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REPORT: ABSENCE OF FATHERS RUINING THE INNER CITY

BALTIMORE, MD—A report released last week by the Annie E. Casey Foundation says the proportion of American children growing up in homes without a father has quadrupled since 1950 and has left many inner city neighborhoods nearly devoid of responsible male role models. Foundation Executive Director Douglas Nelson said the dramatic demographic change has not only left female headed families poorer but "the emotional support provided by a second parent seems to also contribute to self-esteem, security and aspiration in children." What the report found was that children who grow up in families without fathers are five times more likely to be poor, twice as likely to drop out of high school, more likely to get involved in crime and girls are three times as likely to become unwed mothers. The key reason for the disappearing father appears to be economic. Real wages for young men (25 to 34) have declined by 26 percent since 1972. The decline for young black men (without a high school education) has been 50 percent. The result concludes the report: "Almost no one volunteers for roles and duties they cannot fulfill. And the simple truth is that disadvantaged young men who do not have the examples, education or opportunity to succeed in today's economy are not prepared to contribute as providers, protectors and mentors."

HAIR CARE COMPANY COUPLE SET TO REMARRY

CHICAGO, IL—According to *Business Week* magazine, black hair care company giants George and Joan Johnson remarried last week. Their divorce in 1989 threw their company, Johnson Products, into turmoil. The result was that the family lost control of the company which had been one of the largest black owned firms in America. The couple has refused to discuss why they decided to remarry. But son Eric explained simply, "They missed one another." But it appeared unlikely that the 68-year-old George and the 66-year-old Joan would make any attempt to regain control of the company from the non-black holding company—IVAX—which purchased the firm in 1993.

BLACK WEALTH BUILDING SEMINAR GOES INTERNATIONAL

TORONTO, CANADA—The Better Life Club of America—a Washington, D.C.-based black wealth building organization—has been conducting a series of day-long wealth building seminars in cities around the nation for approximately two years. But now group leaders have decided to take their wealth building programs international. The first foreign wealth building seminar has been set for Saturday, May 20 in Toronto, Canada. Toronto has Canada's largest black population. The event is being cosponsored by the Buffalo, New York chapter of the Better Life Club. Interested persons can contact Buffalo chapter president Otu Obot at 716-834-6788 or call the national office at 202-462-1111. The seminar continues on pg. 2

In The Valley of the Shadow of Death

by Bernice Powell Jackson

At the beginning of this year there were 2,976 Americans on death row. In a country where African Americans make up 12 percent of the population, 40 percent of those on death row are black. In some states, like Pennsylvania, that percentage approaches 60 percent. They are those who live daily in the valley of the shadow of death, in the words of Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is on death row in Pennsylvania.

You hear a lot of talk today about the death penalty, whether in the government's resolve to invoke the death penalty for those responsible for the Oklahoma City bombing, or in the case of Susan Smith, the mother accused of killing her sons in South Carolina, or in the mouths of politicians seeking to sound tough on crime. What you do not hear about are the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of death penalty cases where innocent people are convicted or where poor or black prisoners receive very inadequate legal advice. Here is one such story.

Girvies Davis is scheduled to be executed by the state of Illinois on May 17. Girvies Davis may be innocent of the crimes for which he will be executed. Convicted solely on the evidence of an alleged confession which he claims was coerced, Girvies Davis is trapped in a legal system which so

far has been unable to respond to the very real inconsistencies of the case.

Girvies Davis, a 4th grade drop-out from East St. Louis, admits that he was involved in an armed robbery in which a store clerk was killed, although he denies that he killed the clerk. Ten days after his arrest for the robbery, police came into Davis' cell at midnight and took him on a four hour drive to look for "evidence." When he returned, he is alleged to have written a confession to more than 20 crimes, including 11 murders—virtually every unsolved murder in the Belleville-East St. Louis area at that time.

Girvies Davis was then convicted of four murders and sentenced to death for one of them, the murder of Charles Bibel, an 89-year-old Belleville man. The problem is that Girvies Davis could not have written that confession because at that time Girvies Davis was illiterate and unable to write more than his name, a fact of which the jury was kept unaware. The problem is that even the prosecution admits that other persons committed three of these crimes to which he confessed. The problem is that the prosecution systematically used peremptory challenges to exclude all African Americans from the Davis jury, a practice which the Supreme Court later held

unconstitutional in a ruling that they did not apply retroactively. In fact, in each of his trials, he faced an all-white jury.

The irony is that in the sixteen years since his incarceration, Girvies Davis is a changed man. He learned to read and write and earned a GED and experienced a religious conversion which his former prison superintendent described as "very legitimate." He finished a correspondence degree from a Bible college and became an ordained minister.

Despite all of these facts and a variety of other complications and complexities, Girvies Davis is scheduled to die on May 17 unless he receives a stay or unless he receives clemency from Governor Edgar. It would be a tragedy if an innocent man is executed for a crime he may not have committed. This is but one story from the valley of the shadow of death. But it could be the story for many, especially the poor and especially the black, on death row.

(Note: If you would like to write Gov. Jim Edgar asking for clemency for Girvies Davis you may reach him at the State Capitol, Room 207, Springfield, IL 62703 or fax him at 217-782-3560 or e-mail him at governor.illinois@accessil.com.)

Senate Passes Workforce Consolidation as Part of Welfare Reform

The Texas Senate last week passed House Bill 1863, the welfare reform bill, and sent the bill to the House for concurrence with Senate changes or the appointment of a conference committee. Senator Rodney Ellis, (D)-Houston, amended the bill to make the state's job training programs more responsive to the needs of welfare recipients, and prepare welfare dependent Texans for work.

"This is an issue that I have worked on for three years. I am pleased that the Senate agreed that the essence of welfare reform is job training and that the best way to make Texans self sufficient is to get them the skills they need to get a good job," Senator Ellis said.

Senator Ellis' amendment would consolidate 23 separate job training and education related programs into a single state agency. The new agency, the Texas Department of Workforce Development, would be administered by an independent Commissioner who is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

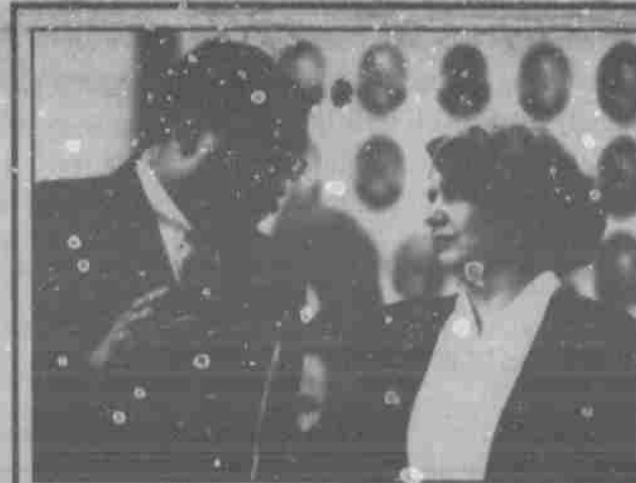
"It is high time we pulled all of these scattered workforce programs. The current system is broken and it doesn't serve any one well. This new agency will consolidate and streamline the administration of these programs. We need to free those resources that have been swallowed up in administrative costs at the state level and push this money down to the local level to train Texans for jobs," Senator Ellis said.

The amendment requires the commissioner to block grant down to the local areas of the state at

least 80% of the funds that have been used for workforce training.

"This is a significant shift to a more decentralized, less bureaucratic and more responsive workforce education and training system," Senator Ellis said.

"I am glad that this is part of the welfare debate. The state spends over \$1 Billion per year to train people for work. Yet for this money we have wasteful duplication of services, gaps in other areas, and poor to no accountability for how this money is spent. The Senate's action today will provide accountability and ensure that welfare dependent Texans are trained for work."



Senator Ellis discusses workforce development with Senator Zaffirini, sponsor of the welfare bill.

Commission Sides with Combest For Reese

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In what U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas) Wednesday noted as a major victory, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRACC) voted unanimously to re evaluate three other Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) bases, not just to take the Pentagon's recommendation to close Reese Air Force Base. Through personal meetings and phone calls with the BRACC commission, Combest led a team effort of community leaders who challenged the Pentagon's March 1 proposal to close Reese as the only option among its pilot training facilities.

"We live to fight another day," said Combest of Wednesday's acknowledgment by BRACC of the miscalculations and omissions in the Pentagon's evaluation of Reese for closure. "Had the commissioners not voted to reconsider and review other pilot training bases, Reese's fate would have likely been sealed. While this is a major victory for all of us on behalf of Reese, we still have a long way to go and hard work ahead. We will continue to check and double check as each of these other bases is compared now to Reese."

Between now and the scheduled July 1 final BRACC list of base closings, the three other Air Force pilot training bases—Columbus (Mississippi), Vance (Enid, Oklahoma) and Laughlin (Del Rio, Texas) will be visited and reviewed by the independent commission. Combest said that he anticipated BRACC would either decide on one or none of the pilot training bases would be on the final closing list submitted to the president and the Congress.



Greeting the Bishop

City Councilman T.J. Patterson (left) and *Southwest Digest* copublisher Eddie Richardson (right) are shown welcoming Bishop James Bramble to the city of Lubbock.

Father McKinley Shephard is also pictured. Bishop Bramble was made an honorary citizen of Lubbock by Councilman Patterson.

Bishop Bramble is a Bishop of the African Orthodox Church. He resides in New York City.



Heath Harris Receives Doctor of Jurisprudence

Heath Harris, a graduate of Estacada High School, is shown above with Dr. Jo Ann Horton, President of Texas Southern University at Houston, and James Douglas, Dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in Hooding Ceremonies Friday, May 12, 1995.

Heath wants to thank everyone in the Lubbock community for helping him reach this dream. "I would also like to encourage others to dream the seemingly impossible dreams as I am a living witness that dreams do come true," said Harris.

REUNION UPDATE

Flash! Flash! Those who are participating in the upcoming all-class reunion who will play in the golf tournament are asked to let Dunbar International know immediately! You can do so by calling 794-6543 or by dropping a note to them at P.O. Box 3362, Lubbock, TX, Zip 79452.

Did you know that Dunbar's all-class reunion is the only one of its kind in the area? The one July 7-9 will be the third one and is expected to be as successful as the previous two. Have you paid your fees? It's NOT TOO LATE! Simply write your check for one or two people and mail it to their P.O. Box! Don't be one to miss the event of the summer!

The theme for "ALL-CLASS REUNION III" is "DUNBAR: REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES!" It's our understanding that different class members will briefly share some of the good times they had while at

Dunbar. This will be done during the banquet and is a unique idea.

If you did not receive a letter regarding the reunion, there are legitimate reasons for this, and it should not deter you from participating in the event. Simply let them know, and they'll be more than happy to mail you material. A spokesman for the association said, "Many think that we automatically know their address, but we don't! Simply because you know where someone lives does not mean that you know his or her address! By know means have we meant to slight anyone, and we have tried to atone for anyone that might have been overlooked. All they have to do is call us at 794-6543, and we'll respond."

Remember: one does not have to have attended Dunbar in order to participate in the all-class reunion, so mail your check or money order TODAY!

Do you remember these two Dunbar-ees? If you said Madylyn Travenia and Gwen Rhone, you're right on the money! They are just two more from Pantherland who will be participating in the upcoming all-class reunion July 7-9. We can't wait to see them on the floor during the dance and enjoying the exciting sounds of MASTERPEACE!

Shouldn't you be a part of the fun? Simply call Dunbar Alumni at 794-6543 or mail your fees to P.O. Box 3362, Lubbock, zip 79452. The cost is \$150.00 for two and \$100.00 for one. Remember: these prices include tickets to all events except golf and the bowling tournament, plus three full meals and the surroundings of some of the finest facilities in Lubbock.



Madylyn Travenia



Gwen Rhone

Registration for Summer Fun Program

Thursday, May 25, 1995 3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Parkway Neighborhood Center will hold registration for summer programs on Thursday, May 25, 1995 from 3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 N. Marie Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The program is open to youth of all ages—kindergarten, elementary, junior and senior high. Participants can be a part of a variety of activities—bowling, swimming, arts & crafts, nature club, fishing club, bicycle club, sewing, friendship club and lots more. The summer program begins June 5 and runs through August 4. Participants in the summer program must have a current membership with the Parkway Neighborhood Center or purchase a summer only membership for \$2.00. Additional fees will be charged for some activities.



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Ruby Jay's Corner



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

Last Sunday was Mother's Day as well as Youth Day at New Hope. The Youth did a wonderful job. It all began with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to Sister Dorothy Kinner for beautiful roses given to Class No. 4. We love you!

During the morning services at 10:45 a.m., the Youth were still carrying on in a big way with the devotional period. They did a beautiful job. Keep up the good works!

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. A song, "Jesus, How I Love Your Name," was sung. Pastoral observations were very good. Pastor Moton gave pins to all Mothers. He saved the best for last as he presented "First Lady"—none other than Sister Margaret Moton—a beautiful potted plant.

Following the singing of a song, the sermon of the hour was delivered by Pastor Moton. His scripture was II Corinthians 12:7-12. His subject was "My Grace Is Sufficient For You!" Pastor Moton had the Senior Choir to dedicate a song to all Mothers—"When I'm On My Mission, Lord Will You Guide Me."

Sister Wlonie Knighton's daughter and husband from New York, NY were visitors. Sister Knighton was able to attend church services. Invitation to discipleship was extended and one came for prayer.

Let us pray for Sister G.H. Davis who lost a first cousin in Kansas City, MO. Mary Ann Jones was here visiting Sister Davis for Mother's Day. She resides in Dallas, Texas.

The MARCH FOR JESUS, 1995 Lubbock will be held Saturday, May 20th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center parking lot, 6th Street and Avenue Q. If anyone is interested in participating, then please join the effort on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Be there and help!

This writer... RUBY JAY... would like to thank everyone for their Mother's Day gift and cards. This writer really loves you for what you have done.

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LABOR SECRETARY: RICH-POOR GAP IS DESTROYING NATION

NEW YORK, NY—Clinton administration Labor Secretary Robert Reich is predicting that the widening gap between the rich and the poor in America is threatening to "rip our society apart." Speaking last week before the Financial Women's Association of New York, Reich reported that since 1978 "almost all of the increase in average family income... has gone to the top fifth" of the population. At the same time, said Reich, "the bottom 20 percent has lost 15 percent of real family income." The result of this widening income gap, according to Reich, "if unaddressed, can rip out society apart" with crime and social upheaval.

AFRICAN INVESTMENT FUND LAUNCHED

DURHAM, NC—The Calvert Group last week announced the start of the Calvert New Africa Fund. The fund will for the first time offer investment opportunities in stocks throughout Africa—not just South Africa. One of the principal managers of the fund will be Maceo Sloan founder of the Sloan Financial Group which is one of the nation's largest black-owned money management companies with over \$3 billion in assets under its management. Despite a wide range of economic problems throughout Africa, Sloan suggested that there is plenty of wealth potential on the continent: "Africa is one place on this globe where everyone will smile when we show up." Sloan's firm is based in Durham, North Carolina. More information about the new fund can be received by calling 1-800-368-2748.

MISS BLACK WORLD BEAUTY PAGEANT TO HIGHLIGHT TALENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant has chosen Washington, D. C. as the location for its 1995 international beauty and talent competition. Pageant organizers are currently accepting qualified contestants for the October competition

which is expected to feature young ladies from 50 U.S. cities and at least 20 foreign countries. The top prize includes a \$10,000 cash award. Interested young ladies can receive information and registration materials for preliminary pageants in their areas by writing to: Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Washington, D.C. 20035.

BLACK STUDENTS CRITICAL OF ATLANTA MAYOR

ATLANTA, GA.—For the last few years black college students from throughout the nation have celebrated spring break by flooding the city of Atlanta during an event named Freaknik. However, this year the students were vocally angry with black Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell charging that he set out to sabotage the event at the encouragement of the city's white business establishment. Indeed, Campbell initially issued a statement discouraging the students from coming to the city at all. But a public outcry forced him to withdraw his comments. Instead he put in place a massive police presence and the city blocked several concerts from being held at city owned facilities. These acts angered the students—many of whom wore T-shirts saying, "They told us not to come. But we came anyway." An estimated 200,000 students invaded the city but there were only a few minor incidents of violence.

BLACK GIRLS SATISFIED WITH THEIR BODIES

NEW YORK, NY—One of the major complaints of feminist organizations is that male-dominated society tends to force women to place undue importance on their looks and their bodies. The result—argue the feminists—is that too many women end up unhappy with themselves. But according to a new nationwide survey suggests black teenage girls are generally happy with their bodies. According to the *Newsweek* magazine survey, 90 percent of white teens said they were unhappy with their weight while only 30 percent of black teens said they were unhappy. This was the case even though black teens on average weigh more than white teens. White teen girls described the perfect body as 5-foot-7 and 100 to 110 pounds. Meanwhile, black teen girls were more likely to describe beauty as "the right attitude

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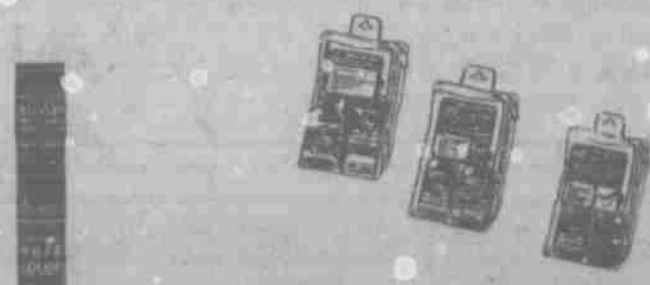
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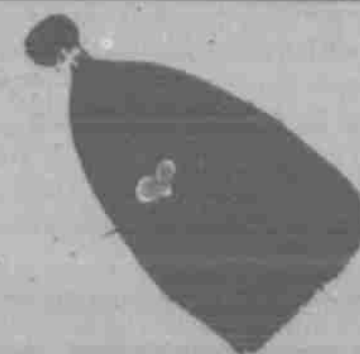
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Parkway Manor Care Center News - Volunteer Registration

On Sunday, May 7, Willie John Floyd visited Lincoln and George Skief.
 On Monday, May 8, Faith First Baptist Church with President G. Henderson and seven in a group mission meeting lesson taught by Rev. Stephens. Basic themes: The Holy Spirit and Difficult Scriptures—Acts 20:22.
 On Tuesday, May 9, Grace St. Luke Mission visited with the residents.
 On Wednesday, May 10, Rev. W.H. Stephens held his regular Bible Study at 10:15 with Ms. Ann Day of SPAG to assist. We always enjoy Ms. Ann Day's visits with all the residents.
 On Wednesday, May 10, Parkway Drive Baptist Church with 6 members held their regular service and visited with the residents.
 On Thursday, May 11, Rev. W.H. Stephens, the adopted Grandpa by the Future Homemakers of America of Dunbar Junior High School, was visited by students. Those visiting was Ezia and Mrs. Castle as

their sponsor.
 On May 11, Manhattan Church of Christ with 11 members visited with all the residents and held worship service.
 On Friday, May 12, Jennie Ann Jordan and Shimira L. Borgers visited their mother and grandmother Lucille Higgins.
 Albert Lincoln and some of his family members from Ft. Worth and Ennis, Texas visited his brother William Lincoln Thursday.
 Elmer M. Joz visited the residents Thursday.
 Brother & Sister Birmingham from Hope Deliverance visited the residents Saturday.
 Lethia Alexander and Susie Ludd from Alexander Chapel C.O.G.I.C. visited the residents Saturday. Elder is the pastor.
WARNING: Beware of floating in the ocean of truth when you should be out swimming.
 Mrs. Gloria Otquin, A.D. & R.; Rev. W.H. Stephens, Assistant A.D. & R.

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Open House at Boys & Girls Club

The Theodore "Ted" Phea Jr. Boys & Girls Club is having an open house on Saturday, May 27th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to come join the Free Food and Fun. We will be playing games, flying kites, and eating. We will also have the South Plains Veterans Association with us that day to help with all the fun. Hot dogs and the trimmings will be served all day.
 So please join us again for our open house at 1801 E. 24th St. 763-0204 for any questions.

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Breaking An American Promise to Children
 By Marian Wright Edelman

One in three children growing up today will fall into poverty, drop out of school, or be abused or neglected before reaching adulthood, according to The State of America's Children: 1995 Yearbook. Today, nearly 16 million children are poor, almost three million children are reported abused or neglected, and 400,000 drop out of school. Black children are especially at risk because our children are disproportionately poor, and therefore are even less likely than their white counterparts to get a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, and a Safe Start in life.

At a time when so many American children need our help, Congress should be strengthening rather than permanently shredding federal child protections and recklessly slashing child investments. Under the guise of welfare reform, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill to slash \$46 billion in aid to children through dramatic cuts in child nutrition, child care, foster and adoption services, and income assistance to poor and disabled children. By reducing the money for these services and placing the programs under state control (called "block granting") the House turned its back on children and ignored the crisis of child poverty. The proposal does not offer families tools to work—not a single new job for a parent, no additional child care for working families, and no new health coverage for children has been offered.

The shift from "entitlement status" for each child in need to block grants represents a fundamental, radical shift of America's long-standing commitment to children. When states have a recession or a natural disaster hits and states run out of money, children from working and non-working families may be denied help get-

ting a school lunch, or medical treatment, or a safe home. The bill breaks the promise we have made to America's children since the Depression that whether or not they will eat or go to bed hungry won't depend on whether they live in New York, or California, or Mississippi.

We cannot allow our children to get lost in the shuffle of politicians in Washington who talk about "state flexibility" instead of telling the truth about how billions of dollars in cuts to crucial child survival services will hurt children and families. For example, when a disabled child is born into a poor or middle class family who want to keep him at home rather than place him in an institution, they should not be told their nation has taken away and will not ensure cash assistance to help them do that. When a recession or natural disaster hits and you find you have lost everything, you do not want your chance to get immediate relief to depend on the wealth and willingness of your local and state government to provide it. When a child is sick and poor and has no health insurance, immediate access to health care is crucial and ought to be available for every child wherever they live.

There appears to be no moral line the House leaders will not cross in their reckless rush to reinvent American social policy and values! But there is hope that Senators will not cross the line and instead will pass a plan that doesn't abandon children and instead helps families work and lifts children out of poverty. Please call your Senators and ask them to protect America's promise to all children by: 1) preserving the entitlement status and 2) picking on "pork," not on children.

Marian Wright Edelman is the president of the Children's Defense Fund, a leading voice for children, and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), whose mission is to leave no child behind. For additional information on how you can join the Crusade, call 1-800-ASK-BCCC.

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

As a way to raise public education about the leading neurological disorder of young adults, the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America has proclaimed May as MS Awareness Month throughout the country. Joining MSAA in this national awareness campaign are various state governors, officials from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and high school students across the U.S. who are participating in the Association's PROJECT: Learn MS™ '95 scholarship competition.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the MS Association is a national nonprofit health agency providing direct patient care services to those suffering from MS. Each year, various state and local government officials award MSAA with a proclamation of awareness, which encourages all residents to learn more about the disease and offer volunteer assistance to help those afflicted.

"There are nearly 500,000 Americans with MS or related neurological disorders," said MSAA President John Hodson. "Each May we make a special effort to alert the public about the disease, and remind people that a little volunteer help goes a long way in the fight against MS."

According to Hodson, MS patients can use volunteer support with common chores such as shopping, light household work, running errands and transportation to appointments. He also noted that many patients appreciate personal phone calls and home visitation.

In addition to proclamations of support, MSAA officials have developed a series of special activities to commemorate the month. These include conferences, patient activities and a special one year anniversary ceremony to mark the historic MSAA/NASA memorandum of understanding. This memorandum promotes the development of MS symptom relief through NASA spinoff technology known as microclimate cooling. To learn more about MS Awareness Month, how to volunteer, or the services of MSAA, call 1-800-833-4672.

Texas Tech and LISD In Joint Science Project

LUBBOCK—A Coronado High School science teacher will be working in the laboratory of a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center professor as part of a national program to improve the teaching of science in public schools.

Edward J. Tishler of Coronado High has been named to one of five Summer Teacher Research Fellowships awarded nationally by the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) and sponsored by the RGK Foundation of Austin.

Tishler will be working in the lab of Elmus G. Beale, Ph.D., of Texas Tech's cell biology and biochemistry faculty. Under Beale's guidance, Tishler will learn sophisticated laboratory techniques such as polymerase chain reaction and DNA sequencing. Tishler will then develop plans to utilize these technologies in educating his high school students.

Additionally, Tishler will work to establish a cooperative program involving Texas Tech scientists and

LISD teachers and students.

The ASCB and RGK Foundation jointly sponsor this science education partnership to acquaint teachers with modern research tools and techniques and to help them bring the excitement of research science into the classroom.

The program recognizes and promotes the concept that professional scientific societies and their member scientists have significant roles to play in the improvement of pre-college science education through providing teachers authentic science research experiences coupled with follow-up support.

To qualify for the ASCB Summer Teaching Research Fellowship, teachers and member scientists are required to plan and submit a research project together and to provide evidence of school administration commitment to follow up on plans for the school year.

Each application is then scored in the following categories: the proposed research; the quality of planned interactions for the teacher; the intended relationship between teacher and sponsoring lab in the future; benefit to teaching; qualifications of the researcher and the teacher; level of commitment by each teacher's school; and the potential impact on women, minorities and schools with high minority enrollment.

Poems Wanted for Contest and Anthology

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering a Grand Prize of \$500 in its new "Awards of Poetic Excellence" poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes July 31, 1995, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Spring 1996 edition of Poetic Voices of America, a hardcover anthology to be published in February, 1996. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by September 30, 1995.

"Poetry is more popular than ever," says Jeron P. Welch, Publisher. "Our contest offers a public forum for new poets that allows them to share their work. We welcome poetry of all styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas."

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. G, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV 26175.



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

By Eddie P. Richardson

Let us start this column this week from where we left off last week. What we really said or was supposed to say was... "We can no longer afford to match Black boys with big baggy pants around their behinds with boom boxes, against white boys with computers."

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

Lubbock has produced many top flight professional athletes. In our opinion, they, over all, have not given back to the community as they should have. Not just money, but time. Their name is worthy for worthwhile projects. Most of these people were once poor themselves, and got help.

It would have been nice if some of them would have helped the Theodore Pher, Jr. Boys Club. This writer says this, because before Theodore Pher, Jr. passed

away, he would from time drop by the Southwest Digest and visit with this writer and T. J. This writer would ask him have any of these fellows who one time played all day in the club and sometimes were hungry and were fed, if any of these fellows—who made it—came by and brought him a hamburger and coke. At his last visit, he said: "No!"

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

This kind of goes back to what we were talking about a few weeks ago when we were talking about educate your dollars. Support and trade with those who support you. Train your dollars to go where they are appreciated and train them to stay away from where they are not appreciated. Forget color and concentrate on service and support.

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

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

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



It is the desire of all communities to see to the young people getting a quality education. Somehow, as hard as educational systems try, there are always those students who are not successful in the system. These are the challenges of the system. Millions of dollars are spent annually to try to pinpoint reasons why these students fail and methods to prevent the failures. There is usually a simple answer, often overlooked because it is not conventional or does not fit into the system.

In an effort not to discriminate against anyone, since we now live in a "cause"-oriented society, we often end up not giving any student his fair due. No

student has a chance to work up to his potential because of the detractions of taking care of the inclusions and intrusions and delusions of what education is all about. We are so busy safeguarding identities and shortcomings, real and imagined, until education is about to become "much ado about nothing!"

Integration is ideal in every sense of the word if the grouping is homogeneous whether it is academic, socially, physically or otherwise. We cannot make all students equal because some were born with more and some with less God-given talents than others. It is time that we get "in cinque" and make quality accommodations for all of our students without fear of who is suing whom about where and what they learn.

Ordinary Texans Pay Sales Tax at the Store—Shouldn't State Inmates Pay It, Too?

By JOHN SHARP, Comptroller of Public Accounts

For most Texans, new taxes are about as welcome as fire ants at a church picnic. But here's one I bet you're going to like.

State lawmakers have passed a bill, inspired by a proposal in my *Gaining Ground* report, that would require convicted criminals in Texas prisons for the first time in history to pay sales tax on the Pepsi's, Moon Pies and other taxable food products they purchase in the prison commissary.

Yes, you read that right: for the first time in history. Incredibly, while law-abiding Texans have been shelling out sales tax at their local grocery, criminals behind bars—some sent there for committing society's most heinous acts—have enjoyed an exclusive tax break since the state sales tax was enacted four decades ago.

State inmates in Texas cost an average of \$16,000 a year to keep locked up. That's enough to send most young folks to Yale for a semester or two, even longer if they make the wiser choice and attend one of our own outstanding Texas universities.

Not that state prisons are idyllic islands insulated from the harsh realities of everyday life. They are not. State prisons are in fact bleak and dreary

places, where the clang of steel on steel and the din of confinement echo through the catwalks at all hours.

But at least the convicted criminals we send there are provided with quality health care, three full squares a day and the opportunity to resume their schooling or learn a trade—all on the taxpayers' tab. Why shouldn't someone serving time for robbing a convenience store be required to pay the same amount the rest of us do when we buy a snack at that store. It doesn't seem like a lot to ask.

House Bill 462 by State Representatives Leo Alvarado of San Antonio and Richard Raymond of Benavides and sponsored in the Senate by John Whitmire of Houston would bring an end to these special privileges for prisoners. If signed by the Governor, the exclusive sales tax exemption will be erased from the state code. By October 1, the one new tax we all should support would officially take effect.

As Texans, we continue to dig down deep into our pockets to fund the state prison system—some \$4 billion over the next two years alone, or more than 6 percent of the total state budget. Not

to mention prison operating costs—not including their original construction or debt-service costs—have ballooned by 2,000 percent in the past decade. And they will rise by another two-thirds between now and the turn of the century.

We won't meet this massive expense solely by charging prisoners sales tax on their Snickers bars. But over the next two years, this simple change in the state tax code will bring more than \$1.5 million into state coffers. Just as important, it will mean nearly \$370,000 in new revenue for local governments.

More money for the state, taxpayers' savings from simpler accounting procedures and, most of all, common sense and fairness... See? I told you this would be one new tax you'd like.

(This article was adapted from John Sharp's report *Gaining Ground: Progress and Reform in Texas Government, his comprehensive performance review of state government. For a copy of Sharp's full *Gaining Ground* report, phone toll-free 1-800-531-5441 and ask for extension 5-0332. In Austin, call 475-0332. The cost of the report is \$10.)*

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ANNUAL... DRUG FREE/GANG FREE RALLY... in... ARNETT BENSON NEIGHBORHOOD... This was a... VERY GOOD EFFORT... and... hopefully... YOUNG PEOPLE... will realize there are... ADULTS... who really appreciate them... and are willing to... WORK WITH THEM... THIS N THAT... visited with several... GANG MEMBERS... and what was so... interesting was that... THESE MALE BROTHERS... between 14 and 16 YEARS OF AGE... have dropped out of... school... They were easy to talk with... These kids are so... INNOCENT... and don't really know what time it is... but are following the... OLDER FELLAS... in staying out of school... THIS N THAT... wonders what is the role of the... PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICIALS... as these kids are minors... but happen to be young people of color... THIS N THAT... sure would like to see the... LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS... take a... VERY HIGH PROFILE... in pursuing these... 14-YEAR-OLD KIDS... Just maybe... maybe... SOME OF THESE KIDS... could be saved!! THANKS... ARNETT BENSON... for a... JOB WELL DONE!!

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Golf Tournament to Benefit Children's Miracle Network

The University Medical Center Spirit Team will sponsor a golf tournament May 19 at 1 p.m. at Reese Air Force Base Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network Telethon to purchase medical equipment for the Children's Hospital at UMC.

The tournament fee is \$140 per team or \$35 per person. Fees and registration forms are due in the UMC Development Office by May 12. Registration forms are available by calling 743-3322.

Participants will play a four-person scramble.

Teams must have a minimum handicap of 42, and only one player per team may have a handicap of 1-8.

The Spirit Team is a group of UMC employees who hold events throughout the year to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, the largest telethon in the world. The telethon raises money to buy medical equipment for children's hospitals throughout the United States. One hundred percent of the money raised in Lubbock is used to buy equipment for the Children's Hospital at UMC.

No Need to Wear Corsage and Pimples to the Prom

NEW YORK CITY—At prom time, teens blaming themselves for bringing on a case of acne should dig up their parents' old prom pictures for a possible clue to solving their own problems. What they may find—aside from too much chiffon and ridiculously large lapels—is that severe acne is often hereditary and has its roots in the genes rather than in bad eating habits or poor hygiene.

"Just because your parents went to the prom, graduation, and Sweet 16 parties wearing a corsage, or a boutonniere and pimples doesn't mean you have to," said Dr. Laura Skellchock, M.D., assistant clinical professor, Department of Dermatology, University of California at San Francisco Medical Center. "Many teens blame themselves for developing pimples when, in fact, in many cases heredity, hormones and the environment are to blame. The good news, which some teens don't realize, is that acne can be controlled with proper treatment."

Pimples are a skin disease shrouded by myths, some of which are perpetuated unwittingly by parents, who also don't realize that heredity may play a role in

America's most common skin disorder. A survey showed parents mistakenly believe that their teen's pimples are the result of not washing the face enough (78 percent), oily hair (68 percent) or eating greasy foods (52 percent), according to the nationally projectable consumer attitude study conducted by Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation.

Early treatment is the best way to prevent scarring—both physical and emotional. Acne left untreated can cause facial scarring in some cases.

The emotional damage can come in the form of low self-esteem and anxiety, which 35 to 40 percent of teenagers say they feel as a result of pimples, according to a survey by the American Medical Association of 1,000 teens, ages 12-18.

The psychological effects of pimples are widespread and underestimated, said Dr. Skellchock. She noted that pimples occur in an overwhelming 80 percent of girls and 90 percent of boys during adolescence. Altogether, more than 16 million American teenagers suffer from pimples, the most common skin disorder in the United States.

Ms. Black Texas State 10th Annual Scholarship Pageant Slated

Tory Taylor of Houston, TX will relinquish her crown at the 10th Annual Ms. Black Texas State Scholarship Pageant at the Marion Hotel, Dallas, TX July 14-16, 1995.

Tory is an honor student at Howard University, Washington, D.C., majoring in Pre-Med. She is the daughter of Willard and Vivian Taylor of Houston, TX.

The 1 p.m. pageant will include: Most Beautiful Baby, ages 0 to 2; Princess, ages 3 to 6; and Pre-Teens, ages 7 to 12. The 7 p.m. pageant will include Teens, ages 13 to 17, and Ms., ages 18 to 26.

Contestants will be vying for scholarships, savings bonds, crowns, trophies, banners, gifts, and/or awards.

A modeling clinic/seminar is planned for Saturday, July 15, at 2 p.m., along with a Meet the Judges Recognition Banquet at 7 p.m. The pageants are scheduled for Sunday, July 16.

To enter and for additional information please call toll-free 1-800-335-5397 or 903-597-9512. Vernell V. Delley is the State Director.

Medical Solution for Bedwetting

HOUSTON—Bedwetting can be a nightmare for youngsters, and parents alike, but in most cases it is not an unsolvable problem.

Bedwetting, or enuresis, occurs in about 15 percent of 5-year-old children, more often in boys than in girls, said Dr. David L. Roth, a pediatric urologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. By the age of 10 the incidence has been reduced to 5 percent and by 15 to 1 percent.

"Night-time bedwetting is the most common," Roth said, "and there are a variety of ways to deal with the problem."

Medications are one avenue used by physicians. They include DDAVP nasal spray and imipramine, both available only by prescription.

The nasal spray concentrates the urine and decreases the amount of nocturnal urine, Roth said. It has proven very successful for many children, working in as many as 70 percent of cases.

The other drug, an antidepressant called imipramine, appears to help by changing the child's sleep cycle and by exerting a slight effect on the bladder and the bladder sphincter. It is effective in 60 percent of the time.

Also used by physicians to control bedwetting is a device called the enuresis alarm, Roth said. It senses urine, letting the child know when an "accident" has occurred and prompting the child to get out of bed and head for the bathroom.

"The device is basically a behavior-modification system," said Roth, who supervises the urology sections of two clinics at Texas Children's Hospital, also in Houston. "It teaches the child to be more aware of when urination is about to occur so he or she can act before it is too late."

Roth urges parents of bedwetters to be patient with their children.

"Parents should remember that the problem is even more distressing for the child," he said. "If the child could stop wetting alone, he or she most certainly would."

Children afflicted with enuresis deserve medical attention, and it is the parents' job to see that the help is made available.

CPSC, Okla Homer Smith Furniture Announce Crib Side Rail Recall

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Okla Homer Smith Furniture Manufacturing Company of Fort Smith, Ark., is recalling, replacing, and providing retrofit kits for drop side rails that have missing or loose slats on certain models of its cribs. A child's head can get caught in the loose or missing slats, presenting an entrapment hazard.

In September, 1993 a child died in an Okla Homer Smith crib with a missing slat that was used in a homeless shelter. The company has received additional complaints of loose or missing slats, a few of which have resulted in minor injuries (scratches and bruises) to children.

The following models of cribs manufactured between April 1992 and December 1993 may have missing or loose side rail slats: 30562, 80005, 80007, 80010, 80012, 80023, 80029, 80035, 80038, 80054, 80056, 80057, 80068, 80090.

Consumers should check the bottom of the crib headboard below the mattress for the model number and manufacture date. Owners of cribs with the above models should check the drop side rail slats to make sure the slats are secure. If the rail slats are missing or feel very loose, consumers should contact the company

to arrange for a free drop side replacement or retrofit kit.

DO NOT USE A CRIB WITH MISSING SLATS. Consumers owning cribs subject to this recall are urged to call the company for a free retrofit kit to make sure the slats remain secure.

For more information, consumers should contact Okla Homer Smith Furniture Manufacturing Company at (800) 261-3440 or write Okla Homer Smith Furniture Manufacturing Company, P.O. Box 1148, 416 South Fifth Street, Fort Smith, AR 72202.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risk of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information via Internet gopher services at spsc.gov or report product hazard to info@cpsa.gov.

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PLACE: Lubbock Civic Center Banquet Room, Lubbock, Texas

WHO: All Veterans Seeking Employment

SPONSORS: Texas Employment Commission, Job Source+, Lubbock Vet Center, Reese AFB Transition Office, TTU Vet Office, American Legion Post 575, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 575, Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Land Board, South Plains College, TTHSC Vet Office, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 44, VFW Post 2466

The first ever Regional Veterans Job Fair will be Thursday May 18th from 9:30 am to 3:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Civic Center Banquet Hall. Employers from Lubbock and the surrounding region as well as nationwide will be on hand with job opportunities. There will be private industry as well as government positions available.

Also available for those veterans attending will be medical information from Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic. They will provide informational screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, lung capacity, and oxygen saturation, as well as registering veterans for services.

The VA Benefits office, Texas Veterans Commission and Texas Veterans Land Board will be on hand to provide information about veterans services from their individual programs.

Veteran service organizations will be on hand to provide information about their service and goals.

We encourage all veterans to come and support the Job Fair.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This week we were out in the community doing all the good we can. Next Saturday we will go to the Parkway Nursing Center at 10 a.m. Go with us. It's a pleasure. Make someone else's life beautiful.

Young People—Obey Your Parents
Many of today's young people find it hard or distasteful to obey their parents or anyone else. They will do what their parents tell them not to do. Well, if you are one of those who want to make decisions as to what you will do before you are ready, you may find yourself in deep trouble most of the time.

Let's see what the Bible says about this. I'm not talking about some other Earthly book expert says about it. Eph. 6:1—"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Some speak of this obedience as a duty, but the Apostle Paul stresses that it is the right thing to do. It shows due respect for the parent rather than a rebellious nature. Last Sunday what did you do to let your mother know you really care? Children who do not learn to consider others are warped toward selfishness to such a degree as to make satisfactory relationships in life impossible. Parents who do not require obedience of their children in the home present the state with lawless citizens. It is only as we learn to honor and to respect others in the home that we will ever know respect for any person.

It takes the following to bind people together into a Christian home:
I. Bible Study. Study to show thyself approved unto God—II Timothy 2:15.

II. Family Prayer. The family that prays together stays together.
III. Respect. Respect for God and other members of the family is based on Christian principles.

IV. Love. "Love one another." Means members of the family as well as others. Love is evidenced by what we say and what we do.
V. Honor. Honor thy Father and Mother—Ex. 20:12.

VI. Loyalty. Loyalty to God, loyalty to the family.
VII. Christlikeness. If any man hath not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His. A house is not a Christian home unless He is there.

We pray for the children among us that they may know the blessings of a home that is spiritually and emotionally stable, under the care of loving parents who lead gently and teach divine truth clearly, through precept and example. For children who do not have such a home we pray, Oh God, that each of us may show your love in great measure. We thank you for answer to our prayer. In the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Write us: P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408.
Keep smiling and loving—there's no law against it.
Keep reading and believing the Scriptures. II Cor. 7:14; Mark 11:22-26. See you next Saturday.
D. Hood, President; Ernestine Frazier, Secretary.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Evil in the Genes?

The existence of evil has posed problems for philosophers and theologians for much of human history. Religious systems have personified evil as a supernatural being; folklore has located it in natural disaster, mythical beasts, or the 'evil eye.' Evil can be seen as the cosmic consequence of fate (the bad 'luck of the draw') or the result of voluntary human action or moral failure. The agents invoked to explain the presence of evil are commonly powerful, abstract, and invisible—demons, gods, witches, a marked soul, and, today, the biochemistry of the brain... the belief that the 'devil made me do it' does not significantly differ in its consequences from the belief that 'my genes made me do it' (The Humanist, May/June 1995, p. 12).

all of its aspects, is that it is directed against God.

The effect of sin has polluted our world's system, our nation's values, our state's government, our city's policies. It is responsible for the inequities in our neighborhood. The stench of sin has even visited our own homes, making its characteristic expression in and through our lives by child physical abuse, child sexual assault, domestic violence, incest, homicide, etc.

Romans 6:23 tells us that "the wages of sin is death." So devastating is the impact of sin in our lives that it leaves a wake of death and destruction everywhere it has been. Where would we be without a Savior?

In John 10:10 Jesus described the contrast between His work and the devil's as it related to people. "The thief (devil) cometh not," saith the Lord, "but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Jesus is able to give us abundant living by wiping away our sin. He took our sins to the cross with Him so that we might have access to a Holy God, and so that we might walk this life here on earth in victory.

Dear Black Sister and Brother:

If there ever was a time when Black children needed Black adults to stand up and fight for them, this is the time!

If there ever was a time when the Children's Defense Fund needed your generous and immediate support to speak up for Black and poor children, it is now!

So I am urgently seeking your help now because poor children and Black children face the greatest threat I have seen since the Children's Defense Fund began over twenty years ago—a threat we must fight with all our might.

The political wolf is about to gobble up millions of our children's hopes, dreams, and futures as well as thousands of jobs our children's parents depend upon at a time when Black children are already in crisis.

If the radical, indiscriminate, unfair, and anti-child provisions of the "Contract with America" become law, millions of poor children will be left destitute, hungry, and homeless. The "Contract with America" will indiscriminately dismantle and deeply slash over 60 years of hard-earned and crucial federal child and family protections. Black children will be especially hurt because they are disproportionately poor.

The first assault against our children was a proposed Constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. This amendment would have cut federal spending for children and families by an estimated 30 percent. More than 7.6 million children would have lost school lunches including 1.5 million Black children; over 6 million children would have been denied Medicaid health coverage including 1.5 million Black children; and 222,000 children would have lost Head Start services including 79,950 Black children.

CDF and the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), which CDF coordinates, worked tirelessly and successfully in coalition with others we convened to defeat the Balanced Budget Amendment. Black women leaders and college students worked especially hard to stop the amendment when it came up for a vote in the Senate. When we work together for our children we can make a difference.

The second assault on children is under the guise of welfare reform—a desirable goal if designed to decrease child poverty and enable parents to work. But proponents of the "Contract with America" have proposed to purge 5-6 million of the nation's poorest children from the welfare rolls solely because their mothers are poor, are teens, have exceeded arbitrary time limits on welfare, or do not have paternity established even if the mother has fully cooperated. They propose no alternatives even if the mother has no job, no child care, no health care, no job training, and has played by the rules. In fact, the House Republican welfare proposal seeks to punish babies for the past behavior of their parents and represents a cruel and radical departure

from current federal policy.

The third and most dangerous assault is in the Republican effort to completely and permanently dismantle the guaranteed federal safety net for children. Children's entitlement to Medicaid health care, food stamps, child nutrition programs (school lunch, child care food, and summer feeding), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), foster care and adoption, and assistance to children with disabilities would be eliminated and replaced with "no strings" block grants. These block grants would no longer assure children help in times of need and would slash at least 18 billion dollars from vital child lifelines. Poor children would be forced to compete against powerful special interest groups at state and local levels for a shrinking pool of money some of which states are allowed to direct to purposes having nothing to do with children.

It is crucial to understand that the Gingrich block grant proposals are not just about callous budget cuts. They are a fundamental and permanent change in the currently guaranteed promise by the federal government to children, the poor, and disabled that it will provide them basic protections regardless of the state or type of family in which they chanced to be born.

Please help us fight for our children by contributing generously and immediately to CDF and the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC). The BCCC has taken aggressive and effective action to protect our children from the massive budget assaults in these first 100 days of the new Congress by:

- Convening 75 key Black leaders last December for an intensive three-day briefing on the provisions of the "Contract with America" and its implications for Black children. Fifteen of these leaders returned for two days of media training in January to prepare for local press conferences releasing a CDF report on Black children. They also visited Republican and Democratic members of Congress to urge their opposition to the Balanced Budget Amendment and block grants.

- Released A Black Community Crusade and Covenant for Protecting Children, a comprehensive report on the state of Black children, how the "Contract with America" will affect our children nationally and in each of the 50 states, and an agenda for action.

- Provided a personal audit for Black community leaders, parents, and adults to take to protect Black children against the violence, poverty, and family and moral breakdown that has caused our children to face the worst crisis since slavery.

- Convened briefings for Black state legislators, family court judges, human services administrators, and youth leaders at the Haley Farm to mobilize for action to protect our children.

- Convened religious and grassroots leaders at the Haley Farm from 14 cities to mount a Safe Start grassroots campaign to protect children against violence and speak up for them

when crucial laws are threatened.

These briefings and mobilization activities will continue and grow throughout 1995 until we stop the massive and cruel assault against our children.

In 1995, we have been given a powerful opportunity to build an effective Black community voice for children. The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has provided a \$3 million challenge grant to CDF which must be matched by the Black community. The Mott grant will be used for the crucial work of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) and for the support of the farm formerly owned by Alex Haley which CDF has purchased as a center for spiritual renewal, character and leadership development, intergenerational mentoring, interdisciplinary and interethnic communication. Every dollar YOU give will not only help us fight the anti-child "Contract with America" but will also leverage another dollar we can use to help Black children.

CDF and BCCC cannot protect our children alone. We need your help! So please join our emergency campaign to stop the shameful and cruel House Republican assault on children and join our long-term crusade to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life with the help of nurturing families and caring communities by:

- Supporting BCCC and Haley Farm by immediately sending a generous contribution and pledging as much as you can to help us meet the \$3 million Mott challenge grant. We only get as much from Mott as the Black community gives. So remember, every dollar you give will leverage another. Please remember that without you we cannot meet the Mott challenge or the challenges facing our children.

- Supporting BCCC's 1995 policy and community action agendas. I have enclosed a checklist of actions from which you can choose. Please return it immediately with your contribution.

- Write and call your Senators, Representative, and Governor today. Tell them to stop the unfair assault on our children and to oppose no strings block grants.

Until our children rediscover their roots, their culture, and are empowered and supported by Black adults willing to mentor, guide, support, and fight for them, they will not be able to carry on the proud Black heritage of achievement and community service. A key BCCC goal is to train at least 1,000 new Black leaders under age 30 over the next five years. Help us to accomplish this goal. Help us to mount a powerful movement to save our children—and ours—lives. In faith and hope, Marian Wright Edelman Children's Defense Fund 25 E. Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001



We Thank God for Jesus Mother's Day Is Every Day!

Luke 1:28. The angel came in unto her, and said, Hail (REJOICE), thou that art highly favored. THE LORD IS WITH THEE. BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN.

We know that MOTHERS are BLESSED, and it is almost all the times. For HER WOMB HAS CARRIED ALL: THE WORLDS PRECIOUS LITTLE MINDS.

Proverbs 31:10. Who can find a VIRTUOUS (STRONG) WOMAN? for her price is far above RUBIES.

Some MOTHERS have carried Presidents, Kings, and even Queens, Some wombs have carried Killers, Robbers, Rapers, and even DOPE-FIENDS.

1 Samuel 1:9a, 20. They rose up in the morning early, and WORSHIPED BEFORE THE LORD. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

We know the CHILD the MOTHER carries; ARE SENT DOWN FROM ABOVE, ITS UP TO THE MOTHERS AND FATHER; TO TEACH IT HATE OR LOVE.

James 1:17, 18. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the FATHER OF LIGHTS, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will he begot us with THE WORD OF TRUTH, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of HIS CREATURES.

We know we're SUPPOSE TO TRAIN UP THE CHILDREN; IN THE FEAR OF GOD, THAT WOULD MAKE LIFE HAPPIER; WITH THE HELP FROM THE LORD.

Matthew 19:14. JESUS said, Suffer (GIVE UP) the little CHILDREN, and forbid them not, TO COME UNTO ME: FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

A GOOD MOTHER IS ALWAYS WORKING; BECAUSE HER WORK IS NEVER DONE. SHE KNOWS TO KEEP HER HOUSE FROM THE DEVIL; SHE WORKS FROM SUN TO SUN.

Proverbs 31:11-15. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall not need of spoil. SHE will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. SHE seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. SHE is like a merchant's ship; SHE bringeth her food from afar. SHE riseth also while it is yet NIGHT, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maids.

Some MOTHERS try to give their children, things the world say: go for, BUT LOVE, A CLEAN HOME, OLD CLOTHES, AND FOOD; THAT'S A BLESSING FROM THE LORD.

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Proverbs 29:18. Where there is no VISION, the people PERISH; but he that keepeth the law happy is he.

When a CHILD come home with a BICYCLE, SAYS HE FOUND IT, AND KEEP IT HE DESIRES; A WISE MOTHER WILL MAKE HIM, TAKE IT BACK; KNOWING HE IS A BIG LIAR.

PROVERBS 29:15, 17. The ROD and REPROOF GIVE WISDOM; but a child left to himself bringeth HIS MOTHER TO SHAME, CORRECT thy son, and he shall give thee REST; yea, he shall give DELIGHT UNTO THY SOUL.

(The reason; MOTHERS DAY IS EVERYDAY. Someone LOST THEIR MOTHER THIS WEEK, before MOTHERS DAY. Or the month before. The thing to do is: make everyday MOTHERS DAY; GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE, EVERYDAY.)

A WISE MOTHER, she don't send her children to CHURCH, SHE TAKES THEM, SO THE CHILD CAN LEARN OF THE LORD, AND THE BLESSINGS WILL BE FOR HIM.

SHE TRAINS HER CHILDREN, ITS HARD; BUT THAT'S THE ONLY WAY, TRAIN TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE LORD; SO SHE WON'T have to visit the JAIL AND THE GRAVE.

Proverbs 31:28. Her children arise up, and call her BLESSED; HER HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE PRAISETH HER.

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