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NATIONAL NEWS

NNPA Correspondent Dies
Dennis Schatzman, a correspondent for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) who covered the O.J. Simpson trial for the Association's more than 200 member papers has died. He was 47. Schatzman, who lost a lung after a shooting years ago, died Wednesday, July 16, 1997 at an Upland hospital following a severe asthma attack, family friend Vickie Carter said. Schatzman worked at several Black newspapers including the Pittsburgh Courier and Winston-Salem Chronicle. After moving to Los Angeles in 1993, he joined the Los Angeles Sentinel and later worked for the Black Voice News. After the Simpson trial, Schatzman wrote a book titled "The Simpson Trial in Black and White," which was published last year. He also taught journalism at California State University, Fullerton. "Dennis was a true modern-day champion of the Black Press. His mission was to inform and enlighten Black America. He did so with excellence. We were very proud to have him as a part of our news service. He will be sadly missed," said Dorothy Leavell, president of NNPA. In addition to his journalism career, in the early 1980s Schatzman was elected a district court judge in Pittsburgh and appointed the city's deputy controller. He is survived by his wife Sandra and daughter Cicely from a previous marriage. Funeral services are pending.

School to be Renamed after Former NNPA Publisher

A Chicago public school will be named after John Herman Henry Scroggs, the late owner and editor of the Chicago Defender, publisher and owner of the Tri-State Defender, owner of The Pittsburgh Courier and The Michigan Chronicle, so that his memory and feats will live on in the lives of children yet unborn, a school official said recently. Janette C. Wilson, director of the Interfaith Community Partnership for the Chicago Public Schools, said the names of either a grade school or high school will be submitted to the board later this month. "We have three legends in the African-American community who died last month," she said referring to Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, educator; Jewel Lafontant-Mankarious, attorney as well as Scroggs. "Each demonstrated excellence in his field and service to the broader community and should be remembered in the lives of our children and (be a part of) the educational system for years to come," Wilson stated.

SCLC Returns to Atlanta for Historic 40th Annual Convention

After a nine year absence, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) returns to Atlanta for its 40th annual convention on July 27-30, 1997 at the Grand Hyatt Regency Hotel. Ironically, the SCLC was the first Black group to host a major event at the Hyatt in 1957 when founding president Martin Luther King, Jr. and his leadership decide to hold its first convention at the brand new hotel after management finally agreed to place several African Americans in professional positions. Participants from around the nation are expected to converge on Atlanta for the convention. Highlights of this year's convention will include tributes to retiring SCLC national president Dr. Joseph Lowery. Not only was he a co-founder of the SCLC, he is only the third president of the organization, a position he has held for 20 years. His wife, Mrs. Evelyn G. Lowery who founded the SCLC/W.O.M.E.N. in 1979 will also be honored for her leadership. A town hall meeting entitled, "Where Do We Go From Here?" will focus on the future of the organization and the political struggle. Additional forums will tackle the proposed policies to reform the welfare system and educational issues—tracking, miseducation, standardized testing and efforts to close predominantly Black colleges. Hundreds of SCLC youth will be holding a concurrent convention at the American Best Western Hotel. It will feature a "rites of passage" ceremony, a forum on rap music and a step show. The two will converge in the forum "Making the Youth Connection." For further information, please call (404) 522-1420 or (404) 577-1234.

BROTHERS COMPILE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN BANKING IN MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, MS—The opening of First American Bank of Jackson in 1993 ended an almost 70 year absence of African American owned and operated banks in Mississippi, a drought that began with the closing of the Delta Penny Savings Bank in Indianola, Miss. in 1928. These salient points are noted in The Mississippi Black Bankers and Their Institutions, a humanistic look at the development of African American banking in Mississippi, which is authored by siblings Arthur James, Jimmie James Jr. and Robert E. James. The brothers grew up in Hattiesburg, Miss. long after the close of Peoples Bank of Hattiesburg in 1907. The bank's failure is attributed to the assassination of its founder E. D. Powell by his close friend, Joe Williams. The James brothers recount these and other developments in the lives of pioneer bankers and their institutions as well as facts and figures relevant to the number of banks, their financial holdings, the difficulties faced and why they did or did not survive. When Arthur worked at the Mississippi Research and Development Center years ago, he said he discovered a lot about the state's history. One of his discoveries inspired him and his brothers to write the book which they say fills a void left by other books on banking that fail to recognize the contributions of African Americans.

"I want people to understand more about our past than what somebody tells us," said Arthur. "We need to research (our history) for ourselves." The Mississippi Black Bankers and Their Institutions traces black banking to General Ulysses Grant's Special Order Number 15 which authorized his chaplain, John Eaton, to organize former slaves and develop a system to control and care for them Eaton established the Freedmen's Fund, a depository of earnings for work done by blacks usually in the wood yards along the Mississippi River. In 1863, \$125,000 was placed in the fund from the Vicksburg District. The fund provided a number of hospitals, orphanages and schools, agricultural tools, clothing and household utensils for former slaves. The funds were expanded by a tax on the wages of the former slaves and from profits from their labor.

In 1865, the Freedmen's Savings Bank was incorporated in New York by Congress. Three branches of the bank were established in Mississippi: in Vicksburg (1865), and Columbus and Natchez (1870). By 1872 the bank was insolvent and failed in 1874. It was controlled and managed mostly by white men except during the latter years of its existence when Frederick Douglass served as president. The James brothers regard

their work as a major contribution to the state's historical literature. Flushing out facts and figures, they offer a unique glimpse into the lives of the African American banking pioneers, their prominence among townspeople, and the reasons for the demise of their banking institutions. "This is a significant milestone for us to collaborate on a manuscript such as this," said Jimmie. "We are extremely excited for our family and for us as individuals to be able to make a contribution to African American historical literature, especially in Mississippi."

The brothers' diverse interests and talents proved beneficial to the completion of the project. The right mix of expertise resulted in a publication that gives an intriguing account of African American owned and operated banks in Mississippi as well as the determination of the men who ran these institutions. Jimmie is chairman of the department of music at Jackson State University and has written books and scholarly articles on various aspects of music. He served as editor.

The idea to research and write the book originated with Arthur and grew out of a graduate research project while he was a student at Chicago's Loyola University. It escalated while he was a state employee in the new business ventures area Arthur currently serves as executive director of Yazoo Community Action, Inc in Yazoo City, Miss. Robert is president of Carver State Bank in Savannah, Ga. and vice chairman of the Morris Brown College Trustee Board from his training and experience, he was able to provide information about bank operations and regulations. He said he would like to see the book used as a reference tool for students.

"I often receive surveys from graduate students attempting to do research on African American owned banks in the U.S.," said Robert. "Except for going directly to the institutions, it is difficult to get this information." The James brothers' book has not only made research easier, they hope it will encourage a more thorough study of African American history. "It is extremely important for young people to know their history," said Jimmie. "We hope this book will help young people and perhaps scholars research African American history and achievement from the perspective of banking and economic development."

The brothers are available for book signings and tours. To schedule an appearance or to obtain the book, contact Jimmie James Jr., Ph.D. (601) 968-2141; Arthur James at (601) 746-5742; or Robert James at (912) 233-9976.

NASA PRESENTS 'MYSTERIOUS' BLACK GIRL WHO WON SOJOURNER TRUTH' ESSAY CONTEST 2 YEARS AGO, NAMING THE HISTORIC MARS ROVER. DR. TUCKER & NPCBW YOUTH MEET AND GREET HER



The mysterious little 12-going-on-13-year-old African American girl who two years ago won a world wide essay contest naming the historic Pathfinder Rover after the 19th Century ex-slave suffragette abolitionist and fighter for women's right to vote, Sojourner Truth, suddenly turned up last week.

She is Valerie Marie Ambrose, now 15 years old, sprouting into a 5'8" and growing, budding brown beauty who is interested in becoming a forensic scientist, and reading mystery stories.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) showcased this bright young lady at its 300 E Street SW, headquarters, principally for the benefit of C. DeLores Tucker, founder/chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. (NPCBW), who has been relentlessly trying to find her ever since her identity was recently revealed. Paula Cleggett-Haleim, an African American who is (Acting) Deputy Associate Administrator of NASA Public Affairs, hosted the affair that was largely attended by minorities.

Miss Ambrose, of Haitian descent, is the eldest of six siblings, one whole sister and two half brothers and two half sisters. She is a 10th grader at the St. Augustine Elementary-Junior High School in Bridgeport, CN. She became interested in Sojourner Truth, she said when she given an oration assignment and settled on the colorful 19th Century icon as a subject.

"What struck me," she said, "was that she was so strong." Miss Ambrose's handwritten essay won over more than 3,000 worldwide entries. And it is no wonder for it was a beauty of simplicity and poetic grace. Said she, "The name of Pathfinder (robot) should be Sojourner Truth. I chose Sojourner because she was a heroine to Blacks, slaves, and women. She acted on her strong feelings...It is only logical that (it) be named Sojourner Truth because she is on a journey to find truths about Mars." And, indeed that is precisely what Sojourner is doing. With an attached spectrometer, it is sniffing at Martian boulders and rocks called humorously "Yogi", "Barnacle Bill",

"Scoobie Doo", etc, seeking to determine their mineral composition, volcanic and other origins, and radioing this information back to earth. Perhaps it will help earthlings determine our origins—if we are alone in the universe or if there is indeed viable life elsewhere out there.

Miss Ambrose is ambitious. She wants to become a forensic scientist. She is also interested in "mystery" and may wind up writing mystery stories, she hinted.

Don Savage, a White NASA Public Affairs officer, said it was not NASA's fault that the press largely failed to take note of Ms. Ambrose and her signal essay winning accomplishment. "We put out a press release at the time," he said. Miss Ambrose won an all-expense paid trip to Florida for the Pathfinder (now named for the late space science writer, Carl Sagan) launch carrying the newly named Sojourner Truth to Mars.

The contest was co-sponsored by the Planetary Society and the National Science Teachers Association. The top 10 entries received a reward. Anyone born after January 1, 1976, was eligible to compete. Entries had to be received by March 1, 1995.

Even today, however, the mass media refers to the tiny, one foot high, six-foot long, 23-pound six-wheel robot that is making history exploring that far-away Red planet, simply as Sojourner. No hint of the name's antecedent or its connection to that startling Black woman ex-slave, of the 19th Century, who, although practically illiterate, was relentless in the fight for civil rights and the abolition of slavery, fearlessly and brilliantly articulating her point of view.

For Dr. Tucker, the naming of the Mars Rover as Sojourner Truth was a delightful irony. She and her NPCBW organization had just completed a bruising, but losing fight for the time being, with a white women's group who insisted on pushing for enshrining a Portrait Monument of three White Suffragettes in a place of honor in the Capitol Rotunda Building, excluding Sojourner Truth. The white women sought to appease NPCBW by declaring support for the raising of a separate monument in Sojourner's honor. "No, I, Dr. Tucker flatly

asserted. "A separate statue of her... will not do. We will simply be dragging the late 19th century Plessy v. Ferguson Supreme Court separate but (un) equal decision in to a more enlightened 20th and soon to be 21st century!" Heeding her pleas, Rep. Alcee Hastings, (D-Fl) who had presented a House bill recommending the single statue, declared he is with drawing support from it. A bill cannot be withdrawn. But if a lawmaker withdraws support from his own bill, that usually kills it.

Meanwhile, Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) has presented a bill to include Truth in the present statue that is now placed in the Capitol Rotunda.

Miss Ambrose's mother, Maria Jean-Paul, stayed with her other children at the hotel during the NASA presentation. They will be present at a NASA press conference the following day at the National Air and Space Museum. The young student's uncle, Reginald Jean-Paul, a handsome, easy going man, with a shaved head, aka Michael Jordan, accompanied her. Mr. Jean-Paul, 29, is a postman, National Guard reservist, and a graduate with a degree in business from the University of Connecticut. He plans to start a business in the near future.

Dr. Tucker glowed with enthusiasm as she met Miss Ambrose. "We were delighted you won that contest," she said. "It came at such a wonderful time for us...it renewed our spirit! We are so proud of you, young lady, and want you to know that there is nothing in life you cannot achieve, if you just put your mind to it. We are behind you 100 per cent."

Accompanying her were four young African American interns from NPCBW headquarters. The young people quickly warmed up to the essay winner, and she, in turn, to them.

Her uncle, Reginald, said that "respect for elders, self respect and do better for self" are bedrock credos that guide Ms. Ambrose.

The press conference scheduled the next day at the National Air and Space Museum will present the "mysterious" Miss Ambrose and her Sojourner Truth Space Robot naming triumph with more fanfare this time, hopefully.

NOTICE!!!
September 11th a Great Historical day in Lubbock, The Birth of the Southwest Digest formally the (Lubbock Digest) The first Recognized Minority (Black) owned publication in Lubbock, September 11th is a Special day in Lubbock, Texas. Watch the Digest for more later.

Thomas Fleming, "Good Soldier" Of San Francisco's Black Press, Retires From Sun-Reporter At 89

By Max Millard

SAN FRANCISCO — Thomas C. Fleming, the longtime executive editor of Reporter Publishing Company, Northern California's leading chain of African-American newspapers, has announced his retirement from his day-to-day duties at the company. He will continue to write articles from his home, but will no longer keep office hours or take part in newspaper operations.

Fleming, who turns 90 on Nov. 29, was the founding editor of the Reporter newspaper in 1944, then San Francisco's only Black paper. He remained as editor when it merged several years later with the Sun to form the Sun-Reporter. He has been writing for it ever since. Over the past 53 years, his only absence from its pages was during a seven-month span in 1945, when he served in the U.S. Army.

He is still the Sun-Reporter's most prolific writer, penning three articles a week that total about 2500 words -- the lead editorial, the "Weekly Report," which concentrates on human rights issues, and "Reflections on Black History," a memoir which he began during Black History Month of 1996.

Following the death of celebrated columnist Herb Caen last January, Fleming inherited the title of San Francisco's longest-running, continuously active journalist. A bachelor who lives alone, he keeps pace with the news, digesting four newspapers a day.

Gifted with a prodigious memory, Fleming has been brushing shoulders with history for most of his life. Out of the 100 most significant African Americans of all time, as described in Columbus Salley's book, "The Black 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential African Americans, Past and Present," Fleming has met 44, including Martin Luther King Jr., W.E.B. Du Bois, Charles Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Malcolm X, Paul Robeson, A. Phillip Randolph, Langston Hughes, Mary McLeod Bethune and Duke Ellington. Some, such as Robeson, became personal friends. In a visit to his modest apartment, surrounded by his beloved history books and jazz collection, Fleming revealed that he didn't originally plan on a newspaper career, because when he completed high school in 1926 and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, there were practically no opportunities for Black journalists. In fact, no daily paper in the Bay Area hired a full-time Black reporter until 1962, when Ben Williams got the nod from the San Francisco Examiner -- thanks to a recommendation from Tom Fleming.

He plunged into community journalism in the early 1930s as an unpaid writer for the Spokesman, a Black paper that supported the general strike of 1934, which shut down waterfronts all over the West Coast. "Blacks could only work on two piers in San Francisco. The rest of them -- if you even went near them, you might get beat up by the hoodlums. And there were only two shipping lines that you could ship out to work on."

"During the strike, there were some vigilante groups patrolling the entire Bay Area... Apparently they were displeased with some of the editorials we were writing, because we came to work one morning and all the plate glass windows were smashed out. They had gotten inside and smashed the keys on the keyboard of our linotype machine, and they pasted up a note: 'You niggers go back to Africa.'"

The paper went out of business soon afterward, but Fleming kept his hand in journalism by hosting a radio show, "Negroes in the News," and writing a column for the Oakland Tribune, "Activities Among Negroes."

His real break came in June 1944, when a "chance meeting with a guy on the street" led him to an interview with Frank Logan, a local Black businessman who was planning to launch the Reporter and needed an editor. Fleming was his man.

"Blacks were up in arms about the hiring practices in the shipyards and other war industries," Fleming recalled. "And the Key System, which operated the transit system in Oakland, would not hire any Black bus drivers or streetcar opera-

tors... so I started writing editorials saying that if Blacks could drive those big army rigs, they could drive those buses on the street too. They were demonstrating in front of the Key System's office, carrying placards denouncing Jim Crow practices in hiring. So apparently somebody with them started reading our paper, because the first thing I knew, I received greetings from my draft board."

Although he was the sole supporter of his invalid mother, and two years over the draft age limit of 35, Fleming's deferments were canceled. A woman at the draft board told him in confidence, "They don't like those editorials you're writing." Fleming's best friend, dating back to 1935, was Carlton Goodlett, who, at Fleming's urging, moved to San Francisco in 1945 after completing medical school, and set up an office near the Reporter. Dr. Goodlett's soon-flourishing medical practice allowed him to invest in the paper. Then one night, in a poker game, Goodlett won the newer Sun newspaper from its owner, a white businessman, and combined the two.

By the early 1950s, Goodlett had become the Sun-Reporter's publisher, a platform he used to become one of the most influential civil rights activists in San Francisco's history. In the decades that followed, up until Goodlett's retirement in 1994, he and Fleming took turns writing the newspaper's editorials. Noted Fleming, "He never told me what to write and I never told him what to write."

Goodlett died earlier this year, and was honored by having the block in front of City Hall officially renamed 1 Carlton Goodlett Place.

During the 1960s, the Sun-Reporter acquired the California Voice, an Oakland-based Black paper founded in 1917, and launched seven weekly Metro Reporter newspapers, which expanded the Sun-Reporter's reach throughout Northern California.

Fleming estimates that over the years, his output has been 2000 to 3000 words a week, or about seven million words in print. In his career, he has attended nine national political conventions, met two presidents and gotten to know most of the leading political figures of California.

"The paper has always been committed to civil rights and complete equality," he explained. "I think that's been the primary goal of the Black press. It was our stated goal to attain first-class citizenship, and to be a watchdog for whatever injustices based on racism occurred -- to let the world know about it."

"I felt that Blacks had to have an editorial voice. And I think that's why Black papers are in existence all over the country. If the white papers covered all the different facets of Black society the way they do white society, there wouldn't be a Black paper in existence."

In the Sun-Reporter's old building in the Fillmore District, a few blocks from Fleming's apartment, Fleming arrived every afternoon, holding court in the downstairs office, greeting people as they entered, reading his papers and receiving many phone calls and visitors. But in late April, when the newspaper moved across town to the Bayview District, now the city's largest African-American neighborhood, Fleming realized it was a good time to retire. Amelia Ashley-Ward, who took over as publisher after Goodlett's death, is now solely responsible for the paper's management.

Asked whether he had achieved everything he wanted out of journalism, Fleming responded with no regret: "I guess I did, with the exception of the pay level. But I was a good soldier. I was more interested in accomplishing one of my goals -- to see that we had a Black newspaper here in San Francisco. I never did think about the income as much as other people might have thought. Because my needs were very simple, because I lived alone, and as long as I could take care of my personal needs, and purchase all these books through the years, and the records and things like that, that's about all I wanted out of life."



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Ruby Jay's Corner

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Lake 15:8-9. My! My! My! What a sermon! Pastor Moton didn't leave a stone unturned. He let us know the results. If this writer was one of them in the house, I'd come out today! And not tomorrow!

The Male Chorus sang beautiful. Brother Hardin Barrow eared in church last Sunday morning. Step by step, he's on his way back to the Male Chorus. The members are waiting for him with their open arms. The Clarence Ervin family had a guest from Waco, Texas last week. He sang with the Male Chorus last Sunday morning. You see, nice Christians don't meet strangers.

The Chandelier presented to the Church by the Brotherhood is very beautiful!

Let us pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them is Sister Colquitt who fell last Saturday. Thank God, there were no broken bones. She was absent from church last Sunday morning. She was missed.

Our prayers also go out to Sister Cleo Quigley who lost her nephew last week.

City Councilman T.J. Patterson visited the Region IV Youth Conference of the B.M. & E. State Youth Convention last Saturday morning at New Hope. He was very much inspired. You are always welcome anytime.

The New Hope Baptist Church is guest at the Happy Union Baptist Church in Plainview, Texas on Sunday afternoon, August 10, 1997, at 3:00 p.m. They will share in the 46th Church Anniversary. Pastor Moton will bring the message of the hour.

Let us help bring "Little Miss West Texas" Natalie Bell back to Lubbock, Texas. The Baptist Women Auxillary of the West Texas Association sponsors this event. With your help, she will bring it back home...

Let us keep praying for Sister Burnadetta Barber. God is able!

Sunday School began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. and Supt. Bruce Tharrington presiding over the session. Each teacher was at their post of duty for instruction of all classes for 30 minutes. All classes reassembled at 10:15 a.m. singing the song "More About Jesus," in the church auditorium. High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 2 with Sister Dorothy Kinner as teacher. It was very well done.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department--the Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner while the Senior Class received the Attendance Banner. Adult Department--Class No. 2 received both banners. There were two visitors in Sunday School.

The morning devotional services were conducted by Brother F.J. Jenkins and Sister Julia Swain.

The morning processional was done with the Male Chorus marching in singing full of the spirit. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. Another song, "Lord, Lift Your Name," was sung. Scripture was read by Sister Floreza Stokley and prayer was given by Sister Lucille Jackson. Another song, "Door of The Church Is Open, Come On In," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Jean Jones.

The morning hymn was "There Is Power In The Blood." There was also fellowship with the shaking of the hands of each other. Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. A song, "He That Dwelleth In A Secret Place," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "Near The Cross."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Listen, Lost In The House." His scripture text was St.

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KARYN BRYANT HOSTS TNT's ROUGH CUT



Turner Network Television (TNT) is pleased to introduce you to Karyn Bryant, host of TNT's new, 30-minute, weekly magazine series dedicated exclusively to the film industry, *Rough Cut*. Premiering on Thursday, August 7, at 10:30 p.m. (ET), *Rough Cut* will air Thursday nights at 10:30 p.m. (ET).

Prior to joining TNT where she has interviewed stars from Sylvester Stallone to Will Smith to Sandra Bullock, Bryant

was the host for *Sound FX*, an hour-long guide to music featuring video clips and guests and airing weeknights live on Fox's cable network, FX. In addition, Bryant reported the FX news three nights weekly. Before her stint with FX, Bryant was an MTV v.j. and hosted video programming and several cutting-edge programs, including *Awake of the Wild Side*, *Weekend Blastoff*, *Buttcut* (the original alternative program), *Like We Care* and her own *Coffee with Karyn*. Previously, Bryant was also program director, music director and on-air radio personality at WBRU, a commercial radio station in Providence, R.I.

Expanded from vignettes currently airing six nights a week on TNT at 7:55 p.m. (ET), the *Rough Cut* series will present in-depth and exclusive interviews with the people in front of and behind the camera and will cover the industry's newest film releases, casting news, technology breakthroughs and box-office analysis.

We hope that you will tune-in to *Rough Cut* and consider featuring Bryant and the show in an upcoming issue. Should you have any questions or additional needs, I'm at 404/885-0797.

RECORDING ARTIST MONICA GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WHILE MAINTAINING A HIGHLY VISIBLE RECORDING CAREER



On Friday, June 13, Arista recording artist Monica graduated from Atlanta Country Day School in Atlanta, Georgia. Monica successfully maintained her academic studies while traveling the world-promoting her platinum plus debut album *Miss Thang*.

When the demands of Monica's recording career began in 1994, at the age of 13, Monica and her parents were adamant about her education being first and foremost as well as a prerequisite for her to continue a recording career. "Monica's graduation has brought honor and joy to God, her family, friends and fans," says mother, Marilyn Best. "The fact that she has persevered and stayed focused while maintaining her musical success, exemplifies a teen's determination to make a difference."

Monica and her parents didn't want to interfere with her studies and they agreed that a private tutor would be the best option to consider. Many tutored programs were evaluated. The program at the Atlanta Country Day School was chosen because it is an accredited and highly rated school

among many competitors. It was most appealing because it provided Monica with a tutor that was assigned to travel with her exclusively. "We have had the privilege to work with and teach many bright and talented young people," says Melvin Cohen, President of Atlanta Country Day School. "Monica is one of the brightest we have worked with. It is a rare individual who can balance career and education, and do both well. She sets a standard for other teens to follow. We wish her the very best as she goes on from here."

Monica began the program in her sophomore year of high school. Her academic curriculum included college prep courses in Math, Science, Chemistry, World Geography, Foreign Languages, among others. The courses provided assignments that directly interact with her travel and academics. She would often prepare school reports on her various international visits. "Although my career is going well and I have a private tutor, I looked forward to graduating from high school and going to college," says Monica. At 16, Monica completed her high school education early because she chose to continue her studies throughout the 12 month calendar year. "Monica has proven that she is committed to academic excellence through her dedication to her school work and ability to balance a demanding entertainment career," says tutor Jennifer Stocking.

Miss Thang's success is a product of four-hit singles including the platinum plus first single "Don't Take It Personal (Just One of Dem Days)," the gold single "Why I Love You So Much" and "Like This And Like That," and the platinum single, "Before You Walk Out of My Life." Monica is also featured on the triple platinum plus selling Space Jam soundtrack with the hit single "For You I Will."

Monica has been nominated for various awards including an American Music Award for "Best New Artist," a Billboard Award for "Artist of the Year," a Soul Train Music Award for "Why I Love You So Much" in the "Best R&B/Soul Single, Female" category and a Soul Train Lady of Soul Award for "Best R&B Female Artist." Monica is also the youngest artist ever to have a number one R&B single on the Billboard charts.

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Mississippi Elects First Black Mayor

By Reginold Bundy

For the first time in Mississippi history, voters in the capital city of Jackson acknowledged that they seriously lagged behind other southern states and municipalities in Blacks gaining political parity, and elected Harvey Johnson the state's first African-American mayor and Jackson's newest political leader.

"I can't forget from whence we've come because if we forget that then we stand a chance of repeating history. We're not going to repeat that history in Jackson," Johnson said during his inaugural speech.

More than 1,000 people crowded the magnolia-lined lawn of City Hall for the nearly two-hour ceremony that included gospel music and a symphony performance.

Speaking from the steps of the plantation-style public building, constructed more than a century ago, Johnson said, "I can remember in the mid-60s when we were forbidden to stand here, couldn't go into the building. Now, the deep South has finally acquiesced to needed change."

Johnson, a 50-year-old government planner and former member of the state Tax Commission, pledged to crack down on crime with better pay for law enforcement officers to improve education in schools and communication.

Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson said Johnson may face some of the same struggles he had as the Georgia city's first Black mayor, including "exaggerated expectations in the

Black community.

"Do not expect him to change things overnight," Jackson warned.

Johnson gave the crowd the thumbs-up sign and appeared near tears during his 20-minute speech. White and Black supporters were among the well-wishers, although there was at least one detractor.

White supremacist Richard Barrett stood on the City Hall sidewalk with a sign that read, "No Good Ever Came From Slaves Taking Over the Plantation."

While hostile attitudes like this still prevail in the south and especially in Mississippi, the change was inevitable, according to Blacks and whites in attendance. But it's the irony that seemed to move many of Johnson's supporters.

Said supporter Bill Griffin: "It's significant that slaves, Johnson's ancestors, built this building. He is moving into it—late, but he's moving into it."

The election of Johnson signals some significant gains, but it's unlikely that his presence in City Hall will result in major shifts in altering the Black condition.

One of the expectations held by many is that Black leaders like Johnson, can and should lead the charge for social and economic parity for Blacks.

"The mistake that African-American voters continually make is that they actually believe that social and economic parity can come with the wave of a wand," said Washington political pundit Donald Williams.

"That's not only an impossible chore for men like Johnson, but it's also impractical. Johnson's responsibility must be to the entire populous of Jackson, not simply to its African-American population.

"The raw truth of the matter is that Blacks don't control the economic muscle needed to run a city the size of Jackson. Therefore for Johnson to be effective as mayor, he must rely on those who can effect the necessary economic changes to improve the city overall," Williams said.

National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs Lubbock Independent School District 1997-98 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The Lubbock Independent School District offers free or reduced-price meals for children from families whose income is at or below guideline levels. Parents are encouraged to purchase pre-paid meal tickets for their child at any school in the district.

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Under provisions of the free or reduced-price meal policy, all applications will be reviewed by the local Director of Food Services at 3501 Avenue G. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, a parent may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The request should be directed to Darwin Hilliard, Executive Director of Purchasing and Contract Services, 1623 19th Street, telephone 766-1098. The school district's policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

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1997-98 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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3	\$17,320	\$24,861	\$1,445	\$2,086	\$334	\$475
4	\$20,865	\$29,893	\$1,739	\$2,475	\$402	\$572
5	\$24,401	\$34,725	\$2,034	\$2,864	\$470	\$668
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It Can Be Done It Takes Cooperation and Working Collectively Together

by Eddie P. Richardson



People, to work with them.

The most touching of all was when one person mentioned the black chamber owned housing projects, and a bonded business and the most touching thing was this chamber was organized after the Lubbock Black Chamber, the key to their success was working collectively without personalities, politics, egos and pettiness.

The ones of you that can remember the re-organization of the state network was held in Lubbock early 1980's. The meeting to see if there was a want or need to have a state wide organization was held in the Midland-Odessa area from that meeting Lubbock acquired the organization meeting. There was a network charted in Texas which last functioned in 1936.

Then looking at the black Chamber in east Texas that's being an asset to the city and community, thinking why this chamber was formed and where it has gone only brings tears to one's eyes the majority of people that sabotaged this chamber was non dues paying members- now we only have some so called black panthers and a couple of parades.

We can not beg and bargain at the same time, we have to bring something to the table if it is only a united front.

We must put our money, resources, minds, and productivity together for the good of all of us. No one is going to do for us what we must do for ourselves first. If we take the first positive step in a progressive manner, help will surely come but no one and that means no one is in this day and time going to take us by the hand and lead us to the promise land.

To accomplish the above we have to give up the crab syndrome, big I and little you, personalities, pettiness and put and keep our eyes on the prize.

T.J. and I went down to Waco to do some campaigning for him to become president for the Texas League, which is a positive and realistic dream, one black man who happened to be from the so-called isolated, low populated West Texas. Being a positive manner, it was amazing the people that knows and like and respect T.J.

One of the much touching things about this meeting was at the table for the banquet at the outside patio at Bel Mead right outside Waco, we were just talking about different accomplishments that blacks had made to their cities and communities across Texas a strange thing came out was in one small town in east Texas all of the black pastors where together one Monday morning and visited all of the local banks in the city to work in economic development in their community in their city.

The bank that agreed work and communicate with them, they transferred their combined funds to that bank, from then on all the banks wanted

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



It appears from watching television at any time in these days that couples living together without the sanction of marriage is acceptable and sometimes thought of as noble. Speaking matter-of-factly, it appears that the only way to find out if the marriage should take place is to 'shack' and try it out.

Too many daytime and prime time television programs show these couples living together and romancing each other while they plan for their wedding.

Many of the weddings never come to past and they soon 'shack-up' with someone else. Too often, innocent children are left behind; not from a legal arrangement but from an illegal living arrangement. Such arrangements should not be entered into with callousness because in many states, such arrangements are binding as if a ceremonial marriage had taken place.

Many young adults and some teenagers feel that it is easier and cheaper just to live together because they think that they can just walk away from a 'shacking' arrangement. An educational course in the legal fallout of 'just living

together' needs to be offered in high schools as a requirement of all students before graduation. It may curb the number teenage pregnancies and illegal living arrangements. Young men and women may stop to think about what they are doing rather than just following the crowd. We need to get 'in cinque' and help our young people to know that as adults, the days of 'playing house' are over and that children are not toys to play with. Our youth need to know that 'love and marriage go together like a horse and a carriage' and that children are a by-product of that kind of arrangement.

Why Empowerment Zones Aren't Working

By Harry C. Alford

There has been an inordinate and superfluous amount of publicity and hype given to empowerment zones in Chicago, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia/Camden, Baltimore, Atlanta and the Mississippi Delta. These targeted areas are supposed to be the renaissance, or rather the genesis, of capitalism in communities with a predominance of Blacks and others living in poverty. Such programs are certainly needed throughout the nation, but so far this endeavor has been a complete flop. But is another federally funded flop a surprise? Not really when you consider that a nation whose theme is "do for self" will never be able to legislate or mandate a level playing field. In reality we are providing false hopes with this idea of empowerment zones.

Let's look at some of the main reasons why this concept is becoming yet another governmental "dry well."

A program just to have a program: Each administration seems to believe that it must come up with a new "hook" to designate its contribution to the future. It doesn't matter what the hook is. Enterprise zones, hundreds across the nation and none a success, were the precursor to empowerment zones. The failure of the former did not discourage the designers of the new venture. After all, it sounds 'good and gets good press. And, most importantly, the report card will come in long after the current administration is gone, so what the heck?

The "cooks" are incapable: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), aka the House of Urban Decay, has proven itself to be incompetent at business development and economic development. The best business and job growth program at HUD has been its Section 3 initiative

which is 29 years old and virtually ignored. How is it going to institute a new high-powered program when it ignores the best one it has? Of all the federal agencies, the Department of Agriculture is probably the most institutionally racist; as a result, Black farmers are an endangered species. Despite the above, guess who the main contributors to empowerment zones are? HUD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It's a classic case of the foxes watching the hens. It just is not going to work! Why doesn't the Small Business Administration and the Dept. of Commerce oversee this program? Wouldn't that be logical?

No water in the well: The key to business growth and job production is capital access. However, empowerment zones are based mainly on tax abatements. What good are tax abatements if there is no revenue or income to tax? The only businesses that will be attracted by tax breaks are viable, large businesses in pursuit of reinvestment with the luxury of tax avoidance. What does tax abatement mean to a business that has no start-up capital? Thus, the same problem that exists in stressed communities still lingers in these empowerment zones - no capital access. There is a lot of hype about financing, but when you get down to it, if there is no significant collateral or assets to leverage, it isn't going to happen.

Politicized Request for Proposals (RFPs): The seven empowerment zones were awarded to friends of the administration. Favorite mayors, congressmen, etc. were anointed. The "politicos" and business allies were given a shot, not the new entrepreneur. These included in Chicago-University of Chicago; Baltimore-John Hopkins University and

the University of Maryland and in Detroit-Fortune 100 auto-related companies.

So, what in fact has taken place are business plans mildly adjusted to qualify for the tax abatements in the empowerment zones. Countless Black entrepreneurs are being spurned by local empowerment zone committees because they simply have no local political ties or connections. Business development is outweighed by popular social initiatives.

I'm still asking for an example of an empowerment zone that has produced a certifiable new Black-owned business that has in turn produced 40 new jobs. To date, it hasn't happened. There have been some businesses moving into empowerment zones to exploit the tax abatements, free rent, etc. but no new business. There is even a Kmart in New York, and Johnson Controls has moved into the hood of Detroit.

Each empowerment zone is looking at others to see how it's supposed to be done. I applaud the candor most of them show about their confusion, all except the example in Detroit where Mayor Dennis Archer is going around saying how great the city is doing with its empowerment zone. Don't believe it! Go there and check out the infrastructure that made this city infamous in the 70s and 80s. It's still there.

So what's the answer to this tricky problem? Capitalism is the key my brothers and sisters. Pure capitalism with a minimum of good government and an absence of typical politics. So in the interest of a productive affluent society, will the business leaders please step forward and the politicians lay down their tools and go away?

If You're Against Slavery, You Don't Give The Slaves 'Back to the Slaveowners!'

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson



Giuliani's workforce program -- the program in which welfare recipients are required to work to be eligible for their checks. While everyone agrees that the welfare system is a failure and that we have to find ways to move people from welfare to work, the Giuliani program is no solution. However, I'm also concerned about the protest by those groups, who have refused to accept workforce workers that the city wants to place in their agencies.

A coalition of non-profit and religious groups in New York City recently protested Mayor Giuliani's workforce program -- the program in which welfare recipients are required to work to be eligible for their checks. While everyone agrees that the welfare system is a failure and that we have to find ways to move people from welfare to work, the Giuliani program is no solution. However, I'm also concerned about the protest by those groups, who have refused to accept workforce workers that the city wants to place in their agencies.

If these non-profit groups want to protest the workforce program, which makes perfect sense since the program is seriously, seriously flawed; why refuse to take these workers into jobs at the agencies? These non-profit and religious groups are the ones who liken the workforce program to slavery. Now, if you're against slavery and the slavemaster says, "I want to give you my slaves so they can work for you," you don't turn him down and turn them away. If you're against slavery, you take the slaves from the slave owner and then you figure out how to liberate them!

The non-profits and religious groups that oppose the workforce programs shouldn't turn these workers away. They should accept them and then call for support from the community at large to upgrade the terms, the conditions and the wages of their workers. They should go to the private sector and say: We need your help to train these workers and develop long-term, productive, decent paying jobs for people. Let's create a partnership between the non-profit and the private sector to do what government won't do and can't do.

If these organizations want to protest the program and put some real heat on Mayor Giuliani -- who deserves the heat because the program is horrendous as it now stands -- they mustn't refuse the workers. They've got to grab them. They should say to Mayor Giuliani: Give us everyone! Give us everyone -- all 36,000 people who are on the workforce program. We'll create a partnership with the people of this city and make it work.

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"Vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt." (Job 11:12)

Accordingly he finds fault with election as a mere system of arbitrary partiality and favoritism; and tells us that if there be such a thing as total helplessness in man and sovereign election in God, then man is not to blame if he be lost. Man's entire apostasy and death in sin, so that he cannot save himself, and God's entire supremacy, so that He saves whom He will, are doctrines exceedingly distasteful to human pride. But they are Scriptural!

Why was one thief saved and the other lost? "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight." God was not bound to save the one, and He had power enough to have saved the other, and neither could save himself. What made the difference? The sovereign grace of God.

Why was Paul saved and Judas lost? Was it because the former deserved to be saved and the latter to be lost? No, neither deserved to be saved. Was it because the one was a fitting object for the grace of God and the other not? No, the one was no more a fitting object than the other. Was it because Paul chose Christ and Judas rejected Him? Well, but how was it that Paul chose Christ? Was it not because Christ chose him?

Why is it that Britain is a land of light and Africa a land of darkness? Who made the difference? Who sent the gospel to Britain and withheld it from Africa? Is God unjust in leaving the mighty continent in the hands of Satan, and in delivering from his yoke that small island of the sea?

Why was it that Judea was made a land of light and Egypt remained a region of darkness?

Who made the difference? Man or God? Was God unjust in leaving Egypt in the shadow of death when He made light to arise on Israel? What had Israel done to deserve a privilege like this?

None have deserved salvation. No man is more fit for it than another. God was not bound to save any. God might have saved all. Yet He has only saved some. Is He then, unjust in only saving some when He could have saved all? Objectors say, "Oh, those who are lost, are lost because they rejected Christ." But did not all equally reject Him at first? What made the unbelief of some give way? Was it because they willed it, or because God put forth His power in them? Surely the latter. Might He not, then, have put forth His power in all and prevented any from rejecting the Savior? Yet, He did not. Why? Because it seemed good in His sight.

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Is it unjust in God to save only a few when all are equally doomed to die? If not, is there any injustice in His determining beforehand to save these few, and leave the rest unsaved? They could not save themselves, and was it unjust in Him to resolve, in His infinite wisdom, to save them? Or, was it unjust in Him not to resolve to save all? Had

all perished, there would have been no injustice in Him. How is it possible that there can be injustice in His resolving to save some? There can be no grace when there is no sovereignty. Deny God's right to choose whom He will, and you deny His right to save whom He will. Deny His right to save whom He will, and you deny that salvation is of grace. If salvation is made to hinge upon any desert or fitness in man, seen or foreseen, grace is at an end.

One of the controversies of the present day is respecting the WILL of God - as to whether His will or man's will is the regulating power in the universe, and the procuring cause of salvation of souls. The supremacy of God's will over individual persons and events is questioned. Things are made to turn upon man's will, not on God's. Man's will, not God's, is to decide what individuals are to enter heaven. Man's pen, and not God's, is to write the names of the saved ones in the Lamb's Book of Life! Much zeal is shown for the freedom of man's will; little jealousy seems to be left for the freedom of God's will. Men insist that it is unjust and tyrannical in God to control their wills, yet see nothing unjust, nothing proud, nothing Satanic in attempting to fetter and direct the will of God. Man, it seems, cannot have his own foolish wish gratified unless the all-wise God will consent to relinquish His!

Such are some of the steps in the march of Atheism. Such are the preparations making in these days in the wily usurper for dethroning the Eternal Jehovah.

Men may call these speculations. They may condemn them as unprofitable. To the law and to the testimony! Of such speculations the Bible is full. There man is a helpless worm, and the salvation from first to last, is of the Lord. God's will, and not man's, is the law of the universe. If we are to maintain the gospel - if we are to hold fast grace - if we are to preserve Jehovah's honor - we must grasp these truths with no feeble hand. For if there be no such a Being as a Supreme pre-determining Jehovah, then the universe will soon be in chaos; and if there be no such thing as free electing love, every minister of Christ may close his lips, and every sinner upon earth sit down in mute despair.

AHN PRESENTS THE BROADCAST PREMIERE OF TO SLEEP WITH ANGER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



New York N.Y., (August)—The African Heritage Network (AHN) "Movie of the Month" series, hosted by film legends Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, presents the broadcast premiere of Charles Burnett's *To Sleep With Anger*. Prior to starring in the popular action film *Lethal Weapon*, Danny Glover appeared in this intense family drama. *To Sleep With Anger*, where he manages to bring emotional tension to the screen through his character's charm and superstition. AHN's "Movie of the Month" series is brought to you by AT&T. To

Sleep With Anger will air on KAMC, 8/17/97 at 12:05 a.m.

"I have a lot of respect for Charles Burnett. The way he captures the effect of old superstitions, which were told to us in our youth to make us behave and obey our parents, in a modern society is worthy of praise," said Ossie Davis.

To Sleep With Anger is a family drama about old Southern superstitions and folklore. It centered around an African-American couple originally from the South and stars Paul Butler as Gideon and Mary Alice as Susie. The couple now lives in a small home in South Central, Los Angeles, where they have raised two grown sons, Babe Brother and Junior, who are very different and distant. With a vegetable garden and chickens in the backyard, the couple has transplanted its own patch of the South to Los Angeles.

The superstition and folklore are played out when Gideon's home and family traditions are interrupted by his old friend from home, Harry Mention (Danny Glover), who becomes a house guest who doesn't want to leave. While Gideon is excited about seeing Harry, he is totally unprepared for the old supersti-

tions and folklore that Harry practices. Harry's presence and superstitions resurrect the family's long-buried secrets about Southern folklore.

His practices begin with him rummaging through the couple's photographs, drawers and their sugar bowl. His movements are governed by charm and superstitions, which continue to effect the family even after he dies.

To Sleep With Anger also stars Richard Brooks as Babe Brother and Sheryl Lee Ralph as his realtor wife who are well-to-do and spend most of their time away from the family. The cast also includes the legendary Vonetta McGee and Carl Lumbly.

The African Heritage Network's hosts Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, are one of the entertainment industry's most well-known and gifted couples. Their film, television and stage careers extend over 50 years.

AHN's "Movie of the Month" series is the first and only feature film package which focuses on movies showcasing African-American actors, producers and directors since movie making began. AHN airs in 92 markets across the country.

Military News



Air Force Airman Tamashea M. Thomas has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Thomas is the daughter of Sheridda J. Thomas of 3411 Grinnell St., and granddaughter of Maudie J. Smith of 3307 E. 17th, both of Lubbock.

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THE CHURCH CAN SEE ALL THE TROUBLES, AND KNOW WE'RE IN THE LAST AND JESUS SAID, GO AND PREACH HIS WORDS; SO SOMEONE MIGHT BE SAVED.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1,2,5, THIS KNOW A! SO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS(DANGEROUS) TIME SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY, HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.

THE LORD TOLD HIS DISCIPLES, GO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS: TO ALL MEN; THAT THE BLOOD OF JESUS; IT WILL WASH AWAY ALL THEIR MANY, MANY SIN'S.

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON(JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

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PROVERB 24:21,22, MY SON, FEAR THOU THE LORD AND THE KING; AND MEDDLE NOT WITH THEM THAT ARE GIVEN TO CHANGE; FOR THEIR CALAMITY(TERROR) SHALL RISE SUDDENLY; AND WHO KNOWETH THE RUIN OF THEM BOTH?

THE PRESIDENT'S NAME IN PROVERB 24:21, FOLLOWS ONLY AFTER THE LORD'S; WHEN YOU LEADERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT; IT'S ALSO THE LORD!!!

1 PETER 2:13-17, SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE: WHETHER IT BE TO THE KING(THE PRESIDENT), AS SUPREME; OR UNTO GOVERNORS, AS UNTO THEM THAT ARE SENT BY HIM FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF EVILDOERS; AND FOR THE PRAISE OF THEM THAT DO WELL. FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT WITH WELL-DOING YE MAY PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN: AS FREE, AND NOT USING YOUR LIBERTY(CHRISTIANITY) FOR A CLOAK OF MALICIOUSNESS, BUT AS THE SERVANTS OF GOD. HONOUR ALL MEN. LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD. FEAR GOD. HONOUR THE KING(THE PRESIDENT).

THE CHRSTIAN LEADERS THAT ARE SUPPOSE TO BE PREACHING: THE GOOD NEWS! TO A DYING WORLD; GOD DIDN'T ASK YOU TO CHANGE THE WORD! BUT YOU'RE TOLD TO GO FISH FROM IT. ITS THE DEVIL VOICE: THAT SAY, GO TAKE THE WORLD BACK!!! GOD DON'T WANT US TO TAKE IT; BUT TO PREACH IN IT. GOD IS YET IN CONTROL; HE DON'T NEED US TO CHANGE HIS PLANS!!! GOD'S BUSINESS IS SAVING SOULS; AND THAT SUPPOSE TO BE OURS. HAVE THE CHURCH FORGOTTEN THEIR MISSION???

LUKE 9:35, THERE CAME A VOICE OUT OF THE CLOUD, SAYING, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON(JESUS); HEAR HIM(GOD SPOKE OUT).

MARCHING ON ABORTION CLINICS; THAT IS NOT OUR GOD'S WILL; THEN MARCH ON YOUR FAVORITE LIQUOR STORE; ALCOHOL ALSO KILLS.

ISAIAH 55:8,9, THE LORD SAID, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, FOR AS THE HEAVENS APE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.

BEHOLD; HOW THE DEVIL RUNS HIS EARTH; BUT ITS NOT THE CHRISTIANS BUSINESS; GOD WANTS US TO PREACH; JESUS' SALVATION PLANS; WHICH IS MORE SERIOUSNESS.

LUKE 16:13a, JESUS SAID, NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS: FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER; OR ELSE HE WILL HOLD TO THE ONE, AND DESPISE(BE AGAINST) THE OTHER.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IS CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Choices

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.—Ruth 1:16

It was Wednesday night and the adult class was buzzing with activity. Coffee and donuts were being passed around as the chairs filled up with talkative students.

A man on the front row glanced at his watch, and then rose to call the Bible study group to order. The liveliness died down as each person found a chair and turned their attention to their teacher.

"Class," he began, "I have a question for you. We are going to spend as much time as necessary on this question. The ramifications of our discussion of this question are very important in all of our lives. We are going to discuss choices. Class recall a person in scripture who made some bad choices."

A man on the back row said, "Esau made a terrible choice when he decided to sell his birthright for a bowl of pottage."

"Very good," replied the teacher. "Who else made some unwise decisions?"

"Well, I feel Judas made a pretty rotten choice when he betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver," blurted a little old lady.

"He sure did, came a reply from another person across the room. "Ananias and Sapphira made a deadly choice when they lied to Peter and the Holy Spirit."

"Yes, class, you are really thinking of good examples. Let's keep going," the teacher said, as he leaned over the desk.

"I think the worst decision a person can make is to gain the whole world, but lose his soul in the process," said an elderly woman with conviction.

"That is the ultimate, isn't it?" replied the teacher. "You people are really thinking today. Ok, let's switch the question now. Who made some good decision in scripture?"

"Oh, Joseph made wise and godly decisions all his life," a man stated.

"Ester made excellent choices also. Especially when she went before the king to plead for her nation," a student said.

"Are you getting the point?" asked the teacher. "There are many more examples, such as Ruth, Paul and the disciples. What happened to all those who made unwise decisions? What was the result to the people who made godly choices?"

"Most of the ones who made bad decisions lost their lives," came a reply from the class. "Life and happiness came to the ones who made wise decisions," a quiet lady stated.

"Class, you have taught my lesson for me. Life is a series of choices. We must decide how we are going to respond to them. We can choose life or death in the spiritual realm, as well as the physical. I'm sure we could all state examples in our daily lives of choices we and our friends have made to illustrate the point but we are out of time."

The questions that might be asked of the reader today and has to be answered within the reader's own soul is: "What decisions are you making today? Are you choosing life or death, God's ways or your own?"

Ruth made an historic declaration of her willingness to renounce her Moabite heritage for the nation, culture and God of Naomi. Leaving the familiar behind the clinging to the love of her mother-in-law, she ventured into the unknown. "How do you choose?"

CITY WIDE USHERS MEET

The City Wide Ushers will meet Saturday evening, August 9, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. with Rising Star Baptist Church being host church at the corner of East Cornell and North Zenith Avenue. Rev. F.B. Bell is the proud host pastor.

Ushers, where there is darkness, let us show light. When there is despair, let us show hope. So come to the meeting on Saturday, August 9, 1997. Please bring your canned items.

Brother Robert Cork, president; Sister M. J. Cage, treasurer; Sister Annie Sanders, director; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

YARD SALE! YARD SALE!

The United Methodist Women of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church will have their Fifth Annual Yard Sale Saturday, August 9th, 1996 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The sale will be held on the Church grounds, located at East 23rd Street and Cedar

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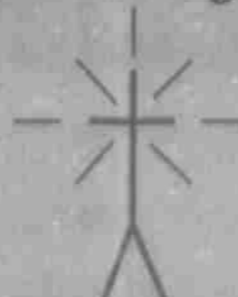
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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. last Saturday morning. Sister Linda Johnson served as host. This was a very special meeting. It was spirit filled. We would like to thank our guest for stopping by. We want you to know, you're so special to us.

The meeting opened with praise and prayer. The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. It was all about repentance. The anointing was present, that is, in our speaker. We could all feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. She had several scriptures: Romans 10:9-10; Romans 12:1; Romans 1:28; and II Timothy 3:8; 1:28.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

Romans 12:1: A Personal Responsibility. And so, Dear Brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God, let them be a living sacrifice. Holy, the kind he can accept, when you think of what he has done for you. Is this too much to ask???

This speaker said, "The Holy Spirit convicts, which brings about true repentance. The Holy Spirit convicts our conscience. Let us do this God's way. Get your life straight with your fellowman, and our God will be pleased."

We love you, Sister Jones! Our prayers are that you will continue to teach with the anointing and power. God bless you!

Our ladies who prepared the delicious breakfast are the best cooks in the West, and much, much more! They are Sister McBride, Sister Minnie Wells and Sister Opal Coleman.

May God bless these ladies and all our guest. Our guest were: Sister Florence Lee, Sister Bobbie Patterson, Sister Lula Crittenden, Sister Betty Willis, Sister Evelyn Lawson, Sister Mildred Ward, Sister Rosie Willard, Sister Opal Coleman, Sister Minnie Wells, Sister Dorothy Nash and her daughter.

Come and be a part of our upcoming program which is set for August 29 and 30, 1997. Place these dates on your calendar.

All is required is that you forgive all. Do you hold thoughts in your heart??? Get them out, that's the only requirement.

Read II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:22 and Acts 17:30.

This meeting is for the people of God to get it right, and do our best. This time while we have the chance. And expect a miracle. We are armed and dangerous, and we're going out to get the enemies camp and take back what he has taken from us. In the name of Jesus Christ. We are asking the Lord to order our steps in this Word.

Keep smiling until then and loving His all! Write: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; and Sister Ernestine Frutzer, secretary.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING SET AT ST. LUKE

The entire community is invited to come and share in the Celebration of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church's Annual Homecoming. The celebration will be held August 16 and 17, 1997, with the Saturday's program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Special guest will be local musicians and choirs. Refreshments will be served.

held at 3:00 p.m. Special guest will be Rev. R.L. Castle and members of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas. We are just inviting all of our friends and Sister Churches to come and take part. "We are going to have a great time," said Rev. J.H. Ford, host pastor.

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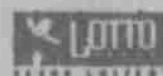
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