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African Brief

From the Pan-African
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Econews: Africa—Reforms IMF On Economic Reforms In Africa

HARARE, ZIMBABWE
(PANA)—The International Monetary Fund has said African governments should introduce far-reaching changes to achieve a rapid expansion of agriculture, considered the key to economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Bretton Woods institution said in its latest survey that overall growth in Africa had been stilled by poor agricultural performance and the lack of extensive government investment in new technology, infrastructure and structural institutional reform.

"Although agricultural production has recently picked up in a number of African countries as a result of pricing and exchange rate policy reforms, the problems of African agriculture are deep-seated, requiring far more sweeping reforms than just getting prices right," the IMF said.

The IMF said turning agriculture into an engine of economic development required fundamental changes involving investments in infrastructure and water resources, changes in the system of property rights and widespread application of new technologies.

The IMF also said growth remained poor in the Sub-Region because only a few governments in Post-Independent Africa had attempted to establish a system of private land ownership.

As a result, the uncertainty and insecurity of land tenure in Africa had discouraged incentives to make long-term investments or adopt new technologies.

Burundi—48 People Killed In Attack on Market

BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI
(PANA)—Forty-eight people were killed on Sunday, July 9, at the Cagizo market in the Province of Muyinga, North-Eastern Burundi, the official Burundi News Agency (ABP) has reported.

According to an ABP correspondent in the area, six gunmen in a Jeep opened fire and threw grenades on people in the small rural market at about 11 o'clock (local time) on the fatal day.

The assailants fled towards the neighboring Province of Kirundo," he added.

He did not elaborate.

The area, currently inhabited by members of the majority Hutu ethnic group was severely hit by massacres sparked by the assassination of the country's first democratically elected President Melchior Ndadaye, a Hutu, by the minority Tutsi dominated army in October 1993.

Econews: Zambia—Banks, Meridien closure puts Barclays On Top

**From Peter Mwaura
PANA Staff Correspondent
LUSAKA, ZAMBIA (PANA)**
—Barclays bank has replaced the Zambia National Commercial Bank (ZANACO) as the country's largest bank, following the recent closure of the Meridien BIAO bank and loss of confidence in indigenous banking.

Bank of Zambia records for the month of June show that Barclays has taken the top position in terms of deposits. But ZANACO denies that reduction in deposits means there was a run on the bank.

"We are a national bank. There is no way we can fold up. We are not like the family banks where an individual owns 80 percent

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE By William Reed

Why Not Get Paid?

NNPA National Business/Economic Feature

Blacks Involvement in Film Can Take Consumers Back and Move All Of Us Forward

What all these people who keep spouting off about how we need our civil rights and political empowerment don't seem to know is that anything built upon a weak economic foundation is fundamentally weak, no matter how it appears on the surface.

Those Black Americans who know how capitalism works need to take up positions in the forefront and show the "victims of racism" how to get paid. And, for our own realities, we need to do that soon!

The truths of history shows that any group (even Black Americans) with vision, determination and a little money, can turn their own and society's fortunes around. One area that those of us who have as much action as talk can prove our point in is the entertainment industry.

When Haile Gerima's *Sankofa* was being shown in New York, an 80-something-year-old woman who followed the film around the city viewing it over and over, said to Gerima, "Don't ever think this is within [your] power. You were destined to do this."

What the little old lady was saying he was "destined" to do was move forward with a film whose distribution has been hampered by a lack of sufficient investors and distribution networks.

After rejection on top of rejection, *Sankofa* is being embraced by African-American communities across the country. With the growing success of his labor already being seen in more than 25 cities, Gerima continues to hand deliver his film to communities that beckon with a telephone call or letter, as opposed to simultaneous openings at 4,000 movie houses, like, say, "Crimson Tide" or, on a lower scale, "Panther."

Historically, African-American film producers have found it hard to find financial support for their productions, just like Mario Van Peebles or Haile Gerima today. But in the early 1900s, black filmmakers and theater owners worked together to create numerous and profitable outlets for local showings of black-oriented films. Surely in those cities across the U.S. where the blacks there say they are in "control," we have enough talent, financial ability, contacts and savvy to do profitable and extensive distributions again.

If black investment groups were to organize themselves around the country-wide distribution of *Sankofa*, an Akan word meaning "One must return to one's past in order to move forward" thousands of people could make money and do a pretty good public service at the same time.

To help more of us to free our minds, *Sankofa* is an important movie for African Americans to see. It's a powerful, poetic film, that speaks to the importance of knowing one's roots and understanding the spirits of our ancestors who struggled to free themselves of

European oppression, enslavement and racism.

A group of committed people who understand how economics lay at the cornerstone of life can put processes in motion that will bring money back into our community. Movies such as *Sankofa* should have the support of the millions of African Americans who, struggling for integration, patronize "white theaters" weekly for new doses of European intellectual oppression.

"*Sankofa* gives new life to the need for more movies of its caliber, as well as the importance of struggling to own our own theaters and, by giving independent black filmmakers outlets for their films like in the 1920s," writes Ken Snodgrass in the *Philadelphia New Observer*. Just as the whole of our race need to channel our \$400 billion annual income into more black-owned businesses, more of us with a little financial vision need to see the profit that can be generated by initiating and supporting a black movie industry. If we helped Gerima set up a distribution network across America to allow more blacks to patronize the film, he would make money, the investors and workers would make money, and the reinvested income and movie distribution expertise would help us get our own industry off the ground again, like in the 1920s.

Interested investment clubs and individuals could and should do the following: Contact Gerima and see if the film has been to their city; find out the cost of renting movie houses close to a large population of potential black patrons; contact the black-oriented newspapers and radio stations and make them a proposal for advertising the film setting in motion a promotional campaign for *Sankofa* in their town. Ten thousand people for a four-week run should be the objective. Investors should realize a minimum of \$30,000 for the venture.

Entire groups of black people can get paid with this kind of deal. Families, community and fraternal groups, as well as other organizations can be sold blocks of tickets and provide patronage and support as well as financial involvement.

Gerima said something that should resonate in the minds of blacks who claim to know what's going on but still do stupid things, like talking black but still supporting things white, such as movies.

"Black people, as long as they don't own theaters, distribution companies, and production companies and truly make their own movies, [become part of] a very lopsided arrangement where whites determine all of what is black people's culture in cinema. That is not normal."

Haile Gerima can be reached at *Mypheduh Films*, 403 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 (202) 289-6677.

Blacks Urged to Stay Away From Work Oct. 16

WASHINGTON (AP)—As part of his proposed march on Washington, Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan is asking all blacks to stay away from work on march day to demonstrate how much the United States needs them.

"We are asking professional football players not to play football... and entertainers to stop entertaining white folks on that day," Farrakhan said last Tuesday. "Since America seems to be saying she doesn't want us, we want her to see how she looks all white."

Farrakhan's plan strikes the same theme as "Day of Absence," a 1960s theatrical comedy by Douglas Turner Ward in which whites awoke one morning to find all blacks had disappeared, then struggled to make it through the day without them.

Farrakhan said the Oct. 16 event, billed as a male-only march, also marks a "holy day" for the black community. He hopes to draw a million men from more than 300 cities.

The goal is to demonstrate that black men need to "straighten their backs" to halt the decay of their communities and families, which often are headed by poor women, he said.

"Our desire is not to strike fear in the hearts of

white people," Farrakhan said "We are hoping that an intelligent and sober group of black men will impact this country."

Women are not supposed to march, but they are being asked to help organize it. Women will not be turned away if they show, said Gary Foster, spokesman for march organizer Benjamin Chavis, former head of the NAACP.

Some black women have criticized banning female participation, but others are supporting it as a means of getting men more involved in the community.

"We are not saying that a woman's place is in the home. We are saying a woman's base is in the home," Farrakhan explained. Farrakhan has support from U.S. Rep. Donald M. Payne, Democrat of New

Jersey, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and District of Columbia officials including Mayor Marion Barry and House Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Jesse Jackson has been invited to address marchers, but has yet to decide whether he will participate, his office said.



(Left to Right) Twala Gaspie (mother), Michael Jordan, Shaneka Gaspie, Deloris Jordan and Jean Durrell (teacher)

Hard Work Pays Off - Local Education Club Winner Meets Michael Jordan

The Michael Jordan Foundation held its annual Michael Jordan Foundation Education Club (MJFEC) "Celebration Weekend" on July 28-30, 1995. Shaneka Gaspie, from Lubbock, Texas, was among the winners who earned a weekend in Chicago and took home Michael's autograph, along with some of life's fondest memories.

MJFEC is a national program designed to motivate sixth-graders throughout the country to set and achieve goals in academics, attendance and community service. "I remember the teachers who taught me to always strive for my best and I want to help today's teachers share the same lesson," Jordan said.

Fifty students, their parents and their teachers participated in many activities, including a boat tour on Lake Michigan, seminars hosted by Deloris Jordan and world explorer Captain Bill Pinkney, fun and learning with "The Wheel of Wisdom," a tour of the University of Chicago,

General Powell Champions Forgotten "Black West" Heritage African Americans Finding New Source of Pride and Strength in Western Heritage



NEW YORK, NY—"It was a revealing moment that opened the doors of history to thousands of African Americans to bond with their forgotten western heritage," George Richardson, President of Periscope Associates, in New York, said about "the new vision of America's history" that millions saw on national television in 1992 when General Colin Powell unveiled Texas artist Eddie Dixon's powerful monument honoring America's forgotten Buffalo Soldier heroes at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The Buffalo Soldier monument took roots in Lubbock, Texas years ago, when Texas Tech educator Eric Strong, then head of the "Roots Arts Historical Society," was inspired by Alex Haley's *ROOTS* TV miniseries to find pride in his Texas roots. He commissioned artist Eddie Dixon to do a

scale model of "The Forgotten West Memorial," a monument depicting the forgotten black western heroes. It gave birth to the Buffalo Soldier monument. Now Chairman of the National Forgotten West Memorial Committee, Strong campaigns for the monument to be erected in Lubbock, Texas.

At the "Buffalo Soldier" monument's unveiling at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Strong thanked General Powell for his leadership in erecting the Buffalo Soldier monument, and told him his efforts would inspire a growing movement that was forming under the umbrella of "Coming Home to America's Roots," a national media campaign promoting the pioneers and heroes of America's forgotten black western heritage as symbols of hope and healing. Eric was "Coming Home's" Texas coordinator at the time.

Last year General Powell gave "Coming Home to America's Roots" another major boost when he commended the campaign for its efforts to help African Americans discover their American heritage and to promote awareness of the role that black Americans played in settling the West. He assured the campaign's organizers that "he was doing his share to further the cause." Ingrid Frank, a partner in Periscope Associates, said, "The release by Random House in September of General Powell's autobiography *My American Journey* will help create an even greater awareness of this forgotten heritage."

"Coming Home..." also cited several prominent Texans for their roles in the television documentary "Buffalo Soldier," for giving momentum to the growing national awareness of this forgotten heritage. The documentary, by Anne Watson, aired several times on The Discovery Channel last year. It featured Retired general John Q. Taylor King, artist Eddie Dixon, Eric Strong, President of the Forgotten West Memorial Committee, El Paso artist Bob Snead and Ken Pollard of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., sharing the exciting story of these heroes with the nation.

Adding to the national impact of the "Buffalo Soldier" documentary, "Coming Home to America's Roots," the media campaign promoting the forgotten black west enlisted the National Conference of Black Mayors, the Texas Conference of Black Mayors and dozens of other Mayors and VIPs who issued Proclamations citing the importance of recognizing this heritage, and urging viewers to watch the program.

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STILL FORGING AHEAD: The NAACP hosted a successful convention in Minneapolis recently as it sought to address the issues of affirmative action and voter registration for African Americans in the nation's cities. Its new chairman, Myrlie Evers-Williams, has succeeded in gaining significant corporate and philanthropic support for the organization which is currently emerging from a rather challenging reorganization. She is pictured with one such supporter, above, William J. Richardson, Vice President, Urban Market Development for Schieffelin & Somerset Co.

and an evening at Medieval Times. The weekend culminated in an awards ceremony on Sunday, July 30th, where each winner met Michael Jordan.

"Being a role model has been bestowed upon me and I've accepted that role to help others," Jordan said, "MJFEC is a positive guidance for children, and once they know they can excel and turn dreams into reality, they want to keep getting better and better."

MJFEC sponsors include the Hotel Nikko Chicago, Keeshin Charter and American Airlines, the official airline of The Michael Jordan Foundation.

"Corporate sponsors make it easier for us to touch the children's lives," Jordan said. "We're all here to ignite a positive influence."

For more information on the weekend or The Education Club contact Jeannine Santo at (312) 751-9696.

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Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, the Church Where the People Keely Care, is located at 2002 Birch Avenue. Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. with the Youth Department in charge, Sister Ann Colquitt, Junior teacher, presided. There was prayer, song, and class period for thirty minutes. They reassembled after instruction marching and ringing "What A Fellowship." High points of the lesson were given by the Young People's Class. Class Reports—Youth Department—Junior Class won both banners. Adult Class No. 1 lost both banners to Class No. 4. The morning devotional period was conducted by the Youth Department. The processional was done with the singing of "Thank You, Jesus." Altar prayer was done by Pastor Moton. A song, "He'll Make Away." Scripture was read by Natalie Cooper and prayer was done by Pam Moton. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "My God Is Real." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He brought greetings from the West Texas Association which was held in San Angelo, Texas. Hymn of preparation was "Pass Me Not." The sermon text and title

was "Good News in the Midst of a Storm." Scripture was Acts 27. It was a wonderful message. Pastor Moton preached at the Men's Night of the 48th Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Conference last Thursday evening. New Hope Baptist Church was guest church. The Male Chorus, along with Bethel's Men's Chorus, sang mighty good together. Pastor Moton's sermon was "How To Keep Your Peace when Circumstances Get Out of Control." His scripture text was Romans 8:26-30. It was a mighty good message for all. The Annual Men's Day at New Hope Baptist Church will be September 17th. We are counting on you so don't let them down. Congratulations are in order for Deacon B. Jenkins and wife. They became proud grandparents. Two were born on the same day. Keep praying for our sick and shut-in citizens of the community. Among them include Sister Howard and Sister Lynn who are on the shut-in list. Brother and Sister Hardin Barrow have our prayers. They attended his oldest sister's funeral in Wichita, Kansas last week. Remember the Jeannie Johns family with your prayers as well as the Hazel Taylor family. Lettie Furlow and daughter, Rita Davis, both of Cleburne, Texas, attended the 78th Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church last week. Of the three past presidents of the West Texas District Association, Sister Betha Dunn served 32 years. New Hope brought the trophy home. Mineral Wells and Eastland were the other two churches. All three past presidents are deceased.

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shares and his decision is law. If any banks are in trouble, it is the family banks," the bank's director for human resources, Masautso Nyatanda is reported saying in the local press recently. ZANACO was supposed to merge with the financially crippled Meridien to save it, but the move was annulled by the authorities. The Meridien was the fourth largest bank in the country.

Economics: Sudan To Launch Major Fisheries Scheme
KHARTOUM, SUDAN (PANA)—Sudan is promoting a \$165 million U.S. project to produce shrimps along its Red Sea Coast. State Minister For Agriculture Abdulgadir Ahmed Wahbi says the project has attracted the interest of the Canadian Consulate group for fisheries that persuaded a number of Canadian entrepreneurs to invest in it.

Wahbi told the Official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that apart from shrimps, the project would be expanded for the production of fish and fodder at the nearby Port Sudan. He said 10 locations had been earmarked for the establishment of fish farms which will produce 30,000 tons of fresh shrimps and 40,000 tons of canned fish per year. Wahbi, who spoke after a meeting with delegates from the Canadian group in Khartoum last week, thinks the project would rank among the biggest in the world. A plot of land has been allocated for the fish factory, a fodder factory and cooling facilities at Port Sudan, he added. Experts estimate returns from the venture could reach \$300 million annually, when fully implemented.

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Mayors of Houston, Lubbock, Midland, El Paso, and Atlanta, Baltimore, Newark, New Haven, plus the Gov. of Oklahoma participated in this campaign. Pete McCrae of Texas Rural Communities organized a press conference in Austin, where Secretary of State Ron Kirk issued his proclamation and urged support for the Buffalo Soldier heritage program at Fort McKavitt. The Mayor's proclamations declared: "It is crucial to the racial healing of America that these forgotten black western heroes be restored to history, so that Black Americans will know they share the nation's pride in its western heritage and white Americans will recognize that building our nation was a multiracial victory." In 1993, the "Coming Home..." picked up momentum in Texas when Barbara Burton, President of the Texas Association of Minority Business Enterprises, introduced the campaign at its Boss Symposium, and helped organize a well publicized ceremony on the State Capitol steps to support the efforts to erect a monument to these heroes in Lubbock. George Richardson and Ingrid Frank, founders of Periscope Associates, a New York public affairs group that sponsors "Coming Home to America's Roots," said, "Other projects that fueled this effort included: Mario Van Peeble's movie *Posse*, which gave thousands of young blacks a first-time chance to identify with America's cowboy heritage; Cecil Johnson's book *Guts* about the legendary black cowboy Bill Pickett, by the Summit Publishing Group, was sold out last week at the Barnes & Noble superstore in New York... Events like the 120 mile trek by the Prairie View Trail-riders call attention to the last remaining Black Seminole Indian community all lend to the growing awareness of this heritage." Cleo Hearn's "Cowboys of Color" Rodeo is one of the major attractions that Robbyne Fuller of Midland is promoting as part of a Forgotten Western Heritage Tourism Trail she is organizing in the State. The rodeo was seen by millions in June, on the Dan Rather CBS News Report, which described it as a "history lesson and a homecoming... a chance for African Americans to look at the Old West and find themselves." On October 14, 15, and 16, Mr. Hearn's "Cowboys of Color" Rodeo can be seen at the Texas State Fair in Dallas. The "Black Westerners," a five-part documentary series by Anne Watson, writer and director of "Buffalo Soldier." A photo book on the black cowboy by the Philadelphia Inquirer's award-winning photographer Ron Tarver. Similar projects, springing up all over the country, are helping to energize a "homecoming" movement that embraces the nation's forgotten western heritage and its heroes as vehicles for homecoming and healing.

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We're getting ready for the End of Summer Pool Jam on August 18th here at Mae Simmons Pool. All you need to get in free is a valid City of Lubbock library card. Just show us your card, or you can register for yours when you come to the Pool Jam on the 18th. We'll have free hot dogs and refreshments, door prizes, games and fun for the entire family. So parents come out too. The Pool Jam will be fully supervised with plenty of lifeguards with entertainment provided by the *Sunday Jam Crew of KIXT*. Get the power of knowledge with your library card and be ready for the opening this fall of the new Patterson Branch Library. Join us for the End of Summer Pool Jam on Friday, August 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Pool.

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Dead Presidents, Late 1995 (Hollywood Pictures)

Rapper "I Get Wreck", Elektra 1992
"Seven DJs" (Boogie Down Productions), Jive 1992
Sex & Violence (Boogie Down Productions), Jive 1992
"All Glocks Down" (Billboard-Top 20 Rap single)
Emotional Records/Pendulum 1995
"No Doubt (Get Hardcore)", Pendulum 1995

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Parkway Manor Care Center News • Volunteer Registration

Willie Jean Floyd and daughter visited George Stiel and Ruth Robinson last Sunday afternoon. All reported a wonderful time together.

Mrs. A.D. Pile and daughter visited Scottie Moore last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Cindy Ogden and family with three members visited Ezell Saunders also last Sunday.

George W. Fearn and wife, who resided in San Diego, California, visited his uncle, Rev. W.H. Stephens, last Monday afternoon.

The Elkin Wallace Circle of the New Zion Baptist Church had eight members to come and visit the residents. They held their weekly meeting with the residents. Mrs. Sanders brought the lesson subject. It was "Prayer," and it was great. Jessie Evans is president.

The Eunice, Hannah, and Martha Circles of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church came last Tuesday evening and held their weekly services for the residents. There were seven in attendance.

Bessie Walker visited her aunt, Geneva Walker, last Wednesday afternoon.

Ann Day came last Wednesday and visited the residents as usual and joined in with Rev. W.H. Stephens' Wednesday morning at 10:15 a.m. Bible study. Helo Hereford was present again. They

always bring joy with them. It was another happy day. The basic theme was "That's My Pay." Scripture: 1st Thes. 2:19. It was taught by Rev. Stephens.

The Manhattan Church of Christ, with thirteen members, came last Thursday evening and held worship services for the residents. They brought joy with them. Their lesson theme was "Betrayal." John 13:14 was the scripture. Afterwards, they visited with the residents.

Letitia Alexander and Susie Ladd, who are members of Alexander Chapel COGIC where Elder Lionel T. Stott is pastor, visited the residents last Saturday afternoon.

Albert Lincoln visited his brother, William Lincoln, last Saturday afternoon.

Brother Birmingham, a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited the residents last Saturday afternoon.

When God inclines the heart to pray,
He hath an ear to hear,
To him there's music in a groan,
And beauty in a tear.

Mrs. Gloria Olquin, A.D. & P. and Rev. W.H. Stephens, Assistant A.D. & R.

Driver Safety Campaign Will Focus on "Vital Signs"

Saying it's been too long since most Texas drivers had any formal driver education, five state agencies and 3M Corp. are conducting a campaign to emphasize the meaning and importance of traffic signs, signals and lane markings.

"Sixty percent of the licensed drivers in Texas are more than 35 years of age," said Carlos Lopez, engineer of traffic for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). "It may have been 20 or more years since these drivers first got their licenses or had any formal driver education. Our campaign, Vital Signs, will help fill this educational gap."

The campaign is a joint effort between the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), TxDOT, the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and 3M Corp.

The goal of the campaign is to make Texas roads and highways safer by providing information to motorists on the meaning of the various traffic signs, signals and lane markings they encounter while driving.

"We call it Vital Signs because that is exactly what traffic signs are, signs that are vital to your safety," Lopez said. "We want Texans to learn their vital signs, to understand them and to follow them."

The campaign is part of the research implementation plan for a TTI study sponsored by TxDOT. The study evaluated the effectiveness of 52 traffic control devices through surveys and focus groups involving more than 2,400 Texas drivers.

"We're always working to improve what we have," said Lewis Rhodes, the study's Project Director at TxDOT. "We're continuously trying to make things more helpful to the driver."

TTI Associate Research Engineer Gene Hawkins and Research Scientist Katie Womack shared responsibility for the study as co-principal investigators.

"Through this research, we intended to utilize

scientific methods to evaluate devices which could or should be improved from the perspective of driver understanding," Hawkins said. "We hope to improve the overall effectiveness of the transportation system, thereby enhancing safety and ease of travel."

The campaign will also include revisions to the Texas Drivers Handbook by DPS, an update in the curriculum of driver education classes by TEA and a program by the health department to provide information to senior drivers.

TTI's Center for Information and Technology Exchange developed the overall campaign and produced a 30-second public service announcement for television, as well as a poster and brochure for distribution throughout the state. The brochure, which will be available at DPS licensing offices and from TxDOT, focused primarily on sign shapes and colors, one of the fundamental areas addressed in the study.

3M Corp., which manufactures the reflective sheeting used on many traffic signs, provided funding for the printing of education materials and video reproduction services.



Lewis Rhodes (left) and Carlos Lopez of the Texas Department of Transportation announce the "Vital Signs" driver safety campaign during a recent Austin news conference.

Obituary



Services Held for Lubbock Youth Shot Here

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for a 19-year-old youth, Derrick Deshone Wright, at the Ford Memorial COGIC with Rev. Field Bennings officiating. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Wright was shot and killed Tuesday, August 8, 1995. A vigil was held Wednesday night by neighbors of the area at the site where he was shot. An additional march against violence is also scheduled for Saturday morning, August 26, 1995.

He was born January 5, 1976 in Lubbock, and graduated from McCreary High School.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernell Wright of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Kory D. Wright of Lubbock, Texas; his grandparents, Mrs. O.M. Wallace, the Rev. and Mrs. F.L. Clark and Vernell Wright, Sr., all of Lubbock, Texas.

Pallbearers were Jevon Baseus, Darrin Murphy, Dorian Crowder, Marcellus White, LaWade Harlan and Andre Brooks.

Hazel confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at Macedonia Baptist Church in Fairbanks, Texas.

She was united in marriage to Marshall Rannel Taylor, Sr. June 12, 1948 in Fairbanks, Texas. To this union, one son was born.

Mrs. Taylor, her husband and son moved to Lubbock, Texas in the latter part of 1951, and upon her arrival she united with the St. Luke Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. E.A. Ramsey.

In addition to a wife and mother, she was careful to give God first place in her life. She invested her many talents into every broadening good work which she could find. She was active in her church and served as the Sunday School secretary and chairperson of the Board of Christian Education. She was instrumental in instituting the church scholarship fund, and also served as president of the Deaconess Board and teacher of the Hope Circle in the Mission Two Society. She was always ready to adhere to the Macedonian call, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:9-10. She loved people and sought to help them; she loved her Lord and sought to please Him.

Dr. Taylor passed away Saturday, August 5, 1995 at 4:15 a.m.

She leaves to mourn her passing: devoted and faithful husband, Marshall R. Taylor, Sr.; one son, Marshall Taylor, Jr.; one brother, John M. Scott, Jr. of Houston, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Harriett Battle of San Antonio, Texas, and Muriel Taylor of Lubbock, Texas; three aunts: Mrs. Gertrude Rushing and Mrs. Ruby Jackson, both of Sugarland, Texas and Mrs. Margie Johnson of Houston, Texas; two uncles: Mr. T.V. Harris of Los Angeles, California and Mr. Willie Johnson of Rosenberg, Texas; three godchildren: Pamela Johnson, Dianna Toliver and Marcus Love; the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church family; and a host of relatives and friends.



Dr. Hazel Juanita Scott Taylor

Final rites were read for Dr. Hazel Juanita Scott Taylor last Thursday afternoon, August 10, 1995 at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Resthaven Mausoleum with Ossie Curry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were Charles Taylor, Taidrian Toliver, Alfred Gayjel, Sr., Ralph Carter, William Raven, Bryce Cavell, Marcus Love, Henry Dewberry and Robert Cork.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons and Trustees of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. Flowerbearers were Deaconesses of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and sorors of Delta Theta Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Taylor was the second child born to the parentage of John Scott, Sr. and Clara Lillian Johnson Scott in Houston, Texas.

After completion of elementary school and Booker T. Washington High School in Houston, she received her B.S. degree from Prairie View A&M University in 1946.

Endeavoring to achieve excellence in education, she attended Texas Southern University in Houston, and the University of California in Los Angeles, California. She received her M.Ed. from Texas Tech University in 1954. Not willing to rest on her laurels, she pressed on to higher ground. She received her degree as a Doctor of Education from Texas Tech University in 1972. Her professional experience consists of County Home Demonstration Agent, Milam County. Her career in the public school system ran a span of eighteen years, beginning with the Muleshoe Independent School District, and ending in the Lubbock Independent School District, Lubbock. Her career in the field of higher education ran a span of seven years, beginning with her professorship at Sam Houston State University, and ending in retirement after having taught fifteen years at Texas Tech University. Seeing the need to help others, she applied for and was awarded the first Ford Foundation Advanced Study Fellowship for Black Americans.

Being aware of her civic duties, she was one of two women who spearheaded the effort through the

Lubbock Young Women's Christian Association to establish the "Project New Directions" for pregnant teenagers. Some of the boards she served on included the Lubbock Airport Board, Young Women Christian Association Board, Contact Lubbock, Lubbock League of Women Voters Board, and others. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 808. She was also an active member of the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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Joe Trevino won the bus competition, and Mary Gonzales won the shuttle van competition in the annual Citibus Rodeo.

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The Rodeo is a driving competition among Citibus bus and shuttle van operators. The competition consisted of various driving skills tests, using obstacle courses with cones as maneuvering tools.

Blacks Denied Mortgages at Twice the Rate of Whites

By James H. Rubin

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mortgage lenders still reject black applicants more than twice as often as whites with similar incomes, though minorities are being helped by low-income home-loan programs, the government said last Tuesday.

A survey by five federal regulatory agencies said that banks, savings institutions and credit unions last year turned down 33.4 percent of mortgage applications received from blacks, 31.6 percent from American Indians, 24.6 percent from Hispanics, 16.4 percent from whites and 12 percent from Asians.

"The extent to which racial discrimination may account for these differences is not known," said the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, representing the five agencies.

"Differences in the distribution of applicants by

incomes account for some of the differences in loan rates," the group said. "Other factors are more important, however, since whites and Asian applicants in all income groups had lower rates of denial than black, Native Americans or Hispanic applicants."

The new figures are about the same as those of 1993 and vary little from 1990, the first year the survey was done.

The Chicago Federal Reserve Bank reported last week that black home loan applicants are more than twice as likely to be denied credit as whites and Hispanics are rejected more than 1 1/2 times as often as whites.

But last week's report said white and minority applicants who had good credit histories and low levels of debt were denied loans at about the same rate.



Who Will Be Next

by NNPA

(Editor's note: This article ran 8-13-91. We still suffer the same problems today. Nothing has changed, except maybe for the worse.—SWD)

"We must pay as well as pray for civil rights progress." Those are the words of a black businessman who exemplifies black philanthropy at its best. Don King, boxing promoter extraordinaire, is known as a self-educated and very glib speaker. Put him behind a microphone or in front of some cameras and he can entertain, charm, and overwhelm you with his eloquence. But he also believes in putting his money where his mouth is.

Don King practices what he preaches—not forgetting from whence you've come; returning something significant to the community which helped make you; sharing caring, and giving in support of your own people; doing all you can to help support the strength of the black community, the black family, and using power and money intelligently and effectively to support our cause.

In February, King, during a visit to Howard University to speak to students, handed out checks totalling \$130,000 to 10 black organizations including the NAACP, the National Urban League, United Negro College Fund, and the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Significantly, King presented a \$10,000 check to Dr. LaSalle Leffall, a black physician, then the President of the American Cancer Society, for a national campaign to reduce the high incidence of cancer deaths among black men.

In the past several years, King has contributed more than half a million dollars to black causes.

At the PUSH convention in Chicago recently, King not only contributed another \$10,000 in support of Project Excel and other PUSH programs, but brought with him four of his boxing champions, each inspired to contribute \$1,000 each.

Says King, "Some of our successful blacks, who are products of the black community, the black ghetto, like myself, are so quick to forget who helped make them, the origin of their black roots. As soon as the wrinkles get out of their bellies, they proclaim they have done it alone...made it to the top by themselves."

Added King, "We must deal with the fact that we are our black brothers keeper, whether we want to be

or not, and our plight, as blacks struggling for parity in the economic market place, will not be changed, until we help ourselves."

As a boxing promoter who brought the "big purse" to the fighters, King has had a phenomenal "rags to riches" saga—from an ex-convict to the "P.T. Barnum of Boxing." But when you reach the mountaintop, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. discovered, there are many forces out to knock you down, to discredit you to put "the nigger" back in his place.

So, it is true with King. The same FBI that investigated Dr. King, and passed along vicious and malicious rumors to discredit him; the same FBI that helped destroy the life of the woman being impregnated by a member of the Black Panthers, and this same FBI is now allegedly looking into criminal violations in boxing, but, up to now, the focus has been on one person, Don King.

King's No. 1 competitor, Bob Arum, who is white, has not been a subject of what the FBI agent in New York described as "comprehensive investigations." Of course, we know that when a black man moves near the top, whether in politics or the private sector, racism raises its ugly head in many sophisticated forms.

We remember very clearly how the Federal Trade Commission instituted an investigation against Johnson Products regarding the safety of one of its products and refused to make similar checks on Avon and the other major white cosmetic firms. The FTC claim, and subsequent publicity critically hurt George Johnson, president of Johnson Products, in the marketplace.

So, Black America, let us not be so naive to believe that every investigation by federal authorities against blacks in power is justified and the black is not guilty until proven guilty.

In the meantime, we should call upon the Reagan Administration and Attorney General William Smith to explain why one person, Don King, is being panned against the wall, and is the only subject of a prolonged investigation. Either public charges should be filed against King, or all will believe it's part of a racial persecution plot.

It's Don King this time. Who will be next? For this reason Black America cannot sit idly back and let our Administration of Justice run a reckless course, as it often wantonly done in the past.



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

As school commences throughout the United States, parents are busy making selections for school supplies and school clothing for their children. For some parents, there is not much choice of apparel because many school systems will be using uniforms this year.

Many schools are adopting the use of uniform, to help to curb various kinds of discrimination which lowers self esteem. Included in the list of reasons to utilize uniforms is a means for elimination of teen gang dress modes.

Teen gang style dress has immensely influenced the way our teens and younger students dress. Students who are not gang-bangers have adopted the gang styles in hope of not being intimidated by gang members. In addition, peer pressure is very impor-

tant when it comes to how students dress. Many students will defy school dress codes if it means being different from friends who covet.

One thing many parents may not be aware of is the fact that students do not have a great choice when it comes to daily wearing apparel. Most retail stores stock the big, 'over-large' apparel which students prefer. They seldom have what we call conventional or tailored clothing, especially for boys, BUT, concerned parents can check out the stores which carry the kind of clothing which is acceptable to the conservative adult population, especially teachers, and select appropriate clothing for their children.

Students will soon experience much more favorable situations in their learning environments when their dress reflects acceptable standards of behavior and thinking. Let us get 'in cinque' and help our children to 'dress for success.'

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Parenting For Education

By Vivian W Owens Special to the NNPA

For many school children summer days out-of-school bring pleasure and excitement during its first hours, then dissatisfaction and boredom as the summer continues. Parents wonder what to do. Plenty of choices come to mind.

Consider doing fun science. Fun science taps every child's curiosity and may lead to lasting interest. You can perform some science experiments without going into a lot of detailed explanations. In fact, you will hear your children shout, "Wow! That's neat!" Within minutes they are simultaneously asking you questions and answering their own. They will probably want to go to the library to borrow books which will shed new light on the topic of the experiment. Actually, observations are very important for this type of experiment, while it can interest a wide range of age groups, it may involve your 12-year-old daughter in observing (plus notetaking), but it will only require your six-year-old son to observe at a watch-and-talk level.

Try this: Obtain a four to six-ounce glass baby bottle that has a one inch neck or mouth, a small saucepan half-filled with water, a balloon that will fit the mouth of the bottle, a hot plate, and a thermometer. Under very careful and safe conditions you may use your stove instead of a hot plate, and the thermometer is optional.

Fit the balloon over the mouth of the bottle. Place the bottle inside the saucepan (which is half-filled with water). The bottle should rest firmly on the bottom of the saucepan without falling. Note the coolness of the water and measure the temperature using a thermometer. Place the saucepan onto the hot plate. Turn on the hot plate. Observe the temperature changes of the water over the next five minutes. What happens to the balloon? Children under 14 should never perform this experiment without adult supervision. Caution children about touching hot objects. Safety cannot be over emphasized.

When you complete this experiment, tell your children they have just observed what happens to the amount (volume) of a gas as temperature rises. Ask them if they realized that air is a mixture of gases.

If your children like plants or animals, perhaps they would enjoy a science exploration of living things instead of the above experiment. Show them how to start a leaf collection or take them to the zoo to observe the differences between animals who live in cold climates and those who live in warm climates.

Science explorations provide a wonderful learning adventure for children during summer months. Enjoy yourself!

Vivian Owens is the author of the book Parenting For Education. You may order by sending \$8 to Eschar Publications, P.O. Box 1195, Waynesboro, VA 22980. (703) 942-2171

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There is a most dangerous backlash taking place in America today and it must be exposed for what it is really about. The transformation of congress which sees a Republican-controlled legislature for the first time in forty years is certainly not normal, routine politics.

Nor are the more recent anti black rulings of the United States Supreme Court a simple freak of nature.

The "Great Bible of Americanism," the Declaration of Independence, is not believable anymore. Such principles as "endowed by a creator with certain inalienable rights." We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal, government by the consent of the governed; all such pillars of hope Blacks since slavery had a sense of hope and faith in are seemingly but worthless and empty slogans.

The tragedy which confronts the masses African-Americans, at the moment is that there is no Black Leadership presently organized and in place to deal with the present crisis.

The traditional black leadership or professional class has been bought off, having joined or being used by the white establishment. Unfortunately, the Black church has seemingly lost that traditional committed leadership. The great pastors of old are a dying breed.

Drugs and crime have all but consumed the traditional up and coming leadership which once came from the ranks of young blacks in college or on the streets. It is a tragedy when it may well be assumed that the best hope for courageous Black leadership may be behind bars of prison walls.

Quite a black picture to paint, but such is what confronts the experienced naked eye. Such is what happens to a society when it abandons its most noble and humane principles of hope, freedom, and life. Only those who lack the courage to see will disagree. As in the history of cruel African slavery; The seller to day will be himself sold tomorrow. Abraham Spires August 1, 1995

Black Women Can Beat the Odds and "Play It Safe"

By Malik Shabazz
Special to the NNPA

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Beating the odds is something that Sergeant Jackie Davis of the New Orleans Police Department knows all about. Raped and sexually abused as a child, Davis became a single mother at age 17. After four attempts at passing the Civil Service Exam, Davis gained entrance to the Police Academy in New Orleans, where she went on to become the city's first African-American female homicide detective. Having served on the rape squad, and a victim of assault, including being stalked and shot by a serial rapist (now serving a life sentence), Davis is now showing other women how to increase their personal safety as a workshop presenter during the African American Women on Tour Conference.

According to Davis she "never usually gets a chance to interact with black females, except as victims." However, African American Women on Tour, which features such notables as author Iyanla Vanzant, poet Maya Angelou, entertainers Cece Winans, Phylicia Rashad, Sheryl Lee Ralph and talkshow host Dr. Julianne Malveaux, has allowed her to pass on her knowledge of personal safety during her interactive workshop called "Play It Safe."

In order to play it safe, Davis advises women to:

Install peek holes. Don't trust door chains; they can be broken easily. Ask for identification from service or delivery, or call the company. Keep windows and doors locked at all times.

Children

Create a telephone code for children alone at home, so they'll know its you calling. Notify a trusted neighbor about your arrangements, and provide the number, and name of a co-worker, if you can't be reached.

Pedestrians

Walk like you know where you are going, and make eye contact. Take the safest route, not the shortest. Trust your instincts. Know where the police and fire stations are.

Joggers

Jog with friends or a dog, and carry pepper spray or mace. Keep headphones levels down, and only take routes that are well-lighted and well-traveled.

ATM Users

Use a machine inside the bank, when possible, and if someone is hanging around, use another location. At night, don't go to an ATM alone. Memorize your PIN number and take your receipt.

Drivers

Have keys in hand while approaching car, and lock doors immediately, once in or out of car. While driving, store your purse and valuables on the floor, not on the seat. If someone bumps your car in a secluded area, do not get out of the car, drive to a police station or well-lighted area. Be suspicious of individuals asking directions, and when stopped at a light, leave enough room for a quick exit.

If Attacked

Try to stay calm, keep re-evaluating the situation, think about what you have that could help you. Keys, mace, your voice? Stall for time, make noise, distract the rapist. Act crazy, say you have an infectious disease.

The Aftermath

Go to a safe place and report the crime, the sooner the better. Preserve the evidence, don't shower or bathe until you have received medical treatment. Let hospital officials know you have been raped, call friends or family, get counseling.

Domestic violence

If possible, leave. Make noise so that neighbors can hear. Call the police. Show police bruises, cuts, and describe the beating in detail. Ask the officer to make a report, show police any court documents, such as restraining orders, and get a copy of police reports, as well as the officer's name, badge number, and police station phone number. Agree to have the abuser prosecuted.

Davis provides greater details on personal safety for women in her "Play It Safe" workshop sponsored by AllState Insurance, including a booklet/audio tape, and an outline of body pressure points which Davis says are not designed to debilitate an attacker, but "to distract him, and give you time to run."

African American Women on Tour is scheduled to appear next on Aug. 25-27 in Atlanta, Ga; Sept. 15-17 in St. Louis, MO; and Oct. 20-22 in Los Angeles, CA.

For more information, call 1-800-560-AAWT.

Malik Shabazz, a freelance journalist, is regular contributor to Black Issues In Higher Education, Black Elegance Magazine, and his column, "The Last Plantation: Notes from the Federal City" appears in The (Brooklyn) City newspaper.

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Offices included in the Crosbyton AER are: Crosbyton, Floydada, Idalou, Lockney, Lorenzo, Petersburg, Post, Ralls, Slaton, Spur, and Wilson, TX.

Interested persons may apply at the Lubbock Personnel Office, 1515 Avenue G, Lubbock, TX, the Amarillo Personnel Office, 2301 Ross Street, Amarillo, TX; or at one of the offices served by the register during the week of the open announcement.

No applications will be accepted before or after the above dates.

SBA Financing for Small Business Workshop

LUBBOCK, TX—There will be a morning workshop on "SBA Financing for Small Business," Wednesday, August 30 in the SBA Conference Room, 1611 10th Street, Suite 200, Lubbock. The workshop is being sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives). Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the program will conclude at 10:00 a.m.

Subjects for the morning workshop include: "SBA Loan Application," and "Other SBA Programs." There is no registration fee for the workshop but pre-registration is encouraged due to limited space.

This workshop will provide financing information relative to starting a business. Women, this is an excellent opportunity to learn about financing a business. Statistics of the U. S. Census Bureau and SBA show women are starting businesses at twice the rate of men. Nearly 40 percent of all small businesses will be woman-owned by the year 2000 if the current trend continues.

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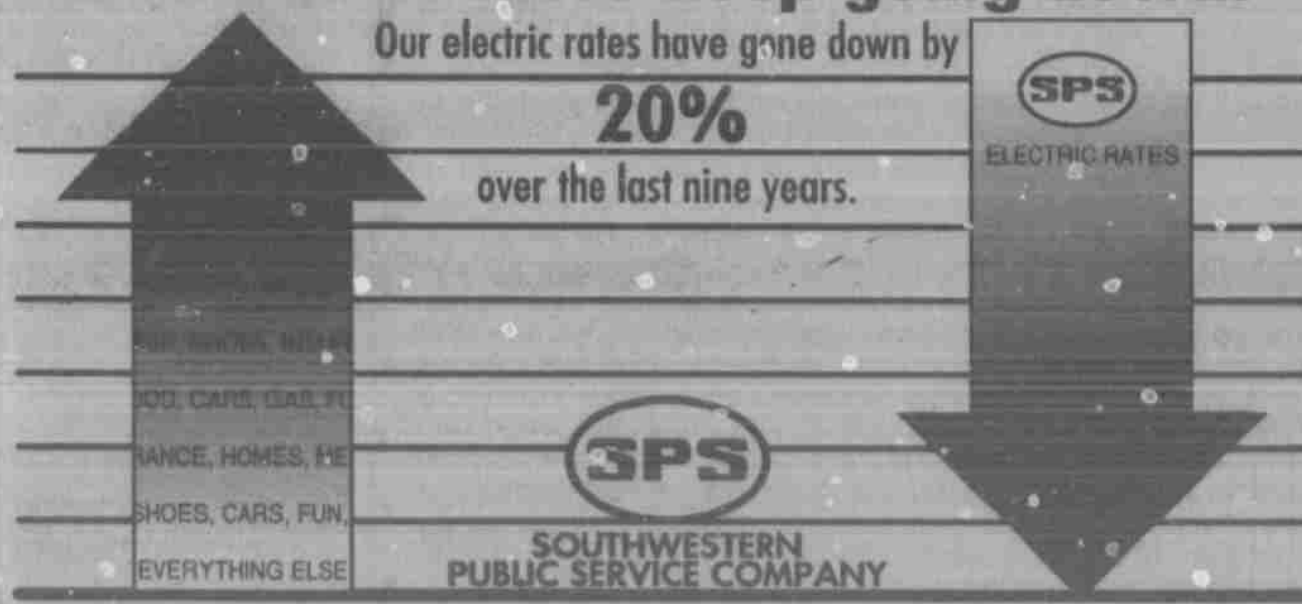
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The East Lubbock Early Settlers will have their annual Roundup this year on August 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

The organization will have displays of antique items such as irons and other items. If you have such an antique and would like to have them on display a this year's event, then contact one of the following committee members: R.J. Givens, Givens Real Estate; Annie Sanders, Nelda Jackson, Edna Lee Walker, Katie Parks, Ollie Johnson or Harold M. Chehman.

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Sitting one Sunday morning in the sunshine of a prisoner's island called Patmos, a Disciple of Jesus, whose name was John, was caught up in the Spirit. He says to us in his apocalyptic writing:

"I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. What thou seest, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches of Asia." What he was about to receive from Jesus, the ascended, glorified Lord, who was seen standing among the seven golden candlesticks, was Jesus' appraisal of the seven churches.

Ephesus needed support and encouragement, but also a warning because she had "left her first love."

Smyrna was in the midst of trial, tribulation, and poverty, and needed to know that in the midst of these there was one on whom they could depend for help.

Pergamos needed warning for sheltering blasphemers and becoming a stumbling block to the faithful.

Thyatira had works of charity, service, faith, and patience, but allowed a false prophetess to seduce the membership into spiritual fornication.

Philadelphia had a "door that no man could shut," a little strength, and had kept the word.

Sardis had a name that she lived, but was dead. She had reputation, but no character, and

Laodicea was in danger of being spit out of Jesus' mouth because she was neither cold nor hot. *Luke-warmness was a problem.*

To him who sees more than human eyes see, many things that should have been alive were dead, and the warning was to strengthen the things that remain, but are ready to die. The words are a lesson for us who live in this modern, secularized, atheistic, desacralized, demythologized society—a world that does not believe in anything but the material. (More on this in the next few weeks.)

Thought: It does not matter how well you can do what you do, God did not call you to entertain only, but to demonstrate his power in this sin-infested society. *Think about it.*

Let's Pray: Dear Father, we beseech thee to hear us, all who profess and call themselves Christians, that we may be led to the right understanding and practice of our faith. We pray for all who preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for all missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and all who are striving and seeking in other ways to bless their followers, and to build up the Kingdom in this world.

Forgive us our selfishness, and pride, forgive us for our attachment to things material, carnal, and temporal. Forgive us that we have made ourselves unlovely by our evil ways. Help us to walk in a way in the future that we may walk without stumbling, that we may live with a higher purpose and better accomplishment; that we may not only be forgiven for the past, but cured of our infirmities and sins which do so easily beset us.

In the precious name of Jesus we pray, Amen.
We will meet at the Parkway Nursing Center, Saturday at 10 a.m.
Keep smiling friends, you're loved. Please read II Chron. 7:14; Mark 11:22-26 to all who are hurting for many reasons.
President, D. Hood—Secretary Ernestine Frazier



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Seeing Amid Our Blindness

A young officer, blinded during World War II, married a nurse who had taken care of him. He later overheard this conversation: "She's sure lucky he was blind. He would have never married such a homely woman if he could see." The man walked toward the voices and responded: "I overheard you, and I

thank God for blinding these eyes that might have kept me from seeing the true value of my wife's soul. I've never known a nobler person, and if her physical features might have masked her inward beauty, I am the great gainer by my blindness."

God also used physical blindness in Saul's life (Acts 9:1-9) to bring him face-to-face with Christ. God interrupted him on his murderous mission and by grace transformed him into a new person. In the depths of sightlessness, he realized his great need and the future direc-

tion of his life.

Sometimes God uses hindrances to confront us with our need to abide in Him. Usually in times of greatest need when we are powerless to do anything to help ourselves, we turn and depend totally on God's resources. And too, is this not what happens when through the Holy Spirit our eyes are opened to see that we are sinners.

There was a Pharisee once who came up to the Temple and thanked God that he was not as other men. He was proud of all that he was, and all he did. And in that same Temple was a publican whose eyes had been opened by the grace of God and when his eyes were opened "he saw nothing." Nothing of his fasting, nor his tithing. His best was sinful. His life had been a failure. "God be merciful to me a sinner." When we see nothing, we see Christ. And like Saul, the publican and the officer, whether here or in eternity we will see that we are the great gainers because of our periods of blindness.

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Isaiah 58:1a, THE LORD SAID, CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS. OUR FOUR FATHERS: THEY PRAYED, AND WORSHIPED GOD IN TRUTH, AND GOD SAID, HE WOULD BLESS THEIR SEEDS; THAT'S ME AND YOU.

Hebrew 6:13-14. For when GOD made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by NO CREATOR, HE SWEAR BY HIMSELF, SAYING, SURELY BLESSING I WILL BLESS THEE, AND MULTIPLYING I WILL MULTIPLY THEE.

BUT THEN THE 60'S CAME, THE DEVIL SAID, EVERYONE'S RIGHTS WAS HIS OWN. AMERICA STARTED DOWN HILL THEN; MAN'S RIGHTS; THEY BECAME HIS WRONGS.

Proverb 12:15, 16. The way of a FOOL IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is WISE. A FOOL'S WRATH (ANGER) is presently known; BUT A PRUDENT MAN COVERETH SHAME (NOT AMERICA).

THE LIE: THAT STARTED IT ALL; NO PRAYER ALLOWED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE LEADERS ALLOWED IT. NOW GUNS, DRUGS, RUBBERS, NO WISDOM! WHO'S THE FOOL.

Romans 1:21, 22. Because that when they (THE LEADERS) know GOD, they GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, neither were THANKFUL; but became VAIN (ILLOGICAL) IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, and their FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED. PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

(THE DEVIL'S CIVIL RIGHTS. Woman rights, Gay rights, Abortion rights, KKK rights, Run away rights, No spanking rights, Black rights, White rights, Shacking rights, Drugs in school rights, Cut off the penis rights, CONDOMS OR RUBBERS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, Suicide rights, Drugs corner rights, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTORS RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, AND RIGHTS FOR BABIES TO HAVE BABIES. ALL THESE RIGHTS ARE WRONG; BUT THAT'S THE AMERICA'S WAY!!!)

Isaiah 5:20, Woe (CURSED) unto them that call EVIL GOOD, and GOOD EVIL; that put DARKNESS FOR LIGHT, and LIGHT FOR DARKNESS; that put bitter for SWEET AND SWEET FOR BITTER!

AMERICA IS OUT TO MAKE MONEY, and will MAKE IT ANY WAY SHE SEE. SHE PRAISES SOMEONE WHO KILLS 20 PEOPLE, BY PUTTING THEIR LIFE ON TV.

♦♦♦♦♦ AMERICA—IT'S PRAYING TIMES!!! ♦♦♦♦♦

Isaiah 1:4a, 5. AH SINFUL NATION, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will REVOLT MORE AND MORE: THE WHOLE HEAD IS SICK, AND THE WHOLE HEART FAINT.

AMERICA RIGHTS is teaching the CHILDREN, HOW TO ROB, KILL AND GO TO JAIL, THAT LIE YOU'RE FREE, IN JAIL YOU'RE A SLAVE; AND NO ONE TO GO YOU'R BAIL.

Proverb 14:12. There is a way which SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO MAN, BUT THE END THERE OF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

SIN IS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THE CHURCH HOUSE; IT'S EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK, THAT YOU'VE GOT YOUR RIGHTS, GOT OUT OF HAND; THAT'S ALL IT TOOK.

I Corinthians 5:6, (AMERICA) Your GLORYING IS NOT GOOD. Know ye not that a little LEAVEN (SIN) LEAVENETH THE WHOLE LUMP?

AMERICA IS ON HER WAY DOWN; FOR PLAYING THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS GAME, AND THE CHURCHES WANTS TO BUILD, BIGGER AND BIGGER, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

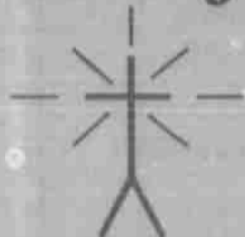
Isaiah 56:9-11, THE LORD SAID, His watchmen are BLIND: they are all IGNORANT, they are ALL DUMB DOGS, they cannot BARK (WARNING); SLEEPING (LAZY), LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER. YEA, they are GREEDY (DISHONEST) DOGS which can NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, and they are SHEPHERDS that cannot UNDERSTAND. THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY).

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Long-Time Pastor to be Recognized

Reverend U.S. Stanley, long-time pastor and community activist, is to be recognized August 18th at Mae Simmons Community Center. Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the *Southwest Digest*, said, "This is a long time coming."

Rev. Stanley is the long-time pastor of Saint Matthew Baptist Church. He has been involved in the Lubbock community for many years, has helped many people and never received the recognition he deserved, even though he was not doing the things he did for many years for that reason.

Richardson also stated, "Rev. Stanley was the only preacher that I called when I had a bedridden aunt who moved to Lubbock from Alabama who came to her bedside and took her in church so she could have a church home in Lubbock."

Rev. Stanley is responsible for bringing more minister into the ministry from the streets than any other minister in the Black community of Lubbock. There are also well-known church workers in Lubbock. His recruits will be doing most of the program.

Rev. Stanley was one of three Black ministers in

Lubbock to oppose racism, oppression, and segregation when it was very unfashionable, even when a Black would get fired for having a NAACP membership card.



Program
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A letter from Superintendent Curt Colwell, containing information on the free or reduced-price meals, will be distributed to students to take home to parents. In the operation of the child-feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Under provisions of the free or reduced-price meal policy, all applications will be reviewed by the local Director of Food Services at 3501 Avenue G. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The request should be directed to Darwin Hilliard, Executive Director of Purchasing and Contract Services, 1628 19th Street, telephone 766-1898. The school district's policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

The following income guidelines will be used to determine the eligibility for free or reduced-price meals:

1995-96 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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3	\$16,367	\$23,292	\$1,364	\$1,941	\$321	\$448
4	\$19,695	\$27,028	\$1,642	\$2,336	\$379	\$539
5	\$23,023	\$32,764	\$1,919	\$2,731	\$443	\$631
6	\$26,351	\$37,500	\$2,196	\$3,125	\$507	\$722
7	\$29,679	\$42,236	\$2,474	\$3,520	\$571	\$813
8	\$33,007	\$46,972	\$2,751	\$3,915	\$635	\$904
For each additional family member add	\$3,328	\$4,736	\$279	\$395	\$64	\$92

Cisneros Awards \$25 Million to Help Public Housing Residents Bring About Positive Changes in Their Communities

WASHINGTON—U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Henry G. Cisneros awarded \$25 million in grants to help 270 public housing resident organizations deliver programs and services designed to improve the quality of life in their communities.

The Tenant Opportunities Program (TOP) exemplifies the Clinton Administration's goal of empowering disadvantaged families to help themselves. Public housing resident organizations can use TOP grants to start programs that put residents to work, train them for work, turn them into entrepreneurs. Residents will also be able to establish day care centers and

organize resident security patrols.

"These grants are crucial in bringing this Administration's vision of public housing to life," said Cisneros. "That vision is one of safe, decent, and livable communities; stable places where children can grow up hopeful of a brighter future, and where their parents and other adults can live in peace surrounded by examples of work, responsibility and opportunity."

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