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NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SURVEY

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BLACK BUSINESS GROUP FIGHTS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

NEW YORK, NY—Faced with a major assault by members of the Republican party, some of the nation's wealthiest black owned businesses has formed a political action committee to fight for affirmative action programs. The programs, which have been around since the 1960's are designed to give preferential treatment to minorities and women in the awarding of scholarships, business contracts and employment. The original aim of the programs was to make up for past discrimination against particular groups. But since the Republicans took control of the Congress last November, the programs have become the target of a massive assault charging that they discriminate against white males. But the new black political action committee asserts that the programs have worked, not only for minorities, but for the entire nation. In full page advertisements taken out in some of the nation's leading newspapers last week, the Black Enterprise Task Force declared, "we support candidates who embrace equal opportunity and oppose those who don't." The task force is composed of some of the leading firms on the Black Enterprise magazine list of top 100 black businesses in the nation.

BLACK LAWYER SET TO BECOME FIRST BLACK MAYOR OF DALLAS

DALLAS, TX—By winning an astounding 62 percent of the vote, lawyer Ron Kirk last week entered the history books as the first black man to be elected mayor of Dallas, Texas—a city which has traditionally placed only white conservatives in office. Kirk ran a non-racial campaign and instead emphasized a platform of pro-business, anti-crime and opposition to rising property taxes in the city. However, Kirk was well-connected in the Texas white power establishment. He was a former aide to then-Senator Lloyd Bentsen and he was secretary of state under former governor Ann Richards. He said of his victory, "Dallas has the opportunity to become the capitol city of North America, the gateway to the largest free trade zone in the world." Kirk is 40.

BLACK WEALTH BUILDING CONFERENCE SET FOR LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, KY—The Better Life Club of America—a Washington, D.C.-based black wealth building organization—has been conducting a series of day-long wealth building seminars in cities around the nation for approximately two years. The next city on the list is Louisville, Kentucky. The wealth building seminars are designed to show African Americans how to build personal and family wealth through starting home-based businesses, investing and through the use of multi-level marketing. There are also credit repair, financial planning and self-motivation sessions. Interested persons can contact the Louisville co-sponsor of the event Corbin Seavers at 502-637-7970 or call the national offices of the Better Life Club at 609-748-1821.

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JUST THINKING Can Black On Black Crime And Youth Violence Bring Conservative & Liberal Blacks Together?

By Maurice A. Dawkins

"When we all get together what a day of rejoicing it will be," was the key line in a hymn we used to sing in Sunday School about heaven.

When Jesse Jackson unveiled his plan to work through the black churches to take on the problem of gang warfare, random killings, gun-toting youth and violence in the streets and schools in the black community, he hit the right target.

When Ben Chavis went to the summit meeting of violent youth gangs continuing his United Church of Christ outreach mission to change the minds and behavior of young black males, he touched the right nerve.

When T. Willard Fair, former mayor of Miami, says the civil rights revolution now has to be followed by a child development revolution...he focuses on the right crisis.

When Eob Woodson, grass roots organizer in America's housing projects and urban neighborhoods dramatically describes the fears of a man walking through a ghetto street suddenly surrounded by six young black men, he pictures the problem in the right way.

Whether it is Operation PUSH, the NAACP, the Urban League, the YMCA, TRIP, People Against Crime, Neighborhood Empowerment, or any other civic minded leadership such as black conservatives, i.e., Tony Brown, Tom Sowell, Rev. E.V. Hill or Armstrong Williams etc. this is a problem that our people must face honestly, tackle quickly and solve immediately together.

If it is true that God helps those who help themselves, I WAS JUST THINKING: "Black America should adopt the late Dr. Rolark's Black United Fund slogan "The only people who can save us for us is us."

That is why I was so impressed at the Black-on-Black Crime summit in Miami co-sponsored by the Florida Office of Attorney General Janet Reno and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

(N.O.B.L.E.). As I listened with amazement to the Police Chief of Charleston South Carolina advocating a return to the truancy laws that worked so well for 60 years in this country, I realized that we need to go back to what worked when my generation was growing up. The truancy officers didn't need any big budgets because the kids were either in school or at home. If they weren't, the truancy "law" picked them up and took them there. I served briefly as a truancy officer in Harlem where we had teenage gang warfare and killings (10 in one block in three months) in the summer months. In the winter, fall and spring, the police, the truancy officers, the teachers and parents reduced juvenile violence by 90 percent. Hard to believe? Check it out! Look up the record of truancy law enforcement in your town... Or write the Charleston, South Carolina Police Chief Charles Austin.

Then there was the Chief of Staff of the Broward County Sheriff's Office, Henry Templeton. His Topic: "Gang Violence: More Than Law Enforcement." His team made a presentation that was "out of sight! fantastic!" as my kids used to say. As I watched the films of the Boot Campers' discipline and morale and self-esteem developing, I thought back to the CCC Camps (Civilian Conservation Corps) of my day. It worked. Graduates of CCC Boot Camps became congressmen, community leaders, business tycoons, religious pioneers, nurses, soldiers, teachers, union leaders and hard-WORKING, TAX PAYING, Bible reading citizens who played by the rules. Hard to believe? Check it out! Look up the records of CCC alumni in your town.

There was much much more that was great about the 10th Annual Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community. But I must share with you the presentation of the Urban League's T. Willard Fair, the 1995 Protestant of the Year Awardee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He focused on the morality dimension of the prob-

lem. He focused on the home and took us back to the days when if you did wrong, you knew it was wrong and your parents told you that you would do right or they would personally "kill" you. He quoted that old saying, "I brought you into this world and I can take you out!" He said we must have seven "R's": Redesign the criminal justice system; redirect and refocus federal and local resources; retrain our entire community and institutions; reconnect with God, faith, hope and the 10 Commandments and finally, regentrification, creating, conserving and expanding housing stock and developing caring and sharing neighborhoods. His urban league is making Miami's Liberty City a demonstration project zone to put the seven "R's" to the test.

Those who want a copy of the conference proceedings should write the office of U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. She couldn't make it as the scheduled keynote speaker. The terrible heartbreaking tragedy of Oklahoma City took precedence. Yet, her spirit was there and the message from her place by the side of President Clinton was clear: This juvenile crime crisis is a crisis bigger than Democrats and Republicans, bigger than liberals and conservatives, communists and capitalists.

Crime and especially juvenile crime can destroy the order and beauty of the human family, the humanitarian society and the Judeo-Christian culture. The black-on-black crime is making certain that 80 percent of the prisoners in jails are black and 70 percent of the funerals from gun killings are young blacks. It has got to stop! We have got to come together in spite of our differences to pray together and stay together until we turn this crisis into an opportunity to build a better tomorrow for the next generation and a better today for this one.

Juneteenth Events

- Thursday, June 15, 1995 "Man and Woman of the Year" 7:00 PM
Mae Simmons Community Center
Dr. Carroll "Butch" Thomas—Speaker
Superintendent Public Schools, Houston
Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Friday, June 16, 1995 Reception of Honor for Grand Marshall
7:00 pm Attorney John F. McCormick
Travis County Attorney's Office, Austin, TX
7:45 The Latest in Fashions
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Mae Simmons Community Center
- Saturday, June 17, 1995 10:00 a.m. "Parade Start Time"
(All entries will assemble in the east parking lot of
Lubbock Civic Center at 9:00 a.m. for formation)
Grand Marshall: Attorney John Fitzgerald McCormick
Travis County Attorney's Office, Austin
Dunbar High School Graduate, Class of 1983
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Volleyball—Sr. Citizens Dominoes
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- Saturday 8:30—11:30 p.m. Youth/Young People Dance
13 to 17 Years of Age Only
Mae Simmons Community Center
- Sunday, June 18, 1995 Religious Activities
4:00 pm Guest Speaker: Rev.
"Old Fashioned Gospel Singing"
Special Guest: All Church Choirs
Quartets • Soloists
Children—Youth—Young People Groups
Lubbock and Surrounding Towns Are Invited to Attend as Well as Participate
- Monday, June 19, 1995 Community Center Arena
6:30 pm "A Celebration of Freedom"
Guest Speaker: Rev.
Skits • Drama • Poems • Freedom Songs
Gospel Singing: MLK Youth/Young People Choir
Mass Federation of Choirs
Specials: Church Youth Departments and Directors

"Let's All Blend Our Forces in a Celebration of Freedom"

Reunion Update

Dunbar exes are still paying their fees for the upcoming all-class reunion that starts July 7th, and we're excited about that type attitude! It's not too late for you to get in on the activities and having attended Dunbar is NOT a requirement for participation. Mail your check or money-order today to our post office box or call us at 794-6543, and we'll be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am on Friday, July 7th at Holiday Inn Loop 289. The price is \$100.00 for an individual and \$150.00 for two. If you're going to register on-the-spot during the 7th, you will need to bring a money-order in the amount of registration. Cash is not preferred. Remember: your registration fees cover the cost of all events except golf and bowling. Don't forget to sharpen your card and domino skills for Friday, the 7th because your association has reserved space at Holiday Inn Loop 289 just for those purposes. You'll be able to laugh, talk, remember, joke, and have a-whale-of-a-time! Who could want to miss this!

DUNBAR ALUMNI INTERNATIONAL, INC appreciates the cooperation of the Southwest Digest, the Avalanche Journal, and other media for their assistance in helping us get the word out and inform the public of our efforts. THANKS!

Why not attend the next meeting of Dunbar Alumni International, Inc.? It will be held Sunday, June 25th at 5:00 pm in the Dunbar library, and you are welcome to attend. In fact, you are encouraged to attend!



Do you know these folks? They are Octavia and R.J. Givens, owners of Givens Real Estate. They are just two of many who will be attending Dunbar's all-class reunion starting July 7th. R.J. will represent the classes of the 50's as he "remembers the good times!"

Ring of Black Roses, Inc. Awards Annual Scholarships



Beneath My Wings" and other songs. Ms. Amanda Walker, last year's recipient told this year's graduates about things to expect when they get to college.

On Saturday, June 3, 1995, The Ring of Black Roses, Inc. held its annual Scholarship Banquet at the Parkway Neighborhood Center. The speaker for the evening was Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Community Church. He spoke to the graduates about "On Your Mark." Mr. Gary Bunton provided entertainment with his special rendition of "Wind

The \$500 scholarship was awarded to Ms. Cendia Stanford of Estacado High School, who was not present. The first runner-up was Ms. Patricia Jones of Slaton High School who will benefit if Ms. Stanford forfeits her award. Receiving smaller awards were Natalie Brown, Felicia Jones, Christie Cage, Griselda Perez, Patrick Campbell and Kendrick Turner.

The Ring of Black Roses is a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to raise funds for minority scholarships. The recipient is eligible to reapply at the end of each successful academic year. Mrs. Renetta W. Howard is president of the organization and Mrs. Rose K. Wilson is the scholarship chairperson.



Ruby Jay's Corner

Services at the New Hope Baptist Church were great last Sunday. It all began with Sunday School with the Youth of the church in charge. We are proud of these young people. During the morning services, the Male Chorus sang some wonderful songs. They were very good. Pastor Billy R. Moton brought greetings from the meeting held in Mineral Wells, Texas last week. The hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "The Danger of Doubting the Word of God." His scripture text was Numbers 14:11-12. Two persons united with the Church by Christian experience. Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Let us give a special prayer for Sister Winnie Knighton and her children. Dorothy Slaughter was funeralized last Tuesday morning at New

Hope Baptist Church. Her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, was funeralized just eight days before her service. Our love, sympathy and prayers are with this family.

Sister Elnora Dyer lost her sister. Remember her in your prayers. As well as the Stephanie Moore family. Also the Klerco and Ada Mitchel families.

Sadness comes to all of us. Just remember God is still on the throne. Keep praying for those who are in this kind of posture.

Rita Kinner Davis, her daughter and granddaughter spent last week in the "Hub City." They were visiting her brother, Bubba Kinner, who had knee surgery. Her father is H.C. Kinner. Ruby Jay is a aunt. Rita's husband came for them last Saturday.

The W.M.S. of New Hope served the men last Saturday with a Pre-Father's Day dinner. The men enjoyed it very much. They were saying "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!"

Mrs. S.R. Roberts really needs your prayers. Her last daughter passed away Sunday evening. Services are pending at this report.

Summer Outings Information destination: Six Flags, Astro-World, Houston, Texas. For more information, call New Hope Baptist Church, 744-3352. Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor.

National Black News Survey

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EDUCATIONAL GAINS NOT HELPING MOST BLACKS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Education was supposed to be the thing which lifted blacks to economic and social equality with whites. But a study released last week concludes that African-Americans are falling further behind whites in wages and employment rates although the educational gap between blacks and whites has narrowed significantly in recent years. For example, explains study author Jared Bernstein of the Economic Policy Institute, in 1993 the median level of education achieved by black males over age 25 was 12.6 years. This compares to 12.8 years for whites. But the study found that there had not been a corresponding increase in wages and employment for blacks. Indeed, says Bernstein, "black wage and employment gains have generally been negative relative to those of whites."

INMATE FILES SUIT OVER "RACIST" CHAIN GANG

BIRMINGHAM, AL—An Alabama prison inmate has filed a \$100,000 suit against the Governor Fob James, Jr. for forcing him to work on the state's new chain gang. Alabama reinstated the chain gang recently in what was described as a bid to reduce crime. However, there is no evidence that chain gangs, which used to be very common in the South, accomplish that purpose. Michael Anthony Austin is alleging that being forced to work on a chain gang violates his civil rights. Historically, chain gangs in southern states were primarily populated by black inmates and were thus often viewed as being a racist form of punishment.

PAGEANT RECRUITING BLACK CONTESTANTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant has chosen Washington, D.C. as the location for its 1995 international beauty and talent competition. Pageant organizers are currently accepting qualified contestants for the October competition which is expected to feature young ladies from 50 U.S. cities and at least 20 foreign countries. The top prize includes a \$10,000 cash award. Interested young ladies can receive information and registration materials for preliminary pageants in their areas by writing Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Washington, D.C. 20035.

PEACE MAY BE COMING TO ANGOLA

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA—One of the longest running and bloodiest wars in Africa appears to be over. Last week Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos met for two hours with rebel leader Jonas Savimbi in the neighboring nation of Zambia and emerged from the meeting embracing and pledging to implement a United Nations brokered peace accord. Savimbi supported earlier by the United States and then-white ruled South Africa—led a bloody civil war against the leftist Angolan government. Since the fighting began in 1975 as estimated 500,000 people have been killed. The question remains as to whether the unpredictable Savimbi will honor the peace. That prospect became more likely a few months ago when his UNITA fighters were handed several major defeats by Angolan government forces.

Wedding Vows Set for Phea/Norvell



Wedding vows will be exchanged between Dorothy B. Phea and Homer L. Norvell, Sr. of Kaufman, Texas on Saturday, June 17, 1995 at the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church.

Ms. Phea is principal of New Directions of the Lubbock Public Schools. She received her degree in Elementary Education from Texas College, Tyler, Texas; Master's degree in counseling and administration from Texas Tech University.

The future bridegroom received his Bachelor of Science degree from Houston Tilloson College, Austin, Texas; Master's degree in Health Education, Prairie View University, Prairie View, Texas; and Master's degree in counseling, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. He is a rancher in Kaufman.

Brown/Robinson Exchange Wedding Vows in Las Vegas



Wedding vows were exchanged at Graceland Wedding Chapel Tuesday, June 6, 1995 for Peggy Jean Brown and Bob Hope Robinson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James A. Harris, and is employed at University Medical Center as a Pharmacy Technician.

The groom, son of Mr. Sammie D. Thomas and Mrs. Norma Austin, is employed at Excel's Plainview Division, Plainview, Texas.

The couple will reside in Lubbock.

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10th Anniversary Picnic Committee Senior Citizens Juneteenth

Ten years ago, Joe Hatchett got a group of men to provide \$20.00 each for food for an Old Fashioned Juneteenth Celebration. All intentions were to feed only senior citizens, but the large number of people desiring to eat turned into food for all. Some 300 people were fed at the park and over 75 dinners were taken to house-bound individuals. Dinners for house-bound people were discontinued due to many hale and hearty people seeking home delivery.

The first year, there were over 30 men involved in the preparation; in 1995 only 17 men actively participated in the year-long preparation, stated Joe Hatchett. However, these 12 men get more done effectively and efficiently, than the original 30, he added. We started with a tent provided by the 413th Reserves, but thanks to the Lubbock Black Chamber and Parks and Recreation, we now have a lovely pavilion to sit under, Joe continued. "My dream," Joe stated, "is to see Mae Simmons Park full of people celebrating Juneteenth like it was when I was small back in Hearne, Texas, and the Picnic Committee feeding all of them."

Abuse caused by non-members caused the committee to stop seeking donations on a wide scale from businesses; we now ask only a select group of businesses, said Robert Hines, Committee President. The majority of funds for the picnic are raised from cook-outs, membership dues and select donations. In 1985, we fed around 300 people and last year we fed over 3500, not including the food sent to Parkway Manor Nursing Home to feed its residents, Robert added. Jeff White the youngest member, stated, "I enjoy doing something positive for the community, especially senior citizens. Giving up some Saturdays for a fund-raising cook-out, staying up all night cooking and then spending all day feeding people, takes a lot of time and work, but it's worthwhile when just one senior citizens says THANK YOU," White added. Fred White, Vice President, stated, "It takes a lot of work and coordination to put on an event like this. I want to give praise to the Lord for giving all of us the strength and knowledge to get things ready and special kisses and hugs to our wives who give that smile of approval each time we go out to do something for the Senior Citizens Juneteenth Picnic."

The menu for this year, the choice of two meats, either ribs, sausage, or brisket, beans, potato salad, dessert and drink. We are hoping to have chicken and goat. EVERYTHING FREE AND DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED. So be at MAE SIMMONS PARK, at HIGH NOON, on SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1995. Come early, it's FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, with SENIOR CITIZENS as our Guests of Honor and treated SPECIAL.

Committee members are: Joe Hatchett, Founder; Robert Hines, President; Fred White, Vice President; Marvin Turner, Treasurer; Dwight Pierce, Secretary; Garland Holms, Jeff White, Elton Ratliffe, Billy Joe Hines, Bill Lewis, Buford Wiley, Oscar Sharp.

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Parsonage Mission Day Center
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Parsonage Mission Day Center, 2001 W. 10th St., Lubbock, Texas, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The center has been a vital part of the community since its founding in 1985.

During the past year, the center has seen many wonderful things. Along with the staff, the center has seen many wonderful things.

Parsonage Mission Day Center, with three friends, visited the parsonage last Wednesday. They also visited her mother, Lucille Virginia.

Members of the Parsonage Baptist Church, with eight members, had a special service at the center last Tuesday evening.

After Ann Day, several of the residents had Wednesday morning. She works with SPCA, and visits Rev. W.H. Stephens on Wednesday evenings with his Bible Study classes. It is a blessing that is for the residents.

Last Wednesday evening, Rev. W.H. Stephens had his weekly Bible Study. It is a blessing that is a wonderful thing that Wednesday morning.

Also last Wednesday, Brother Birmingham, a member of the Hope Deliverance Temple Church—where Elder Charles Turner is proud pastor—visited with all the residents. It is always good to see him visit the center.

Last Wednesday evening, members of the Parsonage Drive Baptist Church, with ten members, held worship services for the residents.

While Howard and Rosevelt Walker visit 3 Curtis Bell on his Thursday afternoon.

Howard Lewis, visited his brother, Karl Lewis, last Saturday afternoon. What a wonderful time they had together.

Here's a good week, and keep praying!
"Angel of Mercy"
Sister Annie Day.

An angel of Mercy, God had sent this way, I speak of His servant, Sister Annie Day. A messenger of love; a renewer of life. This Godly woman is the picture of a preacher's wife, rolling with the elders. A trying job, but this Sister is loving. These golden years, sickness robs from those whom life has dealt a hard hand.

From those whose hearts are almost out of sand, I salute the great woman, and her mission to give hope. For those who feel they are at the end of their rope, we praise His perseverance, to keep a Golden Smile in the presence of those walking their last mile.

We salute her character. It speaks from her heart. For only would have dropped out of this race, right from the start.

And God is surely proud in the work this Sister does. Brave and honest, soed and true. And when in Your presence, not a lot must be say for her works are her testimony. —Sister Annie Day!

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Annie Sanders Matthews



Dual services were held for Mrs. Annie Sanders Matthews in Dallas and Lubbock. The Dallas services were held at the New Lancaster Community Baptist Church, with Rev. L.H. Cleaver, pastor, officiating, Saturday afternoon, June 3, 1995.

Monday, June 5, 1995, services were held at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Memorial Gardens under the direction of Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Directors of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Matthews passed away Wednesday, May 31, 1995. Pallbearers were Bennie Jordan, Sammie Sanders, Billy Torrence, Crosby Martin, Karl Lampkin, and Jim Gayton.

Honorary pallbearers were Kevin Edwards, Eddie Dixon and Deacons of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. Mrs. Matthews was born October 13, 1947 in Lubbock, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Sanders. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1966, and also received a degree in nursing from St. Mary's School of Nursing. In 1967, she married O.C. Lewis, and October 29, 1987, she married John Matthews, Sr. She was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, where the late Rev. A.L. Davis was her pastor. In the late 1970s, she moved to Dallas, Texas and joined the New Lancaster Baptist Church, with Rev. L.H. Cleaver as her pastor. She was active in Senior Mission work, Sunday School teacher, Bible teacher, and Prayer Partner to many. She leaves to mourn her passing: husband, John Matthews, Sr.; a stepson, John, II; stepdaughter, Rochelle Matthews; grandson, John III; granddaughter, Shundrell Thomas, all of Dallas, Texas; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie O. Sanders of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers—Lawrence and David Sanders, both of Lubbock, Texas and Mark Sanders of Fort Worth, Texas; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, many other relatives and friends.

Charles R. Childress



DALLAS, TEXAS (SPECIAL)—Final rites were held for Charles R. Childress at the Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, with Rev. T.J. Prince, pastor, officiating, on Tuesday, June 6, 1995.

Active pallbearers were Ricky Wilson, Raymond Davis, Alphonso Smith and Donald Ray Davis.

He was born July 28, 1932 in Mart, Texas to the parentage of the late Rev. Robert and Mazie Childress. He received early religious training at St. Luke Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas at an early age, under the pastorage of the late Rev. Robert Reed. A graduate of Dunbar High School in 1949, he continued his education at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. He served four years in the United States Army.

He passed away May 31, 1995 in Dallas, Texas. Preceding him in death were Rev. Robert and Mazie Childress; two sisters—Dorothy Gibson and Dottie Johnson; one brother, Elder Robert Childress.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Rubie Stafford Childress; three daughters: Shawn Childress, Sheshone Martin and Rita Childress, all of Fort Worth, Texas; three sons: Tyrone Jackson, Kenneth Childress and Glenn Childress of Fort Worth, Texas; three other daughters: Sanita Childress of Denver, Colorado, Deidra Taylor and Angela Thompson of Fort Worth, Texas; six sisters: Emma Crump and Jerlene Davis, both of Dallas, Texas; Junie Hodges of Lott, Texas; Bessie Franklin of Mart, Texas and Lessie Bailey; to brothers: Otho Wayne Childress and James Childress, both of Lubbock, Texas; twenty-one grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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Contract With America!!!

By Eddie P. Richardson

America, home of the brave, land of the free, my country tears of thee, sweat land of liberty. All men are created equal, oh how sweet the sound, how grand it would be if this was completely true but we all know it isn't true. America prides itself on freedom and justice for all, but it ain't necessarily so. America is the greatest place on the planet, but still not perfect. America has had slavery, Jim Crowism, segregation, and now still has discrimination and racism. We have come a long way since slavery, but now we have nazis, skinheads, but this is America so there is a place for them.

The white male power brokers who have had control of America and everything in it since America became America, one can see their fear and anger about spreading the power and wealth. If I was in that position I would not want to give any of it up either, but I cannot agree with that position, because I am on the other side of the table. But I can still see it. Sharing the power and wealth is the reason for the contract in the first place—to keep the wealth and power by the white male power brokers.

Before the Contract was even an idea, the strongest people in America was the white male and black female. Speaking of Contracts, the Native Americans signed a contract with America and ended up on reservations. That makes American contracts questionable. The fearful thing about the Contract with America: it is a contract on America's children... senior citizens... hungry... homeless... poor... unemployed, underemployed... uneducated... undereducated... and mentally... and physically

challenged in favor of the rich and a tax break for the wealthy. Find a tax break for the wealthy, but find it someplace else. Hopefully they will find a way to reinvest it and create more jobs.

The thing about the Contract with America's wealthy and Contract on America's disenfranchised is the contract was too hastily put together without being properly researched, thought out and debated. Instead it was hurriedly thrown together without the proper homework, just to appeal to the disgruntled voters. But where the problem is going to be is farther on up the road when a lot of this hot air starts to backfire.

Gov. Pete Wilson (CA) is having his day for now, but how long? Not long. I can remember when Blacks graduated from college, the only jobs they could get were teaching, elevator operator, porter, shoe polishing, chauffeur, cooks, chefs, bakers, etc. These were the best jobs; usually the educated ones had these. The labor, fields, etc. were for the uneducated. Then along came the civil rights movement and affirmative action. To think we have some Blacks out there with good jobs and positions who think they arrived on their own and do not know or have forgotten the price that was paid for their success—even death and lynching. Oh, how soon we forget. I see Blacks who have arrived saying Them and Over There. **Fools rush in.** "Nuff said!

P.S. We received a very interesting, informative letter about assuming insurance when you buy a house and some of the problems that followed. The problem is, the letter was not signed.

We cannot print a letter without an address and signature. We can withhold name and/or address if you request it, but it must be signed. We would like to run the letter—it has very valuable information.

THIS N THAT

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SHOULD BRING OUT MORE THAN PLAY!! THIS N THAT... who supports the efforts... of the... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... when we as Black People were set free from the... CHAINS... which keep us as slaves... one can't help but wonder when we are... REALLY GOING TO BE FREE... THIS N THAT... must remind us of... the... AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY... that according to the... U.S. CENSUS BUREAU... that the... MEDIAN INCOME FOR BLACKS... now stands at... 54 PER CENT OF WHITE MEDIAN INCOME... This will not be enough to sustain us... AS BLACK PEOPLE... we still have a mighty way to go... and yet... we are still enslaved... that is... in the economic sense... As Blacks... we have elected many political leaders... but we are still at the... BOTTOM... when it comes to economic freedom... As we go into another... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... we must understand this posture... and be willing to find some kind of solution... to take care of this posture... As Black people... we have elected more... MAYORS... CITY COUNCILMEN... and even... CONGRESSMEN... but yet still remain in the same dilemma... Even the... ASIANS... have very few elected politicians... but that does not stop them from... EARNING MORE INCOME THAN ANYBODY ELSE... THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... as we walk in the parade this coming Saturday... should make us start thinking of what we must be about our business doing... Not just drinking... RED SODA POP... and... EATING BAR-B-QUE... The economic posture should be on our minds... not only... this week... but every week... The... JUNETEENTH EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION... which begins on Thursday evening of this week... with the... MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR... sponsored by the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority... is good... and the climax... next Monday evening... makes some sense... but we have to capitalize on the... ECONOMIC SIDE OF THE SYSTEM... As Black People... we can do that... that is... if we would start thinking of... WORKING TOGETHER... not just on Juneteenth... but during the entire year... THIS N THAT... would hope that we... WOULD KEEP IN MIND... that the upcoming... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION IS NOT JUST A TIME TO PLAY!

JUNETEENTH PARADE THIS SATURDAY! THIS N THAT... advises you that the... ANNUAL JUNETEENTH PARADE... will be held... SATURDAY MORNING... June 17th... beginning at... 10:00 a.m.... Just be there... and be a part of this... CELEBRATION... by showing up... for something which is... POSITIVE... If you want to be in the... PARADE... then give... SISTER CORA GATEWOOD... a call... her telephone number is... 763-7603... Give... SISTER GATEWOOD... a call if you would like to participate...

PLEASE TALK TO OUR CHILDREN! THIS N THAT... would urge our... PARENTS AND GUARDIANS... to talk to our... CHILDREN... of how important it is to... advise them of... SAFETY... Just last week... a... SEVEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL... was killed... near... WALNUT AVENUE & PARKWAY DRIVE... while riding her bicycle... following some of her friends... And she was only... SEVEN YEARS OF AGE... Let's take more time... and let our... PRECIOUS KIDS... know how important it is to be... VERY CAREFUL... No matter... what we may write about this incident which happened last week... it will never bring back the life of... STEPHANIE MOORE... But let's hope some of you are taking note to this incident... and have begun talking about... SAFETY... to our precious kids... D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "DON'T FORGET... your... FATHER... come this... FATHER'S DAY... As it comes during the... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!"



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Summer is here, school is out and children and young adults are footloose and fancy free. To most teachers it is a time to rest or do things that they did not have time for during the regular school year. To students, it is a time to just 'hang out,' 'chill,' have fun of all kinds and for some lucky ones, a chance to earn some money on a summer job. All too often, however, summer is a dangerous time for children and young adults.

Children whose parents work during school hours quickly become 'latchkey' children full time in the summertime. Their parents often are not able to pay for full-time child care in their homes or in a reputable child care facility. Many of these children enroll in community center activities which generally afford some constructive activity for a part of the

day. These centers cannot fill all of the needs of the majority of the students in the neighborhood. If it could, the center enrollment would be reflective of the total of the students in all of the schools in the center district. Unfortunately, they are not equipped to do this.

Unsupervised time often becomes dangerous times. Children under 12 years of age should NEVER be left unsupervised for very long; an hour or so at the most. They should not be responsible for caring for younger siblings for any extended period of time either. It is this kind of burden placed on youngsters too early in life which leads them to believe that they are old enough to do what adults do. Let us get 'in cinque' and give adequate care to our youth. After all, they ARE our future and God knows we need to make it safe!

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DRUMS IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

By Todd Burroughs An Open Letter to Randall Robinson

WASHINGTON—This week's column is an open letter to Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, a lobbying group for Africa and the Caribbean, from William Reed, NNPA's director of Communications/Operations. With the help of favorable mass media coverage, Robinson has led several successful campaigns for economic sanctions against South Africa in the 1980s and American military intervention in Haiti in the 1990s. Reed writes national news and feature stories for the NNPA in addition to his weekly column, "Business Exchange." Note: The opinions expressed here are solely those of Reed, not of the NNPA.—TSB)

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The purpose of this letter is to publicly discuss the rumblings that increasingly seem to surround you, your efforts and your mission. The rumblings are coming from those segments of the black community who are tired of being represented without being consulted and included.

You now fight to "restore democracy" in Nigeria, where, in your words, an "absolute military dictatorship" has formed. You fight for YOUR view of what this country should be, with the help of several prominent American black political leaders and celebrities. (No black publisher is against democracy, but perhaps, one day, black people can have a real, open, public debate on whether or not Western "democracy" is what all people want all over the world.)

Your fight has carried you into the media spotlight. But not ours, by your choice.

A story told to me by a black reporter:

This brother, a freelance writer for a respected national black periodical, was talking to a member of your staff recently when she asked for a back copy of his magazine.

"You don't have a subscription?" he asked.

"We can't afford it," she said.

Nothing could be more humorous.

TransAfrica—a group with a beautiful headquarters easily the envy of many groups in Washington D.C.—can't afford a subscription to a national black magazine, but can afford five-figure amounts to buy full page ads in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, with the purpose of these ads being to lobby for the African diaspora?

TransAfrica is a lobbying organization, not a civil rights group. The question must be asked; to whom are you representing and lobbying, and for whom?

TransAfrica can't afford a black press subscription, but, at the same time, can afford NOT to invite the black press to your press conferences? Many black press publishers have asked me if you understand who actually keeps these issues alive in the black community while white media coverage fades in and out, its attention primarily focused on political, economic or social disaster.

And why can't we all sit down and have a debate on whether 1) your economic sanctions tactic, albeit successful in South Africa, hurt more than help those citizens in your targeted countries, and 2) whether you rely too much on politics to deal with what are primarily economic concerns?

But, of course, to have these types of discussions would mean that you would have to publicly acknowledge and include as a partner the black press: you speak to our convention last year—the same black press in which you now seemingly ignore.

As legitimate representatives of black America, I'm sure the nation's black newspapers would welcome this opportunity, if extended.

Sincerely,

William Reed

NNPA Business Columnist

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Who has built more than 30,000 houses around the world? Provided safe, decent, affordable shelter for more than 100,000 people? Habitat for Humanity International.

I hope you will join me Monday, June 19, as Edward D. Jones & Co. pays tribute to and joins forces with this very special group. From 5:45 p.m. I'll present "Habitat for Humanity: Building Houses, Building Futures," featuring Habitat for Humanity International's founder, Millard Fuller. This satellite program will broadcast live from Los Angeles, Calif., the site of this year's Habitat for Humanity Jimmy Carter Work Project.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn what Habitat for Humanity International is all about—what it is, how it works, and how you can help your local chapter or, if there is no local chapter, how you can start one!

The program will also check the progress of homes being built in Los Angeles as part of this year's Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy Carter Work Project. Volunteers from around the world, including Edward D. Jones & Co. associates, will join forces to transform lumber, nails, drywall and shingles into homes for 30 needy families.

I hope you will join us for this very special event. Please contact my office to reserve your seat or for more details on this program. I look forward to seeing you June 19.

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Juneteenth 1995

Juneteenth U.S.A. celebrates the official state holiday sponsored by State Representative Al Edwards—Emancipation Day/Juneteenth. Come and join in the celebration of this exciting weekend. The weekend will include a Juneteenth Prayer Vigil at the Ashton Villa Museum—Galveston, TX. The Black History Awards, The Emancipator Awards, fireworks, a concert, Gospel Extravaganza/June 11-12 with Douglas Miller, at the Miller Outdoor Theater, a Juneteenth Festival/June 19 at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX. The Al Edwards Juneteenth Tennis Classic are some of the events scheduled for the Juneteenth weekend. Churches, fraternities, societies, lodges, or other interested organizations are encouraged to participate in the Juneteenth Celebration. For further information call Jimmie Johnson at (713) 741-8000.

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Citibus Comes Through in Crisis

LUBBOCK, TX—In response to arsonists' "cruel" work last Thursday on a local apartment complex, Citibus has donated an Econocard to Tony Cobbs, worth 20 rides for his bus fare that was lost in the flames.

John Wilson, Citibus general manager, donated the card after reading in a local newspaper that Cobbs had evacuated his wife and daughter from the apartment, then returned to attempt to recover a new television set and bus fare he had left on the table. Cobbs, who works at the Copper Caboose on Fourth Street, said the flames changed his mind.

"I'm glad we could do something for him in such a tragic situation," said Wilson.

Methodist Hospital Offers Free Sickle Cell Anemia Screening

LUBBOCK—Methodist Hospital will host a free Sickle Cell Anemia Screening Clinic Tuesday, June 20 at the Methodist Children's Clinic. The clinic is located at 3801 19th St., Suite 111, on the corner of 19th Street and Memphis Avenue.

Melanie Oblender, M.D., will see patients by appointment only from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Appointments can be made by calling 785-5437 (KIDS).

Common warning signs of Sickle Cell Anemia are:

- Anemia—lack of energy or feeling tired.
- Leg Ulcers—these sores do not heal and are caused by lack of circulation.
- Slow Growth—small size, poor general health and frequent colds.
- Jaundice—yellowish tint to whites of eyes caused by an abnormal blood condition.
- Painful Joints—caused by poor blood supply to the bones.

Sickle Cell Anemia is a blood condition in which the red blood cells are formed like a sickle. A healthy blood cell looks like a doughnut and is red in color because it contains millions of molecules of hemoglobin that carry oxygen to all parts of the body.

The hemoglobin in sickle cells release too much oxygen, which causes the cells to sickle. These sickle cells are removed from the blood and the body is left without enough red blood cells to supply needed oxygen.

Sickle Cell Anemia is a hereditary disease which affects more than 50,000 Americans, and it is most common in African-Americans. The disease can be detected as early as six to eight weeks into pregnancy, but symptoms usually do not occur until an infant is about six months old. The disease is not contagious and there is no cure, but symptoms can be treated. Treatment for symptoms may include painkillers, antibiotics, increased fluid intake, bed rest, transfusion and surgery.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We would like to thank all the super people that were a part of the program on Saturday night. We want to thank the people that made it possible. May God bless you in a special way for your coming. This was a real blessing for this group and it was a success, thank you to you.

About Faith, without it we can't please God.
 Hebrews 11:1 Without faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. Faith is defined as "radical obedience." Faith begins with a divine hunch within a believer's heart calling for a human positive response and backed up with divine activity. Faith is taking one step forward (which God dictates) and knowing God will make two steps to bring completion to one action.

How does faith support the plan of salvation? One is saved only by faith in Jesus Christ. Only as one fully exercises his or her faith in Jesus Christ can they be saved.

How can one get faith in God? By hearing God's word and by believing on Jesus Christ, one will receive faith.

Thought:
 The prayer of faith will bring the power of God into our work. And that's good to know.

We have so many sick and bereaved families in our community and beyond today. God specializes in the things you're going through. And he really does care, and so do we. Mark 1:27-28, II Chron. 7:14.

Keep smiling people, "we're going to make it." believe it. Write P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408.

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

He Does Not Sell

The story is told of a poor peasant woman dressed in tattered rags who made her way down the winding city streets until she reached the king's beautiful garden. She reached deep down into her dirty pocket and pulled out a half a crown. Holding it with great care she timidly knocked on the gardener's gate.

"Sir," she said, voice shaking, "I have a sick little girl who would love some grapes. May I buy some please?" She held out a calloused hand with the half crown nestled inside her palm.

The gardener tartly replied, "The King's produce is not for sale." Rejected, the little vagabond returned home to her sick child empty handed. Upon seeing her weakened baby girl, she gathered her courage. She knew she must try again. She searched the dilapidated house for more money and set out with determination for the royal gardens once again.

Her pocket was heavier this time. She felt sure she had enough money to buy just a small cluster of grapes. Oh, how she wanted to brighten her little girl's day. Gently she knocked on the gardener's gate again. The gardener appeared looking very bothered at the lowly peasant woman. "Look, I

already told you the king's produce is not for sale. Do not bother me anymore.

"But please, I have more money this time," begged the woman. "No!" came the stern reply. The King's son happened to hear the angry words and the pleading of the peasant. He entered the garden to find out about the alarming matter.

The prince in all his finery went directly to the woman. "Tell me, what is going on here?" he questioned with kindness. The commoner sobbing told the prince of her need. "My dear woman," said the king's son with pity, "you are greatly mistaken. My father is not a merchant. He is a king. He does not sell, he gives."

The prince plucked a great bunch of luscious green grapes from the vine and tenderly placed them within the woman's apron.

Admittedly, many Christians often try to buy their rights and privileges from God, just like the peasant woman. Some Christians believe that if they work hard enough and do all the right things and say all the correct words, maybe, just maybe, they will get lucky and make it to heaven.

This thinking is wrong. We are saved by grace. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Our Lord is not a merchant, he is a royal King. He does not sell, he gives freely to whoever asks.

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When Bad Things Happen to Good People

By Melvyn J. Williams
 Special to NNPA Publisher, Macon Courier

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA—The senseless killing of almost 200 children and adults in Oklahoma City can only be described as a barbaric and uncivilized act. The act snatched the lives of children from their families and destroyed family relationships and family systems across the communities of Oklahoma, the nation and, indeed, the world. Many of those who died in the bombing of the federal building had no thought, view or imagination of how such an act could be conceived or carried out. They were indeed innocent victims of a person or group of persons gone sour. No words can ever explain the death of an one-year-old infant or even the 65-year-old HUD worker whose retirement was just a few months off.

What this tragedy tells us is that the United States has lost its innocence. We can no longer read about the Middle East, South America or other distant and remote borders and comment about the terror which plagues those areas of the world. We can no longer speak about the barbaric style of those who do not share our culture, as if we live in some mythical place on earth.

The heartland of the United States—the state of Oklahoma—was truly among the last areas of this vast and beautiful country we call our own, where one would have expected such a dastardly and senseless act to be carried out. The laid-back city of Oklahoma City, the home of some of the friendliest people in our nation, was struck with what is being called the worst terrorist act in our nation's history. The people of Oklahoma were stunned, shocked and mystified as to how their area could become a target of such senseless killings.

The act of a few in this instance clearly demonstrates what may result when bad things happen to good people. The belief systems of some of our strongest leaders collapsed and even some of our religious leaders were overheard saying that "death is too good for those who are responsible for this act."

We wanted vengeance, and we wanted swift and decisive action. We rushed to judgment, condemning first Mid-Easterners and then Muslims, and we became devastated as a people, struck with disbelief and shame, when we learned that some of our own had swallowed so much hatred that they had turned their sickness inwardly on us. And, our innocence was no longer.

But, as one minister noted, as he addressed a prayer service attended by more than 1,000 persons, "a moment of insanity cannot be allowed to define our humanity." This theme was echoed in still another gathering of more than 500 persons on the other side of town. "Those who committed such an act were sick and we have a long and distinguished history of treating the sick and insane," voiced one minister.

These sobering words were quickly accepted by members of both gatherings. And, one could tell that many were comforted by those words; they wept softly and nodded their heads in acceptance. For they realized that evil does not defeat evil, only good can defeat evil and one cannot allow hatred to destroy them in the manner in which the perpetrators had no doubt become.

Melvyn J. Williams, the publisher of the Macon Courier, visited the Oklahoma City area and experienced first hand the devastation. This article resulted from interviews with family members of some of the victims and his participation in two church services, one service with a predominantly white audience and one service with an all-black audience. The tragedy, the hopes and fears of many from Oklahoma were shared directly and left a lasting impression on this writer. Next week, a look at how a family member of the Jim Jones tragedy seeks to help family and victims in Oklahoma. "One touch of sorrow makes the whole world kin."

We Thank God for Jesus

"THE FATHERLESS TODAY IN THE U.S.A.!!!"

Ezekiel 22:1, 2, MOREOVER THE WORD OF THE LORD came unto me, saying, Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge THE BLOODY CITY? YEA, thou shalt shew her ALL HER ABOMINATIONS.

We know THE FATHER is suppose to be THE LEADER, THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD, GOD PUT MAN THERE, in the garden of Eden, that is what ADAM WAS TOLD.

I Corinthians 11:8, 9, For the man is not of the woman; but THE WOMAN OF THE MAN. Neither was the man created for the woman; BUT THE WOMAN FOR THE MAN.

But THE DEVIL, has LIED TO THE WOMAN; like in the garden: TO EVE, YOU HAVE YOUR RIGHTS LIKE THE MEN; EVEN TODAY SHE'S BEEN DECEIVED.

(THE DEVIL'S LIES; WOMAN RIGHTS, Children rights, shacking rights, Run away rights, Black rights, White rights, Drug rights, Shoot at the WHITE HOUSE RIGHTS, Kill the FAMILY RIGHTS, SUICIDE RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, AND O.J. SIMPSON RIGHTS.)

This WHOLE NATION SEEMS TO BE FATHERLESS, AND ITS TRUE ON A WHOLE, AND WE'RE HEADING TO HELL VERY FAST; AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE TOLD.

Job 22:7-9, Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry, But as for the mighty man, he has the earth; and the honourable man dwell in it. Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been BROKEN.

THE ARMS OF THE FATHERLESS; HAVE BEEN BROKEN IN MANY, MANY WAYS, THE MOTHERS WHO ARE TRYING TO TRAIN; THEIR CHILDREN ARE NOW THEIR SLAVES.

Proverb 23:13, 14, Withhold NOT CORRECTION FROM THE CHILD: for if thou beatest him with the rod, HE SHALL NOT DIE. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt DELIVER HIS SOUL FROM HELL.

THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS; hands are TIED, AFRAID OF THE CHILD'S RIGHTS, GOD WANTS YOU TO TRAIN UP HIS CHILDREN; WHAT EVER IT TAKES DAY OR NIGHT.

Proverb 22:15, Foolishness is bound in the HEART OF A CHILD; but the rod of CORRECTION SHALL DRIVE IT FAR FROM HIM. (I thank God for the LOVE of MY SON KYRON for all his CHILDREN; He has two other children from two other HOUSEHOLDS, And three in his home, yet they're all called SISTERS AND BROTHERS, not half SISTERS AND BROTHERS. I also thank THE LORD, for his WIFE: CYNTHIA, she knows they're NOT HERS; and yet she shows LOVE TO THEM ALL. Knowing that they're just INNOCENT BYSTANDERS, they didn't ask to come into THIS WORLD. They need LOVE FROM THEIR FATHER ALSO; AND SHE KNOWS THAT, NOW THAT'S A MOTHER'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN.)

Psalms 127:3, 4, LO, children are an heritage of THE LORD; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrow are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Many FATHERS get children; and don't take on THE RESPONSIBILITY; YOU SEE, AND I THINK THAT MAY BE, WHERE THE SAYING COME FROM: YO-BABY.

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Listen To The Folks On The Front Lines:
An Ounce Of Prevention Beats A Costly Cure
By Marian Wright Edelman

At a time when creating jobs and combating violent crime top the list of priorities for communities across America, the last thing local officials want to hear is that the new Congress expects to build more prisons at the expense of effective local violence prevention programs.

In addition to concerns about increased financial burdens on local municipalities, an annual survey of the bipartisan National League of Cities (NLC) revealed that youth crime, school violence, gangs, drugs, and violent crime are of foremost concern to the folks fighting on the front lines in our nation's cities. When asked to measure the effectiveness of approaches to reducing crime, local leaders favored strengthening family stability, job creation, after-school and recreational activities, and early childhood education programs like Head Start. They gave much lower marks to punitive measures and expressed little confidence that increasing capital punishment and building more prisons would make a difference in their communities.

NLC Executive Director Donald Bozot said, "Municipal officials believe that last year's crime bill struck the right balance. There is serious concern about the current efforts at revision under consideration in Congress. Last summer's bill has been in effect barely four months and we believe it should be given a chance before attempts are made to tamper with it."

I hope Congress is listening. Currently, the Republican "Contract With America" calls for killing at least \$4 billion in crucial after-school, school-based, and summer violence prevention programs that Congress passed last year, instead adding the money to the \$18.5 billion already allocated to build costly prisons and hire more police.

Resolving only to lock up more people when we are already the world's leading jailer will not reduce the crisis of crime, violence, and fear which so many of our communities face. Already in this country, more than 150,000 black men under 25 live in prison

while only 86,000 live in college dorms. We must reverse this trend by investing in the programs that local authorities tell us work to prevent crime.

A nation that would rather spend \$15,586 a year to imprison a youth than to invest \$600 to give him a Healthy Start with prenatal care, \$4,340 to provide a quality Head Start or child care experience to get him ready for school, and

\$1,400 to provide a summer job to instill work experience and a work ethic, lacks common sense, economic sense, and moral decency. Not many people would be willing to foot the bill to send somebody else's child to a private college for \$15,203 a year. Why should we send someone else's child to prison at greater cost before providing him or her a chance early in life to succeed?

We must challenge those who claim that front-end investments in Head Start and child care and immunizations and prenatal care and summer jobs don't work, and demand they prove that higher back-end prison costs, out-of-home care, unemployment, and ignorance do. The child neglect tax of prisons, police, unemployment, and school failure costs tens of billions of dollars a year. Every individual American pays over \$100 in taxes every year to incarcerate over one million inmates—a cost that will grow if some political leaders have their way.

Call your senators and representatives through the Capitol Hill switchboard at 202/224-3121 and urge your neighbors, congregations, co-workers, fraternities, sororities, and others who care about our children to do the same. Urge your elected officials to oppose the effort to eliminate the prevention measures in last year's crime bill.

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-ASK-BCCC.

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