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NATIONAL NEWS At a Glance

Black Colleges Work to Stop Loss of Federal Student Loans
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Thirty-two historically black colleges will be kicked out of the federal student loan program on June 30, if Congress does not grant them an extension. The problem is that the colleges have high default rates. In other words, too many students graduating from black colleges are not repaying their loans. Under current rules, a school is dropped from the federal student loan program if default rates exceed 25% for three years. The head of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Samuel Myers says the Clinton administration "is supportive" and legislation to grant the schools an extension is working its way through Congress. Last year student loan defaults (from both blacks and whites) totaled \$2.5 billion.

Black Wealth Building Conferences to Take Place Nationwide

WASHINGTON, DC—A series of two-day Black Wealth Building conferences has been scheduled to take place in a dozen cities around the nation beginning this summer. Sponsored by the nationally-known financial self-help organization—the Better Life Club—the first conference takes place in Washington, D.C. on July 1 & 2. According to spokesman James Nathan, "We selected the July 4th weekend for the first conference because we will be detailing to African-Americans how to achieve financial independence through business, investing and income enhancement techniques." Firms and organizations offering home-based businesses, multi-level marketing, franchises, investment opportunities and business loans will be represented at the first-of-its-kind conference. The Washington conference will be followed by similar conferences later in the summer and fall in 11 other cities. Persons interested in a free packet of information about the black wealth building conferences can write the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038 or call 202-319-8451. According to Nathan, "These conferences will show blacks exactly what to do in order to build personal wealth."

Illinois Investigating Carol Moseley-Braun

CHICAGO, IL—The state of Illinois is now investigating a transportation contract awarded to a friend of Senator Carol Moseley-Braun while she was a state lawmaker. Moseley-Braun is now the only African-American in the U.S. Senate. State records reportedly show that the friend—Ronald W. Killebrew—had checks from the contract mailed to Moseley-Braun's apartment where he stayed for seven months and that one of the checks was cashed by Moseley-Braun herself. The 1988 contract totaled less than \$30,000. A spokesman for Moseley-Braun said she would have no comment because "it has nothing to do with her."

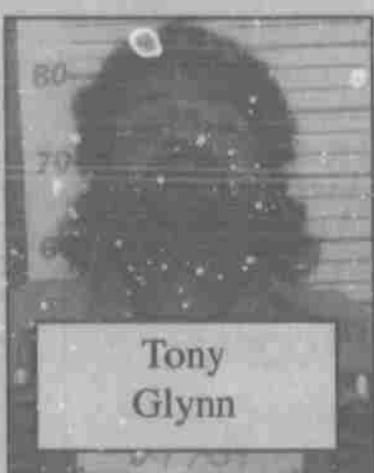
ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS ARRESTED, IN LUBBOCK, LAST WEEK!

Residents of East Lubbock, as well as the City of Lubbock, are tired of all the drugs in the community. The recent drug bust by a task force is an example of what is going on in Lubbock. Pictured below are some of our alleged drug dealers who were recently arrested by a Lubbock sting bust.

The *Southwest Digest* applauds this effort on the part of our law enforcement agencies involved in the recent sting operation. Please help us protect our children from people like this, who are allegedly involved in drugs. The *Southwest Digest* could care less about the adults who are fools in taking drugs, but we do care a lot about our kids.



Alex Rios



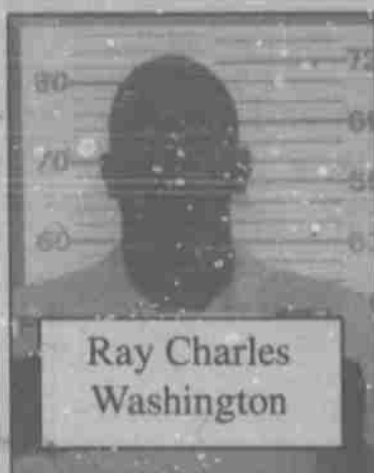
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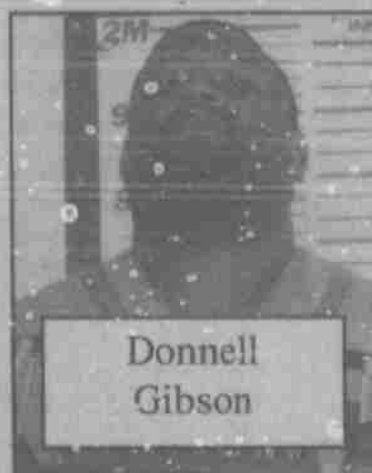
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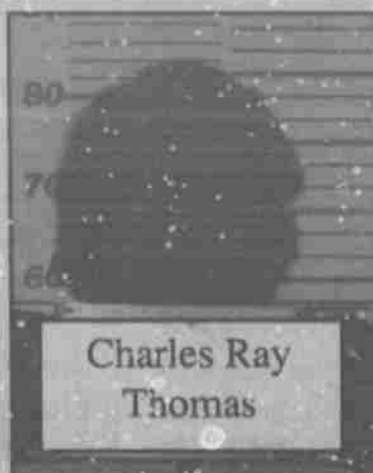
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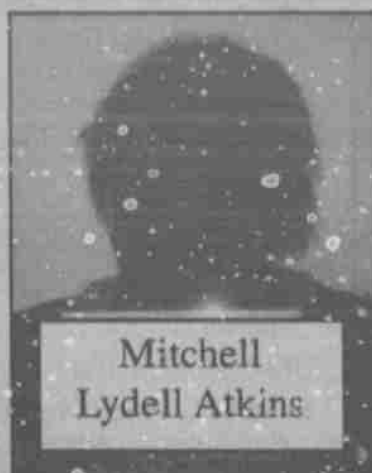
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Trina Fininer

Support Groups Empower Black Females

by Candida Johnson

Black women today are turning away from larger society and turning towards each other. While America has not completely closed their eyes and ears to the battle of African-Americans, some feel that somewhere in the struggle the plight of the black woman has been forgotten or ignored. The evening news is a perfect example of how society has been brainwashed into thinking that only black males need to be "saved." Drive-by shootings and gangs are the focus of black society as if they are the only life and death problems facing our race.

But what of problems which mainly affect black women? Domestic violence is at an all-time high for black women. Child abuse of black children is increasing every day. Black women are being diagnosed with AIDS at a startling rate and black females are the most likely group to live in poverty. However, when you look at programs which prevent these life and death situations here in Lubbock, you would think our black women are living like Ashley Barks or *Freah Prince*.

Three organizations have stood up and taken notice. YAM, AAW and Possessing the Secret of Joy are groups formed by African-American women in Lubbock as support groups. YAM is an organization for females 12-21 which focuses on the problems young black women face in today's society. The name comes from the food yam, which is nourishment for the body and also a symbol of black kinship and community. It can also be used as a medicine to heal the body. A teen mother who is finishing her GED and making final plans to get into college told a group of black professional women Saturday that the group is very effective. "I'm learning through YAM that I can still be what I want to be. I just have to go another route."

Shirley Dixon, the driving force behind YAM, said the

members are encouraged to be honest and open. "Sometimes it helps the young ladies to know that they are not alone," said Dixon. The open and honest environment is what some members say they really enjoy. "We discuss things we face like being kicked out of the house and peer pressure," said another member of YAM. The young ladies said they feel really pressured to date older guys. "It's a lot of pressure to date guys older than us because it makes you popular," said a YAM member. Dixon said the program will address this problem. "If you have a man, 23, dating a 13-year-old girl, what do you expect? He has all the power, and since some young ladies are looking for father figures, they'll believe anything they say. Once the older men find out that YAM members are not gullible, hopefully they will stop running these games." YAM meets each Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

AAW or African-American Women also meet on Saturdays. AAW is a group of African-American women who meet once a week or as often as needed as a support group. The organization embraces all women from professional women to housewives and grandmothers. Members of AAW do volunteer work which includes teaching young mothers to become more effective mothers. Saturday the members of AAW moved their weekly meeting from the Green Fair complex office to Mae Simmons in order to spend time with the young YAMS. "We must first heal ourselves before we can heal anyone else," said a member of AAW. The group meets each Saturday at 1:30.

For those early Saturday birds there is Possessing the Secret of Joy, which is a reading group for intelligent women of color. Possessing the Secret of Joy is an intellectual undertaking in which sisters challenge each others' views. Each mem-

ber is encouraged to bring in articles or suggest books for members to read. Each Saturday the readings are discussed. Verlon Johnson, a graduate student at Texas Tech, and Becky Pettit, a Ph.D. candidate also at Tech, are the founders of the group. Members are encouraged to discuss problems they are facing. Saturday Possessing the Secret of Joy outgrew its original meeting facility in the Texas Tech library. Saturday's meeting was a jam-packed powerhouse of African-American professional women. From law, to social work, to journalism, nearly every field was represented. The members were encouraged to discuss problems they felt needed to be addressed. The sisters discussed the role of the black woman in society today. From the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas issue to the Mike Tyson ordeal, sisters felt free to express themselves in the confidential environment. Charlain Russell, a Texas Tech junior, said she felt refreshed after leaving Possessing the Secrets of Joy. "I have never been in the company of such powerful black women. I know this group has a lot to offer black women and I plan to take full advantage of it."

Black women have forever been the backbone of the black race. As far back as the 1830s Black feminist Maria Stewart said, "It is of no use for us to wait any longer for a generation of well-educated men to arise." Organizations such as YAM, AAW and Possessing the Secret of Joy are not waiting for this miracle. They are reclaiming the role we once played by empowering each other.



DUNBAR STUDENTS AT WORK From left to right: Dr. James Barrick, Department of Geology, Texas Tech University, helps Dunbar Science Academy students Ira Medina and Natasha Johnson identify fossils found in the rock quarry located 5 miles east of Fluvanna, TX. The students took an all-day field trip to the "caprock" area near Fluvanna on April 9, 1994. Ira is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Medina and Natasha is the daughter of Ms. Buah Harris.



WASHINGTON—George L. Knox III, Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., left, confers with Eddie N. Williams, President of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, center, and former Virginia governor, L. Douglas Wilder. The three men attended the Philip Morris-sponsored reception for the Center's 1994 Dinner in Washington. Founded in 1973, the Center has been a vital, non-partisan resource to the increasing number of African-American elected and appointed officials. It has also helped "make democracy work" in nations overseas, including the Republic of South Africa. "Philip Morris is pleased to be among the long-time supporters of the center," Knox said, adding, "it is one of the quietly heroic institutions of our time."



Ruby Jay's Corner

Sunday School began at 9:30 a. m. at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning with the singing of "Jesus Is All The World To Me." Sup. Thelma Brown presided over the session. Prayer was offered by Brother Taarrington. Another song was sung. Classes marched to their various classrooms for thirty minutes and reassembled. High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 3 which is Sister Cooper's class. Two of her students gave the review and it was very good. This was followed by the singing of another song, "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus," which was very appropriate. The subject for last Sunday's lesson was "Using Our Gifts To Serve. Both banners—Attendance and Offering - went to Class No. 1, the Men's Class

Morning devotions were led by Brother and Sister R. J. Givens.

The morning worship hour began at 10:45 a. m. with the Senior Choir marching in singing "Glad To Be In Service. Altar prayer was led by Rev. Bobby Johnson. Services continued in the usual manner. The morning hymn was "I Need Thee Every Hour." Pastor Billy R. Moton preached on the subject "Put It In The Hands Of Jesus." His scripture text was St. John 2:1-14.

This writer is sorry for the misprint on the naming of the preaching on Sunday, April 10th, as the message was brought by Rev. Bobb Johnson instead of Pastor Moton.

Remember to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Sister Katie Johnson is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. Sister Mary

Lang is still on the shut-in list.

Sister Reddie lost a relative in Oklahoma.

Rev. A. L. Dunn, former pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, was buried last Friday in Eastland, Texas.

Bridget White lost her husband in a car wreck last week. She is the daughter of Kenqueita Barnes.

We continue to extend our love, prayers and sympathy to all the families who have lost loved ones.

Word comes that Brother George Frances, former member of New Hope Baptist Church, lost his sister in Giddings, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stovall will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 23, 1994 with the renewal of their wedding vows which will be followed by a dinner at the Western Sizzlin in Porinkley, Arkansas. Raymond and the former Iretha Buchana were married on April 22, 1944 in Boonerville, Mo. Host for the event will be their children: Curtis Stovall, Nathaniel Stovall, Bobbie Jenkins, Nora Hutchinson and Dorothy Stovall.

Nora is a first grade teacher at Guadalupe Elementary School and Dorothy Stovall is a second grade teacher at Overton Elementary School in Lubbock, Texas.

New Hope Baptist Church celebrated its 68th Church Anniversary last Sunday. Guest were Rev. Charles Johnson of the Second Baptist Church and members along with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church who brought the message.

Have a good week!

A Wake-Up Call is in Order to the Problem of Domestic Violence

by Traci Hodges

If you are one of those people who is a faithful audience member to CBS's *The Young and the Restless*, then you are aware of the scene that is going to be portrayed.

The setting: New York. The plot: April, a mother and housewife, married to an accomplished man, a doctor, is charged with the murder of her husband, Robert. Her defense: Abuse from her partner.

Although this scene is from a television soap opera, it is real in the lives of many women in the United States. Domestic violence is "an unacknowledged epidemic in America," said Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In March, Shalala called for "a national awakening" to the problem of domestic violence. In a press release for March 11, Shalala stated numerous facts, which may be horrifying to many.

- 20 to 30 percent of women in hospital emergency rooms are there because of physical abuse by their partner.

- As many as four million instances of domestic violence against women occur each year in the U.S.

- One in four women will be assaulted by a domestic partner in her lifetime.

- 99.9 percent of assaults on women result in physical injury or emotional distress.

The facts prove that domestic violence is, indeed, a problem that needs to be taken care of in our states. Lubbock is no exception.

In a report from Lubbock Victim Assistance Services, Inc., for the month of March, 65 percent of all victims were women. Even more distressing is that 38 percent of those women were victims of family violence. Another 34 percent are listed as assault victims.

"...Probably 80 percent of that 34 percent of assault victims is domestic..." says Pam Stephenson of Lubbock Victim Assistance Services, Inc.

The report also categorizes the victims by age and race. For March, half of the victims were between the ages of 18 and 29. 40 percent of the women were White females, the group with highest number of victims for last month; 34 percent were Hispanic females;

and 26 percent were African-American females.

"Usually the number of Hispanic women is higher," says Stephenson. "It may be lower because they're informing the Hispanic community more on violence against women."

Stephenson said that the number of African-American women is usually the lowest.

"I think it's because they don't take it...they fight back and don't report it."

Lubbock Victim Assistance Services, Inc. tries to reach women before it gets to the point it did in the scene mentioned earlier.

"They don't know there are different programs out there," said Stephenson. "I try to initially contact the victim...then I turn them over to Women's Protective Services."

The Women's Protective Services is a service which operates by referrals only, so it is up to the victim to contact them for help. Many women don't seek help, especially if there are children involved.

"They think they're doing what's best for the children by not leaving...but they don't realize what they're doing to the kids by staying," says Stephenson.

Stephenson says the way she finally gets most women to do something is by giving them a pamphlet which tells of the things children go through when there is violence in the home.

Women also stay because they feel they have no help, especially from the police.

"They know restraining orders aren't worth the paper they're printed on," says Stephenson. "...but protective orders go through the DA's office, and if it's violated, the perpetrator can be arrested on the spot." Stephenson says most women don't know this, and she wants to let them know because in order to have the assailant arrested, she has to make the call. This gives the victim some control in her life.

The bottom is that domestic violence is a problem in Lubbock and in America. Those who are victims need to realize they are not alone. There is help, and Lubbock Victim Assistance Services, Inc., is a good place to start.



Buffalo Soldier Recruitment in Lubbock....Shown above is Walter Hibbler (left) of Lubbock's Forgotten West Riders and Henry Crawford of the Texas Tech Museum. The Forgotten West Riders and other interested individuals will be participating in a special recruitment activity to help form Lubbock's very own Buffalo Soldier unit. The Soldiers in Blue, a Buffalo Soldier unit from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will be on hand at the Ranching Heritage Center at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th, to host the special recruiting session. The history-making event will be held in conjunction with the special issue of the Buffalo Soldiers stamp sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service and the Ranching Heritage Center. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Wilma Wright, President

WHAT IS HAPPENING LOCALLY To Complete The Unfinished Work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



AQIP is a networking process for organizations engaged in an overall community-building approach to addressing the root causes of all types of its among Black and similarly-situated minorities. AQIP's overall objective, via this interorganizational coalition, is to begin immediately to transform the discrete communities within Black America, through pride-instilling "togetherness," into such Shining Cities of Hope that all therein not only will be motivated to want to learn and become productive parts of our then-wonderful communities, but also there will be a greatly lessened desire, or "felt need," to abandon support for Black-led organizations that opened economic and other doors, Black-owned businesses and professional entities, Black churches, etc. by inordinately integrating and/or invading the communities and social and other institutions developed by (and for) other ethnic groups. AQIP has a redemptive mission of completing the unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The information listed below about your organization should (as best possible) be focused on what your group is doing to help complete that unfinished work.

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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

East Lubbock Chapter AARP Every 1st Wednesday at 1pm at Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.

The Durkin International Alumni Association meets in Durbar cafeteria as announced. More about their meetings.

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

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

The African American Business and Professional Coalition meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. 820 Ave H, Suite 5

Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation Issues Commodities Second Monday & Tuesday's Parkway Drive & MLK Blvd. Call 766-7363

Free Health Screening Tuesday, 8:30a.m.—4:00 p.m. Green Fair Manor Apartments Call either Debra, Lee or Rudy—762-8793 For additional information, call: 767-2011

Health For Friends Satellite Clinic: FREE Glucose & Hypertension Screening Every Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Cathedral of Praise, 2011 E. 13th Lubbock, TX. Sponsored by Lutheran Social Services of Texas in cooperation with Cathedral of Praise-Questors? Call: Health For Friends 765-2630 Cathedral of Praise 763-6900

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

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

Exclusivo Manhood a Black Men Support Group Meeting time: 5:00 p.m. every Saturday at 2812 Weber Dr. Theme: "Visions for Black Men" For further information contact: Marvin 799-0051 Leon 784-3115. or R.D. 767-5552

Health For Friends: Every Thursday, 9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon at Cathedral of Praise 2011 East 13th Question? Call Health For Friends at 765-2630 or Cathedral of Praise at 763-6900

Lubbock Emancipation (June 19th) Committee Inc. Time: 7:00 p.m. Where: 820 Ave H, Suite 5 April 14 & 28 & May thru June every Thursday

Paradise Manor Care Center News

Paradise Baptist Church visited the center on Monday evening to hold religious service for the residents. Those who came were: Albert Lewis, Glenda Sanders, Cindy Henderson, Mannie Dierhard, Bula Johnson and Rhonda Johnson.

Sarah Arvett, Jessie Ann Jordan and Shilma Bergers visited Lucille Wiggins last week.

Mrs. Charles Perry visited Marie Embry last Wednesday.

Open Day of SPAG came last Wednesday to visit and read to the residents. She is truly a ray of sunshine when she visits with the residents.

Sam Rogers was visited last Wednesday by his family — the Roberts family.

Frank Williams was visited last week by his family: Theresa Fauntner, Beverly Johnson, Perrine Lighting and Sharon Lockett.

Paradise Drive Baptist Church had ten members come for worship services last Wednesday evening.

Brother Birmingham and Brother Leonard, who are members of the Hope

Deliverance Temple Church, came last Wednesday to visit with the residents.

The Manhattan Heights Church of Christ came last Friday night for worship services with the residents.

Rev. P. G. Nathan visited Rev. W. H. Stephens and Mary Drones last week.

Bernice Griffin and children, who are from Denver, Colorado, visited her mother, Louvenia

Meekins, last week.

Lucille Lewis was visited last weekend by her sons: Tyrone Clemons of Muleshoe, Texas and Joe Clemons of Phoenix, Arizona.

Roberta Basens was visited this week by her niece.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast had four members to come last Saturday morning and held church services for the residents. The residents thank God for each of them.

Cleo Quigley visited John Brown and Rev. W. H. Stephens last Saturday.

Missionary Dorence L. Collins, a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited the residents last Saturday.

Edna and Ernie Pine visited Scottie Moore last Saturday.

Mary Lara, who is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, came last Sunday to offer Communion to our Catholic residents.

Charlie Jordan, Jr. was visited last Sunday by five members of the Tree of Life Church of God in Christ.

Clare, Carl and Jordan Moody visited Laurvenia Meekins and Rev. W. H. Stephens last Sunday afternoon.

What is unity? Unity is made out. It creates within the heart and then it reveals. Check it out, please.

From P. M. C. C.

Mrs. Norma Owens, A. D. & R.; Rev. W. H. Stephens, Co-worker.

OBITUARIES



Rev. Alonzo L. Dunn

Dorothy Jenkins, and Winnie Knighten. Also Ministers Wives.

Rev. Dunn was born January 14, 1901 to Lev and Mattie Dunn in Lee, Texas. He united with the church at an early age and his relationship with Christ continued to grow as he gave of his best to the Master.

The Lord blessed him immensely, and in later years he moved to Eastland, Texas, and united with the First Baptist Church. He was ordained as a Deacon and then called to preach God's word.

Pastor Dunn was called to pastor the First Baptist Church of Eastland, Texas; St. Paul Baptist Church, Ranger, Texas and Cisco, Texas.

He was united in matrimony to Betha Edwards, who succumbed in September, 1973, and they pastored the New Hope Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas and officially retired December 1, 1981.

In 1986, God sent Pastor Dunn another "Jewel of a Wife," Sister Marjorie Dunn, who truly stood at his side, nursing him back to health when doctors said, "He can't make it" after a number of brain surgeries.

Friday, April 8, 1994, the Lord dispatched his angel to deliver his tired soldier home.

Pastor Dunn bids farewell to: a devoted wife, Sister Margie Dunn; one brother, C. H. Dunn of Dallas, Texas; nieces, nephews, his New Hope Baptist Family, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral services were held for a longtime former pastor, Reverend Alonzo L. Dunn, Thursday, April 14, 1994 at THE New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. S. C. Nash, pastor of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas who was a former pastor of New Hope.

Interment was held Friday, April 15, 1994 in Eastland, Texas under the direction of Curry Funeral Home.

Casket bearers were the New Hope Baptist Church Joint Board: R. Givens, Jr., Clarence L. Ervin, Sr., Hardin Barrow, F. J. Jenkins, Robert Cork, Ulysses Kelly, Ernest Swain, Jr., Curtis Gipson, and John H. Howard.

Honorary Bearers were all fellow minister. Flower bearers were the New Hope Baptist Church Deaconess: Octavia Givens, Bernice Kelly, Pearlene Chase, Margaret Moton, Julia Swain, Joan Y. Ervin.

Gregory Karl Wells

Mr. Wells was born January 26, 1960 in Lubbock, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells. He graduated from Dunbar High School, and later attended Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

He served in the U. S. Army, Old Guard Unit, at Fort Meyers, Virginia. Later followed a tour of duty in Germany.

He departed this life April 3, 1994.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells; one daughter, Christy, of Lubbock, Texas; two sons: Bruson and Kendrick, both of Lubbock, Texas; six sisters: Selma White of Pensacola, Florida, Faye Williams of Stanton, Texas, Carol Coleman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Shirley Smith of Montclair, Virginia, Myra Cooper and Verneal Stephenson, both of El Paso, Texas; two brothers, Joe Wells of El Paso, Texas and Ronnie Wells of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.



Final rites were held for Gregory Karl Wells on Wednesday, April 13, 1994 at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Paradise Mortuary, Inc.

Pallbearers were: Fedrick Isaac, Craig Miller, Frankie Isaac, Darrell Wilson, Jerald Foster and Butch Avery.

Honorary pallbearers were Jeff Austin and Preston Smith.

Lifeguard Training Class

If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard, and you want a summer job the City of Lubbock Sports and Leisure Department will be teaching a class you need to sign up for. You will learn the necessary skills needed to save someone's life. You will be taught the newest skills in aquatic safety and rescue, C.P.R. and First Aid. These skills will remain with you for a lifetime and may assist you in helping a friend or family member. To be eligible you must be able to pass a skills test. The skills test consist of a 500 yard swim using basic swimming strokes. You must be 16 years of age.

WHEN: April 25th 6-8:45p.m. April 28th 6-8:45p.m.
April 29th 6-8:45p.m. May 2nd 6-8:45p.m.
May 5th 6-8:45p.m. May 6th 6-8p.m.

WHERE: Texas Tech University Aquatic Center
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It's Up To Us To Move Ahead!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Recently we finished our column on our young children and young teenaged mothers and their problems, that not only be the young mother's problem, but also the young father's problem. It is so sickening to hear these little punk, dropout, doping brothers boasting about how many babies they have by how many girls. So what? Big deal. Fleas, alligators, roaches, rats, skunks... can produce babies, but can you protect and care for what you bring into this world? Even turtles, as slow as they are, can produce babies. So what, big deal.



We are coming down hard, very hard, on thieves, liars, game players, and destroyers of our community. Believe me, this writer knows who and where they are.

We are going to expose them if they do not change their act. We are going to tell it like it is, it really is. As the Black Press we have to make a clean starting in our own community to rid it of thieves, game players, non-productive ego trippers, and highiders. We have to start in our own community and spread our wings. We cannot afford to come down on others when we do not have our own act together.

It's up to us to move ahead. We moan, we groan, we condemn, we whine, but we fail to get involved, we do not register, we do not vote, we do not support Black businesses, Black churches, Black organizations, but yet when problem time comes we worry the hell out of the handful of Blacks that are involved. We should all take this as our personal creed: "If it is to be, it is up to me—with God's help." Nuff said. Amen.



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Americans have been using tobacco in a variety of ways for hundreds of years. They smoke it in pipes, cigars, cigarettes; chew it and dip it. For many years, not much attention was paid to the detrimental effects of tobacco on the human body. It was not thought of as a killer of mankind. It appears that the king of England was the only person who felt that God would have equipped us with chimneys if He had intended for us to smoke tobacco, when it was first introduced to that country.

It appears that the king was right, and our surgeon general does not see tobacco usage as a positive attribute either. In view of the recent revelations from the tobacco industry regarding the various additives in tobacco, it would appear that we would take a serious look at NOT using the stuff.

One of the first observable effects of the use of tobacco, especially in smokers, is a cough. That observation led to medical research which found a very close correlation to diseases of the lungs and smoking. Further research has found that the effects of smoking is not limited to the smoker, but to anyone else breathing the smoker's fumes. As a matter of fact, the non-smoker who is caught up in the smoker's atmosphere may be harmed more than the smoker. Non-smokers with allergies are probably hurt the most.

Our children need to know that smoking tobacco also kills brain cells and slows down the mental processes which can be harmful to learning. The key thing is: brain cells which die will NOT be regenerated. Parents need to get "in cinque," put that "cancer stick" away and be a positive role model for their children.

This & That

WHAT IS THIS ORGANIZATION?? THIS N THAT...would like to know...what in the world...is this...ORGANIZATION...which had a...MAYORAL FORUM...last Saturday night at Mae Simmons Community...It is called...THE EAST LUBBOCK IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY...and nobody knows about it...With this kind of an action...which involves...IMPORTANT MATTERS...the community should know something about the organization...There is...CREDIBILITY...when this is done...and it...is rather embarrassing for the entire...EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY...Could it be that one of the...mayoral candidates...put something together for some...PUBLICITY...Well...it apparently didn't work...because of the...TURNOUT...There needs to be...A CHECKS AND BALANCE in regard to this kind of a thing...

WILL SHOW THEIR FACE!! THIS N THAT...would like to advise...that when there are...THOSE...who...SELL DRUGS TO OUR KIDS...or...ARRESTED...for doing this kind of a...THING...we deem it only necessary to...SHOW YOUR FACE...If these people...are helping to kill...OUR KIDS...by allegedly selling drugs near...SCHOOL CAMPUSES...then we have the...RESPONSIBILITY...of showing their MUG SHOTS...And we will continue to do this...THIS N THAT...and...MANY OTHERS...are just plain tired of this going on...GO SOME WHERE ELSE AND SELL O YOUR DRUGS...and...NOT IN OUR COMMUNITY...WE'RE JUST PLAIN TIRED OF IT

VIRGIL LEWIS JOHNSON IS NOT RUNNING AGAINST KATHYL ANDERSON!! THIS N THAT...would like to advise...that...VIRGIL LEWIS JOHNSON...a candidate for the Lubbock School Board...is not...RUNNING AGAINST...our present African American school board member...KATHYL ANDERSON...BROTHER JOHNSON...seeking the...AT LARGE POST...which means...ALONG AS YOU ARE A QUALIFIED VOTER...YOU MAY VOTE FOR HIM...no matter where you may live...BROTHER JOHNSON...is just willing to try to be...ELECTED AT LARGE...and he is...WELL QUALIFIED TO DO THIS...and if elected...WILL DO A VERY GOOD JOB...All he needs is your...PRECIOUS VOTE...

CONGRATS TO LISA BAKER!! THIS N THAT...would like to say...CONGRATS...to...MISS LISA BAKER a sophomore at Texas Tech University for being named as MISS BLACK TEXAS TECH...Last Saturday night...CONGRATS!!

BETTER TAKE NOTE!! THIS N THAT...would like to advise...those of us who have...YOUNG CHILDREN...say ages...TEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE...to...START TAKING NOTE...to what they...WEAR THEIR MUSIC...THEIR SHOE LACES THEIR LANGUAGE...AND...THEIR COLORS...Even watch for the...VARIOUS SIGNS...they will make...to their friends...If you do this...MANY OF YOU WILL...discover...they are doing some things...which could lead them to...a...FUTURE...which will not help them...THIS N THAT...is just trying to advise that...this kind of a posture...LEADS TO IMPACTING THEIR EDUCATION...and makes it...VERY HARD FOR OUR KIDS TO GET AN EDUCATION...Just think if you were being...INTIMATED BY OTHERS...you would not want to go to school...And this is why we see...THE ATTITUDES OF OUR KIDS CHANGING...when it comes to getting an...EDUCATION...BETTER TAKE A GOOD LOOK ON WHAT YOU KIDS ARE DOING...and...then try to help them...be getting involved with what they are doing...They...in many cases...are just...REACHING OUT FOR HELP...Now the question...to be asked... WILL YOU HELP OUR KIDS WHO ARE CONFUSED...THIS N THAT...is just advising...that this situation...is...VERY SERIOUS...More on this later...

D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "WOULDN'T IT BE NICE...if we had...PRAYER...back in our...PUBLIC SCHOOLS...as well as...BACK IN THE HOMES...Then there would be...NO NEED FOR...GANGS...!!

EARLY VOTING! THIS N THAT...advises that...EARLY VOTING...for the upcoming...MAY 7TH CITY AND SCHOOLS ELECTIONS...It began on Monday of this week...at various locations...ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL...is one place to vote...from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m...THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED AT...219 Walnut Ave.

IF YOU ARE REGISTERED...then...VOTE!!

Crazy Horse

by Stephen C. McIntyre

During the recent Senatorial District Convention down in San Antonio the secretary of the Republican Party got up and walked out after being whipped by the local right-wing Christian Coalition folks. It has been reported that they took over the Republican Party in Houston not long ago and that they have taken over in Corpus Christi. Those same folks are trying to take over the Republican Party in Lubbock County. Apparently they were the majority of the delegates at the Lubbock County Convention and almost got Tim Lambert elected as a Lubbock County Commissioner.

If you normally have trouble carrying on an intelligent conversation with Reaganites, well, get ready for these Christian Coalition folks. They have got the regular right-wing Republicans in Lubbock nervous because of their narrow-minded agenda.



Last Sunday April 10th was the 75th anniversary of the 1919 assassination of Emiliano Zapata. Thousands marched on Mexico City in support of the Zapata rebels in Chiapas.



4/20 1914 "Ludlow Massacre"—in Ludlow, Colo., 33 people, one-half of them women and children, are shot or burned to death by soldiers during a mine workers' strike.

1950 CIA Director Hillenkofer approves Operation Mongoose—the first organized CIA mind-control project.

1983 Supreme Court restricts the situations where federal courts can hear local police misconduct cases.

1983 Supreme Court rules that free speech rights do not protect public employees from being fired for complaints about working conditions.

4/21 1983 A House subcommittee reports that the Interior Dept. sold federal reserves of coal at "fire-sale" prices.

4/22 1940 Thornhill v. Alabama (peaceful picketing a form of free speech)

1954 Army-McCarthy hearings begin

4/24 1971 500,000 demonstrate against Vietnam War, Washington, D.C.

1977 The Philadelphia Inquirer begins a four-part series on widespread police brutality and abuse in Philadelphia.

1982 Asst. Sec. of Commerce Brady attacks "the strong belief in the academic community that they have an inherent right to teach, conduct research and develop exchange programs free of government review or oversight."

4/25 1969 Kissinger meets with J. Edgar Hoover to discuss wire-taps on his staff.

4/27 1970 N.Y. Daily News reports that acting FBI director Gray destroyed Watergate evidence at Ehrlichman's request.



It is going to get interesting if Reese AFB goes on the chopping block. I guess we can expect Republican U.S. Senators Gramm and Hutchinson, Republican State Representative Jones and Duncan, and Republican Congressman Combest to lobby the Democrats to keep Reese open. Perhaps someone can call up and tell the folks at the White House that Lubbock is the No. 3, or is it No. 2, Republican-voting county in Texas. While we are at it, we can inform them that the Christian Coalition nuts in the Republican Party are on the verge of taking over in Lubbock. And maybe we should tell the powers that be in Washington that Lubbock is Rush Limbaugh's No. 1 radio market and No. 2 TV market. Or better yet, send Washington a week's worth of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's daily silly cartoons and editorials against President Clinton.

I suspect we better hope that Governor Richards' effort to establish a united front to save all the military bases in Texas will help Lubbock. Hopefully, she has not heard about the little stunts that the local powers that be have been pulling to support George "Skub" Bush for governor. Yep, it could get interesting.

Texas Crime Information Center School Offered at SPC

LEVELLAND—A Texas Crime Information Center school is scheduled April 26-28 at South Plains College.

Registration deadline is noon April 25.

There is no cost and the school will be taught by Texas Department of Public Safety personnel from Austin.

The school is designed for all sworn law enforcement personnel and other practitioners who use the Texas and National Crime Information Center systems. Its intent is to establish the distinctions among "full access terminal operators," "less than full access terminal operators," "criminal justice practitioners" and police officers. The course meets the training requirements mandated by TCIC training section of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The session for less than full access operators is scheduled 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 26. Full access operators must attend day-long sessions April 26-27. Police officers can attend a four-hour session scheduled from 8 a.m.-noon or 1-5 p.m. April 28.

A minimum of 10 persons is needed for the class to make.

To reserve a place, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 291.

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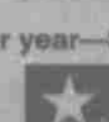
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Dr. George Hill's Women in Film Movie Poster Exhibit Spans over 70 Years of Achievement by Many Talented Women



Dr. George Hill with a movie poster from Oscar Micheaux's *Lying Lips*, which starred actress Edna Mae Harris.

The Women in Film Exhibit is a display of the original posters that were outside theaters 20, 30 and 40 years ago as well as films from the 1990s, including the films of Dorothy Dandridge, Carmen Jones, Lena Horne, Bronce Venus, and Edna Mae Harris who starred in Oscar Micheaux's *Lying Lips*. Included in the exhibit is the work of today's stars such as Angela Bassett, Whoopi Goldberg and Diana Ross, as well as 1970s film star Pam Grier.

"This is like going to an art exhibit, but you see the fantastic movie posters instead of paintings," says *In Living Color*'s T'Keyah Crystal Keymah, who welcomed everyone to a recent exhibit.

The Black Women in Film Exhibit is now available for display this month, which is Women's Month, and has over 125 items including poster, lobby cards, photographs and soundtrack albums.

Dr. Hill also does exhibits in Black Music Month (June) on Jazz Cinema, Rhythm & Blues and Hip Hop Cinema, and on actress Dorothy Dandridge and Filmmaker Oscar Micheaux. The exhibits are available as fund-raising tools to non-profit organizations, colleges, fraternal groups, conventions and seminars. Exhibit founder Dr. George Hill has authored 19 books to date including 9 on African-Americans in media such as Blacks in Hollywood, Ebony Images, Black Action Films and Women in Television.

For more information on the exhibits call: (213) 299-1748

Former Grandmother of the Year Challenges Gangsta Rappers to Clean Up Their Act!!

SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES—61-year-old Vivian Smallwood, a.k.a. "The Rappin Granny," has joined in on the effort to help clean up the lyrics of gangsta rappers. Vivian, who won the title of Grandmother of the Year in Pasadena in 1988, says that it all came about when she was cleaning up one of her grandkid's room. She came across a pile of rap tapes, and being a well-known rapper herself she decided to see what her competition was like.

After only two minutes of listening to the tape she could not believe her ears. "It blew my mind when I heard what they were rapping about on the tape, calling women all sorts of degrading names, and doing drive-bys and 187s (police term for homicide) on their fellow man. These type of rappers are not only disrespecting their girlfriends, they are also disrespecting their mothers and grandmothers as well. And some of these same gangsta rappers may have been raised by their grandmothers in a single parent home."

Rappin Granny's manager Tim Greene, who's also a Los Angeles radio personality at Stevie Wonder-owned KJLH-FM (The Rhythm) agrees. "Even radio station KJLH is doing their part by playing only edited versions of certain rap songs." Rappin Granny has much love for all rappers, but wishes that they would only think about what they are rapping about because it could not only influence young kids that they know, but kids all over the world into a life of crime and disrespect.

Rappin Granny, who's been on many national TV shows and commercials, and has rocked the house at such clubs as the Roxey, the Palace and the Palladium in Hollywood, is so serious about the gangsta rap issue that she will challenge any gangsta rapper to the stage to show them that you can still get a large crowd hyped without all of that bad language. Granny has also just taped interviews on gangsta rap for *CNN News, Inside Edition*, and NBC's Today Show as well as doing a public service TV commercial for M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am an individual and I enjoy engaging in intellectual things. I am a black woman with a goal to succeed and I want a black man who wants the same things. Most black men say that a black woman is rude and greedy, when in actuality he has never taken the time to find out why money is so important to her.

Point: You can't say, "Baby, I love you," and there is no food on the table or any money for the rent. Black men, you must realize that we as mothers have been the backbone of our communities for many years and we don't need you. I was taught by my parents that a "man" was supposed to take care of his wife and children. Today, black women are becoming educated and are building very strong careers without black men and I believe that we will continue to do so.

Fact: Today, black men have much better things to do than take care of children. Children, mind you, that he helped to bring into this world—we didn't do it by ourselves, my brothers! Today's black man has no time for his wife or his children. Most of the time he's out playing with other women while you're at home wondering where your next meal is coming from and where the devil he is.

Point: There are some. I repeat, some black men that love, honor, and respect their wives; not because of what they can get, but because of the love, honor, and respect that they receive in return. I can speak on this subject from today's perspective because this is what I see on a daily basis. The young black men of my generation are not interested in meaningful relationships, just sex or money.

Fact: It is know that good black men do exist, but they're becoming more and more extinct. I say extinct because educated black men are becoming more and more hard to find.

Why am I making such harsh remarks about the black man? Because I am a black woman, the heart and soul of the black community. We, as mothers and homemakers, have been known to be the backbone of our community while

our so-called men were off on whore hunts, at war, out drunk, gambling, and God knows wherever else. It really ticks me off to see a sister struggling to make ends meet because of a sorry good-for-nothing man who sits on his butt and doesn't work.

Fact: When a black man get into a money-making position, he marries a white woman or a woman of another race. Then, he comes to the rationalization that all we want is his money. Well, this is 1994 and we as black women are seeing the light. We can make more or just as much money as you can. You're just giving back to the white man what you worked so hard to get.

Don't get me wrong—if a woman of another race makes you happy I say go for it, but don't look over a Nubian princess for Snow White because of you're not careful the seven dwarfs are lurking in the bushes ready to jump at the slightest hint of trouble. On the other hand, it thrills me to see a black man, his black wife, and their black children, well-dressed, well-groomed, and doing well. All I'm saying is explore what a sister has to offer before you throw in the towel. Not all of us are money-hungry and materialistic. If you get to know us, you'll like what you see.

If you take time to talk, you'll be surprised at what you know.

What is happening to our black race? It appears that black people are like crabs. Crabs? Yes, crabs. If you fill a bucket almost full with crabs and leave them there all day and all night, you won't have to worry because you will not lose one. Why is this true? This is true because when one crab tries to get out of the bucket another will pull him back down and keep him from getting to the top. This is how my grandfather described successful black men and women. He says that once they get in a higher position they lose track of who they are and where they came from. Let us wake up, my people!

Are we so blind that we cannot see what we are doing to ourselves? Obviously so, because we are destroying a wonderful nation of people. Every day we die from drug overdoses, gang violence and anything else you can think of. We are doing an injustice to our lives and it is sad to say and it is sad to see. No longer can we blame it on the "white man." Sure he has something to do with it, but we have a greater hand in it now. It is we who are destroying ourselves!

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A House To Build



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The Sermon of the Mount closes with a parable of the wise and foolish builders. The substance of the story from Matthew and Luke Gospel is this: Two men built houses. One "dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock." The other "without a foundation built an house upon the earth" or "sand." In a probability, the sandy ground was level and near water. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew" and beat on both houses. The houses built on the rock fell not; but the house built on sand fell, and great was the fall of it. The man who built his house on the rock was wise. The man who built his house on the sand was foolish.

Jesus applies the story to the building of one's life. "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them," said Jesus, "I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which build his house

on the sand." Matthew 7:24.

Everyone of us have a house to build, or in other words, a soul to save. One cannot postpone living until some more convenient time. One cannot evade the responsibility. Every moment of our lives we are working on the building—entertaining a hope of heaven. Every immortal creature knows that they cannot always live in their present earthly house. So they are constantly sending up timber to a building of refuge.

If we would build safely and well we must build on a right foundation. It is so in small things. The want of a good foundation does not always show at once, but sooner or later the trial comes. Sometimes it is the temptation of worldly companionship and influence that try our foundation. Sometime it is sorrow. Sometimes sickness searches out the hidden weakness of the foundation. A life built on obedience to Jesus stands up well before the floods and winds of this present life. Build on an adequate foundation—Jesus!

We Thank God for Jesus

"Praise God, Could Be Worse!!!" Part 2



Proverb 27:20, Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

The lady's WATER IS FROZEN, CAN'T MAKE COFFEE AND SHE CURSE, THE NEIGHBOR'S BEEN OFF FOR 3WKS; PRAISE GOD COULD BE WORSE.

Psalms 92:1,2, It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto his name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

The WIND is blowing 35 mph, UNDER YOUR BREATH YOU WILL CURSE, YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE 1970 TORNADO IN LUBBOCK; PRAISE GOD, COULD BE WORSE.

Psalms 118:24, This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Some People find a SPOT IN THE CARPET, OUT LOUD THEY CURSE, YOU KNOW OF THE FAMILY YET WITH VINYL FLOORS; PRAISE GOD COULD BE WORSE.

Psalms 51:22,23, Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in Pieces, and there be none to deliver. Whoso Offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

You have TWIN GIRLS, DOUBLE TROU-

BLES; AND YOU CURSE, THINK OF THE FAMILY WITH QUINTET(S), PRAISE GOD, COULD BE WORSE.

You have this JOB, MAKING \$4.50 an hr, UNDER YOUR BREATH YOU CURSE, LOOK AT THE NATIONS UNEMPLOYED LIST; PRAISE GOD, COULD BE WORSE.

Psalms 105:1-4, O give thank unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his Holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

The man say HIS NEW CAR IS MISSING, NEEDS A TUNE UP AND HE CURSE, I SEE THE 1960s MODELS TRYING TO MAKE; PRAISE GOD, IT COULD BE WORSE.

Proverb 30:15,16, The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give give, There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave, and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough.

You have THIS COLD, FEELING BAD COMPLAINING, & YOU CURSE, A LADY TOLD ME LAST SHE'S BEEN SICK WITH PNEUMONIA; PRAISE GOD, COULD BE WORSE.

I Chronicles 16:34, O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Brother T.J. Patterson HAD 2 TIRES CUT; OUT LOUD HE DID CURSE, BROTHER BILLY B.J. HAD ALL 4-CUT; PRAISE GOD, IT COULD BE WORSE.

Proverb 16:4, The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

The man said his CAR BROKE DOWN; HAD TO RIDE THE CITIBUS, AND HE CURSED, MANY CITIES IN TEXAS DON'T HAVE A BUS SYSTEM; PRAISE GOD, IT COULD BE WORSE.

Ephesians 5:19,20, Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks for things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MANY PEOPLE MR. BUSH FOR PRESIDENT, AND OUT LOUD THEY DO CURSE, WE KNOW OF A LEADER NAMED MR. HITLER; PRAISE GOD, IT COULD BE WORSE.

I Thessalonians 5:16-19, Rejoice evermore. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast fully equipped with residents of the Parkway Manor Care Center last Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. Devotions were led by Sister Dorothy Nash and Sister Christine Burleson as well as others. It was a spirit filled devotional period.

Rev. W. H. Stephens brought the opening scripture lesson. His scriptures were Ephesians 2:8 and Romans 1:13. His subject was "Just As For Us!"

Because of his kindness, you have been saved through trusting Christ, and even trusting is not of yourself. It too is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done. So none of us can take the credit for it.

When someone gives you a gift, do you say, "That's very nice. Now how much do I owe?"

No, the appropriate response to a gift is "thank you!". Yet, how often Christians, even after they have been given the gift of salvation, feel obligated to work their way to God, because our salvation and even our faith are gifts. They are not bought with money. They are much more expensive than money. That's why we should respond with gratitude, praise and joyfulness, and just ask for it. Your salvation was purchased with the Blood of Jesus Christ. (Watch your attitudes).

Thanks to Rev. Stephens for a job well done. We love you!

Facts About Africa:

Did you know there are 159 language/tribal groups in Africa? The largest of these are, Haosa—10,000,000; Xongo—7,500,000; and Yoa—425,000. Their staple foods are bananas and maize.

Let's pray for Africa. We can relate to what they are going through as you read this report.

"Let's Pray"

Father of all mankind, look at your people who are being oppressed all over the world. Give us the strength to hold out until deliverance come and we know it will come. In your precious name, we pray. AMEN.

Please call if you feel the need, or write: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Tex. 79408.

Keep smiling, precious people. We can make it. Love the unlovable. It will make your day. Stop judging others. JUST LOVE THEM!

Having problems? Please read Mark 11:22-23 and II Chronicles 7:14. Sister Dorothy Hood, president, Sister Ernest Fraizer, secretary.

Sister Glenda Shumate at Bethel A.M.E. Church April 30th

Appearing in a special concert, along with the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Chancel Choir, will be Sister Glenda Shumate. The concert is set for Saturday evening, April 30, 1994, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 2202 Southeast Drive.

The public is invited to attend.

Rev. N.H. Franklin, pastor; Sister Ollie Coleman, secretary; and Brother Samuel Curtis, Minister of Music.

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Mary Jo Rapini, M.Ed., L.P.C., a counseling psychologist, will present the seminar, sponsored by UMC's Dimensions, the Center for Women's Health. A coffee reception will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are required and can be made at 743-HERS. Dimensions encourages both men and women to attend.

Rapini had a private counseling practice in Houston before moving to Lubbock, where she is establishing a new practice. She specializes in marital, family, child and parenting issues.

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Candidates for the Lubbock School Board have been invited to participate in a Candidate Forum Monday evening, April 25, 1994, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Parsons Elementary School, 58th Street and Elgin Avenue.

The event is sponsored by the Association Teachers Professional Educators, Lubbock Classroom Teachers Association, and Lubbock Federation of Teachers. School board candidates are asked to participate.

Visions of Light in Concert

The Visions of Light, a gospel chorus composed of Texas Tech University students, will be in concert Sunday, April 24, 1994, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church where Rev. W.D. Davis is pastor.

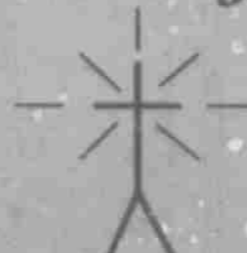
Guest Soloist will be Sister Glenda Shumate, who is well known in the Lubbock and South Plains Area.

Rev. Corey Powell, director, said "We hope our many friends will come and be with us in this special effort as this is the only means we have to raise funds for the organization."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Bobby Womack's Voice Back To Normal After Cancer Scare

NEW YORK — R&B legend Bobby Womack received the scare of his life a few weeks ago when doctors advised him that he might have throat cancer.

Womack had been forced to stop a concert in New York's Beacon Theatre on March 19th after he lost his voice. He left New York for his home in Los Angeles the next day and was immediately checked into a hospital.

"When the doctor said throat cancer, I saw the end of my life before me," commented Womack. "I live to perform, and my life is not worth living without my voice."

The doctors revised their diagnosis, however, and Womack underwent treatment for non-carcinogenic polyps. His voice is now

back to normal and he anticipates a resumption of his tour this month.

Resurrection, Womack's new album is due out in June '94 on Slide Music, a label owned by Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones and marketed and distributed worldwide by Continuum Records. The recording, a musical autobiography of Womack's life, will include guest appearances by Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones, rapper May May Ali, Muhammad Ali's daughter, Gerald Albright, Stevie Wonder, Michael Compton of Journey, and Brian May of Queen. It is Womack's first solo album since the 80's.

Head Start Enrollment at Early Learning Centers

The Early Learning Centers of Lubbock, Inc., a United Way agency, operates a Head Start program in two centers located at 101 Ave. K and 1301 Vanda. Enrollment for the fall of 1994 will begin April 15 through the main office.

Head Start is a program for three- and four-year-olds that provides an educational program, medical checkups, social services and parent services. Eligibility is determined according to income and eligibility of the family. The program operates from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at no cost to the family.

Early Learning Centers also operates a regular child care program with fees based on income and eligibility. All meals and snacks are provided. The child care program is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. year-round. An educational program is available for all ages. Staff are trained in early childhood development.

To enroll in the Head Start or child care program, call Virginia Davila at 763-9981.

YWCA Llano Estacado Native American Gathering 1994

The YWCA of Lubbock invites everyone to attend the 1994 YWCA Llano Estacado Native American Gathering, to be held April 22, 23, and 24, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. Hours are noon to 9:00 p.m. Friday; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m.

The Gathering is a celebration of the heritage and culture of Native Americans. There will be Native Americans participating from across the nation—storytellers, silversmiths, flutemakers, potters, basket weavers, bead workers, dancers, drums—and vendors selling Native American concessions including foods, pottery, jewelry, weaving, and crafts. Numerous educational presentations about Native American cultures will be included, as well as exhibits from across Texas.

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by Donna E. Shalala
Secretary of Health and Human Services

In the 1940s and 1950s, when children developed a fever, it was often due to polio, measles, or other infectious diseases. Parents were helpless as their children's bodies weakened. Many children died, and many more were disabled.

But since that time, we've made progress. Because of the development of lifesaving vaccines, parents breathe easier. So much easier, in fact, that millions of parents take their children's health for granted. We no longer hear about a 5-year-old girl confined to an iron lung in the hospital. We no longer see large numbers of children arriving school on crutches, or in wheelchairs, after being permanently disabled by an infectious disease.

But because we no longer see the pain and scars of these terrible diseases, we don't always remember to protect our children. Just in the last few years, we have witnessed large outbreaks. During 1989-1991, more than 55,000 people came down with measles, and at least 132 people died—many of them children who had not been fully vaccinated against the disease.

In 1994, despite previous nationwide alerts and action to stop the resurgence of this disease, 58 cases of measles had been reported to the CDC by March 20.

It's a national tragedy that a 1-year-old child in the United States is less likely to be protected against polio than a child from most countries in the developing world. More than one-third of America's pre-schoolers are not adequately immunized against most preventable diseases.

In the African-American population, only 55 to 78 percent of two-year-olds are protected against many infectious diseases. Nationwide, millions of babies have not been properly immunized. And as a result, we've witnessed an alarming increase in infectious, potentially crippling diseases among America's youngest children.

Many parents don't know the facts: It's not good enough to wait to get the child's shots until just before entering kindergarten. To fully immunize a child, you have to take the baby back to a health professional for a series of four to five visits before her or his second birthday.

It's also critical that doctors and other health professionals use every opportunity to vaccinate the infants in their practice. Health care workers must check a baby's immunization status each time he or she visits the office or clinic, and vaccinate the child if needed.

The Clinton Administration has taken strong action to protect our nation's children. President Clinton greatly increased funds for state and local governments to enhance their



Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with employees' children.

vaccination programs. The President also fought for and won passage of a vital program that beginning October 1, 1994, will enable eligible children to get free vaccinations through private and public providers.

We're making a difference. To ensure full and proper immunization in 1994, the Clinton Administration's Childhood Immunization Initiative will also:

- Increase funds to the states to open clinics at more convenient times, and in more underserved areas. In the 1980s, the public health infrastructure eroded. We're rebuilding and strengthening it.
- Help states develop an automated, integrated record keeping system to offer health professionals a system for parental reminders.
- Strengthen and expand the network of civic and community groups, business organizations, schools, local health officials, and the media, to ensure nationwide participation in this effort to protect our youngest children.

Through this initiative, our nation will develop a sustainable immunization system so in the future, we will consistently reach our goal of immunizing our nation's children.

April 23rd to April 29th is National Infant Immunization Week. Make sure your family is protected. And help us get out the word to all parents and all communities.

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Wheatley Elementary Honors Students of the Month

Each month Wheatley honors twenty-two students as Students of the Month with a breakfast. Caps, provided by Home Health Care Services, are presented to each student by a celebrity guest speaker. Certificates with each student's picture hang in the hallway for a month.

Len Gilliard, weatherman with KCED-11, was the speaker for this month's breakfast. Mr. Gilliard challenged the students to act as though they are student of the month each month.

Student selection is based on conduct in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria and elsewhere. Students are also selected based on how they treat their fellow classmates. They must also show pride in their school and themselves. Teachers discuss with the students the importance of taking pride in themselves.

Wheatley teachers and staff congratulate the following students and their teachers:

Student	Teacher
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Maribel Rodriguez	Miss Carson
Garfield Griffin	Miss Carman
Matthew Struve	Mrs. Garner
Linda Esquivel	Mrs. Karvas
Roshonda Andrews	Mrs. Puckett
Shaquella Wilson	Mrs. Reeves
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We are proud of our Students of the Month!

SPC To Present Gospel Hour

LEVELLAND—South Plains College will present the Second Annual Gospel Hour Sunday (April 17).

The concert of contemporary and southern gospel bluegrass and a cappella music begins at 8 p.m. in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio, located in SPC's Creative Arts Building. Admission is free.

SPC featured ensembles will be Angel Band, under direction of Bonnie Dickinson; Voices by the Banks, directed by Cary Banks; The Better Land Band, directed by Rusty Judelson, and SPC Bluegrass, directed by Alan Munde.

They will perform a variety of gospel tunes, including "A Place Called Hope," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "Jesus Loves Me," "Swing Down Sweet Chariot," and "Shower the People With Love."

The first annual Gospel Hour drew more than 400 people to last year's concert, according to Dickinson, a commercial music instructor who is coordinating the event.

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