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National News At A Glance

From NBNS
Communications

NAACP Leadership Woes Continue, Evers Asked to Head Board

BEND, OREGON—In a bid to find leadership to lead it out of its financial and organizational problems, several board members of the NAACP have reportedly asked the widow of the slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers to head the group's board of directors. Last week Myrlin Evers-Williams confirmed the request but indicated that she has not yet made a decision on accepting the offer. However, she expressed shock at the present state of the nation's leading and oldest civil rights organization. "The association is in a precarious condition and it has to be addressed soon," she said. The 64-member board holds its annual meeting in New York on Feb. 18 and it is expected to elect a new chairman. Current chairman Dr. William Gibson has been accused in a lawsuit filed by seven members of improperly sending \$1.4 million in pension and grant money. And the former executive director Benjamin Chavis was fired on Aug. 20 after he agreed to use \$322,000 of NAACP money to settle a sex discrimination suit filed against him. Meanwhile, the group has managed to rehire most of the staff which it was forced to furlough last November because of financial problems.

Whitewater: Probe of Clinton Now Targets Black Ministers

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—The Whitewater investigation into President Clinton's business dealings while he was Governor of Arkansas last week expanded its probe into monies given to black ministers by the Clinton campaign during the 1980's. Sources allege the payments may have violated state law. But the White House immediately denounced the probe as a "Republican inspired fishing expedition" which would lead nowhere. The payments in question were primarily used to get out the black vote for Clinton. And during his years as governor, Clinton usually won the black vote overwhelmingly. Arkansas law bars cash payments of more than \$50, but some of the "get out the vote" contributions to the black ministers are said to have totaled \$500 to \$1,000. Why Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is investigating black ministers when he was supposed to be looking into Clinton business dealings is unclear.

Stevie Wonder Will Not Run for Mayor of Detroit

DETROIT, MICH.—Music legend Stevie Wonder says he is giving up on plans to run for mayor of Detroit, Michigan. The 44-year-old R&B icon said last week, "I thought about the whole political thing, but thought, realistically, that music is the best platform to express how I feel." Wonder's next album is due out in March. It will be titled "Convention Grace."

Black Wealth-Building Conference Heads to Norfolk, VA

NORFOLK, VA.—A day-long conference designed to show African-Americans how to build personal and family wealth is scheduled to take place in the Norfolk, Virginia area on Saturday, Feb. 11. The conference will be held at the Norfolk Marriott Hotel. (Continued on Pg. 2)

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Honors Lubbock Women

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Rose Ontiberoz



Rose Wilson



Rose Mediano



Rose Hardy



Rose Lincoln



Rose Llanas

There is something with a different twist set for Lubbock. A special evening which has the theme of "The Night Of The Roses." It is a citywide event that will honor six women named "Rose," who have contributed significantly to the Lubbock community.

The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Civic Center Saturday evening, February 25, 1995, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and may be purchased at Josie's Restaurant, 212 University Avenue; Caviel's Pharmacy, 1719 Avenue A; or J & J Beauty Supply, 1613 Parkway Drive.

The six "Roses" being honored are: Rose Llanas, Rose Lincoln, Rose Ontiberoz, Rose Hardy, Rose Mediano, and Rose Wilson.

Ms. Llanas is a business teacher at Lubbock High School, and has served as an academic coordinator at Texas Tech University. She has also served as an administrative assistant to the City Manager for the City of Lubbock and executive secretary to the mayor of Lubbock, from 1972 to 1974.

Some of her professional honors include: Who's Who Among America's High School Teachers, 1992; Business Teacher of the Year, 1988; and an Appreciation Award from Texas Tech University.

Her civic activities include: School Board member, Christ the King; Education Commission Member, Christ the King; former United Way representative; and has served on the Young Women's Christian Association Planning Committee.

Ms. Lincoln, a retired educator in the Lubbock Public Schools, in 1950 became Dunbar High School's first female band director. She passed the band baton to Roy Roberts when LISD granted Dunbar's music department another music assignment, and continued as Dunbar's choir director.

She is the immediate past president of Lubbock's unit of the Retired Teachers Association, being the first and only black to lead the

unit. Rose is the recipient of a 1994 Black Women's "Trail Blazer Award"; 1993 Lubbock Women's "Extra Mile Award"; and LISD 1966 Retired Teacher Award in 1986, becoming the first Black recipient.

She is married to Albert Lincoln, and they are parents of three daughters and six grandchildren. She is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ms. Ontiberoz was the first of six to realize a dream of a Hispanic mother, that of seeing all her six children graduate from high school. She went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Texas Tech University in 1973. Also a master degree in elementary education was earned from Texas Tech in 1981.

She received a professional counselor certification in 1988, and a professional educational diagnostician certification in 1989, both from Texas Tech University.

At present time, she is an educational diagnostician at McWhorter Elementary School, Roscoe Wilson Elementary School and Wolfforth Elementary School.

She and her family are members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She is married to Johnny Ontiberoz. Her philosophy of education is that all kids can learn.

Ms. Hardy moved to Lubbock in 1975, and joined the Lubbock Board of Realtors. She started in real estate as a sales associate with a local office. In 1977, she opened and operated a real estate business.

In 1982, she was president of the West Texas Chapter of the Real Estate Security and Syndication (RESSI). She has membership with the World Wide Relocation & Referral Home Warranties.

She also has promoted the "Own A Home" Expo working with Federal, State and City agencies to help low to moderate income families own their own homes. She has also helped to market the new homes in the Chatman Hill Addition.

Ms. Hardy has received the sales-

man of the month for four years, and has been honored on many occasions.

Ms. Mediano, a native of Littlefield, Texas, has been principal of Lubbock High School since July, 1991. Prior to this position, she has served as director of student services; vice principal of Estacado High School; assistant principal of Estacado High School; and activities director at Estacado.

A member of Oakwood Baptist Church, Ms. Mediano belongs to many professional organizations, i. e., Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, National Educators Association, Lubbock Educators Association of Curriculum and Supervision, Lubbock Administrators Association and many others.

Her most recent honor was the Texas Blue Ribbon School, 1994-95, and is a Distinguished Alumni Award, Wayland Baptist University.

She is married to Ernest Mediano, and they are parents of two children, namely, Anissa and Trey.

Ms. Wilson, a native of Bryant, Texas, is the president of the Lubbock Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

She is a member of Smith Temple Community Church. She has served in many organizations in Lubbock, i. e., Magnificent Seven Women's Auxiliary, Coalition for Equal Justice, National Hood-Up for Black Women, Black Moderator for C. A. S. S. for Better Schools, United Political Action League, Girl Scout Leader, and many others.

Ms. Wilson is also a member of the League for Women Voters, Women's Christian Auxiliary, Ring of Black Roses, Inc., Lubbock Committee for Women, and Lubbock Area Client Council.

She also serves on the board of directors of the West Texas Legal Services, South Plains Association of Governments, and Lubbock South Plains Food Bank.

Black History Parade

by Dwight Pierce

The Lubbock Black Chamber is hosting a Black History Parade on February 25, 1995, 12 noon. The parade will originate in the Dunbar Junior High School parking lot, starting at 10:30 a.m. The route of march will be from Dunbar Junior High to MLK Blvd., along MLK Blvd. to Estacado High School. Immediately after the parade, displays of interest to Blacks will be available for public viewing at Parkway Neighborhood Center on MLK Blvd.

At one time or another, all of us have asked, "What can I do to help our community?" This is your opportunity to help your community by being either a participant or a spectator for the 1995 Black History parade. There are many organizations, churches, individuals within the Black community of Lubbock that need to be seen. Yes, just once a year, a collective effort by the Blacks of Lubbock can make a tremendous impact on many people and things for an extended period of time. Imagine the impact our community can display if 52 church vans, 12 schools, the businesses, organizations/groups, plus individuals/families, all moving along Martin Luther King Blvd. on parade. The Board of Directors of the Black Chamber gets "the warm fuzzies" just thinking about the impact this could have for our community. The time is now for our community to come together and show unity. The time has passed for you to sit back and wait for someone else to do what you can do for yourself. If the leader of your church, organization, whatever, does not desire to place an entry in the Black History Parade, there is no reason you can't make a sign and walk or ride down MLK Blvd.

Let's stop making excuses why we can't say yes I can in 1995. There is no requirement to notify anyone should you desire to participate in the Black History Parade. Just show up at Dunbar Junior High, starting at 10:30 a.m. on February 25th, ready to 'strut your stuff' down MLK Blvd.

Lubbock Regional MHMR- Mental Health Facility

Have you noticed the construction that is taking place on the ridge overlooking Canyon Lake #6 or the widening of 19th Street just east of MLK Boulevard? All of this activity is due to the construction of a \$3.5 million, 30-bed inpatient crisis care unit to be operated by Lubbock Regional MHMR Center. The facility will be owned by the Texas Department of MHMR and G. Greenstreet, Inc. is the contractor on the project which is to be completed in October, 1995.

The crisis care unit is designed for short-term, inpatient stay. The facility will also offer outpatient services to those progressing from inpatient needs as well as to those who require less intensive services. Mental health treatment facilities have been present in the Lubbock community for many years in locations such as Methodist, Charter Plains and St. Mary of the Plains Hospitals. However, the number of available beds for inpatient treatment is limited, often causing individuals in need of short-term crisis stabilization care to be transferred to Big Spring State Hospital. Short-term care decreases the chance of repeated long-term hospitalizations for individuals in crisis who have mental illness. Short-term care allows for stabilization and return to the community through the least restrictive and most rapid means.

How will the Neighborhood and City benefit from this facility? Lubbock MHMR recruits and retains a diverse workforce. Approximately 100 new jobs will be created such as nurses, therapists, physicians, case managers, security/maintenance personnel, support staff, food service personnel and housekeepers. Center staff are already working with Lubbock ISD Career Programs to develop a job training program to improve employment opportunities at the facility. The facility will increase City services such as additional bus routes and utilities and will provide an additional meeting place for the community by offering the use of a multi-purpose room. The projected annual budget of the facility is in excess of \$4.5 million, with over \$3.5 million in salaries to personnel.

Inpatient services will be provided in an appropriately secured environment. A security fence is included in the construction plans and, upon opening, 24-hour a day mental health care and security staff will be on site.

Lubbock Regional MHMR is working with a Neighborhood Coordinating Committee to heighten public awareness about both the facility and mental illness. If you are interested in receiving more information either through personal contact with the Neighborhood Coordinating Committee, Center staff or a brochure, please call the Lubbock Regional MHMR Center at 766-0310.



Our Apologize. The Black History Special Section will be in next week's Edition of the Southwest Digest. We wanted to extend to local businesses the opportunity to advertise in this unique Tabloid.

So be looking For Black History in the February 23
Edition of the Southwest Digest.

Ruby Jay's Corner



Services began at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Sister Thelma Brown, superintendent,

was present. Last Sunday was Youth Sunday, and they were in charge of the services. They did a fine job. Isaiah Skief served as superintendent.

A song, "Yield Not To Temptation," was sung. Prayer was offered by Brother Skief. Another song, "O How I Love Jesus," was sung by the Sunday School. The various classes marched to their classes for the lesson. The classes returned to the auditorium singing "What A Fellowship." High points of the lesson were given by the Intermediate Class. They did a good job.

The Secretary's report: Intermediate Class retained the offering banner and the Junior Class received the attendance banner.

The Adult Classes No. 1 and No. 2 shared the offering banner and Adult Class No. 4 received the offering banner.

The devotional period was led by Cedric Rashaw and Leon Taylor.

Following the processional of the Choir, altar prayer was given by Deacon R. J. Givens. A selection, "Thank You," was sung. The 128th Psalms was read and a prayer followed. Following another selection, the responsive reading was done

with the help of the congregation standing.

The morning hymn was "Pass Me Not." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Billy R. Moton. Another selection, "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand," was sung.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "God Promised Never To Leave Us Now." His scripture text was Joshua 1:5. He told the congregation how. One thing is for us to be faithful. He'll never leave us.

Invitation to discipleship was extended and one came forward for baptism.

Sunday afternoon, February 19th, at 3:00 New Hope Baptist Church is invited to St. John Baptist Church for their Annual Men's Day. Pastor Moton will bring the message. The Male Chorus is asked to render the music.

The retreat committee of the Women's Missionary Society will meet Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. The W. M. S. staff will meet on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

The sick list is still growing. Glad to see Brother James Sterling at church last Sunday morning.

Sister Ida Johnson is a patient at South Park Hospital. She should be home this week.

Our bereaved families include Sister Alma Colquitt's aunt who passed last week in Hugo, Oklahoma. Services were held Wednesday.

Sister Anna Chatman lost her baby sister in California. Whisper a prayer for them on their journey. God is able.

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ence is the latest in a series of economic empowerment seminars being conducted by the black self-help group known as the Better Life Club. The Washington, D.C.-based organization sees "wealth building" as the key to the betterment of black lives in America. According to spokesman James Nathan, "Every problem we face as a people could be eliminated or made less severe if we were wealthier people. Economics is the foundation of a better life." The conference covers topics ranging from low-money-down real estate purchasing techniques to how to sponsor income-producing events. The group also arranges start-up investments for small businesses. The conference will take place at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 700 Monticello Avenue in Norfolk. It begins at 8:30 a.m. The local contact number is 804-467-7750.

Republicans Intensify Investigation of Ron Brown
WASHINGTON, D.C.—The nation's first black Secretary of Commerce last week came under increased Congressional scrutiny because of his often complex business dealings. Republicans are pushing a probe into how Brown was able to earn more than \$400,000 from the sale of a

company in which he says he invested no money. The investigators are now sifting through the financial records of Brown, Washington business executive Noland Hill and the First International Communications Corporation. Republicans are also suggesting that Brown lied on several financial statements. Investigations into Brown's financial dealings are coming at a time when he is generally getting high marks for his leadership of the Commerce Department. So far, President Clinton is maintaining his support of Brown.

Progress Reported in Battle Against Sickle Cell Anemia
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sickle Cell Anemia is an inherited blood disease affecting nearly 100,000 Americans—most of them African-Americans. Private and government agencies have long been criticized for not doing more to cure or at least lessen the pain associated with the ailment. But last week researchers at the National Institutes of Health announced the first preventive drug treatment which promises to relieve the most painful symptoms of sickle cell anemia. Most victims suffer unpredictable attacks of pain in the abdomen, back and the

joins. One in 12 black Americans carries the sickle cell gene. But far fewer actually have the disease.

Daughters of Civil Rights Leaders Voice Support for Shabazz

ATLANTA, GA.—The daughters of some of the nation's most prominent civil rights leaders have announced a campaign to aid the legal defense of the daughter of assassinated black nationalist leader Malcolm X, Qubilah Shabazz, 34, who was charged three weeks ago with plotting to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Members of Malcolm X's family have long maintained that Farrakhan played a role in the assassination of Malcolm X. Shabazz was four years old when she witnessed the killing of her father in February 1965. The government accuses her of attempting to hire a hit man to kill Farrakhan. Those coming to her support last week included Rev. Bernice King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Rena Evers, daughter of slain NAACP leader Medgar Evers; Sanita Jackson, daughter of national black political leader Jesse Jackson and Andrea Young, daughter of former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young.



"Masterpiece" to Play at Dunbar Reunion

At its meeting on Sunday, February 12th, Dunbar Alumni International Inc. officially signed the extremely popular group, "MASTERPIECE", to play for the association's dance on Saturday, July 8th, during their all-class 111 reunion activities. The versatility and uniqueness of the very talented group will make the dance something to behold!

A spokesperson for the association said, "Our aim is to present a variety of activities, good food, fun, and great music for those who will be in attendance at All-Class Reunion 111. We constantly listen for new ideas from our membership and value everyone's input. We have every intention of making this the best all-class reunion yet!"

There is still plenty of time to beat the April 30th deadline of paying registration fees before a price increase. Contact a member of the group or attend their next meeting, Sunday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Dunbar library. More about this later.

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Protection Against Crime Program

As common as they are disturbing, sexual assaults against women are on the rise. But they remain the most under-reported cases in the criminal justice system. A special program about protection against crime will be held at the Manhattan Heights Seventh Day Adventist, 1517 East 25th Street, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 1995.

FBI studies have shown that in the 1990's, the chances of being a victim of a violent crime have drastically increased. The main reason is in the enormous problem we have with illegal drug use all over the world. Being robbed, assaulted, raped or murdered is no longer happening to the other guy.

These crimes reach everyone—MEN, WOMEN

AND CHILDREN. However, the people who have accepted the fact that they could be attacked, have taken the first step in helping themselves. When a personal crime happens, you don't have time to stop and analyze the situation—YOU HAVE TO BE READY TO DEFEND YOURSELF IN SOME WAY RIGHT THEN! At the time of an attack, there is no time to anything except respond. In fact, you have two seconds to decide what you will do. The decision to be prepared must be made in advance. You will not have time to decide anything, once an attack begins.

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Blacks Still Need The Black Press More Than Ever!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have a lot of years in the Black Press of America. We wrote this article a few years ago, and, at this time, it is still applicable in view of the recent elections and other events that affect each and every Black American's life. The Black press still is the oldest, on going Black business in this country. Most of you probably know that the Black Press started in 1827 with Samuel Cornish—the organization of the first Black Presbyterian congregation. Cornish participated in many reform movements and he was an active member of the Anti-Slavery Society.

The publication he founded was *Freedom's Journal* with John B. Russwurm. Later, Russwurm became involved with the colonization movement, but Cornish continued to publish the paper for the next twenty years. *Freedom's Journal* played a major role in shaping a social and economic philosophy for Blacks. Such gifted persons such as James McCune Smith, Alexander Chummell, Martin R. Delany, and David Ruggles used the journal to express their opinions. Cornish, as the editors, fought relentlessly for full rights to citizenship and equality of Blacks as a trustee of the free schools for Blacks in New York. He energetically promoted higher education for Blacks, participating in many reform movements. He was an active member of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

On one occasion, he voiced his contempt for a group of prominent Philadelphia Blacks who at that time urged the free people of color to drop the adjective "colored" which at that time was used and preferred by Blacks from an identification standpoint, used the term "oppressed Americans." We still, at this time, have the same term preferred by the masses Black being *rejected by the same type today*. More Black publishers have been lynched, mobbed, undergone tremendous financial pressures, because of their stands against injustice

segregation, discrimination, Jim Crowism and other unfairness.

They have also been beaten, and killed more than any other profession that Blacks have undertaken. The Black Press is still there. We have our ups and downs and it gets tough sometime, but most of the pressures we receive come from within through misunderstandings of what we are really about and petty jealousy and envy.

As stated earlier, we have our ups and downs, but *all businesses have their ups and downs*, but we are beginning to understand more and more. As we become involved in mainstream America we are involved in this capitalist system as a business and we are endeavoring to *convert our newspaper from a sociological phenomenon to a marketing tool to keep pace with the times and still do the job that was set out by Cornish and Russwurm in 1827*.

As we do this we will understand more about the *profit motive* so that we will be able to survive and we won't have so many *downs* and *ups*. We'll just keep going up. The Black Press, Church and Community Organizations will have to take the *leadership* and initiative in this *upward move*.

It takes us all working collectively for survival and good of all of us. The advent of the Black Press is a many splendid thing. *If you do not believe it, check history*. Certainly you don't like a lot of stuff we print. Certainly you criticize us and you give us a tough time, but we want you to know we are hanging in there and we are doing the best we can for the quality of life for Black people. We will continue to image build those who could not otherwise be recognized. We will continue to inform you of things which affect us that is not good in the best interest of us. That's our duty, that's our creed.



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

I have always known that our young people who sit in classrooms and read and "learn" history of America and the world really do not internalize what they read about. If they cannot relate what they read about to what they see today, it is most too difficult for them to visualize anything different, especially from the past.

My first experience realizing how far-fetched the imagination of our young people is took place at a college founder's day ceremony when the student put on a drama to portray seventy-five years of school progress. They looked forward at the end of a busy work day on the campus farm to going to McDonald's or Burger King for refreshments after a few minutes in the "sauna and hot tub." They planned to finally "chill" with a good movie on cable TV; cable yet, when there WAS NO TV. They would pick up their dates in their cute little fast compact sports cars which could get speeds up to 120 mph. They listened to transistor boom-boxes while they worked in

the field. They used a microwave oven in their dormitory rooms. These were college students.

When viewing a movie with a junior high class which had a setting circa 1937, they could not understand why or when Black people bathed in No. 2 round tin tubs, used a straightening comb on their hair and a smoothing iron or "walking iron" to press clothes. They also did not understand the effects of the spirit world in Afro-American culture. Some of these are truths which our children may not get from a textbook or in a classroom.

We need to talk with our children and tell them what home and family life was like in our day. We need to get "in cinque" and paint a picture of life continuity for our children that they can relate to without anachronisms. Let them know that you walked more than you rode in your day; that electricity was scarce. Kerosene lamps were popular and bug killer did not come in a spray can. Fast food came from mama's kitchen when all you got was a bologna or salami sandwich and homemade lemonade.

What is an Institutional Racist?

by Abraham Spires

According to America's own definitions, a racist label may fit many people who may well think they are beyond such. But let us find the courage to do a bit of investigation on the subject.

American historians and psychologists have defined institutional racism as "having the power to carry out systematic discrimination and prejudice, based on physical difference, through the major institutions of society. One must have power to practice institutional racism. Thus, political leaders like presidents, judges, governors, state legislators, mayors, county commissioners, city councils, school boards, police powers, and state courts all have power and are capable of practicing institutional racism.

Any given mayor of a city who refuses or ignores the under-representation according to the population is a racist.

Any mayor of a given city who refuses to share or delegate power to Blacks in her administration is a racist, according to such American scholars.

Blacks in Lubbock are victims of institutional racism in most, if not all areas of government, and also in too many instances of economic persuasion.

Most racists are paternalist racist. They tend to mean well. They generally assume that whites should set all of the standards and the rules and Blacks & Hispanics are supposed to be grateful and follow them.

Over the past 30 years or more, I have done extensive experiments in this area. Short of putting such ideas in writing (books). Yes, I would welcome dialogue on this subject. Suggest this, before any white person would be or like to become a participant in any such dialogue, please read "Pawns in the Game."

On the subject of racism as it is practiced in America, meaningful discussion is always in order, but none.

P.S.: By the same token, companion words such as classism and sexism may be applied in the same institutional perspective. Isms denote power and institutional application.

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WHEN WE WAKE UP!! THIS N THAT... predicts that when... BLACK FOLK... wake up... and open their eyes on what's going on around them... their means of taking care of business... will be something else... THIS N THAT... advises that we have to get off the... PLANTATION... and start doing some things for ourselves... Our forefathers... did so... and did many things... such as build most of the... BLACK CHURCHES IN PAST LUBBOCK!! WHEN WE WAKE UP... we'd just be surprised with what will happen... Knowing this... the... BLACK CHURCH NEEDS TO COME BACK HOME!!

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Faculty, staff, and students of Wheatley Elementary are having a Community Black History Program at 6:30 p.m., February 16, 1995. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a meeting of the West Texas Legal Services Board of Directors on Saturday, February 25, 1995 at 9:00 a.m., West Tower, Hyatt Regency Hotel, DFW Airport (Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas). The public is invited to attend.

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10 Signs of a Safe, Secure City; How Does Yours Rate?

- (NU)—People all across America are concerned about safety in their communities—but what constitutes a "healthy," safe community? Councilwoman at-Large Carolyn Long Banks of Atlanta, president of the National League of Cities, says "respect and responsibility" are two key ingredients.
- The following is a list of 10 elements compiled by the NLC that make up a healthy, secure community. How many does yours contain?
1. Strong and loving families with high expectations for their children's personal and community behavior.
 2. Education that prepares students to perceive their responsibility toward the community and individuals within it.
 3. Streets, parks, public facilities and shopping areas that are safe clean, well-lighted and provide adequate parking.
 4. A variety of activities for local citizens and visitors that are exciting, intelligent, wholesome alternatives to boredom, vandalism and violence.
 5. Neighborhoods that take friendly pride in themselves. Plus a public works philosophy that engenders neighborhood pride with excellent attention to cleanliness, maintenance, design and safety.
 6. Emergency services and disaster relief plans that are coordinated and work quickly when a crisis occurs.
 7. Workplaces that are healthful and promote safety.
 8. A steady supply of decent and rewarding jobs, with opportunities for increased personal skills, fulfillment or wages.
 9. People who agree among themselves to obey and uphold the laws, combined with laws that are fair and criminal justice that is both prompt and fair.
 10. A community strategy with positive public safety goals to make people stakeholders and give them something to work for, rather than against.
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SPORTS

A Coach for All Seasons



Mark Sanders is turning his sights, and finding success, as the head coach of the Wyatt girls basketball team.

by Yulanda L. McCarty

(reprinted from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

Mark Sanders' first love is coaching football, but at Wyatt he has made an impact as head coach of the girls

girls team at Dunbar. "I will do whatever needs to be done. In my nine years, I've coached every sport. I'm not a baseball man, but when I was at Dunbar I helped out with that, too. This year, I'm going to coach the girls track team."

Tekenshia Henry, a 5-foot-11 junior post, said she believes discipline has been a major factor in the basketball team's success. Henry is averaging 18 points a game.

"He doesn't take a lot of stuff," said Henry, who also contributes eight rebounds, two steals and two blocks per game. "When he came in he was pretty cool. He said he didn't like to get mad, but he would if he had to."

Senior post Alecia Anderson, who leads the team in rebounding with 9.5 rebounds per game, said a combination of factors has helped the Chaps, including having Sanders as coach.

"I think having a male coach is better," she said. "A woman understands your problems better but a male coach is stricter. We have a talented team. We shoot, play defense and we are quick and have speed."

The Chaps have their eyes set on winning a district title. Nobody—including Arlington Martin's Karen Gehrt, who coached at Wyatt from 1982-90—can remember the last time the team has won a title outright.

"I don't think they have," said Gehrt, who said her team once finished in a three-way for the district title during her tenure as head coach at Wyatt. "But from what I hear now, they are playing really well."

Wyatt, Paschal and Southwest, the defending district champions, are tied for the district lead with 2-0 records. Wyatt is scheduled to play Trimble Tech—which lost, 56-48, to Southwest on Tuesday—at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center. The Chaps are scheduled to face Paschal on Wednesday.

basketball team.

In only his first year as head coach, Sanders has turned the Chaps (16-4, 2-0 in District 7-5A) into a winning program. Last year, they finished 10-16 and 3-7.

"I played against them last year when I was at Dunbar, so I knew they always had a good offense," said Sanders, who is also an assistant football coach. "Right now, we are stressing discipline and defense. Our pressing game has really worked for us."

Before a one-year stint as head girls coach at Dunbar last season, the former Southwest Texas State football player had never coached a girls basketball team, although he did serve as a football assistant for seven years under Lewis Hayes at Dunbar. Last year, Hayes took a job at Western Hills, and Sanders came on board at Wyatt.

"I'm a coach," said Sanders, who took over the girls team after Sharon Starr resigned to coach the

Royalties Distributed from Negro Leagues Licensing Program

Major League Baseball Properties announced the distribution of royalties collected from its pro bono Negro Leagues licensing program at a press conference held at the Super Show in Atlanta today. Royalties totaling \$143,248 from the period of July 1994—November 1994 were disbursed to surviving former Negro Leagues players, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and The Jackie Robinson Foundation.

At a presentation today, a check for \$72,898.96 was presented to Wilmer Fields, on behalf of surviving Negro Leagues players, a check for \$42,209.37 was presented to Don Motley of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, and a third check in the amount of \$28,139.58 was presented to Rachel Robinson of The Jackie Robinson Foundation.

"We are delighted with the success to date of our Negro Leagues licensing program," said Don Gibson, Vice President and General Counsel for Major League Baseball Properties. "We expect that this will be the first of many presentations of royalty checks to these individuals and organizations as we all strive to preserve the legacy of the Negro Leagues and their players."

"Although the Negro Leagues Museum is a direct beneficiary of this licensing program, all Americans

benefit from the preservation of important parts of our history," said Don Motley, Executive Director of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. "We are looking forward to continued support from Major League Baseball."

"This landmark licensing program benefits past, present and future generations," stated Rachel Robinson, Chairwoman and Founder of the Jackie Robinson Foundation. "Our participation helps provide more college scholarships and other support services to promising young leaders of tomorrow."

The Negro Leagues licensing program, originally announced by Major League Baseball Properties at its Licensee Meetings in November 1993 and officially launched at the Super Show in February 1994 is a pro bono program with 100% of the revenues generated from the sale of the merchandise being distributed to surviving former Negro Leagues players, The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and The Jackie Robinson Foundation.

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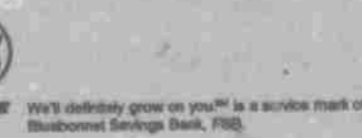
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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman" (John 15:1).

For centuries Judaism had been designated as God's vine. The vine or vineyard was one of the most popular descriptions of Israel. God had been vinedresser for Israel. He had selected a fertile hill, cultivated it, planted

it with the choicest vine, built a tower in it, etc. All of this means that God has showered His vineyard of Israel with privilege after privilege. He did all that it was possible to do for Israel. He then expected Israel to produce good grapes, but she did not. God exercised patience toward Israel for many centuries, but they continued to move away from Him. Finally, by

the time of Jesus the worship of the people had become worship in outward form only. Their religion was depersonalized.

So God put into motion His long-held plan for the people of the New Covenant. Instead of connecting them to the Jews, God would connect them to the true vine, Jesus, His Son. Jesus would be the vine that would carry the life that would blossom, nourish, and preserve the world from total destruction. Through Him something new would live in the hearts and lives of men.

The Christian of today must be careful that he or she does not revert to the ways of impersonal religion. We must realize that performing rituals and being involved in our denominational activities is not all that is involved in our religion. Since we as the branches are connected to the vine, we are expected to look and act like the vine in our outer actions as well as our inner characters. We are to be so intertwined with Jesus that it will be difficult to tell us apart from Him.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

President Sister Irma Rogers (retired), Littlefield on Stanley St. Lubbock, attended their Prayer Breakfast Annual Banquet. What a blessing and a privilege to be invited to this annual affair. Such a great group of women—Sis. Betty Kemp is president, a great lady. (Lubbock) was love! John 4:7-8.

Black History Month What is Justice?

Justice is equal protection for all irrespective of race, socioeconomic status, color, creed, nationality, or sex under the same law. Justice is fair play for all. It is "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Is justice color blind in America? On many occasions, our justice system has not administered justice absent of prejudice and discrimination, especially as it relates to African-Americans. This is evident by America's jails and prisons being crowded with over fifty percent black inmates, when Blacks are only about ten percent of America's total population. On the other hand, justice cannot afford to blindfold herself to the oppression and injustices that racism upon African-Americans, which many times serves as a background that encourages and lures Blacks into crime. A man once said a pancake, no matter how thin you cook it, still always has two sides. Justice must take off its blindfold and see both sides clearly to properly administer justice, especially as it relates to Black crime. Crime should not go unpunished, but the justice system of the USA must remove the oppression upon African-Americans. High unemployment, the last hired and first fired, denial of capital to start or perpetuate Black businesses. We're not complaining, but wondering why not pool our resources together. A start is at Wiley & Mack School. Head start in our churches, programs to educate our children. Give them a foundation based on scripture. Give our many retired teachers a job, so our children can learn reading and writing before they learn to tie a condom. This will be a good start. Many churches over here... if we don't do something now today the Black Race is in big trouble. What we make happen for others, God will make happen for us. Give to this school if we can't do anything else. Our precious little ones need a Black face to come to their rescue. There's a Devil loose in America but we don't have to be consumed by him. The reason slavery was lifted off of Blacks was so we could serve Jesus. Stop practicing "religion," start practicing how to love your sisters and brothers.

We have always heard this song, "Go down Moses, go down in Egypt land, tell old Pharaoh let my people go." It doesn't stop there. Read Exodus 8:1—so they may serve me. We can only be free if we serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's pray:
Oh thou great and gracious Spirit of all heaven and earth, the source of life and the God of humanity, bless us that we may attend thy Word. We want so much to do our own thing, all due to our rebellious nature. Oh God who has come to us in thy son Jesus Christ, call us to thyself. Break down our stubborn will, cause us to know the great freedom of obedience, that we may be a people after thine own heart. This prayer we pray in the blessed name of thy son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Read II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 16:22-26. Keep smiling, friends, and loving humanity, we're a great people. Write P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408.

E. Hood, President, Ernestine Frazier, Secretary.
We will go to Parkway Nursing Center Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Join us.



We Thank God for Jesus "Lord Please Heal America!!!"

Mark 16:15, 16. JESUS SAID, Go ye into the world (SIN SYSTEM), and PREACH THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) to every creature. He that BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED.

LORD, when you said: GO and preach the GOOD NEWS TO A DYING WORLD, THE CHURCH DIDN'T PREACH SALVATION; BUT RIGHTS: FOR MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

Isaiah 55:8, 9. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, SAITH THE LORD, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

LORD, When you said: I am the WAY, the TRUTH AND THE LIFE. THAT ETERNAL LIFE BUT THE CHURCH was concerned about giving people their CIVIL rights.

Galatians 6:7, Be not deceived; GOD IS NOT MOCKED; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

(The thing about sowing and reaping, you always reap more than you sowed. You can take a sack of corn to the field, but when you reap it, you'll need more than a pick-up truck to bring it in. LIKE SIN; it adds more and more.)

The CIVIL rights MARCH, it was the beginning of disobeying, THE LAWS OF THE LAND. NOW ITS IN THE HOMES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, ITS OUT OF HAND.

Proverb 14:12 There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

(SALVATION: in the greek is, so-tay-ree'ah, means to RESCUE OR TO SAVE.)

LORD, When you said: for your PEOPLE TO HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND TO PRAY, But THE CHURCH wanted to fix a SALVATION, IN THEIR OWN WAY.

Matthew 15:13, JESUS said, Every plant, which MY HEAVENLY FATHER hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

(THE CIVIL rights Of THE DEVIL. Woman rights, Gay rights, Abortion rights, Run away children rights, No Spanking rights, Black rights, White rights, KKK rights, Drugs in the schools rights, Shacking rights, Cut off the penis rights, CONDOMS OR RUBBERS IN

KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, Suicide rights, Drug selling corner rights, Kill the FAMILY RIGHTS, AND MARCH AND KILL ABORTION DOCTORS RIGHTS.)

And from those CIVIL rights: CAME NO BIBLE OR PRAYER IN THE SCHOOLS, BUT IN THE SCHOOLS: DRUGS, GANGS, POLICE DOGS, KILLINGS; WHO'S THE FOOLS?

Romans 1:21, 22, Because that, when they knew GOD, they glorified HIM NOT AS GOD, neither were thankful; but became vain (EMPTY) in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

(MARCHING ON ABORTION CLINICS: is of the DEVIL. You're not saving souls, UN-BORN BABIES GO TO BE WITH THE LORD. But the soul that DIES IN SIN GOES TO HELL. So why save something that's already saved? The soul that dies in this so called rights THINGS, are souls going to HELL; LOST WITHOUT JESUS.)

I Samuel 15:22, 23a, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in OBEYING THE VOICE OF THE LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the SIN OF WITCHCRAFT, AND STUBBORNNESS IS AS INIQUITY AND IDOLATRY.

◆◆◆◆◆WILL THE CHURCH ROB GOD???◆◆◆◆◆
The only RIGHTS YOU WANT, LORD, IS FOR MANKIND TO WORSHIP ONLY YOU, FOR YOU DIED FOR ALL SINS; AND MANKIND MUST KNOW THE TRUTH.

John 14:6, JESUS SAID, I AM the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the FATHER, BUT BY ME.

LORD, THE CHURCH IS NOT LIFTING YOU; IT HAS LEFT OUT YOUR PLANS, AMERICA IS IN THE WORST OF TROUBLE; WE'RE NOW THE WORST IN THE LAND.

I Chronicles 7:14, THE LORD SAID, If my people (THE CHRISTIANS), which are called by MY NAME, shall HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND (AMERICA).

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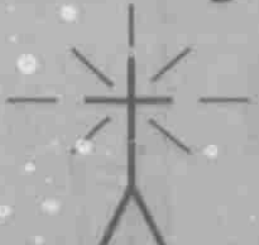


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Echo Records Launches R&B Artist Christopher Denson

Chicago-based recording label, Echo Records, in conjunction with producer Frayne Lewis, son of famed jazz pianist, Ramsey Lewis, are pleased to announce the national release of R&B singer/songwriter Christopher Denson's debut album, *Mr. CD Steppin' Out*. Slated for release in early 1995, this album is sure to please, with its hot mix of urban-edged ballads, as with the single "A Kiss Before I Say Goodbye," due in record stores December 8th. Distribution is set through MS Distributing Company.

"A Kiss Before I Say Goodbye," an impassioned ode of love at evening's end, co-written by Denson, reflects an insight and genuine sensitivity for life and love, that fuels the entire Denson-Lewis project. The slick funkiness of "Nickel on the Side," the driving pump of title track "Mr. CD Steppin' Out," conspire with more sultry renderings like "Change Our Love" and "You Know it Ain't Nothin'," to make the Denson-Lewis collaboration Chicago's first R&B hit of '95.

Denson and Lewis, however, aren't resting on their musical laurels, just yet. 23 year old Christopher and 26 year old Frayne, who met while Denson was attending Chicago Academy For the Arts, have a plan. Their own record label, another album for Christopher (who, by the way, prefers the handle "CD") and several other production projects for Frayne, which include producing new artist, Cara Blackwell, for whom CD will also do some writing, and, delivering on a commitment to his dad, young Frayne will produce Ramsey Lewis' next album, as well. Keep your eyes on this talented duo, because when it comes to putting thoughtful words to music that's happening, Denson and Lewis have got it goin' on!



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Sharp Reports that Lubbock Sales Tax Rebates in 1994 Increased 9.5 Percent over 1993—Sign of Strengthening Local Economy

AUSTIN—“A special analysis by our office shows that sales tax collections in Lubbock in 1994 averaged 9.5 percent higher than 1993, which is further proof that the overall local economy is growing stronger,” State Comptroller John Sharp said today.

“Sales tax revenue is one of the best barometers we have to measure local retail sales activity. To more accurately gauge the true level of this local economic activity, we’ve adjusted local tax revenues to delete such non-economic factors as sales tax rate changes, audits or reallocations,” Sharp said. “These adjustments allow us to better compare apples with apples, or more importantly, sales tax revenue for 1994 with that for 1993.”

“Among the more than 1,000 cities statewide that charge a local sales tax, the adjusted revenue for 1994 ran approximately 7.7 percent ahead of 1993, once the non-economic factors were deleted,” Sharp said.

The city of Lubbock adjusted sales tax payments

for 1994 were \$19.3 million, 9.56 percent larger than the \$17.6 million they received in 1993.

The adjusted sales tax revenue also varies by regions of the state. According to Sharp’s analysis, local sales tax revenue is up in each of the 10 economic regions of Texas. Those increases are: Central Texas, up 11.5 percent; Gulf Coast, up 6.1 percent; High Plains, up 7.8 percent; Metroplex, up 9.3 percent; Northwest Texas, up 4.3 percent; South Texas, up 7.2 percent; Southeast Texas, up 2.5 percent; Upper East Texas, up 6.9 percent; Upper Rio Grande, up 6.9 percent; and West Texas, up 3.6 percent.

Approximately 500,000 Texas businesses collect the state and local sales tax from their customers and remit the money to the Comptroller’s Office on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, depending upon the size of their operation. The state sales tax rate is 6.25 percent, while the local rate can be as much as 2 percent. The Comptroller deposits the state’s share of the tax revenue into the State Treasury and returns the local share back to the communities to help fund a wide variety of programs and services.

State of Texas
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Adjusted City Sales and Use Tax Comparison Summary for Lubbock County
January–December 1993 and January–December 1994

County/City	Current Rate	1993 Adjusted Payments	1994 Adjusted Payments	% Change
Lubbock				
Hale	.0100000	\$50,972.86	\$49,485.06	-2.91%
Lubbock	.0100000	17,622,627.84	19,308,861.99	9.56%
New Deal	.0100000	16,613.28	5,811.60	-65.01%
Slaton	.0100000	208,287.37	204,224.58	-1.95%
Wolforth	.0100000	49,370.87	54,826.82	11.05%
County Total		\$17,947,872.22	\$19,623,210.05	9.33%

Poems Wanted for New Contest and Anthology

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum’s new “Awards of Poetic Excellence” poetry contest. Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes March 31, 1995, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Fall 1995 edition of *Poetic Voices of America*, a hardcover anthology to be published in October, 1995. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by May 31, 1995.

“Our contest is especially for new and unpublished poets and offers a public forum that enables them to share their work,” says Jerome P. Welch, Publisher. “We look for originality of ideas and poetry of all styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas.”

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. C, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV 26175.

About the Contest Sponsor: Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., holds six free poetry contests and publishes six hardcover poetry anthologies each year. We are dedicated to encouraging and rewarding the many “undiscovered” poets across America.

St. John Baptist Church to Host Annual Men’s Day

On Sunday, February 19, 1995, at 3:00 p.m., the men of St. John Baptist Church will present their Annual Men’s Day.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. B.R. Moton, Pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church. The St. Mark Baptist Church Men’s Chorus, Brother LaGene Brooks, and Brother Bryon Hanspar will also participate in the program.

The theme is taken from II Corinthians 5:17.

The church is located at 1712 East 29th Street. Rev. S.E.

Fields, pastor; Arie Jackson, reporting.



World Class gymnast Chainey Umphrey show Mister Rogers how he “chalks up” his hands as part of his safety procedures on program #1684 (February 23) during a new week about Fast and Slow on Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, premiering on PBS February 20. Chainey talks about safety issues and hard work involved in gymnastics and says his workouts give him satisfaction, as well as an outlet for his feelings and frustrations. Throughout the week (programs #1681-1685) Fred Roger helps children understand that both Fast and Slow have important and necessary places in our lives.

Censorship Forum

Planned Parenthood of Lubbock will be sponsoring a public forum on “Censorship,” Thursday, February 16, at the Garden & Arts Center located at 42nd and University from 7-9 p.m. The guest speaker will be Judith Krug, Director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom and Executive Director of the Freedom to Read Foundation with the American Library Association in Chicago.

Most of us following the issues that face Planned Parenthood are very aware of attempts being made to censor critical information needed in our public schools in the area of sexuality education. However, censorship attempts are on the rise in other areas with trends in censorship in school textbook selection; art exhibits; and other political, religious, and personal freedoms.

According to People for the American Way, an organization that defends constitutional liberties, 1992-93 saw the greatest number of censorship attempts in the 12 years that the organization has been conducting its annual survey of Attacks on the Freedom to Learn.

Texas, with 21 challenges, ranked high on the list of number of censorship attempts, next to Oregon and Washington. Of the 395 challenges made across the nation, nearly half were directed at library books.

Which books have been the cause of such controversy? Among the most frequently challenged books were such classics as *Of Mice and Men*, and *Catcher in the Rye*. Other books include: *The Bridge to Terabithia*, *The Boy Who Lost His Face*, and *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*—all children’s books, and also all Judy Blume books.

This event is open to the public. Co-sponsors include the American Association of University Women, First United Unitarian Church, the American Civil Liberties Association, and the Lubbock Area Library Association. Donations will be accepted at the door.

We are deeply concerned about these attempts at suppression in all the areas mentioned. The censors, public and private, assume that they should determine what is good and what is bad for their fellow citizens.

Such pressure toward conformity is perhaps natural to a time of uneasy change and pervading fear. And yet suppression is never more dangerous than in such time of social tension. Freedom keeps open the path of novel and creative solutions, and enables change to come by choice.

U.S. Surgeon General Nominated



President Bill Clinton nominated Henry W. Foster, Jr., M.D. to be the next U.S. Surgeon General. Foster, 61 years old, is a practicing gynecologist and medical educator who is widely recognized as one of the nation’s leading authorities on reducing infant mortality and preventing teen pregnancy and drug abuse. Currently, he is on a one-year sabbatical from Meharry Medical College where he has served as dean of the school of medicine and acting president.

Foster earned a bachelor of science degree from Morehouse College in 1954 and was awarded his doctor of medicine degree by the University of Arkansas in 1958. He conducted an internship at the Detroit Receiving Hospital, served two years as a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force, and conducted one year of residency training in general surgery at Malden Hospital in Malden, MA. He completed a three-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN.

Among his awards and honors, Foster has been a scholar-in-residence at the Association of Academic Health Centers in Washington, D.C.; induction into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; the Appreciation Award for Research and Teaching in Sickle Cell Anemia from Tuskegee University; and the Faculty Award for Excellence in Science and Technology from the

As we celebrate Black History Month, we must reflect on the thoughts and actions of the many, many people of color who have fought and died for change.

We must remember the unnamed african who was brought to North America in shackles, yet managed somehow to tear the chains from his body in order to get free. The unnamed Aztec warrior who endured the torture of the Spaniards in order to save his tribe. The unnamed student cadets of Chapultepec in Mexico who wrapped themselves in their flag and threw themselves over a cliff to prevent U.S. invading troops from capturing their flag. The unnamed freedom fighters who died in the march from Selma to Birmingham.

I am convinced that all of these people of color had in common one thing as they fought and died. They wanted CHANGE.

Their courage brings to mind the words that Dick Gregory wrote to his mother in the last chapter of his autobiography.

“You didn’t die a slave for nothing, Momma. You brought us up. You and all those Negro mothers who gave their kids the strength to go on, to take that thimble to the well while the whites were taking buckets. Those of us who weren’t des-troyed got stronger, got calluses on our souls, and now we’re ready to change a system, a system where a white man can destroy a black man with a single word. Nigger.

When we’re through, Momma, there won’t be any niggers anymore.”

CHANGE....It will not be easy, but it must be accomplished. Best Wishes on the celebration of Black History Month.

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