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## Drue Hicks Receives Van Fleet Scholarship



From left to right: Mrs. George Van Fleet, Mrs. Ruth Hicks, Drue Hicks, Mr. George Van Fleet, and George Van Fleet, Jr.

Wednesday morning, May 6, 1987, was indeed a day to remember for Drue Hicks. Drue was selected to receive one of the most prestigious awards that Estacado High School presents. She was awarded the George Van Fleet Scholarship for \$1,000.00. This award is given to the graduating senior that has exemplified excellence in academic and scholastic achievement. As a recipient of this honor, Drue was presented with a plaque and a certificate by the founders of this award, Mr. and Mrs. George Van Fleet.

Drue has demonstrated qualities of an outstanding student in every area of her high school life during her four years at EHS. She is a member of the Pride Club and the National Honor Society.

During her senior year alone, Drue has received more awards than most students do during their entire high school career. She was chosen as a Girl's State participant; Debutant Queen for 1986-87; crowned Football Sweetheart for 1986-87; named Teen of the Month and Alpha Kappa Alpha Student of the Month; chosen as the United Way Flame Girl for 1986-87; recipient of the DAR Award, National History and Government Award, Soroptomist International Youth Citizenship Award, Academic All-American Band Award, and received a rating I in the State Twirling competition.

Drue plans to attend college after graduation from Estacado. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hicks of Lubbock.

## Robbins Students Not Ordinary Students!

by  
**Tina Darden**  
(Editor's Note: This article is written by a journalism student at North Texas State University at Denton, Texas.)  
Denton, Tx - Students at W. R. Robbins Secondary School are not your ordinary high school students worrying about completing their homework assignment five minutes before the bell rings. Nor are they students who can function productively in the traditional school atmosphere. They are students who are potential dropouts in the regular school system or outcasts who simply cannot live in the way expected of them.

To help these young people rejoin society as productive young citizens, the Austin Independent School District

offered them an alternative to traditional education. W. R. Robbins, created in 1979, is a flexible, student-centered program designed to aid students in developing



Tina Darden

## Editorial It's Up To Us To Succeed or Fail!

by  
Eddie P. Richardson

East Lubbock is on the rebound, and that is a good sign. Two new businesses were recently opened in East Lubbock, i.e. Ivy's Greenhouse and Airport Burgers. Not only this, but a number of quality homes are being built as well as others waiting to do same. Lubbock's Black community is not confined to just the eastern quad of the city, but all over the city of Lubbock, but the base is still East Lubbock. Black people should not forget no matter their present address or residence that you are still a part of the Black community and should not ever forget as well as where you come from.

Blacks should remember, no matter our station in life, education, position, money, influence or what have you, you are still what you are and that is Black.

The formula for us as far as success or failure is concerned, we must first love, trust and respect each other. This is the formula many Blacks forget and become dismayed and depressed. When foreigners come over here and make it, in many cases, they make it big fast.

The formula is they buy, sell, trade, use each others goods and services first. They do with others what they cannot do with self and kind. Blacks do just the opposite in Lubbock. We spend, trade with others first and if anything is left, we may use each other, maybe. A dollar in other communities turn over 7 to 10 times. But, get this, in the Black community it stays an average of four hours. When we reverse this trend, our economic base will turn around.

At this time in the making for an economic turn around and base is the re-organization of the Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce for the beginning of a strong economic base. We have to do for self what no one else will do for us. Proven fact. The second step is the organization of the United Black Fund of Lubbock so we can help ourselves and take care of our own. We will not have to worry about getting our fair share. We can take care of ourselves while at the same time, help others for a change. We can be the givers and not the beggars. Our success or failure is up to us. We must start to build and rebuild our long denied communities with the leadership and initiative coming from within the community. We have to work our way on the tax rolls and off the relief rolls.

Together we can make it happen for us, by us. We have the track in place. All we have to do now is run on it. Lubbock's Black Chamber of Commerce, United Black Fund and the Assault on Illiteracy (AOIF) - the rest is up to us. Let's go to work and make our community competitive at the market place.

With the Black Church in the forefront, we cannot fail. A recent statement by Bishop H. Hartford Brookins of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, calling on the Black Church to lead the way in solving the Black unemployment problem. "We've philosophical and moralized. Now it's time to pragmatize. It's time for the Black Church to take the forefront in the issues that affect the people we've been preaching to. The only people who can make Black unemployment a top agenda in this country is the church group. More people are involved in it and subscribe to it than any other vehicle in the Black community. We have the machinery, the troops and communicators. We must take the gauntlet and make sense out of it here and now."

AMEN! NUFF SED, BISHOP!

personal responsibility for their behavior.

The Texas Education Agency clarifies that "Districts may establish an alternative school program designed for high school students who are not able to function in the structure of a regular school setting, who are actual or potential dropouts or who may have discipline problems. Such programs may modify school operational hours, clock hour requirements of courses number of required units per semester and methods of instruction."

Eddie Orum, principal of Robbins, said "Following these guidelines, Robbins offers individualized instruction, continuous progress and flexibility in scheduling."

Individualized instruction is centered around a learning contract for each course which is a written agreement to accomplish a certain amount of work at a certain level of performance. Continuous progress is the opportunity for the student to learn at his own rate or level. Flexible scheduling allows the nontraditional student, who may be abused, pregnant, married, working, homeless, etc., to work around the problem and stay in school.

"Continuous progress, or learning at one's own rate is a brilliant way of handling education," said Laurie Miller, an Australian teacher visiting alternative schools in the

United States. "This self-paced individualized instruction is low-key but highly disciplined approach to the educational success of turned-off students."

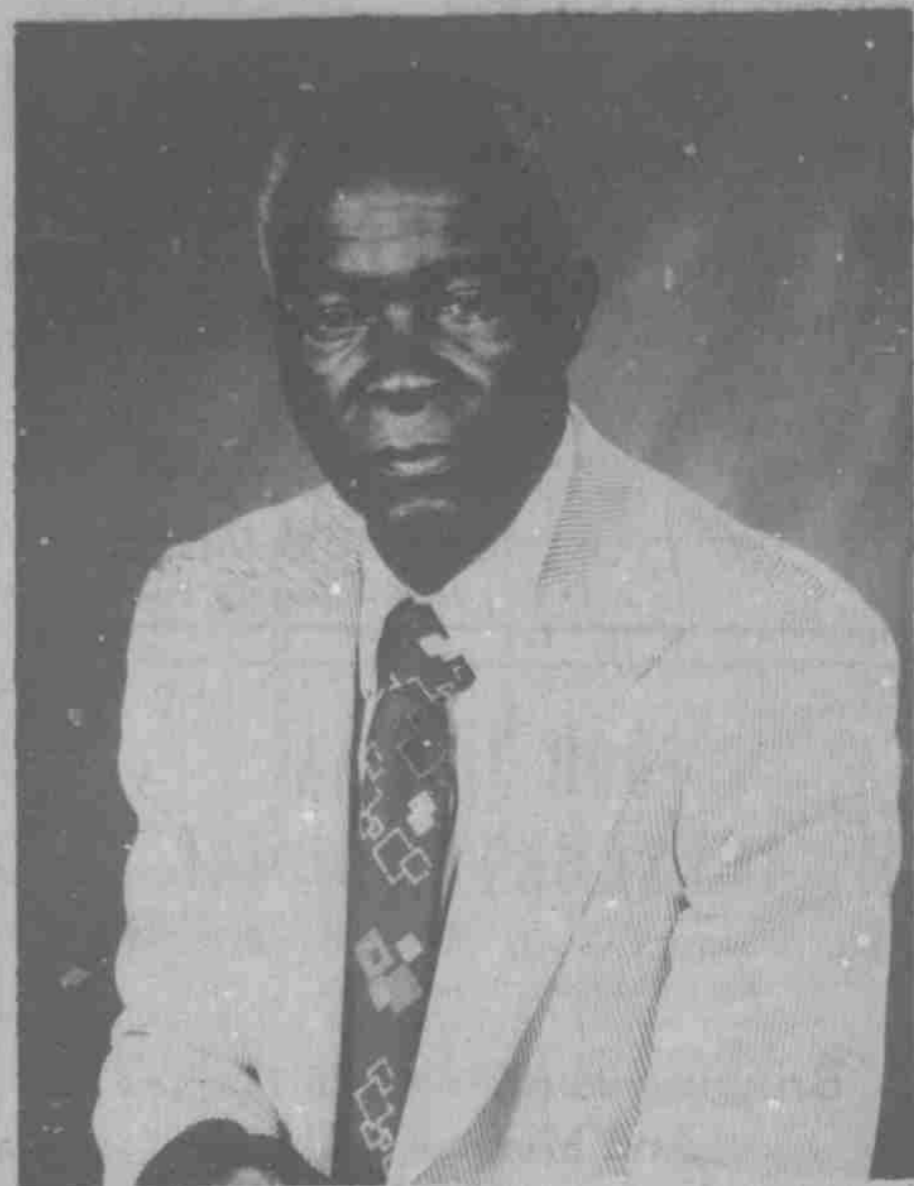
Miller, who hopes to apply his new knowledge of alternative schools in a Sydney, Australia high school, said students in schools like Robbins learn to set their own goals and to assume responsibility for their own education.

However, he said that education's decision makers know only the traditional classroom. "To shift from a traditional school to a school like Robbins requires a creative, flexible view of evaluation. You cannot measure the objective results of learning unless you also value an individual's progress toward self-esteem and personal growth," he said.

Robbins is structured for students who cannot handle traditional schools. Just anyone who gets tired of regular school cannot come to Robbins. Each student must submit an application and transcript and schedule an interview with the school psychologist for the applicant and his parent.

Once the student is accepted, pre-tests are given in each of the desired courses to determine what the student actually knows and does not know. Course work is then

## Jessie Polk Succumbs Here



Mr. Jessie Polk

One of the distributors of the Southwest Digest for approximately five years, Mr. Jessie Polk, succumbed here Thursday, May 7, 1987. Funeral rites were held for him Tuesday morning, May 12, 1987 at the Community Baptist Church with Pastor Charles Cunningham of the Manhattan Heights Seventh Day Adventist officiating. He was assisted by Floyd Price, Ronald Boswell, LeRoy Green and Rev. J. H. Ford.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of South Plains Funeral Home.

Mr. Polk was born June 6, 1917 in Regan-Falls County, Texas to the parentage of Mr. Alford Polk, Sr. and Mrs. Loucinda Polk.

He attended public school in Lime Stone County. He confessed Christ at an early age in Carsete, Texas. Upon moving to Lubbock, in later years, he united with Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Rev. A. W. Wilson. Some

years later, he united with the Manhattan Heights Seventh Day Adventist where Pastor Cunningham serves.

Pastor Cunningham's sermon to the family and friends was entitled "Blessed Assurance."

Remarks were also given by the co-publishers of the Southwest Digest, Eddie P. Richardson and T. J. Patterson.

He leaves to mourn his death: a very dear friend, Mrs.

Eva L. Love; two daughters, Media Ann Hayes of Odessa, Texas and Laquetta Gail Polk of Dallas, Texas; a son, Kevin Polk of Seattle, Washington; two brothers, Alford Polk of Dallas, Texas and Alvin Polk of Midland, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Willie Lee Reagler and Mrs. Cleola Wright, both of Dallas, Texas; an uncle, David Reed, Sr. of Dallas, Texas; two aunts, Mrs. Pearl Reed of Lubbock, Texas and Mrs. Mary Hill of Marlin, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Rev. McDonald Speaks About Day Care Here

During the meeting Monday evening at the New Hope Baptist Church where nearly thirty persons were in attendance to know more about the Lubbock Day Care Association and its day care centers, Rev.

Vance McDonald make it known that plans are being made toward improvement of the day care centers in Lubbock.

He said, "We will use the motto: 'Help is on the way,' and the community and various groups of the community to help us help the day care centers here as well as the Lubbock Day Care Association."

Continuing in his effort, he said, "We will talk to day care employees, concerned citizens and the recently formed ad hoc committee - where he serves as chairperson - to help see that something is done for our little children, our precious



Rev. Vance McDonald

souls."

"We want the entire community to know that help is on the way," he continued.

"The hiring of Dr. Slatton of Amarillo, Texas who served as a consultant was good. Rev. McDonald made it clear that

**RUBY JAY'S CORNER**



Services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church where Rev. S. C. Nash is pastor.

Last Sunday was Youth Day, and the youth were in command of the services. It was also Mother's Day. Sunday School began at 9:30 a. m.

The morning services began at 10:35 a. m. Devotion was led by the Deacons of the church. The church announcer was Sister Roshonda Henry. The radio announcer was Mrs.

Billie Caviel. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Blocker.

The sermon was delivered by Pastor Nash. His subject was "Good News For The Family."

Carolyn Rollison of Houston, Texas was home for Mother's Day.

There are so many in the community who are ill and shut-in at this report.

At this report, Mr. Harrison "Bull" Davis is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital. His daughter,

Mary Ann Jones of Dallas, Texas spent the weekend here. Mr. Jimmy Walker is a patient in Methodist Hospital. Mr. Lee Knighton is still a patient in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Julie McFadden lost her step-mother. Services were held in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Last Sunday morning, a special recognition was rendered to Mrs. Lula Virden for her forty years of service. It was done by New Hope Baptist Church. Sister Bernice Kelly sang "In Times Like These." God bless you, Sister Virden.

The West Texas Baptist District Association will be sponsoring a musical Sunday, May 17, 1987 at 7 p. m. at New Hope Baptist Church. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

The Mission Sisters presented a Mother's Day program, with children, last Sunday evening at 6 p. m. It was a very nice program.

Mrs. Oma McQuinney and Mrs. Norman "Baby" Austin are home from the hospital and are both doing nicely. Praise God!

Mrs. Denice Jordan's husband is a patient in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Ruby Hollis, mother of Mary Roberts and Louise West, is a patient in Methodist Hospital. Her daughter from Ft. Worth, Texas was here last weekend.

Thanks to everyone for being so sweet on Mother's Day to this writer, RUBY JAY. I love all of YOU. Don't forget Jay!

**Paint-Up Program Here**

Lubbock neighborhoods can get into the spring spirit to improve their appearance by taking advantage of the City of Lubbock Paint-Up Program. A series of community meetings will be held to explain the program and to distribute information.

Funded and administered by the Community Development Department, the Paint-Up Program is designed to allow neighborhoods to organize themselves and receive free exterior paint and supplies. With the residents on each block cooperating with one another, the appearance of the area can be greatly improved as the houses are painted.

Homeowners in all Community Development target areas of the city are eligible to participate and can find out details of the program by attending one of the community meetings to be held in May.

The neighborhood meetings will be held at the following community centers:

May 11, 7 p. m., Copper Rawlings, 40th and Avenue B; May 13, 7 p. m., Rodgers, 3200 Amherst; May 14, 7 p. m., Guadalupe Neighborhood Center, 102 Avenue P; May 18, 7 p. m., George Woods, Zenith & East Erskine; and May 20, 7 p. m., Mae Simmons, East 23rd & Oak Avenue.

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			5830 Emory	494-122815-203	\$53,300
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			4614 Kemper	494-094077-203	\$30,900
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			7908 Avenue V	494-120526-203	\$11,500
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			Legal: L278 Wilshire Park		
			2723 E. 2nd	494-120611-203	\$55555
			Legal: L279 Wilshire Park		
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			Legal: L528 Mackenzie Terrace		

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# EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

## C Plus C Equals

### Courage Plus Conviction!!

by  
Eddie P. Richardson

Leota Matthews and Linda DeLeon should be honored with the C Plus C Award by all people of Lubbock has morals, convictions, and a quest for freedom, justice and equality. All praises to God when we still have people like this pair in this day and time who will still stand up for what is morally right, rather than bow to pressure, humiliation, and ridicule.

Both had the courage to stand up for what is morally just and right when others who are supposed to be stronger and powerfully than them bowed to pressure. They (Matthews and DeLeon) had the courage to stand up for what the struggle is all about, **The Children!** They kept the most important factor in mind, the young people of the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD) now and in generations to come. They were a voice for the ones who had no one else to speak for them -- **poor, Blacks, Browns, and whites as well as the forgotten inner city.** These two women, ladies -- had the courage to stand for all the children, repeat, **ALL THE CHILDREN**, especially the minority and poor, because they need more!

We hope and pray that in these corrupt times with illicit sex, power brokering, grafting, and just immoral acts as well as wrong doings, these two women, we hope, has set the tone for people to not just merely go along because of pressure from the powers that be or merely as a pawn being used. We hope their courage and conviction will cause others to go back to morals and what is right, regardless if its popular or the end thing.

We say to these two courages ladies, keep your heads up, because God is on your side, no matter what the power brokers or good ole boys think or say. Right will always win in the end. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in one of his lesser speeches at Morehouse College in his early civil rights speeches, and it was not a hurrah speech, but a serious speech. He said: "I would rather fail in a cause that will someday triumph, than triumph in a cause that will some day fail."

The recently U. S. House of Representative from Maryland who retired after 16 terms of fighting for minorities, senior citizens, youth, small businesses, and the poor always at everyone of his speeches quoted that statement -- "I would rather fail in a cause that will someday triumph than triumph in a cause that will someday fail. Former Representative Mitchell, back in 1979, was responsible for legislation for the set aside programs for minorities and women with U. S. Government contracts.

We would like to close this week's column by saying to these two courageous women -- **don't despair, hold your heads high; help is on the way. You are for what's just and right, that's why help's on the way. Tomorrow is another day. When you are on God's side, man decries are not worth the time of day.**

Hang in there; keep the faith.  
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Closing joke of the week: Leota and Linda -- one a second term and the other a first term board member, are responsible for all the court cost, the price of Kent Hance, etc. Funny thing neither one was on the school board in 1954 when Brown vs Topeka School happened. Linda was probably in elementary school. LISD has not been in total compliance since then. If they had been, we would not have had 17 years of court supervision. Even now, the board barely or nearly complies. Question: "How can they be so powerful when they were not even around as a board member?"

### Buckle Up, Graduates. It's Your Future Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

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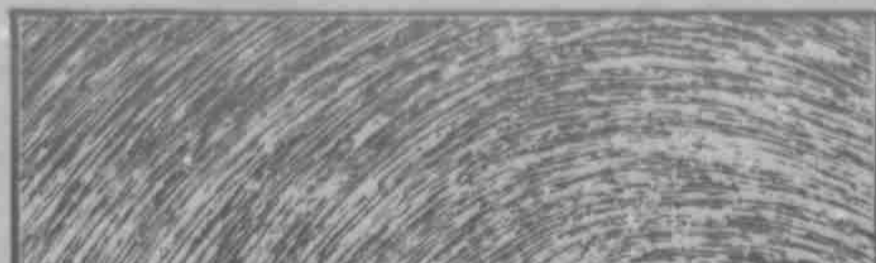
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## Words of Marcus Garvey

By Kofi Tyus



"Sloth, neglect, and indifference  
caused us to be slaves.  
Confidence, conviction, and action  
will cause us  
to be free men  
today."

## WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!

### An Educator's Opinion

## Boundaries That Limit Learning

The phrase *school reorganization* has been catapulted to the forefront of the education reform debate. Unfortunately, this phrase remains shrouded in vagueness, particularly when we ask precisely what school reorganization means—or could mean—for students.

Let me attempt to close this gap in the dialogue on reform.

The typical secondary school day remains, for the majority of America's students, a package of separate and unrelated courses—each one 50 minutes long, each separated from the next by a clanging bell that signals not merely the end of class, but the end of continuity. Learning comes in boxes marked geometry or English or social studies or business. These boxes are arranged in any sequence: The order doesn't matter, since the content of any one learning box bears no relation to the content of any other.

"It's all very neat, all very tidy," says Jon Harkness, coordinator of the science curriculum for Wisconsin's Wausau school district. Echoing the views of NEA members throughout the country, Harkness then adds— "And it's all very obsolete."

I agree. In fact, I have held this belief since I first entered the classroom 23 years ago. The rigidly compartmentalized curriculum is a disservice to students. Outside high school, life isn't so neatly organized. Problems surface in undifferentiated clusters, not clearly defined categories. To succeed—to thrive—in this world, students need to be able to think across traditional academic boundary lines. They need to be able to integrate knowledge.

Fortunately, there are schools striving to reorganize students' academic experiences in ways that facilitate this integrated approach. In Illinois' Northfield Township High School district, for example, teachers are working hard to make high school a place where knowledge knows no boundaries. Northfield teachers stress the need for synthesized knowledge. They're fond of telling students the story of the entrepreneurs who were baffled by the failure of Chevrolet Nova to attract buyers in Latin America. They solved this puzzle when someone finally pointed out that in Spanish the phrase

"no va" means "no go."

That's a mistake a graduate of Northfield's special program would never make. The centerpiece of the Northfield effort is an imaginative, interdisciplinary program that unites foreign languages, social studies, and English faculty members in a four-year effort to help students develop higher order analytical skills.

Foreign language instruction for freshmen, for example, is combined with the exploration of Western civilization—a study designed to help students shed narrow cultural outlooks and develop a broad view of the world. As seniors, students pursue independent writing and research projects that help them synthesize the knowledge they've gained over the previous three years.

The Northfield program is rigorous and demanding—of teachers as well as students. Teachers have to work closely with colleagues from other disciplines and learn to drop the academic protectionism that comes from years of segmentation.

"The success of our program," says its co-director, Rob Adams, "requires *detente* and *rapprochement* among faculty. All the strategies that nations use to facilitate cooperation are found here in microcosm. If we're going to teach successfully, we have to try to embody the virtues that make such cooperation possible."

The Northfield program is also demanding of school resources. Interdisciplinary approaches are effective only when teachers, working together, have time to plan—and time to give each student individual guidance and direction. Low teacher-student ratios are essential.

The Northfield program signals the advances that are possible when local school faculties have the opportunity—as well as the autonomy and the resources—to experiment, to open new paths to understanding, to break through crusty pedagogical molds. At Northfield, school reorganization means freedom from the regimentation that stifles understanding. And expanding the boundaries of knowledge is understood as a task that necessitates breaking through the traditional boundaries that fragment the school curriculum and limit student learning.



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### Black News Briefs

Black Congressman Says  
Indictment Is Racially  
Based

Memphis, Tenn -- Black Tennessee congressman

Harold Ford told a rally of over 1,000 supporters last week that a recent federal indictment against him was racially based. The indictment charges that Ford engaged in tax fraud and mail fraud totaling nearly

\$350,000. The charges grow out of an investigation into the dealings of convicted financiers Jake and C. H. Butcher, Jr. The government alleges that the Butchers funneled money to Ford through a "sham

## Letter to Editor

"I 100% Agree"

Dear Editor:

I 100% agree with your comments and criticisms in your front-page editorial regarding the hiring of Kent Hance by the Lubbock Independent School District in its efforts to seek unitary status. While I'm not necessarily against the attempt to seek unitary status, I don't disagree with a thing contained in your editorial. The hiring of Mr. Hance is the second stupidest thing I've heard of.

The first stupidest thing is Kenneth May's attempt to blame school trustees Leota Matthews and Linda DeLeon for the need to hire Mr. Hance. Kenneth rarely lets lack of logic or ignorance of the facts slow him down, but that's far afield even for him.

I'm reluctant to criticize my good friends on the School Board. The only people who have license to do that in my opinion are those who have served on it or who are willing to serve on it (and at present I don't meet either one of those qualifications). I have helped the school district before and will help it again. However, on this deal, the boys blew it. One man's opinion (and we know what that's worth).

Sincerely,  
R. Byrn Bass, Jr.

corporation" in order to buy political favors. Meanwhile, Ford, the only Black congressman from Tennessee, condemned the 19-count indictment as a racially and politically motivated vendetta by assistant U. S. Attorney Dan Clane of Memphis. In 1982, Claney successfully prosecuted Ford's brother on insurance fraud charges. The Black congressman told the thousand-plus rally that "He (Claney) is not trying to remove my voice. He is trying to remove your voice." Ford also accused Claney of trying to undermine Black political power in Tennessee.

### White Supremacists Indicted, Plotted To Take Over U. S.

Fort Smith, Ark. -- A federal grand jury indicted fifteen white supremacists last week for plotting to overthrow the U. S. government. Ten members of the group were also accused of conspiring to assassinate federal officials and members of various ethnic groups. All those indicted were either affiliated with the anti-Black Ku Klux Klan or two white supremacist groups known as the Aryan Nations Church and The Order. All three groups hate Jews and view Blacks as a subhuman race who are destroying America. The conspiracy was allegedly inspired by a novel in which neo-Nazi whites takeover America, subjugate Blacks and murder prominent Jews. Also, last week a grand jury in Denver handed down indictments against five members of The Order for the June 1984 submachine gun killing radio talk show host Alan Berg. Berg was a Jew.

### "Teens-With-Guns" Force Detroit To Close Its Schools

Detroit, Mich. -- For two days last week all public school classes in Detroit were cancelled to allow students, parents and officials to discuss ways to curb the rising use of weapons by Black teens. The cancellation was prompted by the recent shooting death of a 17-year-old outside a high

# THIS N THAT

**BLACK FOLKS, WAKE UP, PLEASE!! THIS N THAT** ... would like to ... **ENCOURAGE ALL BLACK FOLKS** ... to please ... **WAKE UP** ... and begin to get somethings going for yourself.... These are ... **TIMES** ... which are trying our efforts ... As Black folks ... we must hang in there ... so we can do somethings with ... **WHAT WE HAVE** ... to work with ... Let's not forget from where we have come from ... and if we do this ... **BLACK FOLKS** ... will surprise as to where we will go ... from this point...

**EAST LUBBOCK IS ON THE MOVE!! THIS N THAT** ... is very happy ... this week ... You see ... a ... **BLACK BROTHER** ... our friend and Wichita Falls neighbor in our school days ... has opened up a new business ... It is called ... **AIRPORT BURGERS** ... and take it from ... **THIS N THAT** ... they are ... **VERY GOOD!!** This week ... an impressive ... **PRESS CONFERENCE** ... was held at the location ... **1212 QUIRT AVENUE** ... to tell Lubbock & West Texas ... that the new business is open ... and it is only the beginning of something good.... Even ... **CURTIS BROWN** ... is on this team ... and those who know ... **CURTIS** ... know of his business expertise.... Further up the street ... **THIS N THAT** ... has seen signs of a ... **NEW BAR-B-QUE PLACE** ... This is good also ... Just keep looking around ... **YOU** ... and see ... **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN**

**EAST LUBBOCK!!** Even the new ... **HOMES** ... being constructed in East Lubbock ... In particular ... the new homes of ... young people ... i. e. **EDDIE SCOTT, JR.** ... **COSBY MORTON, JR.** ... and ... **JOE PHEA, JR.** ... Did you get this ... **ALL ARE JUNIORS!!** Could this be the year of the ... **JUNIORS???** **D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS:** "EAST LUBBOCK ... in the ... **WAY** ... and you'd had better ... **GET ON BOARD!!**"

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**WEEDS ARE BEING CUT, NOW!! THIS N THAT** ... has noticed that the ... **CITY OF LUBBOCK** ... has begun to ... **CUT THE WEEDS** ... before the ... **SPRING RAINS** ... come.... Now this is ... **GREAT** ... as long as we keep it going ... this summer....

**KEEP PULLING FOR CHATMAN HOSPITAL!! THIS N THAT** ... would like to ... **ENCOURAGE** ... the Black community ... to keep ... **PULLING FOR THE RESTORING OF THE HISTORIC CHATMAN HOSPITAL!!** Let us ... **PRAY FOR SOMETHING GOOD** ... to happen to this building.... Something ... we all will be proud of ... in years to come...

**A FRIEND SUCCUMBS!! THIS N THAT** ... lost

another ... **FRIEND** ... this week ... He was ... **JESSIE POLK** ... who replaced another hardworking friend ... **JEFF JOINER** ... as a distributor of the ... **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** ... **BROTHER POLK** ... was a ... **GOOD MAN** ... and he will be missed by all of us ... as well as the readers of the ... **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** ... as he had a rather large ...

**HOME DELIVERY ROUTE** ... Let's keep it going ... for ... **MR. POLK... SO LONG, FRIEND!!** **ASK ABOUT THE BLACK CHAMBER!! THIS N THAT** ... would like to encourage all ... **BLACK BUSINESS MEN & WOMEN** ... to ask ... **EDDIE P. RICHARDSON** ... about the

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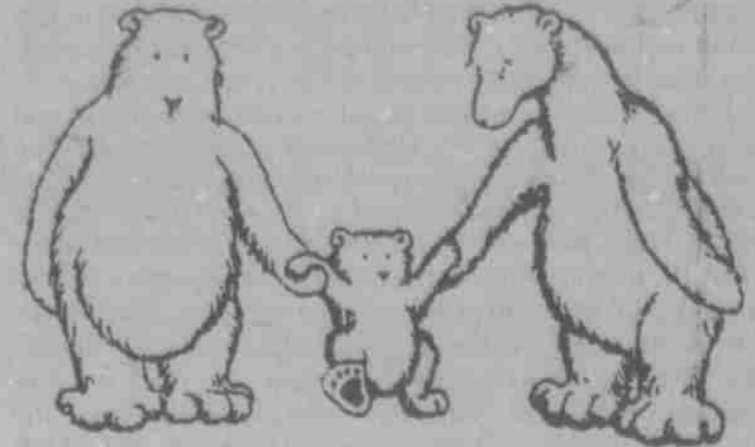
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# THE REFRESHMENT



# ASTRO / NUMEROLOGY AND YOU

May 13-19, 1987

By LLOYD STRAYHORN

## The Origin & History of Numerology

### Part IV of Four Parts

In the Chaldean system of numbers, better known as Mystic Numerology, there is an even stronger clue as to the age of this science. Astrology, Numerology and other occult forms were considered a religion but not in the way we would know it today. It was recorded that many of their priests were famous astrologers. They held the belief that all things were part of Divine Providence, and that the planets were simply their heavenly interpreters. In the time of Alexander the Great around 356 B.C., the Chaldeans suggested that their knowledge of Numerology, Astrology, etc., went back in time at least 473,000 years. Perhaps it was no accident that in time Chaldea and the occult became synonymous with one another. The Chaldean system of numbers is also still in use today.

Numerology has been attacked as a "pseudo-science"—even attacked as going against the laws of God. After perhaps tens of thousands of years, there has been more than enough time to observe, investigate and report in research form that Numerology is definitely a science. As for it going against the laws and teachings of God, it is in fact just the reverse.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

By popular demand, the book "NUMBERS AND YOU" by syndicated columnist Lloyd Strayhorn is now available in paperback. To order your copy of this beautiful soft-cover book on Numerology mixed with Astrology, send a money order of \$7.00 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling to: YAMA Publishing Company, Dept. R-136, Lincoln Station, New York, N.Y. 10037.

### ARIES—March 21-April 20

The 14th, 15th, 18th and 19th of next week are favorable dates to keep in mind for all opportunities and personal advancements. But Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th may cause some concern—watch out for misunderstandings—especially about money matters. 301.

### TAURUS—April 21-May 20

Both ends of this week is cosmically stressful, related to sudden and unexpected delays—or possible arguments and injuries if you fail to stay alert. The caution days are this Wednesday as well as Monday and Tuesday of next week. The one bright note is the weekend. All is likely to go well then. 286.

### GEMINI—May 21-June 20

The 14th and 15th of the month are listed as a "no-no" period for you in relation to impulsive behavior or being overbearing. Afterwards, there should be a brief lull the next day or two. Next Monday and Tuesday are your days to turn things around. 803.

### District Two Meets

District Two will meet Wednesday, May 20, 1987 at Mae Simmons Community Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For those of you who have been wondering how the City of Lubbock's Annual Budget is determined, should come out and hear it from the professionals. Come prepared to ask questions.

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## Quick & Easy Meals

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Mildred B. Griggs, Ed.D.

### Smart Ideas For Pancakes And Waffles

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For starters, make pancakes. Then roll them around a sweet apricot filling (as you would a crepe), sprinkle with powdered sugar, top with whipped cream and pecans, and you have Apricot Delight.

Chopped cashews added to waffle batter make Crunchy Brunch Waffles. Instead of serving them with ordinary maple syrup, warm the syrup and add fresh strawberries and bananas. Spoon Strawberry-Banana Sauce over steaming-hot waffles and top each waffle with a dollop of sour cream.

Try these tasty recipes and each bite will bring a compliment from your family.

#### APRICOT DELIGHT

- 1 (7 oz.) can apricot halves
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar
- 1 cup commercial pancake mix
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- Additional chopped pecans (optional)

Drain apricots, reserving 1 cup liquid. Cut apricots into fourths and set aside. Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Add flour to butter; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually add reserved apricot juice, sugar and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in apricots and 1/4 cup pecans. In a bowl, beat whipping cream until foamy. Gradually add powdered sugar and beat until soft peaks form; chill. In another bowl, prepare pancake batter according to package directions. To cook each pancake, pour about 1/3 cup batter onto a hot, lightly greased griddle or skillet. When the pancake top has a bubbly surface and slightly dry edges, flip to cook the other side. When done, remove from griddle and pour 1/4 cup apricot mixture down center of each pancake. Roll up and place seam side down on a warm serving platter or individual plates. Pour remaining apricot sauce over pancakes. Top with a sprinkle of powdered sugar and a dollop of chilled whipping cream. Add a sprinkling of chopped pecans, if desired. Serves 4.

#### CRUNCH BRUNCH WAFFLES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons shortening, melted
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup chopped Frito Lay® brand Cashews
- Strawberry-Banana Sauce (see next recipe)
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup sour cream

In a bowl, combine first five ingredients, mix well. In another bowl, beat eggs with an electric mixer until thick and lemon colored. Add flour mixture, buttermilk, syrup, and shortening; beat until smooth. Pour about 1 1/4 cups batter into a hot, lightly oiled waffle iron. Quickly sprinkle 3 tablespoons cashews over batter. Cook about 5 minutes or until done. Repeat process until all batter is used. To serve, top each waffle with Strawberry-Banana Sauce and a dollop of sour cream. Yield: 12 (4-inch) waffles.

#### STRAWBERRY-BANANA SAUCE

- 1 1/2 cups maple syrup
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and halved
- 1 cup sliced bananas

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve warm. Yield: 3 1/2 cups.

Dr. Griggs invites your suggestions or questions to: Quick & Easy Meals by Mildred, Sage Feature News Service, 3101 Martin Luther King Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75215.

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### Stewards Of God

There was a story told by a man of his neighbor who had obtained a great deal of material wealth. The man whom the story was about was very boastful concerning the things he owned. He gave nothing to churches or other charitable organizations. He was very rude with his neighbors when they talked to him about being a good steward and sharing with others. His attitude was that no one could dictate to him and tell him what to do with his money-- "What I have is mine and mine alone." One night, at the call of God, the man went away. After his departure, the only thing that was missed was his best suit of clothes. The house, the furniture, the farm, the cattle, the money, everything down to the dog that he half-fed, his pipe and fishing rod remained just as they were. The story ended with, "My neighbor will never come back."

Why then, did he not take all these things with him? The simple truth is that they were not his to take in the first place. He never owned them. He occupied one of God's houses; he lived on one of God's farms; handled some of God's money, and was given a wonderful opportunity to use them all for God's glory. But when his lease expired, he had to vacate the premises, and take nothing but his own character with him.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." And God declares, "the gold and silver, and the cattle are mine." This is the teaching of the Word of God. He is the owner and we are the stewards and one day we must report to him how we have used or misused his goods.

5-14-87

## We Thank God For Jesus

"Lord, How Can We Tell The False Prophets?"

Part 2

Matthew 23:2-3a -- Jesus said, the scribes and the pharisees sit in Moses' seat (leaders) all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe. That observe and do (obey God's word even if it comes from a hypocrite, but do not like them).

Isaiah 58:1 -- The Lord said, cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression.

Lord, one said you were to kill him, for not raising gold, but you sent us into the vineyard, to help save "souls."

Luke 8:8c -- Jesus said, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jeremiah 23:26-28 -- How long shall this be in the heart of that prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their drimes which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for ba'al. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord.

Micah 6:7-8 -- Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams? Or with the ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first born for my transgressions? The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath showed thee, O Man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Lord, he wears a \$1,300 Rolex watch; it shows good time, not realizing the last days. It's blind leading the blind.

Lord, he says you want your people to have "the very best." But you've given your best. "The cross and the resurrection was the test."

Luke 13:55b -- Jesus said, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 6:19-21 -- Jesus said, lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moths and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Lord, he's been dating this sister now, for 4 or 5 years, and when asked when are you to marry, "the date is near."

II Timothy 3:6 -- For this sort are they which creep into the house, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts.

John 14:15 -- Jesus said, if ye love me, keep my commandments.

Revelation 2:4, 5 & 7a -- Jesus said, nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of

his place, except thou repent. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

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

Directed - Arranged - Produced - & Guided  
By Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Written by Billy "B. J." Morrison, III  
Your Brother In Christ Jesus Always!

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to thank all of you for your prayers and thoughtfulness during their Prayer Revival. Truly, it was a

tremendous success.

To the Ministers, i. e. - Rev.

Larry Brooks, Rev. Thomas, Rev. B. J. Morrison, Rev. Wilson Baldwin and Rev. C. C.

## Pastor Iglehart In Revival

Pastor and Evangelist Rayford Iglehart of New Orleans, Louisiana, will be in Revival at the Hope Deliverance Temple Church, located at 2812 East 4th Street. Services will begin Sunday,

May 10, through Friday, May 15, 1987.

God have anointed Pastor Iglehart to speak deliverance to the soul, heart, mind of men, women, boys and girls across the nation. It is a wonderful blessing to have Evangelist Iglehart to come to this church.

If you have burdens, problems, desponded, can't see your way out, I want you to know that, this man of God has a message for you.

## Shumate In Workshop

St. Luke Baptist Church's Inspirational Choir will present Brother William Shumate, Minister of Music of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado, in a City Wide Workshop Sunday, May 17, 1987, beginning at 4 p. m., with the musical Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Registration fee will be \$5.00 per person.

With the theme, Power of Unity, the public is invited to come hear and learn from this workshop.

For further information, contact Raymond Foster, 765-6163 or Solomon Fields, 799-1446.

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#### I. WHY WE BELIEVE IN MISSIONS!

1. Because the Great Commission commands it. Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46,47; Acts 1:8
2. Because all men are lost without Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12
3. Because Christ is the only way of salvation. John 5:24,25; Rom. 10:13-15
4. Because of the destiny of the unsaved. John 3:18,36; Rev. 20:15; Luke 16:19-23
5. Because missions bring glory to God.
  - a. It displays His saving power.
  - b. It displays His mercy and grace.
  - c. Saved people praise and worship Him.

#### II. WHAT IS COMMANDED IN THE GREAT COMMISSION?

1. That the gospel be taught and preached to all nations. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15
2. Those who believe the gospel are to be scripturally baptized. Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:41
3. Churches must be organized so that they can carry out the great commission. NOTE: Churches on the mission field should be indigenous. To be truly "indigenous" there must be three things: (1) They must be self supporting. (Not dependent on mission dollars for building, pastor or expenses). (2) They must be self governing. (Not run or controlled by missionaries or any other authority, except that of God). (3) They must be self propagating. (That is that they are reproducing themselves and carrying out the great commission).
4. The converts are to be taught the "all things" of God. Matt. 28:20

#### III. WHO IS COMMANDED TO CARRY OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION?

1. It was not given to the apostles. They had no successors, therefore if it was given to them, when they died, it died.
2. It was not given to a convention, association or mission board, for none of them existed at that time.
3. It was not given to individuals. It should be evident to anyone that while all may carry the gospel, they would not be qualified to baptize and teach all things.
4. It was given to the local Church (the only king there is). The apostles of Matt. 28:16 were first in the Church. I Cor. 12:28
  - a. Jesus promised the Church perpetuity, so she will be on earth as long as there is a need. Matt. 16:18
  - b. The local Church has the authority to baptize.
  - c. The local Church has the means of "teaching all things."
  - d. We have the example of Acts 13:1-4 to guide us.

#### IV. HOW ARE MISSIONARIES CALLED AND SENT?

1. They are chosen by the Holy Spirit out of a Scriptural Bible teaching Church. Acts 13:1-4
2. They are sent forth by the Holy Spirit and the Church. Acts 13:3,4
3. They are supported by the home Church and other churches who desire to take part in this ministry. Phil. 4:10-17
4. The missionary reports back to the local Church. Acts 14:27

#### V. WHERE DOES THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN FIT IN TO MISSIONS?

1. By being a faithful member of a Scriptural missionary minded Church. Every Christian should be a part of one.
2. By witnessing daily for Christ. Remember the field is the world.
3. By going in person as a missionary, if God calls.
4. By going in prayer for missionaries and their needs.
5. By going in purse, and thus give regularly, systematically, and sacrificially to missions!

The command to give the gospel to the world is clear and unmistakable and this Commission was given to the churches.

Matt. 28:18-20. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

John 20:21. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"

Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 13:1-4. "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers... As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed..."

Rom. 10:13-15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

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## OBSEQUIES

### Mr. Eugene Patterson



Final rites were held for Mr. Eugene Patterson Thursday afternoon, May 7, 1987 at the St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. R. S. Stanley, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of South Plains Funeral Home.

Mr. Patterson was born to Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Patterson January 24, 1926 in

Paris, Texas. He served in the U. S. Army for six years. He was a Private Class MED.

He moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1947, and there married Frances Gaines in 1950. To this union, eleven children were born, and one step-son.

Survivors include: his wife, Frances Patterson of Lubbock, Texas; four sons -- Eugene, Jr. and Lawrence Patterson of Dallas, Texas, Darrell and Zerdell Patterson of Lubbock, Texas; one step-son, Earl Gaines of Fresno, California; six daughters -- Patricia Ann Faulk, Brenda Patterson, Mae Frances Mooring, Carolyn Patterson, and Lenna Patterson -- all of Lubbock, Texas and Linda Tooley of Spokane, Washington;

nineteen grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Lee Andrew Bonds, Allison Sedberry, Ricky Peques, Joe Steward, Clint Mooring, L. V. Faulk and Eddie Williams.

## Lyons Chapel Observes Women's Day

Annual Women's Day at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church will be observed Saturday and Sunday May 16-17, 1987, with a theme of "Godly Women Meeting the Challenges of Distressful Times." The special services will be kicked off on Saturday morning at 8:45 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. At 9:00 a.m. Praise Services will begin and workshops will convene promptly at 10:00 a.m. Workshop providers will include Sis. Monical Hall, of Mt. Calvary, Sis. Vivian Peoples of Mt. Olive, Sis. Tony Williams of Community, and Sis. Gloria Lynch of San Diego, California. A salad luncheon will conclude the Sturday services.

Sis. Gloria Lynch will be the keynote speaker. Sis. Lynch is **McDonald Speaks**

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the ad hoc committee had met with Dr. Slatton and the Lubbock Day Care Board of Directors. He also said that Dr. Slatton had met and made it clear with the ad hoc committee on what is needed here. "We were impressed with Dr. Slatton, and want to follow up on those recommendations so we can grow," said Rev. McDonald.

In talking about the recommendations made by Dr. Slatton, Rev. McDonald said that several positive recommendations would help get this situation with the day care centers back on the right track, and that basically, the community met in a voice of new concern for a need for a public relations officer. Rev. McDonald recommended that this individual be on salary and working with the Department of Human Services and the United Way of Lubbock as well as other agencies which help fund the day care centers.

Rev. McDonald also recommended that this individual work with the four day care centers as an outside force to keep racial equality and balance in the system reporting and being responsible to the United Way Board and other funding agencies, along with the community. If this is set up, then it will solve a massive problem that's going on now in communications.

Overall Rev. McDonald stated he felt within the next twelve months, the total problem will be resolved totally.

"Help is on the way," concluded Rev. McDonald.

It is the general feelings of members of the ad hoc committee that Rev. Vance McDonald has done a good job in getting down to the bottom of the day care problem in the various centers in the city.

## Ringling The Bell

by Bob Tisuel



This correspondent would like to start a movement to make every day Mother's Day. In fact, let's make this year 1987--the year of Mothers. With all the troubles, heartaches and disappointments in our world today--with many of our youth at the crossroads with lost faith and hope, what we really need today is perhaps more good mothers to put us on the right track. Perhaps too, this would take some of the commercial aspects out of Mother's Day.

Speaking to T. J. (co-publisher of the Digest) recently, I told him that when my Mother left me here several years ago, it seemed that Heaven was not too far away. Now I have something to look forward to. My companion of many years, Mary and her sister, Mrs. E. C. Struggs of Lubbock, lost their last remaining brother the other day--L. G. Porter. They have borne it well and much is due to the wonderful kindness and care extended them during their bereavement. They both would like to thank you and say "God bless you so much for caring." Space will not permit us to call you by name but you know who you are and again, both say: "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

There are so many wonderful people in Lubbock and perhaps that is why we like to make our frequent visits to the Hub City.

"Well, dear readers, it's rodeo and reunion time in one of if not the largest black-oriented towns in America today, Boley, Oklahoma. Some five thousand souls live in the trade area of the town with about five percent Anglo and Indians. Many of the younger generation have move to various parts of the nation seeking greater opportunity but will return on Memorial Day to pay tribute to the fathers who founded Boley and gave them their start in life.

In connection with the Memorial services and paying tribute to the dear departed dead in the cemeteries surrounding Boley, there is a scheduled all-black rodeo in the arena, located one mile west of Maine Street on the Ozark Trail and is sponsored by the Boley Chamber of Commerce. The events are: calf tie-down, steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback bronc and girls barrel racing. There will be a downtown parade in the morning of Saturday May 23, at 10:00 a.m. and attractive awards (cash) will be given to the best roundup club, to the van, recreation vehicle, bicycle or antique car, those enrires coming from the farthest distance and to the best dressed young lady. Bands from over the state of Oklahoma will participate as well as drill teams.

It is estimated that some ten thousand soul brothers and sisters attended the 1986 events and services in Boley and even larger crowds are expected this year, Chamber officials report. Cowboys who want more information should call (AC 405-282-4747). Rodeo headquarters located in Boley Town Hall (AC 918-667-3477). Boley is located on highway 62 and is sixty miles east of Oklahoma City.

Booker T. Washington once said of Boley, Oklahoma: "It is an experiment in that it will determine if Blacks can govern themselves." After some 80 years it seems that the experiment goes on and Blacks are still carrying on in spite of many challenges in the past recent years. Oh, yes, bellringers, Boley is my hometown too. Long live the Black Capitol of the U. S. as they say. See you there!

### Black News Briefs

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school. Detroit has been beset by a rash a teen shootings in

recent years. The shootings have given the city the dubious title of "Murder Capital, USA." So far this 102 Detroit youngsters under age 16 have

been shot, 10 of them died. City officials are expected to try to make it more difficult for teens to get guns. Detroit has one of the nation's weakest gun control laws.

### Robbins School

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planned so that the student can learn the subjects he does not understand.

This means that if a student already has a subject down before the end of a semester, he does not have to stay on the subject, but can go on to other subjects, said Carolyn Rigby,

### Join NAACP!

Come and join the Lubbock NAACP in their annual spring membership campaign on Saturday, May 16, 1987, 9 a.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center, East 14th Street and Oak Avenue.

Along the campaign trail, there will be prizes, food, and refreshments as the branch workers to reach its membership goal of 1,000 members.

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viewpoint.

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stand. Two of my best friends are teachers," she said.

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