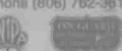
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Africa Relations Feb. 16-20 (NNPA) - The National Summit on Africa will hold a dialogue and celebration of Africa Feb. 16-20 at the Washington Convention Center in DC

Titled "Africa and America: Partners in the New Millennium," the five-day conference will include a world leaders roundtable on U.S.-Africa policy, ar African music extravaganza in honor of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts African Odyssey and The National Summit on Africa, and African Expo and numerous other seminars and activities tooused on Africa U.S.

The Summit will also complete the final draft of the "National Policy Plan of Action on U.S.-Africa Relations into the New Millennium" developed during regional summits. Centered around five thematic areas - democracy and human rights: peace and security; education and culture; economic development, trade and investment and job creation; and sustainable development, quality of life and the environment - the plan will be distributed to every member of Congress sa a blueprint for addressing U.S.-Africa

The National Summit on Africa is a four-year initiative established to achieve three key goals: to educate the American public about Africa and about U.S.- Africa relations; to broaden and strengthen the network of Africa's supporters in the U.S., and to develop a policy plan of action to guide U.S. elations with the countries and peoples of Africa. For more information, call (202) 861-8644 or visit the website: africasummit.org FOCUS Article Says Black Voters Key in 2000 Senate

(NNPA) - In the January 2000 issue of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies' monthly magazine, FOCUS, David C, Ruffin contends while most of the attention is focused on the House of Representatives, where Republicans hold a five-vote majority. Africar Americans could cast the deciding votes in several of the 33 Senate races. His plece, "Senate Races that Blacks Could Decide," appears in the Trend'atter Political Report.

Ruffin, who is the aditor of FOCUS, identifies the states and highlights the factors in each race that could increase the clout of Black votes These include Missouri Republican Senator John Ashcroft's lead role in the Senate's rejection of Black state supreme court judge Ronnie White for a federal district judgeship; the split in the Floride Democratic Party caused by the ousting of Black former Democrat Willie Logan as speake: designate; Republican Mayor Rudolph Gluliani's initial mishandling of the outrage sparked by police brutality cases such as the torture of Abner Louima and the death of Amadou Dialio; the vulnerability of some senators such as Virginia Democrat Chuck Robb and Michigan Republican Spencer Abraham; and the sizeable African American voting populations in California, Virginia, and Michigan.

To receive a copy of this article or for reprint permission, call (202) 789-6366, Located in Washington, D.C., the Joint Center is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. It conducts research and analyses on public policy issues of concern to African Americans and other minorities, and promotes their involvement in the governance process. NAACP Forges New Agenda With Falth Community

(NNPA) - The NAACP recently held its fourth National Religious Leaders Summit entitled "NAACP and the Faith Community Working Together - A New Agenda for Old Problems" in Baltimore, Md.

"The NAACP and the faith community are reaffirming our historic ties to fashion a new advocacy agenda that reaches the hearts and minds of America on important issues of an accurate census count, preserving affirmative action, the upcoming political elections, network television diversity, the Confederate flag atop the South Carolina Statehouse and the escalating crisis in access to health care," said NAACP President Kweisi Mfums. Attended by national religious leaders from various faiths, the two-day summit included strategy sessions, program presentations and lectures. Laura Murphy, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Washington national office; NAACP Board Chairman Julian Bond; and Mfume were among the speakers. UniverSoul Circus Unveile New Soul

(NNPA) - For the fourth year, UniverSoul Circus will tour across the country celebrating the essence of urban America under the big top. This year the circus' planners have promised more nnovation, more interaction and more state-of-the-art stunts.

Sponsored by Honey Nut Gneeribs, the 32-city "new Soul 2000" four begin Jan 31 in Miami, Fis. and will and Nov. 26 in Dallas, Texas, It will make debut appearances in 10 cities including Fla. Greensbore, NC Minneapolis, Minn.: Louisville, Ky. and

Little Book, Ark. \*We have joined our aponsors in presenting this all-new production that's exciting, inspiring, educational and most of all entertaining," said Gedrick Walker, president and co-founder of Universaul Circus. "Our expended schedule reflects the growing universal appear of our circus, and we're thenkly to our aponsors and our take for their

loyel support."

The whole family will enjoy singing TV alteons thems songs, watching the contoctionist, the unkryole beekentle game and the lion tamer, participating in he Soul Train line and all the new tiractions for the millionnium. Call (600) 215-7459 for information.

#### "Top Performer Restaurant"



has always said there are many Thought." This award was good things happening in East presented to them on Lubbock. Pictured above are Thursday, February 17, 2000. the owners and operators of the Chatman Hill E. T. BBQ, great place to be in business, 512 East 23rd Street, who and there are so many received a "Top Performer" opportunities award from KCBD-TV for businessperson. We're just excellence. This Certificate of doing what we believe is best Excellence was presented to for our community. We are Robert Domingo, left; and just happy over being Johnny Jones.

sponsored by Channel 11 business," said Domingo.

The Southwest Digest during their for "Food For

"Chatman Hill is a recognized for many hard This is an event hours we have given to this



LUBBOCK BLACK CHAMBER OPEN OFFICES

Pictured above are some those who attended the Grand Opening of the Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs on Tuesday afternoon, February 15, 2000, at their new location - 1700 Parkway Drive.

There were representatives from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, as well as local businesspersons.



DEMOCRATS HOLD TOWN HALL RALLY Nearly 100 Democra's attended the Democrat Party Rally at Mae Simmons Community Center earlier this month. "We had a very good program as much information was made available to those in attendance," said Todd R. Klein, a candidate for Lubbock Democratic Party County Chair,

## American Eagle to Launch Regional Jet Service between Lubbock and Dallas/ Fort Worth

Airport (DFW) on April 2.

replace turboprops with 50-seat enhanced service." ERJ-145 regional jets on five of

throughout the world via growing city." American's largest hub," said

the 11 daily flights the airline Sitton said, "We are so excited City, Panama; San Jose, Costa on the left side of the aisle and of more than 265 jet and operates between Lubbock and about the addition of American Rica; Sao Paulo, Brazil; San- two seats on the right. They also turboprop aircraft, American Eagle's regional jets from tiago, Chile; and Lima, Peru. "American Eagle has Lubbock to Dallas/Fort Worth. served the Lubbock-DFW This is wonderful news for have access to daily 777 service lavatory spacious enough to unit offer more than 1,700 market since 1990, offering the travelers to and from Lubbock, to Tokyo, daily service to include a baby-changing table. best connections to points further enhancing our role as a London, and new daily service

At Dallas/Fort Worth, Members of American's 145 is one of the quietest the Caribbean.

will launch non-stop regional jet the ERJ-145's comfort features, 132 cities. In addition to the American Eagle flight. service between Lubbock and and a convenient and frequent many key domestic business and

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## Local Home Builder becomes NAHB National Vice President Representing Thousands of Builders Statewide

Committee as a representative of region in the 215' Century. thousands of NAHB members across the state of Texas.

in numerous civic capacities. He a builder representative, 3000 program," he said.

WASHINGTON, Feb. - was elected to the Lubbock City "Keeping housing and housingociation of Home Builders chairman of the Policy Advisory said. (NAHB) during the recent Committee for the Lubbock

"We're looking forward ures, Neugebauer noted.

Dallas. In his new position, he where he is actively involved in engage throughout the year management, subcontracting, in the country, will serve on NAHB's Executive improving transportation for the include smart growth initiatives design, housing finance, and urban revitalization meas- building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential to another strong year for the "We will also be and light com- mercial Neugebauer is president housing and remodeling sectors focusing on expanding public construction. Known as the of Lubbock Land Company and in 2000," Neugebauer noted, awareness of how much builders "voice of the housing industry," is a member and former adding that serving as a National contribute to their communities. NAHB is affiliated with more president of the West Texas. Vice President of the Wash- by spotlighting community- than 800 state and local home Home Builders Association. He ington based trade association in service projects done by NAHB builders associations around the is a 1972 graduate of Texas Tech an election year gives special members every single day of the country. NAHZ's hailder University and has since served - weight to his responsibilities as year in our Home Builders Care members will construct about 80 percent of the more than 1.5

The National Asso- million new housing units Lubbock home builder Randy Council in 1992 and served as related issues at the top of the ciation of Home Builders is a projected for 2000. During a Neugebauer was elected as a Mayor Pro Tempore from 1994 political agenda is always a Washington-based trade asso- typical year, residential National Vice President of the to 1996, finishing his Council major goal of NAHB in a ciation representing more than construction accounts for about 200,000-member National Ass- term in 1998. He is currently presidential election year," he 200,000 member firms and five cents of every dollar spent professionals involved in home in the U.S. economy, making Other major efforts in building, remodeling, mul- home building one of the largest International Builders' Show in Urban Transportation Study, which home builders will tifamily construction, property and most influential industries



REPORT OF BUILDING



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The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the host pastor. Come and visit New Hope if you are looking for a church home. The doors are always open.

If you want to hear what thus says the Lord, then come and visit New Hope on Sunday morning.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. with Brother Ernest Swain as superintendent, and presiding. All teachers and students were in their various classrooms for 30 minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all marched and reassembled to the main auditorium singing "He Lives." Prayer was given by a member of Adult Class No. 1.

High points of the morning lesson were given by several adults. All were very well done.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department - the Primary Class received the Offering Banner with a total of \$51.55. Adult Department - Adult Class No. 1 lost the Offering Banner to Adult Class No.

The 10:45 a. m. devotional period was conducted by the Praise Team with Brother and Sister Ernest Swain leading. What a glorious time all had.

\* \* \* The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. Following the singing of "God Is So Good," scripture was read by Sister Barnetta Cooper. Sister Galya Hereford gave beautiful prayer. Another song, "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone," was sung.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Brenda Gipson. Another song, "Pass Me Not," was sung. Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton who always has something to say. Something we can feast over during the next week.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Stand Up For God, He Will Stand Up For You." His scripture text was Daniel 1:8. It was another outstanding sermon. Thank God for the word.

Let us keep praying for our sick and shut-in citizens of the entire community. God is able. Why not take time and visit those who are shut-in.

St. John Baptist Church will be sponsoring prayer meeting each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00 p. m. until the Franklin Graham Crusade. All are invited.



## Todd R. Klein 2000

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March 14th Vote Todd R. Klein **Democratic Party County Chair** To find out more please visit me at lubbockdemocrats, org/toddklein

## Lubbock Christian University to Present "The Firstborn"

Communication and Fine Arts focuses on students and children. Tickets his adopted family." will be available at the door

LUBBOCK, TX- the return of Moses to Egypt Scott Holt, John Delony, under the direction of February 16. 2000-The to rescue the Israelites. It Caleb Heatwole and Tanna Laurie Doyle, Technical Moses' Barrett. Department of Lubbock relationship with the Pharaoh Christian University is proud and his adopted family versus to present as their spring his Hebrew family. According drama production, "The to the director, "What makes Firstborn" by Christopher Fry. this play so interesting is, that The play will be presented Fry takes a commonly know March 4-7 in the Christian Bible story and is able to Development Center Fine make the familiar characters Arts Theatre on the LCU human. Moses' emotional campus at 8 p.m. each struggle with the tenth and evening. Tickets are priced at final plague is incredible. It \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for involves the death of one of

Cast members include

or may be ordered in advance Brandon Stepp, Adam by calling 796-8800, ext. 357. Williamson, Joy Anderson, This drama centers on Rachel Neal, Erin Kahoa.

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#### Annie Marie Ferrell



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afternoon, February 25, 2000 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. B. J. Wiley as the eulogist. Rev. G. A. Blocker, pastor of Galillee Baptist Black voters. Church, assisting.

of Ralls, Texas.

Edward Earl Coppage, Jr., Robert Cornelius, and Otis Shields.

Charles R. Shields, Lewis H. Johnson, Billy Wiley, Jr., Wilbert E. Wiley, Eric Wiley, Emery Coppage, Scott A. Cornelius, Mitchell Dixon, LaVan Coppage, Carl W. Wiley, Darreck Wiley, Bobby Jackson, and Willie Jackson.

She was born August 24, 1900 to the parentage of Henry and Adline Ferrell in Robertson, Texas. She attended the public school and grew up in Hearne, Texas.

Ms. Wiley professed Christ at an early age and diligently practiced her faith at Mt. Zion and Galilee Baptist Church in Crosbyton where she lived since

She was preceded in death by her parents, seven sisters, two brothers, a son, Mitchell Coppage, Jr., two husbands, Mitchell Coppage, Sr. and Wilbert Wiley, Sr., 3he passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Ms. Wiley leaves to cherish her memory: eight daughters -Mable Willis of Slaton, Texas, Texanna Towsel of Muleshoe Texas, Nellan Bradley and Arie L. Kennedy, both of Clovis, N. M., Odessa Lewis, Willie L. Lewis and Verdie Cornelius, all of Lubbock. Texas, and Katherine Robinson of Crosbyton Texas; four sons: ~ Robert E. Coppage of Lubbock, Texas, Edward E. Coppage, Wilbert Wiley, Jr. and Billy J. Wiley, all of Crosbyton, Texas; 41 grandchildren, 75 great grandchildren, 53 great-great grandchildren, 13 great-great-great grandchildren, 4 great-great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

#### Eligah "E. J." Johnson



Funeral services f o r Brother Eligah "E. J." Johnson were held Saturday morning, February

26, 2000, at Bothel AME Church with Rev. Elliott Lambert, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Brother Johnson was born June 16, 1911 in Oakwood, the parentage of Mr. and Mrs.

Eligah Johnson. He moved to Lubbock,

Texas in 1942, moving from Tyler, Texas to He married Charlie Mae Robertson on April 14, 1934, in Teague, Texas. To this union, a son was born, Eligah J. Johnson. Brother Johnson is preceded in death by both parents.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Charlie Mae Johnson of Lubbook, Texas; a son. Eligah J. Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Minnie Lee Foster of Mexia, Texas and Ocie Lee Vester of Oakwood, Texas; five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren two great-great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends. Palibearers were Stewards and friends of the family.

## OBITUARYS Can Keyes Strike A Key with Black Voters

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Iowa presidential caucus had barely current raging debates over school. Black radicalism. Much of the public closed when Republican presidential nominee Alan Keyes loudly declared victory in bagging 14 percent of the vote. Keyes wasn't the only one rejoicing over his surprise showing. Many Republican strategists also conservative as the most fervent nation's values and institutions. glowed not because they think that, Christian fundamentalists. Keyes poses any real threat to the presumptive Republican presidential nominees George W. Bush or John McCain but because they think he might be a key to breaking the stran-

At first glance this seems Interment was held in City absurd. The ultra-conservative of Crosbyton Cemetery under the Keyes' anti-abortion, antigovernment direction of Adams Funeral Home spending, and anti-gays in the military line is tailor made to play big in Active pallbearers were states like Iowa and New Hampshire with largely White, middle-aged, and Earl Coppage, Jr., Curtis Kennedy, conservative voters. There he doesn't Raymond Lewis, Jr., Tommy L. have to confront the oceans deep fear and distrust many blacks have of the Honorary pallbearers were Republicans, and an endless parade of black Democrats who delight in slamming him as a political reactionary and a racial sell-out.

> In Iowa he also didn't have to deal with his near total racial invisibility to many Blacks. Other than an occasional shrill blast at the media for racism for not giving him equal time with the top Republican presidential contenders, Keyes has deliberately stayed clear of making race an issues in his campaign.

Yet despite the colossal odds against Republicans in getting Black votes, many Blacks are still ripe for their political picking. That's because they are far more the more conservative than politicians think. The first hint of this surfaced during the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings in 1991. Many Blacks said that they backed Thomas because he was Black and because they agreed with some of his positions.

They told pollsters that they were pro-life, pro-school prayer, and anti-gun control, and anti-welfare. They even applauded Thomas for saying that self-help, not quotas,

vouchers; gay rights, stiffer sentences for crime, and drug use, and three strike laws, many, and in some Blacks sound every bit as rabidly

The notion that many Blacks are social conservatives on became a key cog in the liberal-Franklin Roosevelt and the than ever. Democrats.

mass civil rights demonstrations, poverty, the swelling Black middle-

wrongly branded blacks as impassioned advocates of federal spending during the presidential campaign in ly changing. That in the 2000 presion welfare, education, jobs and parts of the country, a majority of social programs or shunned them as permanent rebels out to subvert the

Ever if many Whites and Blacks didn't badly misread Black social attitudes, more hot button political issues still Blacks would still call themselves shocks many Blacks and Whites conservative simply because more because they have bought the fiction are prospering than ever. In its glehold the Democrats have on of Black liberalism. This fiction 1999 State of Black America largely grew out of the New Deal report, the National Urban League years of the 1 930's when Blacks found that Blacks own more homes, businesses, have higher labor-ethnic conlition built by incomes, and are better educated

While there are still mil-During the late 1960's, lions of Blacks mired deep in voter outreach and education cam- key with Black voters. protests, Black power takeovers and class is testament that thousands of the urban uprisings turned the fiction African Americans are coming

American Dream.

Republicans are stuck deep in a Latinos. time warp. Black Republicans

(NN) A) - The polls in the should be the goal of Blacks. In the of Black liberalism into the fiction of closer than ever to realizing the paign to attract Black voters. They remind them that the ethnic com-But even with the polls plexion of America's voters is rapid) 1996 showing that 25 to 45 percent dential election Blacks and Latinos of blacks call themselves conserva- will play a bigger role than ever in tive, the gigantic expansion of the determining who sits in the White Black middle class, and legions of House and Congress. So far the begt black conservatives such as Keyes that the Republicans have done is to that have turned up all over the agree to shell out a few more dollars place in the last few years, on an ad campaign to attract more

> Keyes got his victory scream that the Republican Party of sorts in Iowa and did passbigwigs treat them like second ably well in New Hampshire. But as long as Republicans turn a tin ear to those implor-They repeatedly urge them ing them to come up with an to shake loose from the smothering agenda that taps into the congrasp of hardcore rightist groups servative mood of many and dump millions into an active Blacks, Keyes won't strike a

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HEW THIS YEAR - 4th CORPS IS A TWO PART PROGRAM

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THE EXTENDED PROTRAM - OPTIONAL

Codets who successfully complete that here-weak comp may participate in the extended program. Beginning in September and continuing through May, the codets must one Suturday a months for community service work and employment workshops. Contacts are paid as additional \$500.00 for their participation is this part of the program.

HOW CAN A STUDENT APPLY TO ATH COMPST

Applications are available of all area Junior and Senior High Schools, Lubbeck County Courthouse, and District Albertoys Office. Interviews one set for April 11 and April 15 at Lebbook High School Auditorium. Consult the application for times and sublitimal information in the program. Ownerland requiredling the application process should be directed to 4th Corps at (896) 796-0797.



# Editorials · Comments



## THIS N THAT

SHE KEPT THE FAITH! THIS N THAT and many others were in attendance of a RECEP-TION AND BOOK SIGNING for longtime resident KATIE G. JP PARKS at the Form by Room of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library on the campus of Texas Tech University ... last Sunday afternoon. What a TRIBUTE to a lady who has worked untiringly to reach THIS GOAL If you would visit with her quietly she'd remind you of her PERSONAL STRUGGLES and those who doubted her outcome But no doubt about it KATIE G. PARKS KEPT THE FAITH and for that LUBBOCK, TEXAS is a much better place for all of US especially those of the AFRICAN AMER-ICAN COMMUNITY THANKS SISTER PARKS for a job well done. Wouldn't JAMES PARKS be pleased So when you see this lady let her know you appreciate what she has done better still to let her know you care copy of her book "REMEMBER WHEN? A HISTORY OF AMERICANS IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS"

THANKS TO LISD FOR ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE! THIS N-THAT BUY, a AFRICAN along with other Lubbockities from various professions had an opportunity to particis pate as a PROCTOR IN THE TEXAS ACADEMIC DECATHLON STATE MEET held at Monterey High School This event came to Lubbock, Texas because of the DEDICATION & HARD WORK of the , BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LISD THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF, and other well wishers. This event which brought in 40 or more high schools and scores of parenfs and friends of the mote more than 400 STUDENTS CONGRATS LISD for a job well done Pass the word on to all our lubbock schools. THEY WERE WINNERS! INSIST THAT YOU ARE COUNT-ED! THIS N THAT is asking that you

INSIST THAT YOU ARE COUNTED during the upcoming CENSUS TAKING This process will determine how we will be represented in this country and the kinds of resources. which will be available for GET READY for the BIG COUNT.

75TH MARCH AGAINST DRUGS & GANGS! THIS N THAT is asking you to GET INVOLVED in the upcoming MARCH AGAINST DRUGS & GANGS set for FRIDAY MARCH 5, 2000 beginning at 6:00 P. M. in the area of the Central Lubbock Church of Christ 1409 23rd Street This will be the 75TH MARCH So join with us on this day and this 75TH MARCH If this one is completed it will mean we will be only 25 FROM REACHING OUR GOAL OF ... 100.

A SALUTE TO OUR FRIEND! THIS N THAT traveled to Littlefield, Texas last Saturday night and emceed a surprised event for our friend CITY COUNCILMAN VAN ASHLEY It was held at the Lamb County Community Center. A special surprise was his only sister DORIS from Florida What a surprise This event was the brain child of his pastor and friend REV. LEWIS WITHERSPOON It was QUITE A FETE and BOY was he surprised!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: A WORD once let out of YOUR MOUTH cannot be "WHISTLED BACK AGAIN."

I am writing to implore you to suspend all federal executions until the Department of Justice can review the cases of those currently King on death row to ensure that no innocent person is executed. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackman stated, "The execution of a person who can show that he is innocent comes perilously close to simple murder." Recent developments in Illinois have illustrated that the application of the death penalty has not had sufficient safeguards to keep the state out of the unimaginable position of executing innocent people.

As you know, on Monday, January 31, 2000, Governor George Ryan of Illinois announced his intention to put a moratorium on executions in Illinois by granting a blanket stay of execution for all inmates currently sitting on death row until a state panel can examine whether those convicted of capital crimes are indeed guilty of the crimes they are accused of. Governor Ryan was justified in taking this measure because the history of the death penalty in Illinois raised real questions about the conviction process and the prospects that a substantial number of innocent people were condemned to die.

Since Illinois reinstated the death penalty in 1976, the state has executed 12 people. During this same period, 13 people on death row were exonerated. Two of these thirteen men were part of the "Ford Heights Four," four men from my district who were mistakenly convicted of murder. Two of the four were awaiting execution on death row until they were cleared by DNA evidence. However, DNA is only one of the reasons that 13 men were vindicated. Others successfully challenged their convictions based on claims of ineffective assistance of counsel or a determination that crucial testimony of a jailhouse informant was unreliable. What is even more troubling is that the lives of some of these 13 innocent people were saved not by the diligence of defense counsel or a jury or judge, but by a group of students taking a journalism class at Northwestern University. Because the criminal justice system failed to do its job, these students and their journalism professor - actors very much outside the criminal justice system - did the legwork to uncover exculpatory evidence.

Governor Ryan's courageous action makes Illinois the only one of the 38 states that currently have the death penalty to halt executions and scrutinize the death penalty conviction process. Notwithstanding, the problems of inadequate representation, lack of access to DNA testing, police misconduct, racial bias and even simple human error are not unique to Illinois. These are problems that have plagued the administration of capital punishment around the country since the reinstatement of capital punishment almost a quarter century ago.

Unfortunately, not all death row inmates have a group of college students diligently working to uncover the truth and win their release. The first federal execution since the reinstatement of the modern death penalty - and in fact the first federal execution since 1963 could take place soon. It is my understanding that Juan Raul Garza has exhausted his appeals, and the U.S. Department of Justice can now set an execution date for him at any time.

In accordance with Governor Ryan's actions and the sprit of justice and fundamental fairness, I recently introduced H.R.3623, "The Accuracy in Judicial Administration Act of 2000." This groundbreaking legislation calls for a moratorium on all state and federal executions until all inmates currently sitting on death row have an opportunity to e. plore exculpatory DNA or similar evidence. It also sets up a standardized mechanism for the exploration of such evidence in upcoming capital cases. Your support of this legislation would be very helpful.

I respectfully urge you to follow Governor Ryan's lead by suspending federal executions and undertaking a thorough review of the administration of the federal death penalty. This is essential to protect the very foundation of our criminal justice system and the protection of the most fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution - the right to life. In short, before exercising the federal government's supreme power to take the life of a citizen, our government has a solemn responsibility to every American to prove that its actions are consistent with our nation's fundamental principles of justice, equality and dur process. Thank you for your attention to this issue. I look forward to hearing from you. Respectfully, Jesse L Jackson Jr., Member of Congress



# In Cinque By Renetta W. Howard

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Silver Medalist LaDelton Porch



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# IURCH DIRECTORY





## IN JESUS NAME "Jesus is the Answer!!!"

Isaiah 55:6. Seek the lord while he may be fond. Call ye upon him while he is near.

There are many people, with big problems in this last and evil day; many are committing suicide; they say that is the only way. Matthew 11:28; Jesus said, Come unto me, all ye that labour and

are heavy laden, And I will give you rest. then take it to the lord Jesus; and he'll give you peace of mind.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,8, To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.

All you need to do is: Humble yourself, get on your knees and prey; God knows all things; even every word you're going to say.

Luke 12:6,7, Jesus said, are not five sparrow sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hair of your head are all numbered.

So you can say: YDN-ATEQ'DZR-KPI; What man calls speaking in tongues; for God knows the heart; and ha knows where you're coming from. Jeremiah 17:10, I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing.

Jesus is the only earthy doctor: that can cure this old world; that is what he is for; He cures the mind of men, women, boy, and girl.

Hebrews 4:16, Let us therefore come boldly anto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Some doctors put people on cigarettes, alcohol on their brains; try

to keep all America; from going insane !!! \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Will the Doctors Rob God? \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Matthew 11:29, 30, Jesus said, take my yoke upon you (the Bible). the Outreach Prayer Breakfast is vices will be held each Wednesday and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke (the Bible) is easy, and my burden is light.

Insanity in America is on the rise; It is constantly growing; the insane institution: they are now over flowing.

Isaiah 1:4a, AH sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are correpters: they have forsaken the Lord.

For Policeman shoot a Black man; Over 30 times; because of his skin; the Public said his right's was validly; by the hateful heart within!!! Jeremiah 17:9, The heart is deceitful above all things, and Desperately wicked: who can know it?

America is thinking: to make things right; is within Democrat or Republic man; but they have been there all the time; yet there trouble in the

Micah 7:2, The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men; the all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

I am just a nobody, trying to tell everybody, about somebody, who died fro everybody; and can save anybody!!!!

God is not trough with us yet. So lets pray for one another always. be held in April. At the St. John hear from heaven, and will forgive passes. Written by Evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, 111, Your Brother in Christ Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th their sin, and will heal their land."



#### from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Drama of the Ages: David Duke vs Jesus Christ"

behavior, it has an historical and geographical relationship to our physical world as well as to the spiritual realin. To travel though the Bible with no understanding of its back-Africa without a map or guide. Only when you take time to look behind the curtain do the "pure" Jews rejected them.

you see more than a mere passing spectacle,

You see every problem has its answer; and if yours you can't find; Chaldeans. They made their appearance upon the stage, play their parts, and disappear behind the curtain in the continually unfolding portrayal of the divine encounter with dreds of year. man. If you do not know the roles of these minor characters you never can fully understand the reaction of the chief acrors to them.

A strange people in this drama were the Samaritans. The Jews despised them and had not close association with them, but Jesus transcended racial and national prejudice and transformed a Samaritan woman, who reputation was not good, into an evangelist for the Messiah.

The unfolding drama took place near the city of Sychar, which as located in Samaria. The people who lived in the province of Samaria were a racial mixed people. This racial mixture occurred as a result of the conquest of the Northern Kingdom of Isrpe! by Assyria 721 B.C.

The Assyrian believe that the best way to keep a conquered enemy from organizing a counterattack was to deport and scatter it leaders and leave the weak and poor to inhabit the land. Phase two of the program included having those who were scattered as well as those who remained in the land to intermarry with the Assyrian, it is a David Duke and the like.

The Bible is set in a framework of human culture and thus eliminating any distinct racial differences. The Samaritans were the result.

About one hundred and fifty years after the fall of Samaria, the Babylonians and many of those leaders conquered the southern kingdom of Judah were deported. However, those Jews did not intermarry. When they later returned to ground would be like traveling through the continent of rebuild the temple and Jerusalem in the homeland, the Samaritans wanted to help. But

A serious rift between the two peoples arose as a result of this action, and The Phillistines were real people. So were the Assyrian, Egyptians, and the animosity between the two people grew as the years passed. When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, the Jews and Samaritans had been enemies for hun-

> Friday, January 21, 2000, former Ku Khix Klansman David Duke launched a civil rights group for whites, saying they face "massive discrimination" from the nation's growing population of minorities. The name of the new white group is "National Organization for European American Rights."

> Mr. Duke said that "European American face a situation where we're going to be outnumbered and outvoted in our own country ... I guarantee there are many European American who are refugees in our own cities." Mr. Duke castigated blacks, Hispanics, Jews, and homosexuals. He stated that "We like our values. We like our culture. We want to preserve it." He said through low white birth rates, interracial marriages and immigration rates were the key factors reducing the white share of the population.

> Jesus probably had heard similar statements like Mr. Dukes about the Samaritans. However He taught that we should love our enemies, even if

always inviting you to visit with us evening until the cresade comes to each time we meet. Our next meeting will be held in the home of Sister Dorothy Nash, 2121 East 30th Street, beginning at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday morning, March 4, 2000. Not only are you personally invited, but feel free to bring a friend with

This what the Outreach Prayer Breakfast is all about. Making sure the Word is out in the community. That is why we insist each of us keep praying for our churches and pastors.

You may be aware of the special emphasis on the upcoming pray, and seek my face, and turn Franklin Graham Crusade which will from their wicked ways; then will I Street, where Rev. Solomon Fields is

The members and friends of pastor, special prayer meeting ser- Jesus answering saith unto them, believe; In my name shall they cast Lubbock. This will be done throughout Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas in order to reach those in need of prayer, Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, is chairman of this prayer committee.

> Hope you will see fit to attend these special services. Over the past years, the Outreach Prayer Breakfast has always suggested scriptures you should read. Those scriptures are: "

II Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and Mark 11:22-26 - "And these signs shall follow them that ing secretary.

but shall believe that those things recover. which he saith shall come to pass he and ye shall have them.

stand praying forgive, if ye have signs following. AMEN" aught against any: that your Father

Have faith in God. For verily I say out devils; they shall speak with new unto you, that whatsoever shall say tongues; They shall take up serpents; unto this mountain. Be thou and if they drink any deadly thing, it removed, and be thou cast into the shall not hurt them; they shall lay sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, hands on the sick, and they shall

19 20 - So then after the shall have whatsoever he saith. Lord had spoken unto them, he was Therefore I say unto you, what received up into heaven, and sat on things soever ye desire, when ye the right hand of God. And they pray, believe that ye receive them, went forth, and preached every where, tech Lord working with 25-26 - And when ye them, and confirming the word with

Let us continue to pray for also which is in heaven may forgive and visit our sick and shut in citiyou your trespasses. But if ye do not zens. May God bless and keep them. forgive, neither will your Father Sister Dorothy Hood, president; which is in heaven forgive your tres- Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Ernestine Fraizer, sec-Mark 16:17-20 - "And retary; and Sister Elnora Jones, act-



Strategy (WTOS) met this past Sunday,

February 6, 2000 at Our Lady of Grace

Catholic Church activity hall for an

accountability assembly. The assembly

was designed to continue the grassroots

organizing in West Texas that will "lead to

the grasping of power for the civic culture

that is presently not represented at the deci-

sion making table as it relates to issues

affecting communities without a voice"

according to local leader Isidro Gutierrez.

More than 400 people were present to lis-

ten to leaders from different congregations

and institutions detail the progress that the

organization is making. The fifteen con-

gregations came from such diverse denom-

Presbyterian, Baptist (Black and Anglo),

Methodists and Episcopalian, WTOS is

affiliated with the Industrial Area

Foundation (IAF) and is presently staffed

with a professional Lead Organizer who

organized in Del Rio before coming to

Lubbock, Ramon Duran. New staff mem-

ber, Kochitl Solis, is office assistant.

Background information on WTOS and

inations as Catholic, Unitarian,

# Congregation Organize for Power

By Eliseo Solis, contributor to Southwest Digest

boards agenda to discuss the destiny of cluded her portion of the focus by stating school children ...because we are talking that "we will not be satisfied with letting about our children." She said that the government decide what is good for us WTOS will create a collective of leaders to anymore, because participatory governinclude poor, upper and middle classes- ment is our domain." goals envisioned by the leadership presently working. Those assembled seemed to reflect her description.

In providing the FOCUS portion of the assembly describing the objectives for the afternoon, Ms.Fehr established the tone that would carry on for the rest of the session. That tone being of excitement, encouragement, some tension and culminating with a challenge for participants. That was to go out and join their congregations in participating with the WTO3 by getting training and doing the basic but also radical action of having oneon-one meetings with members of their own congregational organizing team. The end result to be either enhancing ongoing organizing in an established congregation or beginning movement toward making other congregations become new participants of the organization.

We must begin taking ownership, muster the strength to gain a sense of dignity. ADELANTE WTOSI" Bishop Placido Rodríguez, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Lubbook

"My wife teaches at Ramires Elementary and upon residing about the plans for Overton, It made me furious?" The Rev. Richard Schempp, Executive Presbyter, Palo Duro Plesbytery

the IAF is presented in later in the article. Co-chairing the event with Febr Ms. Kristen Fehr of the First was Isidro Gutierrez, lead organizer for Unitarian Universitist Church set the theme Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church where of the assembly before a crowd of more the event was held. They stressed the minin than 400 people. The West Texas objective of assemblies like today would Organizing Strategy (WTOS) and its lead- be to "recruit more congregations and ers, prochamed Fehr, "will no longer por institutions, mise money (to become self-

up with a three minute limit on the school sufficient) and train leaders." Fehr con-

white, brown and black people to gain the Participatory democracy is absolutely no good without participation. Joe Febrety, St Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Providing some issues that will be confronted in the future were Jesse Alamanza of ST Patrick's Catholic Church and Staff member for the Alliance program at Amert Elementary, Lupe Stockhausen of St Patrick's, Darrell Vines of St John United Methodist Church, Lane Powell, professor at Texas Tech University representing the 2nd Baptist Church, and Harry Bryant of Pilgnm Baptist Church.

\* Alamanza stated that a major problem in our area in spite of the low unemployment rate in Lubbock was that too many people were working for the minimum wage, which is hardly enough to mise a family.

. Stockhausen directed that we had to "organize to overcome imaginary boundaries between east and southwest Lubbock " and to erase those boundaries between "race and economic classes."

\* Vines made it clear that dues to WTOS were not to do something like feeding the poor (although this is needed), but to organize. This statement was made in reference to the Iron Rule of IAF organizing. . .

(never do for others what they can do for themselves). He went on to emphatically state that "some people are enjoying more prosperity that others. That is just not

\* Powell mentioned that the responsibility for our children's education belong to all, schools and families.

\* Bryant whose congregation, Pilgrim Baptist Church, has been a member since October 1998 declared that WTOS is taking ordinary everyday people into account. He said that affordable housing in Lubbock was absent because the only strategy available was to displace home-

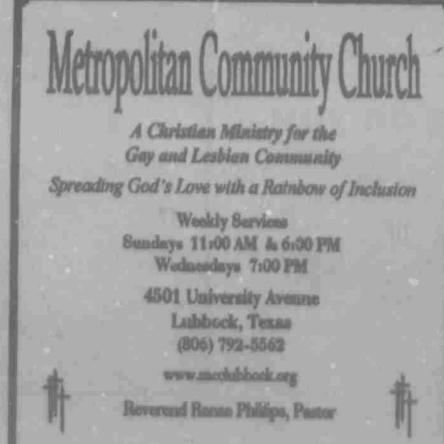
The most vigorous response was directed at the Call to Action presented by the Rev. Thomas Perchlik, paster of the First Unitarian Universalist Church. His eloquent statement made continual reference to religious doctrine. "The work of the WTOS is holy work, work that is set apart for a special purpose, which is to teach people how to be human. . . a purpose to seek justice and equality." He stressed that "many people are believing the ' lie of scarcity'-when it becomes acceptable to let hunger go on, to accept the lack of housing, for people to be against others because of ethnicity and economies." Perchlik concluded that WTOS will act on the gloriously good news that according to God's teachings,

there is "Abundance for all", whereupon he received a standing ovation.

The West Texas Organizing Strategy was born out of a meeting held by a handfull of leaders and activists at the offices of Catholic Family Services of Lubbock. Some of the participants included Tavita Dorow, Dario Rendon, Steve Hay, and others. In 1994, WTOS then held meetings that included institutionally based leaders in Lubbock, Odessa and Hereford. The idea was to come together in the respective communities to discuss the building of a broad-based organization During 1996-97, a core group of leaders conducted one-on-one meetings with institutionally-based leaders, both pastors and key lay leaders with the view of gaining support for a three year organizing effort

and affiliating with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). Finally, after much work and numerous meetings, funding was secured, a professional organizer was hired, many house meetings were held, and once again, the radical one-on-one was conducted hundreds of times. The efforts began to grow and participation increased to the present status of 15 paid up member congregations, three elementary campuses as alliance schools, two sponsoring agencies and four more congregations ready to submit their pledges at any time. In addition, there are approximately 25-30 other congregations organizing as part of WTOS in the Midland-Odessa, San Angelo area, the Amarillo area, Plainview and other communities in





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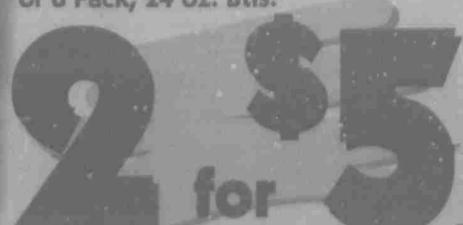
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