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NATIONAL NEWS

Youth Leaders To Convene Million Youth March In Harlem, NY

Black youth from around the country will be the focus of attention at the Million Youth March (MYM) on Sept. 5, 1998 in Harlem, NY. Organizers say the entire Black family is invited to hear from, support and guide Black youth as they take center stage and assume their role as the next generation of leaders. The theme of the MYM is "Black Power into the Year 2000!" The event was called by Min. Khalid Abdul Muhammad and he has received the expressed support of Min. Louis Farrakhan, the convenor of the 1995 Million Man March. The weekend kicks off on Sept. 3 and 4 with the MYM Black Unity Hip Hop and Rap Summit. Malik Zulu Shabazz, the national youth director for the MYM, explained that the Summit is dedicated to ending the division between East Coast, West Coast and Southern rappers. "At the Summit," he said, "they will come together with Black leadership to communicate and dialogue in an effort to promote unity and control the dollars in the industry." Participants in the Summit will include: West Side Connection, Puff Daddy, Wu Tang, Rakim and Master P. The March will take place on Sept. 5 beginning at 7 a.m. on Malcolm X Blvd. at Central Park (110th St. through to 145th St.). NNPA will continue to provide updates of MYM activities or you may receive additional information by calling Khalid Muhammad, chief operations officer at 888-MYM-2804 or by visiting the website: WWW.MILLIONYOUTHMARCH.COM.

Emancipation Proclamation Display at the Library of Congress

For the first time in 15 years, the Library of Congress is displaying Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in the "American Treasures of the Library of Congress" exhibition through May 1998. Previously, the document was briefly displayed to the public in 1983 and 1975, and for a longer period in 1962-1963. On Sept. 22, 1862, Lincoln gave his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation as a direct order to the Army. In the final Emancipation Proclamation, Jan. 1, 1863, Lincoln named districts "wherein the people...are this day in rebellion" and ordered "that all persons held as slaves...[in those areas] are, and henceforward shall be, free." The final version differs from the preliminary edition in the greater emphasis placed on the preservation of the Union as a motivating force for the Proclamation. The Jan. 1, 1863 Proclamation was lost in the Chicago fire of 1871. Surviving photographs of the document show it primarily in Lincoln's own hand. The title and ending are in the hand of a clerk, and printed insertions are from the Sept. 22, 1862, preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. The official, or engrossed, version of the final Emancipation Proclamation is in the National Archives. In addition to the only surviving copy of the Proclamation in the hand of Lincoln, the exhibition includes: a letter from Lincoln to Albert Hodges, editor of the Frankfort, Kentucky, Commonwealth, April 4, 1864, in which Lincoln explained his view of slavery and a first printing of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, Sept. 22, 1862.

Michigan Study Finds Racism Alive in America

Young White Americans may harbor more racist attitudes than surveys have suggested in the past, according to a study of 451 U.S. college students by a University of Michigan professor. "Direct, overt expressions of racism are rare these days," says Eduardo Bonilla Silva, assistant professor of sociology. "When you compare the results of recent and past surveys of public attitudes towards Blacks and other minorities, it seems that racial attitudes have improved dramatically. But when you ask survey respondents to explain their attitudes about issues such as racial inter-marriage and affirmative action, you find a hidden reservoir of racial animosity." About 90 percent of those surveyed said they approved of racial intermarriage, but only 30 percent of those who were later interviewed about this turned out to approve of the practice. "This cannot be attributed to selection bias, since the survey answers of those who were randomly selected for interviews mirrored the results of the total sample. If anything, the students who were interviewed appeared to have slightly more racially progressive outlooks than the larger group who were surveyed," noted Bonilla Silva.

MIKEL WARD SHOWED INTEREST IN DAVID DUKE

With the mayoral election just three weeks away, the Southwest Digest received a copy of an article which appeared in the February 21, 1992 edition of the Fort Worth Star Telegram which Mikel Ward, a candidate for Mayor of Lubbock was positive toward David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan member and Nazi supporter, when he ran for governor of Louisiana.

The article, which was written by John Gonzalez, revealed "he (David Duke) has friends in Lubbock, too," according to Mrs. Ward.

"People are looking for some answers, and there's a grain of truth in what he says," Ward said, referring to Duke's criticism of domestic policy.

The Southwest Digest learned that over 90% of the Black vote came out when David Duke ran for office in Louisiana.

Mrs. Ward is challenging Mayor Wendy Sitton, who is running for re-election. She fulfilled the unexpired term of David Langston who resigned to run for State Senator. Another candidate is Gilbert Montes who ran for mayor last year.

Citizens of the African American community are paying close attention to this new development as the philosophy of David Duke is not theirs.

The Election will be held on May 2, 1998 from 7:00am to 7:00pm.



ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HORNETS ARE CITY CHAMPS, 1998!

"We came a mighty long way to become the Junior High School Basketball Champs for boys in 1998," says Coach Leroy Mitchell. "It proves if you really are willing to do a good job, you can accomplish anything you attempt," he continued.

Pictured above are members of the 1998 City Champion Boys Team. They are, from left to right, standing: Amard Foss (11), Chris Parson (44), Willie Powell (32), Coach Leroy Mitchell, Dajuan Robinson (42), O.C. Clark (20), and Terrance Conners (23).

Front row, left to right, kneeling: Donald Kinney (34), Anthony Trotty (24), Quinton Bolden (26), Corey White (22), Lester Williams (30) and Pernell Upshaw (44).

The Southwest Digest would like to say: "Congratulations to the Alderson Junior High School Hornets for winning the 1998 City Championship!"

Lubbock Seeks All-America City Award

The City of Lubbock received word today that the National Civic League has accepted its application for the All-America City award. Lubbock was a finalist for the award in 1996, and hopes to win the prestigious honor this year.

The designation of All-America City means potential economic opportunities for Lubbock as businesses and residents look to relocate to the city. The All-America City title is a national endorsement of excellent city government and outstanding quality of life.

The All-America City process is divided into two steps. First, cities must submit a 12-page application. This application concerns information about the city, as well as three projects that show how citizens of the community work together to solve problems.

The three projects featured in Lubbock's application this year are the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, the Summer Mission Art Reaching Texas (SMART) program and the combined \$3.25 million capital campaign conducted by Women's Protective Services (WPS) and the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

The second step in the process is the selection of 30 finalists. Each year approximately 150 cities apply, and 30 are chosen as finalists. The finalist cities then compete for the coveted 10 titles of All-America City. The competition consists of a 10-minute presentation before 15

All-America City judges, followed by a 10-minute question and answer period.

Lubbock will be notified on April 20 if it is selected as a finalist. If Lubbock makes the cut, a group of citizens and City staff will travel to Mobile, AL, June 18-20 for the final competition.

In addition to the presentation and the question and answer period, each finalist also participates in the Civic Fair. Each city prepares a booth that reflects the culture of the city, and gives away items that promote the city.

In 1996 when Lubbock competed in the finals, its Civic Fair booth featured a life-size cutout of Buddy Holly. Fairgoers stood next to the cutout and had their picture taken with Buddy. Maria Elena Holly, Buddy's widow, was present to visit with people and to autograph photos. Although Lubbock will not know if it is a finalist or not until later this month, a committee of City staff and members of the three projects are already working on plans for the presentation and Civic Fair.

Sandy Glass, chair of the committee, said, "We learned a great deal in 1996, and we are optimistic that Lubbock can win the award this year. This is a labor of love for everyone on the committee. We know in our hearts that Lubbock is an All-America City, now we just have to convince the judges."



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ARTIST

One of outstanding young artist in the elementary schools of the Lubbock Public Schools is Zakari Wadley, shown above, showing off his artwork which has been standing on a poster board at Broadway & Avenue. Young Wadley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wadley; and grandson of Willie Blocker and the late Sara Blocker. A sixth grade student at Ella R. Iles Elementary School, he likes to draw. It is just a lot of fun to be able to draw what you see," smiles a happy Zakari. His art teacher at Iles is Mrs. Gerallyn Stephenson. Mr. Wendell Brown is principal.

WAL-MART FOUNDATION GIVES \$1 MILLION GIFT TO UNCF

Director of Wal-Mart Foundation, Emerson Goodwin presents final \$200,000 check to William H. Gray, III at UNCF Fairfax Headquarters

FAIRFAX, VA - The Wal-Mart Foundation presented UNCF with the final installment of its \$1 million commitment to UNCF's CAMPAIGN 2000. Emerson M. Goodwin, Director of the Wal-Mart Foundation visited UNCF's offices in Fairfax to personally hand the \$206,000 check to UNCF's President & CEO, William H. Gray, III.

"Wal-Mart's gift of \$1 million dollars to CAMPAIGN 2000 was a most generous demonstration of the company's commitment to help provide higher education opportunities for all people. Their contribution has helped to open doors for many talented young people, making it possible for them to become the leaders of tomorrow," said William H. Gray, III.

Wal-Mart's \$1 million gift to UNCF is the largest single corporate gift to a non-profit organization in the company's history. Gray further commented that this level of corporate support is crucial to UNCF's ability to assist its member institutions in providing low-cost, quality education in an environment that enables students to excel. "Wal-Mart is clearly committed to diversity and minority higher education. UNCF is fortunate to have them as one of our leading corporate partners," added Gray.

UNCF is the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization in the country. It is a consortium of 39 private, historically black colleges and universities. UNCF currently administers more than 400 educational programs that give students access to higher education and career opportunities, and strengthen its member colleges. It has been named as the number one education non-profit in America by The Chronicle of Philanthropy. To date, nearly 300,000 men and women have graduated from UNCF colleges and universities.



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Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People really Care" and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are in need of a church home, then come to worship with the members of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Superintendent Virgil Johnson at his post of duty presiding. All classes had 30 minutes of instruction, and teachers and students reassembled at 10:15 a.m. singing "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Brother James Sterling.

High points of the morning lesson were given by Class No. 1, 2, 3 and 4. They were very well presented by all classes. Secretary's Report: Youth Department - Intermediate Class received both banners. Adult Department: Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner while Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner. The monthly offering for Meals on Wheels was taken up. Invitation to discipleship was extended by Rev. Jeff Brown.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Sister J. Jenkins and Brother R.J. Givens.

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "Lord, Lift Your Name On High." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Give Glory To God," was sung. The morning scripture was read by Sister Ida Johnson. Prayer was given by Sister Doris Dailey. Another song, "God Has Smiled On Me," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Dorothy Stovall. A song, "Victory In Jesus," was sung.

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He told the congregation there is victory in Jesus! Another song, "It's All In The Word, Thank God It's All In The Word," was sung. The sermonic hymn was "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Beware of the Titanic Mentality." His scripture text was I King 19:1-3. It was another great sermon.

Pastor Moton was in the hospital for a day or two last week. Really, last Sunday morning, you couldn't tell it. He's one of God's children.

It was so nice to have the Bruce Tharrington family visit New Hope last Sunday morning.

Let us keep praying for our sick and shut incitizens. Among them is Brother Hardin Barrow who was in the hospital last week. He's at home at this report. Thank God!

Brother Samuel Curtis is in ICU at the University Medical Center at this report.

Among our bereaved families is Charles West who passed away Sunday. He is the brother-in-law of Mrs. Mary Roberts.

Sister Sue Robertson was funeralized last Friday in Crosbyton, Texas. She lived in Dimmit, Texas with her son and family. She graduated from Dunbar High School, and had many friends in Lubbock.

Voncile Graves Thomas was funeralized last Monday at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Mr. & Mrs. T.J. & Bobbie Patterson are on cloud nine. They are rejoicing over the grandson, T.J. Patterson, III who was born April 4, 1998 in Pflugerville, Texas. He weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces.

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basic 1040 with schedule A. Earned income credit and child care credit will be calculated when applicable.

Bring with you all of the W-2's and 1099's you received, social security cards for yourself, your spouse, and each dependent being claimed, and the copy of your 1996 tax return. Also bring the IRS tax package received through the mail, if one was received.

ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1988 CLASS REUNION

We need your help in locating class members. If you are a member of this class, or know so one who is, please contact Bill Stubblefield at 748-0023 or 762-1191. You may also contact Tamara Price at 747-5486.

As hard as it is to believe, 10 years ago in June, we as the EHS graduating class of 88, vowed to stay "Together Forever". Time is quickly passing by so lets come together once again and "strive for a successful class reunion".

In order for our reunion to be a success, we need you. We would like for every class member to have some input of ideas for activities,

banquet, food, t-shirts, and family gatherings. We need your attendance and participation also. The reunion is tentatively scheduled for June 19th through June 21st, 1998.

We would like for everyone to attend the meetings. The next meeting will be Monday, April 20th at Mae Simmons Community Center. The meeting will start at 6:00pm. We want everyone pleased with the choice of foods, t-shirts, activities, etc. If you have any hilarious photos from high school, please bring them also.

We, the EHS Reunion Committee, would like to see everyone there on April 20th.

Dunbar Alumni Association Will Meet Saturday

The Dunbar Alumni Association will meet Saturday, April 11 1998, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center.

Members are asked to please make plans to attend. The Association is in the process of finalizing the plans for the upcoming reunion in July.

Mrs. R.L. Toler is president.

TECHNICAL STUDENTS

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LEVELLAND — A dozen students in such programs as diesel service technology and computer information systems have been named outstanding technical students for March at South Plains College.

Students are selected by faculty members in their respective departments based on academic achievement, technical expertise and overall contributions to the classroom. "This is a means to focus attention on the outstanding work done by students in our extensive technical programs," noted Don Yarbrough, dean of SPC's Technical Division.

Students of the Month include Christie Rutherford from Levelland, associate degree nursing; Tiffany Strunk from Levelland, computer information systems; Heath Pierce from Levelland, formerly from Sudan, welding technology; Jesse Escobar from Sundown, electronics service technology; Diana Barrera from Whitharral, microcomputing; Veronica Garcia from Lubbock, law enforcement; Roxanne Flores from Plainview, office technology; Joe Everett from Sudan, refrigeration air conditioning technology; B.J. Kute from Monahans, drafting technology; Justin Preskey from Rankin, diesel service technology; Tana Haase from Tucumcari, N.M., agribusiness; and Michelle Rice from Homestead, Fla., sound technology.

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Obituary



FAY RENE "MAW MAW" ALEXANDER

Final rites were read for Mrs. Fay Rene "Maw Maw" Alexander on Wednesday morning, March 25, 1998 at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Resthaven of Lubbock under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Fancy Richardson, Alfred Caviel, Gary Sykes, Windell Walker, D.C. Fair, Jr., and George Scott.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of New Hope Baptist Church, Male Chorus of New Hope Baptist Church, and Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Flower bearers were American Legion Post #808 Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Alexander was known affectionately as "Maw Maw", and was born in Gatesville, Texas on November 8, 1929 to the parentage of John Lewis and Irene Kinner Wortham. She attended and graduated from high school in Brenham, Texas.

June 7, 1947, she married Ralph Alexander and to this union six children were born, five girls and one boy.

With their first born, Joyce, Ralph and Fay moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1949. She was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church where she served until she departed this life. She was a member of the Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 Women's Auxiliary. She also was a member of LeJeune Premiere Bridge Club. She was instrumental in developing the first Male Chorus at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1979.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Lewis and Irene Wortham; her loving husband, Ralph, and her firstborn grandson whom she loved dearly, Rodney Lee Stanford.

Fay Rene joined her loved ones in eternity Friday, March 20, 1998 at St. Mary Hospital.

She leaves to cherish her memory: six loving children: Joyce Chandler of Nashville, Tennessee, Brenda Richardson of Houston, Texas, Gwen Stanford and Jackie Alexander, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Stena Moody of Dallas, Texas; one son, Ralph Alexander, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; her brother Billy Wortham, and sister, Felicia Wortham, both of Houston, Texas; her beloved sister-in-law, Earnestine Davenport, of Lubbock, Texas; her dearest friend, Mary "Louise" McCormick, and family; and Rubye Donaldson and

family; fifteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.



CLEVELAND "JAKE" PARSON

Funeral services were held for Mr. Cleveland "Jake" Parson on Saturday afternoon, March 28, 1998, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating. Interment was held in

Resthaven under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Directors.

Active pallbearers were Johnny McKenzie, Shawn West, Earnest Roy Parson, Jay Don Quigley, L.V. Anderson, Jr., and Phillip Paul Parson.

Honorary pallbearers were J.C. Quigley, Lee Arthur Parson, Pink Parson, Jr., L.V. Anderson, Sr., Larry Betts, Greg Parson and Cleveland Parson, Jr.

Mr. Parson was born May 27, 1934 to the family of Pink and Carlona Ross Parson in Palestine, Texas. He attended school in the Blackfoot Public Schools, and was in church at Providence Baptist Church in Montabelt, Texas.

He moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1953, and worked for twenty years plus for the American Iron and Metal Company. In 1958, he married Laverne Bogus, and from four children were born: Three sons, Cleveland, Jr., Anthony Carl and Gregory Paul; and one daughter, Diane.

He married Carolyn Hawkins Parson on June 16, 1997.

Mr. Parson was led to Christ by Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church. He passed away Tuesday, March 24, 1998.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Parson of the home; three sons: Cleveland Parson, Jr., Anthony Carl Parson and Gregory Paul Parson, all of Lubbock, Texas; four daughters: Diane Howard, Collette A. Hawkins, Orianna Hawkins, and Emanuela Hawkins, all of Lubbock, Texas; his mother, Mrs. Carlona Parson of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: Pink Parson, Jr. and Lee Author Parson, both of Lamesa, Texas and Dan Chester Parson of Atlanta, Georgia; five sisters: Cleothia Quigley and Berthia Jackson (twins), both of Lubbock, Texas, Arnetia Jefferson of Garland, Texas, Kathelene Anderson of Seagraves, Texas and Luvenia Little of Arlington, Texas; ten grandchildren, a number of other relatives and many friends.



Lampkin signs with Austin Col.

By Tracy Schultz
Staff Writer of the
Arlington Morning News

Natasha Lampkin was a key component to the Martin girls basketball team's quick-paced pressure style of play that led the Lady Warriors to the Class 5A regional quarter-finals this season.

The Lady Warriors' guard will take her speed and abilities to Austin College in Sherman next season where she hopes to continue that same style of play.

Lampkin gave an oral commitment Tuesday to the Division III school. Oral commitments are non-binding.

"It's a very good school and I want to go into pre-med," Lampkin said. "It's a very good biology-oriented school."

The Martin senior also visited Southwestern in Georgetown and McLennan Community College in Waco. While strong academics played a big part in her decision, Lampkin said it was Austin College head coach Robin Potera that really impressed her.

"The coach is someone I would love to play for," Lampkin said. "She likes to play the up-tempo style of game. She's constantly involved with what's going on. When I watched them play, they were a run-and-gun team and [they] like to press."

With Lampkin's quickness and Martin teammate Rosalyn Reades, the Lady Warriors were able to use the press against several opponents this season.

The result was 66 steals for Lampkin as well as a team-high 15 points per game, many of which were earned off steals. Lampkin's ability to drive to the basket gained her numerous trips to the free-throw line, where she broke Martin's single-season free-throw mark, sinking 122.

Lampkin said she hopes to use her talents early on.

"[Potera] said she didn't want to promise me anything," Lampkin said. "But she thinks I'll help the team out a lot, especially since they like the fast break. I think I could go in and play next year."

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the Arlington Morning News, Arlington, Texas. The young lady, Natasha Lampkin, is the granddaughter of Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas and the daughter of Robert and Frances Lampkin of Arlington, Texas.

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1998 SMART SPRING BREAK PROJECT A SUCCESS! THIS N THAT...attended the dedication program for the...1998 SMART SPRING BREAK PROJECT...at Green Fair Manor Apartments...last Saturday afternoon... Baltimore, Maryland artist...JUAN LOGAN...with the assistance of Lubbock artist...JOHN HITCHOCK...worked with the following young people...who reside in the Greer Fair Manor apartments...SHAMIKA AVERY...TRAMEKA CLEAVLAND...ANTOINE EVANS...ASSANE FAYE...TASHAYLA FINLEY...SHANTAYE JIMISON...TA'UNDRA JOHNSON...and...ANTOINE MANAHAN... The finished project...an 8 foot by 16 foot mural...is about making choices...and has the theme..."CHOOSE YOUR DESTINY..." THIS N THAT...would advise you to go by and...SEE WHAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE...have done...during spring break of this year...

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BLACK COSMETOLOGISTS HOLD 54TH BI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING HERE!! THIS N THAT...attended special church services of the...TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION AND BEAUTY CULTURISTS LEAGUE #47...in their...54th Bi-Annual Board Meeting...along with Rev. Larry Brooks and Rev. Billy R. Moton...last Sunday morning at the Lubbock Plaza... MS. DORIS J. WHITAKER...is state president...and...MS. PEGGIE J. STEVENSON...served as local Convention Chairperson... According to Ms. Stevenson...this is the beginning of their...STATE MEETING...which will take place in Lubbock, Texas...come this...OCTOBER, 1998... There will be...HUNDREDS OF BLACK BEAUTY CULTURISTS...visiting the..."HUB CITY." This advance group reports how well they were welcomed to Lubbock, Texas... THIS N THAT...is always happy to see...BLACK FOLK...come together to the betterment of their community...

SHIRLEY CANADY THE BARBER SAYS: "IF...a man or woman...be gracious...and...courteous...to...STRANGERS...it shows...HE & SHE...are...CITIZENS...of the world..."

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



"My Mama never said that there would be days like these. " The days are those in which public school teachers are finding

ers and other students for what most people see as no apparent reason, really a child entrusted with too much too soon in some evil organization or, ale impressionable young minds being twisted by adults who are so consumed by hatred and contempt for community institutions that these children believe that their acts are good and just and the appropriate thing to do?

themselves on the front line of a war zone The irony of it is that teachers are not prepared for the kind of war that they are finding themselves in. There has been a history of assaults, simple and complicated; verbal and physical, but being targets for students with all types of munitions was not in the lesson plan!

Where are the munitions coming from? Is the availability of munitions and weapons to children, young children who have just learned to spell their names a symptom of a much deeper hate problem? Are all of these children at school with loaded guns and willing to shoot teach-

ers and other students for what most people see as no apparent reason, really a child entrusted with too much too soon in some evil organization or, ale impressionable young minds being twisted by adults who are so consumed by hatred and contempt for community institutions that these children believe that their acts are good and just and the appropriate thing to do? is to take courses in the martial arts of self defense, marksmanship and criminal psychology. These courses should be prerequisites for majoring in the discipline of Education, because it is impossible for children to have access to firearms or any type of munitions without the help of some adult. Children do not own factories or have equipment for distribution of firearms. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and get to the root of the problem that teachers are faced with and die because of.

CHILDWATCH ADULT PRISONS ARE NO PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN

By Marian Wright Edelman

In Ohio, a 17-year-old who robbed a pizza store was put in the juvenile section of an adult prison. Six adult inmates who belonged to a White supremacist group entered the section where the boy was housed and fatally stabbed him more than 79 times.

A 16-year-old Texas boy who was arrested for arson for setting fire to a fence was sent to an adult prison. After he was repeatedly raped and beaten, he hanged himself. A 15-year-old girl who ran away from her Midwestern home was put in the county adult jail where she was raped by a deputy jailer.

Most children who commit crimes don't belong in adult jails. Children jailed with adults are eight times more likely to commit suicide, five times more likely to be sexually assaulted, and twice as likely to be beaten by staff than children in juvenile facilities.

That's why for the past 25 years, our national law has required that children who run away or skip school not be jailed with adults. But, in an election year to appear tough on crime, Congress is considering a bill that will turn back the clock of justice and expose children to serious risks — risks that could cost them their lives.

In the early 1970s, Children's Defense Fund workers traveled around the country to more than 400 adult jails in every state and found children as young as 12. Most of these children were not a threat to the community. They had been arrested for nonviolent offenses like running away, skipping school, or shoplifting. While the majority of children were White, a third were minorities. Many of these children were raped, beaten, and left alone for days. Some attempted suicide.

We showed horrifying discoveries which helped lead to the passage of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of

1974. The law guaranteed that children would be separated from adult prisoners, and that those arrested for offenses such as running away or skipping school would be placed in community facilities. Forty-eight states are in compliance with the law which has ensured that children are kept safe from adult prisoners and that they continue to learn, get the counseling and drug treatment they need, and are given skills to re-enter society ready to become productive adults.

These protections are still critical to the more than two million children arrested each year, most for nonviolent crimes. Instead of offering a measured response to make our communities safe from violence and the worst crimes, S.10 takes a sledge hammer approach at a time when youth crime is declining.

Without strong opposition, S.10 soon could become law. If it does, we may begin to hear horror stories like the ones we heard in the 70s. Listen to this anguished plea from a child. At 15, he killed himself after being sent to an adult prison in Maryland.

All Cried Out

I'm all cried out from the pain and sorrow,
Wondering if I'll live to see tomorrow.
I'm tired of my feelings getting hurt.
It feels like the stuff of life keeps getting pulled over
my eyes and I'm
constantly in the dark. I'm all cried out and this is
without a doubt.
This is my fight with life and I'm at the end of
my bout.

I'm a victim of society and a victim of circumstance,
hoping that I'll get
a second chance to prove that I am somebody instead
of nobody.
I've been put down, put out and even cursed out but
somehow I still rise to the top.
I'm tired of crying my pain away because after the
tears are gone,
I still feel the pain each and every day.
This poem is just telling people what I'm really about,
but it's really to
let them know that I'm all cried out.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC). In 1998, CDF will celebrate 25 years of advocacy, service, and leadership to build a movement to Leave No Child Behind. For more information about mobilization efforts aimed at defeating S.10, call (202) 628-8787.

This Way for Black Empowerment

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

IF ROBERT REICH COULDN'T IMPACT, HOW CAN WE?

Each week I host a public affairs television show called Fulani! My co-host, Dr. Fred Newman, and I do a half-hour interview with newsmakers, authors, and political activists.

Two weeks ago we taped a show with Robert Reich. Robert Reich was the U.S. Secretary of Labor in the first Clinton administration. He is an economist and political scientist who first met the President when they both went to study at Oxford. Reich went on to become a well-known economic theorist and advocate for a public policy that would spur economic growth among all sectors of society. Bill Clinton tapped him to be his economic advisor during the 1992 campaign and then to become his labor secretary. Reich recently wrote a book called Locked in the Cabinet about his experiences as a cabinet member.

The interview we did on my show was very interesting. We discussed economic policy and the changes produced by globalization. He talked about his feeling that while economic indicators were good, a downturn might be just around the corner. But most interesting to me was the discussion we had about how little he was able to impact on economic policy on behalf of the average American. Reich is a progressive economist. He coined the slogan, "Put People First" and Clinton picked it up during his first campaign. Of course, while Reich meant "Put People First," Clinton meant: "Put the people who make major contributions to the Democratic Party first."

But Reich whether you agree with his particular policy approach or not is genuinely concerned with the huge and growing gap between the rich and everyone else in America. And while he was invited into the White House to impact, he found ultimately that the unilateral self-interest of corporations, special interests and, most of all, Wall Street, could not be overcome. This was a rather significant admission by a Washington insider. Toward the end of the show we discussed the \$64,000 question namely, that whatever innovative and developmental economic approaches might be created, the bottom line, if you will, is the American people having the political power to set economic policy in our interests.

Some in the Black community have become independents rather than Democrats or Republicans because we recognize that right now the American people don't have that power. We're building new parties like the Reform Party because we recognize that until the political situation is changed, until the American people have control over our government, our elected officials and over the process of governing, our voices won't be heard. Secretary Reich isn't the only one who couldn't impact. The way things are set up now with the corporate special interests controlling the parties and the parties controlling the government the American people can't impact either. That's a terribly dangerous situation to be in. And that's why a number one concern is the crisis in American democracy and our number one priority is opening up the political process. That's how we bring together Americans from so many diverse walks of life. Different racial and ethnic groups. Different socio-economic and ideological groups. We come together based on a shared recognition that we, at the grassroots, have to take political matters into our own hands to take on the corruption at the top.

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the ballot in all fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or at <http://www.Fulani.org>.

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SOUL TABLE (A column about good home cooking)

By Joyce White

All Of Mother Africa's Children

The lady had a theatrical flair, and when she air kissed her friend a few spaces ahead of me in the line at the bank and worried out loud that she was going to be late for her voice class, I immediately liked her style.

Soon I was deep in conversation with Rita Madero, who had just returned from a six-month tour of the Pacific and Southeast Asia as a member of the cast of "Foxy and Bess." We didn't linger long on the beauty of the country side. The dreadful plight and treatment of the aborigines in Australia was another matter.

"The Maoris in New Zealand seemed to have fared better," Ms. Madero said. "You know they went way out their way for us. Welcomed us with opened arms."

I left the bank and Ms. Madero remembering the warm welcomes that I too have received from Mother Africa's children during my travels. Once, years ago in Brazil, I spent half of my stay at the home of a family I met at a restaurant. When I visit the beautiful island of Jamaica in the Caribbean I am always invited to someone's home and entertained with a lavish spread and a hearty dose of politics, race and rum.

And there are Danyla and Johanna, two spiritual sisters whom I met several years ago in the City of light—Paris. Danyla hails from the former French colony of Guyana in South America, and Johanna from the West African country of Gabon. They are my Paris family.

Both are excellent cooks. Their food is spicy and full of flavor, and one bite always reminds me that we children of the African Diaspora share a common soul food, history and bond.

Here are recipes from their social gatherings:

CURRIED BEEF

- 4 pounds beef shanks
- 2 onions
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary or marjoram
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 1/2 tablespoon flour
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 cup beer or water, more if needed

Cut the meat into 2-inch pieces, saving the shank bone. Peel and slice the onion and mince the garlic. Heat the oil in a large pot. Add the beef and bones, a few pieces at a time, and brown over medium high heat for 4 or 5 minutes. Remove the meat from the pan when browned and continue browning the remaining beef the same way. Sprinkle the beef with the salt and pepper and set aside.

Reduce the heat to low and add the onions and garlic to the pan. Sauté 4 or 5 minutes over low heat. Stir in the rosemary or marjoram and the curry powder. Return both the beef and bones to the pot. Sprinkle over the flour. Cook 3 or 4 minutes, stirring. Add the beef broth and the beer or water. Bring to a boil, cover and cook over very low heat for 1 hour. Cover and simmer for 1 hour longer or until the meat is tender and the beef broth is slightly thickened.

Serve with rice.
Serves 4.

CREOLE CHICKEN

- 1 broiler-fryer chicken, 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 pounds
- 1/2 pound smoked sausage or smoked ham
- 1 onion
- 2 to 3 tomatoes
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic
- 3 or 4 sprigs fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 or 2 hot chili peppers, such as jalapeño or serrano
- 2 tablespoons peanut or corn oil
- 2 cups chicken broth or homemade chicken stock
- 1/2 pound fresh spinach or kale

Cut the chicken into serving pieces: the breast into halves, the legs and thighs separated, plus the wings, for a total of eight pieces. Rinse the chicken well under cold running water and pat dry with paper towels.

Trim away any excess fat from the chicken.

Cut the sausage or ham into bite-sized pieces. Peel and slice the onion, coarsely chop the tomatoes, and mince the garlic. Chop the fresh thyme or crush the dried herb. Finely mince the chili peppers.

Heat the oil in a large heavy pot. Add the chicken, a few pieces at a time and brown over medium high heat. Remove from the pot and brown the remaining chicken the same way.

When all the chicken is browned, add the sausage and sauté 4 or 5 minutes, turning to brown evenly. Stir in the onion, tomatoes, garlic, thyme and chili peppers. Sauté 2 or 3 minutes, stirring. Return the chicken pieces to the pan. Add the chicken broth or stock and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and cook for 30 minutes or until the chicken is almost done.

Cut off and discard the stems of the spinach or kale. Stir the vegetable into the pot and cook 15 minutes longer or until the spinach or kale is tender and the chicken is done.

Serve with rice.
Serves 4.

EDDIE JAMES & COLOURBLIND

In a society that is pre-occupied with the issue of race, there is a group that boldly confronts it through music and its composition. The multi-ethnic, God inspired group is Phoenix, Arizona based **Eddie James & Colourblind**. Their debut release, Psalm 23 on Fresh Wine/CGI Records steps up to the spiritual plate armed with Gospel music that speaks to souls beyond race, color and social class.

Fresh Wine Records co-founder and leader of the group, twenty-six year old Eddie James started **Colourblind** in 1995. It grew out of another Gospel entity **James formed**, the 100+ voice Phoenix Mass Choir. James formed the group mainly for tour necessity's sake. The choir was being requested to perform all over the world due to the success of their Billboard hit "Higher." However, because of life's responsibilities, most of the choir members could not just hit the road. As a result **Colourblind** was born. It is a six member group ranging in age from 18 to 26, hailing from various religious, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Eddie James & Colourblind's name is befitting of its members. It is comprised of 2 Hispanics, 3 African Americans and 1 Caucasian. Of the six, 3 are women and 3 are male. James says of their ministry, "Our goal is to bring down the wall of racism through our music and our presentation. Through the group itself, we show how we can be one for Christ as well as through this melting pot country called America."

Through their music, James says their desire is to break down 3 walls. The walls they envision causing to fall down are racism, the wall that divides the family and the wall of sin, which separates man from God. Although they are young, **Colourblind** is able to witness to others and warn them against such pitfalls of life because of their personal experiences with the horrors and destructiveness of drugs, gangs and hurting divisiveness relationships with family members.

The group puts their ministry where their mouth is and takes their messages of love, hope, salvation and forgiveness to the communities nationwide. They make praise stops at schools and prisons to encourage and enlighten those in need of God's love.

James, who wrote all of the songs and co-produced the project feels what sets his group apart from others in the Gospel world is their in your face, non-compromising message of salvation through Jesus Christ, wrapped in an envelope of music that crosses color lines, musical formats and goes beyond the four walls of the church.

Eddie James & Colourblind's release Psalm 23 is a mix of Contemporary, Urban Contemporary and Traditional Gospel music with a splash of classical. Choice cuts on this album that speaks to a myriad of souls are the title song, "Come Go With Me" and "Colourblind." James says, I think some of the music is really Contemporary...it has a real Urban edge to it that reaches the young. Then we have some things on there that have a classic feel. And then we have some music on this

project that's kind of up in your face down home Gospel."

Whatever your taste in Gospel, Eddie James & Colourblind will satisfy your inspirational palate with Psalm 23...music designed to breakdown walls.



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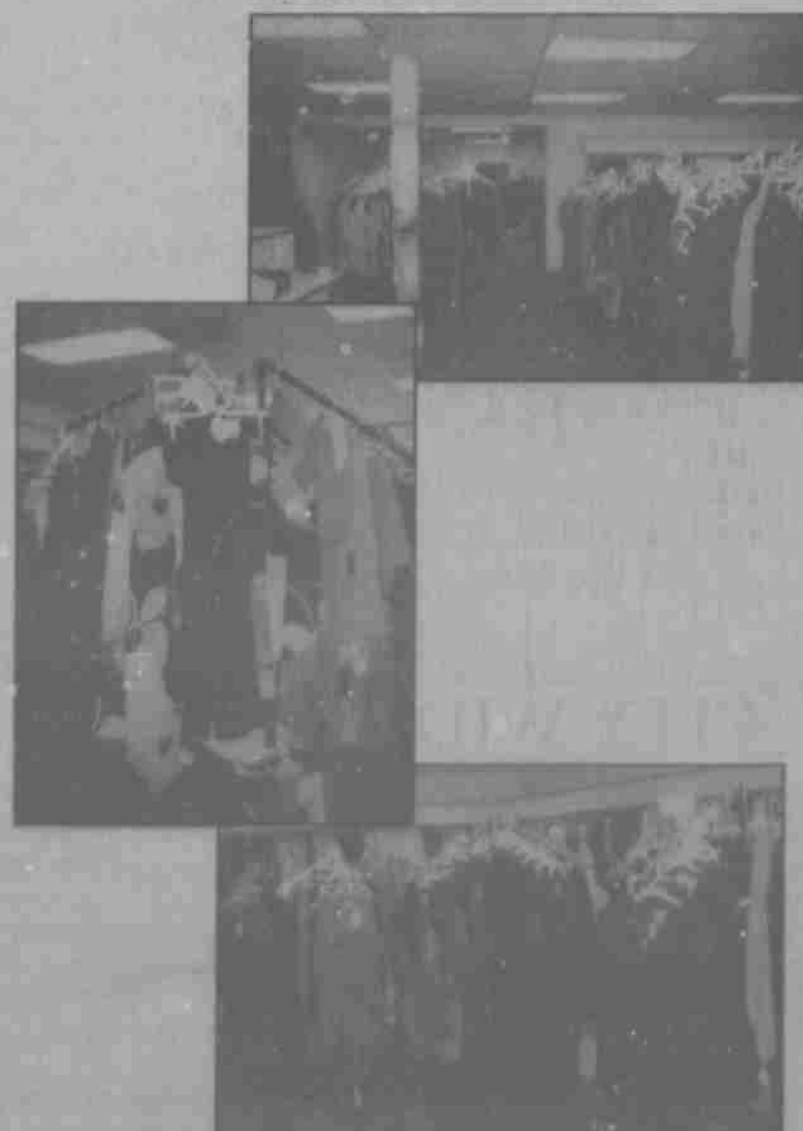
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 WHEN I WAS LOST IN THE WORLD OF SIN, I LOOKED ON WOMAN DESIRING FLUSH; BUT IT WAS JESUS' EYES THEY SPIN IN; BECAUSE MY EYES WAS FULL OF LUST.
 MARK 15:19, AND THEY SMOTE HIM ON THE HEAD WITH A REED, AND SPIT UPON HIM (JESUS), AND BOWING THE KNEES WORSHIPPED HIM.
 I WAS LOST IN MANY GRATE SIN'S; AND SPOKE FILTHY UN-GODLY WORDS; BUT IT WAS JESUS MOUTH THEY SLAPPED; AND NEVER WAS GUILT EVER HEARD!!
 LUKE 22:64, AND WHEN THEY HAD BLINDFOLDED HIM (JESUS), THEY STRUCK HIM ON THE FACE, AND ASKED HIM, SAYING, PROPHECY, WHO IS IT THAT SMOTE THEE?
 IT WAS MY BACK, THAT LAID WITH WOMAN; I COMMITTED ADULTERER;
 BUT IT WAS JESUS' BACK THEY BEAT; TILL IT BEGIN TO LOOK LIKE MINCE- MEAT.
 MARK 15:15, AND SO PILATE, WILLING TO CONTENT THE PEOPLE, RELEASED BARABBAS UNTO THEM, AND DELIVERED JESUS, WHEN HE HAD SCOURGED HIM, TO BE CRUCIFIED. ***** IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME!!! BUT THAT IS WHAT LOVE IS!!*****
 (A SCOURGING OR BEATING WAS A ROMAN PUNISHMENT. IT CONSISTED OF A HANDLE WITH ABOUT A DOZEN LEATHER CORDS, WITH JAGGED PIECES OF BONE OR METAL AT EACH END, TO MAKE THE BLOW MORE PAINFUL. THE VICTIM WAS TIED TO A POST AND THE BLOWS WERE APPLIED TO THE BARE BACK AND LOINS; AND SOMETIMES TO THE FACE AND BACK AND BOWELS. THE FLESH WAS CUT IN SEVERAL PLACES BY EACH BLOW. SO HIDEOUS WAS THE PUNISHMENT THAT THE VICTIM OFTEN FAINTED, AND SOME DIED UNDER IT.
 ISAIAH 53:5, HE (JESUS) WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS. HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES: THE CHASTISEMENT (SCOURGING) OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM; AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.
 IT WAS MY MIND: THAT THOUGH OF FILTHY AND UN-GODLY THINGS;
 BUT IT WAS HIS JESUS' HEAD THEY CROWNED WITH THORNS; AND THERE WAS MORE PAIN.
 MATTHEW 27:29a, WHEN THEY HAD PLATTED A CROWN OF THORNS, THEY PUT IT UPON HIS HEAD, AND A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND, AND THEY BOWED THE KNEE BEFORE HIM, AND MOCKED HIM.
 IT WAS MY HANDS: THAT STOLE THINGS, I WAS NOTHING BUT A THEFT;
 BUT IT WAS JESUS' HANDS THEY NAILED TO THE CROSS; IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME!!!
 IT WAS MY FEET: THAT DANCED FILTHY DANCES; I KNEW IT SHOULDN'T BE; BUT IT WAS JESUS' FEET THEY NAILED TO THE CROSS; ON CALVARY.
 LUKE 24:39, JESUS SAID, BEHOLD MY HANDS AND MY FEET, THAT IT IS I MY SELF: HANDLE ME, AND SEE; FOR A SPIRIT HATH NO FLESH AND BONES, AS YE SEE ME HAVE.
 I WALKED SIDE BY SIDE: IN THIS WORLD, WITH THE UN-GODLY MAN;
 BUT IT WAS JESUS' SIDE THEY PIERCED; AND OUT HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD RAN.
 JOHN 19:33,34, WHEN THEY CAME TO JESUS, AND SAW THAT HE WAS DEAD ALREADY, THEY BRAKE NOT HIS LEGS; BUT ONE OF THE SOLDIERS WITH A SPEAR PIERCED HIS SIDE, AND FORTHWITH CAME THERE OUT BLOOD AND WATER.
 IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME; BUT IT WASN'T; AND I M SO GLAD;
 HIS LOVE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION; IS THE ONLY WAY: I M FREE AT LAST!!! ***** I M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT SOMEBODY, WHO CAN SAVE ANYBODY!!*****
 JOHN 15:13, JESUS SAID, GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.
 GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"—Matthew 27:22

Life is filled with choices. We are asked to make decisions every day. Some of our determinations are of limited value while others may cause us to make drastic alterations in our life-style. Such was the case of Pilate.

As the procurator of the imperial province of Judaea, Pilate was accustomed to formulating decisions on a variety of matters. The procurator had the complete responsibility of managing the affairs of the regions to which he had been assigned. The entirety of governmental operations was entrusted to the local procurator, including the raising and disbursement of taxes, the placement of the military, and the complete judicial authority over all who were not Roman citizens. A great number of judgments had to be settled each day. Mate was a man who was accustomed to making decisions.

He was also a man who would rather compromise than be responsible for the initiation of conflict. When he arrived in Jerusalem, he had offended the Jews by allowing his soldiers to carry their standards, which bore the image of the Roman emperor. This infuriated the pious Jews, who considered the standard to be a flagrant show of idolatry. Pilate eventually backed down and ordered the standards returned to Caesarea rather than cause strife among the people of Jerusalem. Even though Pilate had little use for the religion of the Jews, he wanted to keep the peace at any cost.

Pilate encountered a situation that required great decision-

making abilities as well as a large dose of diplomacy. The Jewish leaders had brought a Man to him for judgment. They related all the charges against the Prisoner and asked Pilate to condemn Him to death. The priests had already determined that this Man deserved to die, even though the evidence was obviously inadequate for such a determination. When Pilate asked the Man, Jesus, to either admit guilt or refute the charges, he received no response. He was astounded at the composure of this One who stood facing the wrath of all the religious authorities. Pilate had dealt with these men before and had discerned what their problem was. He therefore declared that he could detect no guilt in Jesus and recommended that He be released.

However, the chief priests and elders would never agree to the pardon of Jesus. They persuaded the crowd to pressure Pilate until the he would carry out their wishes. Pilate reminded them of a custom of liberating a prisoner during this particular festival period. The rabble was given a choice between Jesus and a convicted murderer named Barabbas. Unhesitatingly, the crowd under the control of the religious leaders, selected Barabbas to be set free.

On hearing the declaration of the mob, Pilate asked them a question that continues to be asked by many even today: "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" Are you pondering this question today? How you answer will determine how you will live in the present as well as where you will dwell in the future. Your answer reflects your attitude toward worldly popularity. Are you, like Pilate, more interested in what others think about you, or are you made of that which will lead you to say, "Give me Jesus!"

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The morning scripture less was led by Sister Elnora Jones. Her scripture was II Chronicles 7:14. Her lesson was in three parts: She read all these scriptures.

I. Humility: Humble yourselves and pray. Matthew 5:3 — Humble men are very fortunate! He told them for the Kingdom of heaven is given to them. St. Luke 18:14. I tell you, this sinner, not the pharisee, returned home forgiven! For the proud shall be humble, but the humble shall be honored." Matthew 16:24 and Matthew 19:26.

II. (Bible Study) And seek my face. II Timothy 3:1-9; 4:3-4; II Timothy 2:15; Zephariah 2:3; Proverbs; Ecc. 1:21.

Work hard so God can say to you, well done. Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work. Know what His word says and mean it. Life on earth is not a scripture which we meaninglessly act out, and then living out what we have decided, because God will examine what kind of worker we have been for him. We should build our lives on his word and build his word into our lives, because it alone tells us how to live for him and serve him. Believers who ignore the Bible will certainly be ashamed at the judgment. Constant and diligent study of God's word is vital, or else we will be lulled into neglecting God and our true purpose for living.

III. Obey and turn from their wicked ways. Exodus 15:13; John 14:15; I Timothy 1:8; and Jeremiah 31:23.

You have led teh people you redeemed, but in your loving kindness, you have guided them wonderfully to your Holy land. He leads out of love. This teacher said; "Remember, all the things you go through for righteousness sake, is because our Lord loves you. In the end, we're going to win.

Thanks, Sister Jones for such an informative lesson. You're one of the better teachers in the world in these parts. We love you. Keep up the good works!

Sister Irma Crawford was the winner of the door prize. Sister Dorothy Jean Nash was the winner of the prize from Evangelist B. J. Morrison's Ministries.

Don't forget to do a drive by prayer tomorrow on your way to work or do a walk through prayer on your job or in your home. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire uttered or unexpressed the power of a hidden fire deep within the breast. No one has to know but you. Just go for it. In the meanwhile, repent of your sins.

See you next report. Meanwhile, keep smiling and loving people. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26. If the need arise, write to us; Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

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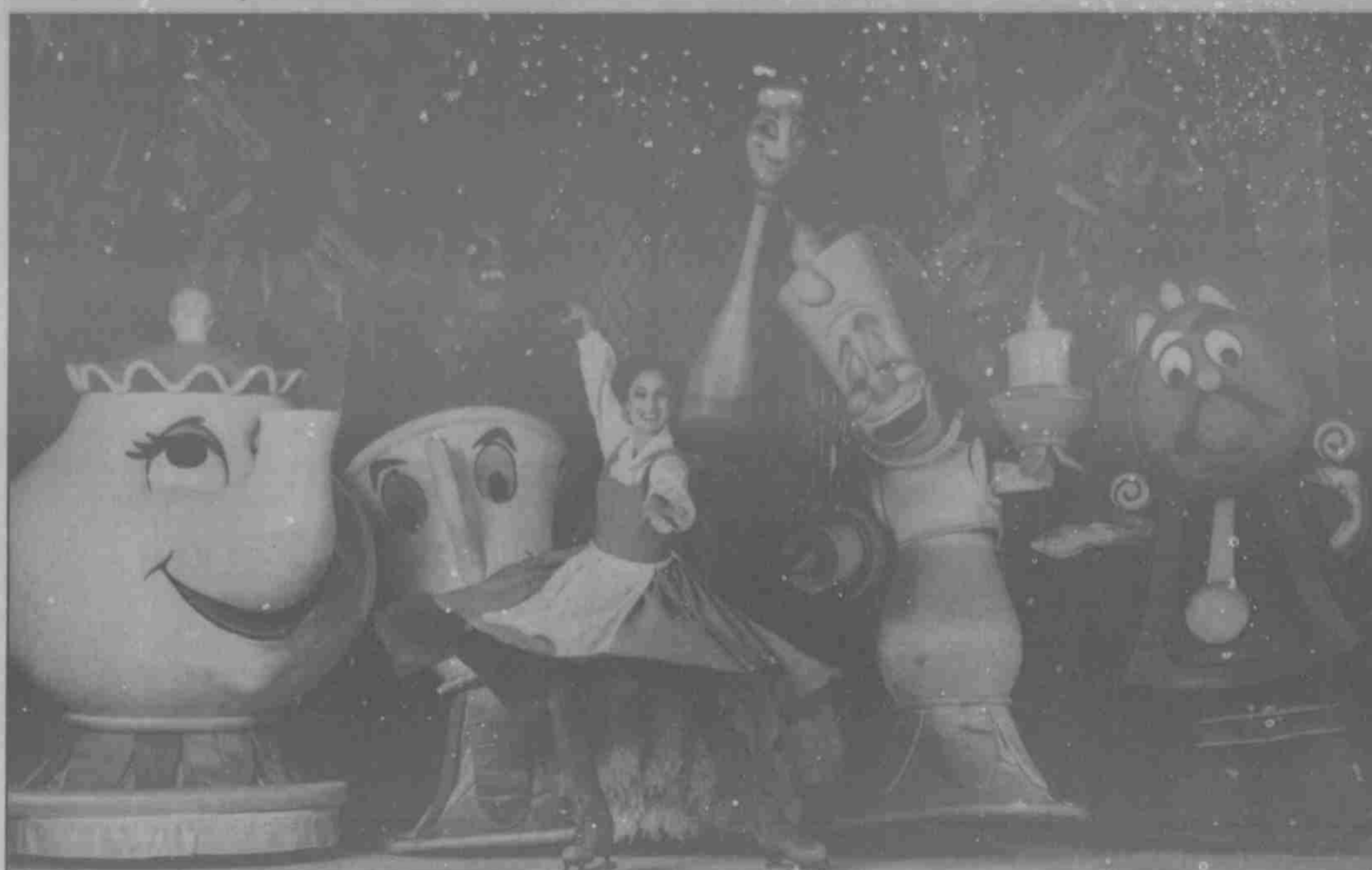
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(BOSTON) In a city infamous for some of the country's most bitter anti-desegregation violence, a group of African American parents have responded in anger to what they see as a racist attack on two educational programs that have helped thousands of Black children in Boston and other U.S. cities.

The controversy surrounds an article published in March by the Boston Herald American which supporters say maligned both the Boston Delphi Academy and the World Literacy Crusade, two very successful programs which utilize the educational breakthroughs of philosopher and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard. Both programs service a large percentage of Black children.

Emotions heightened when the Herald's managing editor Andrew Gully, refused to meet with the parents to the discuss the article. The parents and students responded by demonstrating in front of the paper and releasing an open letter to Gully which expressed their outrage that the paper refused to meet with them and noted their belief that the article "was racially motivated."

"The Delphi Academy has helped our children learn to read," the parents stated in the letter. "That the Herald would attack it and the Black professionals who put their children in it and then have the audacity to refuse to meet with them is patently offensive. We feel that the Herald should not only meet with us, but give equal space in your newspaper to tell the true story of this amazing study technology and what this is doing for children of all races, creeds and colors."

Rev. Alfredie Johnson, a Baptist minister and founder of the World Literacy Crusade expressed similar feelings on the Herald's article. "This is an obscene

attack at the heart of the African American community," he charged. "Education is one of the key means which Black people have historically used to elevate themselves and the World Literacy Crusade has done just that."

"It is socially irresponsible," Rev. Johnson pointed out, "to attack something which has helped so many people and benefited society at large. The confused and misguided people who are attempting to weaken this program need to understand the enormity of their offense against the African American community."

"Slavery is over," he said. "It used to be illegal to teach Black children how to read but those days are over."

The Boston Delphi Academy is a private school that is part of a network of such schools across the U.S. The World Literacy Crusade, an inner city program actively promoted by music icon Isaac Hayes, specializes in teaching children and adults how to read. Rev. Johnson founded the program following the LA riots.

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