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Black Women Climbing, Black Men Stay Same, Employment Status

Black women have made more progress than black men in closing the employment and income gap with their white counterparts. According to a Census Bureau report, more black women than men were employed in 1990, including those with college degrees. While college-educated black women with full-time jobs have reached earnings parity with their white counterparts, the same is not true for black men with college degrees. According to the report, college-educated black men on average earned 76 percent of what their white counterparts earned. White males remain the top wage earners in the country.

Leading Bank Executive Supports Affirmative Action

NationsBank Chairman/CEO Hugh McColl has entered the debate about affirmative action as a defender and practitioner of its objectives and as a critic of "heavy-handed" government processes. McColl, who is head of one of the largest financial institutions in the U.S., told a group of community leaders, "I am bothered by recent ideological attacks against the purposes of affirmative action. Its opponents claim that it has fulfilled its mission and should be abandoned. I disagree." He cautioned that when the government overreaches in its bureaucratic process, it can lose sight of the intended objective and fail to deliver results. "Process overtakes purpose—or worse, it becomes its own purpose. Government stops serving the people and starts serving itself," McColl said.

Post Office Building in Mississippi Dedicated to Fannie Lou Hamer

Mississippi's black Congressman Bennie G. Thompson sponsored a bill that has resulted in the Post Office building in Ruleville, Mississippi being named in honor of the late human and civil rights activist, Ms. Fannie Lou Hamer. Ms. Hamer, an outstanding orator and inspirational leader, was a native of Ruleville. Over the years, Ms. Hamer became famous for her trademark phrase that she was "sick and tired of being sick and tired" of blatant racial practices against African-Americans. She was one of the organizers of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and was very active in the civil and women's rights movements. Her movements in Mississippi resulted in the state now having over 800 African-American elected officials, more than any other state in the country.

Fitness Scholarships Available for Minority Students

The American Council on Exercise (ACE) is seeking qualified applicants for its 1995 Educational Scholarship Program. A not-for-profit organization that stresses quality of life through safe and effective physical activity, the ACE Educational Scholarship Program recognizes minority undergraduate students who demonstrate a commitment to the maintenance of high standards for safe and effective physical activity. "This program recognizes today's students who

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Remembering Bloody Sunday

by Bernice Powell Jackson

A walk through the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is a walk through our history. This three-year old facility is a self-directed, multi-media journey which shows you everything from colored and white water fountains to a burned out Freedom Ride bus to the prison door where Dr. King wrote his letter from a Birmingham jail. It also shows the march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

It was 30 years ago this March that a young black activist, Jimmy Lee Jackson, was murdered. His killing prompted a 54-mile protest march sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) from Selma to Montgomery. The marchers, 1500 strong and led by Hosea Williams and John Lewis (now a U.S. congressman from Atlanta), left Brown Chapel church that Sunday morning, but as they began to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge they could see Alabama state troopers

and others blocking their way. After a brief warning, the troopers rushed forward, as did the mounted possemen. Tear gas was shot at the unarmed marchers. Nightsticks flailing, the troopers beat many of the marchers and on-lookers threw bricks and bottles at them. John Lewis was among those badly beaten. That day, March 7, 1965, became known as Bloody Sunday.

The SCLC immediately planned a second attempt of the Selma to Montgomery march for March 9, which would be led by Dr. King and other national civil rights leaders. Under a federal court injunction and pressured by national and local law enforcement officials, the marchers went only across the bridge and then turned back. That evening a white clergyman from Boston, Rev. James Reeb, was fatally beaten in downtown Selma.

Three weeks later, on March 21, Dr. King

and others led thousands of marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and began the long trek to Montgomery. By the time they assembled in downtown Montgomery several days later, they were 25,000 strong. Five months later the Voting Rights Act was passed and Alabama black voters were at last guaranteed the right to vote.

This March SCLC and the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma are sponsoring a commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the Selma to Montgomery march. This commemoration will include a women's conference, honoring the "Invisible Giants" of the civil rights movement; a cultural jubilee festival, a legal conference sponsored by the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense Fund, an interfaith religious service and a National Voting Rights Museum Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

But lifting up the past won't be the entirety of the week. A national student and youth gathering, "Countdown 2000: Setting the Black Youth Agenda" will bring together students and youth from across the country to build a civil rights agenda for the future. Many of these young people have already been actively involved in local voter registration efforts and have been organizing their local communities against violence and community problems such as environmental racism.

Only 30 years ago men and women were viciously beaten in Selma, Alabama so that African-Americans might have the right to vote. A black man and a white man lost their lives in those bloody days. Theirs is a sacrifice that we dare not forget. Are you registered to vote?

More Alleged Deadbeat Parents

With all the attention focused on welfare reform, the focus is if you get children you take care of them and support them. The below-listed parents failed to show up for their hearings on their payment arrangements for child support. The photos of the alleged deadbeat parents that are on record at the Sheriff's office are shown. The photos of the parents not on file will not be shown.

On file are: Andrea Herrera, Juan Ramirez, Ricardo Garza, Fred Perry, and Jimmy White.

The no-shows for the hearings on payment arrangements make this a writ of capias through the State Attorney General's Office Child Support Division.



Herrera



Ramirez



Garza



Perry



White

Randy White, Earl Campbell and Don Gay Ask Texans Why Life is Good in Texas

DALLAS—"Life is Good" in Texas, according to a new advertising campaign from Miller Lite, which began airing throughout the state this week. Now, the folks at Miller have asked the stars of the campaign, former Dallas Cowboy Randy White, former Houston Oiler Earl Campbell and rodeo champion Don Gay, to find out a little more about why Texans believe life is good in their home state.

"We're all from Texas, we drink Miller Lite, and life is good," said White during a break while shooting the commercials in February. "Our participation in this campaign is a natural fit."

The three spokespeople are roaming the streets of Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin this week talking to Texans to discover what (besides Miller Lite) makes life good in the Lone Star State.

"Miller asked us to get out on the street with the people of Texas to dig deeper into why life is so good here," said Campbell. "It really brings the whole Miller Lite 'Life is Good' concept to life. We're doing more than talking to people through a TV screen, we're face-to-face."

The results of their personal research will also help Miller Lite develop future evolutions of the ad campaign.

The initial campaign, with the tag line, "We've Got Miller Lite. We're in Texas. Life is Good," features four television spots, created by Bates USA, supported by radio and outdoor advertising and point-of-sale materials. The first spot, "Intro," features all three celebrities heading out on their search for the best time in Texas. The other three spots include "Tejano" with Randy White visiting a Tejano bar, "Fishing" with Earl Campbell searching for the best fishing hole, and "Don Gay" with Gay lost in the middle of the desert trying to find some place to go.

"We're thrilled to bring this positive message to Texans. Life is good here, not only for Texans but for Miller Lite, the No. 1 beer in the state," said Jack Collins, general manager, Miller Brewing Company in Texas.

Miller is a wholly owned subsidiary of Philip Morris Companies, Inc. Principal beer brands include Miller Lite, Miller Lite Ice, Miller Genuine Draft, Miller Genuine Draft Light, Miller High Life, Miller Reserve, Lowenbrau, Meister Brau, Milwaukee's Best and ICE-HOUSE and Red Dog from the Plank Road Brewery. Miller also produces Sharp's, a non-alcohol brew.



Earl Gets "Smoked Out"

DALLAS—Former Houston Oiler Earl Campbell gets smoked out of his favorite fishing hole in an ad that is part of the Miller Lite "Life is Good" campaign. Campbell, along with former Dallas Cowboy Randy White and rodeo champion Don Gay are searching for the best time in Texas as part of a statewide Miller Lite advertising campaign.



He Can Act, But Can He Sing?

DALLAS—Former Dallas Cowboy Randy White sings with the Tejano band Mazz while filming a spot for the Miller Lite "Life is Good" campaign. Other spots include former Houston Oiler Earl Campbell and rodeo champion Don Gay.

Statement by Acting Agriculture Secretary Richard Rominger

MILWAUKEE—The following statement was released today by Acting Agriculture Secretary Ric Rominger:

"The House Agriculture Committee's action today to scale back the food stamp program will continue the unraveling of the nation's basic nutritional safety net. With this action, the food stamp program will not be able to respond when the economy shifts or when need increases.

"In addition, the House Committee's bill falls far short of the standard set by the Clinton Administration's tough coupere, an live anti-fraud food stamp proposal announced last week. The food stamp program needs reform—that disciplines criminals but does not attack children.

"Two weeks ago the House Agriculture Committee cut access to food for children at school and now they are cutting access to food at home. While we are working to improve the food stamp program by attacking fraud and abuse, we are opposed to mean-spirited proposals that penalize children rather than crooks."

Reunion Update

Plans for the upcoming ALL-CLASS REUNION III are going smoothly and those with intentions of participating are paying their fees in order to miss the slight price increase for registration, which will go into effect after April 30th. By the way, have you paid your fees yet or do you have questions regarding the reunion? Why not call them at their new number 794-6345!

We have noticed the works of DUNBAR ALUMNI INTERNATIONAL, INC during the years they have

been in operation and planning their reunions. We're happy to say that they seem to do a good job and don't wait until the last minute to do things, which usually will result in one big mess and a lot of unhappy folks! Hats off to DUNBAR ALUMNI INTERNATIONAL, INC for showing some planning and organization!

Their next meeting is Sunday, April 10th at 5:00 pm in the Dunbar library. Don't forget that you can give them a call at 794-6343 regarding the reunion.

Alleged Drug Dealers Busted!

Here are ten photos of alleged drugs dealers who were busted Friday, February 10, 1995 at various locations in Lubbock and surrounding areas.

In keeping with our commitment, we will continue to show the faces of those who take advantage of our young people. More next week!



Amy Esalx



Bobby Mitchell



Toni Morgan



Alex Shaw



Robert Johnson



Oscar Puente



Rene Delgado



Shacoby Hill



Joseph Castro



Kenneth Lakin

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 10:00 AM
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Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. Billy R. Moton, Pastor, is the church where the people care. Services were great, beginning with Sunday School. Morning services were in the usual manner.

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A Tutoring Program at New Hope is in process—Bro. Eric Bass is heading up the program and is soliciting volunteers to assist him in tutoring. The tutoring will be held on 2nd and 4th Mondays every month during the school year, from 5:30-6:30 at New Hope, free of charge. Feel free to come out. Thank you, Brother Bass.

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Sis. Elmore Johnson's brother was funeralized in Oakland, California last Tuesday. He was also Sis. Annie Taylor's uncle. The sisters were unable to attend due to illness.

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Bethel A.M.E. is buying new cushions for their pews. The Sunder sisters wanted Ruby Jay to know they purchased one in memory of her sister, Maurita Terrell, who is deceased. I love you. Thanks.

There was one purchased for Mr. Hubbard; he is Louie Gene Cunningham's father (deceased).

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Pray for all sick, shut in, and those in hospitals. Services for Edward Thomas Johnson were Friday at 2 p.m. at New Hope, Rev. B.R. Moton officiating. Our prayers are with the family, and our love and sympathy. Stay with God, He will lift your heavy head. Just ask him to help you.

The Second City National Touring Company
 Thursday, March 23, 1995
 8:00 PM
 \$6 TTU students \$10 others
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 Texas Tech University

University Center Programs welcomes back the hilarious sketch comedy of The Second City National Touring Company.

The Concept that is Second City has always been translated by six or seven actors who enliven an empty stage with topical comedy sketches. The Second City develops all of its material in a performance situation, improvising on ideas suggested by the audience during improvisational sets.

The company was formed December 16, 1959 in Chicago and became an instant and enduring success. It has become a comedy dynasty of sorts with an alumni association that includes Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Martin Short, John Candy, Gilda Radner and Joan Rivers to name a few. The Touring Company is on the road for eight months of the year and include over 220 performances for colleges, clubs and Arts Presenters.

The touring crew chooses topics of interest to those they feel will be in attendance. They pick topics and situations that the public can relate to and familiarize themselves with in everyday lives. They use humor in their skits to express a certain idea or two to the audience without causing anger or hard feelings among the crowd.

The Second City Touring Company will be performing at the University Center Allen Theater on March 23, 1995 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$6 for Texas Tech students and \$10 for the general public.

National News Wire

will be tomorrow's leaders in physical education," says Sheryl Marks Brown, ACE executive director. Applicants must be students who are American citizens, and entering their junior or senior year with a major in physical education and have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Scholarships range from \$500 to 1,000. The deadline for applying is April 30, 1995. For information call (619) 535-8227.

Women and Social Security

There's a lot women should know about Social Security. What happens if you change your name because of marriage, divorce, or other reasons? What happens if your career is interrupted? Does divorce or marriage change your benefits? These questions are answered in Social Security—What Every Woman Should Know (Item 526B, free), a new booklet from the Social Security Administration. Order free copies by sending your name and address to Consumer Information Center, Dept. 526B, Pueblo, CO 81009.

Two St. Louis Men Plead Guilty To Spraying Blacks With Kool-Aid

The Justice Department reports that two Missouri men who were caught on videotape driving around St. Louis spraying African-Americans with a high-pressure fire extinguisher, have pleaded guilty to federal criminal civil rights violations. David Walden and Shawn

Daniels admitted to driving into predominately African-American areas of St. Louis to attack black victims in September 1991. The two, who were videotaped by Walden's now ex-wife, sprayed black residents with water and Kool-Aid from a modified fire extinguisher. The spray was so strong it knocked some of the victims to the ground. After the incidents became known in August 1993, Walden's family provided the media with the videotape, which captures the two referring to their victims as "niggers." Walden's ex-wife, who was in the car during the spree, resigned from her job as a teacher in the local school district. Federal criminal civil rights law makes it a crime to use force or threats to injure or intimidate an individual because of their race or color and their participation in a federally protected activity. Use of transportation facilities is considered such protected activity. Several victims were sitting at bus stops when they were attacked.

Back To Africa Summit

"The Return Home" is what the organizers of the Third African-American Summit are calling their trek to Dakar, Senegal, April 29, to May 6, 1995. Summit leader, Rev. Leon Sullivan, has called for all African-Americans to join 6,000 participants in meetings and seminars with African leadership during the period. The cost is \$2,750, and Summit information can be obtained by calling 1 (800) 835-3530.

Congressional Budget Cuts Unfairly Target WIC

WASHINGTON—A Congressional proposal, targeting \$240 million in USDA program rescissions, includes a \$25 million cut in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

"If the House plan is adopted, it will mark another attempt by this Congress to balance the budget on the backs of the needy, children, and rural families," Acting Agriculture Secretary Richard Rominger said today. "These rescissions by Congress appear to be another rescission of common sense."

The House is slashing \$25 million for the existing WIC program, thereby eliminating benefits for nearly 50,000 recipients of this important feeding and nutrition program. The WIC program saves \$3.50 for every \$1 spent, while improving birth weights and reducing infant mortality and child anemia, according to the General Accounting Office.

"Attacks on feeding and nutrition programs for women and children are not limited to the WIC program," Rominger said.

"In other legislation, the House is proposing to block grant school lunch and other child nutrition programs, a move that will jeopardize the tremendous nutrition and health outcomes they have historically achieved for children."

Established as a pilot program in 1972 and made permanent in 1974, WIC—the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children—provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children who are found to be at nutritional risk. The program is administered at the federal level by the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

More than 6.4 million people receive WIC benefits each month, with children the largest category of participants. WIC is expected to serve

South Carolina State University Recipient of The Coca-Cola National Black College Football Championship Award

South Carolina State University head football coach Willie Jeffries, third left, displays The Coca-Cola National Black College Football Championship Award received at the 60th annual 100% Wrong Club Banquet in Atlanta, Ga. The award was presented to the University for having won the most football games during regular season play. The 100% Wrong Club, founded in 1934, annually recognizes the accomplishments of collegiate athletes, community leaders, and national pioneers in the fields of sports and social justice. The awards banquet was sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. Joining in the presentation, from Atlanta sports broadcaster and banquet co-M.C., Stu Klitenic; Eugene McCullers, manager, Corporate External Affairs, The Coca-Cola Company; Marion Marshall, quarterback, South Carolina State University; William B. Shropshire, president, 100% Wrong Club; and Jeff Hullinger, Atlanta sports broadcaster and co-M.C.



Editor of Black Love Poems Wishes to Contact Poets

A Rock Against the Wind: Black Love Poems and Letters is being published by a major New York publisher and Lindsay Patterson, the editor of the anthology, would like to include poems of the following poets in his new volume, and he needs for the poets to contact him by February 25.

The poets are: Ingeborg Alakoye, Angela M. Britt, Donna L. Clemons, Constance Chipman, Bernard Finney, Reynold S. Francis, Ferni Fukami (Kelayi (Fesina) Micon), Herschell Johnson, Jacqueline Flaherty Lawrence, Harold McDoagall, Cynthia B. Moore, Gregory Powell, Betty L. Rhea, Johnnie Scott, L. Suzann-Sieptor, Ruby C. Semster, Jere Tuttle and Cyn. Zardo.

Mr. Patterson is asking that only those poets listed above contact him at 212-243-4959.

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Parkway Manor Care Center News

Last Sunday Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Pine visited her brother, Scottie Moore, and Annie Moore who was here to visit with Scottie Moore.

Last Monday Community Baptist Church with 14 members and First Progressive, with 17 members held their worship services and visited with everyone.

Last Tuesday, St. Luke Baptist Church Mission I, with 5 members, held their worship services and visited with everyone.

Last Wednesday Ann Day from SPAG was here to visit with the residents.

Last Wednesday Parkway Drive Baptist, with 6 members, held their worship services and sang songs with the residents.

On Tuesday, March 7, Rising Star with 4 members present held their worship services, sang songs, and visited with the residents.

Also on Tuesday, March 7, Elmer Maddox visited with the residents.

Wednesday, March 8, Ann Day of SPAG visited with all the residents and assisted Rev. Stephens. Rev. Stephens held his Bible study at 10:15 a.m. as usual, with a wonderful service.

Thursday, March 9, Bro. Birmingham of Hope Deliverance Temple visited with all the residents.

Also Thursday, March 9, our own resident Rev. W.H. Stephens has been adopted as an Adopted "Grandpa" by the Future Homemakers of America by Dunbar Struggs Junior High School. The boys and girls visit with Rev. Stephens every Thursday afternoon after class. Students who visited with Rev. Stephens on Thursday were Latoya, Janiska Vinos, and James Levister. Mrs. Castle is the sponsor.

Black Press Blunts Media Racism: No One But Us Serves Black Community's Fight For Freedom

By Linn Washington, Jr.

For over 168 years the Black Press of America been lighting the road to freedom for Black Americans by combating the prejudice, discrimination and brutality that the white-owned press, and their reporters, say doesn't exist. So, when people ask the question, "Why is there still a Black Press?" Readers of the Black Press can relate the story of when hundreds of journalists from around the world were crawling over themselves awaiting a verdict in one of the Rodney King cases and L.A. police shot and killed a black security guard on his porch in front of his family. Only the black-owned *Los Angeles Sentinel* covered this suspicious shooting while many mainstream reporters crowded in front of the courthouse continued to file stories contending police brutality in L.A. was an aberration. Historically the Black Press has covered issues that are not adequately reported in the mainstream media, especially issues that involve inequities that the status quo would rather ignore.

Despite the vital role performed by the Black Press for more than a century, blacks and whites alike still question the continued need for a Black Press. Curiously, few of those who question the need for Black Press question why there is a need for the *New York Times* in the lives of general American society when there is a *USA Today*. The social question of why the Black Press is still needed in American life can be answered in two words: Information and employment. A frequently overlooked reason for the continued existence of the Black Press is providing employment opportunities for black journalists beginning their careers and for veterans whose careers in the mainstream have been blunted.

In spite of the mainstream media's stated commitment to diversity, qualified Black journalists in their employ continue to be denied equal opportunity in hiring and promotions. Nearly half of those who participated in a poll taken at last year's National Association of Black Journalists

annual convention said they were "Dissatisfied with opportunities for advancement" within their media organizations. And, it black readers of mainstream publications actually think they are getting stories relative to them, they should note that African-Americans comprise less than five percent of newsroom managers of mainstream publications across the country.

The central purpose of today's Black Press remains providing accurate information about and for blacks. The nation's first black newspaper, *Freedom's Journal*, was founded in 1827 specifically to counter distorted depictions of blacks by the majority community's press. The mission of this generation of the Black Press was articulated in the inaugural editorial of *Freedom's Journal*: "We wish to plead our own case. Too long have others spoken for us. Too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations."

Why do we need a Black Press when everyone knows that today's society is "Colorblind?" Because others are still trying to speak for us, and their characterizations are as distorted as ever. Take the current O.J. Simpson case. It is a front page item in newspapers across the nation yet the views of blacks in this so-called "Trial of the Century" are rarely included in the extensive mainstream media coverage of every nuance and innuendo in the O.J. affair. The Black Press of America has its own reporter in the L.A. courtroom who provides sides of the case you never see in white-run papers. Pages of the Black Press carry the clash of opinions on O.J.'s innocence ranging from *The New York Beacon's* publisher Walter Smith's contention that O.J. is the victim of "Manufactured evidence" to Dwight Hobbes, who in a column in the *St. Paul, Minn. Insight News*, castigated blacks for "Hollering so loud" about O.J. being railroaded since he is guilty as sin.

Yet the pages of the Black Press contain other

salient aspects of the Simpson affair that receive little attention elsewhere. The issue of how class impacts "the quality of justice was raised by Tallahassee Capital Outlook publisher Roosevelt Wilson, who stated a person without O.J.'s wealth would not have "A prayer going against the tremendous resources" of the L.A. District Attorney's Office. And the downfalls of the O.J. hype were captured in a *Chicago Crusader* editorial that termed the trial a "Media circus" that is distracting public attention from more important issues like Republican Party initiatives that can be "Devastating" to poor, and black, people. Why do we need a Black Press in this day and time? We need a Black Press to expose the fact that issues like police brutality remain a big problem. We need a Black Press to challenge such media fanned myths as reverse discrimination by citing such facts as the major beneficiaries of affirmative action programs have been white women. And we need a Black Press to chronicle positives in the black community, which is not a pathology ridden ghetto as frequently depicted by white media. We need a Black Press today sadly for reasons similar to those that prompted the founding of *Freedom's Journal*: "From the press... we have suffered much by being incorrectly represented."

The Black Press of America will celebrate Black Press Week, March 15-17, 1995, with activities in Washington, D.C. ranging from White House visitations to congressional meetings on Capitol Hill. The Black Press Week Luncheon will be held at the National Press Club on Thursday, March 16, 1995 exactly 168 years after the first publication of *Freedom's Journal*.

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Congressional Rescissions Unfairly Target Rural Housing

WASHINGTON—A congressional rescission proposal, targeting \$240 million in USDA programs, includes a \$115.5 million cut in rural housing.

"The Congressional elimination of the Department's Rural Rental Housing Direct Loan Program would halt efforts to provide much-needed rental housing in rural America," Acting Agriculture Secretary Richard Rominger said. "The program constructs housing for 5,100 rural families a year, many of whom reside in the Southeast, Texas and California. This year the program will focus on urgent health, safety, and maintenance needs of the existing housing stock."

Rominger said building much-needed affordable housing also provides an economic stimulus in rural America. "We estimate that 4,500 jobs, \$1.3 million in wages, and \$605,000 in tax revenues are generated by the program annually."

The Rural Rental Housing Direct Loan Program, called the 515 Program, is the largest federal rental housing program in rural America. Demand for the program is strong—currently, more than \$1.5 billion in eligible applications are awaiting approval.

Currently, USDA's Rural Housing and Community Development Service (RHCS) has a loan portfolio of more than 18,000 multifamily housing developments which house more than 440,000 families. The typical tenant annual income is approximately \$7,000 a year.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SPONTANEOUS
SBF 1m 19, 5'4", with medium brown skin, reddish brown hair & dark brown eyes. I'm nice, sweet, loving, affectionate, respectful, open minded, honest, strong willed, mature, responsible & spontaneous. I like to have fun. I'm looking for a friendship before a relationship. I'm looking for a single man 18-25 who is a non-smoker, non-drinker & free. Call Ext. 46340

SENSITIVE
SF 1m 5'6", 120 lbs., with long golden brown hair & dark brown eyes. I don't smoke, drink or do drugs. I'm sensitive, outgoing, romantic, poetic & fun loving. I'm old fashioned & like old fashioned movies. Call Ext. 47204

FULL OF ENERGY
SF 35, 1m 5'6", with long black hair 33-45, who is fun, full of energy & independent, with a good sense of humor. Call Ext. 47708

LIKES FISHING
DWF 56, I would like to meet a male companion 45-70, to go out on the town with, I like fishing & country music. If you feel like you could keep up with me, please respond. Call Ext. 46750

VALUES & MORALS
SF 1m 5'6", 120 lbs., with long golden brown hair & brown eyes. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs. I'm interested in getting to know those of you out there who are 18-33, not overweight & not on drugs. I'm interested in anyone who is into hunting. I'm a small town girl with values & morals. Call Ext. 47208

ATTRACTIVE
SF Looking for someone who wants to have fun. I'm young & attractive, have long black hair, dark brown eyes. Looking for someone who is between the ages of 18-25, preferably handsome. Please Call Ext. 46771

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SBF I'm looking for a young man between 35-40, who enjoys sports, dining out, quiet evenings at home & long walks through the park. I'm 35 & have two teenage sons. Call Ext. 47114

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SF 18, employed, 5'5, nice. Looking for someone that is 5'11", self employed, a Christian with no children. Ages 18-25. Please Call Ext. 46347

GREAT TIME
SF Petite, brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for a man that wants to go out & have a great time. Call Ext. 16683

SPEND TIME TOGETHER
SF 5', 110 lbs., small build, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive. Looking for a single male that wants someone to come home to at night. I like someone who likes to curl up on the couch & watch TV, or just spend time together. I also like a guy who likes to go out once in a while. Call Ext. 16658

SWEET
SF 19, 5'4", medium brown skin, dark brown eyes, attending college. I'm fun loving, sweet, open minded, honest, respectful, spontaneous & mature. I like to have fun & I have no kids. Looking for a friendship first. Looking for a young single man 18-25. Race or religion is not important. Please call Ext. 46678

LOVES GETTING TOGETHER
SF 5'2", blue eyes, brown hair, easy going. I would really like to meet a nice person to hang out with. I like candles & fireplace. My 3 qualifications are: I like to be given respect. I love a man who will hold my hand and love a man who will open doors for me. Call Ext. 47874

SMALL TOWN GIRL
SF 1m 5'6", 120 lbs., with long golden brown hair & dark brown eyes. I don't smoke, drink drugs & am not interested in bars or clubs. I'm looking for someone between 18-33, to be myself with. Someone who loves animals. I'm complex, yet simple & a small town girl. Call Ext. 47206

VERY INTELLIGENT
SBF 18, 5'4", medium brown skin, reddish brown eyes. Seeking friendship or companionship. I'm very intelligent, strong willed & like to have fun. Looking for someone who is between 18-25, who is spontaneous, intelligent, open, independent, responsible, affectionate, honest, smart, has a good head on his shoulders, non-drinker, non-smoker, drug free & strong willed. Race unimportant. Call Ext. 46340

PROFESSIONAL

DBF 35, professional, very attractive, fair complexion. Looking for a Black male only, age 28-42. I don't have any children. I enjoy a little bit of this and a little bit of that. I love to travel. Call Ext. 46760

GOOD PERSONALITY
SBF 35, professional, non-smoker, drug & disease free, no addictions, college educated, good personality, attractive, have 2 kids & everybody talks about them all the time. I'm independent & don't have any children, have 2 little dogs though. I like going to the movies, when it gets cold outside I like cuddling up in front of a fireplace & eating popcorn & laughing. I also like museums & traveling. Looking for someone that is drug & disease free & has a really spontaneous nature. If you think you're this person & you're attractive (that would be nice), you don't have to be Don Juan or anything or Dennis. Dennis Washington would be nice but if you're not that's ok. I do like dark skinned men. Call Ext. 46764

FUN TO BE AROUND
SBF 22, outgoing, fun to be around. Would like to meet a mature, single Black male 21-37. Must have a great sense of humor & love to talk. Call Ext. 47496

WALKS THROUGH THE PARK
SF 35, Seeking a young man for a friendship, 35-40 years old. Enjoy sports, dining out, quiet evenings at home & walks through the park. Please Call Ext. 47398

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SM 23, hazel eyes, brown hair, 210 lbs., very attractive, romantic, easy going & has a good sense of humor. Love going out to the beaches, going roller blading, going swimming & dancing. Looking for a girl 23-25. Call Ext. 64386

ATHLETIC BUILD
SM I'm looking to have nice evenings out with some very nice ladies. I'm 6'11", with black hair 3 & an athletic build. Please call Ext. 47630

LIKES COMEDY CLUBS
SBM 1m 5'8", 150 lbs., with a medium complexion. I'm looking for a single Black woman 5'8" & under, who likes to have fun, I like sports, comedy clubs, concerts, etc. Call Ext. 47755

SEEKS ADVENTUROUS LADY
DBM Law school graduate, new to the Dallas area. Seeking an adventurous, non-smoking, health conscious Black female. I enjoy cooking, bowling, billiards, nursing, cycling, weight lifting & photography to name a few. Call Ext. 47738

MUSCULAR
SM 1m 25, 6' tall, 180 lbs., tan & muscular, with black hair & eyes. I have liquid eyes & a romantic heart. I like parties, reading, painting, auctions, movies, antiques, etc. Call Ext. 47827

LIKES PICNICS
SBM 1m 22, 5'11", with brown hair, eyes & an athletic build. I'm seeking a single White female. I'm looking for an athletic female who likes picnics, comedy clubs & new adventures. Call Ext. 47767

TAN
SM 29, 6', live in Austin, have a good tan. Like to have fun. Looking forward to talk to you. Call Ext. 47732

COMPANION
SM I have brown eyes & black hair. I'm looking for a companion to get to know. Call Ext. 47760

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
SM I'm seeking a lady 26 or older that is interested in dating in a serious relationship. Call Ext. 47955

SEEKING BLACK FEMALE
SBM Very attractive, 6', 180 lbs. Looking for a very attractive Black female. Leave a message. Call Ext. 47782

LIKES THE OUTDOORS
SM Professional. Enjoys the outdoors, hiking, cycling, climbing. Looking for a lady to enjoy life with. I would like to meet you. Call Ext. 817275

LIKES GOING TO THE MOVIES
SM I like having fun, camping, fishing & movies. Call Ext. 47770

LIKES TO HAVE FUN
SM In the military. Looking for a single female 20-30. Someone who likes to have fun. Someone who is looking for a monogamous relationship. Call Ext. 47560

LIKES TO DANCE A LOT
SM I would like to meet a female who likes to go out, have fun & dance a lot. I like all kinds of music. I'm 5'7", 170 lbs., good looking & clean cut. I'm looking for someone who is over 21, for conversations & having fun. Call Ext. 47582

CONSERVATIVE
SM Blue collar guy, 33, tall, slim & conservative. Love nature, animals, cats as well as dogs. I like rock music but I live a quiet life. Looking for an intelligent, attractive, employed girl in her 20's or 30's who has old fashioned values, including monogamy. Call Ext. 16849

GOOD PERSONALITY
SM I'm 5'8" & 150 lbs. I like sports, going to the movies, taking walks in the park, singing in the shower & working out. I'm looking for a girl who likes sports & singing in the shower. I'm looking for someone with a good personality & spend some quality time with. Call Ext. 47542

LOVE ANIMALS
SM 35, 5'7", short brown hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, social drinker. Enjoy outdoor activities, going to the beach, going for quiet walks & spending quiet moments at home watching videos. I love animals & kids (I have 3 sons). Would like to meet someone about 5'0" or shorter, under 140 lbs. Someones pet. You can be White or Oriental. Call Ext. 47388

GOOD SHAPE

SM 31, 5'8", 170 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, good looking, in good shape. I like, hike & canoe a lot. Looking for a girl who is similar to me & who is looking for some fun. Someone who knows how to communicate. Call Ext. 16794

LOVES BEING SPONTANEOUS
SBM 1m 30, 5'7", physically fit, attractive & have never been married. I'm looking for that someone special, with the same qualities as myself. I love the outdoors, all sports & being spontaneous like trying new things. Call Ext. 16768

LOVES WATER SKIING
SM 5'11", 165 lbs., light hair, blue eyes, considered handsome. I'm a successful business man. I like the outdoors, love water skiing & try to live life to the fullest. Searching for the right lady to possibly share our lives together. Call Ext. 16688

LIKES COUNTRY MUSIC
SM 30, 5'9", 190 lbs., well built, have dark hair & an olive complexion. I like to work out. I'm seeking a one on one relationship with a single White female, between 18-30. I like to see the outdoors, listening to classic rock, country music & you can tolerate listening to some Great Oldies every once in a while give me a call. I'm easy going, very financially stable, have a very good paying job & live in Northwest Houston. Call Ext. 47181

BE HONEST
SBM 1m 27, 5'5" & 135 lbs. I enjoy the outdoors & live entertainment. I'm interested in an attractive, outgoing, Black, White or Hispanic female 22 or younger, with a light complexion. Someone who's height and weight is proportionate. Should be drug free, honest and like to have fun. Call Ext. 47428

WELL GROOMED
SM I'm 26, employed, financially secure & well groomed. I like to spoil whoever I'm dating. I'm into my music & a bit of composing. The woman I'm looking for has to be well put together & intelligent. Please call Ext. 47587

LIKES NATURE WALKS
DWM 30, 6', 185 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, in the Army. I have 2 kids of my own. Interested in the outdoors such as hunting, fishing & taking naps. I'm interested in meeting a young White female 18-30. Call Ext. 47699

ATTRICULATE
SM 28, college graduate, employed, 6'2", 200 lbs. Looking for an intelligent, articulate, attractive girl to hang out with & hopefully get to know better. I'm a Christian. I love to work out & do outdoor things. Call Ext. 47678

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
SM I'm 25 years of age & 5'10". I like outdoor activities, staying at home, reading, etc. I would like to meet someone around my age group who would enjoy doing things together. Call Ext. 47671

SEEKS ASIAN LADY
SM Early 30's, employed. Looking to meet an Asian female for dating & friendship. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 47653

FRIENDSHIP
SBM 28, 6', 185 lbs. Seeking friendship with Asian females, 21-35. I'm fascinated by Asian women's intelligence, intelligence, beauty & charm. Call Ext. 47482

RACE NOT IMPORTANT
SBM 1m 22, 5'2", with brown hair & brown eyes. I love the outdoors, watching football games & playing racquetball. I'm looking for a single female between the ages of 20-25 years old, who has similar interests, for a serious relationship. Race is unimportant. Call Ext. 47084

HARD WORKER
SM 1m 24, 5'9", 140 lbs., a hard worker & business man. I'm looking for a comfortable & single female. No job proportionate & not over 5'5". Call Ext. 47688

HAVING FUN
SM I would like to meet a female who likes to go out, have fun & dance a lot. I like all kinds of music. I'm 5'7", 175 lbs., good looking & clean cut. I'm looking for someone who is over 21, for conversations & having fun. Call Ext. 47582

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SBM 1m 24, 5'9", 140 lbs., a hard worker & business man. I'm looking for a comfortable & single female. No job proportionate & not over 5'5". Call Ext. 47688

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The Wrong Moves Will Catch Up With You!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Reese Air Force Base, in our opinion, all or most of Lubbock and surrounding area citizens would like to see the base remain open. First let this writer say he was in the Air Force for 10 years, after basic training in San Antonio, Texas at Lackland Air Force Base, then moving on to (SAC) Strategic Air Command, for 10 years with a secret clearance and later a top secret clearance. So we know a little military strategy. Phil Gramm talking about Bill Clinton very bad, his remarks hit the wire service and national television, kicking the President while life parallels them in one way. They are both draft dodgers, both along educational reasons for not going into service. The word is, Hillary runs the White House; the word is also, Phil's new wife also runs him. So really, what's the difference.

The main is the present President has his appointee as Secretary of the Air Force as well as defense also.

The major problem with the Contract with America

is it is inhuman. When you cut out or back feeding the children, Head Start, WIC, etc., veterans benefits hospitals, clinics, pensions etc.

That's Lubbock's problem, people representing military when they were not military, paying \$10,000 dollars to a consultant to help us keep our base when the base he was on in Florida closed, then why? Sending a non-military group to Washington to deal with military strategists, in our opinion, was not the smartest move, no matter how good the intention.

We hope Reese will survive because of the Mahon magic, but with all the new kids on the block, one has to wonder if it is still there. To a degree, we hope.

Newt, one of the things with you is all the things you fought, you end up being in the same boat. Remember Jim Wright, former Speaker of the House from Texas? You almost single-handedly got rid of him for a book deal and guess what? You come up with a much bigger book deal. If you guys are not careful, along with Rush, you will unintentionally be Clinton's largest supporters, bad as you want to see him go.

Will G.O.P. Conservatives Make a Contract with Black America?

By Maurice A. Dawkins Special to NNPA

The Conservative Political Action Committee held their 22nd Annual Conference in Washington, DC, the same week as Abraham Lincoln's Feb. 12th birthday and the same month that we celebrate brotherhood and launch Black History observances.

Armstrong Williams, the rising star among conservative talk show hosts announced a March unveiling of his new book entitled the "Conscience of a Black Conservative." A black conservative slick cover magazine appears with General Colin Powell on the cover and the title of the feature article is "Are Conservatives ready for General Powell?" (presumably as a presidential candidate).

A black Conservative press conference gets nationwide coverage on C Span and the young unknown faces proclaim, we want the Republicans to sign a "Contract with Black America." Conservatives are reading the statistics which say 77% of the black Leaders are liberal and 77% of the black masses are conservative—about God & country, church and the Bible, morality vs. immorality, crime and punishment, prayer and abortion.

I was Just Thinking! What would the 1995 Republican Conservatives include in a 'Contract with Black America?' Remember the joke candidate Pat Buchanan made as he opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement and the bail-out of Mexico? He said: "The Republicans didn't make a contract with Bank America!"

Now, I can just picture Governor Pete Wilson of California proclaiming, "We didn't make a contract with Affirmative Action Advocacy Americans—we have a contract with Equal Opportunity Advocacy Americans." Or put another way We don't contract to guarantee the results we only guarantee the opportunity to get results. A opportunity society gives equal opportunity to blacks whites, browns, yellows and reds alike; an equal opportunity to succeed or to fail. As the late

Civil Rights icon, Justice Thurgood Marshall once said after the 1954 Brown vs. Topeka decision of the Supreme Court: "Now the smart white boys and the smart black boys will be together and the dumb white boys and the dumb black boys will be together. Smartness or dumbness will determine where you wind up in society not blackness or whiteness. That means the days of set asides and compensatory programs with special preference based on color is facing a phase-out period.

Race-based preference is going out of style and class-based preference is on its way in. The question again is What Are the implications for the idea of a GOP Contract with Black America?

I can't help thinking this idea of a special contract for blacks is dead on arrival. The whole idea of Martin Luther King, Jr. was that we will judge people by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. He advocated somebodiness for everybody and elimination of nobodiness everywhere. Every child of God was the brother of every other child of God and the world should be one neighborhood with one brotherhood under one God, the father of us all. "The Contract with America" has to be seen as a contract with all Americans black or white, brown or yellow or red. All Americans need jobs and economic security. All Americans need neighborhoods and schools free from crime and violence. All Americans need to know they will be defended against nuclear annihilation and the ravages of war and terrorism. All Americans need an equal chance to live a good life in a healthy environment and enjoy adequate healthcare, affordable housing and universal education. (To be continued).

Rev. Maurice Dawkins was a columnist for a Los Angeles newspaper and broadcast weekly on a Los Angeles radio station. He is currently involved in special research in alternative plans to reform the criminal justice system.

THIS N THAT

BLACK MEN NEED TO STAND UP!! THIS N THAT... reminds us of the adage... "IF YOU DON'T STAND FOR SOMETHING, YOU'LL FALL FOR ANYTHING"... Well, this is what's needed in... EAST LUBBOCK... that is... BLACK MEN... stand up... and make something happen... It is time for... BLACK MEN... to keep counting on our... SISTERS... to do what we should be doing ourselves... Shouldn't we feel ashamed that for so many years... as... BLACK MEN... we've allowed our... SISTERS... to stand up for us... when we're stronger... and hopefully... wiser... to take care of our own situation... When we as... BLACK MEN... allow our sisters... to stand up for us... then the... MAJORITY RACE... takes advantage of us and them... THIS N THAT... is not suggesting that the... BLACK SISTERS... shouldn't get involved... but rather... suggesting that... BLACK MEN... should be out front in situations which affect us as... BLACK PEOPLE... Now if you're a... BLACK MAN... and you are over... FORTY YEARS YOUNG... we're sure you can remember when the men... WERE OUT FRONT... Wonder what would the... OLDER PERSONS WHO WERE MEN CAME BACK AND SAW WHAT THE... BLACK SISTERS... are doing... If we had our... BLACK MEN... together... GANG PROBLEMS... and... OTHERS... wouldn't be as it is... Take the... RECENT SHOOTINGS... which are... WOUNDING AND KILLING OUR YOUNG BLACK MEN... These young... BUCKS... who are into this... GANG BANGING... just don't have any men to take them on... when they are on the... STREET CORNERS... and creating havoc in the community... THIS N THAT... receives many calls a week... from... BLACK SISTERS... who need help... because the young fellows are making things unbearable in their neighborhood... THIS N THAT... can remember... GROWING UP... and on several occasions... tried to enter the local pool hall... and was under age... when the age had to be eighteen... but the older fellows in the... POOL HALL... would not let... THIS N THAT... enter the pool hall... Now if we had this kind of... AN EFFORT... in the Black Community... it would curtail... some of the problems in our community... Of course... this would not be a cure-all... but it would bring back some... LIVABILITY... in our city... ANYWAY... THINK ABOUT IT... BLACK MEN... as we haven't been doing what we could do... if we would... COME TOGETHER... THIS N THAT... is not talking about a... SOCIAL ACTION CLUB... but men... doing what they should be doing... including...

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SPRING BREAK!! THIS N THAT... recognizes the fact that this is... SPRING BREAK... so take it easy... but if you are a... BLACK MAN... you need to... THINK LONG AND HARD... on what our... ROLES... will be in the... BLACK COMMUNITY... so our leadership will be felt all over the... community...

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I am writing to complain about the number of anti-Semitic articles which you have chosen to place on the front page of your newspaper during the last six months. The latest one is the piece on slavery in the Sudan. Mr. Malik Peter Simon identifies Charles Jacobs as "a Jewish guest" on Tony Brown's Journal—with the unmistakable implication that since he is a Jew, his comments are open to question.

As a Lubbockite of Jewish descent who has enjoyed wonderful personal and professional relationships with many members of the local Afro-American community over more than twenty years, I find these articles, which

seem to come from the propaganda section of the Nation of Islam, highly offensive. I realize that these articles are not written locally, and hopefully do not represent the opinion of most Lubbock residents of color; nonetheless they smack of racism and bigotry, and should be viewed critically by your editors and readers.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Broselow, M.D.

Editor's Note: That's your opinion; as far as we are concerned, your opinion only! Read our banner—For All People!!



There Was No Voter Mandate To Balance The Budget On The Backs Of Children

By Marian Wright Edelman

There is no doubt that millions of Americans went to the polls and voted for change last November. But we didn't vote to make millions of children poorer, hungry, homeless, or "orphans." And we certainly did not vote to balance the budget on the backs of children.

At a time when 15.7 million American children are poor, nine million children lack health care, tens of thousands are homeless, and a classroomful of children is killed by gunfire every two days, the reckless and radical federal budget cuts called for in the Republicans' "Contract with America" threaten our children and the nation's future.

Parts of the Contract and other budget proposals your U.S. senators and representatives are considering would make five million to six million children destitute by cutting off their benefits for life. Just one part of the Contract—the balanced budget amendment—would cut federal spending (except Social Security and defense) by an estimated 30 percent. What would happen?

- 7.6 million children would lose school lunches.
- 6.6 million children would lose Medicaid health care coverage.
- 4.3 million children would lose food stamps.
- 2 million young children and pregnant women would lose nutritional help through WIC.
- 1.9 million children would lose remedial

education through Title I.

- 629,000 children in child care and Head Start would lose subsidized meals.
- 231,000 blind and disabled children would lose basic income support through SSI.
- 222,000 children would lose the chance to participate in Head Start.
- And the families of 209,000 or more children would lose federal help paying for child care.

Especially alarming is the Contract's proposal to make potentially hundreds of thousands of children "orphans." States could keep part of the savings from punitive AFDC cuts and use the money for orphanages—expensive, government-run orphanages to care for children taken from their parents because the Contract's AFDC cuts left them no way to care for their own. In addition to services for children, those who are employed by these programs could also lose their jobs. If you are a child care worker and you lose your job, and your child loses Head Start, this would be a drastic blow to your entire family.

This so-called Contract—which the American people did not vote to enter into—would hurt all children. But because they are more likely to be poor, black children would suffer most. At least 2 million black children could lose welfare benefits, 77,000 fewer black children would attend Head Start, and Medicaid cuts would leave 1.5 million more black children without healthcare.

As a community we must demand that Congress reject proposals that would sacrifice our children or the budget star. We must tell our representatives in Congress to judge every proposal by whether it would hurt or help children. And we must let them know that we'll use the same criteria to judge their votes.

We are not saying that none of these programs should be changed—no one knows better than black folks that welfare needs changing! But we do insist that change be thoughtful and responsible rather than mean and reckless. Destroying 50 years of social policy, most of which have nothing to do with welfare, in a few short months would be foolhardy, and disastrous for today's children and tomorrow's America.

It's time for politicians to stop blaming welfare babies for the billion dollar deficits they—not the babies—voted for.

(A Black Community Crusade and Covenant for Protecting Children, a new report by CDF and the Black Community Crusade for Children, has more information about what the "Contract with America" would mean for our children. To order a copy for \$5.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling, contact CDF Publications, 27 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 202-662-3652.)

Marian Wright Edelman is the president of the Children's Defense Fund, a leading voice for children, and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), whose mission is to leave no child behind. For additional information on how you can join the Crusade, call 1-800-456-BCCC.

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Dr. King and a Redeemer: Another Great 1960's Doctor to Also Honor
By Keith Orlando Hilton

It is when we also acknowledge the role of other individuals and organizations that have contributed to the African liberation movement that we begin to honor the very best of the meaning of our great Martin King, Jr.

In 1995, as many attempt to recognize the best of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we have decided to write of another doctor who devised a strategy that addressed the very essence of this movement, a united Africa.

Today President Nelson Mandela of South Africa continues to speak highly of this other doctor. Dr. King, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X also spoke of him with the greatest of respect. We speak of none other than the 'Redeemer', the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the first President of Ghana.

Presently Minister Farrakhan and Kwame Ture (formerly Stokely Carmichael) are but two examples of the growing number of social and economic scientists impacted by this man, in fact, you can speak with nearly any social scientist today of African descent, conservative or liberal, capitalist or socialist and the reaction will almost be the same.

Ture, like Nkrumah, believes in the merits of Scientific Socialism. In a time when some Africans continue to refer to themselves as Marxists, Ture describes himself as an Nkrumahist.

Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was a revolutionary. He made his debut in politics in the mid 1940s. From the very beginning, he was forced to start his activities as a leader away from his home country—Ghana (then called the Gold Coast).

In terms of a Pan African concept of power, as a student at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, he was deeply influenced by the Honorable Marcus M.

Garvey.

It is interesting to note that over 30 years ago, Nkrumah was pleading with many African heads of states to join with him to establish a United States of Africa. Yet many could not comprehend his vision or were too selfish to contribute. To this day, one only has to look around the continent of Africa to see what many short sighted individuals have done to the greatest region on the planet.

Ironically, in 1990 several European nations began moving toward the same kind of structure while some "pseudo leaders" in Africa continue to hold on to their tiny pieces of power within the commonwealth. By the way, there are also plenty of weak heads of states throughout Europe as well—if not more.

Between 1945 and 1947, Nkrumah was a student in London at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

In 1947, he published his first book on the African movement. This book contained most of his ideas about how to organize and lead the national liberation movement.

Nkrumah's final message to people of African descent was expressed in the conclusion to his last book, "Revolutionary Path" in 1972; "The African peoples in solidarity with comrades in every part of the world have the means to banish all forms of oppression from our continent. A unified and socialist society in which the African Personality will find full expression can and must be constructed. There is victory for us."

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Students of the Dai-ichi Shotokan Karate-Do Dojo, the only black-owned martial arts school in Lubbock, participated in the 7th Annual "Best of the West" Martial Arts Tournament, which was held on March 4th, at Frenship High School. The participating students ranged from age 7 to 12. They competed by performing *katas* (forms), which are successive movements that represent fighting with an imaginary opponent, and *kyu-jitsu* (fighting). The students who participated were: Trey Mitchell, who won second place in forms; Megan De la Rosa, who won second place in forms and fight-

ing; Joshua Hill, Danny Jackson, Kasandra Klenclo, Justin Moore, Gabriel Nava, who won second place in fighting; Kristopher Nickson, who won third place in forms, and D.J. Thompson, who won third place in forms. Their instructor, Daniel Thompson, a third degree black belt in the Shotokan style, also competed and won second place in the soft forms category. All of the students performed excellently, a direct result of their hard work, discipline and adherence to the traditional martial arts teachings.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Are Lubbock Blacks Genetically Inferior to Whites



Continued from last week...

A white friend of mine told me that he wasn't prejudiced. I said to him that I was just like him—not prejudice. He said that he did not see any harm in the repatriation of Blacks to Africa I said I didn't see any harm in racist white folk catching a modern day Mayflower or swimming the Atlantic ocean back to England. My friend is fascinated by eugenics.

There is an organization called Pioneer Fund and it is described by the London Sunday Telegraph as a "neo-Nazi organization closely integrated with the far right in American politics." It is reported that the fund's mission is to promote eugenics, a philosophy that maintains that "genetically unfit" individuals or races are a threat to society. This same fund it is said, bought a dose of its poison

to California Prop 187 as a favorable financial sponsor.

GG reported 11/94 that the Pioneer Fund was set up in 1937 by Wickliffe Draper, a millionaire who advocated sending blacks back to Africa. GG stated the foundation's charter set forth the group's mission as "racial betterment" and aid for people "deemed to be descended primarily from white persons who settled in the original 13 states prior to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States."

Why all the fuss in 1994 and '95 about the genetic superiority of the white race. Why all the disturbance when Newt Gingrich comes to be Speaker of the House? I like old Newt. He's got more power than God. He's going to make African-Americans—both male and female—"shape up or ship out!" O yes! The reason for the fuss is because the "angry white male" is said to be really a "scared white male," and that the book entitled *The Bell Curve* written by Charles Murray and the late Richard Herrnstein has had a tremendous effect on "angry white males" in establishing an agenda on race. The New Republic saying of the book "that racism is a respectable intellectual position, and has a legitimate place in the national debate on race." I ain't prejudiced. Continued next week.....

We Thank God for Jesus

"Lord Something's Got A Hold On Me"

Mark 5:5 And always, night and day, he was the mountains, and storms, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

Lord, Something's

here??? I've only dirtied my mouth. I know those words are yet in my head. Lord, I know you're writing down everything I said.

Lord, Something's Got A Hold On Me

Mark 5:8 Jesus said unto him, come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Brothers and sisters, God loves you and wants you to experience peace and eternity in heaven. What you must do is admit you are a sinner, be willing to turn from sin (repent). Believe that Jesus Christ died for you and rose from the dead. Through prayer, invite Jesus to come in your life and control it. Receive him as your Lord and Savior. Amen.

Directed • Arranged • Produced • Guided by my Lord Jesus Christ. Written by Your Brother in Christ Jesus, Billy "B.J." Morrison, III. God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another always. Amen.



Got A Hold On Me,

It keeps me upset, and in misery. Lord, I got it in me long, long time ago. I've seen it kill people and me?? I don't know. But before it do!!! I am trying to kill it. I've tried to smoke it out with cigarettes. Lord, the only thing I am doing is causing myself harm. I know I am taking a chance on damaging my lungs.

Lord, Something's Got A Hold On Me

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the holy ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Lord, I've tried to drown it out of me, only to wake up with headaches, and in misery. I know this alcohol is hard on me, it may cause ulcers, and damage the kidneys.

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Lord, I've even tried to curse it out, but it's yet

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There's a book on you. Some of the chapters God has written haven't even been touched yet. Some of you are playing around in the index or you have spent your life in the table of contents. Perhaps you are twenty years old and you still don't know God's plan for your life. That's playing around on the contents page. You are still wondering what you are supposed to be. You haven't even started yet.

Others have jumped ahead of God's plan. Though his design calls for you to married in Chapter Seventeen, you get married in Chapter Two. You have ignored the things God wanted you to learn and experience in Chapters Two through Sixteen so you would be prepared for marriage in Chapter Seventeen. You have missed out on many experiences and discoveries because you moved ahead of God's schedule. Some people are so busy pecking into Chapter Seventeen they don't have time to live Chapters Two and Three and Four... or perhaps you have pulled Chapter Seventeen into Chapter Two so that the rest of the book is destroyed. You will never have the opportunity to experience all the chapters if you pull parts of later chapters into the early ones.

God wants to take you back to the beginning, because his plans far outreach your plans. His design for your life is so great that King David describes it as vast. You are thinking about being a teacher while God wants you to open a school. You have plans to be a clerk while God wants you to own the store. You

want to work in a neighborhood where God wants you to go to Africa. You often check yourself because you don't realize the potential you have. Why waste to be a decision when God wants you to own the house?

David says it this way: "God, when I look at your thoughts in the book on me, it's like all the gold in the ocean. Your thoughts are endless. I can't follow your confidence in me."

God designed you to live out the careful plans he has prepared for you. You're made in God's image. The plan he wrote for you is perfect and right. The detail or part is missing. You have the potential to live out all that God has planned for your life. Pray daily if you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. That's the first step toward understanding why you were born.

Though you've missed up God's perfect plan for your life, he graciously offers to write another book for you and give you a chance to start over. He comes and puts you back in Chapter One so you can live the many details of His plan. That's what being born again is all about. It's an opportunity to start over. It's finally getting back in the first chapter of God's Book on you. God has great plans for you—what's why he gave you life. Self-acceptance is the key to healthy self-esteem. Accept yourself as God made you. Allow his power to transform your weakness rather than belittling yourself when you make mistakes. Think about it, just be yourself.

Thought: God talks crazy, and if everything you're saying God said to you makes sense it ain't God! Let your faith work it out. And that's the truth.

Keep smiling out there. God loves you. Read your Bible. II Cor. 7:14, Mark 1:27-28, Luke 10:1. Pray about the pe-shaviors of the world. Call 806-763-5066, Lubbock, TX 79408.

D. Hood, Pres., Outreach Prayer, Inc.

Heart to Heart: Seven Ways of Winning—Step 2

By Gary Scoggins

In step one of the Seven Ways of Winning, we learned that you must know that you are called to be a winner in Christ. You may be asking the question "How can I know that I'm a winner?" To fully know something is to perceive the truth or to have practical understanding of the thing perceived. For you to really know that you are a winner in Christ, you must come to a greater knowledge of the word of God. Which is the second step, **Meditate on the Word.**

In the book of Joshua 1: 8, The Lord tells Joshua to meditate (to focus one's thoughts on) the word day and night and then he would prosper and have good success. Joshua was facing one of the most difficult times in his life, his mentor Moses had just died and he now had the great responsibility of leading three million people into a strange land to face very difficult times. In the tough times of life is when we need to keep our minds on the truth of the word of God. When the doctor says "all hope is gone," we know the word says, "I am the God that health thee." When the check book is empty and the bills are due. The word says, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory." If we are to rise above the negative circumstances of this world, we must have the understanding that God's word must be the driving force that compels us to victory.

In a world where there is a tremendous amount of negative, hopeless feelings and truth seems to be a

fleeting vapor. We must strive to keep our minds focused on the only absolute truth that still remains, which is the Word of God! In *Heb. 6:18*, we read that by His own word He made the earth and God cannot lie. If He has made you more than a conqueror through Him that loved us, (*Rom. 8:37*) then who are you to say or act like He's a liar by not believing what He says. Whether we say things out of our mouth that puts us in defeat or whether it is by our actions. What if Joshua would have said "Well, I don't know if I can or not." He would have died in the wilderness.

When you think of yourself as defeated you become defeated! Jesus said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." We become what we think or believe. If we will constantly meditate (focus our thoughts on) the word of truth, which tells us that we are overcomers. Then faith begins to arise in us and God comes on the scene in our behalf and does miracles as He did in Joshua's case. In the world we live in it is sometimes difficult to perceive this truth. The ability to do so, lies in understanding (or application of the word in our lives). Will you choose today to live by the negative voices that are around you or live according to the word of God by applying it to your life and watch Him do miracles for you! **Meditate on His Thoughts Toward You Today!** (*Ps. 139:17-18*)

Violence in the World - by Dalita Brown

When I wake up each morning, I think, Thank you, Lord, for blessing me.

With all the violence in the world today, We shouldn't make the

children pay.

What have the children done to make it like this?

NOTHING

The children have done nothing.

Joining gangs and doing drugs, Ending lives and pulling plugs.

Pulling plugs from someone's life, Would not lessa the children's strife.

Who is it that dies when drugs are sent? Future doctors, teachers, or maybe a president.

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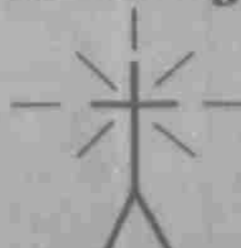
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DID YOU KNOW? - By Robert Taylor

DID YOU KNOW... that if you want your marriage to last a long time, it may be a good idea to avoid living in an area where there are a lot of single people. A study released last week by State University of New York professor Scott J South found that the more single people there are in a metropolitan area, the greater likelihood that a young couple will get separated or divorced.

DID YOU KNOW... that despite all the studies purporting to show that men and women think and see things differently, the bottom line is that regardless of sex, race or ethnic background "human beings" are much more alike than they are different. That essential fact should never be forgotten. Indeed, most of the differences across group lines are either superficial or they are of no great significance.

DID YOU KNOW... that the latest dental fad is the ultrasonic toothbrush. This device uses high frequency sound vibrations to clean teeth. The word is that it actually works, but not significantly better than the good, old-fashioned toothbrush.

DID YOU KNOW... that those of you who believe in astrology are in for a shock. An astronomer at Britain's Royal Astronomical Society calculates that the Zodiac is up to one month off. According to Jacqueline Mitton, because the Earth's relationship to the sun changes and because the Earth has shifted on its axis, the Zodiac actually has 13 months not 12. In addition, the constellations are not equal. Mitton says, for example, the sun only spends one week in Scorpio and more than a month in Virgo, Taurus and Pisces.

DID YOU KNOW... that every man reading this column is probably only half the man his grandfather was. The reason: Less sperm production. According to the latest evidence published recently in New England Journal of Medicine, sperm counts among today's men have dropped by over one-third over the past 20 years. But no one knows exactly why. Scientists suspect environmental pollution and diet changes.

DID YOU KNOW... (ladies) that you do not get enough exercise. A new government study (from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta) found that 75 percent of American women get little or no exercise during a typical month. Proper exercise (20 minutes a day, three times a week) can help ward off heart disease, breast cancer and osteoporosis.

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DID YOU KNOW... that this week's favorite quote comes from motivational expert Anthony Robbins: "It is not what we do once in a while that counts, but it is our consistent actions which determine our status in life."

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A hands-up for Africa A letter from Leon Sullivan

Africa is the forgotten continent in economic and world trade agreements. With a population of five hundred million and an expected growth to one billion by the early part of the next century, except for South Africa, Africa stands economically isolated and alone from the rest of the world.

Only when it comes to famine, disaster and widespread atrocities and death, does the world seem to care about Africa. This is especially true for businesses and human development.

As a banker friend said not too long ago, "Leon, when we come together to talk about investments and loans, Africa isn't even on the list." This omission must change while there is still opportunity and time. Africa stands at the crossroads. Either Africa will move more forthrightly in the direction of democracy, economic stability and free markets and become a principal player in the commercial and economic development growth of the world, or more and more we will see the young and the poor nations dragged down by massive debt that will never be repaid, deepening poverty, lack of education and jobs, and we will watch Africa go in the direction of greater division, violence and more Rwandas and Somalias.

For the sake of Africa's peace and progress and Africa's importance as the second largest continent in the world, America and others must see Africa in a new light. Many still think of Africa as a dark and backward place. A land of alligators, monkeys, savages and Tarzans. They do not see the potential of a great and emerging continent with the world's richest natural resources and the productive capability to stand equal with the rest of the world.

Exciting things are happening in Africa. There is a developing and surging desire on the part of Africans to improve their condition and their nations. A thirst for education is everywhere.

I have seen African boys and girls walk 20 miles each way to school to learn a skill to become more productive. All that Africans need now is the education, the technical assistance, the encouragement and the supporting resources and they will do the rest to develop their countries faster than many think. What others have done, Africa can do too.

There is talk about cutting back on American Foreign Aid to Africa and eliminating the Agency for International Development and the Development Fund for Africa. This would be unwise. It is especially important at this time that foreign aid from America for Africa not be diminished but that support be increased. You don't destroy something that has been helpful because some parts of it go wrong. Rather, you strengthen and keep what you have that works and remove the problems that exist by requiring better performance and accountability.

In spite of some failed programs, foreign assistance for Africa is working. I have seen the good being done across the continent. Children are being helped, people are being educated and lives are being saved. Thanks to American aid, thousands and thousands of African youth are being trained and placed in jobs; large numbers now have their own businesses; and many have become leaders in their own governments. These kinds of efforts and others like them must not stop. They are a lifeline for Africa's development.

Only seven percent of United States foreign aid goes to Sub-Saharan Africa, a minuscule amount compared with the United States support for other parts of the world. American assistance to Africans is less than \$2 per year for every man, woman and child, compared to as much as \$3,000 for each citizen of other supported nations. Africa is the poorest continent in the world and the most ravaged, pilfered and neglected. Greater attention to Africa must be given. United States support for Africa is no gift. America and other nations for centuries took away from Africa its people, its wealth and it is time that America and the world put something back.

More support from the Agency for International Development should go to Africa. Give Africa a bigger piece of the pie. And, the Agency for International Development should be kept independent for transparency and accountability to help the poor of the world, and not be divided up and relegated to some bureaucratic departmental controlled hinterland, where American foreign assistance, instead of helping the most needy, will be used to support projects, programs and nations for narrow political and ideological purposes, and with the truly distressed places like Africa placed even further back on the rear burner of American foreign assistance.

Also, greater efforts must be made by the American government to use African-Americans in the implementation of AID projects. There are those who do not want this involvement to happen.

For instance, there is a belief among some that reverse discrimination is being practiced in the issuance of grants to American black NGOs for projects in South Africa. When the fact is, that blacks have been left out of AID assisted projects in South Africa through the years because of the discrimination caused by Apartheid, and blacks in South Africa are now asking for African-Americans to provide greater developmental leadership in South Africa under the new government, because it is believed that African-Americans

can do a more effective job in relating to black South Africans in providing the necessary motivation for self-help, and self-improvement, and learning among the black population. African-Americans must be included more in the delivery of AID assisted programs to Africa.

Not to the exclusion of others, because this would be discriminatory; but let AID assisted projects to Africa in the future reflect greater participation of African-Americans, and their more significant involvement for the benefit of African people.

And greater assistance to Africa is a good investment. It is in America's interest, financially and otherwise to help Africa. If Africa is not given greater support for education, training, health and business development, many of the fledgling, weak and struggling countries will, in time, fall into chaos, and billions from America will be spent in military intervention and humanitarian aid, and in future years, there will be the loss of many American lives. As the moral and economic leader of the world, and with 40 million citizens of African descent, America should take the lead to see that aid for Africa is not left at the bottom of the foreign assistance barrel. America has an obligation to help Africa. America would not be what it is today without African-Americans. America can do better for Africa.

Also Africa is a land of opportunity. An entire continent is waiting to be developed. There is business to be done and money to be made for both Africa and America. There are cities to be expanded and built, a need for roads, electrification, telecommunication systems, irrigation, food production, factories, schools, hospitals, environmental programs, tourism and unlimited investment opportunities, all leading to the creation of untold numbers of new businesses and jobs for Africa, America and elsewhere.

And prospects are now especially bright with the technical and other assistance from the new free South Africa. By helping Africa to become strong and competitive, America helps itself with more jobs, more trade, more business, a greater availability of natural resources for industrial and military needs, and a closer tie to a valuable and pivotal geographic region in a volatile, dangerous and politically unsettled world. Things change. In the future, as unbelievable as it may now seem, Africa can be as important to American foreign interest as Europe and the Middle East.

More aid more African nations, once saddled by colonialism, some by Communism, and some by heavy dictatorial and selfish rule, are supporting open free market principles and the promotion of democracy, human rights and democratic values. This is the time for America to show its economic and moral strength to help with the development of a struggling continent that is striving to rise and move ahead. It is a challenge for America that must not pass.

Also, African-Americans have an important direct role to play in Africa's future, in addition to greater assistance by the United States government. The time has come for African-Americans to join with Africans in 'self-help' to assist with the needs of Africa. Black Americans have more professionally trained people and have more financial resources than all other blacks combined in Africa and the rest of the world.

As the Jew helps Israel, as the Polish helps Poland, as the Irish helps Ireland, so African-Americans must help Africa with schools, teachers, doctors, nurses, architects, lawyers, engineers and investments, and in any way they can, work hand in hand with Africans in the development of Africa.

Further help for Africa on a greater scale must involve African-Americans and the Black Diaspora. Black Americans must not just rely on others to help Africa, but most do more to help Africa themselves.

It is our aim at the Third African-American Summit to be held in May in Dakar, Senegal, to help make this 'Help for Africa,' a reality, and to engage thousands, even millions of African-Americans and friends of Africa to become partners in the development of Africa's poorest countries in education, health, food and jobs on a scale never before attempted; and at this Summit, to bring Africa to the forefront of American and world attention.

There is something more of great importance for America in this appeal. Greater attention to Africa by America will help with the building of greater self-pride among many African-American youth who have had little knowledge of their past through the years and have been brainwashed into believing they are inferior and less capable than others.

If you don't know where you came from, you will not know where you are going and you will not believe in yourself. For America, building more jails without building more pride is not the answer to our youth problems.

But for African-American youth with a heightened knowledge of their heritage, and witnessing the emergence of a new rising and stronger Africa, these young people will gain a new sense of pride about themselves and something hopeful and positive to look forward to, including partners in the development of a motherland.

Needed now is not a hand out, but 'A Hands Up' for Africa; and a turning of Africa by the United States with greater assistance, and not a turning away. And the Africans will do the rest.

BUSINESS EXCHANGE By William Reed Affirmative Action: Who Benefits?

With the American economy at its highest peak in years, African-Americans who haven't made sufficient inroads in jobs and career upward mobility during the last 30 years may be in deep trouble. To many, if not most, among U.S. legislators, the concept of affirmative action may be an idea whose time has come and is now gone.

But, defenders of affirmative action continue to talk about its moral justification, symbolic importance and political necessity. Rev. Jesse Jackson, who has formed a coalition of blacks, women and others, says, "Affirmative action is under attack. The Republicans want to rip it. Instead of identifying the nation's real problems and finding solutions, many are perpetrating falsehoods and spreading myths blaming the weakest in our society for the excesses of the few. The new Republican congressional majority is using affirmative action to divide our nation for political gain." The president of Blacks in Government (BIG), Oscar Eason, said the critics of affirmative action contend that it is not only necessary, that it discriminates against white males, and that it denigrates the very people it is designed to help. Eason says, "Segregation against minorities and women is still very much alive and doing well in America. While recognizing that affirmative action has not and will not solve all the problems of racial discrimination in hiring, training, and promotions, it is one tool that we cannot afford to lose at this time."

Even many in big business have jumped into the fray for affirmative action and against government legislators. National Bank Chairman/CEO Hugh McColl has entered the debate as a defender and practitioner of affirmative action. McColl believes that as the private sector seeks to go further than the original goals of affirmative action, government appears to be abandoning the program's original terms. He says that there has been a tendency for affirmative action to be transformed from a useful business principle and shared objective, to a regulatory requirement. "I am bothered by recent ideological attacks against the purposes of affirmative action. Its opponents claim that it has fulfilled its mission and should be abandoned. I disagree. We all want to reach Martin Luther King's ideal of a society whose members are judged solely by the content of their character and not the color of their skin." And we are closer to that ideal today than ever before. But deep-seated prejudices remain—and will not correct themselves," says McColl, who is a born and bred Southerner.

Even among African-Americans questions abound about the results of affirmative action.

While some blacks have managed to attain the middle-class income level, fully 36 percent are still below the poverty rate. Many of the blacks who enjoyed the benefits of 30 years of affirmative action have moved to the suburbs and their children are enjoying the fruits of affirmative action, having left poverty-stricken inner-city blacks with little hope of better opportunities, with or without such programs. Also, black women, who represent two strokes on the affirmative action ledger, one for being black and the other for being female, have gained significantly more in the employment picture than black males. And, the biggest winner of all from affirmative action has been white women, who have moved up the corporate ladder and acquired more government contracts than black males or females.

Affirmative action advocates have to overcome significant opposition. Among those who are jockeying for the 1996 presidential primaries, affirmative action is a potentially divisive issue. It is being viewed in most segments of American society as part of the intrusive and continuously inefficient big government. Republicans Robert Dole, Phil Gramm and Lamar Alexander have all stated that it is time to end the policy of racial preferences and affirmative action, with Dole calling for "A colorblind society." Gramm said that as president he would "Overturn quotas, preferences and set-asides," while Alexander said, "Equal opportunity in this country does not mean treating people as groups." These three, and even President Clinton, who says that affirmative action "Should be reviewed," are attempting to court the throne "Angry white males" who changed the country's Congress last November.

But, Rev. Jackson points out that much of what is being banttered around about the effects of affirmative action against white males is myth. He says that: White males are 33 percent of the population but, 80 percent of the U.S. House of Representatives, 92 percent of members of the Forbes 400 richest people in America and 80 percent of the tenured professors in the country. His data shows that there is hardly "Widespread discrimination" as a result of affirmative action.

After all the talk from the proponents (who've all done well from the program), and opponents (who are mostly career politicians playing it safe), the bottom line for the man still standing on the corners of Black America is "Has affirmative action as we know it today work fairly for them?" Or a better question for all readers to ponder is, "Has affirmative action worked for, or against you?"

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Co-Sponsors African-American Legislative Summit

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), will convene Members of the Congressional Black Caucus along with Black Elected Officials from across the country for the "African-American Legislative Summit", March 31-April 1, 1995. The conference will be held at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The African-American Legislative Summit will bring together Congressional Black Caucus Members and Black state and local elected officials to examine strategies and viable solutions to critical national legislative and public policy issues facing Black America. The elected officials will also develop an action plan to counter the proposed GOP legislation surrounding *Contract with America* addressing issues including: Affirmative Action, Welfare Reform, the Crime Bill, the Balanced Budget Amendment, Unfunded Mandates, and Housing and Urban Development.

"Because the GOP controlled Congress has proposed legislation that will dramatically impact Black communities across the nation, Black elected officials from all regions of government must, now more than ever, join together to defend the liberties of African-Americans," said Mr. Quentin Lawson, Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. "This conference will be an historical and monumental gathering in which Black political leaders will discuss the impact of these legislative initiatives, and develop new alternatives to assist African-Americans, especially the poor and

disadvantaged."

The first of its kind, the Legislative Summit is an expansion of the CBCF's Annual Legislative Conference, which for 24 years has provided a national forum for the exploration of legislative and public policy issues. Throughout the conference, Members of the Congressional Black Caucus will conduct workshops on legislative issues of particular interest to African-Americans. In addition, there will be a reception on Friday, March 31, 1995, and a breakfast and luncheon on Saturday, April 1, 1995.

The conference is being convened by six organizations including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. They include: the Congressional Black Caucus; the National Association of Black County Officials; the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO); the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

Established in 1976, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is a non-partisan, non-profit, public policy, research and educational institute which works to broaden and elevate the influence of African-Americans in the public policy arena. Congresswoman Cardiss Collins (IL-7) is Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

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