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Black News Briefs

Howard Beach Verdict Leaves New York Racially Tense

New York, N. Y. -- The New York City area was racially tense for much of last week following the long-awaited verdict in the Howard Beach racial attack which left a 23-year-old Black man dead last December. Three of the four white youths charged in the incident were charged. Hundreds of Black demonstrators reacted angrily to the jury decision. That anger was made known when at least 800 protesters disrupted New York City traffic by blocking the Brooklyn bridge, jumped on packed subway trains and pulled emergency brake cords while another 200 protested in front of a Brooklyn police substation. Speakers at the various demonstrations charged that the whites should have been found guilty of murder not the lesser charge of manslaughter. There was even talk referring to the beginning of a "racial war." The tragic incident itself occurred December 20 last year when three Black men whose car had broken down in the virtually all white community of Howard Beach, Queens were attacked by more than a dozen whites coming from a party. In an attempt to flee his attackers, Michael Griffith was struck by a car and killed.

Jesse Jackson Says Sandinista Buildup Justified

Washington, D. C. -- Appearing on a television news program, presidential contender Jesse Jackson charged last week that the Sandinista government in Nicaragua may be justified in its current military buildup. Jackson said the Reagan administration continues to spend millions of dollars financing the Contras who are trying to overthrow the Sandinistas. In addition, Jackson called up the U. S. Congress to stop U. S. financing of the war against the Nicaraguan people.

Panel Fails To Find Answer In Forsyth, Ga. Dispute

Atlanta, Ga. -- A committee established to study the source of the racial problems which brought all-white Forsyth, Georgia to national attention has issued two conflicting reports. Forsyth jumped into the national spotlight last January when angry whites attacked a small group of Black demonstrators protesting the county's refusal to allow Blacks to live in the small Georgia community. The attack

World Federation Of Methodist Women Worship Celebration

The World Federation of Methodist Women will hold their Annual Worship Celebration on Sunday, January 10, 1988 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, in Lubbock at 3 p. m. The Call has been issued by the African Methodist Episcopal Women this year. This year's service will also commemorate the celebration of the first such celebration to be held in the Northwest Texas Conference, as it too, was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church on March 13, 1983. Mrs. Renetta W. Howard who served as host church coordinator in 1983, is also the coordinator of this year's celebration, assisted by Mrs. Helen Bradford of Agape United Methodist Church. Representatives from all of the Methodist units in Lubbock, African Methodist Episcopal, Christian

Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist, served on the planning team for the celebration. African Methodist Episcopal Zion units are a part of the federation, but there is no AMEZ unit in Lubbock. The theme of this year's celebration is "Poverty, Hunger, Homeless." "As we celebrate, we affirm our quinquennium theme, 'Kukua, Katika Kristo' ('Growing in Christ') and our motto, 'To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known.'" Mrs. Ruby Donaldson is the president of the Ma Jones Women's Missionary Society which is hosting the World Federation of Methodist Women's Celebration. The host pastor of Rev. D. A. Smith. For further information, contact Mrs. Renetta W. Howard, 1310 59th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411, (806) 747-2487 or 766-1822.



NEWLY WED COUPLE -- Pictured above is perhaps Lubbock's newest married couple -- Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Keys -- who were married in the bride's son and daughter-in-laws' home.

Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Nathan last Sunday evening. Officiating the ceremony were Rev. Kado Lang and Rev. Nathan. Scores of friends were present to wish the Keys a

happy future. Also in attendance was Mrs. Keys' pastor, Rev. D. A. Smith as well as officers of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. (Photo Courtesy of Sheila Patterson)

NAACP Holds Regular Meet Saturday Night

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, January 9, 1988 at the Mae Simmons Community Center, at 7:30 p. m. All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

District Two Will Meet January 20th

City Councilman T. J. Patterson announces that the next meeting of District Two will be Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at Mae Simmons Community Center at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting, Patterson

Your presence is desired. New and renewed membership cards have arrived. We would like to get them to the members. We also plan to construct our calendar for the new year. Come out and be a part of the solution! We have much to do in 1988! Bring a friend and/or a member with you, Saturday, at Mae Simmons. For further information, contact Rose K. Wilson at 763-1807.

will make know his plans for re-election for another term as a candidate for District Two. Also other information will be presented to the resident of District Two. "Since being elected as City Councilman for District Two, we have had forty-three district meetings. These meetings, in my opinion, have been of value

Scholarships For Minorities Available

Two scholarships for black nurses are available through the Nurses' Educational Funds, Inc. (NEF) for the 1988-89 academic year. The awards, for registered nurses enrolled in masters or doctoral degree programs, recognize outstanding scholastic achievement and as we have worked together, to make District Two a much better place to live for our citizens," says Patterson.

potential for leadership in the nursing profession. The Estelle Massey Osborne Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a black registered nurse who is pursuing a masters degree in nursing at a National League for Nursing accredited school. The award is made in honor of Ms. Osborne, the first black nurse in the United States to receive a masters degree. The award is made in memory of her contributions as a teacher, as an educational administrator, as a nursing service administrator, as a public health nurse, as a writer, and as a leader and role model to black nurses. The M. Elizabeth Carnegie Scholarship is awarded to a black registered nurse who is pursuing a doctoral degree in nursing or in a related field. The award was initiated by Dr. Carnegie, a member of NEF's Board of Directors, in 1981 to recognize black nurses who were pursuing advanced programs. Dr. Carnegie is currently serving as the first visiting professor of the Vera E. Bender Endowed Chair in Nursing at Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y. She is the author of *The Path We Tread: Blacks in Nursing 1854-1984*, as well as other articles on nursing education and blacks in nursing. Those applying for either the Osborne or Carnegie scholarships must also be a U. S. citizen or have declared their official intention of becoming one.

YORC Banquet Set For Saturday



Rev. P. B. Phenix Director of YORC
The Annual Youth Outreach Center, Inc. Banquet will be held Saturday evening, January 9, 1987 at the Youth Outreach Center, 1821 Parkway Drive. Rev. P. B. Phenix, Sr. is director. The public is asked to come out and meet the candidates for the various elections, i. e. City, County, State and Nation. "You are invited to join in and help us encourage our young people of Lubbock, Texas," says Rev. P. B. Phenix, Sr. Continuing, Rev. Phenix said, "We must encourage them to make the best out of life, and to expand their horizons. We, YORC, have been able to give away 14 scholarships in the past four years." Ticket donation is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and a member of a national professional association. (Continued on Page 6)



Platters On A "Minnie" Tour -- Noise Whitaker and Paul Robi, members of the rhythm and blues group, "The Platters," serenade Minnie Mouse during a recent visit at Walt Disney World Epcot Center. The group was in Central Florida for a live-night performance. Robi, the only original member still with the group, said The Platters had just finished a tour of South America and China. (Copyright 1987 The Walt Disney Company)

**RUBY
JAY'S
CORNER**



The New Hope Baptist Church is the "Church Where The People Care." Our proud pastor is Rev. S. C. Nash.

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of the new year. Services were carried out as usual. It was just a blessing to be present on this day.

During the morning services, altar prayer was offered by Pastor Nash.

Pastor Nash's sermon was "The Love Walk." His scripture was John 15:1-17. It was a great sermon for the beginning of the year. Thank God for Pastor Nash.

Some were happy and some were sad during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Bennie Hamilton's father passed away in Oklahoma.

Services for Eric Lamont Jordan, age 15, were held last Saturday afternoon at

Ford Memorial COGIC.

Services were held Monday afternoon for longtime resident, W. T. Garrett, Sr. on Monday afternoon at Rising Star Baptist Church. Mr. Garrett passed away in St. Mary's Hospital. At Rising Star, Mr. Garrett was a faithful member, and will be greatly missed by the Church.

The news comes to Lubbock that Mrs. Ethel Bradford had passed away in Abilene, Texas. She was a loving wife and faithful member in the Church before her health failed. She was Rev. M. L. Bradford's wife. Services were held Monday in Abilene.

Carlton Hicks' mother from New Jersey spent the holidays with him. He enjoyed her very much.

Bernadette Barber came home through the snow for the Christmas holidays to spend it with her parents -- Jim and Andrea Thompson. Aaron accompanied his mother back to San Antonio, Texas. He came in Saturday to get ready for school.

Dan McQuinney's mother visited him for the holidays. She resides in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Octavia Givens is on the sick list this week.

Theresa Thompson visited her mother in Denver, Colorado during the Christmas holidays. She became snow bound, but made it last week.

The Dr. Damon Hill, Jr. family enjoyed Mrs. Hill's mother from Houston, Texas during the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry High and Mrs. Katie Johnson made it home last week after visiting relatives in Tyler, Texas. They were in rain all the way traveling and coming back home.

Keep praying for our sick and shut ins.

Our love sympathy goes out to all the bereaved families.

Mrs. Katie Hicks' daughter, Laura Mitchell, passed away last Saturday. Members of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church are writing arrangements for her and are incomplete at this report.

The members of the Cosby family are home after visiting during the Christmas holidays. They were able to visit relatives and

POLICE BEAT

ASSAULT

LUBBOCK WOMAN who resides in East Lubbock reported to police that her common law husband took advantage of her last Saturday night.

Once police were on the scene, they learned that the couple had been arguing since last Saturday. According to the police report, the fighting and fueding began because she saw her "loved one" with another woman.

Police left the couple with a family disturbance form, and there was no more trouble.

BURGLARY

BERNARD HINES, 2613 Ivory Avenue, reported that someone unknown broke into his house one day last week and took a valuable 20 guage shotgun. The shotgun was valued at \$4,600.00.

According to HINES, the shotgun was a collector's item.

She told police that she had an idea who could have taken the shotgun.

Damage to the door, which was used to gain entry, was valued at \$50.00.

The police report revealed that the shotgun was in a bag with the initials "B. C."

friends in their hometown -- Paris, Texas.

Hope you have gotten things off on the right foot for 1988. Here's praying for a good year for all our Southwest Digest readers!

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by
Linda Johnson

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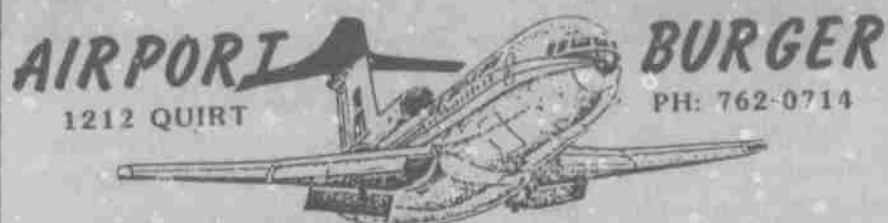
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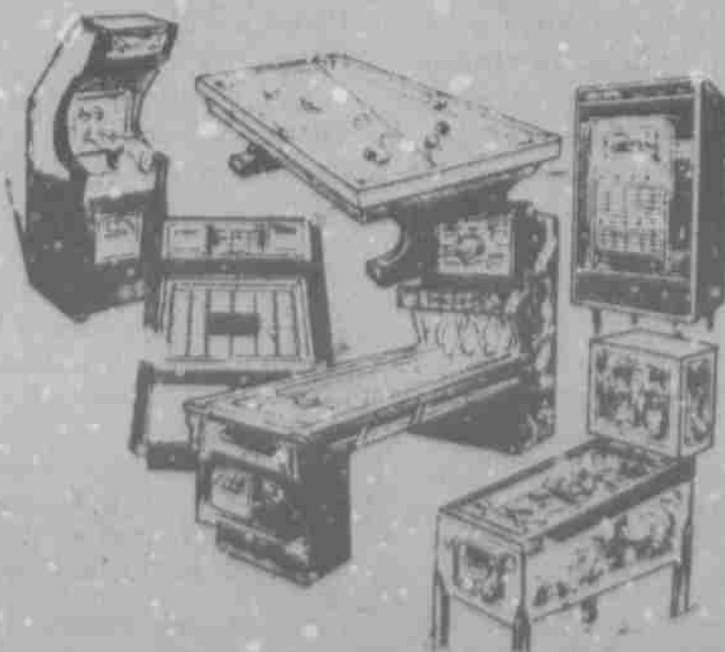
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SPORTS



The Greatest Running Back

Recently I was interviewed by Frnk Gifford during the halftime of a Monday Night Football broadcast. We talked about great running backs and I gave my opinion that the top running back of all time was Jim Brown.

Fans love to debate who was the greatest player at each position. Naturally I've heard from some who would pick Tony Dorsett, O.J. Simpson, Walter Payton, or any one of several other fine running backs over Jim Brown.

It was a reminder to me that a lot of people just don't remember Jim Brown. If you are 30 years old today, Jim Brown quit playing when you were ten. Another factor is that because of expansion to new cities and increased television coverage, the National Football League has attracted many new fans who never saw Jim during his great years with the Cleveland Browns.

When you consider the conditions Jim played under, his records are even more phenomenal. He played in an era where the defense's primary purpose was to stop the run first and the pass second. Today, it's the other way around and that helps the running back.

When Jim took a handoff, he was likely playing on a frozen or muddy field. There were no domed stadiums or artificial turf fields back in the 1950s and 1960s. I feel the good track artificial turf provides adds 25 to 50 yards per game to a great running back's total.

Back then the hash marks were out where the college hash marks are today. Officials spotted the ball on the hash marks and there was always a short side of the field. Defense slanted to the wide side. You simply didn't run to the short side because the sideline is the best tackler a defense has going for it.

Jim ran from a split backfield where he started from about three yards behind the line of scrimmage. He didn't have the luxury of starting from seven yards deep, as in the "I" formation, and the advantage that gives you in picking your holes. And, of course, he played when the NFL season was just 12 games.

Even with those disadvantages, Jim set records that lasted for nearly two decades. He was that rare player who combined all the talents desired in a running back. He had moves and speed, and he also had the power to run over defenders.

Of today's running backs, I would choose Eric Dickerson of the Indianapolis Colts as the best of those still at the top of their game. Walter Payton of the Bears will be retiring this year after a great career, and Tony Dorsett has had many fine years with Dallas. But there's no doubt in my mind that Jim Brown was the greatest of all time. **hl**

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

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Baseball Withdrawal

By Bert Randolph Sugar
PM Editorial Services

The TV set was still warm. Minnesota reliever Jeff Reardon had retired the last St. Louis Cardinal only seconds before to preserve the Twins' World Series victory, and already I was suffering withdrawal pangs. No more baseball for four months! The only thing I could think of that could be worse would be if I asked a guy to cash a check for \$10 and found it was someone I already owed \$9 to.

What's that, you say? There are other sports to turn to during baseball's off-season? Sure, there's hockey, where you can watch players go the entire length of the ice just to clobber someone with their stick. Then there's horse racing, where you can go watch the windows clean the people. Or even boxing, where most of the time all you see is tap dancing with gloves on. And then there's the counterfeit football season, a half season played by guys whose names are memorable only if you're naming the All-Eye Chart Team. No, there's only one way to satisfy my sports "fix": Baseball. To believe otherwise would be akin to believing that a myth is a female moth.

And so, during the current off-season lull, instead of bothering with other sports I'll review the 1987 baseball season in the basepaths of my

mind—a season that had more unforeseen circumstances than ever were experienced at the monthly meetings of the Clairvoyant Society.

Some of those magic moments of '87 that bring seasoning to the off-season like garlic to a salad include the time an Orlando policeman

threatened to arrest Minnesota Twins outfielder Kirby Puckett during spring training because Puckett kept hitting windshield-breaking blasts over the outfield fences. Or Pedro Guerrero of the Dodgers, forced to miss a game after injuring his wrist trying to save his giant-screen TV set when an earthquake hit the Los Angeles area.

Other memories of '87 that cross the beaten path of my mind have the

Pittsburgh Pirates lined up for the National Anthem on the opening day of the season and one of the players saying, "Every time I hear that song I have a bad game." And A's relief pitcher Jay Howell becoming the first hometown player in All-Star history to be booed during the pre-game introductions and booed again 13 innings later when he gave up the game-winning hit to National League.

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Last year's effort was a success, according to officials of MLK.

Youth are invited to participate in choirs, dramas, speeches and skits.

There will be prizes, awards and recognition.

For more information, contact Thelma Brown, 766-1747 or Bert McWilliams, 762-6411, ext. 2281.

BLACK NEW BRIEFS

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He accused the major media of using "perverse logic" is failing to grant him front-runner status when led most major polls but quickly giving that status to Gary Hart as soon as he re-entered the presidential race. Jackson charged the media were practicing "racial bias" by portraying his as unelectable because he was Black. According to Jackson, "It's interesting how many media people who, for seven months, wouldn't say I was Numbewr wouldn't say I was Number 1, and say I'm Number 2."

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There is a story told about an astronomer who was observing the sun setting beyond a hill several miles away. Suddenly, in his line of vision were two boys stealing apples from a large orchard. While one picked the fruit, the other watched carefully, making sure they were undiscovered. But the astronomer saw every movement as plainly as if he had been in the orchard.

In the 28th chapter of Isaiah we notice that the Israelites thought that they could hide their sins from God by making secret agreement with the pagan Egyptians. God pronounced it a "covenant with death" that would not keep them from the wrath of the Assyrians.

How many times have we tried to hide or cover-up our sins from God. We cannot hide from God. Our sins hurts and disappoints Him, but any willful, arrogant attempts to ignore that sin and cover it up truly angers God. Humbly seek His help in prayer.

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"Lord, Will 99% Do For You???"

Hebrews 12:1-2b -- Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses. Let us aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Lord, some say they've attended this church for almost 20 years. They've seen many people come and go, but there're yet here.

They have special seats and no one sets there but him, but if some one special sets there. They want move them.

James 2:1-4 -- My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in godly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that wereth the gay (rich) clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool. Are ye not then partial to yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

"Lord, Will 99% Do For You???"

Hebrews 13:1-2 -- Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers. For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Lord, we know of people who are hungry and we've plenty to eat. We try to hold our till "Christian Time." "Too Show We're So Sweet!!"

We even wear the best clothes that money can buy. We see the homeless and people in rags. "And don't blink an eye."

"Lord, Will 99% Do For You???"

Matthew 25:35, 36 & 40b -- Jesus said, for when I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me. Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Lord, our Sons & Daughters have good jobs and are doing fine. So we don't visit the boys and girls in jails -- doing hard time.

"Lord, Will 99% Do For You???"

James 1:27 -- Pure religion and undefiled before God and the fathers is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 1:22-24 -- But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another!

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Written by Billy "B. J." Morrison, III
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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. Scripture was led by Sister Christine Burleson. It was Psalm 16.

The morning was spent reflecting upon the past year, and praying for those who desperately need prayer, and for the bereaved families. Last year, certainly took its number.

There will be a business meeting on next week. We would like for all officers, presidents and concerned members to please be present. We are off into a new year, and we thank God for it. We are standing on the Word of God in faith. "If my people would pray." II Chronicles 7:14.

Wouldn't this old world be better if the folks we meet would say I know something good about you! And treat you just that way??

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy if each handclasp was fond and true. Carried with it this assurance "I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy if the good that in us all were the only thing about us that folks bothered to recall??

Wouldn't life be lots more happy if we praised the good we see? For there's such a lot of goodness in the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice that fine way of thinking too?? You know something good about me; I know something good about you?

Pick out the good in people, even if you have to use a magnifying glass.

We want to love you more this year -- MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Write this group. Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223 Lubbock, Texas 79408. Or you may call: 767-3347. We care.

Area Church News

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

Well, we thank God for another glorious day! Our services were well attended last Sunday. God has been so good to us, and we must give Him the praise for such blessing that we have received. Sunday School was a blessing as Director Sister Mary Harris and teacher, Brother Edward Coppage let the Lord use them at their post of duty.

We thank God for Pastor Eugene Gentry and his family for the work that God has brought to them.

Rev. Gentry shared with the congregation a convicting message last Sunday morning. His subject was "The Lordship of Christ." His Biblical basis was from Luke 4:18. During evening worship, the congregation was also blessed. All present just had to praise "God Jehovah - Shammah."

Glory to God in the highest for being able to see the close of 1987, and to see 1988! God has blessed this

about the needs in your life. The Prayer Tower will be a reality in Lubbock this year

with your help. We walk by faith and not by sight. Can any good come out of Nazareth?? We will meet in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Nash, 2121 East 30th Street, beginning at 9 a.m.

"Come and See!" Have a FAITH FILLED YEAR, FRIENDS!! Sister Christine Burleson, president; Sister Ruby Henderson, vice president; Sister Annie Johnson, secretary; and Sister Dorothy Hood, reporter.

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CHRISTIAN CURSING

I. Introduction

We approach a delicate, yet important, subject to all the saints today and especially to those in the Lord's churches, that is: the matter of "Christian Cursing." The Christian of today thinks nothing of taking upon himself the ways and appearances of the world. In our society nearly every one professes belief in the Lord but few give evidence of repentant, converted hearts that is characteristic of all who are truly saved. An area that points out this pseudo-christian trend is the utilization of the language of the world. To directly accuse professing people of using God's Holy name in vain as an outright, deliberate curse word would be an overstatement. Yet, many euphemisms for God are heard every day and often truly born-again saints are guilty.

A. What is a Euphemism?

Let me give Daniel Webster's report: "...to use good or auspicious word for an evil or inauspicious word..." — of good sound.

1. It is the use of a word or phrase that is less expressive or direct but considered less distasteful, less offensive, etc., than another.

2. A word or phrase so substituted. Thus, it is a form of cursing that replaces a direct curse word with a more acceptable word which in effect does the same thing.

B. The question must be asked of modern-day Christians: Do you ever use the name of the Lord in vain?

The word "vain" means "empty," "as nothing," or "lightly." When referring to the subject at hand, it applies to "false-swearing" or "light-swearing." These are words that have little meaning, or an empty purpose or something that is said lightly. Some will use the name of the Lord, yet, go on to defend their position by saying, "I didn't mean anything by it." Others make a defense by claiming that God knows our weakness and therefore will forgive us. However, premeditated sin in God's sight is inexcusable.

C. Are we responsible for our words?

What does the Scripture say in the 3rd commandment? Ex. 20:7, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." The words, "in vain" mean empty, without thought, or lightly. This is clearly a violation of the 3rd commandment and that is a transgression of God's law which is SIN in God's book! The TRUTH is that God still holds all of us accountable for our words: Matt. 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Your swiftest defence may be to quickly bring up the fact that God's saints will not stand in the judgment of sinners. That is true. But beware that words have a way of describing what is in the heart. Matt. 12:34, "O generation of vipers, how can ye being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." While the truly saved will not be judged as to their eternal position in Christ by their performance of words, it is difficult to believe that born-again saints, those changed by the Spirit of God within and have been taken out of the pig-pen of sin, will want to return to it. Scripture says that a pig returns to the mire but that is because of its nature. Therefore, the person who says he is a saint of God but by nature loves the practices of the world and is not convicted of the use of sinful words of the world, that one is of the world.

Ignorance is no excuse to sin when we have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit to keep us in truth. So, let us develop and identify some words. This will not be an exhaustive list but rather examples.

II. Words that are used which involve God's name in vain or with lightness. These definitions will be according Webster's Dictionary.

Any good dictionary will give you all of these.

A. Euphemisms of God.

1. Gosh: "...an interjection, an exclamation of surprise; a euphemism for God." The world would make light of the use of this word but the saints ought to heed the meaning of words. It is the using of the word "gosh" in the place of the word "God" to make it seem less offensive.

2. Good: (used by itself or together with other words as in "good-night," etc.)

a. The word "good" is often used as an adjective with a descriptive intent by comparison. However, the etymology of the word shows that it is not an innocent word when used as an interjection. Etymology: from the word "gode;" Anglo-Saxon, god, akin to German, Gut.

b. Used as an interjection: "In some exclamatory phrases expressing surprise, consternation, etc. (e.g. good-gracious! good-grief! good-a-ght!) Good is an euphemism for God." That includes forms of the word goodness, even when we personalize and say "goodness me," there is a wrong connotation and it is just a replacement for being able to use the name of the Lord.

3. Golly: "It is an interjection, an exclamation of surprise, etc.; a euphemism of God." It is a vulgar, socially acceptable way to use God's name in vain. This

also includes all the shortened forms as in "gol" (goddamn).

4. Gracious: "as an interjection, an exclamation of surprise, it is a euphemism of God."

5. Gee: "It is an interjection (a euphemistic contraction of Jesus), (slang), an exclamation of surprise, etc." All forms of Gee, Geez or Cheez, Cheese, Cheeze, Sheeche, still relate back to the Lord Jesus Christ when used as an exclamatory remark.

6. Jiminy Crickets: has been used by many professing people, however, it is also a euphemistic expression of Jesus Christ. It is just a way to try to exchange acceptable words with which to euphemistically use our Lord's name lightly. It is an interjection.

7. Many forms of expressions as: Great day, Toledo, etc. While the words may not in themselves mean anything wrong, their usage makes them a replacement for the Lord in an exclamatory remark.

8. The expression "man at the wheel" has a direct reference to the Sovereign God of the universe who is in control of all things, but here euphemistically applied and taken lightly or disbelieved altogether. It is not a light thing to acknowledge God's sovereignty in an empty statement. For He is Sovereign.

9. Egad: "(egad, 'egad') interj. (prob. ah God), a softened or euphemistic oath."

B. The usurping of God's authority of judgment or making light of His character.

1. Damn: (all forms of this word included) an interjection, a euphemism of the word damn and is a form of a curse. A curse is never inflicted seriously except it call upon God to do the damning. It places the curse: in the seat of authority in God's place to sit judgment over the one being cursed and makes God subordinate to the one using the curse word to inflict damnation at their will. It is calling God to take ones own side and condemn the other person to Hell. It matters not whether the person says, "dag-nabbit," or "gosh-darn," or "damnation," all of these words use God's authority and name lightly and wrongfully.

2. Holy Cow: Holiness is an attribute, a perfection of God in which we view God separated from all sin (morally and spiritually). A cow has no soul, it is a-moral and is without a spirit. These kind of words have a way of making light of God's character. There also is nothing Holy about smoke. It too, is a euphemistic way of using a word with a wrong intent to make it seem acceptable, and with lightness (in vain).

3. The Lord willing and the creeks don't rise: is a mockery of the Lord's sovereignty. As a matter of fact He does control the creeks, therefore, the two are not contrasts.

(Beware of telling of jokes that use the person of God as a character within a joke. And while it need not directly attack or directly mock Him: being, it does use Him in a lightness or manner of foolish jesting.) Eph. 5:4, "Neither filthiness, or foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

III. Conclusion:

There is no intent to go into all the foul, filthy words of modern-day vocabulary, it should not be necessary. Eph. 4:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Col. 3:8, "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

The Jews, as was their human custom, would use God to call upon Him to be their witness in oaths. They refrained from using His Holy name in conversation because of His power and Holiness. They had first-hand historical experience for disregarding His Holiness. Yet, because they were not born-again their actions were often only legalistic in nature and not because of their love and relationship to the Lord. They were commanded to "not swear" in lightness. Matt. 5:34, "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by Heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King..." (vs.37), "But let your communication be yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Israel was taking oaths lightly and calling on God to back their position. Jesus said just say yes or no and back your word with action.

What's wrong with using sound proper words? Why do Christians need the crude, rank, unwholesome, blasphemous cursing language of the world? Look at Col. 4:6, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

To use euphemisms for God is the same as if His own name were used. Christian cursing and cursing is getting more popular and socially acceptable as the world infiltrate the circle of the Lord's people. Many of the New Evangelical churches (which are no more than some type of religious organization of people) are using this modern jargon to identify themselves with the world and to show them that they are just like them. Well, maybe they are. But that does not justify us.

Remember, it is not always the words by themselves that we use, but often it is the intent of the expression, whether anger, frustration or disagreement that we feel toward God.

Now what can we do? It is simple. Don't use words (actual or euphemistically) that will break fellowship with our Saviour, and as important: learn to direct our thoughts, words, and feelings to the Lord. He is Sovereign. He is coming soon!!

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Namibia News Digest

Renewed Push for Tough Sanctions

(NIS) -- Antipartheid advocates promise a renewed push in 1988 to gain passage of comprehensive sanctions against the Pretoria government. They also pledged to make sanctions, the occupation of Namibia and South Africa's regional war against its neighbors election issues for the 1988 elections.

About 75 representatives of church, civic and public policy organizations met on Capitol Hill last week for what was billed as a strategy session aimed at charting a 1988 agenda. Organizers say they will launch an intensive grassroots campaign to get additional cosponsors of HR (1580).

The comprehensive sanctions measure, sponsored by Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-CA), has 77 cosponsors. The Senate version (S 556), sponsored by Sen. Alan Cranston, is cosponsored by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-MAS) and Carl Levin (D-MI).

Dellums, who convened the meeting, urged the group to activate the lobbying network that helped to pass the original House sanctions package. He maintained that tough sanctions are a "moral and political imperative."

Savimbi Film Shot In Namibia

(NIS) -- Actress Grace Jones, actor Dolph Lundgren of Rocky IV and director Steven Spielberg are reportedly on location in Namibia shooting an \$8 million "adventure" film focusing on the life of UNITA rebel leader Jonas Savimbi.

The weekly tabloid the *Namibian* reported in its December 4 issue that the celebrities are maintaining a "low profile" and have been instructed not to speak to the press. The film, *Red Scorpion*, is being shot by the Moonrose Production Company.

Shooting is expected to be complete by mid-January and the film is scheduled to be released in the U.S. during the summer.

The Johannesburg-based executive producer, Jack Abramoff, told the *Namibian* that Swaziland was initially planned as the site for the film, but that the government was "nervous" about the use of explosives and military equipment.

Letter to Editor

"Efforts and enthusiasm"

Dear Eddie,

So many times we forget to say thanks.

I would like to personally thank you for a job well done at the Lubbock conference. Being new on the block, your efforts and enthusiasm only demonstrates the mountain of successes that are yet to come.

I look forward to seeing you in March. If there is anything that I can do for you, please call me, I wish you a very prosperous New Year.

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An Educator's Opinion

The Urban Challenge

In communities across America, lights of this special season sparkle. But in America's cities, hopes dim. The accident of geography deprives millions of children of their brightest source of hope: education.

Analysts trace this development to the 1970s, a decade during which the population drain from urban centers was swift and dramatic. Those who fled were those who had the means of mobility—in short, the affluent. They left behind a trapped people—the poor, the destitute, the deprived and the desperate.

They also left behind, many analysts believed, school systems that would die slow deaths, systems that would wither as the poverty rate spiraled and crime sprawled.

The analysts were right—and wrong. We in NEA know well the adversity that confronts urban school employees. But we also know that in the nation's most urbanized state—New Jersey—NEA members are breaking new ground in the attempt to rescue urban schools from the pulverizing impact of poverty.

Roughly 40,000 of our 126,000 New Jersey members work in urban districts that rank among the most disadvantaged in the United States. Among cities with populations exceeding 100,000, for instance, Newark is the nation's poorest.

But NEA members in New Jersey are resisting despair. The Urban Challenge, a project launched by our New Jersey affiliate (NJEA), aims to halt the callous pattern of neglect that has for so long victimized children who attend inner-city schools.

NJEA began the Urban Challenge project last year by sponsoring a statewide series of hearings on the problems besetting New Jersey's urban schools. The results made it clear that underlying all other problems within city schools—underlying the unmanageably large class sizes, the antiquated textbooks, the ramshackle buildings, the cycle of drug use, violence, and despair—are the stark funding disparities between urban and non-urban school districts.

The local tax bases of New Jersey's six larg-

est urban districts make a mockery of funding equalization formulas. In these districts, less than \$61,000 in taxable property value supports the education of each student. Statewide, by contrast, communities draw from over \$213,000 in property value per student. The Urban Challenge initiative aims to redress this disparity—to make access to quality education less dependent on the accident of geography.

The legal logic that supports this effort emerged from the landmark 1971 decision of the California Supreme Court in *Serrano v. Priest*, California's highest court found the state's school finance system unconstitutional on the grounds that it made the quality of education a function of local taxable wealth. This system, the Court ruled, introduced massive funding inequities that clearly violated the equal protection provisions of the California State Constitution.

Ironically, the New Jersey Supreme Court issued a similar ruling in 1973 (*Robinson v. Cahill*). But today, 14 years later, inequities persist. And NJEA's urban initiative may

best be understood as an attempt to end the violation of the equal protection clause that is the heart of Article I of the New Jersey State Constitution.

In short, NJEA is demanding nothing more and nothing less than fidelity to the principles of fairness and equality that the New Jersey Constitution articulates. Toward this end, NJEA formally recommended that the governor and the legislature move away from over-reliance on local property taxes. That action had impact: New Jersey's State and Local Expenditure and Revenue Commission is soon expected to make a similar recommendation to the state legislature.

NJEA's campaign is as much ethical as legal. The ideal that animates the Urban Challenge program is the ideal of caring. And the understanding that sustains the NJEA initiative is the understanding that no state can for long prosper if a third of its young people are denied the gift of education.

In this season of gift-giving, we would all do well to heed that message.



Mary Hatwood Futrell
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Smoking Ban Looses

Voters in the seaside town of Del Mar, Calif., handily defeated a ballot initiative on November 3 that sought to ban smoking on all beaches, parks, streets and other outdoor public places, with the exception of three outdoor smoking areas. The initiative, introduced by former Del Mar mayor and former smoker Richard Roe, would have been the nation's toughest smoking law on the books.

Opponents of the proposal, including current Mayor Ronnie Delaney as well as the majority of council members, feared that the measure would hurt business and argued that it was unneeded and unworkable. One councilmember went so far as to call the initiative an "ash-anine" idea. **ll**

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Court Nixes Smoking Law

The New York Public Health Council recently lost in its efforts to implement restrictive smoking regulations. The New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, upheld by a 6-1 vote two lower court decisions against the Public Health Council.

"We hold that the Public Health Council overstepped the boundaries of its lawfully delegated authority," Judge Vito Titone wrote for the court's majority. "In this instance, the council usurped the (legislature's) role and thereby exceeded its legislative mandate," he said. **ll**

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Celebrate "Z" Day

Attention all Zieglers, Zimmermans and Zukes: The first day of 1988 has been declared "Z Day." The purpose is to recognize "all persons and places whose names begin with the letter 'Z' and are always listed or thought of last in any alphabetized list." The day was founded by Tom Zager of Sterling Heights, Mich., for obvious reasons.

"The alphabet was supposed to start with a 'Z,' and they messed up," claims Zager. **ll**

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Black News Briefs

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outsiders agreed and very little and issued separate, conflicting reports. Forsyth County remains all-white.

Foes Have Votes To Force Recall Of Arizona Governor

Phoenix, Az. -- Foes of Arizona Governor Evan Mecham have collected enough signatures to force a re-call election. Mecham is a right-wing republican who has managed to anger Blacks, women, gays and Jews with a series of insensitive and often hostile statements. His troubles began when he rescinded a state holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unless Mecham can successfully challenge the petitions, he will face a recall election in mid-May.

Jesse Jackson Hits Media Treatment

Newton, Iowa -- Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson last week sharply attacked media treatment of his campaign.

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POLICE BEAT

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reported to Lubbock police that while he parked his car in front of place of work, someone unknown came and took his license plate.

Value of the license plate is \$5.30.

He told police that he didn't given anyone any permission to take the plate.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

JAIME BLERY DENNIS, 5314 Acuff Road, reported to Lubbock police that while she was coming out of the grocery store at 1701 Parkway Drive Monday afternoon of this week, she had a problem.

She told police that she had just cashed her check for \$43.00, and walked across the parking lot when a man came up and grabbed her hair and tried to take her purse. She resisted and this is when the struggle began.

In the struggle, the purse was opened and dumped. She managed to get everything back except for two \$20 dollar bills.

Police learned that the lady was hurting, but refused to get any medical attention.

DENNIS said that she would file charges if the person is caught.

Baseball Withdrawal

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guer Tim Raines.

But perhaps my fondest memory of 1987 was when Don Mattingly, commenting on his salary, said, "Everybody thinks I've changed. But I'm just a boy from the hills of Indiana. If you don't believe me, ask my cutter, Reggie Jackson."

As the off-season drags on, the stock market bats below .200 and other so-called sports wind down, I'm gladdened by the thought that it's only four months till February when once again baseball will take up its option. And grown men playing boys' games will be able to rejoice once more. Me included. **id**

Sportswriter Bert Randolph Sugar is the author of over 20 books on baseball, football and boxing.

Scholarships Available For Minorities

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The next time monies are available from the Nurses' Educational Funds Inc is for the 1988-89 academic year, beginning September 1988. Qualified applicants should send a \$3.00 check to NEF to cover postage and handling of the application kit. Deadline for filing the completed application is March 1, 1988. Write: Nurses' Educational Funds, Inc., 555 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y. 10019

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source of funds for graduate education in nursing. Originally established in 1911 as the Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Scholarship, NEF has given away more than \$1 million over the years to hundreds of nurses who have gone on to become leaders in research, education, administration and outstanding practitioners, as well.

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nation to have the freedom of speech. Let's do all we can to support the Kingdom of God.

There is still music in the air from the Prayer Week Services. The Lord granted us to have a wonderful time in worshipping Him last week. It was a blessing to the Church.

Position Announcement

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