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### "Jones Receives 'C' In School Issues"

## Aguero' Addresses School Issues

Lubbock State Representative Delwin Jones received a grade of C on his votes relating to education from the Texas Federation of Teachers (TFT).

But Bidal Aguero who will face Jones in the November 3rd election says that Jones deserves nothing less than a "D" as far as voting for a better education for children.

The TFT said in a news conference that it had developed a report card to help school employees identify those representatives who deserve reelection, and those who deserve to be retained in their district for remediation.

The grades on the report card were compiled by the TFT's legislative department identified eight different pieces of legislation which were of major importance to Texas schools, school children, and school teachers.

"The votes upon which legislators were 'graded' by TFT included votes to eliminate kindergarten for 3-year old children, elimination of funding for vocational education, removal of the 22 pupil limit on class size for some schools, and funding for Texas schools," said John Cole, legislative state vice president of the TFT.

Aguero said that he was not saying that the TFT was wrong in giving Jones a "C" but wanted the public to know specifically how Jones voted against children in the last session.

"We saw Jones trying to raise the ratio of student to teacher beyond the 22 pupil class limit, and we saw Jones voting against adopting the conference committee report on school finance legislation," said Aguero.

"The vote to accept the conference committee report was as the TFT said a vote to keep our schools out of the court's hands until the end of the school year. If this bill had failed, the funding for schools would have stopped until a finance plan was approved," stated Aguero.

"In other words, Jones was happy to stop the education for our children simply because legislators could not agree on a finance plan."

Aguero pointed to two specific items in which Jones had not even voted that critically affect people in District 83.

"I don't know if Delwin was sick, forgot, or just didn't care about our 3 year olds when the question of funding for the 3-year old pre-kindergarten program because he wasn't there to vote. I don't know if Delwin was sick, forgot, or just didn't care about vocational education for our children because he wasn't present to vote."

Aguero said that these two issues critically affect District 83 which include all of East Lubbock because of the many high risk children who reside in the district that



Bidal Aguero'



Delwin Jones

could benefit from both programs.

In an interview with the Digest, Aguero said that residents of East Lubbock should be very concerned about the upcoming elections since many decisions are going to be made con-

### Lubbock County Democratic Party Holds 'Open House' Saturday

The Lubbock County Democratic Party has announced the establishment of its North/East Headquarters at 1817 East Parkway Drive. A "grand opening" celebration for the North/East Headquarters is scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 1992, at noon. Democratic candidates will address the crowd during the Grand Opening. The public is invited to attend. A Lubbock County Democratic Party Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to follow the Grand Opening at 2:00 p. m.

The North-East Headquarters will share space with the Lubbock County headquarters of the Congressman Bill Sarpalius Campaign. Victor Hernandez and Judge McKinley Shepherd are the local coordinators for the Sarpalius Campaign. Joe Chavez is slated to be the local Sarpalius staffer at that headquarters location.

Abraham Spires is the North/East Lubbock County Area Coordinator for the Lubbock County Democratic Party and will be working out of the North/East Headquarters. Cindy Jones is the Administrator at the Democratic Party Headquarters and Voter Services Center in downtown Lubbock at 1116 Broadway, Suite B.

The telephone number for the North/East Headquarters is 767-1992.

Voter registration materials and candidate materials may be picked up at either location.

Persons will be on hand to register those who are not registered to vote. Also, a voting registering booth will be set up in Green-Fair Manor Apartments on Saturday.

Over the past few weeks, in

cerning the education of our children as well as jobs.

"I would invite people in East Lubbock to join in the campaign for change that is very much needed in all of Lubbock. Aguero can be reached by calling 763-5841 or at his office at 1502 Ave. M here in Lubbock.

front of Fiesta Supermarket, several young people have given their time in registering voters.

They are Tonia Stephens, Angela Harris, LaTonya Lee, Mark Scott, and Charolette Sharkey.

These young people, along with the coordinator Abraham Spires, are inviting you to come out on Saturday, at noon, and participate in this special effort.

"We need more young people to work with us in this voter registering effort. It is so important for our young people to vote," said Spires.

"Not only our young people, but anyone who is not a registered voter," he continued.

Other places which will be used to register voters will be Joe & Paul Barber Shop and Matador Barber Shop.

Plainview, Tx. -- Come Sunday, September 6, 1992 at 3:00 p. m., the United Missionary Baptist Church, 2166 North Austin Street, Plainview, Texas will hold a Memorial Service in honor of the late Reverend Walter Griffin, who served as the pastor for 28 years.

Several tributes will be made to this late, well respected minister, pastor, leader, humanitarian and public servant, including a 13-block portion of North Austin Street from 11th to 24th Streets will become a "Walter Griffin Street"; the Church's Fellowship Hall will also be named in his honor. A scholarship/benevolent foundation will be established in his name to aid in social and educational needs in the community.

Walter Griffin was born in Giddings, Texas November 23, 1913 to the parentage of the late James and Mattie Griffin. His early life was spent in Love County, Texas where his first confessed Christ and received his formal education.

December 17, 1931, Rev. Griffin and the former Erle Bell Garcia were united in holy matrimony. They were the parents of five children. She died July 14, 1982, and had been married for 51 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Rev. Griffin accepted the call to the ministry May 27, 1950, and was given a Certificate of License to the Gospel Ministry from the Saint John Baptist Church, Littlefield, Texas. September 26, 1951, he received a Certificate of Ordination to the Gospel Ministry, which was also given by Saint John Baptist Church.

May 10, 1956 and May 28, 1957, he received diplomas in Theology from the Lubbock's Extension of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Rev. Griffin served as pastor



Rev. Walter Griffin

of the following churches: New Trinity Baptist Church, Morton, Texas; Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Lorenzo, Texas and Irvin Street First Baptist Church, Littlefield, Texas.

While pastoring Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, he was elected Vice Moderator of the Caprock Baptist District Association. In 1963, while serving as pastor of the Irvin Street First Baptist Church, he was called to the pastorage of the United Baptist Church, a newly formed fellowship from the merger of the Saint Paul's and Mount Olive Baptist Churches.

Under Pastor Griffin's administration, many accomplishments were made at United. Rev. Griffin, a building contractor for the renovation of the sanctuary and the erection of the fellowship hall. He saved the church a tremendous amount of money by overseeing the renovation project of the existing building of the United Baptist Church.

Several auxiliaries within United were organized under Pastor Griffin's leadership, many persons were converted

and baptized; many Deacons were ordained, including: Charles Whitfield, O. C. Marshall, Michael Sansom, Rhyma Lee Sansom, Timothy Sansom, Jr., Lou E. Balenton, Richard Jordan, the late O. B. Merelett, Sr. and the late Clarence Brown.

The following sons of the ministry were licensed and/or ordained under Rev. Griffin's leadership: Rev. Adolphus Cleveland, Rev. Lou E. Balenton, Rev. Henry L. Brawley, Rev. Richard Jordan, Rev. Joe Whitaker, Rev. Gregory Jones, the late Rev. Percy McGee, and the late Rev. Clarence Brown.

Rev. Griffin was very active in the community. He worked with the United Way of Plainview; Board of Directors of Care Inn and member of the Plainview's Ministerial Alliance. He also served as the Vice Moderator, Moderator and Moderator Emeritus of the New Zeal Missionary Baptist District Association of West Texas.

Pastor Griffin regularly attended the B. M. & E. State Convention of Texas, the B. M. & E. State Congress of Christian Education of Texas, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He also attended the Lacy Kirk Williams Ministers' Institute at Bishop College, Dallas, Texas for several years.

After twenty-eight years of faithful and dedicated service to the United Baptist Church and community, Rev. Griffin retired December 1, 1991.

Monday, January 20, 1992, at the Plains Convalescent Center, the Lord called Rev. Walter Griffin home to eternal rest. May his soul find peace, favor and acceptance with his Maker and indeed, may good works live on "he is gone, but not forgotten."

Sunday, September 6 has been declared by Plainview's Mayor, E. V. Riddhuber as the "Reverend Walter Griffin Day" in Plainview. Several tributes will be made by relatives, public officials, and members of United Baptist Church in honor of Rev. Griffin.

The Reverend John Griffin of DeSoto, Texas, the nephew of Rev. Griffin, will be the morning worship speaker. At 1:30 p. m., there will be a police escorted motorcade procession to the gravesite of Rev. & Mrs. Walter Griffin at

Plainview Memorial Park to place a tombstone at their gravesite.

At 3:00 p. m., for the Memorial Service, the Reverend J. H. Ford and Greater St. Luke Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas will be special guest.

Pastor Gregory D. Franklin would like to extend a special invitation to the entire South Plains region to come and

share this historical day with the members of the church as they pay tribute to the life, labor, love and legacy of their late pastor who was a tall timber in God's forest.

### "Street To Be Named In His Honor"

## The Walter Griffin's Memorial Tributes

### "Wants To Help Young People"

## New Principal At Parkway School

A new principal has been chosen for the Parkway Elementary School. He is Stanley Chatman, who has replaced Raymond Peppers, Jr. who retired in May.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Chatman graduated from high school in Wortham, Texas; has undergraduate degree is from Wayland Baptist University at Plainview, Texas; and has done post-graduate work at Sul Ross College.

His prior experience include: began his teaching career at Friendship ISD as head ninth grade coach and government teacher; Dunbar-Struggs High School head track coach for four years; Coronado High School for six years; and two years as Assistant Principal at Estacado High School.

He has been married for fourteen years to Beverly Bak-



Stanley Chatman

er, who teaches Kindergarten at Hunt Elementary School. They are proud parents of two children, namely; Treneae, age 10; and Jarred, age 6.

He admits he has enjoyed all

positions in his teaching career, especially Dunbar where he saw lots of progress in education and track. "Dunbar is a big family," he says.

At present time, his goal is to work with kids to help them all to be on through his position as principal.

"I want to help all kids set goals for their life," he concluded.

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A little levity will save many a good heavy thing from sinking.

—Samuel Butler

DUNBAR-STRUGGS  
PANTHERS



# RUBY JAN CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church Sunday School began at 9:45 a. m. last Sunday morning with all officers at their post of duty. It was another wonderful lesson.

During the 10:45 a. m. devotional hour, Deacon Howard and Deaconess Sister Swain were in charge.

The processional began at 11:00 a. m. with the Senior Choir marching in on "Glad To Be In The Service."

Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Cleophus Marshall. A collection was sung by the Senior Choir. Scripture was Job 28, and was read by Rev. Michael Matthews. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robbie Johnson. After another selection, responsive reading was done with the congregation standing, led by Sister Jenkins.

The morning hymn was "In The Garden."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Billy R. Moton. This was followed by the Senior Choir singing "My God Has Never Failed Me Yet."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Beware, Satan Has Stood Up Against The People

Of God." His scripture text was 1 Chronicles 21:1-4. It was a wonderful message.

Invitation to discipleship was extended.

The remaining service was the same.

Meals On Wheels is in need of volunteers to deliver meals on Friday, beginning at 11:30 a. m. The location is 2304 34th Street, Route 13.

The Miskitary Society is preparing meals daily at 12:30 p. m. for Sister: R. B. Thompson as their special project.

## Early Settlers Dinner Set

Thursday night, September 10, 1992 at 6:00 p. m. at the Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808, has been set as the annual Early Settlers Reunion dinner.

Mae Simmons Senior Citizens and The Sunshine pals will be entertaining those in attendance.

Tickets are \$3.00 each. All

Any member who would like to participate, please contact Sister Anthea Taylor, chairperson.

Keep praying for our sick and shut-ins. God is able.

Rev. McKinley Shepard is on the sick list this week. His was operated on last Friday. At this report, he is recovering from surgery.

The Ervin's family was absent from church services last Sunday due to Sister Joan Y. Ervin's niece who is very ill in Denver, Colorado.

Sister Stokley had to return back to Austin, Texas. Her daughter became very ill again.

Our bereaved families include the Kelly family who lost a nephew in El Paso, Texas. Sister Pearl Patton lost her

son. Our prayers and sympathy go out to them.

Mrs. Ethel Blake, mother of Matthew "Pat" Roberts returned home last week from a month's visit with her sisters in California. She had a wonderful trip.

The New Hope Baptist Church was guest at the New Zion Baptist Church last Sunday at 3:00 p. m. Pastor Moton brought the message. It was their third anniversary.

People are still talking about Pastor Moton's message. He has a word from the Lord to all you. If you haven't heard him,

visit New Hope Baptist Church at 11:00 a. m. The Church is located at 2002 Birch Avenue.

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### Parkway Manor Care Center News

Rev. William Stephens had several visits on his birthday Sunday, August 10th. They were Letricia Brown, great granddaughter, and friend Marton Revenelle from Tucson, Arizona. Also Mr. and Mrs. Donald Copenhaven.

Frances Bell visited her mother, Esther Bunton Ferguson, several times this week.

Rev. Barnes, Annie Sanders, Sandra Johnson, Betty Lincoln, and Emma Martin, members of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, came on Monday evening for services and visiting.

Preston Stevens came to visit Luke Blackwell and Terrence Patton.

Hope Deliverance Temple Church had two members out on Tuesday evening to visit our residents.

Jennifer Hughs visited our residents several times this week. She called bingo for them.

Cub Scout Pack 137 and Boy Scout Troop 137 of the New Hope Baptist Church visited our residents and brought fruit for them on Wednesday. They sang some songs also. They were Chris Thomas, Michael Thomas, Henry Williams, Bryson Williams, Kevin Curtis, and Joe Pilea.

Leaders are Esther Moses and Bennie Williams.

We appreciate these fine young men and their leaders for the good job they are doing.

St. Luke Baptist Church had six members out on Wednesday evening for services. Rev. Barnes is assistant minister.

Ann Day of SPAG came on Thursday to visit our residents and read to them. Johnella Savage, Janieha Vine, and James Lewis visited also.

Manhattan Church of Christ had nine members to come visit our residents and hold services.

Ann Day visited residents on Friday.

Letha Alexander visited Minnie Keeton and Jack Stevenson on Friday.

Doris "Jean" Collins visited Sarah Crawford on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Patterson, Eddie P. Richardson and Sara Blocker visited Sarah Crawford.

Vaughn Killian, Veterans Counselor, visited the residents.

We love all of you.

### All Breeds Dog Shows

The Heart of the Plains Kennel Club will be hosting 4 American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Shows and Obedience Trials at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Exhibit Hall on September 24th - 27th.

Over 130 different breeds of purebred dogs will be judged daily at this event between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Many of the top winning dogs in the United States, Mexico and Canada will

### Concert Set Here



Zion Jubilee Singers

The Zion Jubilee Singers of Baytown, Texas will be appearing at the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, Saturday, September 5, 1992, at 8:00 p. m., and Sunday afternoon, September 6, 1992, at 3:00 p. m.

The musical is sponsored by the St. John Baptist Church Choir.

Rev. James E. Moore is pastor; Brother Arlee Jackson, choir president.

be at these shows.

Free dog educational materials and programs will also be presented during these shows. There is no admission charge for this event. Come

out and see your favorite breed. Don't miss this fun filled event.

For more information, call 794-1256.

### Attention All Dunbar Ex-Band Members!

There will be an important meeting this Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the Dunbar Bandroom. We're asking that all ex-Dunbar Band members attend this meeting, regardless of when you played in the band, what you played, or whether or not you still have a band instrument! It's important that you attend!!

You may call Mary Jo Wilson or Virgil Johnson, principal, for details at 766-1300. See you Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the Dunbar Bandroom.

### We're On Our Way Back!!

The Drug & Elimination Task Force will be returning to Chatman Park, East 28th and Ivory Avenue, Saturday, September 19, 1992.

Come join in this effort as

there will be singing, praying and a means to seek a solution to the drug and gang problem in Lubbock.

### DUNBAR-STRAUSS PANTHERS

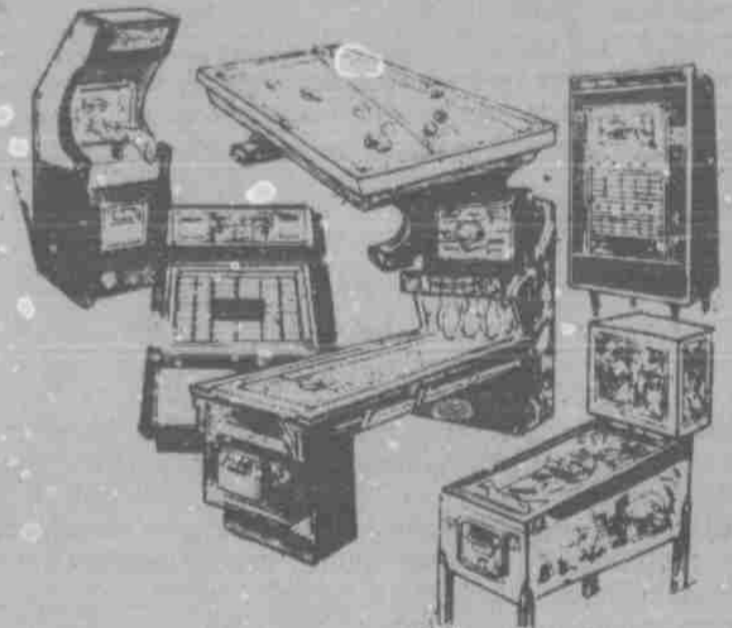


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AOIP has a redemptive mission of completing the unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The information listed below about your organization should (as best possible) be focused on what your group is doing to help complete that unfinished work.

This is a public service courtesy of the Southwest Digest. We will list your meeting date, time and place; special activities, annual meetings, etc. Anything else will be considered advertisement and will be charged as such. Such as hand-bills, brochures,

promotions, etc. This is necessary, because of the inflated cost of doing business. We have to pay our expenses. There will also be a charge for photos, other than news events.

Lubbock Branch NAACP  
Meets Second Saturday Night.  
Mae Simmons Community Center - 7 p. m.

African American Business & Professional Coalition (AABP&C)  
Meets on Thursday Nights At Estacado High School  
7:00 P. M.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast  
Meets Every Saturday Morning at 8:00 A. M.  
Locations are announced each week.



Theodore Phea Boys Club

Tuesday Activities:  
9:00 - 10:00 A. M. - Drop In Activities  
10:00 - 11:00 - Work Out Challenge  
Program No. 2 Spelling  
11:00 - 12:00 - Arts and Crafts  
Kite Making  
12:00 - 1:00 - LUNCH  
Serve hot dogs, chips and drinks  
1:00 - 2:30 - One of 15 events -  
Summer Superstars  
2:30 - 4:00 - Slow pitch softball league (outside)  
Gamesroom tournament (inside)  
Foosball  
4:00 - 6:00 - Movie - younger members (7-11 yrs)  
Spot Shot - older members (12-17 yrs)

### Boy's Club 3 on 3 Basketball

For Boys 14 to 18 years. Entry Cost will be \$5 per team. Games will be played at Theodore "Ted" Phea Jr Boys's Club at 1801 E. 24th.

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# EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

**Nobody, But Nobody Tells Me What I Can Write!!!**



by  
**Eddie P. Richardson**

Because of ownership, I can not be censored. I have more than anyone on the face of God's green earth, including pawning a house, family problems, etc.

That's it. Nuff sed. Let it stay; let it lay. No one pulls my string!! And I still say that the Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Inc. is no place to handle Little League Baseball. It could and should be a supporter, but not a major place for operation!!

This is it!! Nuff sed!!!

## CRAZY HORSE

by  
**Stephen C. McIntyre**

Sometimes I sit back on my front porch and try to figure things out. I wonder aloud with my friends and clerks and try to understand what really is going on. Why do drug busts only hit the small time dealers? Why do the busts appear to be minority folks most of the time? Where is all the drug money? Invested in businesses, big houses, or sitting in banks? How do the drugs get into the country in such large quantities? If we were not demanding drugs would they still be supplied in such large quantities? Would it be easier and cheaper to spend time and money on the demand side instead of on the supply side? If the various lobbies buy off politicians, businessmen buy off government inspectors, scandals have riddled the Reagan/Bush presidencies because of crooked deals at HUD, EPA .... shouldn't we assume that big time drug folks the New Rich, have put their money in the right places? Why has the drug war been such a flop? Is the Drug War a fake front for a Contra War in South America? And finally, is there other things going on that we just never dreamed could be happening?

"If we want to fight a war against leftist guerrillas in Columbia or Peru, we should say so from the outset. If the U. S. were to make that choice, then Washington needs to prepare the American people for the fact that we would be fighting in a country, for example like Columbia, as large as Texas and New Mexico combined. Or put another way, seven and half times the size of present day Vietnam .... And if we got involved in such a war, the narcotraffickers (drug traffickers), who hate leftists and kill them with great regularity, would be our natural allies."

Prof. Donald Mabry, Mississippi State University, November 9, 1989.

"Certainly, I think we'll put more emphasis on the drug war. And if there are resources tied to it, why, you'll see the services compete for those, and probably vigorously. We take pride in being accomplished bureaucrats, as well as military men. And I think it's legitimate for military men to try and perpetuate their institution...."

Adm. William Crowe, Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff (1985-89), January 4, 1990.

"(Department of Defense)'s detection and monitoring efforts have not had a significant impact on the national goal of reducing drug supplies .... Interdiction alone cannot raise cocaine trafficker's costs and risks enough to make a difference, regardless of how well DoD carries out its interdiction and monitoring mission."



U. S. General Accounting Office, "Impact of DoD Detection and Monitoring on Cocaine Flow," September, 1991.

"A critical and intractable component of the drug problem is the reduction of illicit demand. Unless progress toward this end can be made, sustained successes on other dimensions of the drug equation can only be temporary since otherwise one source of supply or one particular drug will inevitably be promptly substituted for another. Accordingly, the Board reiterates that Government should redouble their efforts to enable accelerated progress to be made in reducing drug abuse."

"Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1991," United Nations, 1991.

And according to the bumper sticker:  
"New World order/same old lies"

## THIS N THAT

A LETTER TO THE BLACK MAN! THIS N THAT .... would like to yield this space for this poem .... which seems to be necessary during this day and time..... This .... letter is written .... by .... a 1971 graduate of Dunbar High School ..... LAURITTO ADAMS!

DEAR BLACK MAN  
MY BLACK MAN  
How I greatly Adore you.  
You're Envid by all men.  
They just can't figure out what Motivates you.  
You were held in bondages by chains.  
You were sent to War to Fight for another man's Gain.  
But, you have risen above all the men of God's Creation.  
To be the Man of Man.

DEAR BLACK MAN  
Lay down your Swrd to KILL your own NO-MORE  
I know the roads have been rough  
BUT, the time is now.  
Renew your Faith in the Al-mighty.  
Rega'n your strength through family unity.

DEAR BLACK MAN  
As I see you wak the streets in despair from Day to Night  
I'm sadden to tears  
To think you've given up the Fight  
For if the Drugs doesn't get you  
AIDS just Might!  
Your kids are so Lost without you  
Your kids are crying out for your love  
Your Mates, your Friends and your Families are waiting for your return.

DEAR BLACK MAN  
Despite what you've been told  
Despite what you're led to believe  
You Truly should be the King on the Throne  
Despite what you think  
Despite what you feel  
I'm here beside you as I've always been  
I'm here with you until the very end.

DEAR BLACK MAN  
MY BLACK MAN  
DEAR BLACK MAN  
MY BLACK MAN

PROCEED!!!!  
2nd Annual  
**Mother/Daughter Workshop Set**

The second annual Mother/Daughter Workshop Series will be held Saturday, August 29, 1992 from 9:30 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. at the YWCA, 35th & Flint.

The admission is \$5.00 per couple, includes lunch. For more information, call 795-7123.

The workshop will include discussion on the following topics: Self-Esteem, Communication, Relationships, Self-Defense Demonstration.

The workshop is sponsored by the Junior League of Lubbock, Planned Parenthood of Lubbock, YWCA, and the City of Lubbock Health Department.

**Pageant Set At St Luke**

The Missionary Department of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will present a Pageant on the Fifth Sunday, August 30, 1992, at 6 p. m.

The pageant is entitled: "The Lost Soul." According to a spokesperson, "you will not want to miss it. Come and be with us." Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor.

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## AT ISSUE

### Reauthorize the Endangered Species Act?

James P. Leare is the senior vice president of the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C.



Should the Endangered Species Act be reauthorized?

Yes, The Endangered Species Act (ESA) provides a fundamental "safety net" for the protection of our nation's rich natural heritage. The Act establishes a process for identifying and protecting species on the brink of extinction such as the bald eagle, the Florida panther, and hundreds of other animals and plants. The diversity of life on Earth gives us crops and medicines and is the foundation for the very health of our planet. The ESA is essential for the protection of that diversity.

What impact has the law had on our nation?

Since the first European settlers arrived, nearly 500 species of plants and animals native to the United States have become extinct—forever lost. The ESA has helped to stem this tide. During the last 20 years, the Act has prevented the extinction of scores of endangered plants and animals, and has consistently done so in ways that conserve natural communities, while minimizing adverse impacts on employment and economic growth. The history of the ESA is a history of resolving conflicts between economic development and the protection of endangered species. It is very rare (in less than 1 percent of all cases) that such conflicts have remained unresolved.

What changes, if any, would make the law more effective?

Congress must appropriate the resources necessary to make the ESA fully effective. More than 3,000 species at risk remain unprotected because they have not been formally evaluated for listing under the Act. Even for many of the listed species, the government has not yet developed plans to provide for their recovery. Promptly listing and developing recovery plans for species at risk will help reduce both costs and conflicts. We also should make a more serious effort to identify and protect areas that are important habitats for multiple species. America's wild plants and animals represent one of our greatest endowments; we cannot allow that endowment to be diminished.

Ron Arnold is executive vice president of the Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise in Bellevue, Wash.



Should the Endangered Species Act be reauthorized?

No, This costly program has been a gross failure. Our bungling government has rescued only four creatures — three tropical birds in Palau and a weed called rydberg's milk vetch — from a list of 681 threatened and endangered species. A few more like the brown pelican and American alligator have partially recovered. For that, our bureaucrats spent hundreds of millions of dollars since the law was passed in 1972 — even the government doesn't know the exact amount. The devastating side effects of the law are even more outrageous: construction stoppages costing billions, jobs slashed by the thousands, interference with private property rights sparking frustration and rebellion. Congress never intended that.

What impact has the law had on our nation?

Everyone knows about the spotted owl putting thousands of Pacific Northwest forest folk in the unemployment lines. The way the law is written — with \$50,000 fines and a year in prison for harming critical habitat — every one of those 681 species hurts somebody. The red-cockaded woodpecker costs logging jobs from Georgia to Arkansas, the golden-cheeked warbler thwarts home builders in the Texas hill country and the desert tortoise ruins ranchers in the Southwest.

What changes, if any, would make the law more effective?

Scrap the whole idea and start over. Link those punitive fines and the threat of imprisonment. They make people dread finding endangered species on their property. Instead, offer tax credits and outright cash payments to people who welcome endangered plants and animals on their land, or otherwise nurture them. How to pay for it? Stop pushing costs on the little guy. Let millionaire tax-exempt environmental organizations like the Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation donate some of their budgets. With total assets over \$1.5 billion and annual incomes over \$500 million, the top dozen eco-groups can easily afford to put their money where their mouths are. 14

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"Stay In School"

# Ponce Advises Students Of DPS

by  
John Wallace

A young lady who was born and reared in Lubbock, Texas wants to give something back to the young people of her community.

She is Anabelle Ponce, a 1983 graduate of Lubbock High School who has attended both Texas Tech University and South Plains College.

As of July, 1989, she began working with the Department of Public Safety as a Driver License Technician. Her position is very interesting since she is afforded an opportunity of meeting people "from all walks of life."

"The brief conversations I have with the public sometimes brings great satisfaction to my day," she says.

Ms. Ponce will admit that being an employee for the state in a law enforcement agency is a challenge in itself. "Any



Ms. Anabelle Ponce

changes in the law, passed by the legislature, has to be enforced. These changes sometimes get angry and critical reactions from the public," she makes known.

"For example, in September of 1990, changes were made by the legislature that as a child under the age of 18 could not apply for his or her driver license, unless he was in school or had a GED. This may have inconvenient some parents, but I agree that it was an

incentive for kids to stay in school," she continued.

"The legislature has the power in this state to bring about changes, and I urge every citizen to speak out and be heard by contacting your state representative."

As for Ms. Ponce, her goal is to promote within the agency. Who knows, she could be the next governor of Texas.

## First Annual Fellowship Banquet

The Ministers, Black Businessmen and Women Association of Lubbock will sponsor their first annual Fellowship Banquet Saturday, September 5, 1992 at 7:00 p. m. at St. James Baptist Church, 117 North Mulberry Avenue. Rev. Kado Lang is pastor.

The public is invited to attend this special fellowship banquet. The East Lubbock Ministers, Black Businessmen and Women Association have come together to see what can be done in the East Lubbock community.

"We have some great plans for East Lubbock and they will

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be for the betterment of all of us, and we all want to be a part," says Elder P. B. Phenix.

The meal will be catered, and there will be a donation to defray all expenses.

This affair is being sponsored by Phenix Advertising Specialists and the Southwest Digest.

## Scouting News

Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 137 will have their annual School Night Open House on Saturday, August 29, 1992, from 6 p. m. until 8 p. m. in the Booker T. Washington Park. The park is located between East 20th Street and East 23rd Street, on Birch and Cedar Avenues.

If you know a boy who enjoys the outdoors (fishing, camping, swimming, hiking) and learning about the world in which he lives, bring him out to find out what Scouting in the 90's is all about.

Adults who are interested in serving as volunteers are also invited. The organization promises you an evening of

fun, games, good food, and fellowship. In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in the New Hope Baptist Church.

Unit 137 is a community Scouting program sponsored by the New Hope Baptist Church to meet the interests and needs of its boys and young men of the community. Rev. B. R. Moton is the pastor.

## Barbara Harris Inspires Our Youth

Last Saturday afternoon at the N. W. T. of the Church of God in Christ, Ms. Barbara Harris, a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, inspired the young people in attendance.

According to Abraham Spires, she gave a "stirring speech" for the members of the Youth Outreach Center.

"Her speech motivated our young people," he continued.

## First "Little Miss East Lubbock"



Kennetrious Aque Russell

Kennetrious Aque Russell, who was chosen as the first "Little Miss East Lubbock", would like to thank all of her sponsors who supported her in the "Little Miss Texas Princess Pageant" in Dallas, Texas last month, where she took first runner-up.

The six year old first grader at Ella R. Iles Elementary School loves entertaining and is active in her church where she sings solos. She loves to sing "Don't Let The Devil Ride."

She will be singing at the "Back To School Fashion Show" Friday night, August 28 1992 at Mae Simmons Community Center. Also appearing on this program will be the Alexander Chapel Youth Group.



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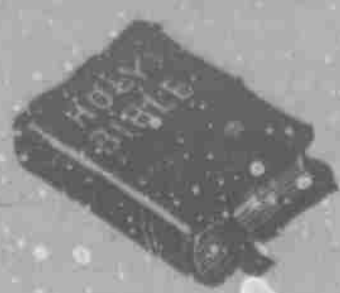
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## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday, September 5, 1992. The place will be announced next week.

II Chronicles 7:14  
(Humility) Humble themselves and pray. Humility is the most needed virtue of the Christian. Jesus spoke of this in his sermon on the mount, when he said, blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Again, we are told in Luke 18:14, for everyone that exalted himself shall be abased, but he that humbled himself shall be exalted.

In I Peter 5:6, we read: "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

Kindness should be reflected in all we do or say. Man's biggest problem is man himself. Man is self centered by his very nature. We see this

in the nations of the world as well as in ourselves and others. When a person is more interested in what he wants than in what God wants, or when he puts himself first and God second, he is committing a sin.

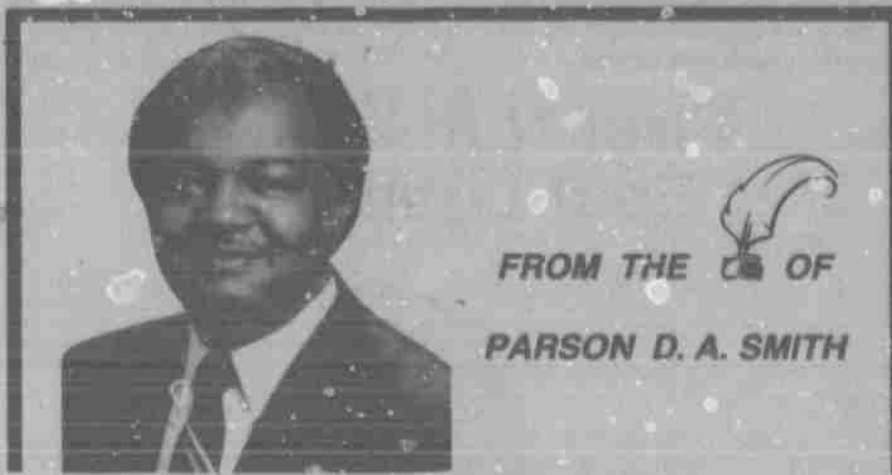
In Matthew 16:24 -- Jesus informs us: "If man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Jesus ask that we follow him, regardless of self denial and the sacrifice that this may require.

He obtained forgiveness for our selfishness by his death on the cross for us. Meekness and humility will not spare a person from adversities, losses, hardships and injustices, or from any of the other evils of life, but they will give the strength, courage, and understanding to triumph over these

things. Meekness and humility indicate a way of life. They will conquer evil with good. For each is a special spiritual discipline. Their possessors will know a kind of child like Faith in God.  
Next Week: (Topic:

"Seek My Face).  
Lubbock, you can make it!!  
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FROM THE OF  
PARSON D. A. SMITH

Tyler, Texas (Special) -- On Saturday, August 22, 1992, as I looked out of the high level windows in Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas and observed the policemen on rooftops and listen to the drone of police helicopters and they cheered the area of action giving protection to the 2,500 people of color that were assemble, I was filled with mixed emotions.

When a beautiful black sister stood at the podium and called the roll of participants with a clarion call, Deuteronomy 32:11 quickly registered on my mind: "As an eagle stirreth up her nest."

Here in the City of Roses on a hot sultry day, 2,500 people had come together from the coil of the state NAACP chapter in a statewide rally to protest the mid-July Smith County grand jury handling of a January '92 police shooting of an aged black woman.

Annie Rae Dixon, a bedridden, 84-year old black woman was shot to death as she lay sleeping in her bed with a semi-automatic Glock .40-caliber pistol that was in the hands of a Kilgore, Texas police officer who claim that the gun accidentally discharged when he lost his balance while kicking down Mrs. Dixon's bedroom door.

As I sat wondering what the next move of the Ku Klux Klan would be, (the Ku Klux Klan had met earlier and criticized the NAACP and black leaders in general) a sister of light ebony pigmentation moved to the speaker's stand and gave the "statement of purpose" which went beyond the problems faced by blacks in the East Texas justice system.

The statement of purpose reached out and "stirreth the nest" of the social and moral injustices inflicted by bourgeoisie blacks that have moved up the social, economic, and political rung on the backs of other blacks.

As an eagle would stirreth her nest, this statement of purpose challenged the blacks that have moved up the socioeconomic ladder, and have found new sociocultural roles; blacks that have moved to the west-side of town or the suburban and have forgotten the young blacks eaglets who are enticed by an inward desire to jump from the ledge of poverty, etc. to try to fly to a better way

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## We Thank God For Jesus "Will A Preacher Rob God??" Part 3

Revelation 2:7a -- Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches.

\*\*\* And if you don't listen, you'll miss it. \*\*\*

Luke 19:46 -- Jesus said, it is written, my house is the House of Prayer, but ye have it in a den of thieves.

We see many Churches today, they've become what's called "Religious Racketeers." We seen it from Jim Baker, and there are others, far and very, very very near.

Revelation 2:11a -- Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches.

Matthew 15:8 -- Jesus said, this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth with their heart is far from me.

Some preachers say; Send in your prayer request, with a very large sum of monies.

"It's been known the Prayer request goes into the dumpsters, and the money he's pleased."

Revelation 2:17a -- Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches.

Colossians 3:1-3 -- If ye then be with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

And that's why we can't turn the world inside out, or upside down.

The Preachers are not like Paul. He didn't want the people's money when he came around.

Revelation 2:29 -- Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches.

II Corinthians 12:14a -- Paul said, I will not be burdensome to you; for I seek not yourss. (Meaning what they had), but you.

Many preachers raise money saying: "It's for God's business and it's to help to prevent sin. Then take it and buy him and his wife cars called: Cadillac and Mercedes and Benz."

Revelation 3:6 -- Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches.

Titus 1:16 -- They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate (unworthy).

"And then they want to have Big Churches; so the public will think they're somebody. But they're robbing God and his people, they're just Satan's people: nobodys."

Revelation 3:13 -- Jesus said, enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.

Jesus asked John: Love me more than these, then feed my lambs and my sheep. But many preachers are watching as they go to hell, while he rest and take his sleep."

Revelation 3:22 -- Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the Churches.

Matthew 24:45-46 -- Jesus said, who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give meat in due season? Blessed is the servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

God is not through with us yet. So let's pray for one another always.

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## St. Matthew Baptist News



Sister Imetha Isaac

St. Matthew Baptist Church Sunday School began at 9:45 a. m. last Sunday morning with the Supt. and teachers at their post of duty.

During the 11:00 a. m. worship hour, services began with the Deacons in charge. Altar call was conducted by Rev. Jackson.

Pastor R. S. Stanley brought a very good message. His subject was "If God Be God Serve Him." His text was I Peter 18:7-9; 21-23.

At 2:30 p. m., St. Matthew hosted the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs. The choir sang beautiful songs. It was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Let's pray for everyone. Prayers change things. Do remember in your prayers the sick, unfortunate ones, and the bereaved ones. Love ye one another is my request. (Ms. Isaac).

Rev. R. S. Stanley, pastor;  
Sister Imetha Isaac, reporter.

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of life -- who are in danger of falling unto rocks of infinite economic, political, and social doom -- that they hasten to swoop under the black eaglets and catch their wings. The continual challenge to those blacks that have made it due to other fore runners who have died in the faith was to "get off their high horses" and come on home and help their brothers and not be divided by the slave syndrome of the old white master: "Divide and conquer."

As I listen to this statement of purpose, my heart fell heavy. I could not help but think of the young upcoming black leaders of our city who are buckling for power and are vulnerable to the new leaders very well camouflage tactics of "divide and conquer" so that the masses of blacks will remain in bondage because of the egotism of a few.

My prayer is that the young blacks who are aspiring for leadership positions recognize that it is a terrible thing to be left in the valley by yourself and can't hear nobody pray.

Outreach Prayer

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Think about it!  
Until next week, have a faith-filled life, and pray for our Schools and Children!

read Mark 11:22-24. Go by the rules, believe and receive.

Thought for the week:  
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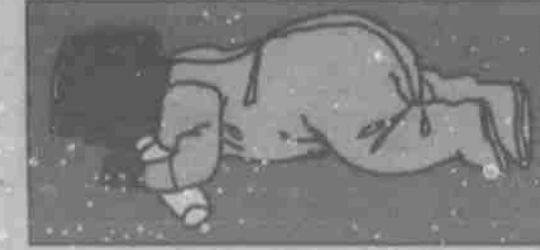
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September 21	Early dismissal for Goals Day, elementary schools at noon and senior high schools at 2 p.m.
October 2	End of first six weeks
October 12	Student holiday, staff development day
November 13	End of second six weeks
November 25 - 27	Thanksgiving holidays
December 21 - January 1	Christmas holidays -- classes resume on January 4
January 13 - 14	Classes dismiss 1 1/2 hours early (exam days)
January 14	End of third six weeks and first semester
January 15	Student holiday, teacher duty day
January 18	Student holiday, staff development day
February 1	Student holiday, staff development day
February 26	End of fourth six weeks
March 15 - 19	Spring break
April 12	Student holiday, staff development day
April 16	End of fifth six weeks
April 17	Weather makeup day if needed
May 1	Weather makeup day if needed
May 27-28	Classes dismiss 1 1/2 hours early (exam days).
May 28	LAST DAY OF CLASSES -- end of sixth six weeks, second semester, and regular school year
May 29	Final duty day for teachers

## Sleeping With Bottle Can Seriously Damage Your Baby's Teeth

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For many parents, grandparents and baby-sitters this is a familiar routine: It's time for the child to get some rest, so they put the child to bed with a bottle of milk. The bottle pacifies the child, and helps him rest. But it can also cause serious and painful damage to a child's teeth. This damage is known as baby bottle tooth decay, and it happens when a child sleeps, rests or walks around with a bottle in his mouth.



The process of decay is simple. Milk and other liquids can collect in the mouth as the child falls off to sleep. As it rests there, bacteria inside the mouth produce acids that start the process of decay. This decaying process can begin in as little as 20 minutes.

Although baby bottle tooth decay is a problem nationally, it occurs particularly

frequently in the Black community. Any sweet liquid, not just milk, can cause baby bottle tooth decay. This includes soda, all fruit juices, and even breast milk if a baby is allowed to sleep with the mother, nursing at will. In fact, the only liquid which does not promote tooth decay is plain water.

Treatment of baby bottle tooth decay can be painful for your baby and expensive for you, but the earlier treatment begins, the better. In advanced stages, saving damaged teeth can involve drilling and filling, cementing crowns, or even root canals. But frequently, damaged teeth cannot be saved and must be pulled out. This can leave gaps that affect not only your child's dental health, but your child's ability to speak properly.

You can protect your child from baby bottle tooth decay with a few simple measures:

- For the newborn, avoid putting the child to bed with a bottle. Infants who are accustomed to going to sleep with a bottle should be given water, or try a soothing song or back rub until the infant falls asleep.

- Try to limit nursing your newborn or infant for prolonged periods of time. And in the case of toddlers, make sure



they don't walk around with a bottle in their mouth. Also try to avoid using the bottle as a pacifier.

- Begin weaning your child from breast or bottle to training cup as early as possible. Start at 9 months and try to have the baby totally weaned by age 1.
- Oral care should begin with your newborn. Clean your newborn and infant's teeth and gums with a small, damp cloth after feeding.

With your help, your child can have a healthy, beautiful smile that lasts a lifetime.

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