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NATIONAL BLACK NEWS- SURVEY

REYNOLDS FACES JAIL AS TEENAGE ACCUSER TESTI- FIES

CHICAGO, ILL.—Black U. S. Congressman Mel Reynolds moved one step closer to prison last week when a young woman testified that Reynolds paid her for sex when she was 16. Beverly Heard, now 19, had recanted an earlier statement to police and had refused to testify in the case. But the presiding judge decided she was in contempt of court and had her arrested. After eight days beyond bars, Heard who had said she did not want to harm Reynolds decided to testify. The 43-year-old Reynolds is charged with both sexual abuse and criminal obstruction of justice. If convicted on all charges, he faces up to 86 years in prison. The Rhodes scholar was one of the brightest and most respected congressmen in Washington.

REPUBLICANS GO ON RAMPAGE CUTTING SOCIAL PROGRAMS; CLINTON THREATENS VETO

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Republicans and Democratic conservatives in the U.S. House of Representatives went on a rampage last week cutting and eliminating a wide range of social programs, especially those designed to benefit the poor. If last week's actions survive challenges and differing legislation in the Senate, domestic programs will be cut by more than \$9.3 billion. Among the programs hit hard are ones providing aid to schools in low income districts, the summer youth jobs program and family planning programs. President Clinton labeled the Republican actions a tragedy: "This bill is a body blow... to our efforts to create a high opportunity, high wage economy." He threatened to veto the measure if significant changes were not made.

HOUSING DISCRIMINA- TION COULD GO UNPUN- ISHED UNDER GOP

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Legislation passed by the House of Representatives last week would force federal housing officials to abandon efforts to combat discriminatory housing practices. The little noticed measure was contained in a massive \$60 billion appropriations bill for housing, veterans affairs, the environment and space programs. In effect, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would not be allowed to investigate complaints of discrimination in the property insurance industry. In fact, all current investigations would have to stop. The Republicans charged that state governments rather than the federal government should investigate charges of discrimination. But few states appear ready to spend funds on such complaints.

BLACK WEALTH CONFER- ENCE SET FOR BUFFALO, N.Y.

BUFFALO, N.Y.—The next in a series of seminars and workshops designed to show African Americans how to build personal and family wealth is set for Buffalo, N.Y. on Saturday, Sept. 9. The wealth-building conference is being conducted by the Better Life Club of America—a Washington, D.C.-based financial self-help group which devises income enhancement programs and projects. Conference topics

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Justice Delayed

by Betta Powell Jackson

Justice can be delayed, but it can never be denied. It may take more than a lifetime, but justice can not be denied. Take the case of Johnson Chestnut Whittaker.

Born a slave, Johnson Whittaker was appointed to West Point in 1876, near the end of the Reconstruction era, when blacks had grabbed ahold of political power in the South. Whittaker was one of the first black cadets at West Point and found himself ostracized by his white classmates, who seldom even spoke to him. He received threatening letters.

Late one night during his senior year, Whittaker was awakened by three cadets who burst into his room and attacked him. The masked men tied his legs to the bed and slashed his face, ear and hands saying they were doing him like they do hogs in the South. They smashed a mirror over his head and buried pieces from his Bible, which had been his sole companion and solace, during his months of harassment. They left him unconscious and bleeding.

Whittaker accused three of his classmates of the attack but West Point administrators said that he had made up the story of the attack and had injured himself in order to win sympathy because he was expected to fail a philosophy examination and thus be expelled from West Point. The doctor who examined him testified that he was faking, that he had cut himself and a handwriting expert said he wrote the threatening letters himself. As a result, Whittaker was court-martialed and expelled from school.

The next year President Chester Arthur overturned the court-martial, citing faulty evidence. But the same day Secretary of War Robert Todd Lincoln reinstated the expulsion, saying that

Whittaker had failed his oral philosophy examination. Despite having finished nearly four years of courses, Whittaker never received his commission.

Despite all this, Johnson Whittaker went on with his life and taught, practiced law and served as high school principal in Oklahoma City. He later taught psychology at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, where his son later became President. It is there that Whittaker's Bible, which was seized as evidence at his court-martial and kept all these years at the National Archives, will be deposited by his family.

Three generations of the family of Johnson C. Whittaker were present last month at the White House, when President Clinton returned the Bible and gave the gold-plated bars of a second lieutenant to them. After 115 years a grievous wrong had been righted. Three generations of a family who might have become embittered and hate-filled, but who instead became educators and who served in World War I and with the all-black Tuskegee Army in World War II. "We cannot undo history," said the President, "but today, finally, we can pay tribute to a great American and we can acknowledge a great injustice."

President Clinton also quoted the words written by Johnson Whittaker in the front of his Bible during his second year at West Point. They read, "Try never to injure another by word, by act, or by look, even. Forgive as soon as you are injured, and forget as soon as you forgive."

Justice can be delayed, but justice can never be denied. Even if it takes 115 years. Rest in peace, Johnson Whittaker. Rest in peace, Lieutenant Whittaker.

PEPSI EXECS HONORED BY NAACP



Sam Hall, center, Vice President of the White Plains/Greenburgh (NY) chapter of the NAACP and a retired Pepsi-Cola Public Relations Manager, and Kim Reed, left, Territory Development Manager, Pepsi-Cola of Burnsville, Minn., accept award for Pepsi's long-term support of the NAACP during the Association's 86th Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. Congratulating them is Kimberly Weaver, NAACP National Youth Work Committee. Hall worked for Pepsi for 38 years, during which time he consistently supported the beverage company's involvement with NAACP activities. Although he has been an NAACP member for decades, this was Hall's first time attending the convention as an NAACP leader.

237 Young People Register for Library Cards

In an End of the Summer Bash at the Mae Simmons Swimming Pool last Friday evening, two hundred and thirty-seven young people registered for their library cards.

Nearly three hundred young people attended the affair, which had swimming, hot dogs, drinks and games for the young people. Prizes were also awarded to those young people with the winning tickets.

This was an effort to promote the fall opening of the T.J. Patterson Branch Library and Learning Center.

"We would like to thank all the businesses who made this possible, i.e. United Supermarkets, Eagle Snacks, and Coca-Cola. As well as the Sunday Jam of KTX and the City of Lubbock Parks &

Recreation Department for a job well done," said T.J. Patterson.

"Last Friday evening proved that there are resources in our community and the Mae Simmons Swimming Pool is an example of what can be done with what we have in our city," he continued.

"Let us not forget the parents and guardians who brought their young people to this function, and are willing to encourage their kids to learn to read well," said Patterson.

"We can't forget the Lubbock Public Schools, with the assistance of the principals and counselors for helping with this effort. John Washington's office was most helpful with this effort as well," concluded Patterson.

Big March Set for Saturday Morning

All concerned citizens who are tired of the violence in our community are asked to meet at the T.J. Patterson Community Park, East Auburn and Spruce Avenue, Saturday morning, August 26, 1995 at 8:00 a.m. The march area will be Cherry Point addition.

According to T.J. Patterson, coordinator of the march, "It is to reach out in the community and let parents and guardians know we are here to help in any way we can.

"We are not here to put anybody down, but to let parents and guardians know that we are aware of the violence and want to find some kind of a solution," continues Patterson. "We've just got to stand up for what is right, regardless of who is to blame. We are not in the judging business, but in the business of turning to each other and not on each other," he said.

All neighborhood associations, churches and pastors, ministers and organizations are asked to come out and take part in this march.

"The spirit tells me that this is the right thing to do at this time. I hope this will not stop here, but there will be efforts initiated to work closely with the young people during the school year. For example, why can't we visit our public schools and let our kids know we are behind them. Also let the parents and guardians of these young people know we are with them," said Patterson.

Bell Graduates from P.V.



Marching proudly to the recessional music of "Pomp and Circumstance" on Sunday, August 6, 1995, at 10:30 a.m. was the distinguished and highly honored student Mr. Terrance Dion Bell as he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics & Business Management from Prairie View A&M University, located in Prairie View, Texas.

Sitting proudly were his father Retired ARmy Senior Master Sgt. Robert Bell and mother Frances Bell and brother Mr. Adolphus Bell, other relatives and close friends of the family.

Afterwards a surprise back-yard bar-b-que with all the trimmings was given for Terrance Bell in his honor.

Terrance attended Lubbock Public Schools. He was active in Band, a Spelling Bee champion, and was named Who's Who Among American High School Students.

His interest in tennis began in Junior High School where he won numerous awards in tennis, 1st place in tennis matches, trophies, ribbons and was selected Most Valuable Player of the Year for 1985-86, 1988 & 1989, the year he graduated from Estacado High School, with honors. He was also the first person to go to the state in tennis for Estacado.

While in High School he began working part-time for McDonald's.

After years of dedication and service, he is now a manager of McDonald's in Houston, Texas. His future plans are to move up the corporate ladder with the McDonald's corporation and hopefully have his own franchise. Terrance is a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Refused to Give Up! It Paid Off for Vonzie Hooper!

If you would ask Vonzie Hooper, he will gladly let you know that you can make it if you really want it bad enough. This was the case! He graduated from Texas Tech University this year.

"My real reason for going back to school was to make it possible to gain meaningful employment," he said. "After graduation from high school, I initially pursued a college degree, but circumstances beyond my control caused me to drop out," he continued.

Continuing, he said: "I have always wanted to finish each and every thing that I have ever started, and impetus coupled with not surviving very well is

the real reason that I pursued my degree from Texas Tech University.

"Personally, I feel our youth involved in gang activity should think about advancing themselves mentally, not just materially. The success they will achieve academically will be long-lasting," he said.

"If you compare this to the overnight glitter and gleam that the sale of cocaine will bring, you will see that achieving a college degree is far more enriching," he continued.

Yes, Vonzie Hooper is a perfect example of what one can do, one refused to give up. It has paid off for him.



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Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, located at 2002 Birch Avenue, and Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, had wonderful services last Sunday morning.

Services began with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Brother Henry High presiding. A song, "I Need Thee," was sung. This was followed by prayer and another song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." The various classes marched to their places for instruction for thirty minutes.

After reassembling, high points of the lesson were given by Brother Virgil I. Jolison. It was very well done.

Secretary's report: Youth Department—Juniors received the Attendance Banner and the Young People received the Offering banner. Adult Report—Class No. 4, teacher is Sister Joan Y. Ervin, won the Offering banner and retained the Attendance banner.

The 10:45 a.m. devotional period was conducted by Deacon Clarence Ervin and wife, Sister Joan Y. Ervin.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "Victory Is Mine." Altar prayer was done by Deacon Robert Cork. Another song, "What is This?" was sung. The scripture was Romans 13:1-5 and read by Sister Lena Sheffield. Prayer was offered by Brother Quigley. Another song, "Oh, How Excellent Is Thy Name." It seems as though

everyone left home to come to church and praise the Lord. He's worthy to be praised!

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "There Is A Name I Love To Hear." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He asked the congregation to pray for our children and teachers.

Another reflection was "To A Great Creation." The hymn of preparation was "Jesus, How I Love Calling Your Name."

Pastor Moton's subject for the morning sermon was "The Blame Game." His scripture was Genesis 3:9-11. He made it so plain and simple. You could see the truth coming out of his mouth.

Invitation to discipleship was extended and a mother and son came forward for baptism.

Remember the sick and shut-in with your precious prayers. Don't forget the bereaved families who have lost loved ones.

General Mission will meet Monday, August 28th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the A.L. Dunn Administration Building. All circle members are asked to attend.

Sunday evening, August 20th, at 7:00 p.m., a special appreciation service was held for the supporters to the church building program. Thank you for you, Stewardship Committee, for a job well done.

Let us pray a special prayer for Sister Lillian Struggs...

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will range from starting home-based businesses to investing. Financial planning and debt reduction experts will also be present. Interested persons can get registration information by calling 1-800-748-1821. Better Life Club spokesman James Nathan explained the conference this way: "Our aim is to instill in black people that the fundamental need of the last part of the 20th century is to build personal and family financial security." He added, "We can no longer depend upon politicians to help us. Economic power is the best weapon against racism." The local conference organizer is the Better Life Club of Buffalo—716-834-8124. The all-day seminar will take place at the Buffalo Marriott.

WEALTH CLUB ORGANIZING CONFERENCE SET FOR OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Charging that "There has been an anti-black change in the political mood of this country and the only effective way to combat it is with economic power," the president of the Better Life Club of America last week announced a "Wealth Club Formation Conference" for Oct. 28 in Washington, D.C. According to Robert Taylor, the conference will show selected groups of blacks from around the country how to form profitable investment and wealth-building clubs. The Better Life Club, itself, has drawn national attention as a result of its business efforts and educational campaigns which aim to empower blacks economically. Interested persons may have conference information sent to them by calling 1-800-748-1821.

RACIAL INCOME DISPARITIES AFFECT THE ELDERLY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new study released in Washington, D.C.

last week revealed that elderly blacks are not nearly as prepared for retirement as whites and Hispanics. According to the study, the top five percent of white households with at least one person over 70 had average wealth of \$655,000. Similar Hispanics households average \$226,000 in wealth while elderly black households averaged wealth of \$182,000. The largest component of total wealth for the elderly was ownership of a home. Thus, unless a elderly couple or person sold the family home, the wealth was not immediately available for use.

ZIMBABWE BARS HOMOSEXUALS


ZIMBABWE—Popular Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe carried out a threat last week and barred a gay and lesbian contingent from opening a booth at the Zimbabwe International Book Fair. He labeled homosexuals "perverts and sodomites." Mugabe has been generally credited with steering Zimbabwe in a progressive direction since the country overthrew a white minority government. But his actions have angered some international booksellers who said they may not participate in the fair next year.

JOHNNIE COCHRAN URGES BLACK LAWYERS TO HELP BLACK YOUTH


BALTIMORE, MD.—O.J. Simpson's lead defense attorney Johnnie Cochran, addressed the predominantly black National Bar Association during its recent conference in Baltimore, Md. and urged the lawyers to do more to help black youth. He charged that the Republican party was creating a deepening racial division in America and were passing legislation which would make life more difficult for young blacks. Nearly 1,000 black lawyers attended the convention.

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Catholic Family Service, Inc. Thrift Store



The Catholic Family Service Thrift Store, (CFS) 1940 Ave G, Lubbock, Texas, 79404, 763-8315, was begun at its present location in 1991 with the assistance of the SENIORS FOR SERVICE, a group of 35 senior citizens who continue to dedicate at least one day each week of volunteer service either at the Thrift Store or at the main

CFS office site, 102 Ave J, Lubbock.

Starlene Johnson is the Thrift Store Manager. Mrs. Johnson is a native of Lubbock and mother of two children. Mrs. Johnson and children attend Hope Deliverance Church on East Fourth Street; she worked previously at Litton for 10 years and for the Paragon Hotel. Starlene volunteered with the Thrift Store for one year and when the thrift store manager position opened up, she applied for and was given the job after a competitive application process. Starlene enjoys her work and invites all the subscribers of the Southwest Digest to come visit her at the store. She guarantees you good clothing, furniture, etc. at low-costs.

The funds received at the Thrift Store are given to the CFS Emergency Assistance Program to buy food and help low-income persons, regardless of religion, ethnicity and gender, with food, rent, utility bills, medications, etc.

If you would like to donate good and useable clothing, furniture, etc. to the Thrift Store, you can make arrangements for the pick-up of your donated items by calling Starlene at: 763-8315. The Thrift Store is open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The evangelical work to help low-income persons with food, clothing, medications, etc. continues through the Catholic Family Service Thrift Store. Please support this effort. By purchasing your clothing, furniture, etc. at the Thrift Store, you are not only helping yourself and your family but you are helping low-income persons in our area. Go by and visit Starlene today!!!

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New Hope Church Sets Annual Men's Day

New Hope Baptist Church, located in Lubbock at 2002 Birch Avenue and pastored by Reverend B.R. Moton, has set its annual "Men's Day" for Sunday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m. Their theme is: "Laboring to Become Men of Integrity" (Daniel 6:3-4). This event always brings excitement, and everybody is invited to come and share in this unique experience and to witness for Christ.

Bro. Harry Stokley and Bro. Farnest Swain Jr., general chairman and co-chairman respectively, are planning to involve as many men in the church as possible in carrying out the program. The New Hope male chorus will be featured in song plus a guest church yet to be named. A dynamic young speaker will highlight the occasion. Several committees have been appointed and are presently working diligently to ensure success of the program.

Please mark Sunday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m. on your calendar: Annual "Men's Day," New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. You don't want to miss, "Laboring to Become Men of Integrity!"

Parkway Manor Care Center News - Volunteer Registration

John W. Hearn, who resides in Los Angeles, California, visited his uncle, Rev. W.H. Stephens, last Sunday afternoon. They had a wonderful time talking about the family.

Willie Jean Floyd and daughter visited George Skief and Ruth Robinson last Sunday afternoon.

Faith First Baptist church Mission came last Monday evening and held their weekly services for the residents. It was spiritual. They visited with the residents at the closing. Sister Gladys Henderson is president.

The Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, Rev. Todd Rasberry, pastor, visited and held worship services for the residents last Tuesday evening.

The Parkway Drive Baptist Church came last Wednesday evening and held worship services for the residents. It was a soul-searching service. What a time all had together.

Schimira Borgers visited her mother, Lucille Wiggins, last week.

Rev. W.H. Stephens held his Bible lesson last Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. as usual. Helen Herford was present again as usual. The basic theme was "A Day for Thanksgiving." The scripture text was Psalm 1:2 and was taught by Rev. Stephens.

Parkway Manor Care Center surprised Rev. W.H. Stephens last Wednesday with a birthday party reception. They served cake and lemonade. It was delicious and Rev. Stephens looked and to his surprise, there was the number 83 placed on his cake.

He had three guests: Clara Lawson, Charlie M. Nelson and Minnie L. Darthard. He also received a telephone call. He thanks each of you for remembering him on that day, and above all, he said: "I thank God for my being here."

Stephen L. Brown visited his grandfather, Rev. W.H. Stephens, last Wednesday.

Thelma L. Brown, visited her grandfather, Rev. W.H. Stephens, also last Wednesday afternoon.

Henry Steenson visited his aunt, Minnie Koetin, last Friday afternoon.

Brother Birmingham and Brother Leonard, both members of Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited the residents last Friday afternoon.

Rayward Lewis visited his brother, Artis Lewis, last Friday afternoon.

Letha Alexander and Susie Ludl, both members of Alexander Chapel COGIC, Bible, Samuel Thuston, pastor, visited the residents last week.

The Community Baptist Church Youth Department, with 28 members, came last Saturday evening and held devotional services for the residents. It was great!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast came last Saturday morning and held worship services. The basic theme was "Fruitfulness." The scripture was John 15:4. It came the Holy Spirit which was taught by Rev. W.H. Stephens.

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

Highlights from '95 SCLC Convention Include Resolution on People to People Tour, Gore Speech and Largest Youth Delegation in SCLC History

ATLANTA—The largest youth contingent in SCLC history joined delegates from every corner of the nation at a convention highlighted by a resolution to develop People to People Tours and a challenging speech by Vice-president Al Gore.

One of the zeniths of the convention, held in New Orleans, the city the organization was founded in 38 years ago, was the resolution passed to establish "People to People" tours of the Southeastern United States. The tours—sparked by the onslaught in the courts against gains in minority representation—will be comprised of roving voter registration busses that travel from Louisiana to Mississippi to Alabama to Florida and Georgia educating citizens on the importance of registering to vote and voting intelligently.

Another key component of the 38th annual convention, held July 29th-Aug. 2nd was the keynote speech by Vice President Al Gore, who stoutly reconfirmed President Bill Clinton's continued commitment to affirmative action with strong words of his own.

"On August 6th, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the day that Lyndon Johnson walked into a room in the United States Capitol and signed the Voting Rights Act that helped change America," Gore said five days before the anniversary. "What a special date that is to recognize, to celebrate and use the occasion to rededicate ourselves to the struggle with which the SCLC is synonymous."

"There are those who would say that the time for affirmative action has come and gone," said Gore, who met with SCLC President Joseph Lowery, Coretta Scott King and members of the board of directors before the banquet. "But how could that be the case when African Americans make only 60 percent on average of what whites do in America? Anybody who denies that racism still exists is less than honest about the true state of America today. Affirmative action can and must continue to play a role in our society."

The delegates only three weeks earlier had seen Clinton address the nation on national TV to insist that affirmative action was still necessary after conferring with Lowery and other black leaders days beforehand. Encouraged by what seemed to be spirited and heartfelt promises of the administration's commitment to affirmative action, the delegates interrupted Gore with lengthy applause on more than one occasion.

The SCLC/W.O.M.E.N., headed by national convener Evelyn G. Lowery, were thrilled by a breathtaking six-song performance by Grammy Award winner Jennifer Holliday at their annual luncheon July 31st. They also launched their mentoring program at the convention while introducing Holliday as the program's national honorary chair. The oratorical contest, which was sponsored by the SCLC/W.O.M.E.N., was captured by Atlanta Harper High graduate Kenya Hansford, headed for Emory University in the fall, who won \$5,000 in scholarships. The women presented a total of

\$15,000 in scholarships.

The SCLC/W.O.M.E.N. produced perhaps the most emotional moment of the convention when they unveiled their national "Stop the Killing and the Violence" Quilt at their luncheon. The quilt displayed pictures of youth—including several from New Orleans—from across the nation who have become victims of handgun violence.

The youth contingent, coordinated by national youth director Brenda Davenport, numbered over 1,000 for the first time in SCLC convention history. They took part in many activities, including a Mardi Gras celebration, an empowerment breakfast, a youth town hall meeting and a step show competition. Lowery, Mrs. King, activist Dick Gregory, Shakur Ali and Cong. Donald Payne were among those who addressed the youth. The step show competition was won by the chapter from Albuquerque, New Mexico, which included bible verses in their drill chant, dethroning Anniston, Alabama, last year's winner.

The affirmative action session featuring Republican presidential candidate Art Fletcher, the "father" of affirmative action, also provided perhaps the timeliest of discussions. Elaine Jones, head of the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund and other presenters, stressed that we are letting opponents of affirmative action set the terms of the debate and in doing so, we are "losing ground fast."

Tony Harrison, director of the Electoral Participation Project in Washington, D.C., led a dynamic session on "Voting Rights—Political Action Strategies for the 90s." The moderator was James Ferguson, executive director of the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation.

The candlelight march, which followed Dr. Lowery's challenging presidential address, included such luminaries as Andy Young, Congressman Donald Payne, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and state legislators Cynthia Willard-Lewis of Louisiana and Nan Orrock of Georgia.

The next day former SCLC executive director and New Orleans native Andrew Young exhorted the crowd at the annual Labor Solidarity Breakfast by challenging Americans to realize that "those who have homes and those who are homeless are on the same side."

The convention, one of the most memorable in recent years, concluded with the passage of several resolutions, including the criminal justice resolution, which, among other things, calls for the SCLC's intervention in the scheduled execution of Mumia Abu Jamal. A resolution to establish a national panel on affirmative action, a resolution challenging the Sugar Bowl Committee and a resolution establishing a partnership with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship was among those passed. A resolution supporting the appeal in AYERS V FORDICE dealing with higher education in Mississippi was also sanctioned by the board.

Gospel Music Picnic (ACTEEN) Benefit

A community-wide Gospel Music concert will be held on September 10, 1995 on the lawn of the Municipal Garden and Arts Center located at 4215 University.

The concert will feature the choirs of Community Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel and New Hope Baptist Church.

The concert will be from 6:30p.m.-7:45p.m. Admission is free. Food will be available for purchase at the event with all proceeds benefiting ACTEEN.

ACTEEN is a Teen Theatre which uses the performing arts to address important issues of concern to today's youth. Members of the ACTEEN troupe will be performing as well as assisting with this event.

The Gospel Music Picnic is sponsored by Plains National Bank, Methodist Hospital, United, and Coca-Cola.

The community is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinners (although food will be available for purchase).

ACTEEN Information Sheet

Who Participates?

High school students interested in using the Performing Arts to help educate and inspire others.

What is ACTEEN?

ACTEEN is a Teen Theatre for prevention. Actors, singers, dancers, and musicians use theatre to speak out about current teen issues. ACTEEN consists of teenagers performing for teenagers about such topics as peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, and teen pregnancy.

When does ACTEEN rehearse and perform?

- During the summer, ACTEEN will rehearse two times a week (a total of 6 hours per week)
- Beginning in September, rehearsal time will reduce to 3 hours per week (Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.)
- ACTEEN performs throughout the school year at junior high and high school assemblies during normal school hours. ACTEEN also performs at local service organizations, PTA's, and community groups at different times throughout the year.

Where does ACTEEN rehearse and perform?

• Rehearsals are held at Casa De Amistad Conference Room at 1706 23rd (23rd & Ave Q)

• Performances are given in a variety of locations throughout the area

How does ACTEEN work?

ACTEEN troupe members create original material for performance through songs, dances, monologues, and skits. Improvisation, discussion, research, and script-writing are all used in order to create the performance. ACTEEN members receive training in acting, improvisation, voice, and dance. Emphasis is also placed on educating the troupe about self-esteem, peer pressure, substance abuse, and other teen related issues.

Why ACTEEN?

- To inspire teens and to encourage them to make positive life choices
- To help teens understand themselves better
- To educate troupe members and local teens about current teen issues
- To train local high school students in the areas of acting, voice, stage movement, and dance
- To create a positive peer support group for teens involved with the program

For more information about ACTEEN please call 766-7416

Obituary



Mrs. Jeannie Mae Clark Johns Final rites were read for Mrs. Jeannie Mae Clark Johns Monday morning, August 14, 1995, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. N.H. Franklin, pastor, officiating. Interment was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Alfred Caviel, Sr., Roscoe Howard, Richard Rollison, III, Jasper Caviel, Richard Rollison, II, and Marcus Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were Stewards of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Flower bearers were sisters of the Ma Jones Missionary Society and Stewardess Board.

Mrs. Johns was born in Flatonia, Texas, May 19, 1933 to the parentage of Abe and Bearnice Clark. She attended school in Houston, Texas.

She moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1951 where she married Alexander Johns, Sr. To this union three children were born.

Also in 1951, she became a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and served as a member of the Ma Jones Missionary Society, and the Stewardess Board until her health failed in 1994.

Mrs. Johns worked as a beautician for several years until she decided to enter into the medical field where she entered the nursing profession. She worked for the Lubbock City Health Department, and the Lubbock State School where she retired.

Mrs. Johns's husband, Alexander, Sr.; parents, Abe and Bearnice Clark; two sisters, Delores Clark Johns and Elizabeth Clark Stephens, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her passing: two sons: Alexander Johns, Jr. and Jerrold Johns, both of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, ReJeanne Johns Sylvester of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Abe Clark, Jr.; one daughter-in-law, Christie Johns; one son-in-law, Miles Dennis Sylvester; one uncle, Woodrow Grady; two sisters-in-law, Robbie Brown of Dallas, Texas, and Rubye Donaldson of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers-in-law, E.J. Donaldson and Spencer Johns, both of Lubbock, Texas; six grandchildren, three nephews, four nieces, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Combest: House Approves \$3.1 Million Installment on Crop Research and Lab

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The best in scientific research on crop survival has itself survived the withering pressures of tight federal agricultural research budgets, according to U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas), who pointed to House approval Friday of a total \$3.1 million for continued research and laboratory construction at Texas Tech University for improving crop productivity under extreme weather conditions. For the 1996 Fiscal Year, Combest secured House approval of a \$1.5 million installment toward construction of the Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory while maintaining a steady \$1.6 million in ongoing research funding.

"Agricultural research can help our farmers produce crops more resistant to heat, cold and drought and save millions of dollars in losses," said Combest. "While federal funding for construction of a combined \$13 million laboratory facility continues to come in annual installments, only the most promising and productive research, such as the work done at Texas Tech, is receiving funding. Other agricultural research projects did not receive funds at all, or received them at significantly reduced levels."

Research accomplishments include genetic research on cotton and wheat to reduce the environmental stresses of cold, heat and drought. The 17 scientists have also been the first to identify proteins associated with heat shock, as well as developing a unique irrigation scheduling based on a plant's own temperature needs. Ground-breaking research has also identified the Thermal Kinetic Window linking temperature with crop productivity and developing chemical compounds that will allow water to move into newly-planted cotton seed to take root at warmer soil temperatures.

Home Ownership

by Richard Lopez, Director, Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation

Home Ownership is and will always be the best way to fight crime, of any kind and form. "Stop Spending Funds," on something that does not work, this is easier, cheaper, better and healthier. Let's build more homes instead of jails, clinics, etc. Lets put the monies where it gives us a full return. What it does, Building Better Standard of Life in general.

In our Community, GESC for the longest, has set up programs and has seen results that could and should be put to use in other communities. It all comes out of housing. The problem with this is that, when you set coalitions, to start working together, it seems that the stronger organizations seem to run with the program and not knowing or understanding why we set this coalition's, other than to bring funds, not knowing the meaning. What is the reason for that communities goals and what they really are. The point being that economic process does not have to be something that continues to happen to us like the force of nature which we have no control. Just as lobbyist for big businesses and pressure groups of all kinds are constantly trying to influence the economic process in their favor. Neighborhood people CAN... and MUST... BECOME our own lobbyists and pressure groups to ensure that the RIGHT kind of economic development takes place in our communities. That is what ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT is all about. GESC, conducts the first time homebuyer classes (anyone may attend) that reaches out to find what the needs are. Thus these classes GESC has been able to point to a specific need, or to the development of a special housing product. One must remember that no two peoples needs are the same and that they have the funds available for their needs. It is thru these classes that GESC is able to develop a particular program or define the program need.



It's A Funny Thing!

by Eddie P. Richardson

A good example of what we mean is the old First Federal Savings Bank Building. The building remained there for years, vacant except for some of the office annex.

It's a funny thing there was no fuss, no fuss, when the bank closed, but to behold when the Lubbock Housing Authority headed by Oscar Sharp, all hell broke loose when the purchase of the building was opened up and the Housing Authority won.

Another overriding factor is why is one of the main reasons you hear from the opposing side is why didn't they stay... their... favorite... phrase, over there, them is the people that's the main ones against this is the real front ones are not as vocal as the flunkies and runners that are being used to carry on someone else's fight and gripe.

One thing this writer always says and has always said when a Black, especially a Black male, outsmarts a white, especially a white male, all guns come out in force. You can raise hell about social actions or pettiness, there is no problem. But when a Black male out-

smarts a white male in the brain, economic or any meaningful or positive situation.

Just think about it. What's wrong with a group of disenfranchised, disadvantaged poor, white, black, or brown being able to go downtown on a main street right conveniently on the bus line to see... some of them for the first time, how the other side operates? On the other hand, what's wrong with having a nice roomy building for the workers to go every day and work in comfort? What's wrong with it? Especially when you have someone running the program who is smart or intelligent enough to acquire it for you.

One word of caution from personal experience. O.I.C. Juneteenth, the Lubbock Black Chamber Brother Sharp is the spook on the outside. You know who and where they are but the most dangerous thing is the haunts in the house whom you respect, trust and work is the most dangerous opponents you can have because of pettiness, jealousy, envy and the challenge of I can do better with this job. They fail to realize how much time and effort you put into the situation, even in most cases if they succeed the program loses or goes down the drain. I am living proof, and it hurts to see what you worked so hard for be screwed up.



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Much is said about the shortcomings of single-parent homes in regards to the upbringing of young children. Yet, many fail to realize that many of America's most outstanding citizens have and still come from single-parent homes, but homes where they were loved and nurtured and felt compelled to excel.

On the other hand, one often hears the merits of homes where both parents reside and bring up their children. It is seldom that you hear about the children from homes with both parents where the children are growing up like weeds without any discipline, proper nourishment, adequate clothing or love.

This is often referred to as a dysfunctional family. I prefer to call it a non functional family. Both parents are caught up in the 'rat race' trying to make a dollar in order to keep body and soul together in most instances and consequently have no time for their off-springs. They barely have time

to feed their children and more often than not, the children are not fed properly. Many of these children do not know how to sit down at a table and eat properly using the silverware instead of eating with two fists instead of a fork. They are not taught how to keep themselves and their belongings clean; how to pick up after themselves and keep their home fairly orderly. They have no respect for each other or anyone else. These are the children whose parents are first to go to school to find out or 'tell off' teachers whom they think are mistreating their children. These are the children who tell the teacher all of their problems because there is no one at home who will listen to them.

We need to get 'in cinque' and realize that many children are sensitive to what goes on around them. In addition, they observe closely what goes on around them and what is said, around them. Parents of all denominations and household classifications should be aware of the social graces of their children and teach them how to act. This is a skill which children should have WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL, not learn after arrival.

Sheila S. Crawford Steps Up to Lead National Association of Urban Bankers Into its Twenty-Second Year

BOSTON—Sheila S. Crawford, Senior Vice President, The Boston Company, was installed as President of the National Association of Urban Bankers (NAUB) at the organization's 21st annual conference this past June, in Boston Massachusetts. Under the banner, "NAUB: Soaring to New Heights", Crawford said "the major focus for the 1995-96 administration will be: Professional and Community Development, Growth and Outreach; Efficiency and Self-Sufficiency." Also, the administration hopes to have a Executive Director in place by September. Assisting Crawford this year will be: Richard L. Holmes, Assistant Vice President, Bank of America, San Diego as Vice President and President-Elect; Gloria Thomas, Trust Officer for First Interstate Bank of Texas was re-elected as Secretary; and Mary Ann Bacon, Branch Manager, Citibank, F.S.B. was elected as Treasurer.

This year's conference was a record breaking success with over 450 individuals from financial services organizations across the country in attendance. NAUB held its first Bank Simulation, computer-based training program with 21 participants; awarded three (3) Graduate Banking School Scholarships to NAUB members; Rea N. Waldon, Cincinnati, Ohio; Diane Alexander-Johnson and Karl I. Bell, both from Detroit, Michigan; the Second Annual Oratorical Contest was won by Al G. Gourtier, II of Las Vegas, Nevada, whose topic was 'Necessary Steps to Revitalize The Urban Community'; and lastly, Chapter of the Year honors went to the Urban Bankers Forum of Chicago.

NAUB is a non-profit organization of minority professionals in the banking industry and related fields. The organization has 51 chapters and approximately 3000 members. Members are primarily from large financial institutions in major metropolitan cities. NAUB was formally established in New York City in 1974, to meet the needs of minority professionals.

Dr. Manning Marable Along the Color Line" WHAT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REALLY MEANS

part two of a two part series

The difficulty in assessing the political and ideological debate over "affirmative action" is that there is no coherent definition within the public discourse on what the term actually means. Reforms which may be described by liberals as "goals and timetables" for the achievement of gender and racial diversity are characterized by conservatives as "quotas." In general, most white Americans still want to be perceived as being "fair" toward racial minorities and women on issues of discrimination. According to the March 17-19, 1995 USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll, when asked, "Do you favor or oppose affirmative action programs," 53 percent of whites polled expressed support, compared to only 36 percent opposed. Not surprisingly, African Americans expressed much stronger support, 72 percent for affirmative action programs to only 21 percent against. Despite widespread rhetoric that the vast majority of white males have supposedly lost jobs and opportunities due to affirmative action policies, the poll indicated that only 15 percent of all white males believe that "they've lost a job because of affirmative action policies."

However, there is a severe erosion of white support for affirmative action when one focuses more narrowly on specific steps or remedies addressing discrimination. For example, the USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll indicates that only 30 percent of whites favor the establishment of gender and racial "quotas" in businesses, with 68 percent opposed. Conversely, two-thirds of all African Americans expressed support for "quotas" in business employment, with only 20 percent opposed. When asked whether quotas should be created "that require schools to admit a certain number of minorities and women," 61 percent of the whites were opposed, with 35 percent in favor. A majority of whites would also reject policies which "require private businesses to set up specific goals and timetables for hiring women and minorities if there were not government programs that included hiring quotas." On issues of implementing government-supported initiatives for social equality, most black and white Americans still live in two distinct racial universes.

It is not surprising that "angry white men" form the core of those who are against affirmative action. What is striking, however, is the general orientation of white American women on this issue. White women numerically have been overwhelmingly the primary beneficiaries of affirmative action. Millions of white women have gained access to educational and

employment opportunities through the implementation and enforcement of such policies. But most of them clearly do not share the political perspectives of African Americans and Hispanics on this issue, nor do they perceive their own principal interests to be at risk if affirmative action programs were to be abandoned by the Federal government or outlawed in the courts. For example, in the same USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll, only 8 percent of all white women stated that their "colleagues at work or school privately questioned" their qualifications due to affirmative action, compared to 19 percent of black women and 28 percent of black men. Less than one in five white women polled defined workplace discrimination as a "major problem," compared to 41 percent of blacks and 38 percent of Latinos. Forty percent of the white women polled described job discrimination as "not being a problem" at all. These survey results may help to explain why middle class-oriented, liberal feminist leaders and constituencies have been relatively less vocal in the mobilization to defend affirmative action.

A quarter century of affirmative action programs, goals and timetables has been clearly effective in transforming the status of white women in the labor force. It is certainly true that white males still dominate the upper ranks of senior management, while constituting only 29 percent of the nation's total workforce, white males comprise 95 percent of all senior managerial positions at the rank of vice president or above. However, women now constitute about 40 percent of the total workforce overall. As of the 1990 Census, white women held nearly 40 percent of all middle management positions. While their median incomes lag behind those of white males, over the past twenty years white women have gained far greater ground in terms of real earnings than black or Hispanic males in the labor force. In this context, civil rights advocates and traditional defenders of affirmative action must ask themselves whether the majority of white American women actually perceive their material interests to be tied with the battles for income equity and affirmative action which most blacks and Latinos, women and men alike, continue to fight for.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University, New York City. "Along the Color Line" appears in over 275 newspapers and is featured by 80 radio stations across the US and internationally.

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LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINAR!

Mrs. Myrlie Eve Williams, second from left, recently-elected Chairperson of the NAACP National Board, welcomes Alfonso L. Carney, Jr., far left, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Government Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., to the NAACP's 86th Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. Joining them were Dennis Courtland Hayes, far right, NAACP General Counsel and Federal Judge Nathaniel Jones, former NAACP General Counsel. Carney was a featured speaker at the organization's Eleventh Annual Lawyers Continuing Legal Education Seminar, sponsored by the NAACP, the National Bar Association and Philip Morris Companies Inc. Warning delegates that Black

Americans were again "under siege from a number of sources," Carney praised the NAACP for its use of the law as one of the most effective tools in the continuing struggle for civil rights.



Bring It on Down! Avoiding the Threat of High Blood Pressure

By James W. Reed, M.D.

High blood pressure or hypertension afflicts one out of four African Americans. It occurs earlier in life among African Americans, is more severe, and is less likely to be treated adequately or early enough to prevent fatal health disorders.

Whether you're an African American man or woman, the only way to know if you have high blood pressure is to check your blood pressure regularly. Even if you look and feel fine, you can have blood pressure high enough to surprise you in the form of a stroke, heart attack, kidney failure or even blindness. Hypertension usually has no symptoms—that is why many call it the "silent killer."

The cause of high blood pressure is still unknown. It's believed to be caused by one or a combination of these common lifestyle behaviors: too much salt in the diet, too much stress, too much weight, and too much alcohol.

African American females are more likely to have their high blood pressure treated and controlled than black or white males, yet the prevalence of high blood pressure among Black women is beginning to exceed that of men. And more than three times as many Black women as white women age 35-44 have the disease.

Since high blood pressure is a critical problem within the Black community, it's important for you to know the consequences of untreated high blood pressure are preventable. With proper diet, lifestyle changes and medications, you can control high blood pressure.

For example: eat healthy, reduce stress, drink less alcohol and visit your doctor regularly to monitor your blood pressure. (Editor's note: Tips to bring down high blood pressure are detailed in the accompanying sidebar.)

In large-scale studies, it has been shown that a greater percentage of African Americans are able to control their hypertension with pharmaceutical therapies such as calcium channel blockers or diuretics. Other categories of hypertension treatments which may also control your blood pressure are beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, alpha blockers, central agents and vasodilators. Your doctor selects the best medication for you from the various drug categories based on the drug's effectiveness in controlling your blood pressure, any existing medical conditions and potential drug side effects.

If you're at risk, have your blood pressure checked every few months and discuss hypertension treatment options with your doctor. Medications for treatment of high blood pressure vary, but one thing remains the same—medicine only works if you take it. Unfortunately, Black men are well-known for not seeking proper diagnosis and sustaining treatment. About half of Black men being treated for high blood pressure drop out of treatment in the first year.

Many Black hypertensives skip their medication to save money. For some who are unemployed or financially disadvantaged, it can be difficult to choose between paying for medication and paying for necessities like groceries and rent. However, the money saved on medication—about \$30 a month for hypertension medication—pales in comparison to the cost of complications from untreated hypertension, for example: about \$35,000 a year for dialysis treatment of a failed kidney. In other words, you will save yourself a lot of money and suffering by controlling your blood pressure with medication, diet and lifestyle changes.

Being an educated consumer in terms of selecting blood pressure therapy will come in handy when asking your doctor about high quality, low cost alternatives. There are newer once-a-day formulations of medications available, which are priced up to 25% less than others. Being aware of your alternatives may produce savings in the long run.

James W. Reed, M.D., is a professor of medicine at the Morehouse School of Medicine, president of the International Society on Hypertension in Blacks, and co-author of *The Black Man's Guide to Good Health* (Berkeley Publishing Group, Inc., 1994).

The Slave Mentality is Alive and Hell

By Marian E. Barnes Special to the NNPA

Three streams of heritage flow into the African American of today: African heritage, African-American heritage, and slave heritage. African heritage comes from the time when the minds of Africans laid the foundation for world civilization, and nations like the Dogon people of West Africa surpassed current technology.

African-American heritage is from the era when the minds of Africans enslaved as captives, or entrapped as second class citizens, laid much of the foundation of modern civilization—inoculations, thanks to Onesimus; development of blood plasma and blood banks, thanks to Charles Drew; automatic elevators, thanks to Alexander Miles; automatic vending machines, thanks to T.S. Wheatcraft and Daniel Wicks; the traffic light and gas mask, thanks to Garrett Morgan and his brother; destruction of the slavery, thanks to Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass and others like them; the elevation of spiritual consciousness, and human and civil rights, thanks to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Slave heritage is from the period of enslaved captivity, during which minds of enslaved Africans designed ways to survive a lethal society. As captives, they became masters at pretending to be inferior. Because of the pretense, captors felt justified holding such "inferior," "simple minded," "child-like" people in captivity, and did not feel threatened by the mental capacity of their captives.

The "pretend game" meant captives laughed when they were crying inside; scratched where they did not itch; shuffled along instead of walking proudly; muffled their speech instead of speaking clearly; said "I don't know," when they knew perfectly well; spoke in loud voices so their captors could hear them and know they weren't plotting revolt; spoke nicely to their captors' children, but roughly to their own so they would be allowed to keep them; put themselves and each other down in every way while holding their captors in high esteem.

And it worked! This kind of behavior helped Africans survive slavery and eventually become American citizens. Had they not wisely mastered the "I-am-inferior-mind-game," the African presence in this country would be little more than a memory today.

Unfortunately, there was a ghastly, never ending price. Imagine being a bright person and having to live out your days pretending to be more stupid than the ignoramus holding you captive! Imagine having to pretend you loved your captors' children more than your own so your captor wouldn't sell you or your children. Imagine having to holler, and laugh, and sometimes dance as though you didn't have a care in the world, while all the time you were sad, anguished, and burdened with sorrows.

Then captivity ended. "No more auction block for me." It was over. But was it? The mind-game that had saved the African would not go away. Generations of children had been born. Many of them became "true believers" in what they grew up seeing—ways of walking, talking, thinking, and non-thinking.

"Mind-game" patterns created out of the needs of slavery continue to live on. Some Afro-Americans still holler at each other in tones so ear-splitting, people at a distance can hear what they say. Some still laugh at what makes them uncomfortable. Others carry themselves in a way that says, "I think I am nothing. And if you look like me, you are nothing too."

Putrid language that once made the master class feel superior still pours from some mouths, though now it only serves to stain spirits that need uplifting. Many parents are rough with their children with no fear they will be sold. And hordes of African-Americans regard themselves as less respectable, (capable) (intelligent) (beautiful)—you name it—than any other ethnic group.

Once, in Philadelphia, and again in Austin, TX, I attended national self-help events. In Philadelphia, the affair was given in a lily-white neighborhood that many Afro-Americans thought it unwise to visit in broad daylight. There was not one African American serving us, if you could call it that. Plates were clung at us by waiters with such nasty frowns and attitudes I was afraid to eat the food. Things were better in Austin. Waiters were pleasant, and one of them may have been Afro-American or Hispanic. But when I asked in both cities why the affair was not given in a facility available through African-American churches, I received no answer.

In truth, both groups were guilty of *slave mentality*, mainstay of slave heritage. Recently an Afro-American minister suggested to a group of ministers that they buy an airplane only to be asked, "Are you crazy?" *Slave mentality*.

Yesterday I asked a question of two employees standing together in a market, one Caucasian, one Afro-American. First, I had to fight my slave mentality and not ask the question of the Caucasian. I looked from one to the other as I spoke, and ended the question looking at the Afro-American who was older, and appeared more knowledgeable. He stared at me, said nothing, then looked at the Caucasian who stuttered awhile and finally said he didn't know the answer. Then, and only then, the African-American man answered my question. *Slave mentality*.

As an Afro-American author and performer, like many writers and artists I find our contributions are respected by Afro-Americans in large numbers, only after they are respected by members of the larger society. *Slave mentality*.

Recently, talk show "funny man" Rush Limbaugh gleefully slammed Washington, DC, parents. He said every aspect of the city's educational program is in trouble, and public school students scored at the bottom of national reading and academic tests. According to him, nearly 100,000 parents were invited to a meeting to discuss ways of helping their children. Implying that it was understood this would not be enough to interest these largely Afro-American parents, Limbaugh said they were offered free food and free parking. The result? About 20 parents showed up! *Slave mentality*.

Every Afro-American must confront the slave mentality that once saved us as a people. But how long will we continue to enslave ourselves to this now detrimental mentality that destroys self esteem, prevents personal and social progress, and at times causes us to kill each other? How long will we continue to look to others to do for us what we should do for ourselves? When will we teach our children our history and stop begging others to do it for us? Establish banks? Own planes? Respect each other as much as we do other people?

Perhaps some day. But for now, *slave mentality* is alive. And it is hell!

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The Head Start program is designed to aid pre-school children of low-income families develop their educational, physical and social potential for entrance into the public schools. Child Services, Inc. Head Start also provides nutritional meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program at no charge.

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Applications will be taken at the following locations:

Greer Fair Center	2902 A Weber Drive	747-7550
Northeast Center	120 N. MLK Blvd. (Rear)	763-7458
Zenith Center	1907 E. Cornell	763-1570
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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

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Perhaps one of the best known scriptures related to prayer is the one we have chosen for our "Prayer Fest" and the foundation for this writing, Psalm 135:2, "For the Lord is God, who has made for us a sign and a wonder, but one wonders, how many know the background of this powerful promise from God?"

Solomon, the son of David and King of Israel, had been used by God to build one of the great wonders of the ancient world, the magnificent temple of God on top of the mountain in the city of ancient Jerusalem. It had been the dream of David, the father of Solomon, to build God's house. However, God commissioned the work of building His Temple to Solomon, David's son. Once the temple was built, the question surfaced as to whether the new House of God was an end in itself, or whether it was a living symbol of the people's faith. How significant that when the first great temple was erected in praise of the God of Israel, the word of God was given which placed the people of God above the House of God, devotion to God above ceremony and praise. God spoke to Solomon in a vision and did not make the new house an end, if indeed, the temple was going to have meaning. This is always the beginning and necessary foundation for true worship and spirit-filled living in the body of Christ.

Questions:

I. Why is it so important that the body of Christ get humble with God and pray? Is humility and prayer the key to our witness to an ungodly nation?

II. What example does Jesus give us concerning the power of humility and prayer? Can you have one without the other?

III. What are the cleansing benefits of humility and prayer? How will these benefits affect our readiness when Jesus comes back for His own?

IV. How does humility and prayer empower our ministries? How does humility and prayer keep us faithful to the Holy Work entrusted to our hands? (Let's Pray.)

Oh, precious Creator and sustainer of our lives, we gratefully call upon your Holy Name. We stand in need of a real revival, renewal, regeneration and full redemption. You and you alone are the only one who can resurrect our dead dry spirits and help us to be living saints in the Kingdom of God. Help us, oh God, to fulfill your call by humbling ourselves, and repenting of our evil ways. We know by faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, victory can surely be ours! In the precious name of Jesus we pray.

We are slipping away every day, people, but some are still dabbling in everything and not committed to anything. Nevertheless, let's come together and pray for the march on Washington March 16th. Discipline—Honor—Respect. 1 million Black men.

Keep smiling, people, and loving your sisters and brothers. We can make it. To the sick and bereaved: God is the answer. We ate spiritually only Saturday. Our guests were Sis. Gracie Pulsun, Sis. Bettye Willis. Thank you for coming, you are special to us. Come again. Dorothy Hood, President, Ernestine Frazier, Secretary.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith One Long Search

"And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not."—Luke 7:13

Evangeline Booth was the daughter of General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. As a teenager she worked with her parents in their soul-saving ministry. One Sunday at an outdoor meeting she noticed a ragged decrepit-looking man listening earnestly to General Booth as he preached on the Prodigal son. Evangeline walked over to him and invited him to the "soup kitchen" for a hot meal. As he ate, he told her that he was a prodigal son; he had run away from home as a boy many years before. Evangeline told him of God's great love, and prayed with him, finally leading him to the Lord. Then she asked, "Why don't you return to your family?"

"Oh, I can't now," the man replied. "It's been too long now. Anyway, my Dad has died and my poor Mom—well, I can't go to her like this."

When Evangeline discovered that the man's home was in the same part of London where they were, she persuaded him at last to return home, saying she would go with him. As they approached the humble little cottage the man shook his head. "I can't go in," he said. "Yes, you can," insisted Evangeline, and she knocked on the door.

Soon a white-haired lady with a sad gentle face opened the door. At first she just stared. Then she cried, "Johnnie, it's my Johnnie! Oh, how I've prayed for you and searched for you! In fact, life has been just one long search for you, Johnnie!"

Jesus came into a world where the leading philosophies of the day taught that people should restrain all human emotions, and should harden themselves and never show their true feeling. However, Jesus demonstrated the love of God for mankind by all His actions. The Scriptures tell of Christ yearning over the multitude, "for He saw them as sheep having no shepherd." Jesus was God in the flesh, pouring out compassion and love to poor sinful humanity. His loves still abound today. And He is calling us to do like Evangeline Booth did in rededicating her life to God—making our lives "one long search" for those who are lost.

Attention All Churches!

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HE leadeth me by the still waters, HE RESTORETH THIS OLD SOUL, HE LEADETH IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR HIS NAME SAKE. FOR HIS STORY IS TO BE TOLD.

2 corinthians 4:5, For we PREACH NOT OURSELVES, BUT CHRIST JESUS THE LORD; AND OURSELVES YOUR SERVANTS FOR JESUS SAKE.

Though I walk through the valley, IN THE SHADOWS OF ANY DEATH, I FEAR NO EVIL BECAUSE THOU ART WITH ME, THY ROD AND STAFF COMFORT ME; EVEN WITH HIGH FEVER.

Luke 4:18,19, The SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UP ON ME, because he hath anointed me to PREACH the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to HEAL the brokenhearted, to PREACH deliverance to the captives, and to RECOVERING OF SIGHT to the blind, to set at LIBERTY them that are bruised, TO PREACH THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.

Thou has prepared THE TABLE FOR ME, IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL MY ENEMIES, THEY'RE THE ONES WHO WHEN I SPOKE OF JESUS; THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE.

Revelation 2:7, JESUS SAID, He that hath an ear, let him hear what THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES; To him that OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of THE TREE OF LIFE, which is in the midst of THE PARADISE OF GOD.

THE LORD has always ANOINTED MY HEAD WITH OIL; AND MY CUP RUNNETH OVER, THE DAYS OF MY LIFE IS ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL, AND I GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY.

Psalm 16:5-8, THE LORD is the portion of mine INHERITANCE AND OF MY CUP; THOU MAINTAINEST MY LOT. The lines are fall'n unto ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; YEA, I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE. I WILL BLESS THE LORD, who hath given ME COUNSEL; my reins also instruct me in the night seasons; I have set THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE ME; BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, I SHALL NOT BE MOVED.

SURELY AND GOODNESS AND MERCY, THEY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, THE LORD'S BLESSING COMES IN MANY WAYS; EVEN THU JEFFOTHEL MARIA, MY WIFE.

PROVERBS 18:22, WHOSO FINDETH A WIFE FINDETH A GOOD THING, AND OBTAINETH FAVOUR OF THE LORD.

AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD; FOR EVER AND EVER, HIS PRAISE AND GLORY SHALL NEVER LEAVE MY LIPS; NO NEVER.

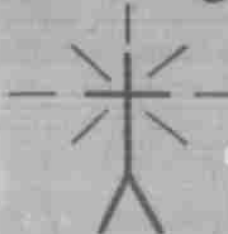
Psalm 40:1-5, I waited patiently for THE LORD; AND HE INCLINED UNTO ME, AND HEARD MY CRY. HE brought ME up also out of AN HORRIBLE PIT, out of the miry clay, and set MY FEET UPON A ROCK (JESUS), and established MY GOINGS. And HE hath put a NEW SONG IN MY MOUTH, EVEN PRAISE UNTO OUR GOD; many shall see it, and FEAR, AND SHALL TRUST IN THE LORD. BLESSED IS THAT MAN MAKETH THE LORD HIS TRUST, AND RESPECTETH NOT THE PROUD, NOR SUCH AS TURN ASIDE TO LIES. MANY, O LORD MY GOD, ARE THY WONDERFUL WORKS WHICH THOU HATH DONE, AND THOU THOUGHTS WHICH ARE TO US-WARD; THEY CANNOT BE RECKONED UP IN ORDER UNTO THEE; IF I WOULD DECLARE AND SPEAK OF THEM, THEY ARE MORE THAN CAN BE NUMBERED.

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Parenting For Education

By Vivian W. Owens
Special to NNPA

When you mention Abe Lincoln to eight-year-olds, they perk up and immediately rattle off the merits of the sixteenth president of the United States. Seven years later, those same youngsters who are now 15-year-olds may frown if you mention the Bill of Rights or the Underground Railroad, although these are also content history. Where, along the route between third grade and tenth grade, does the learner derail and refuse passage on the journey through history?

On the home front, parents may invite learners to explore history in ways organized to excite their sense of time, people, and events. Home activities can have end goals in themselves or they may add beautiful color to the formal lessons received in a school classroom. Consider the notion of maintaining relevancy. What is the history of your cultural or ethnic group? Does your city or state have historical sites which should be generally known by everyone? Weave your family history into the history of your ethnic group. Name great grandparents and dates they were born as you parallel this event with other generally known historical events. Look at pictures and talk leisurely about the events depicted in them. Mention of society fashion trends or of geographical

peculiarities associated with historical sites often pique teenagers' interests with lasting effect.

Visit museums or historic homes every chance you get. Relate issues of 1776 to issues of 1976 or of 1896. Point out everyday matters that may have a basis in the past. Bring history to life with costumes (you could make them), facemasks, or models of transportation. Matters of history become relevant when your child sees how they affect him and his interests. He tunes into it when he sees patterns he is familiar with already.

In your own way, with your own experiences, you will think of many ways to make history relevant to your child through home initiatives. You will start at the point your child is now. Make every effort to continue your touches of history with your child at each age level. Extra effort may be required for children between ages 10 through 16-years-old. Your effort makes a big difference.

Vivian W. Owens is the author of 'Parenting For Education, Create A Math Environment' and 'Nadanda, The Wordmaker.' Her books may be purchased by writing to Eschar Publications, P.O. Box 1196, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Army Sgt. 1st Class Paula M. Klagstad Mann has graduated from the first sergeant's course at the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

Subjects during the course included training management, problem solving, administrative procedures, stress management, security, personnel management, Uniform Code of Military Justice procedures, and supervision and leadership.

She is a first sergeant assigned to Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Ky.

Klagstad Mann is the daughter of Nancy E. Johnson of 1044 Shield St., L'Anse, Mich., and Ross D. Klagstad of Rural Route 1, Manistique, Mich.

Her husband, Walter, is the son of Roy R. and Charlie Mae Mann of Rural Route 7, Lubbock, Texas. She is a 1976 graduate of Manistique High School.

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Letter to the Editor

Southwest Digest
902 East 28th Street
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Dear Editor:

In 1992 the Lubbock Independent School District announced an exciting innovation for the Estacado High School campus—the Medical Professions Magnet Program. The medical magnet, which began full implementation in the 1993-94 school year, combines performance-driven experiences with a rigorous academic curriculum so that students achieve both academic and professional competencies. Estacado's medical magnet began with less than 80 students and will welcome over 375 students this year.

The school district's commitment to the magnet concept, the support of Lubbock's community leaders, dedicated educators, interested parents, and excited students are the foundation of any successful magnet program. The magnet momentum is being replicated at the spirited and focused Dunbar Junior High School Science Academy. Magnet enrollments in the Dunbar magnet have increased every year as students and parents discover the advantages of this rewarding educational adventure.

With the support of LISD, parents, students, and the community at large, Dunbar Panther spirit is destined to become a vital contributor to Lubbock's leadership in science and technology. After 21 years of being a part of the aggressive spirit that has motivated the Estacado Matadors and that magnet campus, I look forward with excitement and high expectations to a commitment to the Dunbar Panther community of life-long learners. My farewell message to the Matador campus lies within the school song ... "We will follow you, Estacado, even when we leave your doors."

Sincerely,
Polly Kiker
Assistant Principal



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