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NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SURVEY

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Foster's Confirmation Chances Up After Hearing

At a recent confirmation hearing before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, the 61-year-old African-American obstetrician-gynecologist from Nashville said he had come to "set the record straight" about "who I am and what I stand for." Senate watchers say Foster successfully disputed published accounts and other documents used by some GOP senators to challenge his credibility. His prospects of winning endorsement from the committee seemed greatly enhanced with sympathetic statements from two Republicans who were once regarded as undecided votes. His critics had said the nomination lacked credibility because of conflicting statements from Foster and administrative officials about the number of abortions he performed. The U.S. Surgeon-General oversees a staff of six and budget of \$850,000.

Congressman Hit With New Charges in Sex-Abuse Case

Prosecutors have disclosed new obstruction-of-justice charges against second-term Chicago Congressman Mel Reynolds, claiming he engineered false statements by three potential witnesses in his upcoming sex-abuse trial. Reynolds, 43, was charged last year with having sex with an underage campaign volunteer, Beverly Heard, during his first successful Congressional campaign, and with obstructing investigation in the case. Heard recanted her accusations in January and now contends she doesn't want to testify at the trial. The new indictments accuse Reynolds of an elaborate scheme to derail the sex-abuse case. The new charges accuse Reynolds of preparing affidavits for Heard and her lesbian lover. The affidavits contend that Heard was coerced by police into having a tape-recorded phone conversation with Reynolds that included discussions of alleged past sexual encounters. He is charged with paying \$400 to a second woman, Stephanie Adams, in return for her agreement to recant accusations that she had sex with Reynolds when she was 16. He is also accused of ordering an aide to create false affidavits in the case.

"Panther" Becoming A Big Movie and Social Hit

Black filmmakers Mario and Melvin Van Peebles have many in America talking in new terms about the Black Panthers. Their legend proceeded them and like all larger-than-life figures, the lives of the young men and women of the Black Panthers of the 1960s have been recounted with as much fiction as fact. The Van Peebles have attempted to set the record straight in "Panther," with needed focus on the social side of the Black Panthers' efforts to help the poor and disadvantaged of their communities. The movie has made quite a hit black moviegoers, but is only being shown in less than 500 theaters across the country, as opposed to regular Hollywood hits that are booked in thousands of movie houses. **Black Expo's Business Trade Association**
The Black Expo USA has formed a membership network

THE BLACK PRESS OF AMERICA: 168 YEARS OLD

Is the Voice of Black Americans Still Lighting the Road To Freedom?
By William Reed, NNPA Director of Communications

Is America's Black Press still viable? With daily newspapers now hiring black reporters and editors and giving more coverage to African-American communities than ever before, is there still a need for black-oriented newspapers? Is it not true that publications directed primarily to an African-American community are actually a stark example of "Reverse discrimination?" As the nation's 200 black-oriented newspapers celebrate the 168th anniversary of the first newspapers especially for blacks, these questions abound among the general public, newspaper subscribers, advertisers and general community media, who now see high-income African Americans as a new and growing market.

Freedom's Journal was America's first African-American newspaper. John B. Russwurm, the nation's second African American to earn a college degree, and Rev. Samuel E. Cornish, published the first issue in New York City on March 16, 1827. The weekly tabloid was published in response to printed attacks against freed and enslaved blacks, black leaders and abolitionists.

In 1827, New York City boasted America's second largest free black population, second only to Baltimore. The bustling city's active black community had formed its own churches, schools, social groups, and entertainment organizations. A group of educated black religious leaders and others were committed to abolishing slavery and its evils. While the majority of blacks in New York were free, the city was not free of slavery's ills. Slaves still worked in New York and freed black tradesmen looking for jobs lost out to the flood of lesser skilled European immigrants. Thugs known as Blackbirds kidnapped both freed and fugitive slaves and smuggled them out of town and to the slave markets in the southern states. But, the most powerful tool against black equality was the press, entirely owned and operated by whites. Mordecai Noah, publisher of several newspapers, including the *New York Enquirer*, printed frequent attacks on blacks, causing many to oppose reforms to aid blacks. In the spring of 1827, a group of black leaders, from the Northeast, met in New York to counter the racist propaganda of the white press. Out of that meeting, held at the home of M. Boston Crommel, a prominent black businessman and shipping magnate, came the creation of *Freedom's Journal*, with Cornish and Russwurm at the helm. The paper was published until 1829, ultimately being distributed throughout the northern states, Canada, Haiti,

England and even in some of the southern states.

Freedom's Journal defined the role of black-oriented publications in succeeding decades as champions of freedom and equal rights for people of color. Continuing to light the road to freedom, in the late 1800s, Frederick Douglass' *North Star* newspaper was a dominant force among blacks and whites. In the early 1900s, Douglass' crusade was taken up by leading publishers such as Monroe Trotter in the Boston area, John Murphy in Baltimore, Robert Vann in Pittsburgh and Robert S. Abbott in Chicago. In the early part of this century, publications such as the *Afro-American* newspaper chain, the *Chicago Defender*, *Pittsburgh Courier* and the *Boston Guardian* were the principal mediums discussing issues and events affecting African Americans and dominated black minds, thoughts and actions. Great family businesses and traditions evolved through generations via the Black Press, such as: the Scott family of Atlanta; Murphy's of Baltimore and Washington, D.C.; Mitchells of St. Louis; Sengstackes and Johnsons of Chicago; Perrys of Philadelphia; Youngs of Norfolk and Dejeans of New Orleans.

Today, there are more than 200 black-oriented newspapers across the U.S., and many of the black staffers on daily newspapers got their start with the Black Press. The Black Press' weekly circulation exceeds six million and industry statistics show a readership of over 11 million each week. The president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Robert Bogle, feels that there is competition from the mainstream press for his readers. "We must be more competitive to attract black consumers, now that everyone else, including the daily paper, wants them." Bogle and others in the Black Press feel they must become more aggressive to protect their turf. Dr. Calvin Rolark, deceased Chair of Black Press Week, said last year, "No other media can be the medium for stories about Black America in the way that we can, and have been." Although the majority of black newspapers are weekly publications, the *Chicago Defender*, *New York Daily Challenger* and *Oakland Post* newspapers are published each week day. Black newspapers do not appear to be going away, the average age of NNPA members in 1994 was 25 years of age. Most are in their third generation of family ownership, and the *Philadelphia Tribune* is the nation's oldest continuously published newspaper, now in its 111th year. The *Houston Informer and Freedman* and *Afro-American* publications have also been in operation for over a 100 years.



Janice Marie Isaac



Rondrick Knighten

Alleged Drug Dealers Busted

Here are two photos of alleged drug dealers who were busted recently at one location in Lubbock. In keeping with our commitment, we will continue to show the faces of those who take advantage of our young people.

A total of seven were arrested in the bust. Two were juveniles, one evading dication, one failure to identify, one retaliation, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. The other two were arrested for possession with intent to deliver: Rondrick Knighten and Janice Marie Isaac.

Graduation Exercises

1995 Lubbock ISD seniors went through graduation exercises this weekend. The graduating seniors stood with their individual classes in graduation exercises at Municipal Coliseum and Auditorium. On Friday, May 26, 136 Estacado High School seniors began the weekend graduation observance with ceremonies at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Marcos DeLaGarza was named Valedictorian of the 1995 Estacado High School graduating class. Kristeen Pelky was Salutatorian. DeLaGarza lead his class with a grade point average of 4.67. Ms. Pelky had a grade point of 4.31. That same evening, at 8 p.m. Monterey High School graduated 416 senior students in the Municipal Coliseum. Benjamin White (4.35 GPA) was Valedictorian for the Plainsmen class of 95, with Rusty Blachett (4.54 GPA) named Salutatorian.

Saturday afternoon 495 Coronado High School seniors received diplomas in ceremonies in the Coliseum. Yvonne Cantre (4.581 GPA) was named Valedictorian of the Coronado graduating class for 1995, with Kevin Kiefer (4.28 GPA) being named as Salutatorian. Saturday evening graduation exercises for 418 Lubbock High seniors was also held in the Coliseum. Named as Valedictorian for the Western senior class was Ne-la Quon (4.64 GPA) with Eric Walker (4.42 GPA) honored as Salutatorian.

Seniors Graduating By School	Count
Coronado	495
Estacado	136
Lubbock	418
Monterey	416

Washington Named Assistant Superintendent



Since 1991 he has been known as Assistant to the Superintendent for Lubbock ISD, but with the end of the present school year and in preparation for the 1995-1996 school term, John W. Washington will take on a new title. Following board of trustee approval last week, Washington will become Assistant Superintendent for Student Services. The position is an outgrowth of restructuring the administrative council under Superintendent Dr. Curtis Culwell.

Dr. Culwell indicates that Washington's new duties will include oversight of the Department of Student Services, the Public Information Office, and Athletics in addition to student discipline. Dr. Culwell stated "Mr. Washington has served the district well for the past five years and I feel confident that he will continue have a positive impact in his new duties."

Washington has been with LISD since 1990 when he came to the district as Director of Personnel. He served as a principal and assistant principal in the LaMarque School District between 1983 and 1990. Washington taught social studies and was an assistant varsity coach at North Garland High School from 1979-1983. He has been in education since 1977 after spending two years in professional football including a year as a defensive back with the Los Angeles Rams.

Washington received his masters degree in education administration in 1982 from East Texas State University. He and his wife Daisy have two children, Cedric and Shanna.

Myrlie Evers-Williams Inaugurated



Special Report by James Forman, author, Publisher of BANS, and President of the Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee (UPAC) and the Unemployed and Poverty Action Council Legal Defense, Education and Research Fund, Inc. (The UPAC FUND, Inc.), a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization. From 1961 to 1969 James Forman served

as the Executive Director of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and as its International Affairs Director from 1966 to 1969. In that capacity he had the opportunity to work with many leaders of the civil rights movement, including the late Medgar Evers and Roy Wilkins, the Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

Highlights

Noted columnist Carl T. Rowan, a Co-Chair of the inauguration, helped the NAACP to raise 1.7 million dollars in donations and pledges at this event. Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, former Secretary of State of Pennsylvania and the other Co-Chair of the NAACP Inaugural Committee, presided over the program.

Inauguration witnessed by seven Federal Judges and a host of other outstanding leaders and personalities, including Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, Vernon E. Jordan, Colin Powell, Melba Moore, Dorothy Height, Betty Shabazz, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Wintley Phipps, U.S. Attorney-General Janet Reno, Alexis Herman, White House Public Liaison Director, Mrs. Thurgood (Cissy) Marshall, Mayor of Washington, D.C., Marion Barry and his wife, Cora Masters Barry.

Myrlie Evers-Williams, whose former husband was the slain civil rights leader, Medgar Evers, was inaugurated as

Chairperson of the NAACP Board of Directors at the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. on Mother's Day, May 14, 1995.

Often considered the "National Cathedral of African Methodism," the Metropolitan A.M.E. church with a seating capacity of 2,500 is located in the 2nd Episcopal District of the A.M.E. church. The presiding Bishop is Rev. Frederick C. James; Rev. George A. Manning is the Presiding Elder. The seven Federal Judges participating in this historic installation ceremony were:

- (1) the Honorable Damon J. Keith of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Detroit, MI, a Spingarn Award Recipient;
- (2) the Honorable Robert L. Carter, Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, New York and former General Counsel of the NAACP;
- (3) the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Cincinnati, OH, and a former NAACP General Counsel;
- (4) the Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Retired Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Cambridge, MA, a former NAACP Lawyer and former President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP;
- (5) the Honorable Matthew Perry, Judge, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, Columbia S.C. and former NAACP National Board Member;
- (6) the Honorable Norma Holloway Johnson, Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.;
- (7) the Honorable Judith W. Rogers, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Washington, D.C.

Non-denominational remarks were extended by Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., President of Catholic University of America, Rabbi David Superstein, a member of the NAACP

Board of Directors, and the Rev. Dr. Edward Hailes, Sr., Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, and a former member of the NAACP Board of Directors.

Mrs. Rosa Parks, who ignited the Montgomery, Alabama Bus Boycott in 1956, also delivered greetings on this occasion, as did Mrs. Coretta Scott King, the founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violence and the widow of the civil rights martyr, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Mrs. Williams opposes "Contract With America"**

In her acceptance speech Myrlie Evers-Williams was quite emphatic in her opposition to the "Contract With America," the guiding program of the current Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. If mobilized and organized to vote in the 1995 and especially in the 1996 elections, the membership and friends of the NAACP might exercise decisive blows to the "Contract With America" or the Contract On America.

Mrs. Williams not only expressed intense opposition to the "Contract With America" in her inaugural speech but also the need for people to vote on election days. She stressed to the packed audience in the Metropolitan A.M.E. church how she won the Chair of the Board of Directors of the NAACP by one vote, thereby trying to urge all voters to realize that one vote is often quite important. The failure of many people not to vote in the off-year election of 1994 contributed greatly to the success of the far right John Birch coalition that won control of the U.S. Congress in 1994.

BANS has news outlets in more than ninety countries. It is distributed to the major world news agencies, radio and TV stations, as well as to the Black Press in the U.S. and other news outlets. BANS eagerly seeks and accepts donations of any amount to help carry out its work. Donations for BANS, UPAC, or the UPAC Fund, Inc. should be sent to James Forman, P.O. Box 21097, Washington, D.C. 20009.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, located at 2002 Birch Avenue and where Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor, is the Church Where The People Really Care.

Services began at 9:30 a.m. and the Youth were in charge of the devotional period. A song, "Yes, Jesus Loves Me," was sung. While music was playing, the classes marched to their various classes for study for 30 minutes.

The classes reassembled singing "Love Lifted Me." High points of the lesson were given by the Men's Class, Class No. 1. They presented some very good points.

Secretary's Report: Men's Class No. 1 received both banners—Attendance and Offering banners. Since men are supposed to be the head of their house, the ladies will go along with them until they change a little.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Deacon R.J. Givens and Deacon U. Kelly.

During the morning worship hour, the Youth Choir marched in singing, "I'm On My Way Up." Altar prayer was given by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus than Silver or Gold," was sung. The morning scripture was taken from I Corinthians 13, and read by Sister Reddie. Prayer was given by Sister Quigley. Another song, "Whatsoever Is Born of God," was sung.

Sister Joan Y. Ervin led the responsive reading with the congregation standing. Another song, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," was sung.

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He was all in smiles over a step that has been taken for the enlargement of the new church project. This was followed by the singing of "Jesus, How I Love Your Name." Young people, you did a mighty good job. Keep up the good work.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "On Which Foundation Are You Building Your Life?" Scripture text was St. Luke 6:47-49. Pastor Moton left the congregation with a question to answer.

Pastor Moton will be preaching this week at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in a revival. Let's whisper a prayer for him.

New Hope was really glad to see Sister Mary Lang in services last Sunday morning.

Pray for our sick and shut-in citizens in Lubbock and other places.

Among our sick and shut-ins include Sister Kenyatta Barnes, who is a patient at St. Mary Hospital. Sister Odell Williams is on the sick list.

Final rites will be held for C.B. "Stubb" Stubblefield on Saturday afternoon, June 3, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. He died at his home in Austin early Saturday morning.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Willie Reed on Tuesday.

Ronnie "Bubba" Kinner's sister, Carletta Smith, who is also a niece of Ruby Jay, is here visiting for the holiday weekend. Her fiancé, Elder Anthony W. Harrison, accompanied her. He is a nephew of Elder and Mrs. R.L. Caro of Lubbock, pastor of Tree of Life COGIC. Carletta and Elder Harrison are from Cleburn, Texas. All were glad to have them visit here. Carletta had an opportunity to visit with her father, John Smith, while visiting in Lubbock.

June is casual dress month for members of the New Hope Baptist Church. Pastor Moton has advised the young people not to wear shorts to church that are too short.

Mrs. Gracie Sullivan is on the sick list this week. She desires the prayers of all of you.

National Black News Survey

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for African-American entrepreneurs to have year-round after the show leaves town. The National Black Business Trade Association (NBBTA) is a non-profit arm of Black Expo USA and has as its goal, "to further strengthen the black community by strengthening black businesses." According to its chief executive, Lee Green, NBBTA's memberships are \$49.95 and open to individuals, small businesses, organizations and foundations. Call (202) 371-1000, and ask for act. 101 to obtain applications and/or information.

An African American is Commissioner of U.S. Consumer Product Safety

Thomas Hill Moore has been sworn in as Commissioner of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). He has over 10 years of background as a Senate staff aid and legislative counsel. A graduate of the University of Florida College of Law and former executive vice president of the National Medical Association, Moore says he is looking forward to his service as Commissioner and has a long-standing interest in consumer safety. "The value to American families of having oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission cannot be overstated. CPSC performs an essential role in protecting the health and safety of consumers," says Moore.

Valuable Consumer Information From the Federal Government

If you are experiencing the pain of arthritis, you may be tempted to try non-medical treatments such as copper bracelets or herbal concoctions. *Hocus-Focus As Applied to Arthritis* (Item 605B free) helps you protect yourself from arthritis treatment scams that swindle those with arthritis out of a billion dollars a year. Or, you can get the most out of your medications from *Some Things You Should Know About Prescription Drugs* (Item 607B free) which will help you to learn about questions you should ask your doctor about prescriptions and whether you should use generic brand medications. Address requests to Consumer Information Catalog, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

What Does It Really Cost For A Pair of Athletic Shoes?

The typical American is said to now own two or three pairs of athletic shoes, which range in price from \$20 for old fashioned sneakers to \$135 for top-of-the-line basketball shoes. The following is an accounting of a pair of Nike Air Pegasus: Production costs to Nike \$20; Cost to the retailer \$35.50; and Cost to consumer \$70.00. After payment of expenses to Nike, the average retailer makes a \$9.00 operating profit on each sale.

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First Practice Planned for Senior Sports Classic

Athletes 50 years old and older will have their first opportunity to prepare as a group for the University Medical Center West Texas Senior Sports Classic Tuesday (May 16) from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Chatman Field, 2305 Avenue W.

The Preventive Medicine Department at UMC will sponsor the training and fitness session, the first of several before the Aug. 16-19 Sports Classic.

Fitness experts will discuss nutrition for athletes in training, race walking techniques, stretching and warming up. The experts will be available for individual questions on other issues as well.

Several track and field participants will practice after the discussions.

Cheryl Benoit, director of Preventive Medicine at UMC, said the session will be suited to anyone interested in preparing for the Sports Classic or wanting to start a fitness program.

"We're trying to make it non-sports specific so if you're in tennis, golf, cycling or any of the events, then these issues will apply," Benoit said.

The Sports Classic is sponsored by City of Lubbock Community Development and Neighborhood Initiatives and UMC. Events include bowling, tennis, cycling, swimming, bridge, basketball, football, golf, track, field, road racing, race walking, archery and horseshoes. Separate men's and women's first-, second- and third-place medals will be awarded in each age division following completion of each event.



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**Parkway Manor Care Center
News - Volunteer Registration**

Willie Jean Floyd and granddaughter visited George Skie last Sunday afternoon, and reported a wonderful visit.

Mrs. Lula Mae Perry visited Marie Embry on her Monday afternoon.

Brother Birmingham, a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church where Elder Charles Tanner is the proud pastor, visited the residents last Tuesday afternoon.

Greater St. Luke Baptist Church's Mission with six members came and held worship services for the residents last Tuesday evening. They were assisted by Rev. J.L. Barnes, associate minister.

Beady Perry and Lula Perry visited the residents last Wednesday morning.

Six members of the Parkway Baptist Church came last Wednesday evening and held worship services for the residents.

Ann Day, who works with SPAG, came last Wednesday morning and visited the residents, and joined with Rev. W.H. Stephens in his weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at 10:10 a.m. Residents expect to see her each Wednesday. When she was in the hospital, she called and told the staff she wouldn't be able to be present. The residents miss her so very much when she is absent. Last Wednesday morning's lesson was entitled "Our Understanding Savior." Hebrews 4:15.

Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Sanders visited Rev. W.H. Stephens last Thursday afternoon.

Rayward Lewis visited his brother, Artis Lewis, on last Thursday afternoon.

Rev. W.H. Stephens, who was the adopted Grandpa for the students in the Future Homemakers of America at Dunbar-Struggs Junior High School, is often visited by students of that class. However, last Thursday, school was out and no student showed up. Mrs. Castle, sponsor, did come and visit with Rev. Stephens. He was so lonesome without the young people. What a great gesture of the students at Dunbar-Struggs Junior High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lincoln and two of his nieces from California visited his brother, William Lincoln, last Friday afternoon.

Lethia Alexander and Susie Luddi, members of the Alexander Chapel COGIC where Elder Lemuel Thuston is the proud pastor, visited all the residents last Saturday afternoon.

We thank each of you for your love and kindness.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul. Therefore I will hope in Him.

—Lamentations 3:22-24 (KJV)

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

Obituary

Lewis Walton

Final rites were read for Mr. Lewis Walton, 88 years of age, at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 1995 at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church with Rev. Todd Rasberry, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Walton died at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 1995 in Methodist Hospital. He was born in Elysian Fields, Texas, and married Buc'ah Scott on August 28, 1936 in Waskom, Texas.

He was a construction worker and retired as a butcher from Gilbert Meat Company in 1976. Survivors include two sons, Lewis Walton, Jr. and James Bernard Walton, both of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Bernice Walton Clark of Converse, Texas; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Final Rites Set for C.B. Stubblefield



A Lubbock businessman and blues man, C.B. Stubblefield succumbed in his home in Austin, Texas last Saturday morning. Services have been set for Saturday afternoon, June 3, 1995 at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be held in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the directions of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

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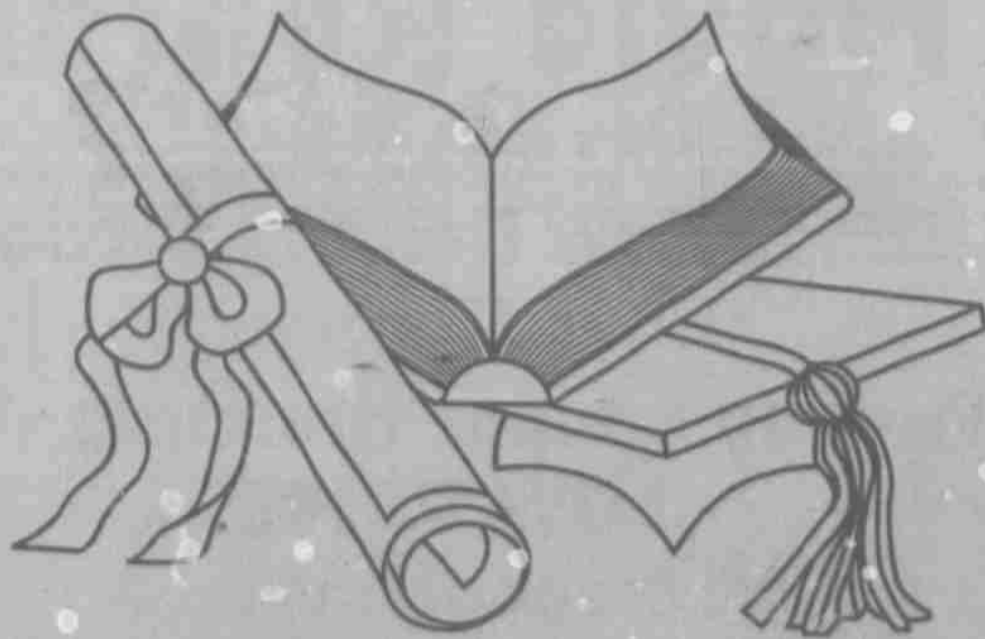
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Welfare Reform

By Eddie P. Richardson

Before you tear down a fence, find out why it was put there in the first place. There had to be a reason. If not, it would not have been put up in the first place. It may only need readjustment, mending, or maybe a slight readjustment. Tearing it down could cause more problems than you now have.

WIC, Head Start, AFDC and other aid and help programs, especially pertaining to senior citizens and disadvantaged or disenfranchised children. Front side is always cheaper than back side, prevention cheaper than cure. The above programs are the front side. Jail and prison are the back side, as well as gang-related death. Sure there is welfare fraud, abuse, misuse, professional welfare tramps, baby machine young girls, food stamp misuse and abuse, the small side which needs to be repaired and reformed. But the large side is each administration brings more dead weight since Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration, which brought us out of the depression where people worked for what they got and there was no free lunch or ride. There was the CCC Camps, WPA programs—everybody worked for what they got. Even the artists painted murals on and in federal buildings, etc. Old ladies and young girls made quilts, did needlework, etc.

The welfare program was designed to phase itself out, but the bureaucrats got in the way. Patronage jobs, political favors paid off and on and on with over 80% of the welfare funds going into administration. When you hear "welfare," you do not hear this side.

When welfare is mentioned, one quickly associates it with ghetto Blacks and other minorities and disenfranchised people... but on the other hand... you have more white females... on welfare... than all the others combined... simply because you have... more... white people than others. The perfect reform to the welfare program as we know it today is remove the freeloaders, deadweight, abusers, by giving them training and putting them to work by making and creating jobs, and giving the truly needy enough money to live on, such as mentally handicapped, physically handicapped, senior citizens, etc. Taking the able-bodied off and putting them to work, that's the perfect solution. But we do not have any perfect solutions so we have to work from where we are with what we have in a sensible and humane way. Young John Birchers, Republicans, you have a task at hand a lot more than you thought you had. With summer coming on and school out, you can't cut people off overnight even if they need to be.

The high side of welfare which most people don't realize because it's called... subsidies... i.e. Chrysler bailout, American Airlines bailout, and other major industry bailouts, along with conglomerate farmers not to farm and the administrative cost from national, regional, state and local salaries. And a large number of these people or bureaucrats forget when they treat their clients like dirt that if it was not for poor people they would not be receiving the salaries as they are. And they must also remember they are also welfare recipients. If poor people go away, so goes their jobs.

(Next Week: Affirmative Action)

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



On a regular basis now, you can pick up a newspaper or magazine and read about communities and their actions to "take back their neighborhoods." It sounds good on paper and makes good reading. Certainly, there are some techniques and positive points to be acquired from reading about, seeing or even being involved in such activities. It just sounds like putting the "cart before the horse" to me.

I have this very strong opinion that in order to take back the neighborhood, you must first take back families and homes. After all, we learned in the early years of our education that families lived in homes which made up the neighborhood. Further, the neighborhood usually had within it a school where the neighborhood children left their homes five of the seven days of a week to attend. Then, there was usually a church or several, depending on the size of the neighborhood.

The families in the homes have changed drastically. They have transcended patriarchal (father-headed or ruled) and matriarchal (mother-headed or ruled) to child-centered or juvenile-ruled. I am still trying to process what is taking place when adults place this type of burden on children.

Carving out a living or a meager existence can be a burden on many parents, but there is still no need to relinquish parental responsibility and put a child in complete control of his destiny. When this happens, all too often, "there goes the neighborhood!" It is time for parents to get "in cinque" and "TAKE BACK THEIR FAMILIES." When families are again controlled by responsible parents, the neighborhoods will again belong to families.

THIS N THAT

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Joel 2:28, The LORD said, It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out MY SPIRIT upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

Friday night: November 21, 1979, my father, Billy II, called me in Garland, Texas. I lived there. He asked me to come to Benchley, Texas to our homeland. He said he had stocked the fishing tanks, and when he would throw grain in to feed them, you could see their backs 10 to 12 inches long. I told him he didn't have to tell me that to get me to come down, but I would. (I began to think, with a net what a catch that would be.)

I was raising and training Doberman dogs: I had one that could climb a ladder. I took her with me, she was tops in her class. We got there that morning and it was drizzling raining. We didn't fish. My father, being a trucker farm for a little while.

My mother had a sister about 3 miles from there, and she's been in the ministry for about 25 years. We would never hardly go to see Aunt Ellen Allen, because she would ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE; AND US LIVING IN SIN, WE DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR THE TRUTH! I heard she was sick, and I had time to kill, so I went to see her, SHE GAVE ME THE WORD OF GOD.

I Timothy 4:2, 3a, Preach the word (OF GOD); be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure SOUND DOCTRINE.

I went back to the homeplace, and my father hadn't got off his job, so I went up to his sister's house, Aunt Corene, and while we were talking, she that my father and his wife were having PROBLEMS, and that if I would talk to them, she believed they would listen to me. But I told her I didn't want to get into other people's business, and I was going to stay out of it. (My dad and I were very good friends, and I didn't want to hear him say: MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!) We fished, hunted, played pool, played dominoes.

John 15:13, Jesus said, Greater LOVE hath no man than this, that a man lay down HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

I went back to my father's house; he had made it home from work. After eating supper, we decided to go to Hearne, Texas for a Saturday night out. I didn't talk to him on the way up, nor on the way back (ABOUT THE FAMILY PROBLEMS).

Sunday morning, after eating breakfast with Dad, I called back to the bedroom to Miss Ophelia, my stepmother, telling her goodbye, and would see her the next trip. My dad was getting ready to go to Bryan, to get some deer sausage made. I loaded my dog and started out to Garland. After going about a mile and turning onto the main highway, I went about 1/4 of a mile and I heard a rubbing sound on the front of my pickup. I pulled over and there were THREE OF THE FIVE BOLTS MISSING; I looked up in time to see my Dad turn to the left going to Bryan, I began to speak:

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Isaiah 6:5a, Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of UNCLEAN LIPS, and I dwell in the midst of A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAN LIPS.

I drove 12 miles with 2 BOLTS holding the wheel on. I was BOOKING FOOTBALL AND RUNNING BOARDS, and needed to get home to take care of BUSINESS. But if one of those bolts had broken, I would be further out, without help. Being the DEAR DEVIL, that I was, I made it to Hearne. THEN THE LORD STARTED WORKING!

Revelation 3:20, Jesus said, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me.

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from the Desk of Person D.A. Smith Wearing a Mask

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

A hypocrite is never genuine; he is always play-acting. The Pharisees and scribes were insincere. All their praying and fasting and giving to the poor was just for show to impress people. Their religion concentrated on externals. So long as outward forms were carried out, that was all that mattered. They could be utterly lacking in justice and charity, and their hearts might be black with sin, but they thought so long as they went through the motions of a mock righteousness, everything was all right with God.

Jesus saw through their act. He read their hearts. "Don't be like them," He warned His listeners. "When you pray—pray in secret." Prayer and communion with God is sacred, between your heavenly Father and you.

There is a story told of Sam who was a deacon in the church. He also was treasurer. He had much to say in how the church businesses was conducted. He never missed a service and he testified and prayed often and with great passion.

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Then one day the pastor went to Deacon Sam's home on a pastoral visit. Sam's wife opened the door. She was crying and her face and arms showed big bruises. The pastor was shocked and asked her, "Who did this to you? Who would hurt you so badly?" "My husband," she replied.

The pastor found it hard to believe. His faithful fervent deacon—a wife-beater? Yes, Deacon Sam put on a beautiful mask at church. But the mask came off at home. Sam was a despicable hypocrite.

It is true, a man or woman may be regular in church attendance and be a generous giver to the church. But if his or her heart is full of sin and pride and he or she has no love or justice in their dealing with others, he or she is not a true Christian, but a hypocrite.

The basis of hypocrisy is insincerity. Jesus looks deep into our hearts and sees all the insincerities of which even we are sometimes unaware. What really motivates us? Are we what we really appear to others? Or are we wearing a mask? The smiling face and the soft voice—does it change suddenly when we get to our homes? Does the mask slip off, and the voice become harsh? Such a double life God despises.

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