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## NATIONAL NEWS At a Glance

### ANC Wins by Landslide in South Africa, Apartheid is Dead Mandela to be First Black President

JOHANNESBURG SOUTH AFRICA—The world's last great formal racist institution was dumped onto the trash heap of history last week as the Nelson Mandela-led African National Congress (ANC) swept victory in the first ever democratic elections in South Africa. While the formal system of white minority rule and the laws which maintained it had been crumbling for years the ANC victory officially ends the system known as apartheid. Early election returns showed the ANC capturing better than 6% of the vote. Its candidates were even winning small majorities in areas of the country where the ANC is not supposed to be strong. The National Party (virtually all white) of outgoing President P.W. de Klerk placed second with about one third of the vote. The Inkatha Freedom Party of controversial Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi captured around 6% of the vote. When the new all-race parliament takes power within the next two weeks, its first order of business will be to elect Mandela the country's first black president marking the true end to a system in which 5 million whites ruled 40 million blacks for so long.

### Apartheid Leaves Mandela Tremendous Problems

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA—The system of apartheid was good to the minority white population in South Africa. It gave them power and the highest standard of living on the African continent. But apartheid's legacy confronts incoming President Nelson Mandela with a myriad problems because the system was based on the super oppression of blacks. The result: about half of all blacks do not have jobs, the vast majority of young people do not have high school educations and black family structure has been significantly damaged in urban areas. Further, apartheid's divide and rule tactics have helped created divisions and animosities among various tribal groups. The Zulus, for example, are expected to be a source of violence and disruption. Another source of violence will be right wing whites who now want an independent "white only" homeland in South Africa. There will also be the question of expectations. Many blacks expect the Mandela victory to immediately lead to a betterment in their standard of living. But that is not likely to happen given the host of problems Mandela will face.



## What's Wrong With African Americans' Hair?

by Candida Johnson

For years we as African-Americans have struggled with our hair. From being teased by whites for wearing hair grease, to being called nappy-headed by our peers, we have all faced persecution because our hair is not silky and straight like most races. Until we take responsibility for our hair we will forever think of it in a negative way.

"My mother cut my hair when I was in the first grade and it never grew back." "I got a perm when I was in elementary school, my hair fell out and never came back." "My hair is short because my aunt straightened it when I was little." Every African-American in the world has heard sisters use these excuses for their short tresses. While most brothers and sisters realize these are false statements, there are surprisingly many black mothers who still believe these tales.

In every school in East Lubbock there is at least one little girl wishing she could sink into the ground each time someone looks in her direction. She's a very pretty little girl so it is unclear why she is so ashamed of her looks. Like many little African-American girls lucky enough to be born with long hair, she is unlucky enough to have a mother who is obsessed with it. Who are these unlucky little girls? Usually they are the ones in school with 20 Buckwheat styled ponytails hanging down to their waist. What's the use in having long hair in 1994 if you can only wear it in a 1962 hair-style? I find this very cruel, and as a child who grew up with long hair I can empathize with these little sisters.

While my hair was considered "good hair," I still remember how painful it was to have my hair combed out after my weekly washing. I hate to imagine what it would have felt like had my hair been thick, unpermed and hanging down to my waist. Agony...Agony...Agony. When I was little my two best friends had extremely long hair. One of the mothers allowed her daughter to enjoy her hair, fixing it in modern styles. The other had nine sisters, all with thick three-foot-long ponytails (literally). Once a month their hair-fanatic mother would wash their hair. So afraid it would break out, she would keep it in the Buckwheat hairstyle (rubberbands and all) while she washed it. One by one, she would comb each braid, grease it, then put the rubber-band back it in the exact same spot. Nevertheless these girls all hated their hair. It became a handicap and a cause of ridicule. When we went to the park to play, kids would always comment on how ugly her hair was. That was in 1977. What of kids still being forced to endure hair persecution at the hands of their hair-fanatic mothers today? One young lady who grew up with long Buckwheat-

styled hair said it was torture. "Imagine wearing a wool cap which goes down to your waist during the summer in West Texas?" she said.

Cosmetologists Tina Ranson and Cecilia Lewis say the tales of cut hair never growing back is not true. "Black children's hair will grow back if it is cut," said Ranson. "That just simply is not true. It probably means they never had hair to begin with if they think that cutting your hair will cause it to not grow back." Lewis added. Even hair which has been previously permed and damaged will grow back, according to the cosmetologists interviewed. "Today there is really no need to damage a kid's hair with a perm. There are numerous mild perms out on the market for black hair. These perms help to keep the hair moist and makes it more manageable. If a kid has extremely long thick hair and the mother is afraid to perm it because she doesn't want it to break out, she should take the kid to a hair professional," said Ranson. She also said there is no need today for black children to go through painful episodes when having their hair combed. "Through weekly conditioning and moisture products even extremely damaged black hair will grow back," said Lewis.

Lucy Chew, a Lubbock resident who grew up with extremely long hair, said she does not believe the mothers should worry so much about their daughters' long hair. "Long hair is inherited. If it grew long once, it will grow long again. I had extremely long hair when I was growing up. My mother would fix it in Shirley Temple curls for Christmas and school plays. While I liked my hair, I envied the girls in school with short hair. They could style their hair so pretty. I usually wore a ponytail." When she was older Chew decided she wanted to wear bangs like other girls her age. "Just like today many black people did not believe in cutting long black hair. I was not allowed to cut mine so I would sneak and cut little pieces of it off until I got it to the length I wanted," she said.

There's nothing wrong with having long hair as long as it is not a burden to the child. What of those black females whose delicate hair will not grow long? Ranson says they can do one of two things. "They can get deep penetrating conditions every two weeks and use black hair care moisturizers. Another option is braiding the hair. This cuts down on the time the delicate hair needs to be combed." Lewis said hair weaving is also an option. Both acknowledged that there are millions of short haired black women who are beautiful: Halle Berry, Toni Braxton, and Anita Baker, to name a few.

We must not-leave out hair care for bi-racial children. Many times the non-black parent of a bi-racial child refuses to straighten or use

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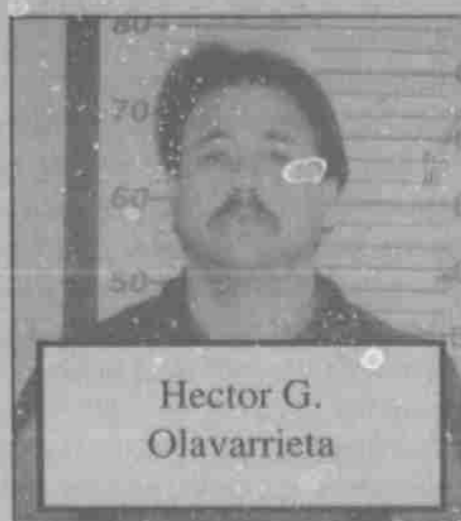
## ARRESTED For Allegedly Possessing Marijuana

Two of four men who were arrested at the Sandcreek Apartments in the 4800 block of Belton Avenue for allegedly possessing marijuana with intent to distribute it were Jose Manuel Moreno-Buelna, a Mexican national, and Hector G. Olavarrieta.

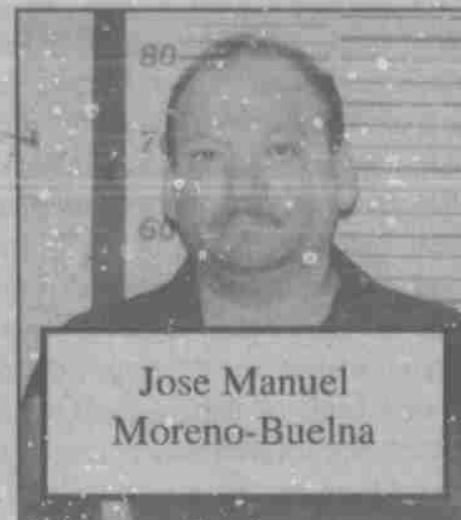
County narcotics agents seized 55 pounds of marijuana valued at \$60,000 from these apartments were are located in Southwest Lubbock. The arrest was made Wednesday, May 11th, and was one of the largest marijuana drug busts in Lubbock history.

According to authorities, the Lubbock Sheriff's Office made the bust after receiving an anonymous phone call Wednesday morning about possible drug activity.

The confiscated marijuana, which now is the property of Lubbock County, will be used to catch would-be drug traffickers in future undercover police operations, according to Sheriff Administrator Steve Watt.



Hector G.  
Olavarrieta



Jose Manuel  
Moreno-Buelna

## Former Mayor Recieves National Conference Of Black Mayors Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom Award



Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, center, receives the National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM) Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom Award at the organization's 20th annual convention in Washington, D.C. NCBM presents the award annually to recognize career achievements of an individual. The award was presented at a conference luncheon sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company. Joining in the presentation are, from left, Eugene McCullers, manager, Corporate External Affairs, The Coca-Cola Company; Henry Espy, NCBM President and Mayor, Clarksdale, Miss.; Johnny Ford, NCBM founding member and Mayor, Tuskegee, Ala.; and Michelle Kourouma, executive director, NCBM.

## Dunbar's Trans-Pecos Adventure

The ecologically diverse mountains in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas served as a living laboratory for several Dunbar Junior High School science students and their sponsors the weekend of May 1, 1994.

Students were required to accurately record scientifically pertinent observations in journals. Insect nets, collecting jars, plant presses and dichotomous keys, scientific tools common to field biologists, were used to collect and identify specimens for preservation and future study in the classroom. A visit to the Chihuahuan Desert Research Center south of Fort Davis gave the group insight as to what causes desert regions and how different plants and animals have adapted to the "harsh" life of extremely arid areas.

Astronomy at the University of Texas McDonald Observatory, located atop Mount Locke in the Davis Mountains, treated the students to a close up look at the 27 meter telescope used in many astronomical discoveries. The group then looked through a scope equipped with special filters for viewing flares on the sun. In the evening a "Star Party" was held and astronomers identified various constellations in the bright night sky and allowed students to view Jupiter and four of its moons, along with Venus and other celestial bodies, through telescopes.

After spending the night in Indian Lodge, students visited historic old Fort Davis, where they walked along the main parade grounds, and heard the same bugle calls experienced by the well-known "Buffalo Soldiers" of post Civil War days.

## Councilman Patterson Will Attend EENR Meet

City Councilman T. J. Patterson will attend the Energy Environment Natural Resources (EENR) Steering Committee on Friday, May 20, 1994 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Old Town Hotel.

The steering committee was appointed by the National League of Cities.

Resolutions will be forwarded from this steering committee and passed on to the National League of Cities for their consideration at their annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn in November.

Patterson is one of twenty persons on this steering committee which consists of mayors and city council members from across the United States.

"It is a pleasure to be a part of helping to establish policy which will be of importance to the many cities and townships in America," said Patterson, who is the senior city council member of Lubbock.

## Organizational Meeting Set For Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association

Residents of the Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association are invited to a neighborhood meeting on Monday, May 23, 1994, at 7:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Junior High School.

Kathyl Anderson, who is serving as coordinator for the effort, is asking the community to come together to better the neighborhood, community and city.

For further information, call Mrs Anderson at 765-7277 or 744-8233.

## Lubbock Salutes Mrs. Olevia Laster



With twenty-five years as the director of the Mae Simmons Community Center, Mrs. Olevia Laster was congratulated by Lubbockites who came by to salute her at a retirement reception last Saturday afternoon in the large

hall of a place where she has looked over for so long—Mae Simmons Community Center.

Among those speaking were: Gusie Howard, director of the Rodgers Community Center; Bob Goodwin, Rev. Larry Brooks, Virgil Johnson and T. J. Patterson. Also speaking were Mrs. Rose Wilson and Abraham Spires.

Mrs. Laster, who was joined at the reception by her husband, Willie, and children—Greta and Pierre; two grandchildren, Candice and Britney; and Mrs. Harry Stokley.

She expressed her appreciation for what has been done for her. "I am very happy to see all of you here," she smiled—a smile which has been seen at Mae Simmons Community Center for a quarter of a century.



## Ruby Jay's Corner

New Hope Baptist Church, the Church where the people really care, had good services last Sunday morning. Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services began with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. with Supt. Thelma Brown presiding.

It all began with a song and prayer by Deacon Cork. All classes marched to their various rooms for thirty minutes of learning. After reassembling in the church auditorium, a song, "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus," was sung.

High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 2 (Intermediate Class) with Sister Dorothy Kinner as teacher.

Juniors class received the offering banner and attendance banner was presented to the Intermediate class. Adult Class No., Men's class, received an attendance banner, which was lost by Class No. 3. Class No. 2 also received the offering banner which was lost by Class No. 4.

We were glad to have our own Elnora Johnson visit with us. She moved to Georgia with her daughter.

The morning worship hour was led by Deacon Cork and Deacon Ervin.

The morning worship hour began with the Choir processional. The Senior Choir was in charge, and did a wonderful job for the Lord. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Bobby Johnson. A song, "Come Everyone Taste and See The Lord Is Good."

Morning scripture was Isaiah 43:1-11 and was read by Brother Henry High. Prayer was given by Deacon Howard. Another song, "You Better Count Your Blessings And See What He Has Done For You."

The morning hymn was "What A Friend." Responsive reading was done with the cooperation of the congregation. Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. The preparation hymn was "There's A Fountain."

Pastor Moton's message was entitled: "My God Is Just A Way Maker." His scripture was Judges 15:16-20. The Lord really did use Pastor Moton in his Sunday morning message. He (Pastor Moton) just thrills the souls of the members of New Hope each Sunday morning.

The sermons goes—as the kid said to his teacher—"Gooder, Gooder and Gooder!"

Pastor Moton will be in revival this week at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Slaughter is host pastor. He is asking the support of you as Christians.

Next month is "Casual." Come dressed as you are, at New Hope Baptist Church. Let us see your casual wear or what you may call casual. Nice print dresses, ladies. Men, you may wear your blue jeans or even your starched overalls.

Annual Women's Day will be held Sunday, June 5, 1994, beginning at 3:00 p. m. All women are asked to pay their \$35.00.

Rev. Ms. Monica Hall will be guest speaker, with women of Unity Baptist Church as special guest.

Among our bereaved families this week include Sister Jenks who lost her grandmother.

Brother Clyde Robinson lost a brother. Sister Margaret Dunn lost an uncle, Denver O'Neal, who passed away in Albuquerque, N. M. on Friday, May 13th. He was a former member of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The remains will be buried in Lubbock.

The Youth Department of New Hope would be so happy for you to join them in a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, May 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p. m. Donations will be accepted. All youth, parents and other members are asked to come out and join in this special effort. Bring your baked goods or please have your car washed. Thank you!

Please come out and pray at home on Sunday, May 22nd, with prayer warriors. We thank you for joining in this effort. Prayer is so badly needed in our community.

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Until next week, take care, and keep reading the Southwest Digest!

## What's Wrong With African Americans' Hair?

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hair grease on the child's hair. Many believe that if a couple decides to have bi-racial children or adopt a black child it is their responsibility to learn how to groom black hair. How many times have you seen a bi-racial child or a non-black couple with a black child and felt sorry for the kid because of its hair? These poor children have hair most black mothers would love to style. Instead of learning to style their children's hair or taking them to one of the above cosmetologists, they resort to the scissors. While our kids have ponytails, boxes and braids they have afros, yes afros.

One very pleasant Anglo mother of a bi-racial child asked me what type of cream I use on my little sister's hair. Looking at the afro-bearing child I told her to break out the afro comb, better yet a 1972 rock and the blue magic. Of course she didn't believe in hair grease so the kid still to this day walks around being ashamed of her hair. Something Ranson says could have lasting effects. "Mothers of bi-racial children do not understand that black hair needs some form of moisturizer. Our hair is very dry and brittle, unlike anglos'. If an Anglo puts hair grease in their hair, it could attract lice. Our hair (being so naturally dry) will not attract the lice because they are looking for a moisture-rich environment and our hair does not fit that description," she said. One cosmetologist who asked her name not be printed said it is cruel for Anglo mothers with bi-racial children to not fix their hair. "They wouldn't go anywhere looking like Buckwheat so why do they think their children want to. These kids have feelings also and want to be accepted. Bi-racial children, especially little girls have some of the lowest self-esteem due to their embarrassment over their hair. They really hate that their hair isn't like mommy's hair" she said.

"Bi-racial kids aren't oblivious to fashion. They want to fit in. I have seen bi-racial children literally cry when their mothers pick up combs. If they would accept the fact that their children have black hair, and treat it accordingly, all this heartache could be spared," said Ranson. Lewis agreed, adding that kids today are more fashion-conscious than kids in the past. "The best thing a mother or parents of children with black hair can do is take that child to a black cosmetologist and learn how to style his or her hair. We would be glad to assist."

As black adults it is our duty to teach our youth that black hair can be a blessing. Even unpermed natural hair can be beautiful. How a person decides to wear their hair is up to each individual. As adults we can make our own choices. Our children are at our mercy until they become old enough to style their own hair. In the meantime we should make sure that our children do not get a negative image—their hair nor themselves—because it is delicate.

## Girl Scouts Hold Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Caprock Girl Scout Council was held at the Arnet Room of St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday, April 30. There was a record attendance at the meeting.

The Lubbock Area Foundation, Helen Jones Foundation, Lubbock Lions Club, Texas Instrumenta, Lubbock Women's Club, University Medical Center, Texas Tech Theatre Department, Bailey's Bookstore, Southwestern Public Service in Littlefield, Texas Tech University Arts and Sciences Department, Barbara Somerville and Rachel Divers and Lowe's Marketplace were recognized for their support of Girl Scout programs throughout the year.

Awards were also given to individuals in the community who have given or their time and talents to promote and further Girl Scouting through their committee involvement with: Friends of Girl Scouting, Women of Distinction, Gold Award, Cookie Committee and

Recognition Committee.

Thirty seven volunteers received were awarded service pins for five, ten and twenty years of service in Girl Scouting. The highest adult honor in Girl Scouting, the Thanks Badge II was given to Ann Owens of Littlefield.

Ann has served as troop leader, past president, served on the Friends Campaign, chaired the first Women of Distinction Committee and served on many committees over the years.

George Ann Benson was the recipient of the Thanks Badge, the second highest adult recognition in Girl Scouting. George Ann is the a certified Trainer of Trainers, served as Camp Director and several is an Outdoor Trainer and has served on various committees of the council.

Dellinda Ebeling of Las Leonitas Service Unit in Lubbock received the Appreciation Pin. Janet Williams also of Las Leonitas Service Unit received the Outstanding Volunteer Award. The

Outstanding Leader Award was presented to Tonya Jennings and Rosemary Salazar also of Las Leonitas Service Unit in Lubbock.

Delegates representing the membership in the eighteen counties served by Caprock Council elected the following people to serve on the Council Board of Directors. Melissa Postnikoff, Nadine Smith, Kathy Hunt, Delinda Ebeling, Robert Torres all of Lubbock, Ann Owens of Littlefield, Myrt Wilder of Plainview, and Pat Cruse of Post. Shirley Igo of Plainview, Pert Keefer of Littlefield and Lee Ramirez of Lubbock were elected to the council's nominating committee.

Officers for the upcoming year are Lee Ruth Krieg-president, Melissa Postnikoff-first vice president, Lynn Buckemper-second vice president, Mickey Hall-third vice president, Darrell Calvert treasurer, and Nadine Smith secretary.

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## Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers' Mid-Year Conference Breaks All Attendance Records!

The Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers Association (BESLA) recently broke all previous attendance records when they held their mid-year conference in April in Los Angeles with registration totalling over 300 persons. The day-long summit on the state of African-American attorneys in the fields of sports and entertainment law addressed such issues as Free Agency and Black on Black Representation. The annual conference has been scheduled for November in Nassau, Bahamas. Members of BESLA represent some of the nation's most successful notables, who include Brian McKnight, En Vogue, Smokey Robinson, actress Kim Fields, sports greats Barry Sanders and Derrick Coleman.

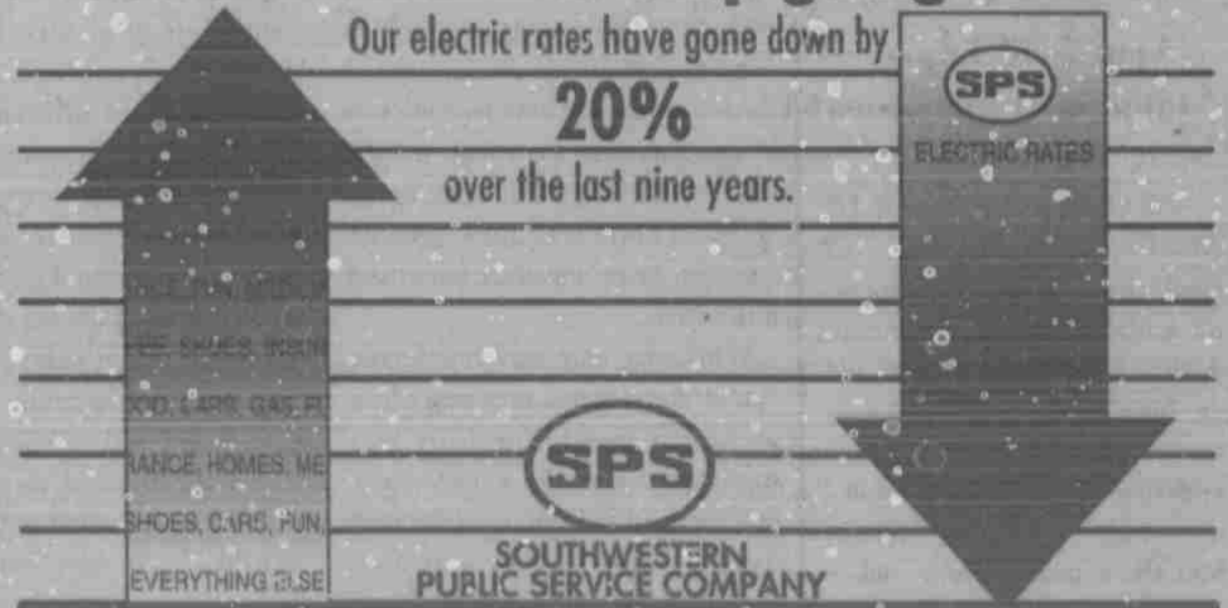
With headquarters in Olympia Fields, IL, BESLA is a non-profit organization which acts as national education and information center providing continuing legal education programs, a scholarship fund, student internships, attorney referrals and resource materials for those practicing and seeking entry into the entertainment and sports law industries.

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This is a public service courtesy of the Southwest Digest. We will list your meeting date, time and place; special activities, annual meetings, etc. Anything else will be considered advertisement and will be charged as such. Such as hand-bills, brochures, promotions, etc. This is necessary because of the inflated cost of doing business. We have to pay our expenses. There will also be a charge for photos, other than news events. For more information about getting your announcement on this page, call Eddie P. Richardson at 762-3612

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The African-American Women Empowering meets Saturday at 12 Noon at 2812 Weber Drive, Community Center.

East Lubbock Chapter AARP Every 1st Wednesday at 1pm at Mac Shirkons Community Center, Oak and 8th st.

The Dunbar International Alumni Association meets in Dunbar cafe as announced. More about their meetings.

Agape Temple Church of God in Christ will be hosting Free Dinner for the Homeless and Needy every 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. The church is located at 4510 AVE. Q. Bishop W. H. Watson is pastor.

Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship Alliance Every Fourth Thursday—6:30 p.m. Smith Temple Church, 6508 Avenue P

The African-American Business and Professional Coalition meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. 420 Ave H, Suite 5

Quadruple Economic Services Corporation Issues Commodities Second Monday & Tuesdays Parkway Drive & Milk Blvd, Call 763-7363

Free Health Screening Tuesday, 8:30a.m.—4:00 p.m. Green Fair Manor Apartments Call either Debra, Lee or Rudy—762-8793 For additional information call: 767-2411

Health For Friends Satellite Clinic for FREE Glucose & Hypertension Screening Every Tuesday 2:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Cathedral of Praise, 2011 E. 13th Lubbock, TX Sponsored by Lutheran Social Services of Texas in cooperation with Cathedral of Praise Question? Call: Health For Friends 765-2630 Cathedral of Praise 763-6900

NAACP Monthly Meeting Every Second Saturday Evening 6:30 p.m. Smith Temple Church 6508 Avenue P

The Girl Scouts of Greenleaf Manor meet each Wednesday at 2812 Weber Drive at 4pm. All interested girls are asked to be present.

"Exodus into Manhood" a Black Men Support Group Meeting time: 5:00 p.m. every Saturday at 2812 Weber Dr. Theme: "Visions for Black Men" For further information contact: Marvin 766-0081, Leon 784-0115, or R.D. 763-5552

Health For Friends. Every Thursday, 9:00am - 12:00 noon at Cathedral of Praise 2011 East 13th Question? Call Health For Friends at 765-2339 Cathedral of Praise at 763-6900

Lubbock Emancipation June 19th Committee Inc. Time: 7:00p.m. Where: 820 Ave H, 9th St April 14 & 28 & May thru June every Thursday

## Parkway Manor Care Center News

Ernest Overstreet and Earnestine Johnson visited their mother and grandmother, Catherine Overstreet, on Mother's Day. What a time they had together!

The New Light Baptist Church Choir came out on Mother's Day to sing for the residents. Those attending were: Ruth Mathis, Oakley Johnson, Tabitha Steele, Lindé Green, Lee Ann Robinson, Connie West, Idella Dial, Vera Dial, Alkeisha Brailey, Treena Taylor, and Rev. and Mrs. James Carvansugh.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Nathan accompanied them on the piano.

Lillie Mae Jordan, Jennie Ann Jordan and Shimira Borgers visited their mother and grandmother, Lucille Wiggins, on Mother's Day.

Faith Baptist Church came last Monday evening to sing and serve refreshments of cookies and punch to the residents. Those coming were: Agnes Roberson, Gladys Henderson, Alberta Lewis, Lue U. Harper, Eula Johnson, Rhonda Johnson, and Minnie Darthard.

The Community Baptist Church came last Tuesday afternoon to serve cookies and ice cream to the residents. They had five members to come.

We appreciate family, friends and neighbors who come to help us celebrate National Nursing Home Week, and make it special for us.

Mary Lutz, a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, came to offer communion to our residents last week.

Brother Birmingham came last Thursday to visit the residents. He is a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church.

The Eunice, Hannah and Martha Circles of the Greater St. Luke's Baptist Church visited the residents last Tuesday evening.

Bessie Walker visited her aunt, Geneva Walker, this week.

Parkway Drive Baptist Church had seven members come last Wednesday evening to visit, have song service, and bring fruit to the residents.

Manhattan Church of Christ had seven members to visit and hold religious services last Thursday evening.

Hope Deliverance Temple Church had twelve members to come last Friday, and offered church worship services. Their musician came with them, and what a time we all had together.

May God bless and keep each of you is our prayer. Mrs. Norma Owen, A. D. & R. and Rev. W. B. Stephens, assistant A. D. & R.

## Letters To The Editor

Letter to the Editor

(Ref: Southwest Digest Article, May 3, 1994, a reprint of University Daily Article)

It is people like the writer of that article that keeps hostility among ethnic groups alive and well. A future media person should be taken a more positive approach to matters involving ethnic groups.

Little, if any research was done by the writer or he would have known that more negative publicity has come from the coliseum and Jones Stadium than Fair Park Coliseum. Has there been national coverage of a fight at the Fair Grounds (Tech/ACM basketball game 1994 coliseum). Has there been a mugging/robbery at the Fair Ground (Tech/Nebraska football game 1993—Jones Stadium). More pizza delivery persons have been robbed in/around the Tech campus area than in East Lubbock, simply because only one pizza store delivers in East Lubbock.

Crime is a part of our society, it can and does occur anywhere, anytime and to anyone. To say the arena or anything else should not be built in a particular area just because of the potential for crime is not being in touch with reality. We of East Lubbock would prefer the truth from those who don't want the arena in East Lubbock, not a bunch bias and self serving "bull". We of East Lubbock are fed-up with the same line of "bull" every time something positive is proposed or considered being erected in East Lubbock.

Thousands of Anglos attend the South Plains Fair each year without a negative incident. Hundreds of cross-country students from across West Texas participate in cross-country sports held at Mae Simmons Park. Even local Angelo male and female students practice on this course after school, without incident. Anglos daily test drive cars around Lake Six (MLK Park), Angelo salespersons, workers, teachers are daily sights in East Lubbock. WHERE IS THE AIRPORT?

East Lubbock desires the arena, if approved by voters, because: (1) We have too much unused land; (2) land is cheaper; (3) the easy access to I-27 and Loop 289; (4) the attractiveness it will bring for East Lubbock and I-27 travelers; (5) the arena could bring additional businesses to East Lubbock; (6) EMS Facility already in place; (7) less traffic congestion for those not attending the arena event; (8) the same as north, south and west, east citizens pay taxes too. If any anyone can provide a better justification for the arena location, speak now or forever hold your peace.

Just a thought, Tech is an institution of higher learning, should the need arise to expand educational facilities, what affect would the new arena create on the expansion?

Kathyl Anderson  
Chair, Board of Directors, Lubbock Black Chamber

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the Southwest Digest and your reporter Candida Johnson for excellent articles in your April 21st and April 28th editions. Your stance to publicize photos of the alleged drug dealers and Ms. Johnson's in-depth look into the media reporting of blacks involved with crime, were both enlightening and encouraging to those of us that are sick of our community being infested with drugs and criminal activity.

Serious or drastic actions requires serious or drastic reactions. Since "declaring war" is the cry for action by our Federal Government, it's time for East Lubbock to declare war on "drugs/gang/crime".

For those who feel the Digest went to far, "if you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen". Be it drugs, gangs or making our community look bad, your course of action is simple, "SHAPE-UP OR SHIP OUT".

East Lubbock is changing its attitude and tolerance level. Be on the solution side or the problem side, there is no more "as long as it doesn't affect me, it's okay" attitude. Your unkempt yard affects the whole block and community. Hanging out on the corner

affects the entire neighborhood. Drugs harm the user, lands the seller in jail and makes money for the White lawyers, leaving our community short of two or more potential productive bodies, looking bad and short of money. When it involves our youth, it kills the future of not only that youth, but the future of the Black Race. How many babies can be produced when the majority of the young adults are in prison? What chance for success does a teenage drug user or dealer have to be a successful productive member of society? Money-wise, what East Lubbock drug dealer has kept money, house or car for an extended period of time? Wise up young Blacks, the only people keeping drug money are white. The drug market is another form of slavery. Blacks take all the risks, do the work, go to prison, while the Whites who bring it into the country, stay free and enjoy the money.

If you persist in being involved with drugs within East Lubbock, make reservations at the Lubbock County Inn on Main Street. The community will insure you keep your reservation as quickly as possible.

Lubbock Black Chamber Board of Directors

Dear Southwest Digest,

You won't print this but I just want to say it anyway. You have some of the dumbest readers. As a person who has read nearly every black newspaper in Texas I just want your readers to know that if your paper is anything like most black papers and black businesses in general you are understaffed and living from paycheck to paycheck. Instead of being glad that you have been able to keep the only black newspaper in this area alive, they're complaining about typos. I would like to see them put out an 8-page newspaper in one week. Someone named Michelle wrote a letter complaining about errors, she had one in her letter. Talking about the editor should have caught the errors with his trained "eye" it should have said trained eyes. So you see, we all make mis-

takes. I commend the writers you have: Mrs. Howard, Ruby Jay, Candida Johnson, Mr. Richardson, Rev. Smith, Mr. Morris, and Mr. McIntyre you all do a great job. I can't imagine thinking of interesting things to write every six days; it must be difficult. Those people complaining should put themselves in these writers' shoes as far as the typos go, I don't know who you should blame but it's pretty stupid to think that the writers go down to the actual printing press and type out their articles. If anyone should be bitched at, it should be the persons typing up the articles, not the writers. And if you feel strongly enough about it call the newspaper and volunteer to go with them to the printing press and type out the articles yourself for free.  
Sign me, Shannon

## OBITUARIES

### Joan Elizabeth Newton

Final rites were read for Joan Elizabeth Newton Monday, May 9, 1994 at the Parkway Church of Christ with Brother Dave Gildriest officiating.

Services were also held in Midland, Texas Sunday, May 8, 1994 at the Northside Church of Christ with Brother Don Johnson officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home. Active pallbearers were Brothers of the Parkway Drive Church of Christ. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Dunbar High School Alumni Association.

Ms. Newton was born October 29, 1948 to Mary E. Newton and the late James W. Newton, Sr. in Lubbock, Texas. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1967, and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, and did extensive graduate work at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Having 21 years of public school teaching experience, she taught in the Lubbock, Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Midland Independent School Districts.

At the time of her death, she was a sixth-grade teacher of language arts at Pease Elementary School in Midland. Joan was an active member of the Northside Church of Christ where she taught a Youth Bible Class. She was the former member of both The 20th & Birch Street Church of Christ and The Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Shyla E. Newton, who is a student at the University of Texas at Arlington; her mother, Ma. E. Newton of Midland, Texas; her brother, James W. Newton, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Karen Newton Walker MacAfee of Midland, Texas and Daphne Newton Tension of Lubbock, Texas; one uncle, seven aunts, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

### Freddie Gene Mooring

Final rites were read for Freddie Gene Mooring on Friday, April 29, 1994 at the St. Matthews Baptist Church with Rev. R. S. Stanelly, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Curry Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Billy West, Joe Moore, Robert Moore, Virgil Moore, David White, and Tim Hunter.

Mr. Mooring was born May 21, 1937 to Lance and Lucille Mooring in Fort Worth, Texas. His mother preceded him in death.

He moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1948, coming from Fort Worth.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his father, Lance Mooring of California; wife, Nora; four sons: Gary Don, Clint, Craig, all of Lubbock, Texas and Clarence of Odessa, Texas; two daughters, Debra Kay Huey of Lubbock,

Texas and Mildred Mooring of Sacramento, California; three brothers: Robert Mooring, Calvin Mooring, and Queton Mooring, all of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Bobbie Sue Greenwood of Lubbock, Texas; twenty grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## Juneteenth Celebration

Please call 767-9842, Helen Jones, to reserve a booth for the 1994 Juneteenth Celebration starting June 18-20. Food and Activities Booths are \$30.00. Informational Booths are \$20.00. Food vendors will have an additional fee of \$40.00 for Health Permit. Please contact Helen Jones for further information.



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# EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

## For Us To Make It, We All Have To Do Our Share!

by Eddie P. Richardson



Out of all the things, out of all the people, the professionals, etc., and especially the athletes. This in my opinion is the worst group. Some of today's Black athletes who refuse to give back to the Black community, and shy away from groups like the NMCP, Urban League, S.C.L.C., and/or any so-called controversial Black organization. The reason is fear of losing endorsements. What happened to our local professional athletes. We do not know of anything; any of them for the community. Not necessary money; not even presence with our young kids just spending time with them; giving them hope and being role models, except Jerry Gray with his summer camp. As far as we know, we had one Super Bowl Champ as parade marshal with an expense paid trip by the local organization.

Lubbock has produced many top flight professional athletes. In our opinion, they, over all, have not given back to the community as they should

have. Not just money, but time. Their name is worthy for worthwhile projects. Most of these people were once poor themselves, and got help.

It would have been nice if some of them would have helped the Theodore Phea, Jr. Boys Club. This writer says this, because before Theodore Phea, Jr. passed away, he would from time to time drop by the *Southwest Digest* and visit with this writer and T. J. This writer would ask him have any of these fellows who one time played all day in the club and sometimes were hungry and were fed, if any of these fellows—who made it—came by and brought him a hamburger and coke. At his last visit, he said: "No!"

Anyone who has any knowledge of Theodore Phea, Jr. and the Boys Club knows he had a reputation of helping a lot of young boys who could have not made it. He helped them, with the help of God, to make it.

This kind of goes back to what we were talking about a few weeks ago when we were talking about educate your dollars. Support and trade with

those who support you. Train your dollars to go where they are appreciated and train them to stay away from where they are not appreciated. Forget color and concentrate on service and support.

Support means more than just money, even that is a major part, but sometimes there are things more valuable than money. For example, technical help, resources, soliciting help for community projects from friends, business associates, resources and time, etc. When we educate our minds and dollars, the change will be swift.

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Something to think about: James Brown, legendary God Father of Soul, advises students at Webster Academy in Oakland, California, to understand the benefits of getting an education. The worst killer in the world is ignorance. "With all the success I've had; I've been broke four times, because of ignorance. There's nothing that can take place of knowledge."

## This & That

IT WAS A GOOD RIBBON CUTTING!! THIS N THAT...along with more than...300 CITIZENS AND WELL-WISHERS...were present...last Sunday afternoon...for the RIBBON CUTTING of the...CHATMAN CARE CENTER...an effort which was funded by the...CITY OF LUBBOCK...UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER...and the...CHATMAN FOUNDATION...Total effort was for...\$725,000.00...The center...is located at...2301-2305 CEDAR AVENUE...and is expected to serve...AT LEAST 60 PEOPLE A DAY!...The community will be able to...USE THIS FACILITY...in the area of care...No longer...will the good people have so far to travel to...GET GOOD HEALTH CARE...it will be in the neighborhood...WHAT A DAY...it was for the residents of the...CHATMAN HILL ADDITION...last Sunday...CONGRATS...to...HAROLD MELVIN CHATMAN...and his fine committee for a JOB WELL DONE!!

DAGET MARCHED LAST SATURDAY!! THIS N THAT...along with some lovely...LITTLE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS were a part of the DAGET (DRUG & GANG ELIMINATION TASK FORCE)...last Saturday...when we marched from...the corner of...EAST 19TH STREET & MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD...to the...CHATMAN PARK...What a lovely morning to be marching...and reason behind it was to...LET THE CITY OF LUBBOCK KNOW...THAT WE ARE AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS...in our community...Just think...last Saturday...was the...SECOND BIRTHDAY...for DAGET! A rally...will be held in June...to further their celebration...If you would like to...HELP...DAGET...give them a call at...747-5439...and let...SISTER MARIE TAYLOR...who is the director...and...BROTHER EARL THOMPSON...know that you appreciate what they are doing...and...by all means...WISH THEM A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR DAGET...that is...ITS SECOND BIRTHDAY!!

RECEIVING MANY CALLS, INCLUDING PICTURES!! THIS N THAT...has been advised by the EDITORIAL BOARD of the *SOUTH-*

WEST DIGEST that the newspaper...is receiving...MANY CALLS...a few pictures...about those who are KNOWN DRUG DEALERS in the AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY...THIS N THAT would like to advise...that all of this is...GOOD...but all we (*Southwest Digest*)...can do is...PASS THE INFO...on to the authorities...who deals with this matter...ANYWAY...THIS N THAT...advises that...as our banner is saying...IF YOU ARE DEALING DRUGS...YOU had better...CHANGE YOUR ACT...or...CONSIDER LEAVING OUR CITY PRONTO!

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND VISIT MARY & MAC!! THIS N THAT...is so happy to see the...YOUNG PEOPLE...who attend the MARY & MAC HEAD START PROGRAM There are at least...FIFTY-TWO KIDS...between the ages of...3 to 5...They are SHARP AND...can tell you their...TELEPHONE NUMBER...THEIR HOME ADDRESS...will...WRITE THEIR NAME IF YOU ASK!! Come by at 902 East 28th Street between...8:30 a. m. and...4:00 p. m...KIDS ARE BEAUTIFUL...You know...it's the way you...FIGHT GANGS AND DRUGS!! You just start...EARLY!!

WIC PROGRAM HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING!! THIS N THAT...was in attendance of the...WIC program...which has opened up an office at...2901 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD...This program makes it possible for...WOMEN...INFANTS...and CHILDREN to receive a nutritious meal and proper health care...

HOW ABOUT THAT ARTICLE BY CANDIDA?? THIS N THAT...has received many...CALLS...about the...story written by...Candida Johnson...last week...entitled...ARE BLACKS LIKE A BUCKET OF CRABS?? What do you think about it...drop her a few lines...if you like it or not...Write her...CANDIDA JOHNSON...c/o *SOUTHWEST DIGEST*...P. O. Box 2553...Lubbock, Texas 79408...

D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "SUPPORT...our kids...during the...SUMMER...so they will have...SOMETHING TO DO WHICH IS POSITIVE!"

### IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Throughout history, there have been the "haves" and the "have nots." In Christian societies, the "haves" have often divided or shared with the "have nots." The "have nots" have been motivated to try to be like the "haves." Few resorted to crime to get what the "haves" had. They were taught the Ten Commandments and knew that it was wrong to steal.

Today's society is still composed of the "haves" and the "have nots." The "haves" still share with or try to help the "have nots" but it appears that the moral fiber of the "have nots" has changed. They are no longer content to accept help until they can acquire the same thing for themselves that the "haves" have. They feel that they should take what they want, even if it means taking the life of a person to get it. They are not aware that they are living in a Christian society and they have never heard of the Ten Commandments. Life has no value.

Somehow, the "have nots" MUST LEARN that they have no right to take from others what they have worked hard to acquire, because they can. The "have nots" need to be taught to be happy at their level of existence and work hard to move into the "have" category, rather than lying, stealing, cheating and committing murder to get what they want.

The earlier that values are taught to young people, the earlier they will realize the importance of the virtue of hard work and honesty. Let us get "in cinque" and emphasize the importance of these virtues everywhere that we find young people.

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This Business is Local Minority Owned

## Crazy Horse

by Stephen C. McIntyre

It is starting to look like that the Northeast Overton site for the proposed new arena is the choice of the powers that be. It was reported in Sunday's *Avalanche-Journal* that such a move would displace 300 households in 153 in North Overton for several years. It is not populated by rich folks. The 10X is so who own their homes will be bought out, but the rest of the folks are renters. While the owners will get the money, the 350 or so households that rent will get nothing except the opportunity to park their bags and search for affordable housing for their families. It should be noted that it was also reported on Sunday that the head of the Housing Authority believed the hundreds of renters would be eligible to be placed at the top of the waiting list for rental assistance since they would be displaced.

It sure looks like the deal is being done by the powers that be.

All of this raises some questions. Isn't the housing authority waiting list already closed for this year because there are so many folks applying for rental assistance? Will those people already on the list be knocked off? How many months/ears is the normal waiting period for assistance? After you build all that old housing in Northeast Overton, where will the renters go to find affordable housing to rent? Is it being built somewhere? Why would anyone spend money to buy up people's homes and then tear them down just to build a controversial arena when it can be built on vacant land and save millions?

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"Homeless: Information on and Barriers to Assistance Programs Presiding Forfeiture Property." Free (202) 512-6000.

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"Developing Affordable Housing: A primer for CHDOs (and other CDC's) and Non-Profit Organizations." Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 522

(512) 875-1245.

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When you get a chance send a letter to your local elected officials and comment on their leadership. They need to know that you support them when they stand up against the powers that be in Lubbock. It takes guts to do the right thing, but even the smallest of our elected leaders may swallow up the community's problems to compromise. Be the first to stand up for something that is wrong.

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Write down a letter when they speak out or when they stand alone on a vote. Write them a letter to tell them you appreciate their courage, integrity, and honesty. Do it once a month. Do it tonight.

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We are all all-congratulate Job Kennedy for his victory in federal court against Judge Main & the Lubbock County. It is a shame that no lawyer in Lubbock would take his case.

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Watch "Fly By" at 7:30 on Monday nights on PBS Channel 5.

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As the story was told by Saul Alinsky, a young seminarian asked him, "Mr. Alinsky, before we came here, we met and agreed that there was one question we particularly wanted to put to you. We're going to be ordained and then we'll be assigned to different parishes. As assistants to reactionary, old pastors. They will disapprove of a lot of what you and we believe in, and we will be put into a killing routine. Our question is, how do we keep our faith in true Christian values and everything we hope in improving the system?"

That was easy according to Alinsky. He answered, "When you go through that door today, just make your own personal decision about whether you want to be a bishop or a priest, and everything else will follow."

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My mother will be retiring in a couple weeks. My mom and dad have worked hard all their lives to care for my mother and I and, more important, to teach us to work hard, tell the truth, and do the right thing. For the most part they were successful, perhaps to a fault. Anyway, they have earned a rest. But only for a little while. They will be spending more time passing on their lessons to their grandchildren.

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"The Old House"

Midnight, that old clock keeps ticking. The steps are all asleep and I'm walking the floor. Dad! I can see that you're dreaming... This old house of mine is built on dreams and a business man won't know what that means.

There's a swing outside the kids play on every day. And tomorrow morning a man from the bank's gonna come and take it all away.

by Neil Young

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Stephen C. McIntyre is a Lubbock lawyer.

# SPORTS

## U.S. Olympic Gold Medalists Kick Off Search for First All-American Ironkids Team

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Mark Spitz and Mark Gorski unite to find the nation's top kids

(DALLAS--MAY 1, 1994) The search is on for the first-ever All-American IronKids Team. This summer, three of America's Gold Medal athletes will lead a new program to find 10 of America's Gold Medal kids. Track star Jackie Joyner-Kersey, swimmer Mark Spitz and cyclist Mark Gorski will serve as Team Captains for the All-American IronKids Team—a select group of youths who exhibit a balanced, healthy lifestyle through their academic pursuits, extracurricular activities, and personal physical fitness and nutrition.

The All-American IronKids Team search is being sponsored by IronKids Bread to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of its fitness and nutrition programs for children. The IronKids programs include the largest national series of triathlons for children, an IronKids Club, "Path to Health & Fitness" educational program offered free to teachers of grades four through six, and the IronKids Parent/Child Fitness Program developed in conjunction with Dr. Kenneth Cooper of the Cooper Aerobics Center in Dallas, Texas.

"The purpose of the search is to inspire kids to change their sedentary habits, get off the couch and into a well-rounded, healthy lifestyle," said Jackie Joyner-Kersey, three-time member of the U.S. Olympic Team and winner of the 1992 Olympic Gold Medal in the women's heptathlon. "This is a call to action for children to lead a well-balanced lifestyle. That's where we'd like to see them go."

The All-American IronKids Team will be comprised of 10 boys and girls between the ages of 7-14. To be considered, children will submit essays between 200-300 words detailing their achievements in three categories—personal physical fitness and nutrition, academics and extracurricular activities. The essays will be reviewed by the All-American IronKids Team Captains and members of the IronKids Advisory Board—a panel of childhood health and fitness experts. The search for the team will be conducted from May through August. Deadline for essay submissions is August 1, 1994.

The search for the All-American IronKids Team is more than a quest for academic or athletic excellence. It is designed to stimulate children to be well-rounded individuals. When complete, the team members will serve as role models for their peers.

"In these essays, we'll be looking closely for effort and attitude, not just the kid who always comes in first or always makes straight As," said Mark Spitz, nine-time Olympic Gold Medalist for the U.S. Swim Team. "This program is about giving everything your best effort, as well as finding an area that you aren't the best in and making an improvement."

One area where kids need improvement is physical fitness and nutrition. Recent federal studies have proven that American children are less fit today than they were 20 years ago. During that time period, obesity has increased by 54 percent, and 40 percent of children ages 5-8 already have developed at least one risk factor for heart disease. In 1992, the American Health Foundation gave U.S. children a C-minus report card for overall health, noting that children get more than a third of their daily calories from fat.

With continued cutbacks in school budgets, physical education programs often suffer financial downsizing, explained Mark Gorski, winner of the 1984 Olympic Gold Medal in men's cycling match sprints and Team Director for the U.S. Cycling Federation.

"There is a real need for supplemental elements such as the IronKids programs," Gorski said. "Most U.S. children aren't getting sufficient physical activity in school alone and a direct result of this can be poor self-esteem. We know that kids who feel better about themselves will do better in their school work and other activities and we hope to stimulate that."

The 10 children selected for the team and their parents/guardians will receive all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C., where they will meet



with the Team Captains, tour the city and participate in other special activities.

The All-American IronKids Team is the latest program created by IronKids Bread to call attention to the need for children to develop healthy, balanced lifestyles. Like all its programs, IronKids Bread was developed with kids in mind. It has many important nutrients, plus all the fiber of standard whole wheat bread with the color, flavor and softness of white bread that kids prefer. IronKids Bread is an excellent source of carbohydrates, is low in fat and is cholesterol-free.

### The City of Lubbock Community Development and Neighborhood Services Department announces registration of recreation classes at the following sites:

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- Maxey Community Center—Patsy Ramirez—767-3796
- Hodges Community Center—Johnny McLellon—767-3707
- Mae Simmons Center—767-2700
- Garden & Arts Center—Jean Badger—767-3724
- Woods Community Center—Maxine Jackson—767-2698
- Rawlings Community Center—Larry Isaac—767-2704

There are also a wide variety of classes and services available for senior citizens at the City's six senior citizen centers. Information for seniors can be obtained from Colette Matticks—767-2679.

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MATADOR IS OUT!

Ryshawn Davis, a sophomore at Estacado High School, is shown being thrown out in a May 3rd game at the Estacado Field where they lost to Snyder by a score of 5-4. Congratulations to the Estacado Matadors for a job well done!

### New Fiction Book Focuses on African-American Girl

Recently, Virginia writer, Vivian Owens, asked an audience in Charlottesville this question: Do you talk to your daughter, granddaughter, or niece about her most exciting moments? As the group chattered away about daughters, grand-daughters, and nieces, they paused long enough to cheer the debut of Owens' new book of fiction that focuses on an African-American girl. Nadanda is the name of the heroine of this story, and she is a girl whose life is caught up in suspense and adventure.

*Nadanda, the Wordmaker* is the title of this new book. Set in a small, quiet town in the midst of the 1980's, the story line focuses on Nadanda, a 14-year-old girl who makes up words no one has ever heard of before. Her best friend thinks Nadanda may be a reincarnated slave making up such strange words, and most adults not only find Nadanda strange, but believe she is making witch chants. Even Nadanda herself is amazed by the words she conjures up, but whatever the case, these words are her ticket into almost any clique in school. Unfortunately, Nadanda's mother is not as bemused by her antics as the rest of the world. Her

mother hates her, so Nadanda thinks, and wishes she had died instead of her father. Then, one day, Nadanda's art-dealer mother brings home an ancient African doll, and this event sets them on a trail of suspense and adventure that most people aren't likely to forget.

Having written two parent-helper books, *Parenting For Education* and *Create a Math Environment*, Mrs. Owens hopes her fiction will also find a strong constituency. That should not be too hard. On weekdays and some Saturdays, this Tuskegee graduate is surrounded by high school students, and her

rapport with them enables her to tap into the feelings and concerns of young people.

Vivian Owens teaches high school chemistry in the public school system and teaches chemistry and physics with the Upward Bound Program. She also coordinates parent workshops and gives motivational speeches. At home in Waynesboro, VA, Mrs. Owens is the wife of an engineer and the mother of April, Shea, and John.

The book is available through Eschar Publications, P.O. Box 1196, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Including shipping, cost is \$18.95.



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## Seekers Of Power from the Desk Of Parson D.A. Smith



The sages of time have said the following in warning to those who are self-seekers of power: POWER—"The God of the one who accepts only himself," Waldo Frank; "Unbridled ambition for domination," Pope Plus XI; "A drug, the desire for which increases with the habit," Bertrand A. Russell.

On January 30, 1990, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress that the danger of recession had diminished. This dashed hopes that the board would lower interest rates, thus shaking Wall Street. But most of the shaking had come from Japan which was experiencing inflation, driving up interest rates, which in turn had accelerated US interest rates.

That afternoon, the helter-skelter trading in the bond market changed abruptly with the CNN broadcast of a rumor that Mikhail Gorbachev would resign as Russian Communist Party chief. That rumor ignited a rally in the bond market, as anxious foreign investors rushed to place their

money in a safe haven—the U.S. dollar. This burst the interest-rate bubble and shot bond prices up. The surging bond market persuaded buyers to jump into the stock market, boosting the Dow Jones average 47 points. And so on...

It appeared that the "power struggle" in the Russian Communist Party and foreign investors had more impact on Wall Street than Alan Greenspan.

Two sons of a Galilean fisherman: James and John, sought power within the apostolic circle. This struggle for power became evident in the last six months of Jesus' public ministry.

Jesus had spoken freely of His approaching death and resurrection, but His predictions were much less clear to His apostles. The Lord's Messianic ministry was approaching its climax. To all the exciting and disturbing possibilities the apostles responded according to what is called the "first law of nature"—self-defense. They were still to learn that the "first law" of human nature is quite different from the divine nature in Christ.

Matthew 20:20 indicates that the two fishermen came to Jesus indirectly, through their mother. The brothers may have thought that it would be difficult for Jesus to deny a request of His mother's sister. From the human

viewpoint, James and John had reasons for their presumptuous request. Apparently related to Jesus physically and spiritually they, with Simon Peter, were His closest associates. Shortly before this they had been with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration, and then had returned to observe the perplexity of the remaining nine apostles for their inability to cast out an evil spirit (Mark 9:2-18). James and John were "inner circle," and they wanted it to stay that way.

How presumptuous, seems their blanket demand. "Do for us whatsoever we shall desire" (Mark 10:35)! Their spirit of self-seeking had put them into a false attitude of presumption of undertaking more than they could do. In a strength greater than their own, James and John were to drink of Jesus' cup. However, this would be only after learning of their own weakness.

Self-assertion often is advised to the shy and reticent by the secular world. The Christian, however, should be careful not letting self-seeking and self-assertion provide the opportunity for sinful pride to express itself. Never should it damage another person or erect barriers to growing relationships. Too much self-assertiveness results in blatant egotism.



## We Thank God for Jesus

"Blessed Is Our Mother and Father!"

Proverb 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Lord, I used to think you gave us the MEANEST MOM & DAD IN THE WORLD. Other children I ENVIED. I wanted to be like the other boys and girls.

Proverb 29:17, Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

As I watched their BREAKFAST, good OL' COOKIES, CANDY AND COKES, While we had to eat that OL' HOT CEREAL, EGGS, MILK AND TOAST.

And they could eat: THE SAME GOOD OL' THINGS FOR THEIR LUNCH. WE HAD A BISCUIT & A WIENER FOR LUNCH, & SUPPER WAS BEANS HAM & CHEESE THAT'S JUNK.

Matthew 24:45-46, Jesus said, Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

But I thank GOD I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT ALONE, THERE WAS 6 OTHER KIDS, AND THEY HAD TO LIVE WITH THE SAME, MEAN MOTHER & FATHER, LIKE I DID.

Proverb 1:7,8, The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

They'd MAKE US: GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY, EVEN WHEN WE DIDN'T WANT TO GO, THEY DIDN'T GIVE US OUR RIGHTS; THAT WAS SIMPLY A NO, NO.

Mark 10:14, Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of GOD.

They wanted to KNOW OF OUR WHEREABOUTS, AT ALL TIMES, THEY EVEN WANTED TO KNOW THE PARENTS; OF THE FRIENDS OF MINE.

Proverb 1:10-11, My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk (ambush) privily for the innocent without a cause.

We've gotten WHIPPING WITH BELTS, SWITCHES AND WORSE; EXTENSION CORDS, NOW MOTHER COULD WHIP, BUT WHEN DADDY DID IT; IT TIME TO CALL ON YOU LORD.

Proverb 26:3, A whip for the horse, a bridle for the

ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

We had to be in bed BY NINE, AND WOULD GET UP BEFORE SUNRISE, TO FEED THE CHICKENS, HOGS AND COWS, THEN TO THE FIELDS WITH THE SPIDERS AND FLIES.

(We had to work, boys washing dishes, MAKING BEDS, HAD TO LEAN TO COOK, AND ALL THOSE CRUEL THINGS. FACT IS OUR PARENTS BROKE ALL THE CHILD LABOR LAWS IN THE LAND, But it was to help US. They knew that this is a WORKING MAN'S LAND, And if YOU WANT TO WORK, YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN YOUR TRAINING AT HOME. THAT LIE that's going around: THE WHITE MAN WON'T GIVE ME A BREAK, THAT'S DEAD. He won't give YOU A JOB BECAUSE YOU DON'T QUALIFY. The MIND must be CONDITIONED, YOU MUST BE ON TIME, BE CLEAN & NEAT, PANTS BELOW YOUR CREAK IS FOR FOOLS, YOU MUST BE HUMBLE AND MOST OF ALL BE HONEST.)

Proverb 23:13, Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

(Brother Brady J. Baldwin, Jr. says that they got WHIPPING with some of the same things we did. Only HIS PARENTS WOULD SAY: THE CLOTHES DIDN'T DO NO WRONG, AND THEY'RE NOT GETTING A WHIPPING, SO TAKE THEM OFF, NOW THAT'S LOVE!)

My two brothers, Lonzy & J.R. served in the Armed Forces. Lonzy has been on his JOB FOR ABOUT 30 years. J.R., well, the LORD BLESSED him to have his OWN BUSINESS, BODY SHOP & DEALERSHIP. My oldest sister Matter she is a homeowner and RENT LADY, My sister Bobbie is SELF-EMPLOYED COSMETOLOGIST AND AN 18-wheeler DRIVER. My sister Dessie May, is also a COSMETOLOGIST, AND DESIGNS GREETING CARDS. Lula Beatrice, she is AN AIRLINE STEWARDESS, AND YOU KNOW ME, B.J. THE BUS DRIVER, I'M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT SOMEBODY, WHO CAN SAVE E'ERYBODY. WE THANK GOD FOR OUR PARENTS.

Proverb 31:28, Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

GOD is not through with us yet. So let's PRAY for one another always.

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God did not give man control NOR DOMINION OVER OTHER MEN, then God said: LET US MAKE MEN SOMEONE LIKE OURSELVES, to be the Master of all life upon the earth and in the skies and in the seas. And God blessed them and told them, multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. You are Masters of the BIRDS AND FISH and all the ANIMALS, he created all men EQUAL. And man is not to take dominion or control over other men. THAT'S WHY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ONLY PART HUMAN, and PART ANIMAL so we can be controlled by MAN. He said, man would be Master OVER ALL THE ANIMALS. We as a Black people are created like all men. We are made in the image of God, and everything he made was very good!

So God is very displeased with the way this has worked, and when you take something God made

beautiful, and makes it UGLY, you're going to pay dearly in this world. You WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW, America, You're in trouble—BIG TROUBLE!

Read Genesis 1:26—"WE'RE HUMANS, AND MAN has transgressed, and will pay IN THIS WORLD."

Anyone can try to stop prayer. If you may, but my God is beginning to SHAKE this world like never before.

What a mighty God we serve! To all who are hurting and bereaved, please read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11, 22-26.

Read and believe. God loves you and so do we. Keep smiling, precious people, and loving your Sisters and Brothers. We're going to make it.

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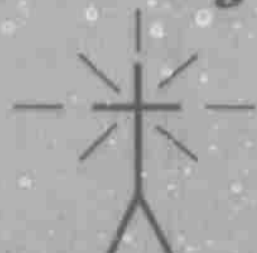


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Having more in common than their ages (twenty), Indonesia members Tina Hicks, Melissa Rollins and Atlanta-born Kia Rainey are bringing a fresh street perspective to what we know as R&B music. Brought together by writer/producer Eric Hicks (brother of lead singer Tina), the group is ready to unleash their aural assault with their slamin' debut single on Riot/EMI/ERG, "Do Thangz," a danceable romp bathed in funky, bass driven hip hop rhythms.

Cutting through the sea of same-sounding R&B that is so prevalent today, "Do Thangz" is the tip of the Indonesia iceberg, exposing a group that deals with the specifics of relationships using descriptive lyrics that give an immediate visual reference. "We're very down to earth", says Hicks, the group's lead singer. "We just sit down with our homies and see what they're going through, and that's what comes through in our music." Smooth lyrics and catchy hooks are what Indonesia is about. "Do Thangz" is the perfect intro: a sexy, romantic way to say "I want to get with you."

The group fuses R&B, hip hop and gospel to create the "Indo" sound. With influences ranging from Whitney Houston, and TLC, to SWV, Earth, Wind and Fire and Stevie Wonder, Indonesia manifests San Francisco's distinctive street orientation: a slightly freestyle, kicked-back chill.

Clearly, Indonesia's upfront '90's sensuality is taking no prisoners. As "Do Thangz" states, in the "nine-double-deuce," it's time to get busy ("I don't want no 5-minute busta in the sack/ He's gotta do it right").

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# Blacks Moving to Decriminalize Drugs

By William Reed, NNPA Director of Communications

Despite having an African American as head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), many black leaders have declared America's War on Drugs program to be over and "a lost cause." After eight decades of interdiction, prohibition and punishment, the results of the "War" are in, and there are more than 330,000 Americans, mostly black, languishing behind bars and the nation is spending over \$20 billion on criminal justice approaches, at the expense of social programs that literally mean better for many tables.

Since Dr. Jocelyn Elders made a statement seeking "a study of our drug policy," significant numbers of blacks who have stature in their communities are starting to admit publicly, that even if a black man does hold cabinet rank in the Clinton Administration with a job in which to fight drugs, the program has been a failure, and illegal drugs are available in greater supply and purity than ever before. Black leadership voices from the Surgeon General, to big city mayors, to newspaper publishers, are starting to speak out in favor of studying alternatives to the current War on Drugs program. Many blacks are saying that the current drug policy is a "lost cause." Because the drug war takes most of its collateral casualties from inner cities big city mayors like Sharon Pratt Kelly of Washington and Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore can now claim they know the problems of inner city drug dealing as a fact of life, better than does Lee Brown, who is the White House cabinet member in charge of drugs. Urban leaders say that even though most of the drug customers live far away in protected communities, the plight of those associated with drugs in their cities is getting worse. For example, in a recent report Mayor Schmoke points out that though illegal drug use has fallen in some inner cities, there are still intolerable levels of violence associated with competitive drug dealing. He wants decriminalization in hopes to stop the front-line battles of the drug dealing wars that are waged daily in cities. Proponents of decriminalization say that disintegration of the family structure, the dire job outlook, inadequate education and government abandonment have created communities where the drug trade is guaranteed to flourish.

Alarm is spreading among black leadership because between 1983

and 1989 the ratio of black to white juvenile arrests more than tripled as city kids were sucked into the drug trade, and black kids' prospects for becoming a murder statistic are up dramatically. Black leaders are starting to quote government and social statistics suggesting that drug prohibition has created a permanent underclass of unemployable inner-city youths whose lives have become hopelessly interwoven with drug crime and who in turn are becoming parents to another generation of dysfunctional children. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders, along with Mayors Kelly and Schmoke are now claiming to have been confronted in the "hoods" with questions like: "How can we (blacks) let this damage continue? Isn't it time to stop moralizing about drugs and put an end to policies that are destroying our communities, and the nation?"

White House drug-policy director Lee Brown disowns the term "drug war." "You won't hear us using the metaphor 'drug war'" Brown says. "We should help those who need help and arrest those who are trafficking in drugs. But I don't think we should declare war against our own people," states the former head of police in New York, Houston and Atlanta. But Washington, D.C. newspaper publisher Dr. Calvin Rolark is afraid that "the war" is against his own people. "The number of blacks being incarcerated for the use of drugs is on an alarming increase," states the publisher of the *Washington Informer*. Although blacks total less than 20 percent of drug users, young African American men represent 80 percent of the prison population, mostly for convictions for drug use and distribution.

All the evidence of the failure of the War on Drugs suggests that the simple deterrence model of tough enforcement and incarceration has not had the desired impact on drug availability in the inner cities. Ambitious street sweeps of drug dealers and undercover operations have simply made it that much easier for urban youth to step into the shoes of those whose "jobs" they covet. Dr. Rolark has written, "As a nation, we need to begin to take an altogether different look at the drug problem." Mayor Schmoke, and scores of urban black leaders are starting to support a study of decriminalization "before an even higher number of black youth are carted off to jail."

## Ellis Committee Releases Galveston Bay Plan, Seeks Public Comment

A comprehensive five-year, \$36.5 million plan involving over 80 initiatives to restore and protect Galveston Bay received preliminary approval and was released for public comment this week. The plan is the culmination of years of work by the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program, which involves local, state, and federal governments, representatives from business and industry, and environmental advocates. The program which authorized the plan was created by Congress in 1987.

"Galveston Bay provides nearly 80,000 jobs and an estimated \$7.5 billion in tourism to the Houston area," said Senator Ellis, chair of the Policy Committee which approved the release of the plan for public comment. "This plan will help us provide long-term protection of the Bay and recognizes the economic value of this important natural resource."

The plan, which calls for \$1.5 million dollars from the state, will leverage significant federal dollars. "With minimal state dollars we

will maximize federal and private sector revenue and resources," said the Harris County Senator. "Public/private ventures such as this are the wave of the future. Texas is taking the lead in this area, and this will result in significant savings to the taxpayers of this state."

Ellis was named chair of the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program by Governor Richards in 1991. As chair, he has been working with leaders from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas National Resources Conservation Commission, the General Land Office, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and environmental and industry advocates to forge a consensus document.

The plan will be unveiled through a series of public meetings scheduled throughout the Bay area during the month of May. Senator Ellis will host a forum May 24, 10 a.m., in the Auditorium of the Houston Garden Center. The public is invited to attend and ask questions about the plan.

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## Mrs. Hightower Celebrates 65th Birthday

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Although her birthday falls on Mother's Day most of the time, she was born on May 9th.

"I thank God for being able to celebrate my birthday with a sound mind and very good health," smiled Mrs. Hightower.

Her children gave her a birthday party in her home at 1911 East Auburn Avenue last Saturday night. Many of her friends were in attendance.

She is a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church where she serves on the Senior Usher Board for the past 20 years, and has been director for the Junior Usher Board for more than 12 years. Rev. Wendell D. Davis is her pastor.

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JobSource+ and Green Thumb, Inc., in a joint effort, are offering a new training and employment program to persons age 55 or older who meet low income guidelines.

*Equal employment opportunity employer/program. Relay Texas (800) 735-2988. Auxiliary aids and references are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.*

# KLFB AM 1420

New Hours

Call 765-8114 or 765-8115

6 pm-12 am

7 Days a Week

**Sunday: Best of Gospel Music**

6 pm-12 am

**Saturday: Oldies & Goodies Show**

6 pm-12 am

**T.J. Patterson hosts**

**"SPEAK OUT LUBBOCK"**

**Tuesday, 8-9 p.m.**

**Monday-Friday: Countdown Top Hits**

**CD Giveaway & much much more giveaways**

**R&B, Soul, Gospel, Jazz**

**Join our DJs**

**Candi—AA—DJ Cash—Lover—Darryl—Dolomite**

**Need a Job? Want to be a DJ?**

**Call DJ Cash 765-8114**