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## NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SURVEY

from NBNS Communications

### TOP BLACK BUSINESSES PRODUCED \$12 BILLION LAST YEAR

New York, NY (NBNS)—According to the "Annual Report on Black Business" by Black Enterprise magazine, the nation's 100 top black owned industrial and service companies had sales of nearly \$12 billion last year. The 1994 sales of the so-called Black Enterprise 100 represented a 14 percent jump over 1993 sales. The top producing firms on the prestigious list were the New York based TFC Beatrice International with sales of \$1.8 billion, Chicago's Johnson Publishing Company (\$306 million); Philadelphia's Coca-Cola Bottling Company (\$305 million); Atlanta's H. J. Russell construction and communications company (\$154 million); and Pulsar Data Systems of New Castle, Delaware (\$137 million). The next top five grossing companies were RMS Technologies of Marlton, New Jersey, The Anderson-Dubose Company of Solon, Ohio, Gold Line Refining of Houston, Texas, The Uniworld Group of New York, New York and Black Entertainment Television of Washington, D.C. Despite the success of the top black businesses, it is generally estimated that black owned businesses account for less than two percent of total U.S. business sales.

### BLACK WEALTH BUILDING CONFERENCE SET FOR LOUISVILLE

Louisville, KY (NBNS)—The Better Life Club of America—a Washington, D.C.-based black wealth building organization—has been conducting a series of day-long wealth building seminars in cities around the nation for approximately two years. The next city on the list is Louisville, KY. The wealth-building seminars are designed to show African Americans how to build personal and family wealth through starting home-based businesses, investing and through the use of multilevel marketing. There are also credit repair, financial planning and self motivation sessions. Interested persons can contact the Louisville co-sponsor of the event Corbin Seavers at 502-637-7960 or call the national offices of the Better Life Club at 800-748-1821.

### EXPERTS STEP UP BATTLE AGAINST EBOLA VIRUS IN ZAIRE

Kinshasa, Zaire (NBNS)—Foreign medical experts and members of United Nations health organizations last week stepped up their efforts to battle the deadly Ebola virus which has devastated at least three villages in the central African nation of Zaire. By week's end a representative of the World Health Organization said the experts were confident that the killer virus could be stemmed with strict sanitary measures. There is no known cure or vaccine for the disease which causes death by uncontrollable bleeding from the eyes, lips, ears and even the skin. Similar outbreaks of the virus in the Sudan and Zaire in 1976 and 1979 were contained with strict health measures.

### BLACK CHURCHES CONSIDER UNITING WITH WHITE GROUP

Ft. Worth, TX (NBNS)—Leaders of the nation's three black Methodist denominations are considering uniting with one continued on pg. 2

## BUSINESS EXCHANGE

by William Reed

### Assistance for African-Americans

There is no question that discrimination exists day-to-day in American life. But, the bottom-line question for African Americans is this: "Exactly who is discriminating against who?"

If you think that white people "discriminate," which by the way, means, "To make a distinction as in favor of or against a person or thing, such as on the basis of race," then the other end of the question is "How do you characterize the actions of African Americans in favor of other groups and against those of their race? When it comes to making jobs available, statistics show that white people do, in fact, discriminate against us and normally make a distinction in favor of their own kind, and kin, for employment. On the other hand, when it comes to the traditional way of making jobs available by having a dependable, and growing, number of African-American consumers patronize a product, or service, business, if it is owned by blacks, they will opt to take their dollars elsewhere. If blacks don't discriminate against other blacks who are in business, why is it then that 94 cents out of every dollar that African Americans get, they spend it outside the black community?

African Americans could be a powerful, proud and potent group. We are descendants of kings and queens, but when it comes to getting a lawyer, accountant, auto repairs, or even a bottle of liquor, we go away from ourselves, and kind, to spend our money and our capitalistic opportunity. Only when we collectively come together and come out of the darkness of separatism and see the light of togetherness and respect each other and practice ethnic loyalty and racial pride, will we again be the most powerful ethnic group on the earth. But, to date, blacks are the "victims" of the discrimination and conquests of the world's European population. With the current mindset of African Americans, and the rest of the world's Africans, what is white is absolutely "right" and what is black should definitely stay back!

What even the most "integrationist" minded of us needs to recognize is that the only assistance upwards that African Americans are going to get in this life will have to come from us to each other. What the majority of us must realize is that our salvation is not going to come to us from outside. "If it is to be, it will have to be up to you and me." The basic economic concern of most people today is to be able to at least maintain their standard of living and see their income grow with the cost of living. In today's world of increased economic uncertainty, blacks are faced with mounting social problems and benign neglect from the larger society. We all need more personal and group growth. In order to gain more assets within our communities, we need to communicate more with one another individually and groupwise with ideas and objectives to overcome our common obstacles, such as the white man's discrimination. For example, although we each complain about life's lemons, how often, and on a regular basis,

do we have neighborhood and professional group meetings to vent and address our common problems and objectives?

Black newspapers have always been a staunch and valuable asset to our common objectives. As a whole, African Americans should, and must, read and support our black newspapers and their advertisers. In contrast to most of our individual actions, these advertisers are investing in our mediums and causes. Black newspapers print news and issues for, and about us. Black newspapers print news of the community that African Americans cannot get anywhere else.

How many times have you seen, or heard, a black-oriented message saying that "We should love one another?" It should be added that we should respect each other and display common courtesy for one another. An old Hollywood joke casts Groucho Marx as having said, "What kind of country club could this be if it has me for a member?" Currently, homicide and robbery statistics for our communities show that many blacks, alarmingly many of them young, disrespect each other even to the point that a black person's life has less value than a Pathfinder, designer jacket or boombox. Respect is more practical and prudent. Each of us should always display ethnic loyalty and pride. Because when this occurs, other people and other ethnic groups will show more respect for us.

Although there is a sparseness ownership of African American businesses, we still can create employment for our people. If we each turned over a dollar two more times within our communities, collectively we would increase employment opportunities for blacks 50 percent. When we patronize business establishments such as auto dealerships, real estate firms, insurance companies and other purveyors of consumer products and services, if it is not black-owned, we should politely ask if there is an African-American salesperson that you can speak to. This telegraphs African-American loyalty and pride and helps to create a broader cash flow among us and additional employment opportunities for other African Americans.

If we are looking for assistance for African Americans, then let each of us speak, display, manifest, and practice African-American ethnic loyalty and pride everyday. When we each understand that we each have responsibility for ourselves and our own actions, then we will understand that our present situation can be traced to choices we, not white people, made in the past. Then there will be measurable results of what we can do even if, per chance, white people really don't like us.



William Reed

### Dedication of New Park

The dedication of the new T. J. Patterson Community Park, on the corner of Spruce and East Auburn, will be held Monday, June 26, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

The park is a joint project of the Hope I Program and Medlock Southwest/Wimwood Village Homes. Our hope is to add a new quality to the lives of the children in the Cherry Point neighborhood. The Summer Youth Sports Program was designed to give the kids in the community something positive to do. We felt that by having a Summer Youth Program a few hours each day we could reach out to the children and show them that positive things are still possible.

The Grand Opening of the park will begin with the cutting of the ribbon by Councilman T.J. Patterson. We hope that you will support us by attending the Grand Opening at 1:30 p.m. on Monday.

Doris Hood Smith  
Class of 1967

with her two sons, Dwight & George

## Reunion Update

ALL-CLASS REUNION III is ready to go comes Friday, July 7th. Have you registered to participate? It's not too late to get in on the event of the summer! Registration starts at 10:00 am Friday, July 7th at the Holiday Inn Loop 289 Lubbock Plaza location. The fee is \$150.00 for two, and \$100.00 for an individual. Your registration fees include three full meals and admittance to all events except bowling and golf.

Those who have registered for the reunion are excited about coming to the festivities rekindling friendships. They are also amazed at what has been accomplished regarding the reunion. It simply shows what DEDICATED people can accomplish. They realize that DUNBAR really meant something to them, and they will make the sacrifice necessary to keep its ideals, pride, and history alive!

FLASH! FLASH! Both the decorating and program committees have reported that all is in order for the banquet/dance, which will be held on Saturday evening July, 8th. Security, menus, facilities, music, printed programs, and decorations have been secured and completed. We're ready for fun!

Call Dunbar Alumni International, Inc at 794-6543.



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## Legislature Passes Job Training Consolidation as Part of Welfare Reform



The Texas Senate and House adopted the conference committee report on House Bill 1863, the welfare reform bill, and sent the bill to the Governor. The bill contained an amendment that had been offered by Senator Rodney Ellis, (D)-Houston, that consolidated 26 separate job training and education related programs into a single state agency. The bill would abolish the Texas Employment Commission and create the Texas Workforce Commission that would consolidate the scattered programs. The new agency would have one year to prill all of the workforce programs together.

"This is an issue that I have worked on for three years," said Senator Ellis. "I am pleased that the legislature agreed that the essence of welfare reform is job training and that the best way to make Texans self sufficient is to give them the skills they need to get a good job." The new agency will be administered by a three member commission that is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

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

The workforce amendment to the bill also creates the Skills Development Fund. The Skills Development Fund will assist with start-up or emergency funds for public community colleges and technical colleges to develop customized training programs for businesses and the sponsoring of small and medium-sized business networks. The fund is to be used to assist employers with targeted training of employees to increase skill levels so that new manufacturing processes may be used and Texas companies may become globally competitive.

## Methodist Children's Clinic Opens Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic

(LUBBOCK)—Methodist Children's Clinic announces the opening of its Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic, Methodist Children's Clinic, located on the corner of 19th Street & Memphis Avenue, will hold the Sickle Cell Clinic every third Tuesday of the month from 9:30-4:30.

For more information or to make an appointment call 785-KIDS (5437).

Melanie Oblander, M.D. will begin seeing patients on Tuesday, July 18.

Common warning signs of Sickle Cell Anemia are:

- Anemia—lack of energy or feeling tired.
- Leg Ulcers—these sores do not heal and are caused by lack of circulation.
- Slow Growth—small size, poor general health and frequent colds.
- Jaundice—yellowish tint to whites of eyes caused by an abnormal blood condition.
- Painful Joints—caused by poor blood supply to the bones.

## Lubbock's Dottie Dyess Celebrates Her Milestone Birthday as Announced on National TV

NBC News TODAY's Willard Scott and Smucker's Wish Dottie Dyess a Happy 100th Birthday with a Sweet Touch

ORRVILLE, OH—It is not every day that a Lubbock, TX resident celebrates her 100th birthday or is recognized on national television. But both events happened today, as Ms. Dyess celebrated her milestone birthday with some special cheer from Willard Scott and The J.M. Smucker Co., the Ohio-based fruit spreads manufacturer.

Ms. Dyess received on-air birthday greetings from Scott—as part of his renowned birthday segment on NBC News' TODAY—and a celebratory package of jams, jellies and preserves from Smucker's, the sponsor of Scott's special birthday segment.

Ms. Dyess' hobbies include sewing, crocheting, word games and baking. "We know the thrill of reaching a milestone," says Timothy P. Smucker, company chairman and the great-grandson of the company's founder, Jerome M. Smucker, "as Smucker's is nearing its 100th anniversary celebration in 1997. So, happy birthday Dottie, and many more!"



Vicky Kyle Berry



Frankie Jackson Giddens & Clemmie Giddens



Shirley Brewer Adams

Vicky Kyle Berry, Frankie Jackson Giddens, and Shirley Brewer Adams are just three of many who will be attending Dunbar's "ALL-CLASS REUNION III" July 7-9th. Also attending will be Frankie's husband, Clemmie Giddens. They're looking forward to a great time and seeing some of their classmates. Hopefully you're going to be in attendance. It's NOT too late! Registration starts at 10:00 am July 7th at Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza, Loop 289.



### Ruby Jay's Corner

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

Church services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. A song, "Jesus Paid It All," was sung. After prayer, another song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus," was sung. All classes marched to their various locations for thirty minutes of instruction. The classes reassembled singing and marching to "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 4.

The Secretary's Report: Youth Department: Intermediate Class won the Offering banner while the Junior Class received the Attendance banner.

Sunday morning was Sister Thelma Brown's last Sunday at New Hope and she will be greatly missed by all members. She has served as superintendent. Sister Brown is moving to Dallas, Texas.

By now, you've probably guessed it, but the Men's Class lost both banners last Sunday in Sunday School. Class No. 4 won both banners.

There were two visitors in Sunday School, and were relatives of Pastor Moton.

Also last Sunday was Sister Barbara Draper's last Sunday. She is leaving for Austin, Texas. She, too, will be missed by the church. We wish her well.

This writer would like to say we're sorry about an error made last week in the *Southwest Digest*. It was reported Betty Alexander of Austin, Texas was visiting here. She is Sister Lena Sheffield's cousin

and not her brother as it was reported. We are sorry! The morning devotional period was led by Brother and Sister Swain, husband and wife team.

Morning worship services began with the Senior Choir marching in singing "We Got To Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Pastor Moton. Another song, "Be Alright," Scripture was read by Sister Joan Y. Ervin. She read Psalms 27:1-5. Prayer was given by Brother Clarence Ervin. Another song, "Look to the Light House," was sung.

The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "On the Battlefield." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He gave greetings from the National Baptist Convention which was held in San Diego, California. "I'm Glad About It" was sung.

Before the message of the hour, Rev. Sister O'Neal sang "I'm Blessed." The message of the hour was delivered by Rev. G.E. O'Neal. His subject was "Shaken For Nothing." His scripture text was Judges 16:20-21.

Pastor Moton's sister and family from Alabama are visiting the Moton family.

Ruby Jay received word Sunday of her cousin in Abilene, Texas who passed. Services were held Tuesday in Cleburne, Texas. Her name was Eria Fuller.

The New Hope Ushers will sponsor their annual Musical Sunday, July 16, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. We are asking each of you to attend this great event. God bless you, Brother Cork, chairperson.

It was so nice to see Sister Chanie Kyle in services last Sunday morning. She has been shut in for quite some time.

The Farewell Reception for Sister Thelma Brown was very good. It was sponsored by the Sunday School staff. The menu was great. She sure will be missed. Good luck, Sister Brown.

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## National Black News Survey

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of their white counterparts. Under a proposal made public last week, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church would become one with the white United Methodist Church. If the proposal is agreed upon, the new denomination would contain 14 million members and would be 40 percent black. However, historically similar proposals to unite black and white church groups have always failed. Ironically, the black and white Methodists were once united. But a split occurred in 1793 when white Methodists refused to condemn slavery and to fully ordain black ministers. The earliest possible date for unity would be the year 2,000.

### PAGEANT RECRUITING BLACK CONTESTANTS

Washington, D. C. (NBNS)—The Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant has chosen Washington, D. C. as the location for its 1995 international beauty and talent competition. Pageant organizers are currently accepting qualified contestants for the October competition which is expected to feature young ladies from 50 U.S. cities and at least 20 foreign countries. The top prize includes a \$10,000 cash award. Interested young ladies can receive information and registration materials for preliminary pageants in their areas by writing Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65301, Washington, D.C. 20035.

### CONGRESSMAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO NEW CHARGES

Chicago, Ill (NBNS)—Black Chicago Congressman Mel Reynolds last week pleaded not guilty to new charges that he obstructed justice by encouraging false statements from a witness in his upcoming sex-abuse trial. The 43-year-old Reynolds is accused of having sex with an underage girl who worked on his re-election campaign. The woman, Beverly Heard—who is now 19—recanted her original story but prosecutors allege she recanted under pressure from Reynolds. Reynolds maintains "I have done nothing illegal."

### ANGOLA APPEARS TO BE HEADED FOR PEACE

Lusaka, Zambia (NBNS)—One of the longest running and bloodiest wars in Africa appears to be over. Last week Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos met for two hours with rebel leader Jonas Savimbi in the neighboring nation of Zambia and emerged from the meeting embracing and pledging to implement a United Nations brokered peace accord. Savimbi—supported earlier by the United States and then-white ruled South Africa—led a bloody civil war against the leftist Angolan government. Since the fighting began in 1975 as estimated 500,000 people have been killed. The question remains as to whether the unpredictable Savimbi will honor the peace. That prospect became more likely a few months ago when his UNITA fighters were handed several major defeats by Angolan government forces.

## ATTENTION!!!!

Cherry Point/Parkway  
Neighborhood General meeting to be held:

Place: Alderson Jr. High  
School Auditorium

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Date: Tuesday, June 27, 1995

Urgent, It is important that everyone attend this meeting

## Lock-In & Pizza Party!!

Sponsored by:  
The Theodore "Ted" Phea Jr.  
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and  
The Lubbock Housing Authority  
July 7, 1995 9:00 p.m.-7 a.m.  
Cost: \$4.00 (Public)  
\$2.00 (LHA Residents)

I, the parent of \_\_\_\_\_, give my child permission to participate in the Lock-In on July 7, 1995 at the Theodore "Ted" Phea Jr. Boys & Girls Club located at 1801 E. 24th. 763-0204 for more information.

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency # \_\_\_\_\_  
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I understand that my child needs to be at the club no later than 9:30 p.m. Friday, and picked up at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Return Forms by July 5, 1995  
Late Forms will be \$6.00

### Wanted: Kids with Talent!

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta are looking for talented children ages 5-12 for our pageant on July 13 at the Simmons Community Center. The contestants will be divided into age categories, then judged for their talent abilities. The categories will consist of dancing, singing, poetry, and recitation. If your child or someone you know would like to participate in Delta's Junior Talent Hunt you can pick up an application at one of the local merchants on Lombard's East Side. For an application or more information call Jenice at 766-1700. We would also like to invite everyone to please join and support the Deltas in our efforts to spotlight talented youth in Lubbock.

When: July 13 at 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Mae Simmons Community Center  
Prizes will be awarded in each category.  
Deadline for applications: July 10, 1995 (9:00 a.m.)

## 4th of July "Victory Band" Seeks Musicians!

by C. Doyle Gammill

Over 500 students and adults are expected to march in Lubbock's All-Area 4th of July "Victory!" Band during the 4th on Broadway's annual parade. Adults will be furnished instruments, if needed, courtesy Jent's House of Music. One rehearsal will be held beginning at 7 p.m., on Monday evening, July 3rd, at Monterey High School, with the parade staged for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4th. To receive an information sheet and music, residents are requested to contact C. Doyle Gammill at 766-1045. The band will be the largest student/adult marching aggregation in our state during that weekend and will be sponsored by the Lubbock ISD and the 4th on Broadway Committee. Over 483 band personnel have already signed up, with every LISD secondary school represented. "We urge our citizens to call us and join our band," stated Mr. Gammill, "for this organization will serve as a tribute to this area's patriotic spirit while confirming our citizens' love for music and each other!" In order to expedite further planning and logistical preparation, interested music enthusiasts are urged to call 766-1045 as soon as possible.

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### Lubbock I.S.D. Head Start & PK Programs for 4-Year-Olds

Full-day programs will be offered at Ballenger and Martin Elementary for all eligible children. Applications will be taken at Ballenger, 1110 40th St., July 26 & 27, 1995 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please Bring:

1. Child's birth certificate
2. Child's Social Security Number
3. Address Verification (Utility bill or rent agreement)
4. Income Verification (including Medicaid and AFDC)
5. Current Shot Record

For more information call: 766-1579 or 766-1600

### Local Program Receives National Accreditation

Early Odyssey Developmental School is the leading edge of high-quality child care programs in the United States. With an intense desire for excellence the school became the first program in the South Plains area to achieve accreditation in 1988. The accreditation process includes an intense self-examination followed by an on-site study by a professional validator and a final review by a three-member panel of commissioners who are experts in the field of early childhood education.

"Most parents want to find the highest quality program for their young children; however, few parents know how to assess whether a program meets more than just the minimum standards required by state licensing," says Dr. Marilyn Smith, executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The Flame Seal designates those programs which meet the standards developed over a three-year period with input from thousands of educators and administrators from across the country. Early Odyssey maintains the accreditation criteria which is reviewed by NAEYC every 3 years.

Developmental education is based on observation of the child's behavior and specific needs. A variety of experiences and activities are designed to give children the opportunity for self-discovery (exploration and the freedom to create, are necessary foundations for mental development). The primary role of the teacher is to identify and respond to the individual child's needs.

Early Odyssey has a careful balance between child-selected and teacher-directed activities. These activities are multicultural and promote physical, emotional, social and cognitive development. Our curriculum models life skills such as sharing, negotiating, decision-making, cooperation, and responsibility. These activities nurture creativity and originality by encouraging children to explore and discover through hands-on learning experiences. Children are allowed to experiment and compose original stories while surrounded in a print-rich environment. The program develops the whole child by promoting curiosity, self-direction, strength, coordination, self-esteem, and values.

Early Odyssey provides an environment in which exploring racial, ethnic, and religious diversity is encouraged. Our goal is to help children be aware of and act upon unfair behavior and events while providing children with positive experiences exploring similarities and differences.

The School offers a unique opportunity to honor the diversity within our community. Our diversity is celebrated as children and families from around the world join hearts and hands at Early Odyssey.

### Supreme Court Delivers Body Blow to Minority Businesses

"While the Supreme Court decision in the Adarand case shouldn't surprise anyone, it is a punch to the solar plexus of minority businesses throughout the country," says Gregory Campbell, Chairman of the National Black Business Council, Inc. (NBBC), a national advocacy organization in the interest of Black businesses, and President of Campbell Consulting Group, Dallas, Texas.

"After centuries of pervasive discrimination," says Campbell, "we simply cannot understand how you get to a level playing field overnight. Because minorities and women represent only four percent of the \$174 billion in contracts awarded by the Federal government in 1994, NBBC thinks it is premature and the Court's split decision affirms that."

"The application of 'strict scrutiny' to the future of business opportunity programs should serve as a reminder to the minority business community that our work should be increasingly vigilant as we develop constructive alternative policies that continue to improve the minority business contribution to the U.S. economy," Campbell adds.

The NBBC was responding to the 12 June 1995 Supreme Court 5-4 decision that weakens one of the most powerful federal remedies for discrimination: affirmative action. The Court ruled that for any program to withstand constitutional muster it must contain "narrowly tailored measures that further compelling governmental interests."

"There is no question that some minority firms have become very successful in spite of the undue obstacles they've had to face. It is a fact that some minority firms are among the fastest-growing in the country and couldn't be regarded as disadvantaged, but the Supreme Court has used too broad a brush to place minority businesses—disadvantaged and successful alike—on the same court with all other businesses," Campbell added.

By applying the abstract concept of "strict scrutiny" to federal affirmative action programs to address centuries of racial discrimination, the decision is likely to affect African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and women for quite some time.

Writing for the majority, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, "Any person of whatever race has the right to demand that any governmental actor subject to the Constitution justify any racial classification subjecting that person to unequal treatment under the strictest judicial scrutiny."

In his concurring opinion, former EEOC chairman Justice Clarence Thomas said, "Government cannot make us equal; it can... protect us as equal before the law."

"Monday's decision could roll the clock back 30 years in the name of 'political correctness,'" says Mary Ann Mitchell, NBBC Board member and CEO of CC-OPS, Culver City, CA, "but the Court left the window open for proponents of affirmative action to develop viable improvements to the current programs. NBBC will work with the Black business community, governmental entities and the private sector to ensure that these programs meet that stricter standard."

Ms. Mitchell, who also heads the Los Angeles Black Business Association, adds: "The engine of the American economy is small businesses and many of these businesses are owned by minorities and women. As the economy's engine, they must have viable opportunities in the marketplace to insure the success of not only the small business market but the entire economy as well. NBBC will work with elected officials, business owners and other decision-makers to ensure that business opportunity programs continue to work for the benefit of the entire country."

### Second Summer Registration July 6 at South Plains College

LEVELLAND—Registration for the second summer term at South Plains College is July 6. Sign-up on the Lovelland campus, located at 1401 S. College Avenue, is 2-7 p.m. in the Women's Gym adjoining the Student Center. Enrollment on the Lubbock campus, located at 1302 Main, is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Classes begin July 10.

Courses offered during the second summer term on the Lovelland campus include those in accounting, biology, chemistry, English, general business, government, history, law enforcement technology, math, microcomputing, physical education, psychology reading, sociology, Spanish and speech communication.

Courses offered during the second summer term on the Lubbock campus include child development, computer information systems, economics, English, management, math, sociology and speech communication.

Late registration on the Lovelland campus is 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. July 10-11 in the Administration Building. Late registration on the Lubbock campus is 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. July 10 and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. July 11.

A \$15 late registration fee and a \$5 add/drop fee will be charged. For a 1995 summer bulletin, contact the SPC registrar's office in Lovelland at 894-9C11 or SPC Lubbock at 747-0576.

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For Week of June 25, 1995  
by Nat Campbell, President  
Better Business Bureau® of the South Plains, Inc.

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## It's Time to Take Responsibility and Be Responsible For Our Actions

by Eddie P. Richardson

So many games are being played all around, everywhere from the White House to the outhouse. We have a problem with priorities. The Bill Cosby family gave over 30 million dollars to Spel-man, one of the richest Black colleges in the world. Why did they not split it up among struggling Black colleges that needed it. They can spend their money anyplace, they choose, but it could have been a greater help and gone further with many more students if it had been divided up. What have millionaire superstars like Michael Jackson and Diana Ross done to help Blacks except show up on music award shows, and transplant self-serving pretensions to modesty and concern for the community? Then they retire to a life of luxury, darlings of the white world, and forget about us until the next awards show comes around and they need to promote an album or otherwise benefit from public appearance.

Black millionaires, instead of dispensing lip service, should be stepping in to fund overworked and understaffed agencies that are doing things about unsupervised teens, domestic violence, drug addiction, and criminal recidivism.

If Blacks who can make a difference don't step in more often to greater effect and help those who are feeling the whip, nobody will win. Years ago Adam Clayton Powell Jr. used his political position, his high profile to encourage Blacks to develop an economic base of power, to build and support Black businesses. You can't have Black power "until you have green power."

We have field niggers, house niggers, runaways. Malcolm X used to describe himself as a field nigger, one of those who caught most of the master's hell. Today, along with the incarcerated, your run-out poor, who are on welfare or subsisting in shelters, qualify as catching hell in the field. They never know, especially now that Republicans are running Congress, when their next mouthful of food is going to be practically their last. Your Black blue-collar working stiff, and, I guess, a fair number of those in white collars and print dresses, who barely make it paycheck to paycheck, are a present-day equivalent of house niggers. We work—and sometimes live—among white people the system is meant to serve. Some of us get the idea that because we're tolerated we're accepted. Your superstars are your runaways, those who got lucky and found a road that would take them to financial freedom.

For Black people to survive as a people we have to learn to respect, love, and trust each other. A lot of the reason we do not love, trust, and respect each other is because most of us still possess the slave mentality of not loving, trusting and respecting each other as we were taught by the slave master. And he taught us

well to keep control over us. Even though the slave and slavemaster are long dead, the effect is still strong on us.

Minorities from other countries come to these shores with a lot less social and political clout but soon surpass us economically because they work with, cooperate, support each other in business and other ways. They spend everything they can with each other, while on the other hand we spend all of our money with others and if there is anything else left, we may spend it with each other, maybe.

Our new terminology for the 1990s is not "Uncle Tom." It's "Niggerized." Old-time Negroes are still in effect when they rise up against the Black man, who in turn, rises up against the white racist power structure. We must deal with the issue of right and wrong and not Black and white. We must stop being fronted off by the white man's ideology. We must learn to fight racism within our own Black people and communities.

We must stop blaming others for our own problems, such as drug abuse, alcohol abuse, tobacco abuse, sex abuse, and other problems we have in our communities. Some of our Black leaders, especially the preachers, should reach out and teach. They should be positive role models in the community. Monies from the Church fund should be put back in the community for the homeless and the poor, instead of being spent on Mercedes Benz, Cadillacs, Lincolns, large churches, large homes, expensive suits, and everything else that edifies materialistic goals.

Black preachers and Black people in positions of leadership should support issues related to Blacks in the projects and every level of poverty. They should be concerned about the criminal justice of our communities, the overcrowding in our jails, the lack of educational training in our jails, the lack of alcohol and drug programs in most of our jails.

After all, our Church should not be emphasized by materialistic buildings, but rather on what's in our hearts and our souls. It should reflect what we live.

So, I say to our so-called Black leadership in the political, educational, and religious power structure, if you're not going to have a bowel movement get off the pot. Stop being niggerizers and be Black and proud. Stop being dependent on the system and be independent of the system.

The word of God says, "Be fruitful and multiply," instead of dividing and subtracting. We shouldn't have to worry about birth control pills. We don't need them. We need self-control.

Finally, I conclude by saying we have used this terminology for many years: "All I want is a piece of the pie." ... I... submit... to... you... I... don't... want... a... piece of the pie; I want to hold the knife!

## THIS N THAT

BLACKS NEED TO BE A PART OF THE STAR PROGRAM! THIS N THAT... agrees... the STAR PROGRAM... which is funded by the CITY OF LUBBOCK... LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS... and... LUBBOCK COUNTY... is a... VERY GOOD PROGRAM... Pat when there are... FOURTEEN YOUNG PEOPLE II, THE PROGRAM... and none of them are... BLACK... then... THIS N THAT... is very unhappy with the outcome... This program is designed to... HELP THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE HAVING SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE LAW... while still in the public schools... In other words... these kids are in the system... for doing what they shouldn't have done... These kids have attended the... PROJECT INTERCEPT... yet... none of these kids are Black... As... THIS N THAT... made known to... JUDGE MACKAY HANCOCK... this is not right... Surely some of the... BLACK KIDS... should be a participant in the program... THIS N THAT... doesn't agree that parents in the... BLACK COMMUNITY... will not cooperate with the judge... That just doesn't make any sense... Hopefully... Lubbock County... Judge McBeath... will take note to this problem... and do something immediately about this posture... Hopefully... County Commissioner Gilbert Flores... will do the same... Not only the lack of... BLACK PARTICIPANTS... but there is no visibility of... BLACK PERSONNEL... in this program... If there is one thing that... BLACKS... can do... and that is be... GOOD DRILL PERSONS... THIS N THAT... hopes this will be taken care of as soon as possible.

WON'T BE LONG NOW! THIS N THAT... has been seeing some... FORMER DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS... and... FORMER STUDENTS... in the city... It could be they are here for the... UPCOMING DUNBAR ALL CLASS REUNION... If you are a... FORMER DUNBAR STUDENT... or... interested... to please let the Dunbar International Alumni Association... know of your interest... This should be a very good reunion... THIS N THAT... would like to... SALUTE... VIRGIL LEWIS JOHNSON... who has been a good steward for this affair... Yes... THIS N THAT... is a... FORMER LEOPARD... but we are still proud of what is taking place here for the... DUNBAR ALL-CLASS REUNION.

JUNETEENTH NEEDS TO BE AN ALL-YEAR

EFFORT! THIS N THAT... observed all these... YOUNG BLACK BOYS AND GIRLS... in the park during the annual... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... which was sponsored by the... LUBBOCK EMANCIPATION JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE... and one would wonder what is going to take place with them for the next... FIFTY WEEKS... Surely... there are enough... RESOURCES... which can be manned to set up some kind of an office... to keep the... JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION... on our minds each day and week of the year... For that matter... this kind of an effort could join hands with the... ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL CELEBRATION... Now if we don't begin taking advantage of these kinds of programs... which could bring some... POSITIVE PROGRAMS... in the... BLACK COMMUNITY... Surely... we can put aside our differences... and do something which will help all of us... Something to think about... Hope you get... THIS N THAT'S DRIFT...

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D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "I... have... PLANTED... Apollos... watered... but... GOD... gave the... INCREASE... I Corinthians 3:6..."

D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU... never know what is... TOO MUCH... until you... KNOW... what is more than... TOO MUCH..."

EAST LUBBOCK STILL ON MOVE!! THIS N THAT... has been... looking in... EAST LUBBOCK... and things are still looking up... Let's keep like that... Even with the... posture of... REESE AIR FORCE BASE... EAST LUBBOCK... and... LUBBOCK... can continue to make things happen... Hopefully... the Lubbock Black Chamber... will do its part in the... REESE AIR FORCE BASE POSTURE...



## IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

The teen years are difficult years. They are very difficult for some children, especially those teens who come from an environment where there is much deprivation and many worldly temptations surrounding them. The absence of constructive activities to keep them focused in the right train of thought is also usually a problem for these teens. Therefore, it becomes a time when they can easily be led, without much thought about the right and wrong of a situation, to do things that they will be very sorry about much later.

All parents and caretakers of teenagers should be aware of the stumbling blocks that get in a teenager's way. If one is not aware, it is because one has forgotten their own teen years. Be that as it may, if one can but remember their own teen years, coupled with the daily news on television, radio and the newspaper, about some of the teenager activities, both good and bad, it should help to give some prospective on the wave of things regarding today's

teenagers and what to be mindful of. Along with being aware of what teenagers are doing, parents and caretakers should talk to their teenagers. Make them aware of the pitfalls of life and the pre cautions to take to avoid them. Teenagers are still CHILDREN IN NEED OF DIRECTION even though they attempt to present themselves as adults. They are fast becoming adults but that is no reason to abandon them as such. ADULTS NEED TO BE ADULTS because that is what teenagers need to help them to make it through the difficult times. They need someone to LISTEN to them and then give them advice that they can follow and know that you will be there to help them when a problem arises. Sometimes your advice may not sound too logical to them at the time, but always tell them to think about what you say. I still remember my mother passing on to me advice which her grandmother gave her: "Stay out of the water until you learn to swim."

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| Austin                | \$95,400                     |
| Dallas                | \$92,700                     |
| Irving                | \$90,200                     |
| Denver                | \$87,300                     |
| Houston               | \$78,200                     |
| Bryan/College Station | \$77,700                     |
| San Antonio           | \$76,300                     |
| Tyler                 | \$73,700                     |
| Midland               | \$72,300                     |
| Corpus Christi        | \$72,100                     |
| Besant                | \$69,500                     |
| McAllen               | \$69,500                     |
| Killeen/Fort Hood     | \$68,100                     |
| Fort Worth            | \$65,800                     |
| Lubbock               | \$65,500                     |
| Texas was             | \$64,700                     |
| Amarillo              | \$64,200                     |
| Lubbock/Marshall      | \$64,200                     |
| Texas was             | \$62,100                     |
| Victoria              | \$61,900                     |
| Abilene               | \$61,500                     |
| San Angelo            | \$60,500                     |
| Brownsville           | \$58,200                     |
| Wichita Falls         | \$58,100                     |
| Odessa                | \$57,500                     |
| El Paso               | \$55,500                     |
| San Antonio           | \$55,500                     |
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### Chairman Hundt Stresses Importance of Bringing Benefits of Information Revolution to Children

FCC Chairman Reed E. Hundt, in a speech delivered today at a seminar sponsored by the Annenberg Washington Program and The Children's Partnership, told his audience that this is a critical time to be advocates for America's youth because "children's issues are all too often caught in the cross-fire of the telecommunications policy debate—between those who would defend the status quo and those who would get rid of government involvement altogether." The symposium addressed the question, "How will the information superhighway affect America's children?"

Noting that "there is a difference between market values and family values," Chairman Hundt said, "There is no reason to expect that market forces will satisfy all of our common goals for the information highway."

"Today, our common goals are not being met on television where educational programming is minimal and violence is maximized. They are not being met on the information superhighway where parents are not yet empowered to filter out obscenity. They

are not being met in our classrooms where lack of access to the information superhighway is creating a new class of information have-nots," he said.

He outlined a four part approach to dealing with the problem.

"First, broadcasters and other organizations should help parents by publicizing clear designations of what they regard as excessively violent and therefore inappropriate for children as well as what they regard as especially appropriate for children; second, we need to create safe havens... in TV land and in cyberspace,

where parents know their children will find enrichment, not violence, advertising, or promiscuity... third, parents need to use technology as tools for creating the right information world for their children... [and] fourth, access needs to be increased."

Chairman Hundt closed by saying "We must reject all policies that fail to make our kids a priority. You see the information highway can be a bridge. It is a bridge from disadvantage to opportunity, a bridge for our children to cross into the 21st century economy, a bridge we can as a whole country proceed across."

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We were just out there on Saturday doing all the good we could do. I'm sitting here thinking, Everything in life has potential. God created everything with potential, including you. He placed the seed of each thing with its full potential within each person or thing he created. The ability to be much more than it is at any one moment. That's why nothing really has potential. Potential is dormant ability—reserved power—untapped strength—repressed resources—hidden talents—capped capability. All you can do, but have not yet done, all you can do but have not yet done, how far you can reach but have not yet reached, what you can accomplish but have not yet accomplished. Potential is unexpressed ability and latent power.

Potential is therefore not what you have done, but what you are yet able to do. In other words, what you have done is no longer your potential. It is said that unless you do something beyond what you have done, you will never grow or experience your full potential. Potential demands that you never settle for what you have already accomplished. Nothing in life is instant. People think miracles are instant, but they really are not. Nothing God created is instant, because God does not operate in the instant. He is a God of the potential principle. Everything begins in potential.

He did not create a ready-made human race, the Earth was not given an instant population. God made one person—not a million people. He started with one seed, then from that one he created another. Then he said to the seeds, "Bless you. Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth."

In Adam, God gave the Earth a seed with the potential of one—one hundred—one thousand—one million—the five billion people on the Earth were in one man's seed. God knew that in Adam and Eve there were enough people to fill the Earth. That's the way God works. He knows the potential principle—because he introduced it. It is his. Potential is always present, waiting to be exposed. It demands that you never settle for what you have already accomplished. One of the greatest enemies of your potential is access. God wants you to maximize the potential he has given to you. Although you may have graduated from high school as valedictorian of your class, and though you may be pleased with what you now are, you are not yet what you are supposed to be. Don't accept your present state in life as final, because it is just that, a state. Don't be satisfied with your last accomplishments, because there are many accomplishments yet to be perfect. Since you are full of potentials you should not be the same person next year that you are this year. God bless you in your efforts in life. Remember, God created you to be somebody. Check it out.

We will meet Saturday at 2403 E. 9th, St. Ernestine Frazier's home. Come, let's pray together and make a tremendous difference. Keep smiling and loving your enemies.

D. Hood, President; Ernestine Frazier, Secretary.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

## All Have Sinned

"What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: 'There is no one righteous, not even one'" (Romans 3:9-10 New International Version).

The laws of God were given to Israel for a purpose. They were guidelines for living to preserve people's lives from destruction. They helped men know right from wrong. The commandments were given in love to help preserve the race. But man found it easier to disobey God's laws rather than obey them. As such, fellowship with God was broken.

When we read Romans chapters two and three, we can almost visualize a courtroom scene, where God, the Judge, presides.

Both Jews and Gentiles are brought before the bar of justice and are giving a hearing. Their pleas are heard and the Judge gives His verdict. Both Jews and Gentiles are found guilty. In fact, all the world is found guilty before God.

The question is asked, "Is there no defense? Is there no one to plead the cause of humankind?"

The world stands condemned before the Judge of planet earth. And He passes sentence that "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." All have come under the sentence of death, for the "wages of sin is death." Truly these prisoners under condemnation need a Savior.

Once again the Judge asks, "Is there anyone to represent the prisoners?" And a voice is heard. The Son of God speaks. "I am here to represent the accused. Yes! Its true that they are guilty. But I died in their place that they might be free. I took their punishment and bore their guilt."

And because Jesus Christ took their place the Judge declares them forgiven. "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 NIV).

Yes, we were under condemnation, but Jesus took our place and satisfied the justice of God. By faith we accept His sacrifice for us and are released from judgment for our sin. Can we do less than to love and serve Him for the rest of our days?

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In addition to our praise service we would like to invite you to our Annual Women's Day Program on Sunday, July 16th, at 3:00 P.M.

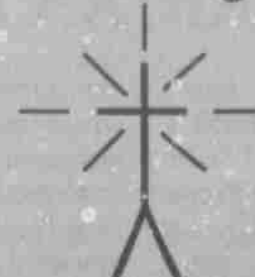


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We know THE FATHER is suppose to be THE LEADER, THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD, GOD PUT MAN THERE; in the garden of Eden, that is what ADAM WAS TOLD.

1 Corinthians 11:8, 9, For the man is not of the woman; but THE WOMAN OF THE MAN. Neither was the man created for the woman; BUT THE WOMAN FOR THE MAN.

But THE DEVIL, has LIED TO THE WOMAN; like in the garden; TO EVE, YOU HAVE YOUR RIGHTS LIKE THE MEN; EVEN TODAY SHE'S BEEN DECEIVED.

(THE DEVIL'S LIES; WOMAN RIGHTS, Children rights, shacking rights, Run away rights, Black rights, White rights, Drug rights, Shoot at the WHITE HOUSE RIGHTS, Kill the FAMILY RIGHTS, SUICIDE RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, AND O.J. SIMPSON RIGHTS.)

This WHOLE NATION SEEMS TO BE FATHERLESS, AND ITS TRUE ON A WHOLE, AND WE'RE HEADING TO HELL VERY FAST, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE TOLD.

Job 22:7-9, Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. But as for the mighty man, he has the earth; and the honorable man dwell in it. Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been BROKEN.

THE ARMS OF THE FATHERLESS; HAVE BEEN BROKEN IN MANY, MANY WAYS, THE MOTHERS WHO ARE TRYING TO TRAIN: THEIR CHILDREN ARE NOW THEIR SLAVES.

Proverb 23:13, 14, Withhold NOT CORRECTION FROM THE CHILD: for if thou beatest him with the rod, HE SHALL NOT DIE. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt DELIVER HIS SOUL FROM HELL.

THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS: hands are TIED, AFRAID OF THE CHILD'S RIGHTS, GOD WANTS YOU TO TRAIN UP HIS CHILDREN; WHAT EVER IT TAKES DAY OR NIGHT.

Proverb 22:15, Foolishness is bound in the HEART OF A CHILD; but the rod of CORRECTION SHALL DRIVE IT FAR FROM HIM.

(I thank God for the LOVE OF MY SON KYRON for all his CHILDREN; He has two other children from two other HOUSEHOLDS, And three in his home, yet they're all called SISTERS AND BROTHERS, not half SISTERS AND BROTHERS. I also thank THE LORD, for his WIFE: CYNTHIA, she knows they're NOT HERS; and yet she shows LOVE TO THEM ALL. Knowing that they're just INNOCENT BYSTANDERS, they didn't ask to come into THIS WORLD. They need LOVE FROM THEIR FATHER ALSO; AND SHE KNOWS THAT, NOW THAT'S A MOTHER'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN.)

Psalms 127:3, 4, LO, children are an heritage of THE LORD; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrow are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

Many FATHERS get children; and don't take on THE RESPONSIBILITY; YOU SEE, AND I THANK THAT MAY BE, WHERE THE SAYING COME FROM: YO-BABY.

Proverb 27:8, As a bird that wandereth from her NEST, so is a MAN that WANDERETH FROM HIS PLACE (HOME.)

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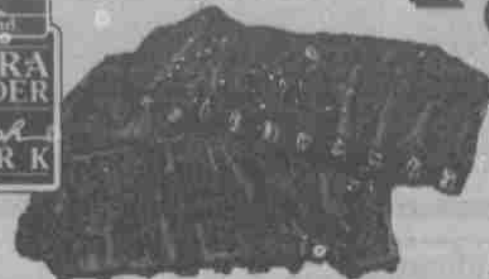


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