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PREPARING THANKSGIVING BASKETS
Members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, delivered four large food baskets, with all the trimmings and many kinds of foods, to four families in the Lubbock community they felt need assistance.
The committee members, shown above, are: (left

photo) Charles Planks, Clara Cage and Gerri Johnson. (Second photo) Ruthie Planks and Dr. Heenan Johnson, II.
"The committee did a splendid job in finding the proper foodstuffs for persons to have a real good meal," said Dr. Johnson.
Rev. D. A. Smith is pastor.

AARP Holds Britt/Moore Holiday Dinner

The members of the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) held a Thanksgiving Dinner and Program last Wednesday at the New Hope Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall.
This meeting was to let the community know what is going on in this organization, and encourages others to become a member. Persons age 50 and older are asked to join this organization, and participate in Chapter 3591.

Elected officials were invited to attend. Among those present included Judge Rod Shaw and City Councilman T. J. Patterson. Also Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest.

"We really appreciate those who attended this program, and the community will hear more about us," says Mrs. Roberta B. Thompson, president of the chapter.

Mrs. Verdie Smith, the first president of the East Lubbock organization, gave encouraging remarks to the members of the organization, and asked that its members go out and "beat the bushes" and get more members. "We want at least one hundred members," she said.
AARP has a national membership of 22 million.



Mrs. Kimely D. Britt Moore

In a double-ring wedding ceremonies last Friday afternoon, November 28, 1986, Kimely, Dianne Britt and Larry Dean Moore were united in Holy Matrimony at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor, officiated.

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Britt, Kimely is a graduate of Dunbar-Struggs High School, and a former student at West Texas State University. She is employed at Lubbock State School.

The groom is the son of Mr. Robert Moore of Morton, Texas and Mrs. Myrtle Garrett of Center, Texas. He is a graduate of Morton High School and West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. He is employed by Lubbock Mental Health, Mental Retardation in Lubbock, Texas.

Best man was Wendell Green, and Marcia Holmes served as maid of honor.
The couple are spending their wedding trip in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Black News Briefs

Jesse Jackson Condemns Reagan On

"Star Wars," Reykjavik

Alexandria, VA. -- During a campaign swing through the Washington, D. C. suburb of Alexandria, Virginia, Rev. Jesse Jackson last week strongly condemned President Reagan for failing to reach an arms reduction agreement with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev during the Reykjavik summit. Jackson charged that Gorbachev had submitted concrete proposals to reduce nuclear weapons but Reagan rejected them in order to "militarize the heavens" with his SDI or "star wars" plan. Jackson also attacked the Reagan administration for what he labeled a "big lie campaign" of disinformation against Libya and Nicaragua. Jackson was in Alexandria to campaign for democratic congressional candidate James Boren.

Republicans Agree To End Anti-Black Ballot Campaign

Newark, N. J. -- Faced with a \$10 million lawsuit, the Republican National Committee (RNC) agreed in federal court last week to stop a so-called ballot security program. The Democratic National Committee (DNC) had filed suit charging that the program was actually aimed at keeping Blacks from voting. However, RNC lawyers did convince the U. S. District judge in Newark to prevent release to the public of depositions which observers believe would have shown an anti-Black bias by the republicans. The RNC lawyers argued that the depositions might prove "embarrassing." Prior to the agreement the republicans had planned to challenge the right to vote of people living in predominantly Black districts in at least seven states.

Bradley May Be Closing Gap In Bid For Governor

Los Angeles, Calif. -- Following an apparent slowdown in his bid to become the nation's first Black governor, the latest polls show Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley closing the gap between himself and incumbent republican governor George Deukmejian. Bradley has chopped five points off the Deukmejian lead. However, Bradley is still ten points behind.

Congress Slashes Funds For Reagan's Civil Rights Panel

Washington, D. C. -- Before recessing Congress slashed funds for the U. S. Civil Rights Commission by more than one third. The eight-member panel had become the center of controversy since President Reagan revamped it with a conservative majority. Civil rights groups and liberals in Congress had accused the commission and its Black chairman Clarence Pendleton of simply being mouthpieces for the administration's conservative policies. The executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Ralph Nease, called the congressional action "a bipartisan repudication of the Reagan commission."

Death Penalty Decision Expected

Next Summer

Washington, D. C. -- Is the death penalty unconstitutional because it appears to discriminate against Blacks? The U. S. Supreme Court has agreed to render a decision on that question. The ruling is expected next summer. In a case that involves the Georgia sentencing system, lawyers argued that numerous studies show that a person is 11 times more likely to be given the death sentence if he or she kills a white. Currently, 37 states have death penalty laws which would all have to be rewritten if the court declares the Georgia law unconstitutional.

Joaquim Chissano Likely To Head Mozambique

Harare, Mozambique -- As speculation grows that South Africa may have been responsible for the airplane crash which resulted in the death of Mozambique's charismatic leader Samora Machel, Joaquim Chissano appears ready to become the country's next leader. Machel's Soviet pilot, who survived the crash, said he believed the plane was hit by hostile fire while flying over South African territory. However, South Africa has denied firing at the plane.

LOIC/ MLK Committee Give Five Baskets

The Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center (LOIC) and the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee worked hard for five needy families in the Lubbock community last week as they prepared food baskets.

"We enjoyed working in this regard, because we are concerned about our brothers and sisters who need assistance at a time like this," says Debra Moore, one of the committee chairpersons.

"We just want to do a good job, and be able to help someone who is in need," continued Fannie Anderson, who also served as co-chairperson for the effort.

The baskets were given away Wednesday, November 26, 1986. Each family received the food basket in their homes.

Those families receiving the food baskets were: Ethel Brown,

Janice Moore, Martha Green, Karen Wilson, Carla Parker, and Syed Hussain.

"All were happy to be considered at a time like this," continued Ms. Moore.

"We are just glad to be a part of a committee who is part of a committee who is

concerned about their fellowman," added Ms. Anderson.

LOIC is located at 2812 Weber Drive.

During the month of January, 1987, the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held. More on this annual event will be forthcoming.

Joan Y. Ervin Will Be Honored

Mrs. Joan Y. Snell Ervin, the first Black elected to the Lubbock School Board, has been chosen by a select committee of the Museum of African-American Life and Culture, Dallas, as one of the 150 women to be honored at the 6th

Biennial Texas Black Woman's Conference. At this Sesquicentennial Conference, Mrs. Ervin and 149 other women will be cited for their outstanding contributions to society. This year's conference theme is: "Black Women and Economic Development.

Plans In Motion For Annual King Celebration

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee have made big plans for the annual event in January, 1987.

Wednesday, January 14th, a Mass Religious Kick-Off Worship services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p. m. with Bishop William Watson, pastor of Ford Memorial COGIC, as guest speaker. Music will be furnished by a Combined Mass Community Choir.

Friday, January 18th, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, at 6:30 p. m., a Youth & Young People Night will be held. This will include essays and Black culture, as well as youth choirs. Thelma Brown and Bert McWilliams are co-chairpersons for this event.

Sunday evening, January 18, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In addition to being honored at the conference, Mrs. Ervin's photo and biographical data will be a part of a traveling exhibition entitled "They Showed The Way." The exhibition will include a color photograph and biographical data on each of the 150 honorees. The exhibition will be viewed across the state throughout 1987.

The conference will be held in December 12th and 13th in Dallas at the Informat at the Dallas Market Center on Stemmons Freeway. The banquet at which Mrs. Ervin will be honored is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th at 7 p. m. in the Atrium at the Informat.

Birthday Celebration will take place, beginning at 6 p. m.

Guest speaker for this event will be Rev. Charles Smith, professor at Harvard University, Boston, Mass. He is involved in the MLK Movement, chairman of New Equality -- an MLK Movement and replaced Rev. Jesse Jackson when he announced his candidacy to run for President of the United States. He has also appeared in the Jet Magazine and on the front page of the New York Times, three months ago.

All citizens of Lubbock and surrounding areas are asked to be a part of the Mass Choir which will

be responsible for the music of the evening.

All young people and youth are asked to be a part of the Youth Night activities Friday, January 16th.

For more information, contact one of the following members: Fulton Berry, MLK

Chairman; Thelma Brown, Youth Night; Bert McWilliams, Publicity; Rev. Kado Lang, Co-Chair MLK; Stephanie Hill, Program Chairlady; John Cervantez, Souvenir Journal; Joan Y. Ervin, Secretary; Fayrene Alexander, Chairperson of Mass Choir; or Doris Dickens, Ushers.

Drugs and Alcohol - Celebrity Killers

by Steve Smith

In 1969 at the age of 47, Judy Garland, the famous star of the "Wizard of Oz" and many other motion pictures, died from an "incautious self-overdose" of sleeping pills. This tragedy brought a premature end to Garland's brilliant movie and singing career that had been replete with years of psychoanalysis, repeated illnesses, suicide attempts and battles with alcohol and drug abuse.

On September 28, 1986, the prime-time news show "60 Minutes" profiled Liza Minelli, the popular singer, actress and daughter of Judy

Garland. The subject of the profile was Minelli's comeback, at the age of 40, from the abuse of prescription drugs and alcohol.

That story and the painful reminder of the demise of Judy Garland served to underscore a very alarming fact - drug and alcohol abuse has destroyed some of our brightest and most talented stars throughout the years and that destruction is still occurring today.

Take your pick of any area of the arts or sports or other areas with well-known celebrities and the specter of drug and

**RUBY
JAY'S
CORNER**



It's hard to believe, but this year is almost gone, and the Christmas holidays are nearly here. This column would like to report to our readers the names of persons who are here for the holidays. Just drop a line to: **Ruby Jay, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, TX 79408.**

The author of this column is doing much better, but is still under the doctor's care. Your prayer are still important.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church with Pastor S. C. Nash delivering another dynamic message. It was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Sunday School opened on time with their superintendent, Bro. Swain at his post of duty. It is just good to have good Sunday School lessons taught each Sunday morning.

Word comes to us that there are still many who are on the sick list in our community. If you know of any additional ones, please advise.

Dr. L. S. Graves and grandson, Timothy Hunter, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter and

son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. John Hunter, and son, Julius C. Graves, III, in Odessa, Texas. They reported a wonderful trip.

Wedding bells rang Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon, November 28, 1986 at 4 p. m. for Kimberly Britt, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Britt; and Larry Dean Moore, son of Mr. Robert Moore of Morton, Texas and Mrs. Myrtle Garrett of Center, Texas with Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating.

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Our sick and shut in citizens still include: Anner Johnson, Clem Virden, Mary Williams, Mrs. Crumpton, Henry Wright, who is a patient in a hospital in Denver, Colorado; Oscar Gardner, a patient in a hospital in Kansas City, Mo.; Vera Mitchell, Marcus Pecos, John Evans, Charles Deo, Clara Lawson, Helen Johnson, Larry McBride, Mamie Black, Billy Ray Runnels, Mrs. R. Sadler, Viola Clark, and Brenitta Cooper, ill in Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Santa Land Beauticians Meet
Opens
Dec. 10th**

The public is invited to attend the grand opening ceremonies of Santa Land on Wednesday, December 10, 1986.

The annual holiday event begins its 31st year, and hopes all citizens will come out and take part. Santa Land will be open nightly, December 10th thru 23rd, from 6:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m.

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Moore and Mount Olive Male Chorus. The church and the Pastor expects to see you there, at 1602 Quirt Avenue on Christmas evening! Come and enjoy! Bishop Watson is the pastor.

vention will be October 9-14, 1987. The Hub City Beauticians League meets every first and third Monday in each month, at Parkway Beauty Salon at 6:30 p.m. The joining fee will be \$5.00 for three months. Ms. Opal Robinson is president; Ms. Odessa Lewis is Reporter.

"The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them." Kin Hubbard

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A Little Knowledge
I Corinthians 6:3; 15:34

People that put a stumbling block in God's people way. Always end up in God's hands. In their end days. God move on them to repent. Like Ahaz and Hezekiah. Some do repent. Stumbling blocks are used by God. That good may come forth.

Isaiah 33:1
Stumbling blocks are mostly used by learned scholars. Some that has been taught of God. And others by much research and study. Makes no different what your title maybe. God's word is not to be used to decree evil works.

Revelation 3:9; I Corinthians 1:23
One thing about sin. All will be paid the same price. For low class sins. Or high class sins. The wages of sin is death.

II Peter 2:4; I John 3:8

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EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

Happy Birthday, Gary Crusader

by
Eddie P. Richardson

(Editor's Note: This week, we will give our space to the Chicago Crusader published by our friend, Sister Dorothy R. Leavell. The Crusader is celebrating 25 years of publication. We are celebrating our tenth. This is why this editorial, we felt, needed to be read by our readers especially what is said about the objectives of the Black Press. The thing this writer tries to say week to week. Happy 25th, Crusader!)

The Gary Crusader is celebrating its 25th anniversary. In four more years, 1990, the Chicago Crusader will celebrate 50 years of publishing the good when and where it occurs and overcoming and protesting the social ills that have haunted Black Americans.

Frederick Douglas wrote: "... Power concedes nothing without a demand.... Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which (can) be imposed upon them.... The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress...."

To champion the causes of millions of Black Americans who hovered in the nation's political and economic poverty zones has been the mission of the Black Press. Had white America not suffered the psychosis of racism there would have been no need for Russwurm's *Freedom's Journal*, Douglass' *North Star*, Murphy's *Afro-American*, Abbott's *Chicago Defender*, or any of the more than 2,700 black newspapers founded since the 1827 appearance of *Freedom's Journal*, and that includes Leavell's *Chicago and Gary Crusaders*.

The late Cecil E. Newman, editor and publisher of the *Minneapolis Spokesman* and the *St. Paul Recorder* newspapers, once defined the role of the Black Press as that of working itself out of business. That is an exemplary goal. Think of a nation bound together with brotherly love, religious tolerance and political and economical equality!

Unfortunately, we cannot momentarily glimpse Newman's Utopia. But we do perceive movement toward his stated objective, and we of the Black Press can claim credit for the political gains made by Black Americans. "The victories in the courts and the exactions from the political parties," notes G. James Fleming, "would have been slower in coming if the Black Press were not trumpeting the ills, the dreams, and the demands of Black Americans."

The *Chicago Crusader* joins its Gary sister in celebrating not just 25 years of "putting out a newspaper," but 25 years of service to the Gary community. And with Gary staffers we promise to continue the fight for Black control of Black destinies and Black communities. We promise further to continue to voice our perception of the needs of the Black community: To render praise when it is earned and condemn and protest when it is deserved.

Happy Birthday, Gary Crusader!

On this note, we are getting back on our 'soap box' for the Black Communities to become self-sustaining market places. The leadership and initiative must come from within the Black communities with the Black church, press and 'other' Black institutions and organizations in the forefront.

It has to be us with others helping us to help ourselves, but we must chart our own destiny and our courses. We must denounce those who get in our way and support those who support our courses, regardless of race, color, creed or sex. Still, *truis leadership must come from us!!!!*



WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!

CHILD WATCH

by
Marian Wright Edelman

A Life Of Taking Care of Others

As a bright young black woman in her-teen, Rose Jenkins faced a tough decision between pursuing a career as concert musician and a then-unusual opportunity to attend medical school. Fortunately for the thousands of children she later helped through her practice or through her child advocacy efforts, she picked medical school, leaving her North Carolina home to attend Howard University in Washington, D. C.

Every choice Dr. Rose Jenkins made in her full and remarkable life, which ended in August when she lost her battle with cancer, reflected the same priority: taking care of other people. "She was always considerate of the needs and wishes of the other person," says Dr. J. R. Elpers, former Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health where Dr. Jenkins worked for several years as Deputy Director of Children's Services.

Dr. Jenkins had a long list of professional achievements, including residences in child psychiatry at three Washington area hospitals, a fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health, Licensure and Board Certification, numerous post-graduate studies, and membership on dozens of boards and commissions. She was "one of the most dedicated professionals I have ever known," says Dr. Elpers.

But Dr. Jenkins' concern about children and their mental health did not stop at the door of her office. As a mother and grandmother, she gave tirelessly of her time, energy, and care. She and her husband, Dr. George Mailory, raised their son Lloyd who has Down's Syndrome in the family home.

Dr. Jenkins was in the thick of all the political battles on behalf of better mental health services for children in California. She never sought power, but she had influence. The key to the respect in which she was held says Dr. Elpers, was her vast and ever-growing reservoir of knowledge. "Rose made it her policy to learn everything she could" about every issue or field she became involved in, he remembers.

Dr. Jenkins touched the Children's Defense Fund directly in our work on *Unclaimed Children*, a 1982 study that urged better mental health services for children. Jan Knitzer, the study's author, reflects that "Rose Jenkins, better than anyone, recognized the links between CDF's larger agenda on behalf of poor children and our special efforts in mental health." Her energy and encouragement were an inspiration to us all.

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From Your School Trustee

"What Makes A School Successful"

by
Billie Caviel
District 2

A few but important observation and research have found out how to make a school effective, especially for low-income and minority children.

Most effective schools, for example, have energetic principals who spend much of their time in the classrooms actively coordinating the schools instructional program for children. Such principals see themselves first and foremost as the educational leader of the schools (not the head paper shuffler). They develop, together for learning throughout the school, a plan which assumes and insists, that all kids can learn. They regularly visit classrooms and work with teachers to make sure that the plan is being carried out -- or charged, if crucial parts are not working.

They arrange school schedules so that classrooms learning activities are not constantly interrupted by assemblies, drills, P. A. announcements. They make their school safe and orderly by strictly enforcing a reasonable set of rules for student behavior.

Principals in effective schools, by contrast, busy themselves with routine administrative tasks. They don't visit the teachers classrooms and so they don't know much about what's really going on inside the classrooms. They may prepare written plans required by the school system about how they will improve reading achievement or boost attendance, but then they file them away and forget about them. The school is marred by discipline problems, schedule disruptions, and low teacher morale. When students have learning problems, ineffective principals don't review the tests, observe the classroom, talk with teachers, change plans and strategies; they instead shrug and insist, "We're doing the best we can," or they encourage teachers to refer large number of children for special education.

Educational leadership by the principal has been consistently identified by researchers as one key ingredient of an effective school.

Do we have such in Lubbock? It does exist, just as it does in other places.

The real change will come and must come from parents and other members of the public who will not settle for reforms that exist on paper only.

Putting the responsibility to improve the schools on parents and citizens may be a surprise, but we must remember that America was founded on the idea that active informed citizens are absolutely essential to make things work.

INTERESTING PEOPLE

DOROTHY MAE STEVENS
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ON A COLD WINTER NIGHT IN 1981 SHE WAS FOUND IN A CHICAGO ALLEY FROZEN STIFF. CAUSED BY HEAVY DRINKING. PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE HOSPITAL. HER PULSE RATE 12-NORMAL 70 TO 80. BODY TEMPERATURE WAS 64. ACCORDING TO MEDICAL SCIENCE NO PERSON HAD LIVED BELOW 75. HER BODY WAS TAKEN TO THE MORGUE AS IT BEGAN TO THAW IT WAS DISCOVERED A SIGN OF LIFE. BOTH LEGS WERE AMPUTATED AND SEVERAL FINGERS WITH ARTIFICIAL LEFT SHE MARRIED AND LIVED FOR 25-YEARS. DEATH - PNEUMONIA!

The famous Liberty Bell was last rung on Washington's Birthday, 1846.

Ringing The Bell

by
Bob Tieucl



Well, the season of goodwill and cheer is upon us and it seems that everybody is catching the spirit. This is a good time to reflect upon the many blessings that we Americans enjoy and to not forget those who are less fortunate than we are.

Did you know that some 37 million Americans--about one in six--have no health insurance, public or private? Growing interest in coverage for catastrophic illness and the enactment recently of laws for insurance of widowed or divorced spouses indicate that lawmakers recognize the need to take positive action to ensure adequate health coverage for every American.

Word received recently is that the Church of God in Christ, with national headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee recently broke ground there for the beginning of All Saints University. The campaign is under the direction of Bishop J. O. Patterson, presiding prelate of denomination. Our best wishes and may their effort be crowned with much success.

Recent great quotes: "At least the Black Caucus in the Democratic party is seeking to bring about change for the benefit of the people, but the most vocal, influential black Republicans are serious right wing conservatives who are dangerous to Blacks' survival." U. S. Rep. Mickey Leland.

In spite of inroads by the Republicans party during the recent election, Blacks remain steadfast for the most part in their loyalty to the Democratic party. Results: For the first time in six years, Democrats are in a majority in the U. S. Senate. Some observers think this most encouraging. Perhaps so. We shall see.

International Sunday School Lesson
for Sunday, December 7, '86
by Bob Tieucl, Jr.

Subject: Building a New Community.
Thought: There is to be a New Community, if we must also be a new force to make the new Community work. Lasting social reformation is built on personal transformation. If we are to change society and the world we live in, we must first change the individual. We must be born again to be a new community. The building of the church started with around 120 folks who were continuing in prayer and fellowship.

Theme: All who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44.
Lesson Background: Acts 2:4; 4:32-35.

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People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would, and this, we think, is fair.

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Lubbock Branch

NAACP Sets Local Elections

The Lubbock Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will hold its bi-annual election Saturday, December 13, 1986 at the Mae Simmons Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

All members of the local branch whose dues were paid and were in good standing, as of

November 13, 1986, are eligible to vote and hold office. A current membership card should be brought to the election.

The Nominating Committee met and is submitting the following Slate of Officers for the period January, 1987-December, 1988:

President: Rose K. Wilson
 First Vice President:

NOMINATION PETITION

I, _____
 petition to be nominated as a candidate for the office of _____
 in the Lubbock Branch NAACP, on this _____
 1986.

Signatures of members in good standing

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 I, _____
 consent to serve as a candidate for the office of _____
 at the election to be held in December.

(Signed)

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direction of ... **SISTER MARY JO WILSON** ... at their regular meeting a Mae Simmons Community Center ... last week ... Even the ... **YOUNG BLACK KIDS** ... in the center ... stopped in to see and hear this ... **GROUP** ... **GOOD TO SEE** ... what these young people are doing ... **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, SISTER WILSON!**

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Drugs & Alcohol

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alcohol abuse is rampant. Many of these names are legendary: Billy Holliday, the famous jazz singer; Jimi Hendrix, the leading rock guitarist of his time; Janis Joplin, the rock singer; and Elvis Presley, the most famous "rock and roller" in history, who had a long and destructive battle with drugs before his death. In recent times it's been John Belushi, the popular comedian, and sports stars like Len Bias, Don Rogers and Pelle Lindbergh. These and countless other celebrities have had to battle drug and alcohol abuse throughout their careers. Some lost the battle and died tragic deaths; and the others have had to live with the problem throughout the rest of their lives. Common to all these celebrities' drug and alcohol abuse problems is death or a life-long struggle.

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CONGRATS! THIS N THAT ... would like to say ... **CONGRATS** ... to the ... **TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS** ... who have been ... **HUNGRY** ... and will have an appetite ... for ... **OLE MISS** ... as they will paly in the ... Independence Bowl ... in Shereverport, LA ... **DECEMBER 20TH** ... **LET'S GET EM** ... **RAIDERS!** ... **WHAT A STEP! THIS N THAT** ... while walking into the ... **FELLOWSHIP HALL**

... of New Hope Baptist Church ... where Rev. S. C. Nash is pastor ... saw sign which invited all to ... **TAKE A COPY OF THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST** ... compliments of the New Hope Baptist Church... **NOW, THIS WAS GREAT! BUT TO READ FURTHER WHEN IT SAID: 'SUPPORT BLACK BUSINESSES!' THIS N THAT** ... says ... **THANK YOU, NEW HOPE & PASTOR NASH!**

"One of the worst misconceptions about drug and alcohol abuse is that it's a problem that will have to be dealt with for the rest of the abuser's life," according to Clark Carr, the Executive Director of the Narconon Professional Detox Center in Los Angeles.

"At this detox center, which is one of over 30 Narconon drug rehabilitation centers around the world," continued Carr, "we handle business executives, celebrities, entertainers and their families. Our objective is to get them off drugs permanently."

How that is done, according to Carr, is to have the abuser do Narconon's unique drug rehabilitation program that was developed by American author and researcher, L. Ron Hubbard. The program consists of courses, personal counseling and the Purification Program which was pioneered by Hubbard to rid a person's body of harmful toxins and drug residues which can cause a person to physically crave drugs.

"One of the things I want to stress," said Carr, "is that the Narconon program is the only non-medical drug rehabilitation program of its kind in the world."

From there Carr went on to attack the psychiatric, psychological and medical approach to handling drug abuse.

"What is occurring with these medical and psychiatric approaches to drug rehabilitation is that the abuser is being put on other prescribed drugs to handle his present drug problem," Carr said.

"When these people come to us, not only are they addicted to drugs like cocaine and heroin, but even worse, they are now addicted to the psychiatric drugs of various typhes that they have been given to 'handle' their drug prolem. The scariest aspect of this is that the psychiatric drugs are FAR more addictive and FAR more difficult to withdraw from. And, the real crime is that the abuser is never told of the side effects and the addictive nature of these drugs."

According to Carr, the main thing that is wrong with the medical and psychiatric approach to drug and alcohol abuse is that the real cause of the abuse is never found and that the person's compulsion to take drugs is simply replaced by taking some other "legal" drug.

In contrast is Narconon's approach of giving the abuser an individual counseling program that deals with how and why he got on drugs, how he can get off of drugs and particularly how he can deal with the outside influences and the people who want him to use drugs.

"We're not just putting the abuser in a 10 day or 28 day program and then kicking him back out on the street whether we helped him or not. What we're doing is

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Leadership Failure

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Our great country is no more "God's country" than Iran, the Philippines, South Korea, South Africa or any other sin-ridden part of the globe. Is it not true, that as Americans we tend to some degree to lift ourselves above the masses? Do we not imply that our society is to some degree a theocracy, one of the pinnacles of Christian civilization? Is this not true with other societies?

In the midst of the very present crisis facing America; we must like the "Prodigal Son," come to ourselves. We must look at the misfits; the untouchables; the outcast and undesirable; people who suffer under disillusionment and disappointment fostered in a sense by our theatrical righteousness.

We the people, and the leaders of this great country of ours, must not build self-righteous and political walls around ourselves to conserve advantages and deny benefits to others like the Jewish leaders of Jesus' day and take refuge in the past. We must face the problem at hand-leadership failure and hypocritical righteousness. We must come to grip with the need for repentance, change and renewal.

11-30-86

We Thank God For Jesus

We Thank God For Jesus
11-30-86: Part 1
"Lord, Will Winter Make A Cold Church?"* No"**

Revelation 3:13,15,16 - Jesus said; He that hath an ear, let him hear what that spirit saith unto the churches. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or not: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Revelation 2:4 - Jesus said, nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Lord, in the cold church, the preacher is collection the gold, when you hold him in the souls.

Numbers 27:15,17 - I of the Lord, the God of thy spirit of all flesh, set a man over the congregation which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

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

Lord, the cold church has a deacon, standing proud. He own a cafe; entertaining" The Out Crowd."

Matthew 23:27,28 - Jesus said, woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

1 Timothy 3:8 - Likewise must the deacon be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre (money).

Lord, the cold church has a missionary, Bible in hand, boasting & bragging of what she's done; in the foreign land.

Matthew 23:15 - Jesus said, woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte (convert), and when he is made, ye make him twofold more wicked than yourselves.

1 Peter 4:17 - For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God.

Brother & sisters lets stop playing "church" in running out, the Lord is on His way back, and He will judge "all sin." Lets remember 2 Chronicles 7:14, "Time to repent."

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at 9:00 a.m. in the home of Sis. Annie Mae Johnson. In the absence of the President, presiding over the meeting was Sis. Dorothy Hood. We had a brief opening with the scripture reading from Psalms 100, by Sis. Mary Ward.

The morning scripture lesson was brought by Sis. Ardelia Hardrick; Phillip. 4:19; Psalms 37:3-11-23-25-31-37. "He Spake the Word." Are you really trusting??

Phillip. 4:19 - But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalms 37:3 - Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed (4) Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

As this teacher spoke as the spirit gave her

utterance, she spoke with other tongues and interpreted it. The Spirit was all over the Place! No one who was there can deny the fact. If God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory, oh dear people, we have the answer to our problems and it is Jesus!

We are walking by faith and not by sight. The power is in your mouth. Speak to that mountain in your life and it will move; he will give you the desires of your heart. What's in your heart??? "People." This Sister was super and we love her! **Thought for the week: It's your heart that prays, not your mouth. Think about it!**

Breakfast was served. Come and eat with us spiritually and physically. We expect a Zu-Zu-Street Event to happen right in this city. Keep looking.

We are asking you to keep this group in your prayers. If you would like to be a partner, prayer partner, call 747-7326, 762-3347 or write Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Tx. 79408.

Come on people, let's 'wake up' and no longer be sleeping giants. We got the power through Christ Jesus.

God is bigger than any problem you have. You can make it.

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Youth Outreach Center Football Team

The YORC Christian Youth Football League is made up of boys from ages 13-15 years old. The Head Coach is Rev. P. B. Phenix and Tony Bradshaw is the Assist. Coach.

do." you don't have to make a big move. Start in your own home, with your children, your husband, wife and others whom you haven't felt good about for years. Forgive, forgive, forgive! Release those shackles of pain. Suffering and many other ills; shed them. We love you--have a good day.

Can any good come out of Nazareth????

Rev. and Sister Peoples were with us on this Saturday. Because of their presence, the day was truly complete.

The Prayer Tower is a reality. Keep looking and reading and supporting and praying. See you at 823 Vanda in the home of Sister Mary Ward on Saturday, December 6, 1986.

Juanita Sowell-President
Christine Burleson-V. P.
Annie Johnson-Sect.
Dorothy Hood-Reporter

The Toy Bowl will host a game which will be announced in next week's paper. The admission to the bowl will be a donation of a toy for underprivileged kids for Christmas.

The YORC-Semi-pro Football team composed of adults, (the train is back, No. 22) will play a game on Saturday, December 6, 1986 at Chatman Field. Ticket donations are \$1.00 for children and \$2.00 for

adults. This is for the cover charge. Thank you for your support.

Rev. P. B. Phenix is the coach and a player of the YORC Super Pros First year football team.

According to Rev. Phenix, "I want to show the young people of Lubbock what a 45 year old spirit-filled man can do. I want to set a good example for our youth. We have a lot of good professional football, basketball, and baseball stars but many of them have let our young people down by getting caught up on drugs. Let's go clean all the way. We have a lot of good young

people here in Lubbock! They just need a Spirit Filled Leader!"

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THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe (a) that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; (b) born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and (c) that He is both the Son of God, and God, the Son.

*** (a) Gen. 3:15. "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

*** (b) Isa. 7:14. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Matt. 1:18-25. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son; and he called his name JESUS."

Luke 1:35. "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Mark 1:1. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

John 1:14. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father)."

Psa. 2:7. "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."

Gal. 4:4. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law."

*** (c) 1 John 5:20. "This is the true God, and eternal life"

1 Cor. 15:47. "The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven."

I. THE VIRGIN BIRTH PROMISED.

A. It Was Promised In Prophecy.

- Christ to be the seed of the woman. (a)-1 Gen. 3:15
- Christ to be born of a virgin. (b)-1 Isa. 7:14

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship Services 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Services 6:30 p.m.

- "A new thing... a woman shall compass a man." Jer. 31:22

B. The Virgin Birth Implied In Prophecy.

- All the families of the earth to be blessed. Gen. 12:3
- David's throne to be established forever. II Sam. 7:16
- To rule on David's throne forever and to do many other things prophesied, reveal that only a supernatural One could fulfill this prophecy. Isa. 9:6,7

II. THE VIRGIN BIRTH PROVIDED.

A. The Virginity Of Mary Stated.

- Mary was espoused (promised in marriage), but not married to Joseph. (b)-2 Mt. 1:18; Luke 1:27; 2:5
- Joseph and Mary had not come together. (b)-2 Matt. 1:18
- He "knew her not" till she had brought forth her firstborn son. (b)-2 Matt. 1:25
- Mary states her virginity. Luke 1:34

B. His Virgin Birth Was Affirmed.

- Conceived by the Holy Ghost. (b)-3 Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18,20
- The O.T. Scriptures fulfilled. Matt. 1:22,23
- The Word was made flesh. (b)-5 John 1:14
- He was begotten by God. (b)-6; Psa. 2:7; John 3:16
- He was born at the right time. (b)-7 Gal. 4:4; Dan. 9:25
- He was born at the right place. Micah 5:2

III. WITNESSES TO THE VIRGIN BIRTH.

A. New Testament Writers Affirm His Virgin Birth.

- Matthew affirms it. Matt. 1:18-25
- Mark affirms it. "Jesus Christ the Son of God" Mark 1:1. This affirms His divine paternity. See also Mark 1:11; 9:7
- Luke affirms it. Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7
- John affirms it. John 1:1,14
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