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A Report on Black America

The Census Bureau has released its most comprehensive report on African-Americans in 20 years. According to the report, African-Americans make up 13 percent of the population and number 33 million. The 1989 poverty rate for all African-American families was about 27 percent. In 1993, black children in families were nearly three times as likely as white children (46 percent versus 17 percent) to live in poverty. Eighty-three percent of the 7 million black families had at least one worker in 1990. African-American families in which both the husband and wife worked full-time, and year-round, had a median family income of \$44,420 in 1989. The median income of African-American families in 1993 was \$21,550. White families' median income was \$39,310.

Los Angeles At Black Prosperity

The Washington, D.C. area is the nation's capital of black prosperity in the 1990s. Twenty-two percent of black families in the Washington area have annual income levels between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Los Angeles is second in high-income black families with 17 percent of its population considered "affluent." L.A. is followed by Newark, N.J., which is third with just under 17 percent; Baltimore (15%); New York City (15%); Atlanta (14%); Chicago (14.6); Philadelphia (14%); Detroit (13%); and Houston (11%). Washington also led in levels of education, followed by Los Angeles, Atlanta, Dallas and Houston.

Minority Aids Council "Alarmed" By New AIDS Statistics

Minority populations continue to be disproportionately affected by the AIDS epidemic with African-Americans representing 39 percent and Hispanics 19 percent of all AIDS cases, says the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC). The NMAC is alarmed by the findings of the Center for Disease Control's report on new AIDS cases in 1994 which showed a total of 80,691 new cases amounting to nearly one-fifth of all AIDS cases since 1981. "These findings now put AIDS as the number one cause of death among people 25 to 44 years old, regardless of race or gender," says Moises Agosto, NMAC's Director of Research and Treatment Advocacy. While the findings showed increases in AIDS cases in women and minority populations, the percentage of cases among gay and bi-sexual men has begun to drop.

Textile Company Settles Bias Suit For \$20 Million

The J.P. Stevens textile company has reached a \$20 million settlement with black employees who claimed more than 25 years ago that they were discriminated against. The suit involves 2,900 plaintiffs who worked at or were refused jobs between 1966 and 1980 at nine J.P. Stevens & Co. textile plants and three office centers in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. The employees' lawsuit maintained that J.P. Stevens reserved better jobs for white workers, and that blacks holding high school diplomas were paid at the same rate as whites with third-grade education.

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Is Black Leadership In American Bankrupt

by Willaim Reed, NNPA Director of Communications

Blacks in American cities and institutions are finding out in the 1990s that blacks who were in major roles during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and became leaders of black-run cities and institutions in the 1980s, are facing bankruptcy in their operations and questions of their leadership. Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, for example, is a former civil rights activist who is now at the helm of a city that has a three-quarter of a billion dollar deficit and is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. Although re-elected with much glee among the city's predominately African-American population to his fourth term as mayor of the nation's capital, after being out of that office one term and enduring a six-month prison sentence, Mayor Barry is now confronted with many financial mishaps that had their beginnings during his earlier administrations. The District of Columbia, which Barry has directed for 13 of the last 17 years, has been clamoring for years to have "Statehood" and sole authority to control its own business of governing. Instead, the city's black-run government has lost its Wall Street bond rating, isn't paying its bills to vendors in a timely manner and is now under threat from the U.S. Congress of having its finances put under their direct control.

In Ohio, that state's only primarily black

state-supported university is headed by a veteran of the civil rights movement, and it too is unable to pay its bills and is on the verge of take-over by a state-appointed administrator. Central State University (CSU), which has been headed for over a decade by Dr. Arthur E. Thomas, owes nearly \$2 million to the state's two largest retirement funds and \$3 million to utility vendors. Reports out of Dayton, and the state capital in Columbus, reveal that CSU is in immediate danger of having its gas, lights and water turned off, as well as becoming the only university system in Ohio to be taken over.

In Washington, reports from, and to, congressional hearings regarding the city's financial problems reveal that, in spite of many blacks' contention that the Congress has a "Racist attitude" toward the majority-black, and black-run, city, in reality federal lawmakers have often bent over backwards to keep the city afloat and has given city administrators warnings for years that they had to shore up the city's management and impose better accounting practices.

Though led by nationally acclaimed activist, Art Thomas, during the whole period, Ohio's only historically black college has struggled financially for more than a decade. Like the nation's newly-elected con-

servative majority, who are seeking to curb welfare, and other social programs of the federal government, as long as four years ago the Republicans in Ohio's Senate tried to end CSU's special subsidy funding and force the institution to operate with guidelines similar to other state universities. But Ohio's Governor George Voinovich used his official powers and intervened to restore the funding. Like Congress did with the city of Washington, even after extending special funding for CSU, Voinovich sent a letter to the school's board of trustees in which he called CSU's deficit "Very troubling" and said its special supplement was in jeopardy. In the maximum of what could be called "Affirmative action," CSU, which has about 3,000 students, received the special supplement because of its status as Ohio's only publicly supported historically black university. Joseph Griffin, a city of Dayton employee and former student at CSU, says, "This type of thing puts a black eye on the university and shows we can't balance our checkbook, and spending habits, even with special funding."

Thomas recently sent a letter to the CSU board of trustees announcing his retirement effective at the end of his contract in June 1995. Disclosure of the retirement-fund delinquencies has now promoted calls from school

and state officials for Thomas to leave immediately. The Black Elected Democrats of Ohio, who were led for years by the late C.J. McLin, have often been allies to Thomas, and the school, but the latest series of allegations of "Mismanagement" have caused wariness among the state's black politicians. The white state representative who chairs Ohio's House Education Committee recently said, "Their administration and governance have always been questionable. These types of problems haven't surfaced at other state-supported institutions." In late 1994 members of the CSU faculty initiated a 63 to 51 vote of "No-confidence" against Thomas, who makes \$101,000 a year. Most blacks involved with the situation in Ohio don't want the stigma of bankruptcy for CSU. Numerous members of the faculty express a belief that their no confidence vote acted as wake-up call to the university and its board of trustees.

"With the onslaught of fiscal conservatism across the country, Black Americans will have to make their elected officials, and other administrators, more accountable," said Mr. Griffin, who may well be speaking for a majority of African-Americans.

Goals for Lubbock: A Vision into the 21st Century

Draft of Goals Document Available for Public Comment and Input

Gary Lawrence, Chairman of the Goals for Lubbock A Vision into the 21st Century, has announced a draft copy of the goals document has been completed by a committee of 100 citizens from throughout the city and is available for public comment and input.

The Goals for Lubbock document is now available at Mahon and Godeke Libraries, in the Department of Strategic Planning at City Hall, and in the Public Information Office at City Hall through March 21, 1995. Any suggestions from the public will be considered by the Steering Committee and incorporated into the Document. Once the suggestions have been inserted into the document, the final draft will be forwarded to the Lubbock City Council, School Board and Lubbock County Commissioners Court for review and comment.

You may also forward any comments or suggestions to Duane Lavery in the City Manager's office by calling 767-2229, or mail your comments to:

City of Lubbock
Department of Strategic Planning
c/o Duane Lavery
P.O. Box 2000
Lubbock, TX 79457

Alleged Drug Dealers Busted!

Here are ten photos of alleged drugs dealers who were busted Friday, February 10, 1995 at various locations in Lubbock and surrounding areas. In keeping with our commitment, we will continue to show the faces of those who take advantage of our young people. Move next week!



Tracey Terrell



Edison Lamoreaux



Robert Wolfe



Mary Isham



Crystal Lively



Jerry McDade



Brandy Hacker



Sedic McNeal



Michael Taylor



Michael Forrest

Black Sisters Feeding The Hungry

"We just want to do something to help feed the hungry in our community," says Marjorie Jefferson, one of four black women who are doing just that at 515 North Zenith Ave.

The feeding is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the old location of the Lubbock Housing Authority, 515 North Zenith Ave.

Meals are served at 12:00, and persons who are hungry are asked to come by. The ladies who help with and sponsor this program are: Sisters Katlyn Anderson, Emma Jackson and Betty Dixon.

Love Enough To Care Meets Here

The Love Enough To Care group will Saturday, March 25, 1995 at 2001 Birch Ave. beginning at 2:00 p.m.

If you really care about your fellow brothers and sisters, you will meet us on this day. This is a very important meeting.

Always Remember: We are here to protect our children, our families, our homes and neighborhoods. The Southwest Digest hopes that you will help in the fight against crime.

T.J. Patterson, Jr. Black Role Model in Austin

In Austin, there's a Black weekly newspaper, *The Villager*, that recognized twenty-eight Black males who are making contribution in the community. One of those young men is T.J. Patterson, Jr., a graduate of Dunbar High School of Lubbock and graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern in Houston.

Patterson, son of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Patterson, Sr., is Assistant Attorney General Chief of the Civil Enforcement Section of the Financial Crimes Divisions, Office of the Attorney General at Austin.

His accomplishment/community involvement includes: member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, board member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church's Boys' Rites of Passage Program; Project M.A.N.

Activities include Chairman of Project M.A.N.; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; member of Senate Black Caucus' Criminal Justice "Think Tank"; mentor in Project M.A.N.; Coalition of Black Democrats, Black Austin Democrats; Austin

Black Lawyers Association; past coordinator for the Windsor Village Boys' Rites Program; Big Brother in the Windsor Village Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program; Black Attorney General Employee Association.

He serves on the 1995 planning committee for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Deltean Conference. In asking about his goal for the future, he admits he wants to be a part of the solution in his community by being a positive influence to the youth of his community. He says: "I want to provide programs and activities that will challenge our youth intellectually, so that they may be better prepared for the future."

He continues: "Our youth look to us for guidance and direction. If we fail in our charge, then only we are to blame for their inability to compete. I also want to provide community-based programs that will allow our youth to utilize their time and energy in a productive manner."



Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin addresses a luncheon for African-American leaders from the business, finance and communications fields on February 24, 1995. Rubin and other senior Treasury officials discussed the economy, Clinton Administration goals and Capitol Hill initiatives affecting business and the African-American community. Among those attending were Bob Johnson, President of BET; Ed Lewis, Publisher of Essence Communications; and Ernie Green, Managing Director, Lehman Brothers.

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Ruby Jay's Corner



Services were great last Sunday at the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. Billy R. Moton is the host pastor.

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Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. with Supt. Thelma Brown at her post of duty. Brother Henry High, superintendent of the Junior Department, presided. A song, "Yield Not To Temptation," was sung. Prayer was given by Brother High. Another song, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was sung. Each class marched to their various areas of learning.

After thirty minutes of learning, the classes reassembled and sang "In Times Like These," which was appropriate for the morning Sunday School lesson—"Resist Temptation." High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 2, Sister Dorothy Kinner is teacher. Also a member participated in the process. It was very good.

The secretary's report included the following: Intermediate Class won the offering banner; Junior Class received the offering banner. Adult Classes: Adult Class No. 1, which is the Men's Class won both banners.

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The morning worship devotion was led by Brother and Sister John Howard.

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During the morning processional, the Senior Choir marched in singing. Altar prayer was given by Brother Jenkins. A song, "Victory is Mine," was sung. Scripture was St. Matthew 7:1-8 and read by Sister Flowers. Prayer was offered by Brother Harry Stokley, Jr. Another song, "How I Made It," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the

congregation standing and led by Brother Cooper.

The morning hymn was "What A Fellowship." Pastoral observation was given by Pastor Moton. He always has something good to say. There was another song, "What Can Wash Away Your Sins."

The hymn of preparation was "What A Friend." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "I'M SATISFIED." Scripture text was Philippians 4:11-13. If you were in attendance and were not satisfied at the close of the sermon something is wrong!

Invitation to discipleship was extended and two came by restoration, and another by dedication.

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The New Hope Baptist Church welcomed members of the Barbara Jordan Senior Citizens last Sunday morning.

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The second Sunday in April will be groundbreaking of the addition to the Fellowship Hall. God will answer all prayers. If you don't believe it, just try Him.

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Ruby Tennon is a patient in the hospital.

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Remember all sick and shut-ins with prayer.

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Ona Lee Holiday attended her sister's funeral last week in Quitaque, Texas. Pray for her.

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The New Hope Baptist Church Youth and Young Adult Department will present the Fifth Annual Musical Workshop March 30th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; March 31st, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; and April 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The concert will be Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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Mary Ann Jones and a friend from Dallas, Texas were here over the weekend.

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tions. Blacks with 10 years of seniority were paid evenly with first-year whites. The settlement calls for three payments totaling \$20 million in back pay and interest over the next three years.

The Stones: "Too White"

After successful dates in North America and Europe, the Rolling Stones' "Voodoo Lounge" world tour recently made its way in South Africa with two concerts in Johannesburg that attracted nearly 100,000 people. But very few of the country's majority-black population attended the concerts. "They're too white," said one black journalist, who turned down a free ticket to review the show. Winnie Mandela, South Africa's deputy minister of arts and culture, called the group racist for using a white promoter for the South African leg of its show. Group leader Mick Jagger, who has gained world-wide fame re-recording blacks' rhythm and blues songs, told reporters that he doesn't consider the group racist. In fact, he said, he had plans to work on a film about the Sophiatown district of Johannesburg where blacks were forced out during the apartheid years to make room for a new white suburb.

Many Black Leaders Stand By Henry Foster

With hearings coming up later in March for his confirmation as Surgeon General, Dr. Henry Foster is gaining broad support among black organizations and their leaders. The leader of the nation's largest black

Baptist denomination has given a fiery defense of Foster suggesting that opposition to him may be rooted in race. "We are sick and tired that every time a black man, in particular, is nominated, we get into a problem. He's castigated, humiliated, upbraided and downgraded," said the Rev. Henry J. Lyons, president of the 8.5-million member National Baptist Convention. Other black organizations, such as the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists have endorsed Foster. The Surgeon General nominee was the Black Press Week Luncheon speaker at the National Press Club in Washington for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

Highest Ranking Black Woman in TV Resigns

Public Broadcasting System (PBS) programming chief Jennifer Lawson, the highest ranking woman and the highest ranking African-American at a major television network resigned three weeks after a company reorganization lowered her rank in the PBS hierarchy. Her male deputy also resigned. Lawson headed PBS' National Program Service for three years and as executive vice president of programming she had reported directly to the PBS president. As part of a new structure dividing PBS into three divisions, Ms. Lawson would have reported to the head of the newly created programming-services division.

New PRC Members Appointed

The Public Responsibility Committee (PRC) for Lubbock State School recently added six new members. New members are Jim Burkhalter, Madeline Douglas, Rose Garcia, Glen Patton, Mike Waller, and Jill Watkins. Other current PRC members are Pam Brink, Phillip Crenshaw, Helga Gongaware, Melody Pauling, Mary Quintanilla, Paul Rostad, Janice Russ, and Wendell Warman-Adams.

The Public Responsibility Committee functions as an independent, impartial body of volunteers to receive, investigate and report complaints made by or on behalf of people served by Lubbock State School. Members

are appointed by the Volunteer Services Council for the school.

The committee receives complaints from people served and interested individuals through its mail box. Strict confidentiality is maintained when the committee investigates such complaints. Any person served, relative or representative of a person served who has a complaint, comment or suggestion regarding the health, safety, welfare or legal and human rights of a person served by Lubbock State School is invited and urged to submit them in writing to: Public Responsibility Committee, P.O. Box 10854, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

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OSAN AIR BASE, SONGTAN, SOUTH KOREA—Air Force Staff Sgt. Oliver R. Hernandez has arrived for duty here.

Hernandez, a communications-computer systems operations supervisor, is the son of Elida Cantu of 2218 18th St. and brother of Belinda R. Guerra of 2322 81st St., both of Lubbock. He graduated in 1978 from Lubbock High School.

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Why? When? Where? Who?

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have to learn who, why, and where we are today. There is enough room for all of us if we are on the same hymn page singing the same hymn.

Recently we attended a meeting and were told we could not have a meeting in June because June was filled... bull... boom... boom. No one can dictate or tell this writer whether he/she owns or runs June which attest to Juneteenth. This is America and I/we can do... do... what we please.

There has been some things—supposedly that this writer and T.J. have major conflicts. No... no... we disagree on issues but we are together. T.J. tries to appease and I say go to h— because I have been involved in various projects which when overtaken went belly-up. O.I.C., Lubbock Black Chamber, Lubbock Black Heritage and Cultural Center, East Lubbock Development Center. Lubbock Juneteenth Center, worked with State Rep. Al Edwards, who was responsible for making it a state holiday his freshman year. No more listed as a part of the state holiday even though I am a part of Al's group. Re-organized the Lubbock Black Chamber in Lubbock and it is not listed as a part of the Black Chambers of Texas. Every time I tell my partner we do not have these organizations any-

more he goes into excuses. There is no excuse for non-existence. What we have now is local activities but not official organizations.

One day, some day with this writer's prayer and others we pray and hope God will shine his blessings down upon us and help us see that economic development is the way.

Mayor Langston, you are running on an economic development platform. Dr. George T.C. Peng has been working with yours truly on the same thing based on East Lubbock—17 projects on one project, 16 on another one being the all-purpose center. We can help you if you want to help us. This way we can see where you really are.

Until we get on the same page in the hymn book we will be fumbling in the dark. We must become collective together because your group/my group can't create a spark, but our groups together may be able to start to put a spark together. And most of all, we cannot afford to have one-man gangs. It has to be us for us together collectively. No one can help from us for us but us.

If it is to be, it is up to me, with the help of God! P.S. No one can tell anyone what I should write—I write what I please!!! No one owns more of this paper than me.

THIS N THAT

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT! THIS N THAT... ALONG WITH... many others... had an opportunity to hear... PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON... address several thousand people... In his remarks... he talked about the responsibility... we all have as... CITIZENS... to take advantage of our neighborhoods... He was alluding to the fact... that we all should be concerned about what happens in one's neighborhood... He was very... STRONG... ON... deadbeats... those... PARENTS... who don't take care of their... YOUNG CHILDREN... THIS N THAT... advises that we... in the... SOUTHWEST DIGEST... show pictures of those deadbeat parents... who don't do their part in rearing their children... THANKS, MR. PRESIDENT... For your stand on this and... ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS... IN COMMUNITIES... WE... all have a responsibility... to seeing that our kids have a... SAFE AREA TO LIVE... and that includes... KEEPING DRUGS OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!! VERY GOOD ALVICE, PATTIE LABELLE!! THIS N THAT... attended a Midnight Concert last week in... Washington, DC... and the star on the stage was... no other than... PATTIE LABELLE... The place was the... well known... WARNER THEATRE... downtown DC... The highlight of the show... had to be... SISTER

LABELLE's... statement about the... BLACK FAMILY... She told the huge audience of Black people... that is very important to let your family members... know that you... LOVE THEM... You see... Sister Labelle... made it clear that all of her family on her mother's side were dead... and they were unable to reach the age of... 40 years young... She rejoiced on the stage when she said... she had just turned forty... and was praising... GOD... for reaching that milestone in her life... She told of how important it is... LET YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS KNOW THAT YOU LOVE THEM!! WITH this presentation... she brought the house down... What an inspirational evening... that is morning... to see... PATTIE LABELLE... in action... What a... BEAUTIFUL BLACK SISTER!! May God continue bless you, Pattie!

WON'T BE LONG NOW!! THIS N THAT... REMINDS ALL OF US... that it won't be long... before the... new library will be constructed... on Parkway Drive... as the... ground breaking has been done this week... with the young people at... ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL...

D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "Keep the... FAITH... YOUNG BLACK BROTHERS & sisters... as it isn't over until it's over..."

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I'm Giving Up on Men

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I am giving up on men and marriage. I am now married to my third husband. The first two marriages didn't work out and my third one is just as bad. I hate my husband and am going to get a divorce as fast as I can. I really try to be a good wife, tell him how to live the good life, but we end up having arguments all the time. Marriage is miserable and I don't want any more of it. Please tell all of your female readers that a good husband is hard to find. Ms. G., Houston, Texas.

Dear Ms. G:

I can understand your frustration. Today, the average marriage lasts for just two and a half years. However, there are many very happy marriages, and marriage should be a pleasant thing to which to look forward.

There could be several reasons for the problems that you have had with marriage. Here are two of the major reasons that certain people have continuing problems in having happy marriages:

1) They continually select similar kinds of males over and over again. For instance, they might themselves be quiet and prefer a life full of evenings at home watching television. But they choose partners who are happy only when they are partying at a night club or entertaining a house full of guests. Another example is the individual who hates to argue but who regularly dates (or marries) partners who love a good argument. These incompatible match-ups are always going to end up in unhappiness—even if the individual gets married 10 times. The only solution in this case is to select different, but compatible, mates. If one doesn't know what kind of person is compatible to himself/herself, consult a competent marriage counselor to find out what type of personality will mesh well with theirs.

2) A second possible reason for constant marital failure might be the inflexible nature of the person seeking a mate, or a negative personality characteristic that makes prospective mates dislike the individual. For instance, if an individual tries to dominate the life of his/her wife or husband, the marriage then becomes a

series of arguments and conflicts. Another example is the person who argues about everything. Every potential mate will find this characteristic distasteful. What normal person wants to argue all of the time? A third example is the highly insecure person who resents anyone who does anything better than he/she does. Every person is seen as a challenge or as a threat and is quickly attacked. This kind of marriage is a constant fight. The remedy for this problem is consultation with a counselor or psychologist because it is the individual who destroys, psychologically, every potential partner.

You stated in your letter that you tell your husbands how to live "a good life." Is this good life determined solely by your standards or is it the result of discussions between you and your husbands? Further, do you become angry when your husbands challenge your idea about the good life? The purpose of my questions is to find out if you are being too inflexible and even domineering. Only you and a marriage counselor can answer that question, however. I have heard men say that a good woman is hard to find, and I have heard women say the opposite. Yet, I know many "good" men and women who have found one another, and who are experiencing happy marriages.

The question, of course, is: What constitutes a "good" man or woman? In the average marriage, there is only compatibility or incompatibility. Not good or evil. A person may have a horrible marriage and may be hated by a dissatisfied spouse. Yet, that very person may marry someone with a different personality and have an extremely happy marriage. The important thing to do is to find a person who is compatible with yourself. There are some people who get great pleasure from arguing, thus they would be happy to be married to someone who argues all the time. This is not normal, of course, but two abnormal people can sometimes be happy together. We frequently hear about the case of the husband who constantly beats the wife, but the wife stays with him through thick and thin.

If you would like to contact Dr. Charles W. Faulkner, you may write or call him at: P.O. Box 955, Washington, D.C. 20044-0955 (202) 736-3761.

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



School systems are designed basically to satisfy the needs and desires of the communities in which they are found. Growing communities are having a difficult time deciding what the community really wants as an educational design, and it is situations like this which often gives rise to experimental school designs.

Some school systems are eager to experiment and others are slow to make any changes even if the "handwriting is on the wall." Some communities are afraid to change their educational designs because they do not understand the needs of the populations being served. Needs are too often based on what the adult population believes to be the need, rather than what the serviced population needs.

Students are often surveyed to find out what they want and/or need and the results are looked at, talked about and then put in file "13." Business, too, is often consulted about what they require from employees and often pass this information on to the school systems, with little results toward making inroads re: preparation.

It is time for public school systems to get "in cinque" and realize that all students are not cut out to be "classically" educated and need an alternative school for job preparation rather than preparation for higher education. This alternative should begin upon completion of grammar school and should not serve as a "continuation" school after the student has either dropped out of regular school or been placed in an institution for law offenders.

Intersound Gospel

In just one year, Intersound's Gospel division has gone from the drawing board to the marketplace in a bold and exciting way. Signs of Intersound's commitment to Gospel music were clear in late 1993 when industry veteran and patriarch James Bullard took the helm of the company's expansion into Gospel.

With over a dozen artist signings during the division's first year, Intersound's Gospel roster includes such high-profile artists as Jennifer Holliday, Vickie Winans, Florida Mass Choir, James Hall and Worship and Praise. Success has been almost immediate for the Gospel focus at Intersound. To date, over half a dozen Gospel albums have captured positions on Billboard's Gospel chart. Discussions are currently underway with potential artists for continued growth in Gospel music.

Marketing support for Intersound's Gospel division includes a complete retail store promotion staff, a full marketing staff, and a national sales staff operating out of regional offices in Los Angeles, Baltimore, San Francisco, Dallas, Cleveland, Washington, DC, Minneapolis, Nashville, Seattle, and Atlanta. In addition to the in-house marketing staff, Intersound regularly utilizes the services of some of the top independent radio, press and video people in the record business. As with all genres at the label, Intersound distributes Gospel product directly to retailers.

As Intersound enters the mid-'90s, its growth continues into additional music genres. Aggressive artist signings and continued expansion into Gospel, urban, country and rock continue to broaden and reinforce Intersound's industry presence.

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Are Lubbock Blacks Genetically Inferior to Whites

Continued from last week... A white friend of mine told me that he wasn't prejudiced against "colored people." I said to him that I was just like him—not prejudiced. He stated to me that "you people" cannot get along with nobody: the Mexicans, the Koreans, the Chinese, the Japanese and certainly not the white people. The President of Rutgers University tried to help African-Americans because they scored below the national average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and this was because of genetic hereditary background and among many ugly things, they called for his resignation. This same type of behavior is alleged to have been shown to our former superintendent by some of your leaders."

I replied to my friend: There goes that genetically inferior message again. What you are really saying is we want "suck up to" anyone. Let me quote to you what Richard Cohen of the *Washington Post National Weekly* reported discussing the fact that blacks score below the national average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Francis L. Lawrence said, "Do we set standards in the future so we don't admit anybody with the national test? Or do we deal with a disadvantaged population that doesn't have the genetic hereditary background to have a higher average." Grant you, this President of Rutgers University may not have read Charles Murray and Richard J. Herrnstein's book, *The Bell Curve*, because he found the whole subject of race and intelligence morally objectionable and he may have enrolled the greatest number of African-Americans in state universities, however I have a slight problem with his brand of affirmative action. I believe with many others that many whites who sanction it may do so because they not knowingly bespeak a deep belief in the intellectual inferiority of African-Americans. Furthermore, I do not believe that the people in our community who had a difference of opinion from the former superintendent were against him, but could not differentiate his actions from "racist" or "activist" and one's difference of opinion does not make one genetically inferior.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast members met with the Parkway Nursing Center on Saturday at 10 a.m. They make our day and we light up their lives with singing and the Word. We can tell by their smiles, Scripture: Acts 2; and prayer by Sis. Burleson, morning scripture lesson by Rev. Stephens on Salvation—1 Peter 1:18-19, background scripture Luke 22:39-44.

Peter 1:18-19—God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver, as you very well know, but he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

Luke 22:39-44—Jesus asked the disciples to pray that they would not be overcome by temptation because he knew he would soon be leaving them.

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all, you have never yet struggled against sin and temptation until you sweat great drops of blood.

This Teacher said: We come into this world with nothing and will carry nothing out. Salvation is free to us, but it cost a lot for our Lord to rescue Man. He said ask what you will, and it would be given.

One thing has to be done: go by the rules laid out in scripture. *Love the Lord with your heart, your heart, all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself. He purchased our salvation with his life.*

Thanks, Reverend. We love you and may God bless you many years to teach His word is our prayer. Thought: Show you care about others through kindness, caring, sharing and compassion, live by the Golden Rule, and help others.

Keep smiling out there. You're loved more than you think. So loose up.

Those of you suffering for any reason, please read the scriptures II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26, and believe.

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Luke 21:36, JESUS SAID, Watch ye therefore, AND ALWAYS, ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all

these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before THE SON OF MAN (JESUS). ACTED AS IF IT WASN'T HIS BUSINESS, HIS MIND WAS ON: CARS, DIAMONDS, GOLD CHAIN MONEY; THINGS MORE OF SERIOUSNESS.

Isaiah 56:10, 11, THE LORD SAID, His watchmen are BLIND: they are ALL IGNORANT, they are ALL DUMB DOGS, they cannot BARK, SLEEPING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER. Yea, they are GREEDY DOGS which can NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, and they are shepherds that CANNOT UNDERSTAND: they all look to their OWN WAY, every one for HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY).

LORD, And 6th P, THE PADDLE, FOR ALL GENERATIONS; ITS BEEN SO GOOD. BUT THE 2nd P, 3rd P AND THE 5th P, TOLD THE 4th P: REMOVE 6th P, IF HE COULD!

Proverb 10:13, In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a ROD is for the back of him that is VOID OF UNDERSTANDING.

Proverb 13:24, HE that spareth his ROD HATETH HIS SON: but he that loveth him CHASTENETH HIM BETIMES.

Proverb 22:15, FOOLISHNESS is bound in the heart of child; but THE ROD OF CORRECTION shall drive it far from him.

Proverb 23:13, 14, Withhold not CORRECTION from THE CHILD: for if thou BEATEST HIM WITH THE ROD, HE SHALL NOT DIE. Thou shalt beat him with THE ROD, AND SHALT deliver his soul from HELL.

Proverb 26:3, A WHIP for a horse, a bridle for the ass, AND A ROD FOR THE FOOL'S BACK.

Proverb 29:15, THE ROD and reproof give WISDOM: but a child left to HIMSELF BRINGETH HIS MOTHER TO SHAME.

THE PUPILS THEY'RE UPSET; KILLING AND BEATING, WITH THE UNgodly, THEY'RE LIKE THEIR LEADERS THIS NATION IS RUNNING WILD; WITH THE UNgodly, THEY'RE LIKE THEIR LEADERS CHEATING.

Galatians 6:7, Be not DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP (GET IN RETURN.)

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Isaiah 9:16, 17, For the LEADERS of this people cause them to ERR; and they that are led of them are DESTROYED. Therefore THE LORD shall have no JOY in their YOUNG MEN, neither shall have MERCY on their FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS: for every one is AN HYPOCRITE AND AN EVIL-DOER, and every mouth speaketh FOLLY (FOOLISHNESS). For all this his ANGER is not turned away, but his HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL.

PRAYER was good for ME IN SCHOOL; and GOD FOR MY MOTHER AND FATHER, BUT SATAN TOLD THE 3rd P, THE PRINCIPAL, ITS NO GOOD; SO DON'T BOTHER.

Luke 6:39, JESUS SAID, Can the BLIND lead the BLIND? shall they both fall into THE DITCH.

The 4th P, THE PRESIDENT, said: TAKE PRAYER OUT OF SCHOOL, ITS OK. And now THE SCHOOLS HAVE DRUGS, GUNS, POLICE DOGS; AND RIGHTS TO KILL A CLASSMATE.

Proverb 14:12, There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are THE WAYS OF DEATH.

♦♦♦ WILL A PRESIDENT ROB GOD? ♦♦♦

Mark 12:17, JESUS SAID, Render (GIVE) to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S.

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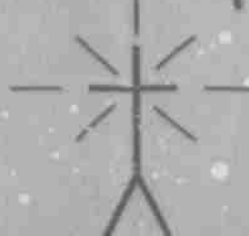


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A treasure of America's musical heritage, Slim & the Supreme Angels have been ministering through Gospel music at major venues, tent meetings and even the smallest of crossroads from coast-to-coast since the '60s. Though their latest album, *Stay Under the Blood: Live in Baton Rouge*, shows the enormous impact of Gospel quartet music on '50s doo-wop, '60s soul and contemporary R&B, Slim & the Supreme Angels remain focused on ministry and feel no need to tailor their sound to passing trends.

Having grown up helping his father shave in Mississippi, Reverend Howard "Slim" Hunt now sows seeds for the Lord as a songwriter and leader of the Supreme Angels. After singing in church since age four and with the Zion Travelers and the Soul Seekers in his late teens, Slim landed a singing slot with the Supreme Angels in 1958 when they were gaining popularity as Milwaukee's premier Gospel quartet. Shortly thereafter, he was elected to be the manager for the group as they embarked on a successful recording career in 1960.

The group proved to be consistent crowd-pleasers, carrying their powerful ministry and sweet harmony across the highways of America in a 1956 Ford crammed full of musical equipment. Slim & the Supreme Angels also revealed themselves to be hit-makers with such classic albums as *If I'm Too High Lord* and *By and By*. Being on the road for entire years at a time took its toll, but Slim kept the group going despite various members leaving for military service or joining other groups or professions in the late '60s.

The group relocated from Milwaukee to Goldsboro, N.C. in 1973, but the hits never stopped as their *Shame On You* album went gold in 1974. The following albums, such as *Better Make a Change, It Ain't What You Think and People Don't Do*, further cemented the Supreme Angels' popularity and reputation as one of Gospel's brightest lights. Each song on every album delivered the essence of Rev. Howard "Slim" Hunt's commitment to the Lord. That commitment led Slim & the Supreme Angels to a Stellar nomination in 1990 for *Death and the Beautiful Lady*, and gave them the hit single, "Some Day" from the same album.

The simple but powerful truths that inspire the songs and lives of Slim & the Supreme Angels are readily understood in "The Lord is Blessing Me Right Now" from *Stay Under the Blood: Live in Baton Rouge*. Slim explains this further, "The songs I write and sing are very personal to me. I have food to eat and a roof over my head. The Lord has healed me and taken care of my every need. I don't have to look very far to know that it's true. The Lord is blessing me, right now and always. Jesus came and gave His life for us," continues the Reverend. "The blood He shed on the cross was for us—to wash us and purify us. A lot of people in the church still don't quite understand what all that means, but they hear it in the music and it changes them. We've got to stay under the blood because that's the only thing that saved us."

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Sexually Transmitted Diseases Take High Toll Among Young People

by Peggy Clarke

President, American Social Health Association

In the country that has the highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases among industrialized nations, the rapid spread of STDs among America's young people may be the most compelling aspect of this national tragedy. Among the 12 million new infections in the U.S. each year, two-thirds occur in people under 25 and one-fourth occur in teenagers.

STDs are more common in this country than allergies, arthritis or lung disease, infecting an estimated 55 million Americans. Yet all STDs can be prevented, many are curable and most can be treated.

In many cases, adolescents are contracting an STD infection that will continue to affect them throughout their lives. The viral STDs—genital herpes, human papillomavirus, hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS—are incurable, and HPV is closely linked with cervical cancer. Two common bacterial infections, chlamydia and gonorrhea, are easily cured but they can cause severe consequences, including infertility, if left untreated.

Why are these infections spreading so rapidly among people under 25? Part of the answer is biology: The adolescent immune system is not fully developed and is less able to fight off infection.

But behavioral and cultural factors also play an important role. Teenagers are becoming sexually active at an earlier age, which increases their number of partners and their risk for STDs. Some are introduced to sexual activity by older, more sexually experienced people. For contraception, teens most often choose birth control pills or other hormonal methods instead of condoms, the only highly effective barrier to STD transmission.

Also, teenagers are often isolated from routine health care. Teens who suspect they may have an STD often delay or avoid treatment because they fear telling their parents, they don't have health insurance and they don't know how to use free services.

Most importantly, most teens do not know the facts about STDs. Although bombarded with sexual images at every turn, they are told very little about STD symptoms, risk factors or prevention. Most are unaware that because many STDs have no symptoms, it is possible to pass an infection on to a partner without knowing you are infected.

During April, National STD Awareness Month, people of all ages should learn the facts about STDs and discuss their risk for infection with those who are important to their sexual health—sex partners, family members and health care providers. But this message is especially important for the young people who are bearing the brunt of this insidious, devastating epidemic.

DRUMS IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

Execution Looms for Black Journalist on Death Row

by Todd Burroughs

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Mumia Abu-Jamal is waiting. His column, "From Death Row," is distributed by various means to about 40 black newspapers and other publications nationwide, with a plan in the works for it to be nationally syndicated, said officials from Equal Justice USA, a Maryland-based activist group.

Live From Death Row, his collection of black press columns and other writings, is set to be released by Addison-Wesley next month.

And his radio commentaries have been aired on more than 50 stations around the world, according to writer J.H. Tompkins' profile of Abu-Jamal in the October, 1994 edition of *The Source*, a white-edited, New York-based national hip-hop magazine.

But the former Philadelphia public radio reporter and past president of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists is not just waiting for the implementation of the book, newspaper syndication and radio projects. The former official of the Philadelphia chapter of the Black Panther Party is also waiting to see if he will soon be executed by the state of Pennsylvania for murder.

This year marks Abu-Jamal's 12th on that state's Death Row. With a new Republican governor, activists said they are afraid it may be his last.

As of early February, no death warrant had been issued, "but we expect that's going to happen soon," said Jane Henderson, co-coordinator of Equal Justice USA, in a NNPA interview. The anti-death penalty group has been monitoring Abu-Jamal's case.

There are currently 175 Death Row inmates in the state, according to published reports. Pennsylvania has not carried out an execution since 1962.

Abu-Jamal was convicted on first-degree murder (many activists are using the word "framed") for the 1981 fatal shooting of a Philadelphia policeman during a melee in which Abu-Jamal was trying to save his brother from being beaten by police.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is writing.

He told *The Source*: "I'm still a continuing revolutionary journalist. I write for anyone who wants me to write for them and I'm fighting my conviction, fighting the sentence, fighting for my life and fighting to create revolution in America."

Since being incarcerated, "the man has written over 300 [published] essays," Noelle Hanrahan, Equal Justice USA's co-ordinator, told the NNPA. Even in prison, she adds, "he's a very active journalist."

Abu-Jamal's enemies would probably say that he has been too active. The Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police last year used public pressure to force National Public Radio to rescind its offer to air six monthly commentaries from Abu-Jamal.

Since the conviction of the outspoken black journalist, black and white activists worldwide have staged marches and rallies demanding his release while raising funds for his defense and writing commentaries about his plight.

(If you are interested in joining the struggle to free Abu-Jamal and other political prisoners, write: The Campaign To Free Black and New African Political Prisoners and P.O.W.s in the U.S., P.O. Box 339, Kingsbridge Station, Bronx, N.Y. 10463-0339. If you are interested in petitioning the Pennsylvania governor for Abu-Jamal's release, write: The Honorable Tom Ridge, Governor of Pennsylvania, Main Capital Building, Room 225, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120. If you are interested in his forthcoming book, you should call Addison-Wesley at 1-800-358-4566.)

But Mumia Abu-Jamal is in need of more help.

An idea:

The National Association of Black Journalists, the world's largest media organization of color, is commemorating its 20th anniversary this August at its annual convention. This year's conference site is in Philadelphia.

It is hoped that someone will stand up publicly during the convention and acknowledge Abu-Jamal's plight. Perhaps someone there will rise up and say that mainstream black journalists have the responsibility to write about his case during the convention and beyond.

It is also hoped that he will still be alive to hear about such a call at such a gathering.

As for now, Mumia Abu-Jamal is waiting.

Texas Legislative Black Caucus Weekend

The 15 members of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus host the second annual Legislative Black Caucus weekend from Thursday, April 20 through Saturday, April 22, 1995 at the Hyatt Regency and the Palmer Auditorium.

Patterned after the annual Congressional Black Caucus gathering, the Texas event hopes to draw people from around the state.

Attendees will participate in workshops on issues ranging from the attack on affirmative action to economic development to the African-American community.

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