24 hour telephone line that enables citizens to call in their concerns. The number is 766-1926. The line is connected to an answering machine that will record the caller's message.

Citizens may also write the Tri Ethnic Commission: P. O. Box 53951, Lubbock, Texas 79453.

NAACP Meets Saturday

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday, November 12, 1988 at 7:30 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center. President Rose Wilson is asking all officers and members to please be present.

The public is invited to attend this meeting.



Darius Luckey, at left, is shown at a recent function at Estacado High School. Standing with him are Mrs.

Joan McMillion, TAFE sponsor; and Carroll Thomas, principal of Estacado.

Darius Luckey Delivered Annual TASSP Message

Darius Luckey, a senior at Estacado High School spoke as a guest speaker at the Annual Conference of the Texas Association of Secondary Schools Principals (TASSP) held in Austin, October 9 thru 11.

Estacado High School is the President School of Texas representing the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE), and Luckey currently serves as student president of this organization.

TASSP, which sponsors TAFE, believes this organization offers young people many opportunities and advantages.

TAFE was organized in 1984, and since that time, it has become one of the leading clubs in the state of Texas for future professionals in the teaching field. In Luckey's address, he mentioned that the purpose of TAFE also included learning leadership abilities, as well as nurturing good attitudes about learning.

Carroll Thomas, principal of Estacado and 1986 & 1987 president of TASSP, is very supportive of TAFE and believes that this organization helps pave the way for education in the future by helping young people get first hand knowledge about the teaching profession.

The TAFE organization offers a way for students to "get involved" in their schools. For instance, the Estacado Chapter of TAFE has several activities going on this year, such as tutoring students at Hunt Elementary, tutoring freshmen and juniors for the teams tests, speech contests, district meetings, summer workshops held each year in Georgetown, near Austin, and the annual conference held in Austin every spring. TAFE also offers a \$1,000 scholarship to the speech contest winner at the spring conference.

Along with his many duties as student president of TAFE, Luckey will also address other district schools as guest speaker. Tascosa High School in Amarillo, Texas is hosting their district meeting the latter part of October, and Luckey has been invited to attend and address their group.

Darius Luckey was accompanied to Austin by his mother, Mrs. Bernice Luckey, and Mrs. Joan McMillion, the TAFE sponsor at Estacado High School.

We Need Your Help!

With three days left in the United Way campaign, campaign officials are concerned that they will be \$100,000 short of the \$3,250,000 goal at Friday's report meeting.

"We need your help. Please take the time and send us a pledge today. Every dollar helps," stated Carl Gundlach, campaign chairman and site manager, Texas Instruments, Lubbock Plant. "Those people who use the services at the Early Learning Centers, the Children's Health Clinic, and the many more United Way agencies know how important they are to our community."

The United Way now stands at 88.5 percent or \$2,876,250 of the goal.

"We feel very good about where we are in the campaign thus far but, we know that the last 10 percent will be the hardest to raise. It is our goal to give everyone in Lubbock the opportunity to help their friends, neighbors and families through this campaign," added Gundlach.

To give individuals an opportunity to contribute, a United Way pledge envelope is inserted in today's paper.

More than 168,000 human care services were provided by the 31 United Way member agencies in 1987. The total raised in 1987 was \$3,017,933, the first time the United Way has surpassed the \$3 million fund raising mark.

City Wide Ushers Meet

The Lubbock City Wide Ushers invite the public to be a part of their Annual Ministers Tag Team Preach O Rama Service which is set for Saturday, November 12, 1988, at 5 p. m. The services will be held at the Rising Star Baptist Church, who will be the host this year.

Rising Star is located at 2420 East Cornell Avenue; Rev. F. B. Bell is host pastor.

This special effort will include ministers who are not pastors. Each minister will speak for ten (10) minutes on various topics, including: (1) Rejoicing in Hope, Romans 5:1 thru 11; (2) There Will Be An Accounting, Revelations 20:11 thru 15; (3) A Light in Darkness, St. Luke 2:25 thru

33; (4) How Well Do You Work?, I Corinthians 3:9 thru 15; (5) Seeing The Need, St. John 4:27 thru 38; (6) Something To Pray For, I Peter 5:1 thru 11; (7) The Church Still Stands, I Corinthians 12:12 thru 20; (8) Let's Follow Christ, St. Luke 23:26 thru 46; (9) We Need To Be In Christ, Psalm 95:1 thru 11; and (10) Ushers Are Entitled To Their Human Dignity, St. James 2:1 thru 8.

Each usher is asked to bring canned food. This offering will be used to help families to have a better Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day as this service is not just for ushers, but for the whole community who wish us well.

Tommy Lettridge serves as president; Mildred Bogus is secretary; and Annie Sanders is program chairperson.



HEALTH FAIR STORE: Included in the photo, from left to right are Paul Schilder, executive vice president of Methodist Hospital; T. J. Patterson, Southwest Digest editor and city councilman; Roger Key,

chairman elect of Methodist Hospital Board of Trustees; Charles Fisher, M. D. hospital chief of staff; Wayman Spence, M. D., founder of the Health Fair Store franchise; and Robert Van Slyke, hospital senior

vice president.

The Health Fair, a Methodist Hospital Services Company, is located in the South Plains Mall next to Merle Harmon's Fan Fair Store.

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The New Hope Baptist, where the Rev. S. C. Nash is the proud pastor for the final months of November, is the church where the people really care. The church is located at 2002 Birch Avenue.

Last Sunday services began at 9:30 a. m. with Sunday School, and the morning worship began at 10:35 a. m. Call to worship began at 10:45 a. m. with the choir processional. The radio announcer was Mrs. Glenn Francis, and church news was offered by Sister Anita Henry. Selections were sung by the choir. Altar prayer was offered by Pastor

Nash. The morning message was given by Rev. J. A. Reed, Sr. of Muskegeee, Okla. The title of his sermon was "What's In It For Us." It was a wonderful sermon. His scripture was Matthew 19:27.

The National Evangelistic Conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 12 thru 15, 1988.

The Conference of the Christian Education will be held in Nashville, Tenn. December 5 thru 9, 1988.

Remember our sick and shut in with prayer. Rev. A. L. Dunn, former pastor of New

Hope, was rushed to hospital last Sunday evening.



Mrs. Maude Whitfield
Services were held for a longtime resident, Mrs. Maude Whitfield, last Saturday morning at 11 a. m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry L. Polk, former pastor, officiating. former pastor and pastor of Ennis St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock

Cemetery under the direction of Adams Plains Funeral Home.

Final rites were held Tuesday morning for Mrs. Webber Sneed at Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church with Rev. A. L. Sims, pastor,

officiating. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the directions of Adams Plains

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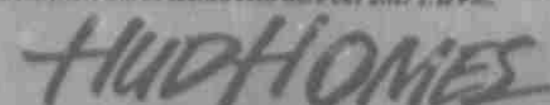
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Concert Set For Sunday Afternoon

In concert Sunday afternoon, November 13, 1988 at 5:00 p. m., Thomas Payton, known as the Thunderbird of the West,

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Mrs. Webber Sneed

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will be singing "All of My Life I Say, Yes, Lord."

The program will be held at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704, East 24th Streets, where the Rev. Wendell Davis is pastor.

This effort is being sponsored by the Music Department of Lyons Chapel.

Mr. Sammie Miller is chairman of the Deacon Board; Mr. Samuel Curtis is Minister of Music.

Payton, the son of Mrs. Cecilee Eddington, has always enjoyed music. In his youth, he sung in the church and school choirs. Later, he was inspired to play the piano by Mrs. Betty Hollins Miller of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

In 1969, he united with Friendship Holy Baptist Church No. 1. Because of his inspiration to play piano, he began to "bang" on the piano at church. In 1973, at the age of 20, Bishop Joel Mann, along with several other ministers, anointed

Thomas' hands and through prayer, God blessed him with the talent of piano and organ playing. Praise the Lord!

Thank God for Pastor Davis and members being patient enough to listen to his "banging" on the piano. Brother Thomas Payton has been a great help to many churches and individuals.

Accompanying Brother Payton will be his sisters, Brenda Eddington, Clara Eddington, Barbara Gates and others. Special guest will include Corey Powell.

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It Needs To Be Said

by the
Mystery Writer

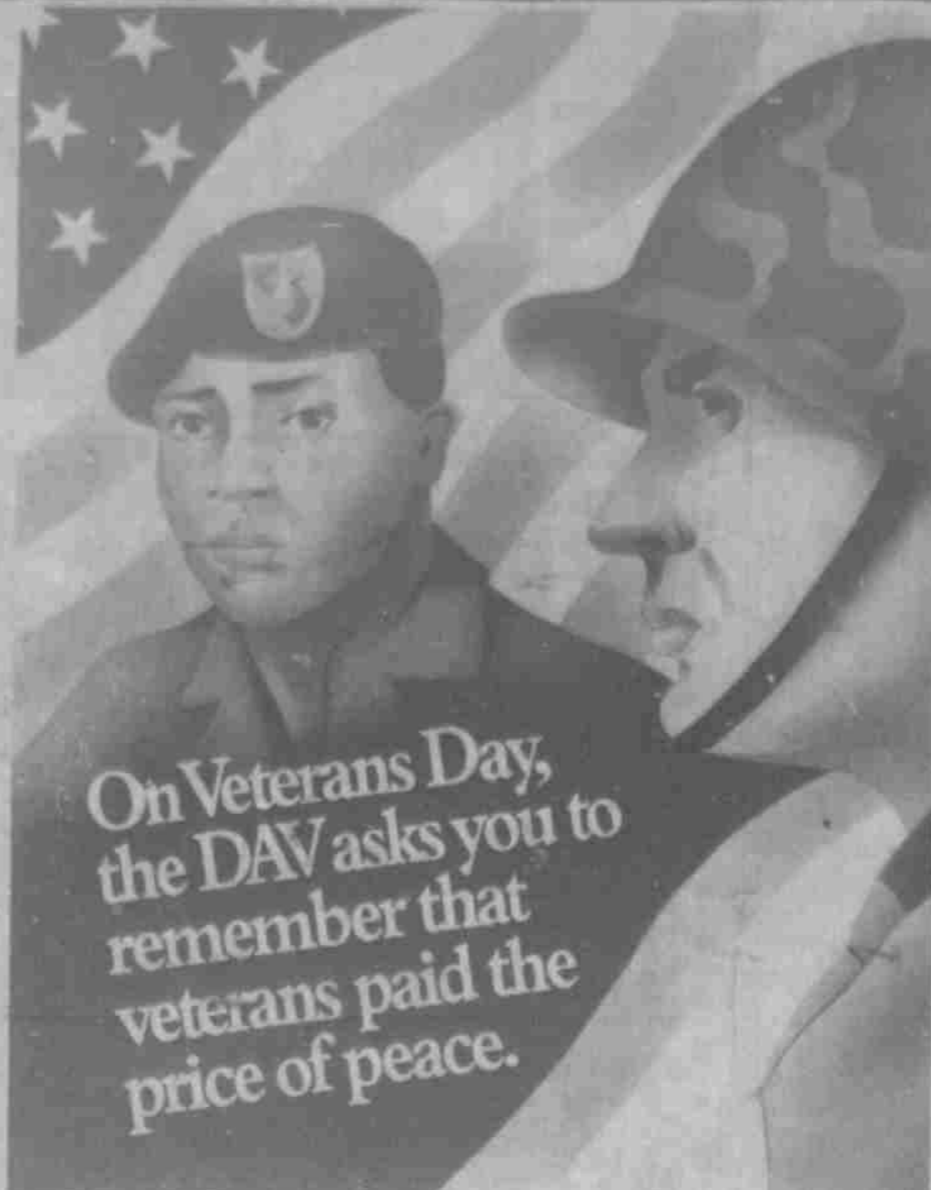
CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE RICHARDSON for standing tall and firm for our Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs. There are those that will not understand the importance of our having our own chamber. True there are a great deal of tangible benefits that can be derived from merging with the other chambers. However, the intangible benefits are immeasurable at this time, therefore, we should remain separate, but cooperative with the Lubbock Chamber and COMA.

As Mr. Richardson explained, past Lubbock Chamber concerns were "a drop in a number 10 tub" for East Lubbock, that there no Black staff members and only one Black on the Board. That Board member, Carrol "Butch" Thomas is a great guy, articulate and most worthy of that position. However, one Black out of 15 or more Board members has very little power for East Lubbock and let's not leave out, Mr. Thomas does not live, shop or own a business in East Lubbock. Furthermore, merging at this time is just not in the best interest of East Lubbock Blacks as we are just beginning to realize why the Indians say, "White man speaks with forked tongues."

An intangible benefit of having our own chamber is PRIDE. Blacks within Lubbock and especially East Lubbock have very little to "stick out our chest" concerning the business segment of Lubbock. Our businesses are only recognized by West Lubbock when they do not desire to be bothered with a certain transaction. Has the Lubbock Chamber endorsed a Black business, have they actively sought our membership in their chamber? What do they promote in East Lubbock, warehouses, factories with heavy equipment on our streets. Where are our shopping centers, fast food establishments, clubs, or modern office buildings, Lubbock Chamber? Our LBCE is rapidly becoming a viable business center for East Lubbock businesspersons. We don't have a country club, a shopping center, a golf course or many things found so abundantly in West Lubbock, but we do have our LBCE and we are proud of it.

Another intangible benefit of having our own chamber is IDENTITY. One of our major causes of the large migration of young Blacks from Lubbock is identity. Prior to the LBCE, Black businesspersons had no one to identify with when they sought to enter the business world. Blacks seeking business assistance need not bare their soul at the LBCE as they would at the Lubbock Chamber as Black to Black understands "you know how it is" as an answer to a question. This is not to say we as Blacks must continue to segregate ourselves or take the easy road in the business world, far be it from that. But at this time, many of our Black businesspersons are simply not comfortable or trusting of the City Chamber and until the City establishes that level of comfort and trust, until the CITY can identify with Black businesspersons, we will have a sincere need for our own LBCE.

Right or wrong, good or bad, there are few to none of the Black families in Lubbock that live and act like the family portrayed by Bill Cosby on Thursday nights. Oh yes, our majority would love that type family situation, and soe even give it their best shot, but even they soon realize it only happens on Thursday nights for 30 minutes. Blacks are very capable of learning, are very



creative and competitive and the same Blacks that possess the above can also be jivey, lackadaisical or be the so called nigger. These qualities and traits tend to mislead Whites that only know about Blacks from rumors, TV and books. Psychology books that tell how to deal with people were written by Whites who have very little insight into what it honestly is like to be Black. If those psychologist would spent one year within a black household learning firsthand the methods and procedure used by black families merely to survive and remain sane, they would tear up every page they wrote.

Within the business world, far too many Whites fail to consider that they do not allow many Blacks to gain management experience while becoming masters of their trade. Blacks, be they construction workers, mechanics, cooks, maids, bartenders, receive little to none of the management aspects of their jobs. How do you explain to a Head Cook or bartender, who has been at the Country Club for 15 years that the odds are against them being successful in their own restaurant or bar business. Sure they are tops in preparation and maybe good at managing employees, but what about managing the income and expenses of getting the most for your dollar. For these people, hearing negatives about opening their own business from a White immediately triggers prejudice and racist thoughts. But from another Blacks, who knows how and when to lay the negatives on me, I can deal with that.

Therefore, the bottom line goes something like this: "In all segments of the Black community, home, school, church, business, recreation, etc., Blacks are at a crucial crossroad. To the right there is the deadend of welfare; to the left is being like mom and dad living a life of just getting by; behind is segregation, second class everything, and a feeling of being just one step away from hell; while in front is the untired, untested, rocky road, filled with obstacles of progress, success and the true American way of life. To take the road in front, Blacks need PRIDE, IDENTITY and SELF CONFIDENCE from Blacks who have at least gone further than the crossroad." This is why the Martin Luther Kings, Rev. Jesse Jacksons, Dunbar High Schools, the Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs and many other Black people and things are so significant and important to Blacks as they represent PRIDE, IDENTITY, and SELF CONFIDENCE for those Blacks that must forge the road ahead.

(Editor's Note: The following information was made available to the Southwest Digest for our readers' consideration. You may contact Charles E. Saunders at P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas). June 27, 1988

Continued from last week

President Daniel Ortega
c/o The Nicaragua Embassy
1627 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20009



Charles E. Saunders

Dear Mr. President:

I am firmly convinced that our racially discriminatory domestic policies in the United States are correlated to our (United States) foreign policies in dealing with Central American countries. That is, the white supremacist attitudes in dealing with so called "banana republics." My research has not found one single instance where the United States has used its immense economic or military power in an attempt to dominate a nation where the ruling class is of Anglo Saxon heritage. The United States has even ventured into the Middle East and Asia to assert its economic and military power in an exploitative and domineering fashion.

I am reaching out to the Government of Nicaragua in friendship and peace. I am thoroughly enraged by the treatment that I have received from the United States Government. Neither the black nor the white news media in this country has considered my plight worthy of serious attention. I earnestly entreat the Government of Nicaragua to provide me some sort of humanitarian

Keep Hope Alive!

October 27, 1988

Ms. Eisa Tinsley
National News
USA Today
1000 Wilson Blvd
Arlington, Va. 22009

Dear Ms. Tinsley:

There is no way that the United States of America can justify the way it has treated me. History and the just judgment of mankind will vindicate my conduct in every respect, and that vindication will always carry with it the condemnation of the United States of America. Racism will continue unabated until it becomes a priority concern on the national agenda. This has become a societal norm, which historically has been

licensed by the Government of the United States of America.

When the Congress of the United States, acting independently of the Executive power of the Nation, decreed emancipation by amending the Constitution, it solemnly pledged itself, with all its power, to give protection to the emancipated at whatever cost and at whatever sacrifice.

Two thirds of each House of Congress, united and stimulated to one end, can practically neutralize the Executive power of the Government and lay down its policy in defiance of the efforts and the opposition of the President.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Saunders
T/SGT, USAF (Ret)

assistance to lawfully execute a campaign for moral righteousness and social justice in the United States.

Mr. President, I assure you that this requested is less than exhilarating for me to mak. I realize that it is a national disgrace that a citizen of the United States of America must appeal to the Government of Nicaragua, a foreign power, in an attempt to have the principles of "democracy" recognized in the United States. And it is especially shameful that it is a foreign power whom the United States is trying to forcibly impose "democracy" upon.

Mr. President, please do not get me wrong. I love my country. I love the America or the image of America that is projected to bequeil the world community of nations. No man has tried harder than I to catch a glimpse of the American dream, only to have my vision obscured, not by private individuals but by the United States Government itself. Racism in America is licensed by the Government of the United States.

Mr. President, I am not acting clandestinely. I have informed my government of my intentions, but as you well know the officials of my government are often nonresponsive unless public disclosures are forthcoming. If the Government of Nicaragua will entertain my request, an important first step would be to acknowledge it in a news conference in Managua.

American "democracy" is a fraud upon the world community of nations as evinced by the way it treats its own citizens. If the Government of Nicaragua provide me with the necessary humanitarian assistance, I fully intend to embarrass the United States before the international court of public opinion at every available opportunity as well as in every possible forum of social protest in the United States.

Every since I began what has been called my "crusade," I have dissented to personal confrontations of racial oppression by raising and arguing the cause of other blacks "similarly situated" in order to disprove and preclude an intellectually acceptable rebuttal argument that those things happened to me because I am "uppity," or a "trouble maker" or perhaps even "crazy." When a black man demands to be treated with dignity and respect "something has to be wrong with him." I now expect to be labeled as a "communist" because of my actions today, however, my record speaks for itself.

Even my critics must respect the fact that I have always dissented within the socially established parameters of conflict resolution and in doing so I have disproved attempted character assassinations designed to discredit me and the allegations which I raised. I have also proved by clear and convincing evidence attempts by the United States Air Force to frame me by trumped up accusations ... although never charged with the violation of any law or regulation ... based upon fabricated testimony and evidence.

The City of Lubbock/Citibus has established FY 1989 goal of 20% of funds to disadvantaged business enterprise participation (DBE) in contracted work and operational procurements, under DOT, assisted contracts. The goals and description of the City of Lubbock's DBE Program are available for review between 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. at the address listed below for thirty days following this notice. UMTA and the city will accept comments on the goals for forty five days from the date of this notice. Comments are for information purposes only.

DBE Directory

The City of Lubbock and Citibus are interested in expanding its directory of DBE firms capable of providing goods and services required by the transit system. Firms interested in assuring inclusion or desiring to be listed in the directory should submit a letter of interest stating the firm's qualifications and area of service to the following address:

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THIS N THAT

STILL NO NAMES OF BLACK TEACHERS? THIS N THAT ... since it was singled out by an **UNKNOWN CITIZEN** ... about the situation between **BOZEMAN PRINCIPAL** ... Ms. Carolyn Solomon ... about there not being **BLACK TEACHERS** ... It would appear as though there would have been some information about **HOW MANY BLACK TEACHERS** ... were there ... if there are any ... in number. **THIS N THAT** ... by the way ... stopped by **BOZEMAN** ... early Tuesday morning ... and did see **THREE BLACKS** ... one female cafeteria worker ... and two Black males ... one was in the classroom ... and another on the playground with the little kids. ... At least there are **THREE OF BLACK COLOR** ... but didn't inquire to about their status ... Anyway ... let's make it clear **THIS N THAT** ... and the **NAACP** ... are not hung up on color ... but ... rather ... if there are ... qualified Black teachers ... and the school is in a **BLACK AREA** ... there should be some **BLACK TEACHERS** ... because this in the guidelines of the court order. ... Hopefully ... someone from Bozeman ... will advise the status of **BLACK TEACHERS** ... that is ... in writing.

D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "HOPE you did vote on Tuesday ... if you didn't ... you don't have a right to gripe!"

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW! THIS N THAT ... would like to know what really **HAPPENED** ... to role of **MRS. MILDRED SNELL** ... especially since she was in the position for **TWENTY YEARS** ... Sure she is employed by LISD ... but why is she not a secretary ... and was not advise of a **SECRETARY** ... position.

LOOKS AS THOUGH IT WILL BE DEVELOPED! THIS N THAT ... has noticed that at the **CORNER OF EAST 19TH STREET** ... something will be happen. ... at least that's the way it looks ... It appears as though the owners ... are going to do something ... which is positive for the area ...

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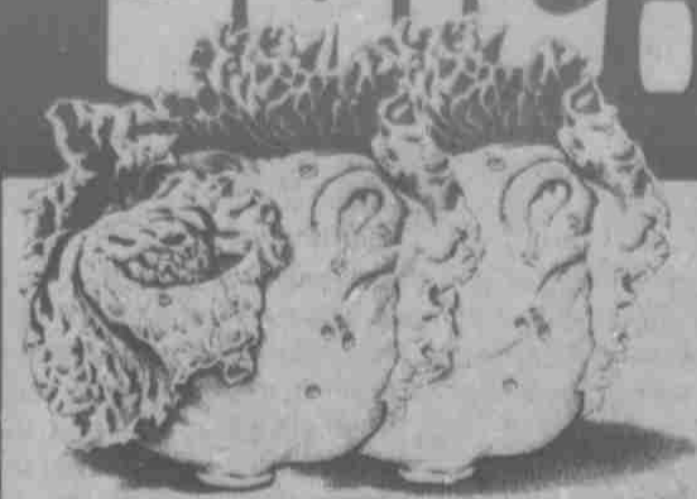
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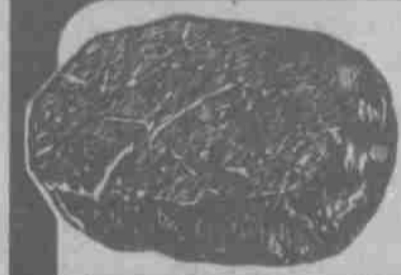
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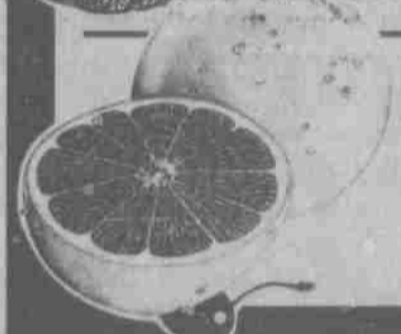
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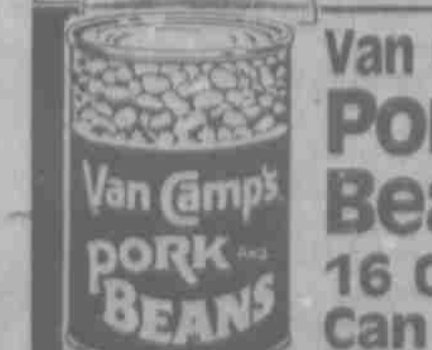
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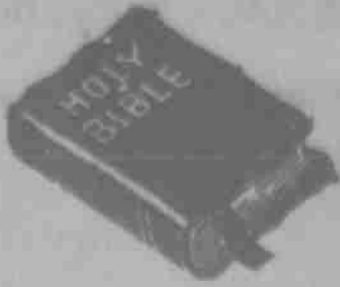
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
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EGOTIST: The pest of society. Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Con't from November 3, 1988

It was a time of crisis. The future of the Hebrew nation hung in the balance. Rehoboam, the egoistical king, had made a decision that would lead to civil unrest. We read in 1 Kings 12:16, "So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? Neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents." This was the song of the insurrection.

This song had been sung before. After the revolt of Absalom, and before King David could reach Jerusalem, a new rebellion was started by Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite, with this song (II Samuel 20:1). It is safe to say that rooted within every national revolution, revolt, or rebellion (e. g. war of Roses; Thirty years' war; Revolution of 1848 in Europe; Autumn Harvest Uprising and Cultural Revolution of China; French Revolution; The Freedom Marches of the 60's in America) is a moral cause. The song of rejection is unique to each cause. But, God is working through it all. A nation, a people, a leader, cannot expect to continue foolishly or in their sins without having to pay a price. The Bible states that "the wages of sin is death." When a nation, a people, a leader, reaches the top rung of the ladder, and look down egoistically on their fellow beings; that nation, that people, that leader, are headed for disaster. Ours is to be like Christ.... to be continued.

November 10, 1988

We Thank God For Jesus

"Lord, The Blind Leading The Blind;
One More Timell!"

Part 2

Matthew 28:19 & 20: Jesus said, go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. AMEN.

Revelation 2:7a: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches.

Lord, we now see leading Christians, campaigning for the sinner man. While the streets are full of violence; "and you said you'd heal their land."

But Christians are so busy, doing their own things, trying their best to be known, "and make big their own name."

Romans 8:5, 6, 7a, 8: For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit the things of the spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Lord, they're not doing your will, nor or they doing your work. Their interest is not on the children; "and that's what hurts."

John 12:32: Jesus said, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Matthew 22:21: Jesus said, render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Lord, they're campaigning against "high taxes & unemployment," things of the world. Their hearts are not on you; "the Saviour of the world."

Matthew 18:23: Jesus said, get thee behind me, satan; thou art an offense unto me; for thou savourest not the thing that is of God, but those that be of men.

Mark 7:6 & 7: Jesus said, well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honoureth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Howbeit in vain so they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Lord, they started campaigning for "Pat Robinson & Jesse Jackson as good men." But by your words, their names are not on the ticket, you didn't let them stand.

Ezekiel 13:22 & 23: The Lord said, because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: therefore, ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Now campaign for Jesus; the one you can trust

Lord, they're not crying out for life of the children in this land. "They see them die daily, and won't lift up praying hands."

Jude 11:12a, 17, 23 & 25: Woe unto them; for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Ba'lam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Cor'e. There are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear, clouds

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at 9 a. m. last Saturday morning in the home of Sister Mary Ward. We were blessed by this meeting. Opening devotion scripture was Hebrews 11:1 thru 6 by Sister Jones. President Christine Burleson presided.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. Her scripture was Hebrews 11. Her subject was "What is Faith?" There was an opening discussion.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

(6) But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

This speaker said: "You have to believe that there is a God. By faith the world was spoken into existence."

Learn a lesson from Abraham, a man of faith. By faith, Sarah conceived and delivered a child when she was past age. Faith is something you hold on to without seeing anything, but you believe in your heart that the word of God is true and we can hold on to the substance until our faith develops into reality. It takes patience.

This lady is truly a teacher of God's word as well as in the public school room. Thank God for public school teachers who love the Lord. We love you, Super Lady!

Thought of the week: "If you were called today from labor to reward, do you know where you would spend eternity???"

This is very important. Think about it.

Breakfast was cooked and served by Sister Mary Ward, and enjoyed by all. Come by anytime. You are welcome. We eat spiritually and physically. One of our sisters in Christ made her final departure from this life. She was Sister Maude Whitfield. She certainly will be missed as well as other beloved families. God specializes in what you're going through and he can do what no one else can do.

To all our sick, read I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5.

Prayer Tower donations included: Rev. Larry Brooks, \$20.00. Thanks for your seed planted and praying that it will be multiplied back to you, pressed down, shaken together and running over as God's word says.

"You can make it!"

IMFA Will Hold Services At Smith Temple

The Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship Alliance (IMFA) will hold its monthly services at Smith Temple Church, 1522 East Main. Sunday evening, November 13, 1988 at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Kado Lang is president of IMFA, and Rev. D. A. Smith is host pastor.

The public is invited to attend.

Rummage Sale will be held here. If you have any items to donate, please do so this week. This sale will run two weeks, November 12th & November 19th. It will be held at 2407 East 9th Street. "Come By!"

Can any good come out of Nazareth???

Sister Christine Burleson, president; Sister Ardelia Hardrick, vice president; Sister Annie M. Johnson, secretary; and Sister Dorothy Hood, reporter.

Planist Needed!

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THE MEANING OF DAY IN GENESIS

The length of the "days" of creation in Genesis has involved a major controversy in Bible interpretation among evangelicals for many years. Many have sought to redefine the term in light of the naturalistic presuppositions of modern scientific. Therefore, let us attempt, honestly, to examine the evidence from the Holy Scriptures found in God's Word.

The communication of language is through words and their use. We must ask ourselves why Moses was using the words he did, and not other words. What is the meaning he was trying to communicate to his original audience and to us, as well? Why did Moses use the word "day" and not the more generic term, "time"? Is there any significance to the repeated use of numbers in the account ("first day", "second day", etc.)? Why are these "days" bounded by the terms "evening and morning"? As we examine the text of Genesis 1, answers to these questions become clear.

THE MEANING OF "DAY"

Those who argue that the word "day" means "a long age", point out that the Hebrew word, yom, can have a number of meanings, only one of which is "a day of 24 hours". They further seek to strengthen their position with the use of Psalm 90:4 and I Peter 3:8, comparing a day to a thousand years. Both of these verses, however, are simply using figures of speech (similes) to show that God is not constrained by the same time parameters as are humans. These verses are really irrelevant to the discussion of the meaning of "day" in Genesis 1.

It is recognized, of course, that the word "day" can be used with several variations. It can have any of several meanings: (1) a period of light; (2) a period of 24 hours; (3) a general, vague time; (4) a point of time; (5) a year. The context determines which of these is intended by the writer. The English language also can have many definitions for the word "day". We should be reminded that the purpose of language is to communicate. Moses wrote in a language that was meant to communicate to his readers. Words should be defined by their relationship to one another. Word meaning must be determined from within its context. It will be shown how the context defines the word in Genesis Chapter 1.

The use of a number with the word "day" is very illuminating. This combination occurs many times outside of Genesis 1. The combination is used in several ways, but each time it is used, it must mean 24-hour periods of time. If the combinations had been intended to mean long periods of time, both the texts and contexts then become meaningless. A typical verse is Genesis 30:36 "And he (Laban) set three days journey betwixt himself and Jacob." God frequently issued commands that the people were to do or not to do certain things on a given day. This use occurs many times. A good example is Exodus 24:16 "And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the Cloud covered it six days; and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud." These are the most typical uses of the word "day" with a number. Each time the terms are used to show a starting point. Ezra 3:6 says, "From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord." A number may also be used with "day" to convey an ending point. An example is Leviticus 19:6 "It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow; and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire." When the Old Testament uses a No. with the word "day", it means a 24-hour period of time without any exception.

If the meaning of the word "day" with a number always means a 24-hour period of time outside of Genesis 1, then it should also mean a 24-hour period of time inside Genesis 1. The words Moses used to communicate what God did during the creation are very significant. If Moses had meant to signify that the "days" were more than 24-hours in length, he could easily have done so. If we are to understand what Moses wrote, then the language he used must be understood in its normal meaning. The normal meaning is 24-hour periods of time.

ABSENCE OF THE ARTICLE

Once we have determined the meaning of the word "day", we need also to examine another problem connected with the days of Genesis 1. Some have observed the absence of the article from the mention of each of the first six days. They have concluded that Moses must have meant to convey to his readers that at least those days were long periods of time. They have noted that the normal use of the article is to make the noun definite. Gleason Archer makes the following statement in the Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties: "In Hebrew prose of this genre, the definite article was generally used where the noun was intended to be definite." The genre, or the form of the literature (that is, history as opposed to poetry) he is referring to here, is history. Let us see if he is correct in this use of the article.

We must be aware of two points regarding the use of the article in Hebrew. First, the article is usually present in the historical sections of the Old Testament for the sake of definiteness. But this is not always the case. Second, Hebrew has more peculiarities in its use of the article than most languages. This should make us very sensitive to the nature of the Hebrew language. The Hebrew language is one that must be observed closely. The most common observation among Jewish and Christian commentators is that the use of the article on the last two days is to show the importance of the sixth and seventh days. This also is in full accord with the Hebrew grammatical rule that the article may be used in this sense. On the basis of grammar alone, then, we are still justified in our use of "day" as being 24-hours in length.

Also, there is another reason for the absence of the article. Numbers in the Hebrew

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language have a definitive quality in themselves. They are referred to as substantives, yet the meaning is the same. A substantive is a noun that we can touch, such as a chair. There are many examples where the number and noun occur without the article, yet the meaning is definite. There are other occurrences similar to Genesis 1, where the noun does not have the article but is with a number. In each of these other occurrences, the English translation uses the definite article. The other occurrences are Numbers 11:19; 11 Samuel 1:1; 1 Chronicles 12:39; 11 Chronicles 20:25; Ezra 8:15, 32; Nehemiah 2:11; Daniel 1:12, 14, 15; 12:12, 13 and Jonah 3:4. Therefore, we must conclude that the absence of the article in Genesis 1 does not mean that the days are long periods of time. Moses' point is still very clear: The days are to be thought of as normal 24-hour days.

EVENING AND MORNING

The meaning of the term "day" must be seen in conjunction with the use of "evening" and "morning". Those who would argue that the days are long periods contend that these terms can have figurative meanings. But what is their meaning in the context of Genesis 1? We must ask ourselves, how would the people have understood these terms "evening" and "morning"? Is Moses, inspired by God, trying to deceive us by telling us the truth about the length of the "days"?

The Old Testament records many times when these two words are used in the same verse. Each time they occur, the meaning must be that of a normal 24-hour day. Here are a couple of examples to illustrate the point: Exodus 16:8 says "And Moses said, this shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full;" Also Exodus 16:13 which says "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening." All the other occurrences are essentially the same. So then, when the words "morning" and "evening" are used in the same verse, they must refer to a normal 24-hour day.

STATEMENT BY GOD

God did not leave the length of the creation days open to question. He told us the exact length of each day. In Exodus 20:11 He said "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:"

The context of the statement is an emphatic command. God tells the people "remember" and "keep" the sabbath. God then tells them how to keep the Sabbath in their daily lives. The people can tell when they are keeping the Sabbath if they are resting on the seventh day. God then anchors the reality of the present days to the reality of the past days, of creation. God has set the pattern of Israel's work week. The "days" are the same kind of days that the people would have readily known.

As it has been demonstrated previously, "day" used with a number, means a 24-hour day. It is obvious that throughout all Israel's history, the people have understood this to mean a 24-hour day. Even those who hold to the long ages theory of Genesis 1 acknowledge the "days" of Exodus 20:8-11 to be 24-hour days. Therefore, the "days" of creation must also have been 24-hours in length.

CONCLUSION

What can we conclude concerning the length of the "days" of creation? The usage of the word "day" with a number, means a 24-hour period. The absence of the article does not alter that meaning. Further, the use of "evening" and "morning" indicates that a normal 24-hour time period is meant in Genesis 1. God, Himself, said that the creation took only six days. We also must ask ourselves, did Moses and God deceive us by using the word "day" if it really was a long period of time? If our answer is yes, then we should not use the Bible for any of our beliefs. For, if God can deceive us concerning the events of creation, He might have done that in regards to the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. The bottom line is that we then can have no confidence or security in God's Word, if the long-day view is held. It is far better to believe God at His Word, and take the creation days as 24-hour days based upon faith and believing the infallible Word of God.

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