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NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SURVEY

From NBNS Communications.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR THREATENS ARREST OF JESSE JACKSON

Sacramento, CA—California Governor Pete Wilson last week threatened to arrest national black political leader Jesse Jackson. The threat came shortly after Jackson announced plans to march on a meeting of the University of California Board of Regents, which was considering plans to end the school's affirmative action programs. Jackson says the programs have been beneficial to blacks and other minorities. Wilson says the programs discriminate against whites and place racial considerations above those of merit. Wilson is also a Republican presidential candidate and the Republican Party has launched an unrelenting campaign against affirmative action programs throughout the nation. Last June, Wilson signed an executive order undoing nearly 100 of California's affirmative action programs. The programs grew out of the civil rights movement and were designed to give special preference to blacks, other minorities and women when it came to jobs, scholarships and government contracts in order to make up for past discrimination.

REPUBLICAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN APPEARS RACIST

Washington, D.C.—The Republican Party has launched a new fund-raising campaign which has ignited charges of racism. The campaign targets 28 liberal Democrats for defeat in next year's elections. But among those the Republicans want driven from Congress are 22 blacks. The rest are women, Hispanics or Jews. National Democratic Party Chairman Don Fowler charged that Republicans have not changed because "when it comes down to it, they always play the race card."

BLACK WEALTH CONFERENCE SET FOR FT. LAUDERDALE

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL—The next in a series of seminars and workshops designed to show African-Americans how to build personal and family wealth will take place in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. on Saturday, July 29. The wealth building conference is being conducted by the Better Life Club of America, a Washington, D.C. based financial self-help group which devises income enhancement programs and projects. Conference topics will range from starting homebased businesses to making profits in the 900-number business. Financial planning and debt reduction experts will also be present. Interested persons can get registration information by calling 1-800-748-1821. Better Life Club spokesman James Nathan explained the conference this way, "Our aim is to instill in black people that the fundamental need of the last part of the 20th century is to build personal and family financial security." He added, "We can no longer depend upon politicians to help us. Economic power is the best weapon against racism." The local conference organizer is Linda Hawkins, 305-581-9220.

WEALTH CLUB ORGANIZING CONFERENCE SET FOR OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Charging that "There has an anti-black change in the political mood of this country and the

Moderator of the Original West Texas Baptist Association Wichita Falls Pastor Attacked by Youth Shot in the Head

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS (SPECIAL)—A pastor who visits Lubbock frequently during the year was attacked last Friday night. He is Rev. James C. Thompson, pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Citizens of Wichita Falls were in deep hurt. "I'm still in shock," said a member of the church—Sister Wilma Bolden. "I've known him for some time. The whole community is in shock."

Rev. Thompson was taken to Bethania Regional Health Care Center last Friday night after being shot in the head by young assailants who then stole his car.

Rev. Thompson was in critical condition all day last Saturday, and was not expected to live, according to detectives.

In the waiting room of Bethania's intensive care unit, family and friends sat on overstuffed sofas, some speaking quietly, others staring straight forward.

Rev. Thompson's brother-in-law, Willie Tealer of Fort Worth, Texas, said, "This isn't what he's about."

According to his neighbors, Rev. Thompson is known for his kind-heartedness, his willingness to do anyone a favor. He has been pastor of Antioch since 1979. He has been to Lubbock many times in various meetings.

According to church members, Rev. Thompson is known for his ministering and his preaching, which preaches love and acceptance.

But last Saturday, Rev. Thompson became the victim of the most violent crime of carjacking in Wichita Falls' history.

Before he became unconscious early Saturday morning, he told police four teenagers kidnapped him and

stole his Mercury Marquis. He was left bleeding on the side of an east Wichita Falls street.

According to the Wichita Falls Police report, the attackers approached him about 11:00 p.m. as he left an east Wichita Falls gas station on Eastside Drive, and asked him for a ride, which Rev. Thompson agreed to give them.

"This was a carjacking," said Detective Steve Pruitt. "Asking for a ride was just a ploy," according to Pruitt.

Doing favors comes naturally to Rev. Thompson, said his across-the-street neighbor, Rev. Robert Castle, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

"He's just a real big-hearted person," said Rev. Castle. "He's always helping people with their cars, picking up or taking them somewhere," continued Rev. Castle.

One of the four youths, a 19-year-old man, is an escaped convict from an Oklahoma penitentiary, where he was serving time for burglary.

Rev. Thompson is moderator of the Original West Texas Baptist Association, and had just returned Friday night from their convention in Odessa, Texas.

He is president of the Wichita Falls Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), substitute teacher for the Wichita Falls Public Schools, chaplain for the Wichita Falls Police Department. In 1992, he ran for Wichita County Commissioner.



According to authorities, as of noon Monday, he was found to be brain dead.

Northwest Texas Annual Conference Convening at Bethel A.M.E. Church



The Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will convene at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with the Presiding Prelate, the Rt. Reverend John Richard Bryant, Episcopal Bishop, presiding August 10 through 13, 1995.

Services will be held daily at the church at 2002 Southeast Drive. Accompanying Bishop Bryant will be the Rev. Cecelia Williams Bryant, Episcopal Supervisor.

"We will be expecting many visitors from outside the Northwest Texas Conference, and we will entertain them," said Rev. Franklin. "We are just happy to have our Bishop present," continued Rev. Franklin.

CHATMAN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1995
2311 FIR AV
6:30 P.M.

Wright Care Home Health

What began as a dream for a local nurse has become a reality at the corner of Parkway Drive and M.L.K., with the opening of Wright Care Home Health. Lisa Wright, R.N., says "I'm so proud to be a part of the neighborhood that I've dreamed of serving since I first became a nurse."

Wright Care Home Health, located at 1700 Parkway Drive, is a state-certified home health agency. The mission of Wright Care is to provide quality, compassionate home health care to individuals who have a medical need, and because of their medical condition, are essentially homebound. The goal of every aspect of their service is to assist the client to remain at home and to maintain as much independence as possible.

Services provided by Wright Care Home Health are prescribed by each client's physician, and are directed to meet the total needs of each individual. Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance, reimburses Wright Care for their services. Skilled nurses perform assessments, monitor blood pressure and blood sugar, perform wound care, give injections, draw blood for laboratory testing, and provide general patient instruction for each client's medical condition, diet, and medications. Home health aides are available to assist the individual with daily personal care such as bathing, shaving, eating, and very light housekeeping and laundry, as deemed necessary according to the client's condition. Other services available are Physical Therapy.

Most home health agencies get their client referrals from doctors or hospitals. Lisa Wright, owner of Wright Care Home Health, says "my commitment is to try to reach the people who do not receive home health care for various reasons and fall through the cracks of the health care system." She is attempting to reach the people in this neighborhood who have medical needs and would qualify for home health care. Through mail-outs, talking to ministers, and relying on word of mouth by satisfied clients, Lisa hopes to reach those who might benefit from their services.

Lisa Wright, who owns and operates Wright Care, is a graduate of Methodist Hospital School of Nursing and of West Texas State University. She has several years experience

in home health care. She is a former employee of Methodist Home Health, and later began a home health agency in Muleshoe, Texas.

Wright Care Home Health welcomes your call at 744-3303 to see if you or your family member qualifies for home health care. It is apparent that Lisa and her employees plan to make a difference in the lives of people in our neighborhood!



Back row (L-R): Maria Olivares, Office Manager; Mona Mapes, Aide; Cathy Buchanan, LVN; Cyndi Hughes, RN; Gary Wright, Accountant. Front row (L-R): Lisa Wright, RN; Sandra Adams, Aide; Deid. Goodgame, LVN; Carolyn Hawkins, Aide.



EHS Cheerleader Named to All-American Team

The Estacado High School cheerleaders recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp workshop where one of their team members, Chandra Phillips (senior), received top recognition as being selected for the NCA All-American Team. The workshop was held at Texas Tech and attracted over 600 cheerleaders from surrounding states.

The National Cheerleaders Association, is sponsoring the "All-American Team" award at each of over 500 workshops held across the United States. The winners were selected from this award above all other cheerleaders at the workshop on the basis of their cheerleading technique, leadership, and all-around cheerleading ability.

The presentation of the NCA "All-American Team" award came at the completion of a full workshop of training on cheerleading technique, cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts, and pyramids as well as a leadership program for sportsmanship, responsibilities, organization, and dedication. The National Cheerleading Association has been conducting summer workshops for over 45 years, teaching over 150,000 students each year on the art of dancing and cheerleading.

As an "All-American Team" member the cheerleaders are eligible to travel nationally and internationally with the NCA Special Events Performance Team. The "All-American Team" members will be highlighted in the Bruch's Holiday Parade—Chicago, Illinois; St. Patrick's Day Parade—Dublin, Ireland and the Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl—Honolulu, Hawaii.

Long-Time Pastor to be Recognized

Reverend R.S. Stanley, long-time pastor and community activist, is to be recognized August 18th, at Mae Simmons Community Center. Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, said, "This is a long time coming."

Rev. Stanley is the long-time pastor of Saint Matthew Baptist Church. He has been involved in the Lubbock community for many years, has helped many people and never received the recognition he deserved, even though he was not doing the things he did for many years for that reason.

Richardson also stated, "Rev. Stanley was the only preacher that I called when I had a bedridden aunt who moved to Lubbock from Alabama who came to her bedside and took her in church so she could have a church home in Lubbock."

Rev. Stanley is responsible for bringing more minister into the

ministry from the streets than any other minister in the Black community of Lubbock. There are also well-known church workers in Lubbock. His recruits will be doing most of the program.

Rev. Stanley was one of three Black ministers in Lubbock to oppose racism, oppression, and segregation when it was very unfashionable, even when a Black would get fired for having a NAACP membership card.

More to come on the upcoming recognition program in following weeks in the Digest.



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Ruby Jay's Corner



The Sunday School Department of the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Supt. James Sterling present and Sister Sandra Henry presiding. Prayer was offered by Brother Quigley. A song, "What A Friend," was sung while the classes passed to their various places for instruction. After 30 minutes, the classes returned and singing "What A Fellowship."

High points of the lesson were given by Class Number 4 by Sister Ervin and Sister Sheffield.

The secretary's report: Class Number One, Men's Class received both banners—Offering and Attendance Banners.

Sister Maggie Dunn was present in Sunday School. She has moved away from the church.

During the 10:45 a.m. devotional period, Sister Chase led the devotional and was assisted by Brother Kelly.

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus." Altar prayer was given by Rev. Brown. Another song, "Door of the Church Is Open, Come On In." Scripture was read by Sister C. Quigley. Prayer was given by Sister Cooper.

Another song, "Close To Thee," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "Nothing

But the Blood of Jesus." Pastoral observation was given by Pastor Billy R. Moton. The hymn of preparation was "There's A Fountain."

Pastor Moton's sermon was "Why We Ought To Praise God When We Are Under Fire." The scripture text was I Peter 1:6-8. It was a wonderful message.

Invitation to discipleship was extended. Jimmy Blaylock, son of Sister Lucille Blaylock, came forward. He's back home, and we welcome him home.

Brother Hardin Barrow's oldest sister passed away. He is remembered in our prayers.

Sister Marie Lynn is still a patient at Methodist Hospital. Sister Callie Howard is also a patient there.

Remember the sick and shut-in everywhere.

Sister Gloria Bailey was rushed to the hospital last Saturday.

You who missed the Choir Musical last Saturday evening missed a treat. It was a wonderful program as well as the guest.

Brother C.F. Cooke is listed among the sick and shut-in this week.

Richard Rollison lost his sister, Ruby Mullins, in Carthage, Texas last week.

Our prayers go out to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Horton who have a very sick child. Just remember God is able. Just talk to him and trust him. He'll see you through.

New Hope Baptist Church will be guests at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church this week.

Remember the Dr. Hazel Taylor family in your prayers. She passed here last Saturday.

National Black News Survey

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

MARS ROBOT TO BE NAMED FOR SOJOURNER TRUTH
WASHINGTON, D.C.—NASA expects to land a robot on Mars in 1997. When it lands, it will be named Sojourner—after Sojourner Truth: the black woman who fought against slavery and attempted to aid the ex-

slaves after the civil war. The name was selected from 3,500 entries. Valene Ambrose, a 12-year-old Bridgeport, Connecticut girl, submitted the name.

NEWARK MAYOR TARGET OF CORRUPTION PROBE
NEWARK, N.J.—Black Newark, N.J. Mayor Sharpe James is facing a massive federal probe into his campaign fund raising tactics and his alleged lavish spending. U.S. Attorney Faith Hochberg has hit the mayor and other city officials with more than 100 subpoenas. The investigation centers around the spending of nearly \$3 million in funds raised by James and his Sharpe James Civic Association. James has suggested the investigation is racial in nature and is part of a campaign against prominent black politicians. Prior to the investigation, James had generally been credited with doing a good job in reversing Newark's downward slide.

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The ladies of the Eta Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are making an attempt to launch their 1st annual mentoring program. The program will be called "Del-T.E.E.N.S." Del-Teens will target young women between the ages of 15-17.

With this program, the Deltas plan to give the teens a sense of belonging as well as enable the young women to develop leadership skills, promote high scholastic achievements, and help the ladies to explore various aspects of college life.

If you are an interested young lady or possibly a parent wanting more information please feel free to contact our Chair of Projects and Programs, Tyrasa Watts at 744-4946.

Dunbar Alumni Meet Sunday

Members of the Dunbar International Alumni Association will meet Sunday, August 13, 1995, at 5:00 p.m.

It is important for all members to be present.

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Georgia L. Richardson, Chairperson

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Parkway Manor Care Center News - Volunteer Registration

Mrs. A. D. Pino and daughter visited Scottie Moore last Sunday afternoon.

Willie Jean Fryd and a family of four visited George Skief and Rabi Robinson last Sunday.

Sister Parks' sister, Darnie Lee Finch and family of eight visited Scottie Moore last Sunday.

Moses visited Roy Walker last Sunday afternoon.

Jeanie Ann Jordan and Shirina Berger visited their mother and grandmother, Lucille Wiggins, last Monday.

Ann Day, who works with SPAG, visited the residents last Wednesday as usual and on time for Rev. W.H. Stephens at 10:15 a.m. Bible study. Also present was Helen Hereford. We sure miss them when they are not present with the residents. They are much help when they are present. It would be the same if more of you would come to see us. You are welcome to try us. Our lesson's basic theme was "A Foolish Cross?" Scripture was I Corinthians 1:18. The cross reveals man's sin at its worst and God's love at its best.

Rising Star Baptist Church's Mission of six came

last Tuesday evening with some spiritual uplifting motivational service for the residents.

Brother Birmingham, a member of the Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited the residents last Wednesday evening.

Fairway Drive Baptist Church with eight members came last Wednesday evening to hold worship services for the residents.

Lethia Alexander and Stacie Ladd, members of Alexander Chapel Church—where Elder Samuel Thustor is pastor—visited the residents last Saturday.

"May We Pray
O God give us the courage
To accept with serenity
The thing we cannot change
Give us courage to charge
The things that should be changed...
And give us the wisdom to distinguish
The one from the other... AMEN.

Mrs. Gloria Olquin, A.D. & R.; Rev. W.H. Stephens, assistant A.D. & R.

Morales Appoints 1995 Municipal Advisory Committee

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales congratulated Lubbock Councilmember T.J. Patterson Sr. on his appointment to the Attorney General's 1995 Municipal Advisory Committee, a diverse group of 32 city officials who will advise Morales on important issues facing Texas municipalities.

"Cities alone cannot combat juvenile crime, gangs, crack houses and other problems facing our communities," Morales said. "This committee will help me and my staff design ways in which the Attorney General's Office can assist local governments."

The Committee met in Austin last Friday for the first of three meetings to take place in 1995 and 1996. Morales introduced the new members, conducted a question-and-answer session, and discussed the committee's 1995 goals.

Morales' staff conducted presentations on the Attorney General's Drug Nuisance Abatement Program and the Opinion Committee. The nuisance abatement program works with Texas cities to shut down properties where illegal drug violations, prostitution, underage drinking and other illegal activity takes place. The Opinion Committee interprets the Texas Open Records and Open Meetings Acts, and issues legal rulings based on requests from local and state officials seeking clarification of state laws.

Morales formed the Municipal Advisory

Committee in 1992 as a way to establish a dialogue between the Office of the Attorney General and Texas city officials. Morales has a Municipal Affairs Section, which assists and advises city officials on legal matters unique to city government. The section is headed by Assistant Attorney General Scott Joslove.

Each committee sets a goal. Last year, the committee recommended that the Attorney General produce a handbook on juvenile crime for Texas cities. The handbook, called the "Juvenile Justice Handbook for Cities: How the System Works and Resources for Texas Cities to Combat Juvenile Crime," was produced by the committee in cooperation with the Texas Municipal League (TML). At Friday's meeting, the committee will set its own goal for the coming year.

The 1995 committee includes 32 members who reflect the state's vast ethnic and geographic make-up. Five of the 32 openings on the committee are reserved for the following individuals: TML board president, TML vice-president, TML second vice president, a member of the Texas Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials, and a member of Texas Association of Black City Councilmembers. The remaining 27 members are elected and appointed city officials drawn from the TML's 15 regions.

Tried Stone Ground Breaking

Groundbreaking for the erection of a two-story, 8-room, multipurpose training facility drew high praise from a cross section of California civic, political and business leaders here Saturday, July 8, at Tried Stone Baptist Church.

Significance of the occasion was the unconditional use of the church classrooms. Members of Tried Stone are looking forward to conducting Sunday School classes on Sundays; Monday through Saturday, daily and evening instruction in business development and ownership, civic responsibility and personal health. Instruction will be aimed at youth 6 through 16.



Left to Right: Reverend Ozell Butler; Rev. William Jackson, Pastor Tried Stone Baptist Church; Henri O'Bryant, Choir Robe MFGR.; Celes King, III, Chair Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

Tried Stone's pastor, the Rev. William Jackson, said that "Lessons from the above subjects will tie in with the subjects taught at Sunday School sessions." Catherine Walker, Trustee Chairlady at Tried Stone welcomed the guests and acknowledged letters of praise from congressman Julian Dixon and Governor Pete Wilson. Lynwood city commissioner, A. Ann Fields, choir robe manufacturer Henri O'Bryant and Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) chair Celes King, III, took part in the groundbreaking. Cheryl Cooper coordinated the program.



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by Eddie P. Richardson

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doing as they have said they would, and this, we think is fair.

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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

It is a fact that schools are demanding more and more of teachers and students in an attempt to secure a quality education. It is also a fact that fewer parents are demanding more from their offspring. This is a collision course for sure as the families or homes with some form of discipline and great expectations from the children in these families and homes often see what they expect from these children at school. 'Nothing from nothing, leaves nothing.'

usually find success in his school years as well as his adult years. It is a known fact that children who are proper and polite in school always get the benefit of the doubt from teachers and administrators and the same is true when dealing with employers. Therefore it pays to be civil.

A positive attitude which displays eagerness and willingness to learn is a most important attribute for today's students. Though teachers are still trying to motivate and energize students, it is not as easy as it was years ago when in small communities everyone knew everyone, their family situations and possible remedies. Today, most students are a number and a face in school, often characterized by the way a child looks, straight (non-gang attire and idioms) or gangbanger. Parents need to get 'in cinque' and see how their children look. Talk to other parents and find out what is going on with children and not take it for granted that their children are A-OK. I have heard that 'if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and acts like a duck, IT IS A DUCK!'

To some extent, I agree with Newt Gingrich. Too many children need to be taken from their current residences and placed in a facility which nurtures children and helps to prepare them to live as adults in a civil and peaceful society. This should be the basic goal for all families regardless to what the employment outlook is.

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THIS N THAT

WHAT WILL THIS WORLD COME TO NEXT!! THIS N THAT... while in Wichita Falls... last weekend... word came that a pastor... REV. J.C. THOMPSON... pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church... since 1979... was shot... WHILE BEING NICE TO A GROUP... of young fellows... who asked for a ride... He did just that... and the... four YOUNG FELLOWS... carjacked him and left him on the side of the street... with a... GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD... As of last Saturday... REV. THOMPSON... was in... CRITICAL CONDITION... Now... what is this world coming to... as if there are... YOUNG FELLOWS... who will stoop so low as to... SHOOT A PASTOR... of a local church... and this is something we should all think about... as this world is something which we all can't really understand... REV. THOMPSON... is... MODERATOR... of the Old West Texas Baptist Association... and is a visitor to Lubbock several times a year... THIS N THAT... would like to advise... PASTORS... to take heed to what has happened to Rev. Thompson... and hope this will never happen to any of them in Lubbock... THIS N THAT... would say that... REV. J.C. THOMPSON... will be all right... it is believed that he will not live... but he has our prayers... As Black people... we must get about our business... working with our children... Our prayers go with the... THOMPSON FAMILY... ENJOYED THE FAMILIES!! THIS N THAT... who is a member of the... BARTON FAMILY... had an opportunity to attend the annual... CLEAVER/BARTON FAMILY REUNION... Kinfolks came from all over the state... and other...

parts of the country... As a member... T.J. PATTERSON... we really enjoyed each other... as it is so important to realize the... IMPORTANCE... of being with family... THIS N THAT... would like to... say thanks... to... our kinfolks... LUCKEY CLEAVER... who headed up the Wichita Falls effort... and his off-springs... ZORA & others... for a job well done... If it is possible... THIS N THAT... will be present... as this a... GREAT WEEKEND... and especially... being with... FAMILY MEMBERS... Accompanying... THIS N THAT... were... BOBBIE... SHELIA... ZAIREBUS... and... ASYA... All had a very good time... and all are looking for next year... Hopefully... the... CLEAVER/BARTON FAMILY... will go back to where it all began... WAX-AHACHIE, TEXAS... the beginning of it all... WHAT A TIME!! D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "HOPE... is when all... BELIEVE SOMETHING... will happen... which will... BENEFIT OUR YOUTH..." WILL BE MISSED!! THIS N THAT... along with many others... will miss one of our... CONCERNED CITIZENS... DR. HAZEL TAYLOR... who has worked in the community... for many years... She departed this life last Saturday... THIS N THAT... will miss you... DR. TAYLOR... SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 17TH!! THIS N THAT... would like to advise... all of you... driving to and from... that next week... AUGUST 17TH... school will begin... So please be careful... when driving your vehicle... The... YOUNG PEOPLE... will be excited... give them the... EXTRA LOOK...

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Bush Names Texas Tech Official to Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation Board

AUSTIN—Governor George W. Bush has appointed Don E. Cosby of Lubbock to the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation Board of Directors. The corporation guarantees loans made to students by eligible lenders as provided by the federal guaranteed student loan program.

Mr. Cosby, a CPA, is the vice president of fiscal affairs at Texas Tech University. As chief financial officer since 1989, he has been responsible for institutional accounting, investment management, budget preparation, personnel administration and other activities. He previously was executive vice president of Ford Bank Group, Inc. His professional memberships include the American Institute and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Association of State Senior College and University Business Officers, and the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

He graduated with honors from Texas Tech University with a B.B.A. in accounting. Mr. Cosby is the treasurer and a board member of Lubbock United Way, and serves on the board of Ronald McDonald House of Lubbock. He is also a member of the Multipurpose Arena Task Force for the City of Lubbock.

His term will expire January 31, 1999. He will fill the unexpired term of Yvette Clark of Nacogdoches, who resigned. This appointment requires Senate confirmation.

NAACP Monthly Meeting

NAACP will hold their monthly meeting August 12, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Main topics of discussion will be the membership and the state conference. There will also be reports from the national convention. Get involve in your community and come out to the meeting.

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What Affirmative Action Really Means, Part one of a two part series "Along the Color Line"

Dr. Manning Marable

Everyone these days seem to be debating "affirmative action," but few really know what the term means. What has happened in recent years is a profound distortion of what "affirmative action" really is, and how it evolved as a set of public policies.

Historically, the political motivation behind both "equal opportunity" and "affirmative action" came from the struggle to abolish slavery and its aftermath during the period of Reconstruction. The thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the US Constitution attempted to destroy the second-class legal and political status of African-Americans. This political sentiment was expressed in the Civil Rights Act of 1966, which stated that "all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States shall have the same right in every State and Territory, to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, give evidence, and to the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of persons and property as is enjoyed by white citizens..."

During the Great Depression, the role of the Federal government in protecting the equal rights of black Americans was expanded again through the direct militancy and agitation of black people. In 1941, socialist and trade union leader A. Philip Randolph mobilized thousands of black workers to participate in the "Negro March on Washington Movement," calling upon the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt to carry out a series of reforms favorable to civil rights. To halt this mobilization, Roosevelt agreed to sign Executive Order 8802, which outlawed segregationist hiring policies by defense-related industries that held Federal contracts. This Executive Order not only greatly increased

the number of African-Americans who were employed in wartime industries, but expanded the political idea that government could not take a passive role in the dismantling of institutional racism.

This position was reaffirmed in 1953, by President Harry S. Truman's Committee on Government Contract Compliance, which urged the Bureau of Employment Security "to act positively and affirmatively to implement the policy of nondiscrimination in its functions of placement counseling, occupational analysis and industrial services, labor market information, and community participation in employment services." Thus, despite the fact that the actual phrase, "affirmative action" was not used by a Chief Executive until President John F. Kennedy's Executive Order 11246 in 1961, the basic idea of taking proactive steps to uproot structural patterns of discrimination had been around for a long time.

The essential difficulty in every discussion about affirmative action goes back to its history and evolution. "Affirmative action" per se was never a law, or even a coherently developed governmental strategy to address discrimination. It was a set of Executive Orders and governmental policies regarding Federal contracts, employment and licenses. Some Federal laws and initiatives implied that the social policy goal of uprooting discrimination ought to be the achievement of a "color blind" society, in which racial categories would become irrelevant. The 1964 Civil Rights Act, for example, declares that workplace discrimination on the basis of "race, color, religion, sex or national origin" should be outlawed. The 1964 act also states that it should not be interpreted to require any employer "to grant preferential treatment to any individual

or to any group."

Five years later, however, under the Republican administration of Richard M. Nixon, the Federal government authorized what became known as the "Philadelphia Plan." This initiative required federal contractors to set specific goals for minority hiring. As a result, the number of racial minorities in the construction industry increased from 1 to 12 percent. Nixon's basic strategy was to utilize a liberal reform for a conservative objective: the expansion of the African-American middle class would potentially benefit the Republican Party. Nixon authorized placing Federal Reserve funds in black-owned banks; he publicly defended the slogan "Black Power," but carefully interpreted it as "black capitalism."

In the 1978 Bakke decision, the Supreme Court overturned the policy of setting aside 16 out of 100 medical school openings for racial minorities in the selection of applicants for the University of California at Davis. But despite Bakke and other subsequent legal rulings which restricted the scope of affirmative action, millions of whites increasingly came to the opinion that any positive steps which addressed racial or gender inequality in employment or educational opportunities, no matter how modest, somehow were at their expense.

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Perhaps one of the best-known scriptures related to prayer is the one we have chosen for our Breakfast and the motivation for this writing. People quite often quote II Chron. 7:14, but one wonders, how many know the background of this powerful promise in God?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep smiling, people, and loving your sisters and brothers. *We can make it.* To the sick and bereaved: God is the answer.

We are spiritually only Saturday. Our guests were Sis. Gracie Fulsun, Sis. Bettye Willis. Thank you for coming, you are special to us. Come again. Dorothy Hood, President, Ernestine Frazier, Secretary.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Abuse of Opportunities

"For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

The fall of the house of Ahab was inevitable (2 Kings 10:1-17). Ahab was the king of the northern kingdom of Israel and ruled for twenty-two years as its eighth king. As king of Israel, he had a tremendous opportunity for good. As the husband of Jezebel, he allowed his opportunities to be used for evil. God had to step in and take control. Remember the injustices that Ahab and Jezebel perpetrated on both and his family.

In "Les Miserables," Victor Hugo refers to the final days of Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo. He writes: "Was it possible for Napoleon to have won the battle? No, it was not. Why? On account of Wellington? No. On account of God. It was high time that this

monstrous man should fall. The excessive weight of this man on human destiny disturbed the equilibrium. This single individual had come to count for more than the whole of mankind. The hour had come for supreme incorruptible justice to take notice. Napoleon had been denounced by the Infinite, and his downfall was determined. He was obstructing God, and God got tired of him."

Something like that could be said about Ahab. He had put himself in opposition to all the things which God stood for, therefore he and his house had to be eliminated. Ahab discovered that he could not get away with disregarding God's standards by acting unjustly.

The secret of a successful life is to determine the will of God and then use all our opportunities to do it. Do our actions indicate an insensitivity toward the needs and rights of people with whom we deal? Have we abused our opportunity for good by focusing on ourselves in such a manner that makes us so indifferent to others that we treat them unfairly? Without realizing it, have we fallen into injustices like King Ahab did?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

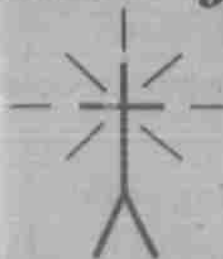
Psalms 40:1-5. I waited patiently for THE LORD; AND HE INCLINED UNTO ME, AND HEARD MY CRY. HE brought ME up also out of AN HORRIBLE PIT, out of the miry clay, and set MY FEET UPON A ROCK (JESUS), and established MY GOINGS. And HE hath put a NEW SONG IN MY MOUTH, EVEN PRAISE UNTO OUR GOD; many shall see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

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Letter to the Editor

Editor
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Dear Editor:

Regarding your story on proposed cuts to legal services funds (page 4A, 7-20-95): Did Mr. Keith Williams, Press Secretary for Congressman Larry Combest, provide you reporter any additional information as to what experience Mr. Combest or Mr. Williams have with poor people needing legal assistance? What is the basis for their opinion that all funding for legal services for the poor should be stopped? What "options" are available to poor people needing legal help?

Please write a follow up story and identify the "900 other groups that offer legal services without federal funding." Who? Where? I know several attorneys and many, many people who would be most interested in this information. Apparently some of us have been unaware of available resources. I see people every day in great need of legal services. I can guarantee some referrals every day.

Our representatives' efforts to cut funding for programs which provide essential services for children and families are a sad assault on the poor. The efforts of our representatives should be focused on programs to alleviate the ravages of poverty on those families who through no fault of their own fall through the cracks of an economic system which is steadily increasing the gap between the rich and the poor. The poor do not create poverty; our present economic system is doing that locally and globally! We must resist efforts to use the poor and the vulnerable as easy scapegoats for our society's social failures and economic difficulties.

I believe in the necessity for federal/state and local governmental partnerships which for years recognized the proper role of government to protect the common good. Protecting the right to legal services for the poor, the right to justice, is part of that role which will be severely damaged by the defunding and dissolution of Legal Services programs. Most religious groups also believe in the protection of the common good. The moral fabric of our nation and how well we practice what we believe will be measured by how well we care for the most vulnerable in our midst.

In a congress where so many members speak of their commitment to family values, many current attempts at "reform" legislation (such as defunding of Legal Services) represents a mockery. Reform should serve human needs of the poor, not just the political needs of public officials.

Sincerely,
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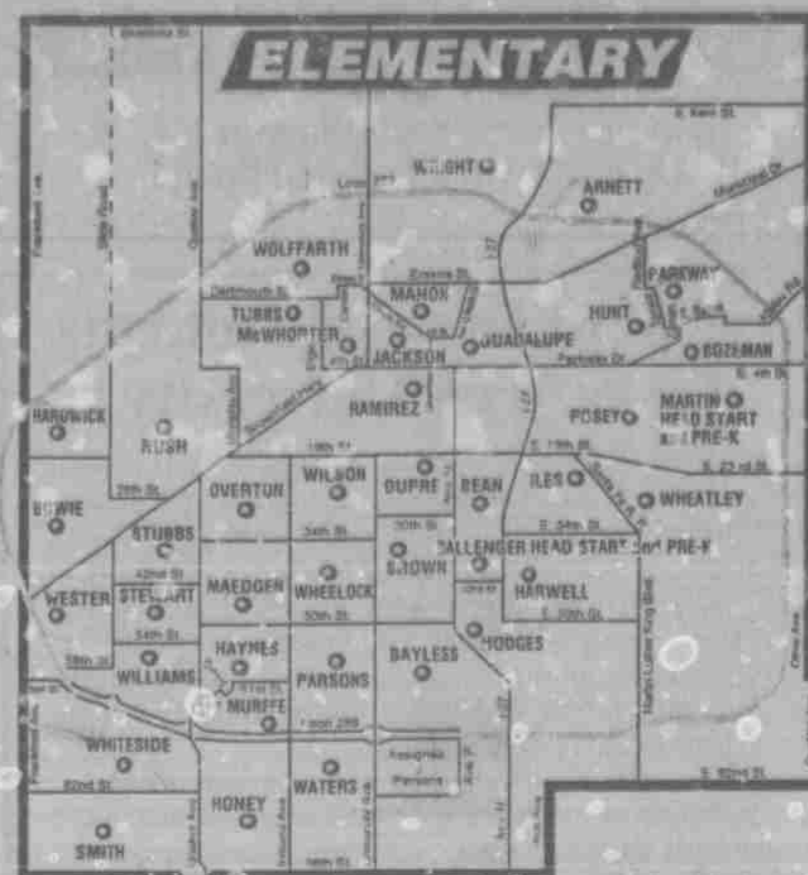
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