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NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SURVEY

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30 % of U.S. Families Headed by Single Parents

Thirty percent of all American families—and 63 percent of the nation's black families—are headed by single parents, the Census Bureau says. The 1990 census found more than seven million single-parent families. The single-family statistics include mothers and fathers who are divorced, widowed or never married, and represent all income groups. But the majority—about 80 percent—were families led by women, and single families as a group has lower income than two-parent families. For states and cities, a high percentage of single-parent families adds to the amount of money spent on welfare families. Government statistics show that, in an average month 45 percent of the nation's families headed by a single woman are in some type of major government assistance program.

HUD Investing Nation of Islam Contracts

Members of Congress have forced Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros to investigate allegations that federally funded security firms and other businesses linked to the Nation of Islam are practicing discrimination. In a recent letter to Senate Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, Cisneros said he was "Very concerned about recent allegations of possible discrimination involving contracts with the Nation of Islam and affiliated groups." He noted that if the probe finds that any of the companies have discriminated, HUD can cancel their contracts. Cisneros' letter was made public by Congressman Peter King, (R-NY), who has been seeking an investigation of Louis Farrakhan-connected businesses for more than a year. King has said, "To find out they're getting anywhere from \$20 million to \$30 million in federal money was to me a case of society subsidizing its own destruction, or certainly its own disruption." According to the lawmakers, Farrakhan-connected businesses are providing security for public housing facilities in Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Put Health Prevention Into Practice

Two easy-to-read booklets by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services can help families to better health. *The Personal Health Guide* (Item 121B, \$1.00) lists examinations people should have regularly and includes a chart to keep track of weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, immunizations, medications, and the dates and results of examinations after each check-up. The booklet also features a directory of selected toll-free numbers about health and safety. *The Child Health Guide* (102B, \$1.00) tells what preventive care children need to stay well and how to work with doctors to make sure they get it. Booklet has a growth chart and a list of the various developmental activities children should master as they grow from two months to five years old. It also tells about at what age and how often children should have certain tests, and includes a directory of hotline numbers for information on topics such as maternal

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ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT:

Who benefits from the Black Dollar?

By James Clingman

We've heard it all before. Our money circulates no more than one time in the black community, as opposed to dollars in other communities, where the rate is anywhere from three to seven times. We have also heard that African Americans transfer approximately 92% of our annual income to businesses owned by other ethnic groups, leaving ourselves with a meager "allowance" to share amongst our own businesses.

The bottom line is that other groups of people gain more from our money, our labor, and do more with our money than we do. We give away the lion's share of a \$350 billion annual income and sit back, amazed at why we are so far behind the rest of the pack in this country. In addition, we complain that we are not being treated fairly, which is a legitimate complaint. We are not treated fairly...by one another.

Affirmative Action? We once had our own affirmative action program, during the times prior to the sixties, when all we had were our own businesses to support. But as soon as we were given the "privilege" of spending our money at white-owned businesses, we quickly reversed the standards of our own affirmative action by turning our backs on our businesses and "being fair" to the businesses of others.

The benefits of our hard earned dollars began to flow, in even greater terms, to ethnic groups other than our own. Virtually everyone began to profit from the "black dollar," except black people, that is. Now we find ourselves faced with the no-win proposition of trying to retrieve lost gains, trying to bargain back the concessions we literally gave away through our neglect of our own economic systems.

Here are some very simple ways for us to begin to fight back and to reclaim our lost economy. First, we must look to

largest repository of black dollars in our communities, the black church. Think of the economic leverage we would have if the five largest black churches in each city would deposit their collections in the same bank. I did not say co-mingle their funds; I did not say share their funds; I did not say pool their funds. I said "deposit" their funds.

Of course, they would have to work together at some level, despite their religious differences, to develop a plan of action that would benefit their group. That should not be a problem, however, because they work together already, usually on everything except economic issues. But just imagine what power they would have, we would have, if their feat was replicated across this country. We would be well on our way to economic prosperity, economic empowerment, in just a few years.

The second answer lies within our neighborhoods. For example, take a look at the recent boycott of the Kroger store by Price Hill (Cincinnati, Ohio) residents. They supported that particular Kroger store and felt betrayed when it announced it was closing. The people in the neighborhood decided on an economic solution; a boycott of the store.

That's the key weapon of any group of consumers. Some people use the term "consumer," when it comes to African Americans, in a demeaning manner. They try to suggest that because we are primarily consumers, we are at the mercy of the producer. That's simply not true. Because we are the largest group of consumers in this country, relatively speaking of course, we are the most powerful group of consumers as well. We hold the destiny of many companies in our pockets and purses.

If we would join forces when it comes to our spending power, our power as consumers, we would find ourselves sitting at the decision-making tables, in the board rooms of the companies we support. The Price Hill group, as many before them have demonstrated, shows us what unity can accomplish. It's bad enough to know you're being mistreated by someone. But to sit back, or even lie down, and take it is inexcusable.

Banking, consumer packaged goods, clothing, and automobiles are the main industries supported by black and poor consumers. Consequently, they stand to lose a great deal if black and poor people hold back their support, their dollars. By the same token, those companies have a great deal to gain by working with black and poor people.

But first we must demonstrate that we are serious about sitting at the table with them. We must show them that we are serious about gaining some of the tremendous benefits that accrue from our dollars. Our community groups must begin to address economic issues in a serious manner. That means we must marshal our collective strength by using our dollars wisely, collectively.

We must show a collective front, starting with small groups and working our way up to larger ones, and begin living by the same economic tenet to which every other group subscribes; cooperative economics. How ironic that it (Ujamaa) began in Africa.

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Midland Teacher to Retire



Well, what do you know? Mary Elizabeth Day Newton has finally decided to leave off teaching in the public schools after 41 years and pursue another career. She will continue to teach Bible school and maybe an English course at the college level.

There are countless lives that have been touched and gained wisdom from Mrs. Newton's 28 years in Lubbock schools, and the last 13 spent in Midland, Texas. She has taught every grade except 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th. Friday, May 12, 1995, Mrs. Newton was honored with a beautiful reception at her school in Midland, TX. She received many lovely cards, flowers, gifts and well wishes. Hats off to a super, dedicated teacher!

Reunion Update

Everything is ready to go for Dunbar's upcoming "ALL-CLASS REUNION III," which will get under way July 7-9. Are you going to be a part of the fun? If not, your loss! If so, what a time you're going to have! The association is busy every day making sure that things are in order. It looks as if a year or more of planning is going to pay big dividends!

Remember: it's NOT too late for you to pay fees and be a part of this event of the summer and having attended Dunbar is not a requirement to participate! Simply contact Dunbar Alumni, Inc at 794-6543 or write them at P.O. Box 3362, Lubbock 79452. They will spend in excess of \$12,000.00 to make sure that you have a ball! You've got to give them credit; they've got it together!

Dunbar Alumni Inc. will meet Sunday, June 4th at 5:00 pm in the Dunbar library and are inviting you to

attend. Mark that date on your calendar! We understand that several families are using this event to reunite and celebrate. Wouldn't it be nice if more individuals took this attitude!

A spokesperson for the association said that he was extremely encouraged when he received fees from Albert Henderson, a member of the class of '43-44, whose coming from California to participate in the event. "He had not received a letter from us explaining the event, but somehow he got the word and responded. We have some right here in Lubbock, who are pointing and badmouthing simply because they did not receive a letter. Some even complain about the fees. My answer to them is that if someone can come from Chicago, Brooklyn, or San Diego and not complain, we definitely aren't going to let someone with a local address slow down the program! We're going for it!"



Mrs. Vanie Hibbler (left)
and Ethel Hibbler
McNeal (right)



Sadie Mosley

Look who's coming to Dunbar's upcoming "ALL-CLASS REUNION III" July 7-9!! Ethel Hibbler McNeal of the class of '62 on the right and pictured here with her mother, Mrs. Vanie Hibbler. The single photo is that of Sadie Mosley, who's coming from Phoenix, Arizona to share in the event.

Be'h said that they were looking forward to the event like every PANTHER and supporter should! They wouldn't miss it for the world! Shouldn't you get in on the fun also? It's NOT too late! Call 'em at 794-6543!

"Eddie Scott Day" Held at Plains National Bank

Rev. Edwin Scott, right, is shown looking at a new stereo set presented to him Friday, May 11, 1995, at Plains National Bank.

That day was designated in honor of him, and bore the name "Eddie Scott Day." T-shirts depicted his profile, and were trimmed in blue-printed "Eddie Scott Day."

Flanking him, left to right, are his wife, Pearl; Edna Green, sister-in-law; and Percy Tipton, Vice President at Plains.

Other family members present included Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lampkin of Arlington, Texas, and Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Jr. of Lubbock.



Learnings From the Heartland

by Bernice Powell Jackson

Her picture is indelibly imprinted in my mind. A young African American woman whose whole life changed in that moment of the explosion in Oklahoma City. Her name is Dana Bradley, a 20-year-old mother of two. She lost her leg in the explosion. She lost both her children, one 4 months and the other 3 years, in the explosion. And Dana Bradley lost her mother in the explosion.

Dana Bradley has been in my thoughts and my prayers each day since I first heard her story. Her doctor says she is an inspiration to everyone. The fact that she can even open her eyes to face the morning is certainly an inspiration to me.

There are hundreds of other stories of lives forever changed by that Oklahoma City bomb blast. Stories of loved ones lost, of injuries received and stories of caring and bravery and faith.

But there is a learning from that terrible event as well. It's really very simple. In the words of the great comic strip philosopher Pogo, "We have seen the enemy and the enemy is us." We are nurturing our own home-grown variety of terrorist here in America and we needn't hasten to blame others.

Predictably, there has been a rush to pass legislation to prevent such terrorist actions. While we must do everything which legally can be done to protect American citizens and federal workers in the future, we must be careful not to over-react.

That's the second learning from the heartland to which I was referring. It's the learning which comes from the story of another young African American woman. It comes from the Qubilah Shabazz case, which centered in Minneapolis. It's the learning that a government which does not respect the rights of individuals, which tips over into entrapment, which overreaches its legal authority may be just as dangerous to our country as those who seek to bomb it.

The Qubilah Shabazz case re-opened old wounds in the African American community. If re-opened wounds caused when Ms. Shabazz's father, Malcolm X, was murdered just as his vision was expanding and his dream was beginning to focus. It re-opened wounds caused when the federal government spied on black Americans like Martin Luther King, Jr. for decades just because they dared to speak truth to power and to challenge old racist systems.

The Qubilah Shabazz case is a troubling page in this country's legal history books. It's a sad day for us all when a U.S. Attorney pays a known drug user and informant already in the witness protection system and facing yet new drug charges to corner a young woman whose whole life has been troubled by her father's assassination, which she witnessed at age 4. Where is the justice in such a case?

These two learnings from our nation's heartland need to be considered together if we are to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past. We must not rush to blame Arab people or any other group of people when terror strikes our nation. In the meantime, let us pray for Dana Bradley and all the victims of the bombing. And let us pray for Qubilah Shabazz and her family. And may justice flow down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.



Ruby Jay's Corner

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

Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sister Stokley conducting the music opening with the singing of "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Brother Henry High presided over the opening. After the singing continued, classes marched to their various places of learning for 30 minutes and reassembled. High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 4, Sister Lena Sheffield is teacher, with special input from Sister Ruby Jay and Sister Dorothy Diamond.

Secretary's report: Youth Department: Intermediate Class received both banners—offering and attendance. Adult Class No. 4 lost both banners to the Men's Class No. 1.

During the devotional period at 10:45 a.m. Brother Clarence Ervin conducted the services.

During the processional, Senior Choir No. 1 sang "We Got To Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Sister Joan Y. Ervin. A song, "Let Jesus Fix It," was sung. Scripture was Psalms 13, and was read by Sister Flowers. Prayer was given by Brother James Sterling. Another song, "Oh, I Want To See Him," was sung.

Responsive reading was led by Sister Marjorie Thomas with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "My God Is Real." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He always has something helpful to say. God is real with him. How about you?

Another song was sung. It was "Praise Him." The hymn of preparation was "Pass Me Not." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Jesus Lifted Me." His scripture text was St. John 4:27-29. He gave us something to feast upon.

Invitation to discipleship was extended and no one came forward. A correction on something last week. It was mentioned that Sunday School Class No. 4, Sister Ervin is teacher. The red roses were presented by one of the members—Sister Dorothy Seales—not Sister Dorothy Kinier as it was reported. She is teacher of Class No. 2. We say thanks again, Sister Seales, for your love and kindness.

Pamela Moton is the only graduate from New Hope Baptist Church. She is graduating from Estacado High School Members, along with her proud parents, Rev. & Mrs. Billy R. Moton, are proud of you as well.

Carolyn Rollison left last Sunday for Houston, Texas. She has been here since Mother's Day.

Tyrone Ervin was visiting his parents, Clarence and Joan Y. Ervin, for a few days. He was en route to Austin, Texas to witness the graduation services of his niece. She is the daughter of Clarence, Jr. and Debbie Ervin.

All women of New Hope are responsible for prayer during the month of June. President Joan Y. Ervin is counting on each of you.

Annual Women's Day will be held Sunday, June 4th, at 3:30 p.m. Evangelist D.J. Brazzle will be guest speaker. The theme is "A Change, A Challenge." St. Matthew 28:19-20.

Remember our sick and shut in list with your prayers.

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Black Publisher Featured in Success Book

National Newspaper Publishers Association member, Dr. William Lee, is featured in the newly released book, *Success Secrets of Sacramento's Business Professionals*. President of Lee Publishing Company and head of the award-winning *Sacramento Observer*, Dr. Lee is one of 20 outstanding Sacramento entrepreneurs in a variety of fields honored in the series. "We're very pleased to add 20 more people to the series," said David Cawthron, the book's publisher. "Each person shares their knowledge about running a successful business, they also talk about how to make the most of work, an important key to finding personal satisfaction these days. The book fills a need we have in society for mentors programs," said Cawthron.

Education Reform Group Offers Free Memberships

Citizens United to Reform the Educational System (CURES), a national grass roots organization established by the Church of Scientology, is offering free memberships to parents and concerned citizens who are frustrated by children's poor performance in public schools. "Parents are outraged and upset with the awful results of our public schools, and they ought to be," explains CURES executive director Alex Jones. "When you make a child to go to school, don't teach him to read and then force him to stay in school for over a decade without handling this deficiency, you are torturing him. The low self-esteem, frustration and resentment this creates are tremendous. It is nothing short of academic child abuse." He cites a 1992 Department of Education study which found that 22 percent of adult Americans cannot read and another 25 percent are limited to reading at the 4th and 5th grade levels. Jones says these statistics mean disaster for African-Americans. "Just look at the violence on our streets and the increasing poverty and you will see the future." He also says 80 percent of prison inmates cannot read and that "The real violence in society begins when a child does not learn how to read." He noted that it is not teachers, a lack of funds, poverty or race which are at the heart of the difficulty. To receive a free CURES membership, and materials such as the Education Department's report and information on how to organize and lobby school boards, send a copy of this article and your address to: CURES, c/o The Church of Scientology, 2125 S Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

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Registration on the SPC Levelland Campus will be 1-7 p.m. in the Women's Gym adjoining the Student Center.

Registration on the SPC Lubbock Campus will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Enrollment for summer classes offered by SPC at Reese Air Force Base will be 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday (May 23) and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday (May 24) in Building 920 on the base.

Summer bulletins containing a complete listing of courses offered can be obtained by contacting the SPC registrar's office at 894-9611, ext. 372, ext. 373 or ext. 374 or SPC Lubbock at 747-0576.

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Parkway Manor Care Center News - Volunteer Registration

* Sunday afternoon, Willie Jean Floyd and three other people were visitors and visited George Skief.

Mrs. Helen Hereford visited with her mother, Hattie Stinger, and had lunch with her on Mother's Day. What a lovely time they had together.

Charles Perry visited his mother, Marie Embry, on Mother's Day and had lunch with her during the Mother's Day luncheon.

Saran Armstead and three other citizens visited her mother, Lucille Wiggins, last Sunday afternoon. Lillie Mac Jordan also visited Lucille Wiggins.

Willie Hereford visited Ezell Sanders, Rev. W.H. Stephens and others last week.

Leslie Charles Brown visited his brother, John Brown, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Habert Ogle of Devison, Texas came and visited with Rev. W.H. Stephens last Sunday afternoon.

Brother Birmingham, who is a member of Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited with all the residents last Monday afternoon. It is always good to have a happy and cheerful friend come by to visit the residents. Thank you, Brother Birmingham.

Last Monday evening, nine members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Society had their weekly worship services and visited the residents. Rev. J.H. Ford is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Sanders visited Rev. W.H. Stephens last Monday afternoon.

Monday afternoon, Dorothy McKeever and Rev. Clarence Witherspoon, pastor of Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, visited the residents. There were nine other members of the church to be present.

Wednesday, Ann Day visited with all the residents. She also assisted Rev. W.H. Stephens at 10:15 a.m. with his regular Bible lesson program. The scripture theme was "Joy is Inside Out." Scripture was John 17:21.

Last Thursday evening, members of the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church held their worship services with prayer and songs of praise.

Rev. W.H. Stephens, our own grandpa—who was selected this year by the Dunbar Junior High School Future Homemakers of America, had a visit this past Thursday. Ezra Brown, and sponsor, Mrs. Castle, came to see how he was doing. What a wonderful visit from the student and sponsor.

Last Friday, Ann Day, who is a member of Agape Temple COGIC, and Bishop W.H. Watson, pastor, visited all the residents.

Eula Petty visited with Mrs. Embry last Friday afternoon.

There were some activities last week at Parkway Manor. Monday morning, residents had Memory Lane where they remembered the good old days, and talked about different things. There were some different

items like ice picks, old trains, old purses, Sears catalog, and etc. The residents remembered some of the things, and they had a good time.

During Monday afternoon, there was a wheel-chair race. Winners were: Charlie, first place; Max, second place; Lucille Lewis, third place; Geneva Walker, fourth place; and Enrie Pearson, fifth place. What a good time all had.

Last Thursday, residents went fishing with the staff. Some of them didn't catch any fish, and some did. All had a good time. After the fishing, the residents had a picnic.

Tuesday afternoon, the residents had an ice cream party. All enjoyed this treat. They love ice cream.

Church's Chicken honored the residents with a luncheon last Wednesday. It was special, and the residents really loved it.

There was a bean bag contest last Wednesday afternoon. The residents had a very good time, and enjoyed all the prizes. Everybody was a winner.

A Piñata Party was held last Thursday. There were two piñatas which were filled with candies. The residents enjoyed hitting and breaking the piñatas. Afterwards, all had a small snack of tamales.

Friday afternoon, the residents had a Bar-B-Que treat. It was also for the staff. Residents always enjoy a good lunch.

A Third Grade Class from Bozeman Elementary School visited the residents, and put on a play. The residents really did enjoy the young people and the play.

The residents would like to say "Thanks" to those persons and companies for all their help during last week. We also would like to say thanks to Christiana Estelia Olquin for going fishing with the residents. Also a special thanks to Suzanna Olquin for donating the piñatas and tamales; the Third Grade Class from Bozeman Elementary School; and Freddy Lars for donating a brisket.

Letha Alexander and Susie Ludd, members of Alexander Chapel COGIC—where Elder Lemuel Thuston is pastor—visited the residents last Saturday afternoon.

Harvey & Jimmie Demerson visited Pearlmae Thomas last Saturday afternoon.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast had their monthly meeting last Saturday with the residents. All had a wonderful time in the Lord singing and praising His name. The lesson was taught by Rev. W.H. Stephens. The theme was "Renew Yourself Each Day." The scripture text was II Corinthians 4:16.

Have a Happy Week!

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



Lubbock Sailor Takes Part in Navy's Largest Medical Exercise

by Chad McKimmon

SAN DIEGO—Not long ago, house calls for most doctors were a daily routine. Today, this practice is almost unheard of. However there is one organization that still makes "house calls".

The U.S. Navy not only makes house calls for its Sailors and Marines, but in certain situations such as wartime or a disaster, they bring the hospital with them.

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Willis D. Gormany, the 21-year-old son of Rosetta Gormany of Lubbock, makes those house calls on board the naval hospital ship USNS *Mercy*. The floating hospital recently practiced its life-saving mission as part of Kernel Blitz '95, an extensive naval and amphibious exercise off the coast of Southern California.

"It was a great learning experience," said Gormany, a two year Navy veteran.

Gormany, a hospital corpsman,

assists Navy doctors and tends to the medical needs of Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

The *Mercy* provides acute medical and surgical care in support of Navy and Marine forces located in hostile areas. It also provides a full-service hospital facility that can be deployed worldwide to support disaster relief operations.

The *Mercy* is one of two Navy hospital ships, complete with 12 operating rooms, 80 intensive care beds, 20 recovery beds and 900 ward beds for light and limited care. *Mercy* is also equipped with full lab, X-ray, pharmacy and blood bank facilities.

During Kernel Blitz, the *Mercy* utilized "high-tech" equipment to help treat more than 200 simulated casualties. The advanced concept of tele-medicine was tested during the medical portion of the exercise. Tele-medicine allows Navy doctors on board the ship to better treat the critically wounded by consulting with other physicians, via satellite, worldwide. This technology, along with modern software, enables medical officers to electronically send X-rays, lab results and high-resolution photographs of the patient's injury or ailment for consultation.

The *Mercy* is larger than any shore-based naval medical facility and has a helo deck large enough to receive injured personnel from even the largest military helicopters.

According to Rear Adm. Eugene Fossell, who was the acting commander of the exercise's medical forces, the exercise proved to be a tremendous success in training active duty and reserve medical personnel.

Obituary

Mrs. Myrtle Sneed



Final rites were read for Mrs. Myrtle "Jean Mama" Sneed on Saturday, May 13, 1995, at the Roberson Chapel A.M.E. Church, McGregor, Texas, with Rev. Richard Jenkins, officiating.

Interment was held in McGregor Cemetery under the directions of W.H. Littles & Sons Mortuary, Waco, Texas.

Pallbearers were Alvin Hicks, Robert Roulhae, Roman Brown, Alvin Ewing, Lindberg Haynes, Ricky Brown and Emmitt Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were the Stewarts and Trustees of Roberson Chapel.

She was the oldest child of Ralph and Julie Hodge, and was born in Martindale, Texas February 14, 1917. She met and married William A. Sneed, Sr. in 1932.

In 1945, she moved to McGregor, Texas and joined Roberson Chapel A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Rev. J.W. Williams. Sister Myrtle Sneed was a faithful member of the Usher Board where she worked until her death. She was, at one time, a member of the Senior Choir and the Willing Workers.

Her husband, two of her daughters, and one son preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters—Mary Gee and Gloria Lyons, both of McGregor, Texas; Corine

Williams of Killeen, Texas; Myrtle Forbes of Coppens Cove, Texas; Irene Cooper of Cathedral City, California; and Cartilia Bryant of Los Angeles, California; sons—Larl C. Sneed of Las Vegas, Nevada and Robert Sneed of Phoenix, Arizona; two sisters: Lorena Hodge and Julia Mae Burns, both of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers: Johnny Lee Hodge of Lubbock, Texas and Ralph Hodge of San Francisco, California; thirty-two grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, and two good friends—Irene Johnson and Laura Phillips.

Attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnson and family, Mrs. Emma Lewis, Ms. Lorena Hodge and Johnny Lee Hodge, all of Lubbock, Texas.

AFTER YEARS OF WAITING TABLES,
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In Times of Confusion?

By Eddie P. Richardson

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Welfare reform,
Affirmative Action,
Contract with America,

young ambitious white male Republicans, mostly young, most middle class with no minority disenfranchised people living in poverty, unemployed, unemployable, homeless, uneducated etc.

Contract with America: Native Americas had a contract with America and look where they ended up.

Affirmative Action: No one complained as long as females, minorities, and disadvantaged people were concerned, as long as white males ruled the roost and ran everything including jobs everything was OK. But when others were brought in, the angry white male syndrome set in. There were no complaints.

Block grants: previously known as state's rights. Only the white thrived, while the minorities and others cried. That's why the federal government had to intervene in the first place, to give the left out a fair shake. Now the priority should be keeping what we have instead of getting what is owed us. We must be concerned with firing, hiring with us. We are always the last hired and first fired. We must concentrate on I.T.P.A. summer employment, O.J.T. and other training.

Midnight basketball or midnight drive-by gang-banging or shooting. A choice has to be made: should we

pay for prevention or cure?

Angry white male syndrome: To counter this situation it must be recognized that we do not have a Republican vs. Democrat. White males are angry because of advancement of others than themselves. The counter to all of the above is power... Black ministers instead of whooping... and... hollering... singing... and... clapping... and doing nothing, get totally involved in all aspects of the community and bring the church to the forefront like it once was, where the Black church was, totally involved and the center of everything that affects the community.

Tax Break: on who's back, the senior citizens, children, minorities, and poor. The rich get richer and poor get poorer.

The Answer: College vs. gang banging, work vs. stealing, business and economic development vs. streets. Improved SAT scores, college degrees, bachelors, masters, PhD's. Educational competition vs. gang rivalry, college vs. prison, preparation vs. idleness, which prepares our youth to compete educationally with Asians, Germans, Japanese, be able to think and place durable above ideal. Think and take positive action. Then and only then will civil rights, social programs etc. truly work.

Weekly Thought: The only thing better than a good thought is action.

Next week's column: welfare reform.]



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

There is a sticky subject which I feel that we are not giving enough attention to and consequently it is wreaking havoc for many of our

teenagers. The subject is homosexuality. It is often difficult to detect in girls but most often too obvious in boys. It is our boys who are having the most problems coping and therefore are increasing the statistics in teenaged suicides and attempted suicides.

Teenaged suicide is and has been a serious problem for the past two decades. Parents and many friends of these victims are appalled when the suicide occurs and rack their brains endlessly trying to figure out what drove a child to this end.

The driving factor is often friends and parents who 'do not understand' and refuse to try to understand the often confused and frightened child. The child is frightened because his family and friends expect him to be 'normal' and he knows that he is NOT what they expect or call normal. He is confused because

he fears that he will no longer be loved or respected by his family and friends if they find out that he is not normal. He will carry this self-secret within himself and try to hide it from those whom he loves and whom he wants to love him. This makes it difficult for the child to talk with someone who can help him to resolve his problem with himself and his family and friends. If he cannot make this transition, attempts at suicide usually follow. It is the only way they know to cry out for help. All too often, the cry is fatal.

Parents, get in 'cinque' and observe and talk to your children. Let them know that your love for them is unconditional. We know that some homosexual activity is learned and some is due to hormonal imbalances. Survey the situation and secure proper professional counseling for your son or daughter who has tendencies toward homosexuality. The gay rights movement is in full swing, but until society accepts it as 'right,' our young people are still in danger.

Early Voter Registration

••• Now •••
by Abraham Spires

African Americans may well complain to heavens about the "Contract with America," Newt Gingrich and all attacks on "Affirmative Action." But the central and most vivid responsibility which confronts them is to register and vote with the greatest cohesiveness ever in 1996.

Actually, the white male voter campaign that created the new conservative Republican Congress in 1994 was no freak. Those males who felt that they were being left out expressed their concerns at the polls last year. Unfortunately, some saw minorities as the reason for their economic and psychological plight.

Those males see a few Blacks on television dominating in sports and appearing in well-placed advertisements in business T.V. commercials; they saw the upward mobility of blacks in general, which is erroneous. The masses of Black people are catching hell.

Black communities in Texas and all over this nation had better be getting on with voter registration drives in preparation for the 1996 Presidential and Congressional elections. If Blacks do not rise to the political challenge which presently confronts them, the future of America will be a dreaded one looking towards the year 2000. Let us begin now.

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FAMILIES ARE IMPORTANT!! THIS N THAT... had an opportunity to visit with... TWO SISTERS... Doris and Deloris... and hooked up via telephone with a brother... Hershiel... What was most important was that... WHEN YOU'RE ABLE TO VISIT WITH SISTERS AND BROTHERS... which you have not taken time to do in the past... really makes you feel better... Just think, for nearly seven years... since the death of our mom... we hadn't hooked up... but it was done last week... Guess what... all the pains... that is... PHYSICAL PAINS... vanished... and there was... NOTHING BUT JOY... for... ME... THIS N THAT... advises that if you have a... FAMILY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS... and you have been avoiding each other... take it from this writer... IT IS VERY GOOD THERAPY... There is a lot of... LOVE... when families come together... Same goes for those of us who are... TOO BUSY... to take note of our spouses... while at home... trying to solve all the... WORLD'S

PROBLEMS... and the result is... NOTHING BUT STRESS...

I TASTED ALL RIGHT... BUT STILL CAN'T COOK!! THIS N THAT... had breakfast with his baby sister... and her cooking is still the same... SHE CAN'T REALLY COOK... But because of the love we have for each other... IT WAS ALL RIGHT... KEEP TRYING... BABY SISTER!!

KIDS AT MARY & MAC ARE DOING IT!! THIS N THAT... has observed the... STUDENTS... at the Mary & Mac Early Learning Center... Although the doors will close next week... they had a ball last week... First... they traveled to the... SCIENCE SPECTRUM... and had the... LUBBOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT... to come last Friday morning... And to cap things off... they had their... PHOTOS... taken on Monday of this week... These kids are on the ball... and have shown growth this year... Some will even graduate this week... that is... from... PRE-SCHOOL... THIS N THAT... really appreciates the staff of... MARY & MAC... the South Plains Head Start Center... for a... JOB WELL DONE... this year...

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D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "YOUNG BLACKS... should prepare themselves... TODAY... so that one day... their... CHANCES... will come... and they will be... READY!!!"

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Why Anti-Semitism Threatens Black Americans

By Mark Hardie
Special to NNPA

As a people, Black Americans have faced the indignity of enslavement, the horror of lynching, and the abomination of segregation. Because of these injustices committed against our people, we should, above all others, rise up against all forms of racism and cruelty. For this reason, I call upon young blacks from across the country to take a stand against the rising tide of anti-Semitism and Jew-hatred. We must begin to recognize that the same bigot that victimizes our community also victimizes our Jewish brothers and sisters.

The Anti-Defamation League's new report, The 1994 Anti-Defamation League Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents which chronicles acts of bigotry committed against the Jewish community, makes a convincing case that anti-Semitism is getting worse. The report, which was released in early 1995, tabulated 2,065 incidents of anti-Semitic violence, assault, arson, threats and harassment in 1994. This is the highest number of such incidents in the audit's 16-year-history. The shocking report cited a 17 percent increase of anti-Semitic campus incidents since 1993; 1,197 personal assault and harassment incidents; 869 acts of vandalism against Jewish institutions and Jewish-owned property; and 141 arrests for anti-Semitic crimes reported in 1994. The five states with the highest totals of anti-Jewish incidents are New York (440), New Jersey (237); California (232); Florida (158); and Massachusetts (134). However, the true tragedy of anti-Semitism can best be conveyed by stories of personal suffering not by statistics.

In New York, for example, a Hasidic student was assaulted by two teens yelling anti-Semitic epithets. The victim was hit in the head with a wooden club by a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old. In Los Angeles, California, a self-proclaimed Skinhead attacked a yeshiva student with a three-foot pipe and screwdriver, while shouting, "I hate Jews! I'll kill

you!" In Missouri, a woman was fired from her job after the owners found out she was Jewish. Her supervisor confirmed that her religion was the cause for her dismissal. In Michigan, a Jewish couple received a package in the mail containing a severed dog's head wrapped in a plastic bag, drawings of swastikas and the word "Dirty Jew" covered the dog's head. At San Francisco State University, a mural depicting Malcolm X included two Stars of David, one with skull and crossbones and the other with a "\$" sign in the middle.

As a Black American, I am able to identify with the victims of anti-Jewish sentiments, because both racism and anti-Semitism are the sons of hatred. I remember being surrounded by several white students in the sandbox at Lowell Elementary School in Long Beach, California. I was shot through my small brown-skinned body as the kids jeered at me and called me a "nigger" over and over again. Although I was one of the few black students attending the school, I had always felt a substantial degree of acceptance from my fellow pupils. This day, however, an argument in the sandbox during recess incited the racial epithets that hurt my feelings. At that moment, humiliation became my only companion. I felt as though I had done something wrong. I felt rejected by people I thought were my friends. I felt alone because I was black.

This incident was my first encounter with racial hatred, but it certainly was not my last. As a young black person, I constantly endure the slings and arrows of discrimination. For example, while I walk the streets at night, people often change direction when they see my thin black frame approaching. Also, women sometimes clutch their purses when they find themselves alone with me in an elevator. And sometimes, when I tell people that I am a student at a prestigious law school, I get skeptical looks in return. These overt acts of racism constantly remind me that I

cannot abandon the struggle for equality and justice. Fortunately, I have not allowed these negative experiences to turn me into a racist. Instead, I try to empathize with other people who feel the same sting of bigotry and intolerance. But more than empathy is needed. Those people who have suffered the effects of bigotry must do more than resist the temptation to become bigots themselves; they must join together with other victims of bigotry to fight hatred everywhere. "Not in my back yard" is a short-sighted and selfish attitude for fighting injustice. We must fight to end bigotry against all people everywhere. Injustice will not end until we begin to say, "Not in anybody's backyard."

As Martin Luther King Jr. once wrote in his Letter From A Birmingham Jail, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

The truth of Dr. King's concept as to the interrelationship of all people is undeniable. Pursuant to Dr. King's philosophy, the bigotry I face as a black person is connected to the bigotry perpetrated against the Jewish community. In a larger sense, racism endured by blacks is connected to the intolerance inflicted upon Jewish people. Therefore, I call upon young blacks to fight against anti-Semitism and to heed the message of Dr. King, who stated, "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

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B.E. 100s Report Cites 13 Texas Companies

NEW YORK, NY—Thirteen Texas firms are among the nation's leading black-owned businesses according to *Black Enterprise* Magazine in its exclusive report on the nation's 100 largest black-owned industrial/service companies and 100 auto dealerships. The B.E. 100s annual report on black business is recognized as the authoritative ranking of the nation's largest black-owned companies.

Revenues for the 13 Texas companies, five industrial/service firms and eight auto dealerships, totaled \$718.4 million; employees totaled 1,393.

Gold Line Refining Ltd. of Houston is Texas' top black industrial/service company. Ranked No. 8 on the list, this oil refinery generated sales of \$108.6 million last year.

The top-ranking Texas auto dealership is Alan Young Buick-GMC Truck Inc. The Fort Worth-based company ranked 2nd this year on the B.E. Auto Dealer 100 list and generated \$218.3 million in sales last year.

A separate list compiled by *Black Enterprise* which chronicles the top B.E. Financial Institutions, reveals Dallas' First Texas Bank as the nation's ninth most affluent African-American-owned financial institution. Last year the bank's assets totaled \$130.1 million.

The June 1995 issue of *Black Enterprise* is a special edition that features the magazine's 23rd Annual Report on Black Business, as well as an exclusive overview of the trends and triumphs among African-American-owned businesses over the last two decades.

The issue will be available at newsstands nationwide on May 18, or by sending \$3.95 plus \$3.00 postage to *Black Enterprise*, Circulation Department, 130 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011-4399.

B.E. INDUSTRIAL/SERVICE 100

This Year	Company	Location	Staff	Sales in millions
8	GOLD LINE REFINING LTD.	Houston, TX	58	108.564
22	DREW PEARSON COMPANIES	Addison, TX	107	65.000
40	PRO-LINE CORPORATION	Dallas, TX	286	41.700
86	GB TECH INC.	Houston, TX	339	20.038
97	MARRIOTT PRODUCTION INC.	Coppell, TX	9	18.000
Total:			799	253.302

B.E. AUTO DEALERS 100

This Year	Company	Location	Staff	Sales in millions
2	ALAN YOUNG BUICK GMC TRUCK INC.	Fort Worth, TX	78	218.325
19	VILLAGE FORD OF LEWISVILLE	Lewisville, TX	109	58.318
30	CABELL MOTORS INC.	Houston, TX	110	41.645
34	VARSITY FORD	Bryan, TX	65	40.520
53	LINCOLN-MERCURY INC. GULF FREEWAY	Houston, TX	72	32.618
63	PONTIAC-GMC TRUCK DEERBROOK FOREST	Kingwood, TX	62	28.856
88	CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH INC. DENTON MOTORS INC.	Denton, TX	48	23.009
96	DBA/DENTON C/P HILLTOP FORD INC.	Denison, TX	50	21.850
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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We split up on Saturday. Some went to Parkway Nursing Center, others went to Prayer Rally to kick off March for Jesus, where hundreds gathered. Motto this year was "A Choir of Millions Marching for its Audience or One."

Rev. W.H. Stephens brought the morning scripture lesson at the Center.

Subject: Continue to Renew. I Cor. 4:16, 3:1-10

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our inner strength in the Lord is growing every day. Paul faced sufferings, trials and distress as he preached the good news, but he knew that they would one day be over and he would obtain God's great blessings. As we face great troubles, it's easy to focus on the pain rather than on our ultimate goal. Just as athletes concentrate on the finish line and ignore their discomfort, we too must focus on the reward for our faith and the joy that lasts forever. No matter what happens to us in this life, we have the assurance of Eternal life where all suffering will end.

This speaker said, if we are feeling fine spiritually although our bodies are not feeling well, we can still say, "I'm blessed by the grace of God."

Thank you, Reverend, for the message. God bless you. We love you. If you have talent and are not using it, call as soon as possible—762-3347 or 762-8033.

Thought: On a roadside billboard I saw an advertisement of a certain brand of motor oil. The slogan read, "A clean engine always delivers power."

So will a mind free of negatives. Therefore flush out your thoughts, give yourself a clean mental engine, remembering that a clean mind, even as a clean engine, always delivers power. Think about it.

To all sick and bereaved, God really does love you. Read II Cor. 7:14, Mark 11:22-26. Keep that mind free of negatives, and smile while doing so. Write this group, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408.

D. Hood, Pres., Ernestine Prazier, Sec.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Christian's Road Map

I remember one time when I was lost. It was during the early years of my itinerant Methodist ministry that I left my parish in Colorado County, Texas to visit an annual conference in far West Texas. I thought I knew where I was going but it was the wrong direction. The fertile and rich grasslands combined with the cultivated rice paddy fields and gravel-pits, landmark by the alleged hanging tree along U.S. 71 along the Colorado River were vastly different than the voices of the howling wastelands, occupied by mesquite shrubs and the Texas king-size Jackrabbits of West Texas. Before long, there were fewer and fewer houses and from the road a distance windmill or two danced in the wind, and the couple of houses that I did see were wreck havoc by the violent western winds so that they were not livable. The sun started going down, and the mountains seem to grow and their peaks made dark shadows across the road. Pretty soon, the clouds in the sky got dark and darker, and the dust contributed to the darkness. I thought it was going to rain. All I could see was miles of long road in front of me and some fields with weeds and cactus. Fear set in. I was really afraid. Then I remembered something that I had almost forgotten about. In my glove

compartment in the car was a road map. I open the little door and took it out. Pretty soon I knew that if I turned around and went back the way I had come and then followed my map I would soon be safe and with my friends at the annual conference. That good old map in the pocket of a brand new Buick Wildcat showed me the way to get where I wanted to go.

I discovered some forty years ago that the Bible is like a road map for Christians. All of us get lost sometimes, and we keep right on going in the wrong direction. Perhaps you remembered when you told that first little white lie. Then you had to tell another bigger white lie and an even larger one to make the first little white lie sound like the truth. Euy, oh, boy, you thought. I am a long way from the truth and I better get back. But you were afraid because someone might find out that you had lied. Forget it! Go back! The Christian road map teaches us to tell the truth. And we should also learn to say we are sorry to the people we have hurt along the way. Then we know we are going in the right direction, and instead of being afraid, we are happy. The Bible is a good road map because God directs us through it. God is much happier with people who know they may have done wrong and correct it than he is with people who believe they have never done anything wrong, yet keep up a lot of hell and confusion beginning at the church-house and continuing to the White House. God like one who says he or she is sorry and means it.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Some MOTHERS will spend \$125, for a JACKET, so the child can LOSE OR GET IT TAKEN FROM THEM, OR TAKE THEIR LIFE! Some will spend \$155 for TENNIS SHOES! What a WASTED? And a 13 year old with GOLD RINGS AND CHAIN! WHAT A FOOL?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This year the annual youth rally will focus on the theme of "STOP THE VIOLENCE" (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you) MT 7:12 and highlights the need for us to be strong in our faith and cultural heritage.

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On June 24 activities will be held at Lubbock's Memorial Civic Center beginning at 8:30 A.M. Scheduled events include prayer services, the two keynote speakers, workshops, catered dinner, and a dance. The rally then moves to the Texas Water Stampage on Sunday, June 25, for a day of sports, food, and fellowship.

The registration fee (\$20 before June 9, \$25 thereafter) includes all rally activities and materials as well as the catered dinner and theme tee-shirt. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch on June 24!

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Black Mayors Re-Elect Ingram as Leader

ATLANTA—Opal-Jocka, Florida Mayor Robert Ingram was re-elected without opposition to his second term as President of the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) at the organization's 21st Annual Convention in Memphis. NCBM's fifth president, Ingram will serve another one-year term.

Under Mayor Ingram's leadership, the organization has redoubled its efforts to mobilize around issues that impact the communities served by the membership. Through high-level meetings with President Bill Clinton and members of his cabinet, NCBM has raised public policy issues, and received critical information with which to make better informed decisions.

The Memphis convention, hosted by Mayor W.W. Herenton, proved significant in addressing shared problems. Workshops focusing on community economic empowerment provided valuable information.

During his second term, Mayor Ingram hopes to address "the sinister forces that are working to impede African American progress and to unequivocally repudiate the kind of hate and racism that ignited the bombing and murders in Oklahoma City. We intend to remain the principled voice of our constituents as we endeavor to increase our membership's empowerment; politically, economically, and ethnically. So help us God!"

The full slate of NCBM officers re-elected at the '95 convention includes Mayor Lottie Williams, Velda City, MO, first vice president; Mayor Julius Patrick, Boyce, LA, second vice-president; Mayor Gordon Bush, East St. Louis, IL, third vice-president; Mayor Emanuel Cleaver, Kansas City, MO, secretary; and Mayor Lena Powell, Yellow Bluff, AL, treasurer; Mayor Edward Bivens, Jr., assistant secretary.

With 381 elected African American mayors, 79 of which are women, NCBM represents 20 million people.



On May 4, 1995, William H. Gray, III, President of UNCF, received the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Human Rights Award. Mr. Gray is a former U.S. Congressman from Philadelphia. His Anti-Apartheid Act was the first to pass the Congress in 1985. The award, presented by Kagiso Trust, recognized the support and contributions in South Africa's struggle against apartheid. From left to right: Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Eric Molobeli, President of Kagiso Trust, South Africa's largest black-led, non-government organization; and William H. Gray, III.

There Are Still Too Few Blacks in Corporate America

By William Reed, NNPA
Director of Communications

Federal officials have recently discovered what was "old news" to Black Americans. U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Robert Reich has admitted that minorities and women still are rare in the board rooms and executive suites of Corporate America, despite a "growing awareness" among corporate leaders of the "bottom-line value" of including them in senior management. "Progress has been disappointingly slow," and barriers to advancement persist, the department's Glass Ceiling Commission reported to Reich.

The report also found that black men with professional degrees earn 79 percent of the salaries of white men with the same job titles and educational backgrounds. And a study of Stanford University business school graduates found that, more than a decade after graduation, men were eight times more likely than women to be corporate chief executive officers, said the report. The Glass Ceiling Commission, which was created in 1991, presented a report which documented the existence of so-called "glass ceilings," invisible barriers that keep minorities and women out of the highest levels of business. Reich, a Clinton Cabinet member, says, "The world at the top of the corporate hierarchy still does not look anything like America," adding that two-thirds of the population and 57 percent of the work force is minority, female or both.

The report found that 97 percent of the senior managers of Fortune 1000 industrial companies and Fortune 500 companies are white, and nearly all of them are men. In Fortune 2000 industrial and service companies, five percent of senior managers are women, virtually all of them white. Secretary Reich advocates increasing awareness of the benefits of diversity in the work place and enforcing the laws against discrimination in places of employment. "If companies are discriminating against women and minorities, they are acting illegally," Reich said. "The companies have to change. Women and minorities don't have to change. Narrowing the pool of talent from which they draw is among other things, a blunder in competitive tactics," for corporations, he said. Corporate leaders in the automotive, banking, and other industries, such as Hugh McColl of NationsBank, have stated that they now consider diversity in their workforces, and contracting practices, "is a good thing."

Many blacks say that Labor's report simply shows that most of America's employers have unfair hiring, contracting and consumer practices. An African-American respondent to a poll on affirmative action stated that such programs are necessary to overcome the glass-ceiling "because of the serious disadvantages that blacks and other minorities have suffered in the workplace and in education. You have white managers in the majority of the high-level management positions and making decisions on promotions, pay raises and management positions. In my experience, they tend to hire and promote and favor those who are most like them either in ethnic or educational background." In an example of employment, contracting and consumer matters that have a negative impact on African Americans, a part of the NAACP's national leadership is asking that blacks boycott Dr. Pepper and Seven-Up products: alleging that the soft drink company, based in Dallas, has unfair practices against blacks and charge that the company has no black executives, even though 22 percent of its consumers are blacks. Leaders of the Southeast regional chapter of the NAACP urged the company to start a \$500 million, five-year program to improve minority hiring and contracting. Dr. Pepper's spokesman Gary Rollins acknowledges that there are no black executives in the company's upper management, but stated that 14 blacks are currently working in entry-level, "management-track" positions. The company also contends that two blacks rebuffed offers to serve on its board of directors, that blacks account for less than 8.5 percent of its sales, while 12 percent of the company's 950 workers are black. Dr. Pepper-SevenUp also says that the NAACP is "spreading false information" about it and about 15 percent of its outside spending is done with minority vendors.

Secretary Reich said it was understandable that the white men in high corporate positions feel comfortable hiring and working among people like themselves. "But (the report) is also a very strong argument for extra efforts to cast the net more widely and find qualified minorities and women," he said. He said persistent stereotyping of women and minorities, mistaken beliefs that they aren't qualified for management and decision-making posts and fear of change keep the glass ceiling in place, although increasing numbers of corporate officers say they realize the need for diversity.

Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, said the report "confirms the obvious" and that it might be "encouraging" for President Clinton who has ordered a review of federal affirmative action in light of calls from congressional Republicans to end them. "Affirmative action is a carrot and a stick. It's a valuable tool to pry open the doors," Ireland said. "It's a means to an end."

AHBAI and Eckerd Donate \$50,000 to United Negro College Fund on Lou Rawls Parade of Stars

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