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Women/Minority-Owned Business And The Lone(Some) Star State

by
Rep. Harold V. Dutton, Jr.

The Lone Star State has been extremely lonesome for minority-owned businesses attempting to compete for business from state government. Although most major private employers and many Texas cities, including Houston, Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Abilene, Beaumont and El Paso, have minority business purchasing and contracting programs, the state of Texas has never had such programs. Welcome the New Texas!

On June 16, Governor Ann Richards signed into law House Bill 799, which unlocks the door to state purchasing and contracting dollars for women and minority-owned businesses. This door has been not just closed but locked shut for most of Texas' history. Since 1973, with the arrival of more African-Americans to the legislature, and for every regular session thereafter, there have been unsuccessful efforts to pass minority business legislation.

Current estimates indicate there are in excess of 200,000 women and minority-owned businesses in Texas. Contrast that with the State Purchasing and General Services estimates of only \$4.3 million spent by Texas government in 1990 with these businesses and a prima facie case of unequal opportunity is clearly established. More importantly, it demonstrates that the "good ole boy" system thrived at the

trough of Texas taxpayers' dollars. House Bill 799 will change the "Old Texas" tune of -- "let the big dogs eat." Welcome the New Texas!

Several major elements of House Bill 799 are worth mentioning:

First, women and minority-owned businesses will be certified by the state. But, since many Texas cities already have programs that certify much businesses, the Texas Department of Commerce is authorized to certify these cities' programs. Once a city's program is certified at the state level. There are approximately 6,100 of these businesses currently certified in city programs and their automatic certification will minimize the cost to the state and these businesses by this provision.

Secondly, to prevent "sham" businesses from taking advantage of the state's program, the new law makes it a third degree felony (2 to 10 years in TDC, plus a \$5,000 fine) for a person to knowingly and intentionally file a fraudulent application to participate in the state's program. Simply put, a business does not have to get a contract under the program, just the filing of a fraudulent application is enough for exposure to the penalty.

Finally, the state will compile and update semiannually the list of certified women and minority-owned businesses and circulate the list to all state agencies. Each state agency

is then required to make a good faith effort to assist these businesses in receiving at least ten percent of the purchasing and contracting dollars awarded by the agency.

In 1990, these businesses received less than 1% of state purchasing and contracting dollars. That was the "Old Texas" good faith effort. Welcome the New Texas!

As the House sponsor of

House Bill 799, I want to thank Senate sponsor John Whitmire, my colleagues, especially those who labored for almost twenty years attempting to create this program, and even the members of the lobbyist community for their assistance in making the Lone Star State not so lonesome -- especially for women and minority-owned businesses. Welcome the NEW TEXAS!!

Revival!



Rev. Lawrence D. Thomison

Rev. James Moore, pastor of Saint John Baptist Church, has announced the revival for St. John beginning August 12, 1991 through August 16, 1991.

The messenger God will be the Rev. Lawrence D. Thomison from Nashville, Tennessee.

Pastor Moore is asking the community to come out and be with Saint John Baptist Church in this very special revival.

Rev. Thomison was born in Nashville, Tennessee to the late Lawrence (Coleman) Thomison. His musical career began at an early age. He performed in Glee Clubs and choruses while in high school and as a student at Tennessee State University.

Rev. Thomison was a member of the "Johnson Ensemble" formed by the sensational Dewitt Johnson. During his tenure with the Nashville based group, he was lead vocalist on several songs of the five albums recorded by the ensemble.

Currently, Rev. Thomison is seen on the nationally acclaimed "Bobby Jones Gospel Show" and his album "Deliverance Will Come" is one of the hottest gospel albums on the air today. Rev. Thomison shared one of the many great songs on his album at the National Convention held in Nashville this summer and received a standing ovation by the thousands of people in attendance.

for the contest as "The Necessity For Conservation Of Our Natural Resources."

Out of twenty-five Districts over the state of Texas, nine-

teen participants showed up. With the scholarship awards beginning at \$200.00 and up, Stephen came in fourth

place. He will attend Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas this fall.

The community would like to say, "Congratulations, Stephen, and keep up the good work."

Dunbar Alumni Calls Meeting

The Dunbar International Alumni Association has called a special call meeting on Saturday, July 27, 1991 at 4 p. m. in the cafeteria of Dunbar-Struggs High School.

According to a spokesperson of the association, this is a very important meeting.

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State Champs 1990-91 Miss Sticks

Pictured above are members of the Miss Sticks who are 1990-91 Softball Champions, girls ages 9 and 10, who are competing in the the World Championship at Earl Hoffman Complex. Opening ceremonies will begin tonight at 7 p.m. and continuing through Sunday afternoon, July 28, 1991.

From left to right, kneeling: Crystal Carrillo, Angie Huguin, Leslie Williams, Meagin Phillips, Ronnie Olive, Jeanie Hernandez, and Julie Moreno.

From left to right, standing: Amber Callaway, Cayce Clements, Nora Larez, Becky Terrauza, Jana Baker, Ronnie Hernandez, Alliscn Brackeei, and Amanda Morris.

Coaches, from left to right, back row: Lupe Moreno, Julio Moreno, Greg Callaway, and Marcelino Hernandez.

Exchange Students Need Home In Texas



Matthias

Host families are needed for Matthias from Germany and Elena from Spain who are coming to spend the next school year in the state of Texas. The students are enrolled in the Academic Year in America program, a non-profit high school/homestay experience sponsored by the AIFS Scholarship Foundation.

The program's local representative, Linda Edwards of Lubbock, is interviewing families in this area who would be interested in hosting Matthias or Elena. 17 year old Matthias enjoys basketball, soccer and computers. He comes from a small village outside Hamburg where his dad is a physician. Elena is a 16 year old from Barcelona. She is an excellent student, plays the piano and



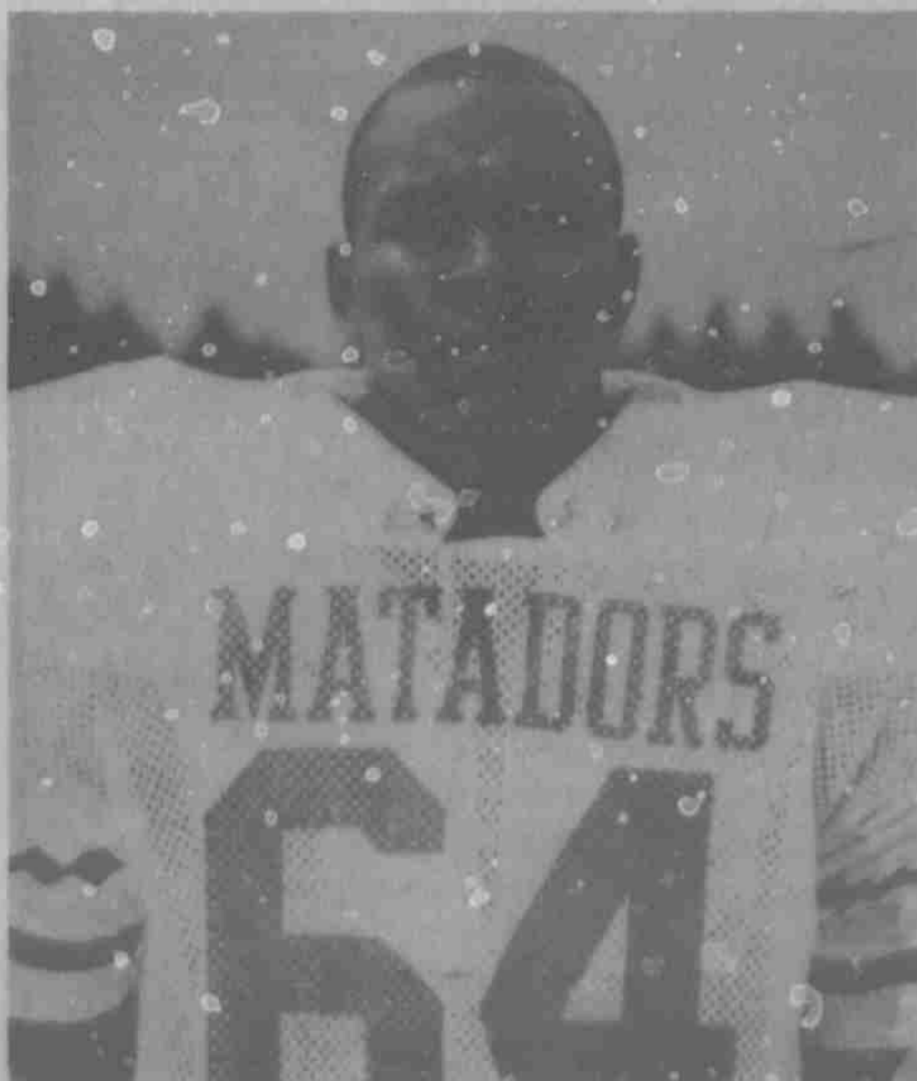
Elena

enjoys cycling and going to the movies with friends. Matthias and Elena will attend an area public high school, share everyday life with their host families and participate in sports, school clubs and community activities. Student arrive in mid-August to begin school with their American classmates.

Edwards has full applications of these two students as well as those of several other boys and girls who would like to live in this part of Texas next year. Students have been carefully screened, speak English, and have their own spending money. All a family needs to provide is a bed, a place to study, two meals a day, and an open heart - ready to receive a "son" or "daughter" from another country.

Interested families should call Linda Edwards at 806-793-6789 or Regional Director Susan Whitaker at the AIFS national office in Connecticut at 1-800-322-4678.

Congratulations



Stephen J. Walker

Congratulations are in store for Stephen J. Walker, son of Windell and Bessie Walker, an individual who keeps making family and friends proud of him. As a May, 1991 honor graduate of Estacado High School, he has received numerous awards from Parkway,

Alderson, and Estacado. As of June 23, 1991, Stephen represented the Pride of Lubbock Lodge, No. 328 and District 21 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas in the Annual J. T. Maxey Scholarship Contest, with the subject or topic



RUBY JAY'S CORNER



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care." Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. We would like to remind our readers that Pastor Moton's sermons are very helpful, and each has a message for you -- right or wrong. He doesn't fail to let you know what's right or wrong.

Services began last Sunday with Sunday School. It was a wonderful lesson. Officers and teachers were at their post of duty.

During the morning devotion at 10:45 a. m., the deacons were in charge. There was the singing of "Glory To His Name." Scripture was read by Deaconess Sister Jenkins. Prayer was offered by Deacon Ervin.

During the 11:00 a. m. worship hour, the Senior Choir led the processional. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Mims. A song, "When We All Get Together" was led by Sister Doris Dailey. Scripture was II Corinthians, which was read by Sister Alm a Colquitt.

Prayer was offered by Deacon Cork. Another song, "Oh How Sweet It Is To Be On The Lord's Side. Responsive reading was read by the congregation with Sister C. Howard leading. A song, "God

Will Open Doors For You" was sung.

The morning hymn was "Yield Not To Temptation." The history of the hymn was given by Brother Tharrington.

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton.

Prior to the message of the hour, another song, "Jesus Is Passing" which was led by Sister Ann Chatman.

Pastor Moton's sermon was "Hold On To The Promise God Made You." His text was Genesis 37:5-11; 18-20.

Announcements of the morning were made by Sister Doris Scales. The welcome of visitors were given by Sister Annette Phillips.

All offerings and tithes were conducted by the Deacons and Ushers.

Sister Ann Chatman's daughter is leaving for Saudi Arabia. She asks the prayers of the Church.

Sister Ida Johnson left last Friday again for Marshall, Texas to be at the bedside of her mother in Longview, Texas where she is in the hospital.

Sister JohnElla Savage's grandson got killed in Austin, Texas last Saturday.

We are praying for all the sick and shut-ins and bereaved

families.

July 20th, the Ponder Family had their Family Reunion at the George Woods Park. The sisters are Mrs. C. Colquitt, Mabel Biggers, and Mrs. Anderson. All the children and great grandchildren were here. What a time, what a time they had.

Mrs. Gloria Dean Willis was funeralized last Saturday at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. Sunday, her husband was rushed to the hospital with heart trouble. Pray for the family and her mother, Sister Arvilla Moore and family.

New Hope Baptist Church Family was present at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. Pastor Moton was guest speaker for the hour. It was the Third Appreciation Service for their Pastor and Wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wendell D. Davis.

Kidstuff Program At Godeke

There's something exciting about being outdoors watching a colorful kite raise and fall in the breeze. Mahon Library has a special guest for Kidstuff Gary King of Buffalo Beano. He will be discussing the extensive history of the evolution of kites going back 3,000 years to China and Japan and bringing us forward to present day.

He is bringing several styles and sizes of kites ranging from miniature to spectacular. Mr. King is the Chairman of the American Kiteflyers Association. Please join us at the Mahon Library Monday, July 29 at 2:00 p. m. in the Community

Room.

Godeke Library has a very special Kidstuff program on Wednesday, July 31 at 2:00 p. m. Explorers Post 140 will dem-

onstrate Indian dances and will explain the meaning of the dances. In addition to the dancing, they will tell stories about Indian folklore. According to John Cory, Sr., troop

leader, they have just returned from a jamboree with lots of things to share.

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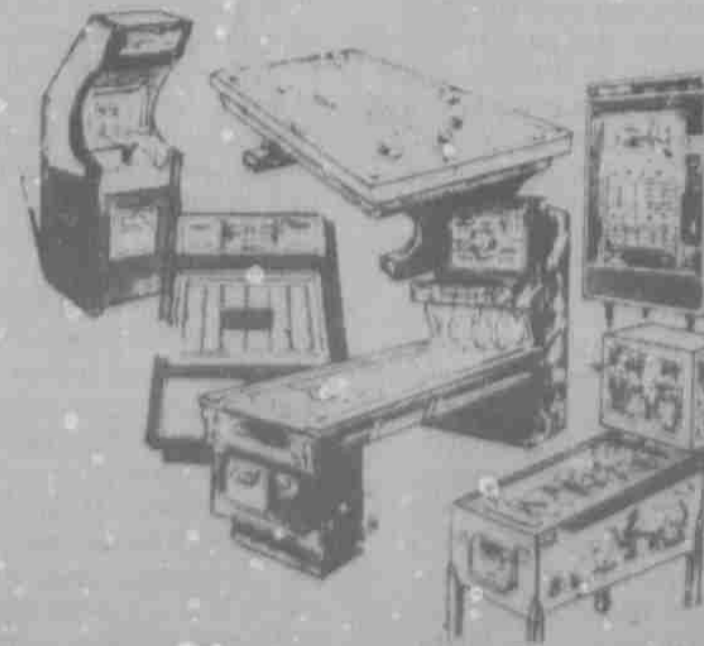
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Gloria Dean Willis

Funeral services were held last Saturday morning, July 20, 1991 at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church for Mrs. Gloria Dean Willis with Rev. Wendell D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Willis was born October 19, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas to the parentage of Arvilla Burris and Vernice Newton, Sr.

She received her formal education in the Lubbock Public Schools as well as her formal Christian training.

She passed away Sunday morning, July 14, 1991.

She leaves to mourn her passing: a loving husband, L. B. "Mike" of the home; two sons, Tony Newton of Houston, Texas and Douglas Willis of Lubbock, Texas; a devoted mother, Mrs. Arvilla Moore and step-father, A. J. Moore of Lubbock, Texas; four brothers: Vernice Newton, A. V. Newton, Gregory Williams, and Darrell Hayes, all of Lubbock, Texas; four sisters: Josephine Teldon of Dallas, Texas, Barbara Hayes Johnson, Stacie Stubblefield, and Phyllis Moore, all of Lubbock, Texas; her father, Vernice Newton,



Sr. of Bremond, Texas; a loving uncle, Roosevelt Burris of Lubbock, Texas; three grandsons: Quinton, LaRance and Antonio, all of Lubbock, Texas; one grand daughter, Ebony, also of Lubbock, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were the Deacons of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Honorary pallbearers were James T. Johnson, Tarius Johnson, Donald Courtney, Michael Johnson, Dewight Petties, and Anthony Williams.

E. J. Owens, Jr.

Final rites were read for Mr. E. J. Owens, Jr. on Saturday, July 20, 1991 at the St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. R. S. Stanely, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Owens was born August 5, 1916 to the parentage of the late William and Leatha Owens in Limestone County, Texas.

He died at 1:00 a. m. Thursday morning, July 18, 1991 at Methodist Hospital of a sudden illness.

He was a resident of Lubbock, Texas for 35 years.

He leaves to mourn his passing: one son, Ed Owens,



Jr. of Denver, Colorado; four daughters: Sarah Gardner of

Ethel Lee Wilson

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Ethel Lee Wilson on Thursday, July 11, 1991 at the Ford Memorial COGIC with Rev. Robert Griggs officiating.

Pallbearers were James Hood, O. B. Elliott, Bufus Lee, George Wilson, Earl Wilson, and Travis Jones.

Honorary pallbearers were Gerald Jackson, E. D. Wilson, Tony Andrews and Robert Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson was born April 4, 1919 in Bastro, Texas to the parentage of Sonny and Sue Chase. She met and married Woodrow Wilson.

Mother Wilson united with True Worshipers Church at age 68, and remained faithful until her health failed. She held office as Fundraiser President, and was willing to work and to do whatever she could.

She lived in Lubbock, Texas since the 1940's which she made her home.

She departed this life Friday, July 5, 1991 after a lengthy illness.

She leaves to mourn her memories: her husband, Woody W. Wilson; one daughter, Susie L. Davis of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Ella Mae Hood of Austin, Texas; twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren, many other relatives and friends; four step-children -- Margaret White, Ethel Williams, Lynn Wilson and Woody Wilson, Jr., all of Lubbock, Texas.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Janell Jackson of Denver, Colorado, Otha Davis of Dallas, Texas and Anice Dixon of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Murnice Mayes of Mexia, Texas; twenty grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Robert Sutton, Joseph Conley, Frank Jones, Jr., Billy Thomas, Andrew Douglas, and Curtis Lewis.

Honorary pallbearers were Dethea Conley, Steve Person, Herbert Lee Moore, and Roger Thomas.

Leandrew "Doc" Hardeman

Funeral services were held Friday, July 19, 1991 at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church for Mr. Leandrew "Doc" Hardeman with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Daron Dial, Prensia Dial, Larry Dial, Keith Davis, George Marcy, and Ricky Tillmon.

Mr. Hardeman was born in Luling, Texas to the parentage of the late J. K. Francis Houston Hardeman.

He moved to Lubbock, Texas some 50 years ago, and has been a resident ever since.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Lucy D. Hardeman; two sons, Johnnie and Elvin, both of Lubbock, Texas; seven daughters: Marjorie



Price of Corpus Christi, Texas, Mary Stephens, Annie Harris, Connie Hardeman, Vickie Nnanna, Debra Williams, Lucy M. Hardeman, all of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: L. C. and Arelious, both of Luling, Texas and Elvin of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters: Gladys Garcia of Luling, Texas and Virginia Garcia of Houston, Texas; nineteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

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CRAZY HORSE

by
Stephen C. McIntyre

There is going to be a street dance in Plainview outside the Texas Rural Legal Aid office on Sunday, July 28th. It will start around noon and go until it stops that evening. I understand Little Joe will be there playing for free.

The dance is a present to the families of migrant farm workers who labor in the fields from Hereford to Lamesa. Those of you who have a little extra money and would like to donate some of it to help defray some of the costs should call TRLA in Plainview at 1-800-356-5846.

It was a long week around our office. My partner was in Austin getting sworn in on Governor Richard's Commission on Women. Maria was gone for a couple days and when she got back she had to go down to Lamesa to handle a hearing. I usually try to take off on Friday to be with our kids. But last week I had to put on my lawyer's uniform and do a little work at the courthouse. When Friday night finally came along we shut it down. Maria got a baby sitter and went to a movie and then to Abuelo's to listen to a little music and eat supper. On Saturday morning I got up and chopped some weeds in the alley and Maria cooked us a big breakfast while the kids watched cartoons. Around noon we went to see "101 Dalmations" with a couple hundred other parents and kids. We spent the rest of the day playing and laying around the house.

Maria and I have tried to slow things down a bit the last couple years and spend more time as a family. She quit her job with the Attorney General's office and I quit my job at TRLA so we could have more control over our lives. I guess the increasing number of funerals for friends each year has started to make us appreciate time a little more.

Next week she has a hearing in Midland and a meeting later that day in Hereford. I have to go too.... Maybe we can get it all done before we run out of time.

Wanted: for sedition, criminal anarchy, vagrancy and conspiracy to overthrow the established government. Dresses poorly; said to be a carpenter by trade; ill-nourished; associated with common working people, unemployed and bums. Alien; said to be a Jew.

Who is going to run against Bush for President? Tsongas, Clinton Gore, Bradley, Cuomo, Wilder, Harkin, Jackson, Bentson, and Fobb have all been mentioned in the press. How many of these names do you recognize? The Democrats have an outside chance of pulling off a victory if a decent little scandal would come along. A little dirt/truth from the drug dealing/CIA Noriega trial, Iran-Contra/CIA trials, or the alleged 1980 Reagan-Bush/Iranian election deal would certainly help.

Perhaps people will get sick of the racist hypocrisy of the Reaganistas screaming about quotas while vetoing a civil rights law that specifically made quotas illegal and then turning around and nominating Clarence Thomas. Or perhaps the people of this country will tire of the lies about emphasizing education, the environment, rebuilding America's infrastructure, health care.....

Maybe the people will finally start looking at the substance of the Reaganistas and more critically at the headlines and staged media events of the public relations gurus who try to manipulate the general public.

The economic development of this city has been in the leadership hands of the Chamber of Commerce/BCD for decades. Let me clarify: white male business folks having calling the shots. If you drive around the north and east side of Lubbock you can see examples of our city development.

In the future, in our lifetime, we are going to be faced with some crossroads that will give us the opportunity to do something new and different with our local economy.

- Reese AFB is not going to be with us forever. It will be a casualty of the peace breaking out.

- Our water is finite. Massive agricultural irrigation from the aquifer is doomed.

- Texas Tech will not grow anymore and may decline in size. The baby boom is over. Quality and mediocre universities around the state will compete for students. Budget cuts and tuition increases will deter some students coming to Lubbock. The popu-

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is like a garden...
if it is not cultivated
it cannot be
harvested.

- African Proverb

lation in West Texas is decreasing.

- Oil is a dangerous wild card.

These four instances of potential problems can be opportunities or monsters lying in the shadows ready to hurt us. We need to think. Be innovative. Plan. We need to seize and control our future as best we can. We need to do this together because if it is simply one group of folks trying to call the shots we are going to have divisions in this community that will make the fight over desegregation and single member districts look like a bunch of children tussling over a new toy.

Stephen C. McIntyre is a partner in the Lubbock law firm of Mercado & McIntyre.

"A Study Being Set For JOBS"

(Editor's Note: The local person for distribution is Abraham Spires.)

Dear Editor:

The Texas Alliance of Human Needs is beginning a study of the JOBS (Job Opportunity and Basic Skills) program implemented by TDHS. The study will be somewhat unique in that it will reflect

findings from the welfare client's point of view.

As currently planned, the study will include 100 interviews with JOBS-enrolled TDHS clients around the state. In addition, there will be approximately 20 interviews with various case managers, administrators, and others, as well as some review of the current literature on the program. Recently, I attended training in DC and am presently awaiting a final copy of the survey document.

TAHN's portion of this study is to be completed by March 1992. A similar study is being completed in Missouri this summer. The results of the two will be analyzed by the Coalition on Human Needs in Washington, DC and reported to Congress. TAHN will produce a report solely on Texas for the legislature and other users.

We would like your participation in this study. If all goes as planned, portions of the study population will be surveyed in different regions of Texas. Also, to ensure a wide viewpoint in the development and results of this study, we would like to form an advisory committee to meet periodically to review the progress of the study. Because of your involvement in welfare issues, we would like you to participate either with organizing the site interviews or with the advisory. We will be in touch to see if you are interested in this endeavor, where in it you would best work, and to discuss schedules.

As always, we are grateful for your efforts and look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,
Jude Filler
Executive Director
Coalition on Human Needs

Bethel A. M. E. Church-Community & Family Week July 23-28, 1991

The members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church are inviting the entire Lubbock Community and Family Members to participate in a financial drive to aid Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in eliminating its present indebtedness and establishing an outreach program which will be called "The Redemption Center." This Center will be a 24-hour, seven day a week program designed to aid persons from all walks of life with an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior through Prayer, Meditation, and Bible Study.

Meals will be provided for those who are unable to pay. The Members would appreciate donations of buses, station wagons, and vans -- new or used -- to provide transportation for The Redemption Center.

The financial goal for the Church - Community & Family Week is \$50,000.00. Therefore, the Members need 500 persons to give \$100.00, or 1,000 persons to give \$50.00, or 2,000 persons to give \$25.00 or, 3,000 persons to give \$12.50, or even any amount you are able to pay.

"What is important is that we all work together as a team, and believe this effort can become a reality," says Rev. A. L. Dunn, pastor.

The following Churches and Ministers will participate in these services on the following dates:

- July 23 - 7 p.m. - Rev. Kado Lang & St. James Baptist
- July 24-7 p.m. - Rev. Wendell Davis & Lyons Chapel Baptist
- July 25-7 p.m. - Rev. B. R. Moton & New Hope Baptist
- July 26-7 p.m. - Rev. Robert Adams & Unity Baptist
- July 27-7 p.m. - Rev. G. E. O'Neal & Mt. Gilead Baptist
- July 28- 3:30 p.m. - Rev. J. H. Ford & St. Luke Baptist

The entire City of Lubbock is asked to participate in this special effort. "We believe it can really happen. With God, anything is possible," concluded Rev. Dunn.

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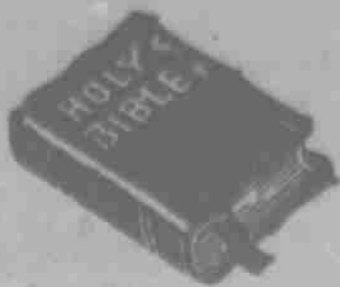
People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said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

So, this is our resolution to you: "Feel free at anytime to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you."

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FROM THE OF
PARSON D. A. SMITH

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and fools hate knowledge* (Proverbs 1:22).

Several days ago I was thinking about some words of wisdom that were given on an occasion by one of the seasoned pasors of Lubbock: Rev Kado Lang. The essence of his words were: "It isn't easy being a Christian. There is a great deal of responsibility that goes along with the Christian life. We are called to love everyone and to share our knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. However, there are those who are simple and will not heed God's word and others who are totally insensible to moral truth and acts without regard to it.

When we look at the unrepentant sinner who's level of intelligence is superb in worldly academics and achievements and who has a theoretical knowledge of religious things and enjoys this simplicity, he is spoken of proverbially as "simple". The unrepentant or ungenerate are simple in that they are satisfied with marginal, superficial apprehensions of God. They are simple in their being satisfied with trivial thoughts of sin. Simple, as to believing the strength of sin in their own hearts. Simple, as they imagine their spiritual state to be good. As the simple approach death it steals upon them unaware.

There is also who are insensible to moral truth and act without regard to it. These the proverbialist say are "fools who hate knowledge." The fool spoken of is by no means a moron; in fact, he may be thoroughly intellectual and well-versed in academics like the "simple." The fool is known by his conversation: He often is a talker and seldom a listener. His conversation is an index to the contents of the inner life. His speech precipitates dissension and confusion. His speech leads to self-destruction. A fool is known by his attitudes and disposition: He is cynical toward the serious aspects of life. His thoughts are unstable. He is wasteful. The fate of the fool is self-destruction, shame, and punishment.

Heard the proverbialist advice: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast, which was scheduled for the Parkway Nursing Center, was cancelled because of the funeral services of Sister Arwilla Moore's daughter. The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want Rev. Stephens to know we will make it on the next third Saturday.

The question comes "What is The Church?" Why have it in the first place? What is its purpose in the world? What good is it in the world?

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It is the company of the saved.

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It is a Christian Fellowship.

It is the Colony of heaven on earth.

It is the mystical body of Christ.

It is the Glory of Christ.

It is the habitation of God.

It is the temple of God.
It is the Church of the first believer.

It is Mt. Zion of the New Testament.

It is one bread.
It is Ecclesia of the New Testament.

It is comprised of a chosen generation.

It is God's Mission station in the world.

It is Brotherhood of saints.

It is the household of the faithful.

It is the militant army of the Lord.

It is comprised of soldiers of the cross.

It is the balancing power of the world.

And it is the heaven bound crowd.

And it is constantly guarded and protected from satanic foes by angels.

If these does not answer your questions, will continue next week

but until then keep your little filthy hands of the church. Your filthy hands will contaminate you until

Death, not the Church, CHECK YOURSELF, Saints!

See you next week. But in the meantime, keep smiling and loving your enemy. "It works." God is in the pain of life as well as the joy.

To all our sick, read and believe: II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26.

Write Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

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Psalm 127:3 -- Lo, children are an heritage (blessing) of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

We know the Lord has blessed the womb: from the beginning of time. In her body that has carried all our "Precious Little Minds."

I'm grieved to hear a parent say: "I brought you in the world, and I'll take you out. How foolish to tell such lie; it was all God's doing and there is no doubt."

(I've heard of many parents who never saw the child, the father died before the child was born; and the mother died giving birth to it. And the person is now 90 years old. So God kept them alive, and he don't need you!!)

John 14:6 -- Jesus said, I'm the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by me.

Some wombs have carried many Presidents, Kings, and Queens. "And many have carried: Killers, Robbers, and Dophenes."

But its all the same rule: "Train up the children, in the way to go. God's way is the best way; and the children need to be told."

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 -- And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

We teach our children about E. T., Pac-Man, Trash that only last a few days. We need to teach them "about the Lord, Our God; He'll be around forever and always."

Even when the child is born, we need to give "God the Glory". We also need to live our lives in front of the child, it's to tell a story.

Ephesians 5:6-7 -- Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be ye therefore partakers of them.

We need to teach him "he's not to have everything his eyes see. I'm ashamed to see boys with neck chain and ear rings; it's not suppose to be."

Deuteronomy 22:5 -- The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all do so are abomination (disgustion) unto the Lord.

(I thank God for our son, Kyron, who's 28 now and back when the ear rings came out. He didn't mark his body with one, nor do his 3 sons have one. And out of our 13 grandchildren, one has an ear ring: Quailon, and we love him just the same.)

When we give a child everything he wants, and all that he sees, he now has had everything, so now he wants the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

God is of through with us yet. So let's pray for one another always.

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By Our Lord Jesus Christ
Written by Billy "B. J." Morrison, III
Your Brother in Christ Jesus Always!!

VIEW FROM HHS

by
Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.



Ten years after we learned about AIDS, for which there still is no cure and no preventive vaccine, the disease poses a major health threat to black and other minority communities.

Consider this sobering outlook: By the end of 1993, more than 125,000 black Americans, about one in every 250, will have been diagnosed with AIDS. Then most of us will have someone with AIDS in our circle of family or acquaintances.

That alarming but conservative estimate assumes that blacks, just 12 percent of the U.S. population but a disproportionate 28 percent of the nation's reported AIDS cases (51,190 of 179,136 in May), will start reducing this epidemic in black communities. But today, the problem is growing — particularly among black women, children and teen-age males — and blacks represent a staggering 35.2 percent of all newly diagnosed AIDS cases. Nearly 40 percent of AIDS cases in the black community have resulted in one way or another from abuse of illegal drugs.

Cold numbers don't reflect the true impact AIDS is having on the black family and our community — the terrible loss of contributions from talented individuals, the orphaned children and the strain on an already overburdened health care system.

The federal government must help turn the tide in this battle. Toward that end, under my leadership the Public Health Service is increasing participation of blacks and other minorities in the 1991 AIDS research effort, budgeted at \$1.3 billion, and targeting more of the \$524 million AIDS education campaign directly to these groups.

In FY '92, Medicaid (federal share) and Medicare coverage plus Social Security assistance payments to people with AIDS will run about \$1.79 billion. Government-wide, FY '92 spending on AIDS-related activities will hit \$4.3 billion.

At the community level, we must recognize that AIDS is not someone else's problem, it is our problem. We have to talk more about it in our families, our neighborhoods, our schools and our churches.

We must translate the AIDS messages about the dangers of drugs and needle-sharing and unprotected sex into language that will be clear, direct and convincing to our people. No one should be misled: At this point, preventing AIDS is the only way to survive the disease.

We need to motivate all those who have engaged in high-risk behavior such as substance abuse and unprotected sex, to seek counseling and get tested. Facing up to being infected with the AIDS virus is a crucial step in taking care on one's self and preventing further spread of the virus. Drugs such as AZT can prolong life and enhance its quality.

AIDS does not discriminate. This is no time to point fingers and cast stones. It's time to join together to wage a battle we must win, a time for compassion for those who are sick and dying — including those young and old who are homeless or have been abandoned by family and friends.

I urge you to learn more from your local AIDS organization, or call our federal hotline: 1-800-342-AIDS.

(Dr. Sullivan is U.S. secretary of health and human services.)

Upcoming La Vegas Night

The Southwest Digest received word this week that the Dunbar International Alumni Association will sponsor an upcoming Las Vegas Night where funds will be raised to help the association. More information on this special project will be forthcoming.

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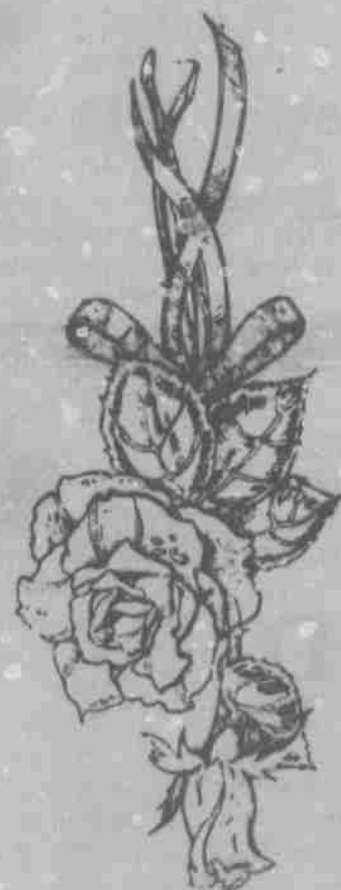
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