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Howard University Names New President

H. Patrick Swygert, 52, an acclaimed academic administrator, has been named president of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Swygert, who has been president of the University at Albany, State University of New York, earned his undergraduate and law degrees at Howard and will assume his duties effective August 1, 1995. He was chosen from a field of 300 applicants and will become the 15th president of the nation's premier historically black university. As Swygert takes over, Howard is mired in a financial crisis, with an estimated budget shortfall this year of \$7 million.

Black Golf Organization To Conduct Exhibition and Jr. Clinic At US Open

The Minority Golf Association of America, Inc. (MGAA) will be conducting an exhibition and junior golf clinic in conjunction with the U.S.G.A. during the week of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, Long Island, NY. The clinic and exhibition are being co-sponsored by the Nicholas Golf Equipment Company and will be followed by a six-week training clinic at Calverton Links on Long Island. Junior golfers aged eight to 16 years are eligible to participate. The MGAA is a non-profit organization that conducts golf clinics throughout the U.S. in the promotion of junior golf and as a channel for academic and character development for youth. For information on participation call: Paul David, (202) 829-0396 or write the MGAA, Inc., P.O. Box 1081, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978-7081.

Modern Day Slavery To Be Documented At NYC Conference

On Saturday May 20, 1995, the Coalition Against Slavery in Africa is sponsoring a conference starting at 10:00 AM at the Shapiro Center for Engineering on the campus of Columbia University to discuss modern day slave markets in the Sudan. Organizers say this is the first abolitionist conference in America in 130 years.

Professor Says Slavery Led To Blacks Hypertension

Clarence Grim, a medical professor studying high blood pressure among blacks says the survivors of slavery passed genes supplying high salt retention—and hypertension—along to their descendants. The gene resulted in a black population in the U.S. that has dramatically higher blood pressure rates than whites. Grim, who is seeking to identify the genes responsible for salt retention, is studying families of blacks who have high blood pressure under a grant from the National Institutes of Health. He says that blacks who survived captivity and slavery were those who were better able to retain salt. Those without that genetic ability died, mostly from diarrhea or heart stroke. Grim is also studying Nigerian residents, since blacks in African countries have very little high blood pressure and heart disease.

Universal Life Names New President

Universal Life Insurance Company of Memphis, TN has named Robert L. Gholson as the newly elected president. Gholson, who succeeds Gerald

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Regrets: Too Little, Too Late

By Bernice Powell Jackson

Twenty years ago Saigon fell. Twenty years ago this nation was torn apart after nearly a decade of war in Viet Nam and the deaths of 58,000 young American men and women. Now Robert McNamara, former Secretary of Defense has written a book admitting that he knew the Viet Nam War was unwinnable.

Twenty years ago my cousin Charles died before his 30th birthday. I don't know what the death certificate listed as his cause of death, but it should have read Viet Nam War. Because although he didn't die in combat, Charles was surely a casualty of that war and his name should be on that wall at the Viet Nam War memorial in Washington.

And five years later, almost to the day, Charles' mother died. And while I am sure her death was attributed to pneumonia, I am just as sure that her death was caused by a heart broken because of the death of her only child. Her name should be on a wall too, as should be the tens of thousands of Viet Nam veterans who are the walking dead—some still addicted to the drugs they came to depend on while in Viet Nam, some addicted to alcohol, others so troubled by what they saw during the insanity of war that they have never recovered mentally, emotionally or spiritually.

Robert McNamara and the other leaders of this nation who sacrificed these young people for an unwinnable war have a lot to be sorry for. It's too bad more of them don't admit that.

It's too bad they don't admit that the Viet Nam war was a war fought by children of color and the children of working class white Americans. Not too many middle class or rich children fought in the Viet Nam war—somehow they were exempted from combat.

The Viet Nam War devastated the African American community, as thousands of my contemporaries were called into service, never to return or to return never the same. As young women, we talked about how the war had cut drastically the pool of marriageable black men. As a community, we saw for the first time large numbers of black men walking the streets on drugs when they returned from the war.

McNamara's book has opened old wounds—wounds which were never properly healed and suddenly feel raw again. He seems somewhat surprised by the controversy surrounding his book, by the negative newspaper editorials and the probing questions. When asked why didn't he say back then that the war was unwinnable, when he might have been able to save thousands of lives, he tries to say that he did say it—to his

colleagues.

I can't get past my cousin Charles, who went to Viet Nam in the infantry in 1967, at the height of the war. When he returned, he was never the same again. For months afterward he slept sitting up and despite the injury he had sustained over there to his liver, he was constantly drinking. He wasn't able to keep a job and his marriage crumbled. Too soon we were sitting in that Baptist Church in Warrenton, Virginia listening to his eulogy.

If only Robert McNamara had the courage to say then what he is saying now strongly and publicly. Maybe my cousin Charles would have been celebrating his 50th birthday this year. Maybe that memorial wall in Washington would have been only a few hundred names.

McNamara says he wrote this book to keep us from making the same mistakes again. He points out that 160 million people have died in wars in this century alone. 160 million people. That's probably what historians will remember about the 20th century—the war caused deaths. That's probably what historians will remember about Robert McNamara—the war caused deaths during the Viet Nam war. I just remember my cousin Charles.

Combest Spearheads Survival of Lubbock SBA Office

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas) is challenging the Clinton Administration's decision to close the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Lubbock District Office, insisting that fair and thoughtful consideration be applied. Combest has maintained an expertise in small business matters, serving on the House Small Business Committee since his election to Congress. In a letter Wednesday to the Commerce Subcommittee on Appropriations, Combest is spearheading efforts among the region's five congressmen to have the committee deny the closing as arbitrary and without substantive policy justification. Additionally, Congressman Combest cited the Small Business Administration's own loan statistics showing that the Lubbock District Office has worked more loans than another Texas SBA office that will remain open. SBA statistics released by Combest show the Lubbock SBA office to handle one-third more volume and loan dollars than the next-largest District Office. El Paso, although the El Paso District Office will remain untouched.

"In its 71-county area of 65,000 square miles the Lubbock office has a tremendous reputation for regularly handling loans three times faster than the Dallas office," said Combest. "I am concerned that the loss of the Lubbock office would not only choke off much of the available credit for our regional small businesses, but create a void of specialized SBA expertise in handling the credit-intensive industries of agribusiness and oil and gas. Lubbock SBA customers would be underserved, and SBA programs underused."

—See letter on page 4



Protecting Our Babies

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dr. Henry Foster, nominee for U.S. Surgeon General, joined First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala on a visit to Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care in the nation's capital to raise awareness about the importance of children needing at least 11 vaccinations before their second birthday. In the African-American community, almost 40 percent of two-year-olds are not fully immunized. President Clinton's Childhood Immunization Initiative, which is carried out by the Department of Health and Human Services, gives free vaccinations (shots) to children of parents with low income. Pictured from left to right are: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; Mrs. Carly Edwards, a parent at the Center; Dr. Henry Foster; Maria Gomez, Executive Director of Mary's Center; and Secretary Donna E. Shalala. Official HHS photo by Chris Smith.

A Dedication to Mother

by Mrs. Arwilla Moore

You were the first person I touched when I entered this world.

When I took my first step you were there to catch me when I fell.

My first day of school you dressed me up and gave me big girl ponytails.

You watched from a distance while we walked to school.

Knowing you were there made me look back with every step.

When we returned home from school, I remember you looking sunny and bright wearing colors of yellow and white.

The first time either of us made me cry you were there to wipe my eyes.

Whenever I got sick you nursed me back with love and care.

When I was baptized, you were there to dry my face and give me hugs and a smile.

When I entered high school and my teens you were there to support my dreams.

When my senior prom approached you took me shopping for my pink dress and laughed lovingly as I ran from room to

room dressing.

When I first fell in love and received a broken heart, you were there to lend me a shoulder to cry on.

When I got my first apartment, you helped me pick out nice things to go in every corner.

When I made decisions that were not good you always found positive things to say and help me through them.

You always find time to help others, even at a cost to yourself.

Over the years I have watched you lose brothers, a child, and a husband.

Each time you cried I cried. I wish you could never feel pain.

Now that I'm thirty and hopefully wiser, I see that no thing is better or greater than the love of a mother or the smile from her warm face.

Thank you for giving me life and thank you for giving me unconditional love.

—Queenie

Local Student Nominated for National Award

A local student at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock recently received a letter nominating her for the National Dean's List. This award was only awarded to 1/2 of 1% of our nation's college students. Angela R. Richardson-Mann is the daughter of the co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, Eddie P. Richardson, and Mrs. Eddie P. Richardson.

The nomination was submitted by Dean of Nursing Patricia S. Yoder Wise. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Angela:

Congratulations. You have been selected, as indicated above, to receive honorary award recognition by having your biography published in the 18th Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List, 1994-95*. You are also eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship from the \$30,000 to be awarded this year.

The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country recognizing academically gifted students selected by their college dean or comparable faculty representative. Each year 2,500 of our nation's finest colleges and universities use the publication as a special award to recognize their most outstanding students.

You are also invited to use the Student Referral Service (SRS), a valuable reference service for students applying to gradu-



ANGELA R. RICHARDSON-MANN

ate school or seeking employment. The SRS form and scholarship application will be sent to you after your biography form has been processed. Additionally, each year approximately 2,000 newspapers nationwide publish announcements recognizing their local recipients.

Best wishes for continued success,

Paul C. Krouse, Publisher

P.S. Only 1/2 of 1% of our nation's college students receive this award. We commend you for your accomplishments.

Angela stated she would like to thank Ms. Yoder Wise for the award and is appreciative that her hard work was displayed.

Mental Health Month

LUBBOCK—Greater understanding of people with mental health problems and increased awareness of available resources to maintain good mental health will be the focus of national Mental Health Month in May.

Lubbock Regional MHMR Center is currently constructing a mental health facility overlooking Canyon Lakes and would like to focus this month on increasing public awareness of mental illness and answering common questions of the general public.

Mental illness is found in persons of all ages, races, cultures and economic conditions. National Mental Health Association statistics show that one in five Americans is affected by mental illness.

Mental illness can strike anyone at any time. In 1989, there were 2.6 million Texans—nearly one in six people—suffering from some form of mental illness.

• 500,000—one in ten—children suffer from severe emotional disturbance; that, left untreated, interfere with normal development.

• 600,000—or one in thirty—Texans suffer from depression, manic depressive disorders and other depressive disorders.

• 150,000—or approximately one in a hundred—Texans suffer from schizophrenia disorders and 30,000 new cases occur each year.

Many services and programs for persons experiencing mental and emotional problems as well as those persons with mental retardation are offered by Lubbock Regional MHMR Center. Currently the Center provides services to approximately 1395 persons with mental illness and sees an additional 1476 persons in the emergency room.

Mental illness is treatable. Just as other diseases have specific symptoms and treatments, mental illnesses can be accurately diagnosed and effectively treated.

For more information about mental illnesses, their causes and treatment, contact the concerned and qualified staff of Lubbock Regional MHMR Center at (806) 766-0233.

Dunbar Grad Named Director of Finance

Marjorie R. LaRue was named director of finance for the Law School Admission Council in Newtown, PA. Previously, she was controller for the Presbyterian Home at Meadow Lakes in Hightstown, N.J. LaRue is a certified public accountant and has worked as a financial internal auditor for McGraw Hill in New York. She has also been a supervising senior auditor for KMG Main Hurdman accounting firm in Waco, Texas.

Marjorie LaRue is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma R. Day Robinson.



MAJORIE R. LARUE



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Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care." Rev.

Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Assistant James Sterling presiding. Services began with prayer and a song, "Yield Not To Temptation."

The various classes marched to their class rooms for thirty minutes, reassembled singing the song, "Count On Me." High points of the lesson were given by Sister Cooper, Class No. 3 teacher. It was well done.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department—Junior Class received the attendance banner and the Intermediate Class received the offering banner.

In the Adult reports: Class No. 1, Men's Class received both banners. There is a brighter day ahead!

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The morning devotional period at 10:45 a.m., Sister Chase, Sister Kelly and Brother Clark presided.

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During the morning worship hour, the Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "God Is Already Here."

Altar prayer was conducted by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "I'm So Satisfied", was sung. The scripture and prayer were done. Another song, "Close To Thee," was sung.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "Blessed Quietness." Pastoral observation was given by Pastor Moton.

After the singing of "I'm Just Somebody, Trying To Tell Somebody About Jesus." Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Their Eyes Were Opened, And They Knew Him." His text scripture was St. Luke 24:13-36. If your eyes were closed, they are open now. He told you what to do.

Invitation to discipleship was extended, and three came forward. What a blessing.

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The men of the church treated the women to a Mother's Day fish fry last Saturday. It was mighty nice of them.

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Last Sunday evening, at 7:00 p. m., Rev. Jeff Brown preached his first sermon at New Hope. His brother and mother were present.

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Remember our sick and shut in citizens. Among them is the brother of Sister Wanda Jones, who is a patient at Big Spring, Texas.

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It appears as though the Lord has New Hope on the roll of bereaved families this week. Among them are Mrs. Fannie Price's uncle who was funeralized last Saturday in Dallas, Texas. Sister Dora Johnson's brother will be funeralized Saturday in Silsbee, Texas.

Sister Dorothy Kinner's sister-in-law and Sister Fayrene Alexander's aunt was funeralized last Thursday at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church.

Sister Octavia Givens's mother, Lucille Middleton, was funeralized Tuesday at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. All of you are on our prayer list.

Thanks to each of you for your prayers for Freddy Simmons, Jr. who is doing fine at this report. He is reported to be recuperating nicely at this time.

Thank God for your prayers.

Community Health Center of Lubbock Seeks Board Members

LUBBOCK, TEXAS—Community Health Center of Lubbock, Inc. (CHCL)—a network of nonprofit agencies providing health care and social services to the medically underserved—is seeking men and women interested in serving on the organization's board of directors.

Individuals must be patients of Presbyterian Clinic or their children or dependents must be patients of Lubbock Children's Health Clinic.

The primary goal of CHCL is to serve individuals lacking adequate access to primary medical care, preventive, care and routine health screening. The Center also provides access to many social services available to those faced with personal or family hardship.

CHCL assists persons in need by providing a sliding scale of charges; however, no person will be turned away because of inability to pay.

"We are seeking individuals to serve on the board who actually use the services CHCL provides," said Chairman Board and President of CHCL Jack Powers. "It's important that we see the Center from our clients' point of view."

Board members must make a time commitment to attend a monthly evening meeting and must be willing to serve on the committee of their choice. There is no compensation for serving on the board of directors.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Sue West at (806) 765-2611, for more information.

National News Wire

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T. Howell, graduated from Tennessee State University and gained an MBA from Memphis State University. Universal Life has traditionally been a family-run company which was started by Dr. J.E. Walker. It is the fourth largest among predominately black-owned-and-managed life insurance companies.

Black Federal Discharge Rate Indicates Discrimination

According to the federal Office of Personnel Management, black federal employees are more than twice as likely to be dismissed than their white, Latino or Asian counterparts. The disparity was seen by a sociologist from Brown University regardless of occupational category, pay level, education, agency, geographic location, age, performance rating, seniority, or attendance record. "The racial gap persists within every category of risk we assessed," says Dr. Hilary Silver. The study was begun in 1994 and Silver looked at 10,544 federal workers who were involuntarily dismissed during the 1992 fiscal year. Nearly 12,000 federal workers were dismissed that fiscal year, 52 percent of whom were minorities. Minority members make up 28 percent of the federal civilian workforce of

2.2 million. Dismissals of minority members occurred at a rate of 10 per 1,000 employees compared with three per 1,000 among other workers. Blacks in Government President Oscar Eason, Jr. said, "We know that racial discrimination affects employee performance, conduct, and morale. It is not surprising that it has become a dominant factor in the decisions to discharge African American employees."

Nigeria Constitution Conference Votes For Abacha to Continue

A constitutional conference in Nigeria has given the current military ruler, General Sani Abacha, an open-ended term in power. The conference, which was convened two years ago to bring about democratic civilian rule, passed a resolution reversing its delegates decision last year, that said General Abacha, who took power in a coup in November 1993, should hand over power to an elected leader on January 1, 1996. TransAfrica, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group, is conducting protests against the Abacha government to force it to transfer power to a democratically elected leader.

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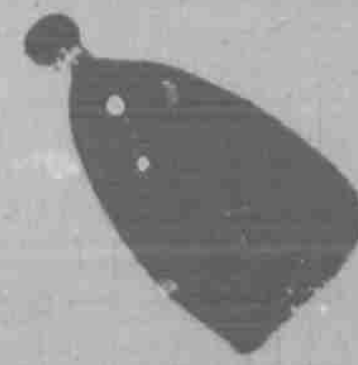
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Parkway Manor Care Center News

Minnie Clementson and Marcus visited Lucille Lewis last Saturday afternoon and had a wonderful visit.

Brenda Tipton visited Catherine Oxendree, Sonnie Moore and other residents last Sunday afternoon.

Margaret Crawford visited Matthew Crawford last Tuesday afternoon.

The members of the Rising Star Baptist Church came last Tuesday evening and held worship services for the residents. They were real glad and blessed to have the administrator Brenda present in worship with the group. What a blessing it was. Thank the Lord.

Ann Day visited the residents last Wednesday morning. She is always patient and ready and willing to work. Rev. W. Stephens on Wednesday morning at 10:15 a. m. for his regular weekly Bible study. Last Wednesday's theme was: "Think Before You Speak." James 4:11.

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

Rev. W. H. Stephens the adopted grandfather by the Future Homemakers of America of Dumas Junior High School was visited by students on last Thursday afternoon. Those visiting him were Ezra B. and Mrs. Elaine Spitzer.

Albert J. Irwin visited his brother, William Lincoln last Friday afternoon.

"LIFE"

Life is true, like the sky is blue.
Life is nice I won't say it twice.
Life is beautiful
Life is a treat.
Why don't everyone try to be sweet.
Life is wonderful life is great!
Why don't everyone try to be straight?
As I conclude this life filling story,
I hope I wasn't boring.

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

OBITUARY

ORA LEE EASTER

Final rites were read for Ms. Ora Lee Easter last Thursday morning at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church with Rev. Todd Raspberry, pastor, officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Clarence Priestly, Roger Priestly, Hardin Barrow, Ronnie C. Kinner, R. J. Givens, Robert Cork, and Oree Matthew.

Honorary pallbearers were Willie Blocker, Joe Phea, Harold Chatman, Leslie Cross and Joe Strong.

Ms. Easter was born July 25, 1911 in Valley Mills, Texas, and was the third of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Kinner.

She passed Sunday, April 30, 1995.

She confessed her faith at an early age and joined the Methodist Church. She attended public schools in Valley Hills, where she met and later married Woodson Sadler. Two children were born to this union.

In 1939, she and her family moved to Lubbock, Texas where she lived until her death.

Survivors include: two sons—Bobbie Wortham of Duncanville, Texas and Wellington Sadler of Mitchellville, Maryland; four brothers—Nathan and Earl Kinner, both of Waco, Texas, H. C. and D. C. Kinner, both of Lubbock, Texas; two grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

LAWRENCE "SNOOCHIE" HENRY

Final rites were read for Lawrence "Snoochie" Henry on Thursday,

April 27, 1995 at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Tommy Williams, Kenneth Sanders, Clarence Sanders, Ace Dixon, Lester Dixon and J. B. Larkins.

Honorary pallbearers were Arnie "Shorty" Sanders, George Smith, Julius, Powell, Joe Rowe, Jr., Emmie J. Dixon and Arthur L. Simmons.

Henry was born in Navarro County, Texas. He was the son of the late Russel and Delse Woods Henry. He was also a World War II veteran and was honorably discharged.

He is preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

His memories will be cherished by: six daughters: Alice Fay Mathis, Compton, Calif., Patricia Lawrence, Anita Gale, Peggy Elaine Wallace, Sandra Lynn, and Dona Kay Williams, all of Lubbock, Texas; two sons: Lawrence of Ft. Worth, Texas and Lommie of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters: Lois Daggalt of Denver, Colo. and Lola Jones of Corsicana, Texas; one brother, John Edward Henry of Fort Worth, Texas; eleven grandchildren, one great grandchild; a host of other relatives and many friends.



LAWRENCE HENRY

Library Program
"Make it Right Call," a program presented by the Lubbock EMS for parents and children, Saturday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the Mahon Library Community Room, 1306 9th St. EMS personnel will discuss making 911 calls and show some of the equipment they use. "Reddy Teddy" will also be on hand. For more information on this program, please call 767-2838.

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For Economic Strength; Educate Our Money!!

By Eddie P. Richardson

For us to reach economic parity, we as a people should and must educate our dollars as well as our minds. We must teach our money to go where it is appreciated.

We should and we must educate our dollars to go where they are appreciated and to those businesses, institutions, and organizations who support our communities which support our community needs and resources. We must find ways of bringing dollars back into our communities. We must start by being competitive at the market place with our good and services by obtaining contracts and getting our fair share. We also have to

matize that times are tough. That is the reason we have to be competitive and give good services to be competitive. We will be very disappointed if we think Black people will trade with us just because we are Black. Black people should not refuse to trade with us because we are Black, but because we are professional and give good service.

There is a two way board between Black businesses and Black consumers. Some Black professionals do not do a professional job for Black consumers and some Black consumers will not do business with Black businesses because they are Black. There must be a coming together for the good of all of us. We need each other, but it has to be for the good of all of us.

As long as we continue to carry our money to places who do not support our community, by putting something back into our community, we will continue to be in the same old rut.

For example, you know a merchant is friendly when you see their advertisement in the *Southwest Digest*, your newspaper, where you spend your money and do not see them. Ask them, why not?

Become concerned at the places you spend your money, if they are spending any in your community, newspaper, restaurants, pharmacy, etc.

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For our communities to become the self-sustaining marketplaces they should be, the leadership and initiatives must come from within the community itself. We have to focus and refocus minds to change perceptions of ourselves and others that our community has much potential. We also must support those that support us no matter ethnicity or race and on the other hand, we must not support those that fail to support us. The same is true for Black, Brown, White and or others. We have to educate our money to get a return on our money.

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We can no longer afford to match Black boys with baggy pants around their behinds against white boys with computers.



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Sometimes one gets the feeling that one has lived too long when one has witnessed the crime rate in our county move from a level of virtually very little criminal activity to un-thought-of and unimaginable activities.

In the wake of shocking criminal activity as well as the so-called "crime of the century" working itself into a year or more to be concluded, legislatures across the nation are working desperately to pass laws which will give good upstanding citizens the right to bear arms concealed on their bodies or elsewhere in public.

The aspect of this activity to make carrying a concealed weapon legal does not appear to be getting too much protest from the law enforcement community. It almost appears that they are in agreement

with this movement. This could prove to be detrimental to law enforcement agents as well as good upstanding citizens.

We are aware that most law enforcement agents wear some type of identifiable clothing or emblems which alerts the good upstanding citizen that he has a right to wear a weapon and to use it if necessary. HOW will good upstanding citizens know each other from the criminal element in our communities who masquerade as good upstanding citizens? Must we wait until good upstanding citizens are killed before we realize the folly of having a license to carry a gun? What will our children think when they see us strapping on our guns when they have been traditionally taught not to play or tamper with guns? We need to get 'in cinque' and re-examine our priorities with regard to license to kill. IS THIS NOT WHAT GUNS ARE FOR?

THIS N THAT

NEED MORE WEEKENDS LIKE LAST WEEK! THIS N THAT... is happy over the... activities which took place here last weekend... TWO EVENTS... a drama entitled... "REVEREND, I'M AVAILABLE"... and the concert... by... THOMAS BRAXTON... Both were great... and people are still talking about what has happened... Could this... be the... BEGINNING... of some great things of culture... in the... BLACK COMMUNITY... Sure was good to see all of this... and let's hope this will continue... THIS N THAT... appreciates the professionalism... displayed by... TALENTED BLACK PEOPLE... in making these activities... become a... REALITY... Surely... THOMAS BRAXTON... will be back... as well as... RODNEY L. CLARK'S PRODUCTIONS... He told... THIS N THAT... he will write another play... as he has gotten some... GREAT IDEAS... for Lubbock...

DON'T GIVE PEOPLE ANY PUBLICITY WHO DON'T WANT TO SERVE YOU!! THIS N THAT... noticed on a local television last week... that there were some... local... PIZZA PLACES... who refuse to... distribute their wares... after a certain time period in... EAST LUBBOCK... Remember... this is what... JOHN CERVANTEZ... local businessman in East Lubbock... was talking about some time ago... Now... REALLY... don't give these people any... PUBLICITY... If they don't want to come... OVER TO EAST LUBBOCK... after a certain time period... and there is a... MARKET OF BLACK PEOPLE... who eat pizza... then why not... GET OUR OWN PIZZA BUSINESS... BROTHERS & SISTERS... it is time that we... QUIT GIVING PEOPLE PUBLICITY... for not serving us... If... YOU... those of you who eat... PIZZA... would... EDUCATE YOUR FUNDS... and get your own... PIZZA ESTABLISHMENT... then the... PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED... THIS N THAT... is attempting to... EDUCATE... Black Folk... that we... NEED TO GET OFF THE PLANTATION... ARE YOU WITH ME??? Let me hear from you...

TIP TO COMMISSIONER FLORES! THIS N THAT... was reading about a situation... involving... LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER GILBERT FLORES... when one of his constituents... is apparently... UNHAPPY OVER AN APPARENT INCIDENT... which involved a young fellow... in Idalou... who was playing basketball on

Lubbock County property... The youth was shooting some baskets... and the backboard apparently fell... injuring the youth... Anytime... COMMISSIONER FLORES... you have a highly... SENSITIVE ISSUE... MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A WITNESS... TO HELP WITH THE REPORT... Anyway... for what it's worth... just wanted to give some... WEST TEXAS ADVICE!

HOPE DR. ALFONSO SCANDRETT SEES THAT BLACKS ARE HIRED!! THIS N THAT... who supports the... first year of a... VERY GOOD PROGRAM... NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM (NYSP)... sponsored by Texas Tech University... hopes that its coordinator... DR. ALFONSO SCANDRETT... understands how important it is to hire... BLACK MALES IN KEY POSITIONS... At this report... more than... 600 APPLICATION... have been submitted... and only... 250 APPLICANTS... will be accepted daily... for the summer program... Now... if... there are no images... BLACK MALES... young Blacks will not be totally reached in a program... which is designed to reach those kids... who have been screened out of a positive activity... Hope you hear us... DR. SCANDRETT... who serves as the assistant athletic director of Texas Tech University... Think about this... DR. SCANDRETT... as... BLACK PARENTS... are calling and asking if... BLACK MALES... will hold top positions... in this summer program... Ray Dr. Scandrett... there is one way to take care of this... situation... and that is by... VISITING IN THE COMMUNITY... and telling... BLACK PARENTS... what your intentions will be about this program... As... THIS N THAT... makes known many times... BLACKS NEED TO GET OFF THE PLANTATION... and it can be accomplished... if there are some opportunities... for some... BLACK MALES... this summer working with our kids...

D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS... "THE BLACK WOMAN... is the... BEGINNING... of our... CIVILIZATION... and don't... FORGET... this on Mother's Day..."

THANKS BLACK CHAMBER!! THIS N THAT... would like to say... THANKS... to the members of the... LUBBOCK BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE... for your efforts last week... as you did well with... the play... Do it next year!

I Went to Enjoy

I was recently invited, by my wife, to attend the play *Reverend, I'm Available*. I went to spend some much-needed time alone, and out with my wife. I went for the entertainment value, to support our African-American artist, and to enjoy. I was overly surprised about the review given by the *Avalanche-Journal* on Friday's performance. They saw and heard something that I did not see or hear. The musical numbers were powerful, soul-searching and culture-based. The acting, from the comedy to the seriousness of this situational play, was as powerful as any sitcom, or soap opera, that I have ever seen. From where I sat, everyone in the auditorium was having one tremendous time. Thank you, Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce members, for bringing us real entertainment!

Rev. L. V. Witherspoon

The Honorable Hal Rogers, Chairman Subcommittee on Commerce Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Hal:

We are very disappointed with the recent decision by the Small Business Administration (SBA) to recommend closing the Lubbock district office. We believe this decision was reached arbitrarily and without substantive policy justification. We ask you to deny this request until the proper documentation justifying this decision is presented by the agency.

We all understand and support the difficult task that the SBA has in meeting its mission with reduced resources. We are in no way suggesting offices and personnel should not be reduced. We are simply asking that the agency provide the Congress with their analysis or provide a more detailed explanation as to the process that was completed to determine which offices would be selected for closure. There appears to have been no formal cost-benefit analysis or economic impact of the proposed closures was completed.

It is our understanding that the Lubbock district office has a volume of loans that is higher than other district offices in the state that will remain open. In fact, the Lubbock office has financial activity that is greater than entire states that will not be affected by these realignments. Finally, we are concerned that the remaining district offices in Texas will all be located in large metropolitan areas thereby seemingly abandoning our rural Texas constituents from SBA programs.

We appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely, (signed)

Larry Combest
Mac Thornberry
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A child of the South, McCarthy went to all-black schools bound by the cords of segregation. She went north to college and became a lawyer. But she also became a writer, a prize-winning observer who looks at life around her and sees the bright spark within people buried in the gray ash of their daily lives. And she nurtures that spark, especially among women and young people—black and white. Her voice will make readers nod their heads again and again. It's the voice of moral courage to cut through stereotypes and hypocrisy. Take responsibility, she says. Change things.

In this collection you'll meet all kinds. Along the way, you'll visit the top headlines of the day, from Rodney King to domestic violence to South Africa to Marla Maples. And, yes, she'll get to O.J.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at 9 a.m. in the home of De'bert and Dorothy Hood. Devotion and business were conducted by Sis. Bu'leson. Scripture and prayer by Sis. Nash and others.

Morning Scripture Lesson by Sis. Elnora Jones
Yokes and Burdens. Matt. 11:28-30
 "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This speaker said: The yoke which Jesus now enjoins us to take on is not the yoke of the law; Jesus came to fulfill that which we clearly could not keep; and Jesus came to pay the price of that which we so justly deserved. Hence, the new yoke is the yoke of grace, Eph. 2:8-10. By the same token, the new burden which accompanies this new yoke is not the burden of self-effort in response to the Law, but rather, the burden of believing in Jesus, John 6:28-29, who has fulfilled the law on our behalf, and surrendering to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who works the Righteousness of Jesus in and through us. Jesus who exiled himself from his own glory, to become captive in a body of flesh and a slave to his Father's will, only to rise up in triumphant and eternal victory over it all! We can conclude that the yoke of Grace and the burden of Jesus' righteousness not only empowers the believer to rise above the means and ordinary circumstances of life, but also enable him or her to lay hold of the transcending victory which has already been won by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This speaker said, America has been unfaithful to God. God doesn't love division. You will be victorious if you keep the mind of Christ.

This discussion is long overdue within the African American community of faith. We must start with us if we are to continue to be God's leaders. In a responsible march toward true freedom that is that freedom which is only possible by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. We invite you to participate in a redemptive discussion aimed at breaking the yoke of our misunderstanding, as well as lightening the burden of despair. May our God bless you richly in your walk with him.

Thanks, Sis. Jones, for a well-taught lesson. We love you!
 Thought: Let's do the work of the Lord now while we can. We need to take the Church beyond the walls.

You will never have better fellowship with God until you have better fellowship with one another.

The people that give our Lord the most trouble are religious half-steps. Think about these.

Keep smiling, super people, You're gonna make it.
 Read Mark 11:22-26, II Chro. 7:14.

To all sick and bereaved people: God is the answer.
 Did any good come out of Nazareth? You come and see.

Next meeting date: 3rd Saturday in May, we go to the nursing home. 1st Saturday in June, place to be announced at a later date. You're welcome to meet with us. If the need arises, call us. P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408.

D. Hood, President; Ernestine Frazier, Secretary



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Christian Power

"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed; and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3).

God uses more than the fact of the resurrection to convert and sustain us in Christianity. He sent to us His Spirit,

The Holy Spirit is involved in our conversion by convicting us of sin, righteousness, and judgment. It is not enough to look objectively at the facts about Jesus and tally up a conversion. The Spirit works within the person and uses the facts as instruments to lead that person to a saving faith in Him.

But the Christian's continual confession of Christ as Lord amidst antago-

nistic surroundings also requires the power of the indwelling Spirit. When Paul said that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit, he was not meaning to imply that the "words" cannot come from a man's lips except through the action of the Spirit. Jesus himself affirmed that many people will say the words, but they will not have the Spirit.

In the first century, people would not have said "Jesus is Lord" unless they really meant it, for they were facing much persecution as soon as they aligned themselves with Jesus. When we have the Holy Spirit, we have the presence of deity with us and that presence will help us adequately face the pressures of persecution. Jesus' presence with Thomas caused him to say, "My Lord and my God." Likewise, Jesus' presence in our lives will cause us to say, "Jesus' is Lord" with our lips and our lives, even if no one else agrees with us, and regardless of what those of the world may do to us.

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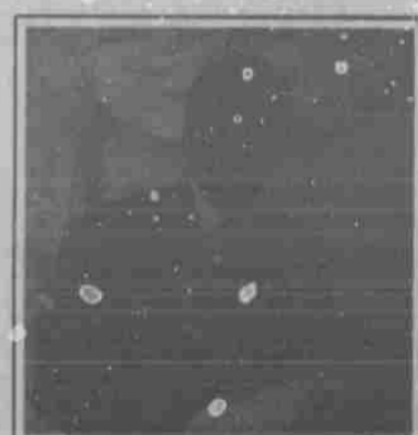
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Matthew 17:5b. Behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a VOICE (GOD'S) out of the cloud, which said, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON (JESUS), in whom I AM WELL PLEASED; HEAR YE HIM.

THE CHURCH can see the troubles; and KNOW WE'RE IN THE LAST & EVIL DAYS. They should be about GOD'S BUSINESS: reaching out for LOST SOULS TO SAVE.

2 Timothy 3:1, 2, 5. This know also, that in the last days perilous (DANGEROUS) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, UNHOLY, Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.

THE LORD, told his DISCIPLES, to go and PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MEN, THAT JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY; FOR ALL THEIR SINS.

John 3:16. 17. JESUS SAID, For GOD so loved the WORLD (THE SOCIAL SYSTEM OF SIN), that he gave his only begotten SON (JESUS), that whosoever (YOU & ME) believeth in him should not PERISH, but have EVERLASTING LIFE. For GOD sent not his son into the world to CONDEMN THE WORLD; but that the WORLD through HIM (JESUS) MIGHT BE SAVED.

♦♦♦♦♦ JESUS IS THE ANSWER: FOR THE WORLD TODAY!!! ♦♦♦♦♦

THE LEADERS who don't RESPECT THE KING, THE PRESIDENT OR HIS WIFE, TO PREACH AGAINST HIM, IS SUICIDE; TAKING YOUR OWN LIFE.

Proverb 24:21. My son, FEAR THOU THE LORD AND THE KING (THE PRESIDENT); and MEDDLE (INTERFERE) NOT with them that are given, to CHANGE (TO STRIKE OR HIT)

The President's name in Proverb 24:21, follows only after THE LORD, 'When you LEADERS speak out against the PRESIDENT; IT'S ALSO AGAINST GOD.

1 Peter 2:13-17. Submit yourselves to every ordinance OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE: whether it be to the KING (PRESIDENT), AS SUPREME (SUPERIORITY); Or unto govt. or, as unto them that are sent by him (POLICEMEN) for the PUNISHMENT of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do WELL. For so is THE WILL OF GOD, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of MALICIOUSNESS (MEDDLING) BUT AS THE SERVANTS OF GOD. Honour ALL MEN. Love the brotherhood. FEAR GOD. HONOUR THE KING (PRESIDENT AND WIFE NOT ATTACK; WE'RE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST.)

(The leaders and talk show host like BOB LARSON AND EARL JACKSON, suppose to be CHRISTIANS. But ALWAYS BAD MOUTHING THE PRESIDENT; IT WRONG. Remember JOHN THE BAPTIST; he was suppose to be preaching SALVATION FOR THE JEWS, but he PREACHED TO, King Herod, that he should not have his BROTHER'S WIFE. Leviticus 18:6. TRUE FOR THE JEWS, KING HEROD was a out of the EDOMITES. And it costed John the Baptist HIS HEAD. And when JESUS heard he was dead he made a SMART MOVE, he went into the DESERT; not to the King to tell him SHALL NOT KILL. Matthew 14:13. The TROUBLE MAKERS on talk show are the ones that caused THE OKLAHOA BOMBING. You're not told to make THE WORLD RIGHT, BUT TO FLEE FROM IT, SOULS ARE BEING LOST.)

Mark 3:33b-35. JESUS SAID, Who is my mother and my brethren! And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do THE WILL OF GOD, the same is my brother, and my sister and my mother.

BEHOLD how this country is being run; IT'S NOT THE CHRISTIANS BUSINESS, GOD WANTS US TO PREACH, JESUS AND SALVATION; WHICH IS MORE SERIOUS.

1 Peter 4:17. For the time is come, that judgment, must begin at THE HOUSE OF GOD; and if it first begin at us, - but shall the end be of them that OPEY UP THE GUSSET OF GOD?

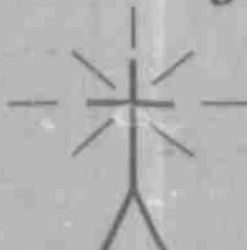
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Reese Air Force Base Schedules Air Show for May 13-14th!

REESE AIR FORCE BASE, Texas—Colonel Roger A. Brady, commander of Reese Air Force Base's 64th Flying Training Wing, announced today that the U. S. Air Force's Thunderbirds and the U. S. Army's Golden Knights will perform at Reese during the base's annual Air Show on Sunday, May 14, 1995.

The air show and community appreciation day will be a two day event on Saturday and Sunday, May 13th and 14th.

The base will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

"The two demonstration teams will have to share top billing in the flying department with some of the Armed Services's newest aircraft and some of the oldest civilian owned vintage military aircraft," Colonel Brady said. "On Saturday evening, they will also have to share top billing with Tracy Byrd. Tracy, who is a popular young country singer, will put on a concert on our north flightline that will be free to the public," Colonel Brady continued.

Colonel Brady noted that: "This year's air show will have more aircraft on public display, perform a flyover or aerial demonstration above Reese than ever before. Our personnel are really looking forward to hosting our visitors from all over the South Plains area in order to thank them for their great support for Reese AFB during the years. We will also be honoring our veterans of World War II as we note the 50th anniversary of the final battles of that war."

"I invite all residents of the West Texas-Eastern New Mexico area to come out on May 13th and 14th to help us celebrate the start of our fifty-fifth year and to see up close how the members of our Armed Services—Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force work together at Reese to accomplish our Joint Services Pilot Training mission," said Colonel Brady.

The Thunderbirds are the Air Force's renowned Air Demonstration Squadron from Nellis AFB, Nevada. The Golden Knights are the Army's famed Parachute Demonstration Team based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. They both will be helping the personnel of Reese AFB celebrate "fifty-four years of training the world's best military pilots," said Lt. Colonel Mark Edwards, this year's Air Show project officer.

Although the Thunderbirds and the Golden Knights will be the featured flying and parachuting attractions, there will be numerous aircraft performing flyovers and flying capability demonstrations. The remainder of the air-

craft will be on static (ground) display on the flightline parking ramp where they will be open for public inspection.

There will be as many as 35 military and 20 civilian aircraft on static (ground) display on the flightline parking ramp when the gates open. The display will include fighters like the Air Force's F-117 Stealth, the F-15 Eagle, an F-15E version of the Eagle, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, and the F-111. Attack aircraft like the Air Force's A-10 Thunderbolt II and AT-38 Talon will have cockpit viewing stands available.

The C-5 Galaxy and the KC-10 Extender will be open for walk through inspection by visitors. The C-141 Starlifter and the KC-135 Stratotanker will also be on display representing the tanker-transport forces.

The Air Combat Command will send an F-15 Eagle and a U-2. The F-15 will put on a fighter aircraft capability demonstration and the U-2 will be on static display.

The Bud Light BD-5J Micro Jet, the Jim Franklin Airshow featuring Lee Oman wing walking on a UPF-7 WACO, and Kirk Fulton flying the Russian built Sukhoi SU-26M will be featured civilian flying exhibits.

Lt. Colonel Edwards recommends that persons interested in visiting the base during Community Appreciation weekend "arrive early for all events. We know that traditionally many visitors travel 100 to 400 miles to see a Reese Air Show, so make your plans early.

"This year we have a great mixture and variety of military and civilian flying events than ever before. On Saturday evening we try something new with a free concert by a name country singer—Tracy Byrd. We expect a big crowd for his concert. On Sunday afternoon there is always a surge of visitors coming out for the Thunderbirds and Golden Knights performances. Come early!"

Colonel Edwards also recommends that visitors "bring along a portable



radio to track the latest traffic conditions, weather and show updates, and plenty of lotion to protect you from the sun."

"The Reese weatherman has been told to get us a sunny weekend with no clouds and unlimited visibility, so that should be the weather forecast for May 13th and 14th," the Colonel says with a smile.

Colonel Edwards assures visitors that: "We promise to take good care of you while you are on base. There is no charge to attend any of the activities on base. There will be plenty of food, drink, parking, and rest rooms available. There will be a reasonable charge for food and beverages. We will have additional shuttle busses running from the farthest parking areas, and we will have rest stations with cold drinks and a first aid station in both the north and south parking areas," he states.

"Remember," says Colonel Edwards, "whether you are coming to Reese from a distance or from nearby Lubbock, when you are driving in the vicinity of Reese, please be patient and follow the directions of the law enforcement officials who will be trying to make each motorist's arrival and departure as smooth and rapid as possible. Just show the same courtesy to other drivers as you expect and we will all have an enjoyable weekend."



REESE AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS—Lt. Colonel Steve Anderson prepares for a Thunderbird Air Demonstration like the one the team will fly at Reese AFB at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 14th. (U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds photo by 5Sgt Jack Bruden.)

SBA Loan Guarantee Statistics Revealed

LUBBOCK, TX—Walter Fronstin, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), said today the SBA in Lubbock approved 56 bank loan guarantees for approximately \$7,479,809 during April bringing the year's total to 408 guaranteed loans for approximately \$55,654,404. Of that 408, 24 loans worth approximately \$3,263,468 were made in rural areas. SBA's Lubbock District loan programs cover 71-Northwest Texas counties. Many of them qualify as rural. During April the SBA also guaranteed 5 Community Development Loans for \$1,165,000, where the funds are used expressly for "brick and mortar purposes", for example, the purchase, renovation or expansion of the business site.

Fronstin said, NSBA's business loans are made by private lenders and then guaranteed by the SBA. SBA's maximum loan amount is \$500,000, and they can guarantee up to 90 percent of the loan, as long as 25 years."

The SBA has a variety of programs to assist in the establishment and growth of small business. "Perhaps our best-known program is the business loan guaranty program," Fronstin said. "These give lending institutions the incentive to do business with small existing and small start-up firms, which they might otherwise not lend to because of the risks involved. The SBA guaranty takes away most of the risk."

More information on SBA's financial assistance programs is available by calling, writing or visiting the Lubbock SBA office at 1611 10th Street, Suite 200, Lubbock, TX 79401, 806-743-7462, or call toll-free 1-800-676-1005.

AKA to Hold Public Policy Conference in D.C.

CHICAGO—Learning to "play ball" with the nation's new leadership will be the focus of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA)'s public policy conference May 21-24, in Washington, D.C. The conference will provide the opportunity for participants to discuss issues and positions with policy makers and shapers.

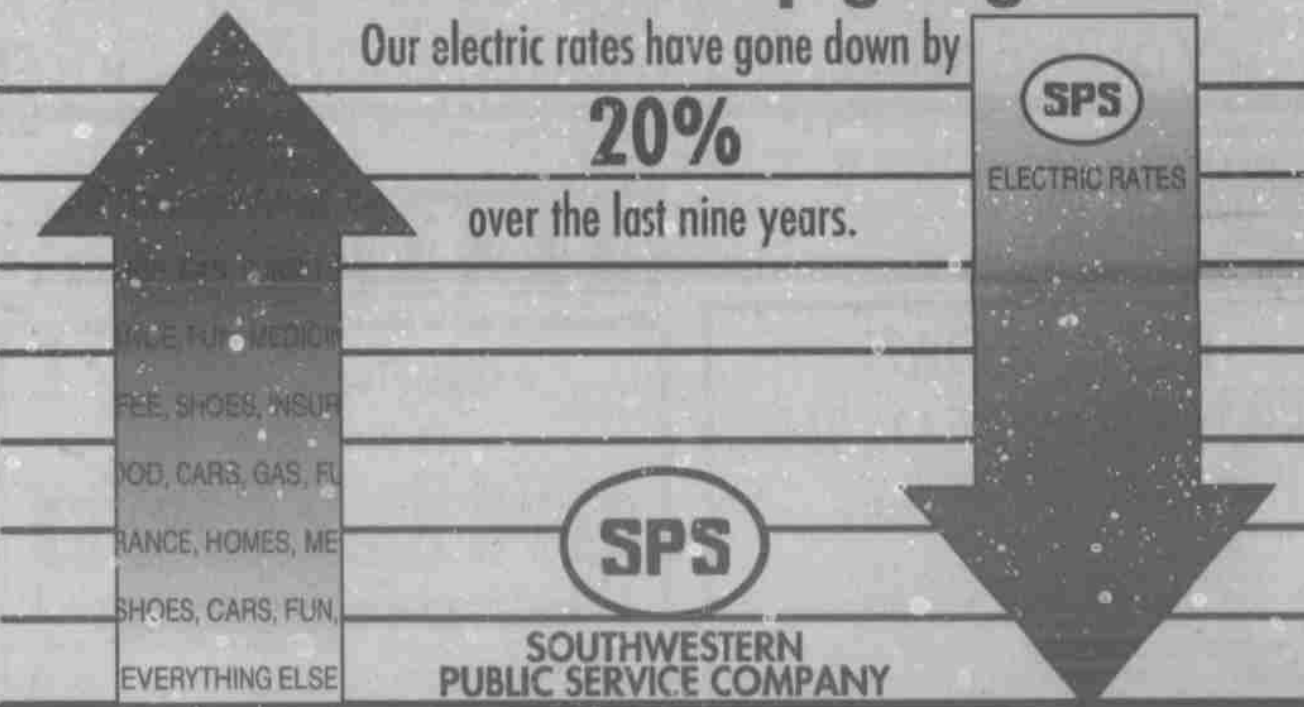
Invited speakers include key legislators from both parties, but Republicans will be out front. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) is among those invited to participate.

Democrats, along with Hill staffers and lobbyists, will also be sharing their expertise on the ins and outs of public policy and the art of maneuvering through the political maze. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) is expected to lead the Democratic contingent.

Another feature of the three-day meet will be a reception in honor of AKA members who serve in the Cabinet or Congress: Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary and representatives Carriiss Collins of Illinois, Eddie Bernice Johnson and Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas; and Eva Clayton of North Carolina; along with former representatives Yolande Braithwaite Burke of California and Lucie Hall of Indiana.

Conference brochures and additional information may be obtained by writing: AKA Office of Governmental Affairs, 1924 N. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20032-1C04, or by calling Sharon Worthy at 202-467-0591.

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