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NATIONAL NEWS

**Congressional Black Caucus
Outlines Legislative Priorities**
In a statement outlining the legislative priorities of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Cong. Maxine Waters (D-CA), said in part: "The number one priority of the CBC is curbing drug abuse in America. Our seven-bill 'Free Our Families From Drugs' initiative would do several things. It would expand the Substance Abuse Block Grant program by \$300 million per year and target those resources for rehabilitation services for at-risk communities...Second, we believe that expanding small and minority business is a crucial component of a genuine strategy of economic growth. Our 'Small Business Development Act: Would close capital gain tax loopholes and fund a small business development fund...We also plan to establish a community computer center program for low-income areas--urban, rural and suburban...These community computer centers would enhance the capability of many more people who cannot now access computer technology. Our fourth priority is to repair the crumbling educational infrastructure. The 'Education Development Block Grant Act' would establish a new education infrastructure block grant, which would be allocated to school districts across the country...The new Grant program would authorize \$48 billion in education infrastructure funding over five years. Finally, we propose to assist grandparent care givers. As welfare reform moves forward, our legislation would exempt grandparent and family caregivers from the work requirement contained in that legislation and establish a funding pool which states could use to support those families headed by grandparent caregivers." For more detailed information about the CBC initiatives please call (202) 225-2201.

**Symposium to Address Crisis
Affecting African-American
Retirees**
Third Millennium and the National Urban League will co-host a breakfast meeting with honorary co-chairs Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL), Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-TX) and Rep. J.C. Watts (R-OK) to discuss the retirement security gap in America's Black community. African-Americans are facing a present and future crisis in retirement financing. According to RAND Corporation, a California-based think-tank, half of all African-American households headed by people age 70 and older currently have no financial assets whatsoever. Even at the 90th percentile of income, the average household has liquid assets as low as \$11,000. By comparison, white households at the same percentile average assets totaling \$172,500. These numbers demonstrate a clear inequity in retirement security between white and Black families. Combined with Social Security's projected fiscal meltdown, this savings gap could spell economic disaster for Black families. This forum, "Avoiding an Old-Age Crisis in the 21st Century: A Symposium for African-American Leaders," is scheduled for Friday, June 20, from 9:00 am - noon at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Registration begins at 8:30 am. The event will convene leaders from business, politics, and the media as well as community, civic and religious groups. For a detailed schedule please call (212) 979-2001.

**Mfume Blasts Justice Department
for Don King Prosecution**
NAACP President Kweisi Mfume recently spoke out against the government's decision to re-try sports promoter Don King on charges of wire fraud. Mfume said that the Department of Justice "is engaged in a major witch hunt that smacks of selective prosecution." He further stated, "The NAACP is outraged that the government would waste millions of dollars of taxpayers money to re-try a case that in any other circumstance would be considered a civil matter." The Justice Department in the last four years has instituted sustained criminal investigations against former Congressman Harold Ford, former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, the late Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and boxing promoter Don King, all of whom are Black men. "There is an unsettling pattern unfolding that suggests that it is open season on African Americans and other minorities who attain some level of political and economic power," Mfume said. "The NAACP calls on all Americans who believe in fairness and equal treatment under the law to join us in speaking out against selective prosecutions and vendettas such as the one against Don King," Mfume said.

LEGISLATION TO PROTECT CHURCHES FROM ARSON, INSURANCE REDLINING SIGNED INTO LAW.

AUSTIN, Tx - New measures to protect churches from arson and insurance redlining were signed into law today by Governor George W. Bush at the State Capitol in Austin, Senate Bills 78 and 79 by State Senator Rodney Ellis (-Houston) and State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon (D-San Antonio) increase the penalty for burning a church or place of worship to a first degree felony and prohibit insurance redlining of churches because of a proven case of arson.

"The tragic trend of church burnings in Texas and across the nation challenges us to do more to protect our sacred houses of worship," said Ellis. "An attack on a place of worship is an attack on all people of faith and the fundamental religious values which unite us Americans." More than 318 churches across America have been victimized by arson since 1995. In Texas, the Commission on Fire Protection has identified 63 suspicious church fires since 1995. Senate Bill 78 increases the penalty for church arson from a second degree felony to a first degree felony. Under the new law, those convicted of burning a place of worship would face five to 99 years in prison and as much as a \$10,000 fine.

"I think it sends a clear message to criminals that we are not going to allow them to indiscriminately burn down our places of worship," said

Black Panther Gains Freedom After 25 Years

NEW YORK (IPS) -- Militant Black activist Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt gained his first taste of freedom after 25 years following a court ruling that his murder trial in 1972 had not been properly conducted. Pratt is finally a free man after he was released on \$25,000 bail on June 10, 1997, but he awaits notification of a new trial.

Pratt, a former leader of the Black Panther Party, has been regarded as a political prisoner by many human rights activists.

He did not get a fair trial in 1972 because prosecutors suppressed information that the key witness against him was a police informer. Judge Everett Dickey ruled in Orange County, California.

Although the District Attorney's office in California could still appeal against the reversal of Pratt's conviction, his lawyers argue that Pratt's ordeal may soon be over.

"We don't think there's going to be a retrial," attorney Stuart Hanlon told IPS. "We think the case is just about done."

Any new trial would face the same hurdles for the prosecution that won the reversal from Dickey: The information that witness Julius Butler, a former Black Panther whose testimony was central to Pratt's conviction, was a paid informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

"The original attorneys had no idea that Butler was an informant," said Sacramento Talavera, a spokesman for the Partisan Defense Committee, a legal activist group which supports Pratt. Given that Dickey's ruling has now raised anew the problem of Butler's testimony, Talavera said,

McClendon. The two lawmakers said that other states such as Florida, North Carolina and California already consider the burning of a place of worship with a higher degree of severity. The Texas' arson law will be the strongest in the nation.

"I am proud that Texas will have the strongest law in the nation to protect our houses of worship and punish the criminals who seek to destroy them," said Ellis. "I think ninety-nine years in jail is ample time for a church arsonist to find religion."

Senate Bill 79 will protect churches from insurance redlining by prohibiting insurance companies from canceling or not renewing the policies of churches that have been victimized by a proven case of arson. Ellis and McClendon said that several churches across the nation have recently lost their insurance coverage after being struck by arson. In 1995, three black churches in Tennessee were denied renewal of their insurance policies after they were victimized by arson.

"Congregations that have been the victims of church burnings must not become victims again because they are unable to rebuild for lack of insurance," Ellis said.

For information on how to prevent church arson, call the Texas Commission on Fire Protection at 512/918-7100.

"there will be a great chance of acquittal" if Pratt is tried again.

Pratt, an outspoken radical in the ranks of the Los Angeles Black Panthers at a time when the group espoused armed rebellion against the police, was convicted of the 1968 murder of teacher Mary Gisen. Until the voiding of his conviction on Thursday, May 29, 1997, he had been denied parole 16 times, although his case has won the attention of dozens of human rights groups and labor unions, many of whom contend that he was targeted by the FBI's anti-leftist Counter-intelligence Program (COINTELPRO).

"Never in our discussions did we ever talk about the FBI," former juror Jeanne Hamilton said last year. "We had no clue as to their involvement...the jury was never informed that Julius Butler was an FBI informant." If the jury had known such facts, Hamilton has testified, "there is no doubt in my mind that we would not have reached a guilty verdict."

Other problems also surfaced in the state's case. One retired FBI agent, Wesley Swearingen, said that he worked with an FBI "racial squad" that focused on Black radical groups which, he now claims, handled Pratt's case. Swearingen also has argued that FBI wiretaps which would prove that Pratt was 400 miles away when Olsen was killed in Santa Monica disappeared.

"It's a real victory for justice," Hanlon said of Dickey's verdict. "I think it's a repudiation of illegal government tactics that were used to persecute many people."

LAMENT FOR FALLEN WARRIORS

by Bernice Powell Jackson



This year, 1997, is turning out to be a difficult one for me as we lose some of those warriors for justice whom I treasure and respect, those who have made so many contributions to the freedom and reclaiming of my people.

In March we lost Mac Charles Jones, long-time civil rights activist and Baptist pastor. Mac, a big man in stature, was big in heart as well, working as an agent of reconciliation while fearlessly facing down those who deny rights to any who are oppressed. It was because of his dedication to saving young people that Mac opened the doors of his church in Kansas City to gang members in 1993 so that there could be peace in neighborhoods across the nation.

Mac Charles Jones stood tall among human beings because

he listened to the oppressed and the outcast and then fought side by side with them for their rights. So, he supported women called to the ministry in their struggle to become ordained. He supported gays and lesbians in their civil rights struggles. He supported gang members and poor people and, always, the struggles of his own people to be free.

James Washington was another man big in stature and big in heart. The pre-eminent African American church historian, Dr. Washington was a professor at Union Seminary in New York City and mentor to hundreds of young clergypersons across the nation. It was Jim Washington who edited the most extensive collection of the writings, speeches and sermons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recently he had edited a beautiful book of African American prayers, Conversations with God. An incredibly gifted teacher, Dr. Washington had done extensive research on religion and the civil rights movement.

Wayland Melton is not a name read in headlines. But Wayland Melton was one of my heroes. An Episcopal priest, Fr. Melton committed his life to saving African

American children. Not only did he serve as a chaplain at Cincinnati's Children's Hospital Medical Center, but, as a single father, he adopted five children, earning him the Hamilton County Adoptive Parent of the Year citation. A gifted preacher and pastor, Fr. Melton most recently served as dean of Philadelphia's Cathedral Church of the Savior.

Many, many people knew the name Samuel Proctor. A Baptist preacher par excellence, Dr. Proctor served for 20 years as pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem. A respected educator, he had also served as president of two black colleges and as a professor at several seminaries. Thousands of men and women in all walks of life were impacted by Dr. Proctor's legacy of commitment to young

people and to the uplifting of African Americans. A wonderful example of old-fashioned values and leadership, Dr. Proctor's life was a sermon in practice.

The human race is enriched because these brothers lived. The African American race can be proud of each of them and I miss their brilliance, their leadership, their commitment every day.

CONGER TALKING WITH THE CHAMP



Elton Conger, right, took time in Houston, Texas on Tuesday afternoon, June 17, 1997, to visit with Evander Holyfield before his

Championship fight with Mike Tyson on Saturday, June 28th in Las Vegas, Nevada. "Evander is a great person, and reminds you that without God

nothing is possible," says Conger.

It is just a great pleasure to have a friend like Evander who is very much concerned about his fellow man in this world," continued Conger.

Evander shocked the world in November, 1996 when he won the first bout against Tyson. The fight this week has been dubbed as "Holyfield/Tyson II." It airs on Pay Preview Saturday June 28th.

Conger, on the other hand, was a coach/teacher for the Lubbock Public Schools, and also did some sports reporting for the Lubbock Digest, now the Southwest Digest.

DELTAS VISIT CITY HALL



On April 24th, the Lubbock Alumnae and Eta Lambda Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Inc. celebrated their second annual 'Delta Day at City Hall.' The events included an overview of the workings of City management and an update on current and future City projects by Councilman T.J. Patterson. Time was allotted for questions and answers concerning City functions,

issues and programs. Members attended a City Council Work Session and Meeting during the day's events. Later in the Council Meeting, the chapters were presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Mayor Sitton that recognized the public service efforts of both chapters.

20th Celebration Thursday, Sept. 11, 1997. More Later!!

DOLE CONTRIBUTES \$100,000 TO UNCF FOR DISABLED STUDENTS



William H. Gray, III president and CEO of The College Fund/UNCF(c.) accepts a check for \$100,000 from former Senator Bob Dole (c.) to endow a scholarship for disabled students to attend UNCF schools. They are joined by (l-r) Dr. Thomas Law, president, St. Paul's College, Dr. S. Dallas Simmons, president,

Virginia Union University, Anthony Murphy, sophomore, Johnson C. Smith University, Denise Howard, senior, Spelman College, Troy Brown, Dean of Students, Mississippi Valley State University, and Michael Mayfield, senior, Miles College at the check presentation ceremony which was held at Virginia Union.



Bethune-DuBois Institute (BD) Annual Awards Dinner Left to Right: President/Coalition of Labor Union Women Mrs. Gloria Johnson, BD Chairman Jesse Hill, Jr., 1997 Honoree John Sweeney, President/AFL-CIO, and BD President Dr. C. DeLores Tucker

LUBBOCK ATTORNEY ELECTED DIRECTOR OF TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

(AUSTIN)--Lubbock attorney Les Hatch was elected to serve as a director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association of the State Bar of Texas. Hatch, who begins his two-year term this month, will represent the 172 young lawyers in Lubbock County and 17 surrounding counties.

Hatch is a partner with the law firm of Craig, Terrill & Hale, L.L.P. where he concentrates on insurance defense. He earned his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1985

and his law degree from the Texas Tech School of Law in 1988.

The Texas Young Lawyers Association is comprised of attorneys under the age of 36 and has a membership of 20,000. Recognized as the public service arm of the State Bar, TYLA addresses issues including: literacy/dropout prevention, voter education, rights of the homeless, and the needs of senior citizens and low-income Texans.



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 host pastor.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Sup. Bruce Tharrington was at his post of duty. After thirty minutes of instruction all classes marched to the auditorium at 10:15 a.m. singing "Jesus Loves Me."

The lesson high points were given by the Men's Class No. 1. Deacon Ernest Swain, as usual, did a wonderful job in explaining the lesson. Were just blessed to have such a dynamic review.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department--Intermediate Class won the offering banner while the Senior Class received the Attendance Banner. Adult Department: Class No. 2 where Sister Dorothy Kinner is teacher, received the Offering Banner and Class No. 4 received the Attendance Banner.

The morning devotional period was conducted Brother and Sister Earnest Swain.

The processional was led by the Senior Choir Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A selection, "When We all Get Together," was sung by the Senior Choir. The scripture was the 25th Psalm and read by Sister Lena Sheffield. Prayer was given by Sister Dorothy Kinner. Another selection, "Christ Did It All For You," was sung by the Senior Choir.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Sandra Henry. The morning hymn was

"Yield Not to Temptation." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He brought greetings from the National Baptist Convention which was held in Houston, Texas, last week. Another song, "I Love the Lord," was sung by the Senior Choir.

The sermon hymn of preparation was "I Need Thee." Wonder if you ever feel as though we need Jesus? This writer must admit: "Yes, I need Jesus!" Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Right and Wrong Way to Pray!" His scripture text was St. Matthew 6:7-13. Pastor Moton really did leave all of present to feast on something for the coming week.

The invitation to discipleship was extended. One came for prayer for her home. According to the Sister, she has children who need prayer as well. Whisper a prayer for her.

Sunday afternoon, June 29, 1997, the Annual Women's Day will be held at 4:00 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church. The theme is: "Fix Me, Lord!" Speakers will be Sister Dorothy Kinner, Sister Joan Jones and Sister Marjorie Thomas. A summation of the event Gilead Baptist Church. Her parents are Willie Lee Holt and Brady Baldwin, and other relatives and friends. Rev. J.J. Johnson, pastor, officiated the services. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family.

The Juneteenth Parade was a wonderful event this year! May God continue to bless all of those who are always working for this annual event.

Sister Winnie Knighton's daughter is visiting from New York...

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Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U. S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 700 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

CERTIFIED NURSE AID CLASS SET

LEVELLAND - An 80-hour nurse aide course begins July 14 at South Plains College.

The course focuses on skills necessary to work in long-term care, home health and hospital environments. Classes meet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through Sept. 6 in the SPC Technical Arts Building, room 112. Clinical times will be arranged.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR and Tetanus and they must have a current TB test.

After completing the 56 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical training, students will take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.

Tuition is \$200 and the state exam fee is \$64.75.

Instructor in Karen Cox, LVN.

To guarantee a place in the class, payment must be received prior to the first day of class. For registration materials, contact the SPC Office of Continuing Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

KIDSTUFF PROGRAMS

Summer Kidstuff programs at the Lubbock City-County Library will begin on Monday, July 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, with a hands-on origami demonstration by artist Angela Paschall. This program will be repeated at the Godeke Branch

Library, 6601 Quaker, on Tuesday, July 8 at 2:00 p.m.; at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway, on Wednesday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m.; and at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, on Thursday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call 767-2838.

COSMETOLOGY EXAM SCHEDULED

LEVELLAND - A cosmetology pre-entrance exam for South Plains College's 12-month program in cosmetology is scheduled Thursday (June 19).

The test will be given 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Assistance Center on the third floor of the Library building. There is no fee.

An additional pre-entrance exam will be given July 10. SPC's next quarter in cosmetology begins Sept. 2.

The program will cover the theory and skills of shampooing, hair

and scalp treatment, chemical hair relaxing, hair styling and shaping, manicuring, cold waving, hair coloring and facials.

Students successfully completing the program will receive a certificate of proficiency and be eligible to be licensed by the Texas Cosmetology Commission.

For more information, contact the SPC cosmetology program or Guidance and Counseling Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2287 or 2368.

FROM SLAVE TO U.S. SOLDIER NEW BOOK BY JOINT CHIEFS HISTORIAN ON BUFFALO SOLDIERS WHO WON MEDAL OF HONOR

WILMINGTON- They were U.S. Army soldiers. Just a few years earlier, some had seen slaves. Several thousand African Americans served as soldiers in the Indian Wars and in the Cuban campaign of the Spanish-American War in the latter part of the 19th century. They were known as buffalo soldiers, believed to have been named by Indians who had seen a similarity between the coarse hair and dark skin of the soldiers and the coats of the buffalo. Twenty-three of these men won the nation's highest award for personal bravery, the Medal of Honor.

Black Valor: Buffalo Soldiers and the Medal of Honor, 1870-1898, a new book by Joint Chiefs historian Frank N. Schubert, brings the lives of these soldiers into sharp focus. Readers will meet men like Sergeants Emanuel Stance, George Jordan, and William McBryar. Stance was the first of the twenty-three to receive the Medal of Honor for his decisive and bold leadership in the Ninth Cavalry, which consisted mainly of former slaves, in battles with Indians. Jordan received the medal for defending a civilian settlement at Ft. Tularosa, New Mexico. Jordan later died after twice being refused admission to a military hospital.

William McBryar earned his medal fighting a party of Apache Indians on Salt River, Arizona. McBryar was

awarded a volunteer commission but was not allowed to retain his commissioned rank for retirement. Jordan's death and McBryar's unsuccessful quest for the status of a commissioned officer raised questions about the meaning of a medal and a life of service for an African American.

Many more remarkable stories are told in this collected biography of the buffalo soldiers who were presented with the Medal of Honor. Author Frank N. Schubert's stirring narrative, derived from extensive historical research, will enrich and inspire readers.

Black Valor is published by Scholarly Resources in Wilmington, Delaware, which publishes a variety of books for both the trade and academic markets. Black Valor is available at bookstores around the country and directly from the publisher.

Dr. Schubert is the author of the critically acclaimed On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldier (Choice magazine's Outstanding Reference Book for 1995). A Howard University graduate and a Vietnam veteran, Dr. Schubert is an engaging and accomplished speaker. To schedule an interview with Dr. Schubert or to obtain a review copy of Black Valor, call Cheryl Carson at 800-772-8937 or fill out and send in the form below.

Obituary



ELNORA BALDWIN

Funeral services were held for Elnora Baldwin at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 23, 1997, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J.J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison

Funeral Home. Ms. Baldwin passed Wednesday, June 18, 1997, in University Medical Center.



MRS. SIMMIE RAYE CALDWELL

High School in Lubbock, Texas, Mrs. Caldwell married J.D. Caldwell and to that union a son and daughter were born.

Mrs. Caldwell was a devoted wife and mother. She was a faithful member and very active at the Greater Grove Temple Church of God in Christ where she served as Assistant Supt. of the Sunday School, Program Director of the Mission board, President of Hospitality Committee, and she worked with the building fund committee.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, J.D. Caldwell of Waxahachie, Texas; a son, Michael Caldwell who is in the U.S. Army; a daughter, Traci Caldwell of Waxahachie, Texas; a grandson, Drake K. Powell of Waxahachie, Texas; a grandmother, Sister Willie Wilson of Waxahachie, Texas; five brothers all of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, both of Dallas, Texas, an Uncle; five Aunts, and other friends and relative.

Waxahachie, Texas -- Funeral services were held Thursday, May 8, 1997 for Mrs. Simmie Raye Caldwell at the Greater Grove Temple Church of God in Christ with Elder G.A. Pharms, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Lakeview Cemetery under the directions of Community Funeral of Waxahachie, Texas.

Active pallbearers were Von Stanton, Russell Stanton and Simeon Stanton. Honorary pallbearers were Deacon Foncell Jackson, Deacon Perry Jones, Deacon Smith Lacy and Deacon Lovie D. Ball.

Mrs. Caldwell was born September 25, 1943 to Simmie and Lillie Mae Stanton in Dallas, Texas. She passed away Monday, May 5, 1997.

A graduate of Dunbar

She was born May 2, 1948 in Lubbock. She had attended Dunbar High School.

She is survived by her parents, Willie Lee Holt and Brady Baldwin, Sr., both of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Denitchea R. Baldwin of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Ricky Fitzgerald Baldwin of Lubbock, Texas; nine sisters: Ola Mae Deary, Jacklyn Forster, Wanda Jackson, Arlene Spence and Nicole Davis, all of Lubbock, Texas, Burnadette Fleeks of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Michelle Hutson of Kentucky, Betty Gibson of Austin, Texas, and Gloria N. Baldwin of Corpus Christi, Texas; five brothers: Brady Baldwin, Jr. and Chris Forster, both of Lubbock, Texas, Jackie Forster of San Angelo, Texas, Dennis Forster of San Antonio, Texas and Danny Baldwin of Lubbock, Texas.



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It was a great celebration!! THIS N THAT would like to go on record in saying that the 1997 Juneteenth celebration was a very informative and educational. With all of the activities there was much for all to have learned. This is what it should be all about. And with this Learning Experience this n that is looking for some greater programs in the future. Say in a year of 1998! THIS N THAT would like to salute the Officers and Staff for what they have done. Sister Joan Y. Ervin, who serves as president of this Juneteenth celebration Committee, did what had to be done as well all of those who worked with her. This began several months ago, but came to a reality with the beginning on Wednesday afternoon with the First Ever Walk With Your DOC. This was a very unique effort and brought out many persons to march for their health. Of course, the March Against Drugs and Gangs did what it had to do. There were at least 200 persons who marched in this effort which begun at the J.A. Chatman Park and ended at Mea Simmons Community Center/Park area. The annual Juneteenth Parade if we can count. This was perhaps the largest parade in numbers of entries in the annual parade. The parade showed evidence that African Americans do care and want to become a part of their history. The new twist with a talent show this year will no doubt grow to something great and could very well lead to a "Miss Juneteenth Event." Last Sunday afternoon at Mea Simmons Park it all ended with the worship hour. The area was crowded and it was a Very Good Event and from our vantage point, next year will be even better!!

Harold Melvin Chatman did well!! This N That must say we really enjoyed the speech to our young people by Harold. Words of wisdom always helps our young people. Brother

Chatman was given an acknowledgment during the opening ceremonies last Saturday afternoon. It was a means to show appreciation for what he has done for Lubbock. Thank You Brother Harold Melvin Chatman. More about his accomplishments in Lubbock, Texas USA in the very near future.

Shirley Canada, the Barber says: "Great Gain often come through Great Loss!"

Congrats to Lubbock Heritage Society!! This n That would like to say Congrats to the Board of Directors of the Lubbock Heritage Society for a job well done in the Dedication of the St. Paul's On the Plains which is a new public building for the city of Lubbock. In a ceremony last Sunday afternoon, it shows what can be done if people work together! Thanks for a great job!

Doing well in Houston!! This n That had a very interesting visit with a young man who at one time wrote sports for the Lubbock Digest which became the Southwest Digest. He is no other than Elton Conger who has done well in the city of Houston. In talking with Brother Conger, it is very clear that he still love getting involved in the newsprint. Hopefully one day when he has gotten out of the coaching business, he will become a Newspaper person. Enjoyed visiting with you Elton. Keep doing what you're doing in Houston. Who knows, it could be possible to come back to where you started with the newspaper bug!

Big Twentieth Celebration being set for the Digest!! This n That is happy to see the development in the upcoming Birthday Celebration for the Southwest Digest which has been set for Thursday night, September 11, 1997. More on this later!!

MORE SIGNS OF HOPE

by Bernice Powell Jackson



We should all take as our personal creed, "If it is to be, it is up to me". The help and blessing

from God and me does not mean me doing it alone, or by myself. It means me doing my part and attending to my own business and working collectively with others for the good of all of us.

For us to survive and prosper, progress as a people, we need to all work together. Pool our resources, blend our minds together to make a better future for all of us. Organization, churches, groups, should not compete with each other to be competitive. Competition on a friendly basis is healthy as long as it stays that way. Every person, organization and group have a place, purpose, duty, and responsibility. Therefore, there is enough room to go around for all of us. Should we work with and support each other to make it better for all of us collectively.

We must not, we should not, and we cannot afford to use the "crab syndrome". We all have heard the old saying, "divided we fail - together we stand." We had a real good Juneteenth weekend! It could have been even better if a little more support was given, but yet and still, it was successful.

On the other hand, there is always room for improvement. Anytime anyone becomes satisfied is when growth ends. As far as organizations in the community are concerned, this writer knows each organization well. This writer was around from the inception of most of them, namely O.I.C. education and development, United Black Coalition - Political and Social, Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs - Economic development - Business Retention, and business recruitment - Martin Luther King Celebration, memorial and civic - Juneteenth celebration committee, historical, cultural. The last two are still functioning well! Lets get behind them and make them institutions in Lubbock, we all can, and should do more to help ourselves. Lubbock will become a better and notable place. Among organizations also in formation stage was also East Lubbock Development Association and the Lubbock Black Heritage and Cultural Center.

Back to where we started from "it is to be and lets move on," stop complaining, being negative, blaming others for our failures, and be more on the positive manner making our positive contributions to Lubbock. Not just because we are Black People, but because we are people who made a positive contribution and happened to be black!

After Tuskegee: New Drugs, New Hope

By Larry Lucas

Recently, I was privileged to be invited to the White House to participate in a historic event: President Clinton's apology, on behalf of the U.S. Government, for the notorious Tuskegee experiment.

This cruel experiment began in 1932, when the government lured hundreds of black men to participate in a study. All of the men had syphilis, although they didn't know it. Even after scientists learned that penicillin could treat this disease effectively, the men went untreated. By the time a newspaper exposed this inhumane treatment of Americans, 100 men had died, dozens of wives had become infected and 19 children had been born with the disease. All of this could have been prevented if the government had shown a little compassion.

"What the United States government did was shameful, and I am sorry," the President said. In addition to the harm the Tuskegee experiment did to the participants and their families, it did some even longer-lasting harm to the entire African American community. It made African Americans reluctant to participate in clinical trials of new medicines. Given the legacy of Tuskegee, this reluctance is understandable. But it's a little like cutting off your nose to spite your face. Here's the problem:

About 25 percent of Americans are "non-white." But 95 percent of the people who participate in clinical trials for new drugs are white. What does that

mean to you? It means that you will be treated with medicines that have proven safe and effective for white people. But, since there are racial differences in the way people react to some medicines, that drug may not help you as much as it could. To make sure the medicines we take will work well for us, African Americans need to participate in clinical trials.

What are clinical trials? Before a prescription medicine is approved by the Food and Drug Administration, the company that wants to market the drug has to prove that it's safe and effective. This involves trials in a total of between 1,000 and 3,000 human volunteers. Before the medicine is tried in humans, it has already been tested for safety in the laboratory. Still, there are risks in taking any experimental medicine. If you are accepted for a clinical trial, you will be informed that there are the risks and asked to sign a document giving your informed consent to participate in the trial. This document will spell out your rights and responsibilities, and the obligations that the sponsors of the trial have to you. This document helps guard against another Tuskegee.

The potential benefits of participating in a clinical trial are great. Patients in clinical trials are closely monitored, usually by top physicians attached to research centers. In addition to receiving

top-notch care, they also have the opportunity to get a medicine not yet available to the general public—a medicine that could make them well.

Of course, if you sign up for a clinical trial, there is no guarantee you will actually get the medicine being studied. In most clinical trials, there is a "control group" that takes either a placebo (dummy pill) or the standard medicine currently used for the condition under study. However, if the new medicine proves clearly beneficial, researchers often stop the trial and offer the new medicine to the control group, too.

For African Americans, there is another benefit to participating in clinical trials: helping to assure that the medicines African Americans take have been studied for their effects in minority patients as well as majority patients. How do you get into a clinical trial? Watch the health section of your local newspaper for advertisements of clinical trials or ask your doctor or hospital about trials in your area. In addition, the National Institutes of Health has hot lines for people interested in clinical trials of AIDS and cancer treatments. Call 800-TRIALS-A for AIDS trials or 800-4-CANCER for cancer information. Larry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

LEGAL MATTERS

by Attorney General Dan Morales

STALKING LAW

STALKING IS A CRIME of terror. It strikes fear into the hearts of innocent victims. Battered women are most frequently stalking victims, followed by rape survivors. It is estimated that 90% of all Americans who have been murdered by a spouse or companion were stalked before they were killed. We at the Office of the Attorney General believe that this situation is unacceptable. We believe that our state's anti-stalking law is meant to protect domestic violence victims and people who are being stalked by strangers. Although some types of threatening behavior were already banned by other laws (including trespassing, assault, and telephone harassment), these laws may be difficult to apply in a stalking case.

Legal Challenges

Unfortunately, like many other states, Texas has found it difficult to enact a law which protects individuals from stalking without at the same time making innocent, legal activity illegal. Last September, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals struck down the existing law against stalking, saying it was too vague to be enforceable. The Court held that, under the old law, there was a real chance that it could inhibit the lawful exercise of free speech, such as protest

marching and investigative reporting by journalists. The Court also gave instructions on how to amend the law so that it could pass constitutional muster. As a result of this ruling, between 800 and 900 stalking cases were dismissed across the state.

Legal Solutions

This spring, the Texas Legislature passed a new law against stalking. Following the guidance given by the Court of Criminal Appeals, the new law gives a clearer definition of the types of threatening behavior that constitute stalking. It says that stalking cannot simply be a string of random acts, but instead must be part of a continuing course of related conduct toward the victim. The stalker's threatening actions must create fear of bodily injury, death or property damage in the victim or in members of the victim's family or household. These actions must be such that they would create fear in any reasonable person, not just in the victim. The new law also requires that the stalker know or reasonably believe that his or her actions would be seen as threatening by the victim.

The law was broadened to cover threats against other members of the victim's household, even when they are non-family members. For example, the

law now applies to threats made against a friend whom the victim stayed with for protection. This provision has been upheld by courts in other states, and is a major improvement over the old law.

Penalties for Stalking

As under the old law, stalking is a Class A misdemeanor, with a maximum penalty of 1 year in jail and a fine of \$4,000. A repeat offense is a 3rd Degree felony, punishable by 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. If a stalking suspect is about to be released on bail, law enforcement officials must try to notify the victim in advance. In addition, a prison inmate convicted of stalking may not be granted a furlough or emergency absence.

Federal law also gives protection to victims of stalking. Under new provisions passed last year, it is now a federal crime to stalk someone across state lines. The new law also allows each state to honor protective orders issued in another state.

No one should have to live a life of constant fear. And no one should feel free to strike terror into the heart of another human being. I believe the new Texas anti-stalking law will finally help us put an end to this terrible crime.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am in search of a daughter I have never seen! She was born the last part of 1959 or the first of 1960. Her mother's name was Marie Roberts, and her step father's name would have been Melvin B. Roberts. We were intimately involved every night for about six months during the time I lived in Lubbock Texas, during 1959. I was under the impression that Marie was divorced, but later found out that she was not. She told me she was pregnant, and that it was my child. But upon learning that she was still married, I lost my temper and left Lubbock and never returned to Texas.

The child's name at birth was Margie Beth Roberts.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Media Network Report for the Week of June 15, 1997. Never before have travelers faced so many bargain offers from airlines, travel agents, travel clubs, tour and charter operators, and consolidators.

And, for the vacation traveler who is looking for a bargain airline ticket, buying from a consolidator may be the best way to go. But, the BBB advises that you understand all the conditions attached to the ticket and do some comparison shopping before you buy. A consolidator is an airline ticket wholesaler who buys tickets from airlines and resells the tickets to travel agents, ticket brokers or directly to the consumer at prices that are often below the airlines' published prices. Here are some possible limitations: flight and fares may not be confirmed and tickets may not arrive in a timely manner; tickets may not be refundable, exchangeable, endorsable or transferable; restrictions are developed by the airline or by contracts, not by the travel agent; the travel agent cannot be liable for performance failures of the airline or consolidator. Prices will fluctuate depending on economic forces and price

She May have been born in Pacos Texas. She could possibly still live in this area. The step fathers age at the birth of the child was about 75.

I would appreciate any help you may offer in locating her. I am 61 years old and 100% disabled. I want her to have this Letter, or I would like to receive her address if possible. I am desperately trying to locate this girl whom I honestly believe to be my daughter. Sincerely,

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"wars" between airlines or will depend on time of travel, etc. Contact some airlines directly or check with your travel agent and contact the BBB for a reliability report.

Are you in the market for a new computer system? Whether you are in the market for a home office or small business computer system, you need to choose your reseller wisely. It is important to find a reputable reseller that will meet your needs. Because technology is in high gear and navigating the super-highway is a challenge, you must deal with someone you can trust. To assist the ever growing group of information technology consumers, the Council of Better Business Bureaus (CBBB) has partnered with the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) to produce a brochure that details such topics as: what a computer reseller is, selecting a reseller, and establishing customer relationships. It also contains a buyer's checklist and computer service checklist. For your free copy of this brochure, contact the Bureau.

Alderson Lexus and Champions for Charity Series Team Up to Support the American Cancer Society

McLean, VA -- The Lexus Champions for Charity series is coming to Lubbock, TX for the Lowe's 4th Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for July 21, 1997 at Lubbock Country Club. The Lexus Champions for Charity series pairs golf with charity as amateur players participate in tournaments at the finest golf and country clubs in the nation. In addition to providing an enjoyable day of golf for local participants, Lexus will donate \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society and invite two representatives to attend the 1997 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship in La Quinta, CA in December. Through the hole-in-one contest, contestants also have the chance to win a 1997 Lexus, courtesy of Alderson Lexus.

Now in its 17th year, the series has tripled in size to over 190 events since its inaugural year in 1989. This year more than 28,000 golfers will participate in local charity events sponsored by Lexus dealerships throughout the country. Through the Lexus Champions for Charity series, Lexus has directly contributed over \$5.2 million to charities throughout the United States, and supported events have raised more than \$43 million for local charities. The American Cancer Society, Meals on Wheels, March of Dimes, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation are just a few of the charities that benefit from this philanthropic program.

The 1997 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship will take place December 11-13 at

the La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta, CA. At the finals, approximately 340 amateur golfers from across the United States will play the TPC Stadium Course, Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course and La Quinta Resort Dunes Course for a share of the \$75,000 charity purse. The two-person team with the top net score at the three-day, 54-hole event will win \$15,000 for their home charity.

Alderson Lexus and the Lexus Champions for Charity series are proud to be associated with the American Cancer Society as they drive to chip in for charity. Event partners for the Lexus Champions for Charity series include Fila Golf, Goldwin Golf, and SRIXON. Fila, the third-largest athletic footwear and activewear company in the U.S., offers a wide array of men's and women's apparel, footwear and golf accessories. The fastest growing golf club manufacturer in the United States is Goldwin Golf. Goldwin Golf makes a full range of drivers, woods, irons, wedges, and putters all incorporating the revolutionary AVDP-System which makes them the lightest clubs on the market with the highest swingweights. The first new golf ball brand introduced to American golfers in this decade, SRIXON is manufactured by Japan's number one ball company, Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd., and distributed by Tad Moore Golf. For more information, contact Joelle Polisky at (703) 905-4307.

S-CURL AND ELEKTRA RECORDING ARTIST MISTA CELEBRATE BLACK MUSIC MONTH



Chicago (April 21, 1997) -- The phat, funky, down-home-sounds of R&B group MISTA will highlight Black Music Month, as S-Curl® and MISTA team up to add some spice to the month long celebration of excellence in African-American music. The joint venture between Elektra Entertainment and Luster Products will provide consumers with a free CD for every purchase of a two application S-Curl® Texturizer kit.

During June, every box of S-Curl®

Texturizer will feature a photo of MISTA on the front and back covers. For each proof of purchase (sales receipt and front panel of box) sent to Luster Products, consumers will receive a CD of MISTA's "Blackberry Molasses."

"S-Curl is a strong supporter of the music and entertainment industries," said Jim Campbell, brand manager, Luster Products. "During this celebration of great African-American music, we thought it would be wonderful to share with consumers the music of a talented group of guys." To obtain a CD, a proof of purchase must be sent to Luster Products, MISTA Free-CD Offer, 1104 W. 43rd St., Chicago, IL 60609.

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NAACP HONORS EARL GRAVES BLACK ENTERPRISE PUBLISHER NAMED CEO OF THE YEAR

NEW YORK - The NAACP named Black Enterprise Magazine Publisher and CEO Earl Graves as "CEO of the Year" at its annual Corporate Awards Luncheon in New York City today.

The annual Corporate Awards Luncheon recognizes companies who are participants of the NAACP Fair Share Program as well as other businesses who have demonstrated a commitment toward economic development for African Americans.

Earl Graves who has served as the publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine for 25 years, was named one of the ten most outstanding minority businessmen in the country. Black Enterprise Magazine is a business-service publication targeted to black professionals, executives, entrepreneurs and policy makers from the public and private sector. Mr. Graves also serves

as Chairman and CEO of Pepsi-Cola of Washington, DC, the largest minority-controlled Pepsi franchise in the United States.

"Earl Graves has shown himself to be more than just a successful entrepreneur, he is a role model for all African Americans," said NAACP President & CEO Kweisi Mfume. "His vision to educate America about black business has worked to the benefit of not only the minority business community but has moved us toward establishing a strong economy for the country."

Mr. Graves is continually sought after as a keynote speaker by small and large corporations alike and he recently authored a book entitled, "How to Succeed in Business Without Being White."

MISS TEXAS USA PAGEANT BRINGS VOTING TO THE PUBLIC FOR FIRST TIME

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX. - Crystal Productions, Inc., producer of the 1998 Miss Texas USA Pageant, announced today that for the first time in the pageant's history, the public is invited to vote for the 1998 Miss Texas USA "Miss Photogenic" Award. By accessing South Padre Island's web site, viewers can look at a black and white photograph of each of the 126 delegates to the 1998 Miss Texas USA Pageant.

The "Miss Photogenic" title is awarded to the delegate whose official photograph best captures the essence of the woman. Voters are reminded to be objective and to cast only one vote.

The "Miss Photogenic" Award will be announced during the Preliminary Show on Saturday, June 28, 1997, at 7 p.m., where she will be presented with a beautiful crystal trophy. The winner will also be recognized during the live tele-

cast of the 1998 Miss Texas pageant on Monday, June 30 at 8 p.m. on CBS. The telecast will air live from the 4th South Padre Island Convention Center for the fourth consecutive year.

To visit the 1998 Miss Texas USA "Miss Photogenic" web site and cast a vote, viewers must access the Internet using the following address: <http://www.sopadre.com>. Voting begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18. All voters must be received by 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

More information about the 1998 Miss Texas USA Pageant can be found on the South Padre Island web site, or can be obtained by calling 1-800-SO-PADRE. Tickets for all events can be purchased by calling (210) 761-3003. American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Global Ethics--Not Simply Black or White

By Thomas S. Watson, Jr.

Should a public utility company bare responsibility for the suicide of a senior executive who is fired? Should a large multinational corporation move aboriginal people from their sacred grounds to harvest raw materials?

In North America, the day after David Marshall, CEO of Duquesne Light, announced that executive Dianne Green was leaving "to pursue other interests," her housekeeper found her dead body with a pistol still in her hand. Neatly laid out on a table downstairs were handwritten letters to her sisters and her severance package from Duquesne's attorneys, with a note, "Thank you for making my last days on earth a living hell."

In Europe, Utkal Alumina secured the rights to mine raw material which will be used to make automobiles. To mine the ore the company may have to violate sacred burial grounds of the area's aboriginal people. If Utkal Alumina does not mine the ore there are scores of others who will, maybe with a similar sensitivity for the resident people, maybe not. The tribe is currently using a slash and burn agricultural process. Without outside intervention they will soon be without fertile land, according to the predictions of agricultural specialists.

Clear answers to these complex questions elude most leaders. But the Global Dialogue Consortium, an assembly of corporate leaders, academics and

consultants, is building a network to encourage open and respectful dialogue in an atmosphere of mutual understanding. That is, making a commitment to experiencing values from another's perspective, respecting each others spiritual traditions and valuing differences as a basis for creativity. They believe that global solutions will emerge from this understanding.

These simple but novel attitudes can move us away from the tendency to equate difference with devils and evil--an attitude which permeates some of the world's religions. Christians use the story Armageddon and the Bible's book of Revelations to limit how we experience the world. Muslims argue about women's rights and narrow readings of the Quran which can be twisted to promote violence against 'unbelievers.' Jews have similar reactions to narrow readings of the Torah. Devotees of Asian theologies and religious philosophies fear Kali Yuga, a time similar to Armageddon in which powers of illusion and ignorance rule. These become excuses for demonizing others who look, act, think or worship differently.

But every scripture also has a creation story describing a single beginning for humanity--a first man. The world's obsession with cultural, ethnic, social, religious, gender and other differences have caused many

to deny the very powerful connection--our common origin, even though it is confirmed in all major religious teachings.

It is true that we make our world by our thoughts. We live what we think. And there are many people who want to bring us down into their personal hell. They will if we let them. I encourage you to join the leaders of the Global Dialogue Institute in bringing a world connection and respect into every possible business and institution.

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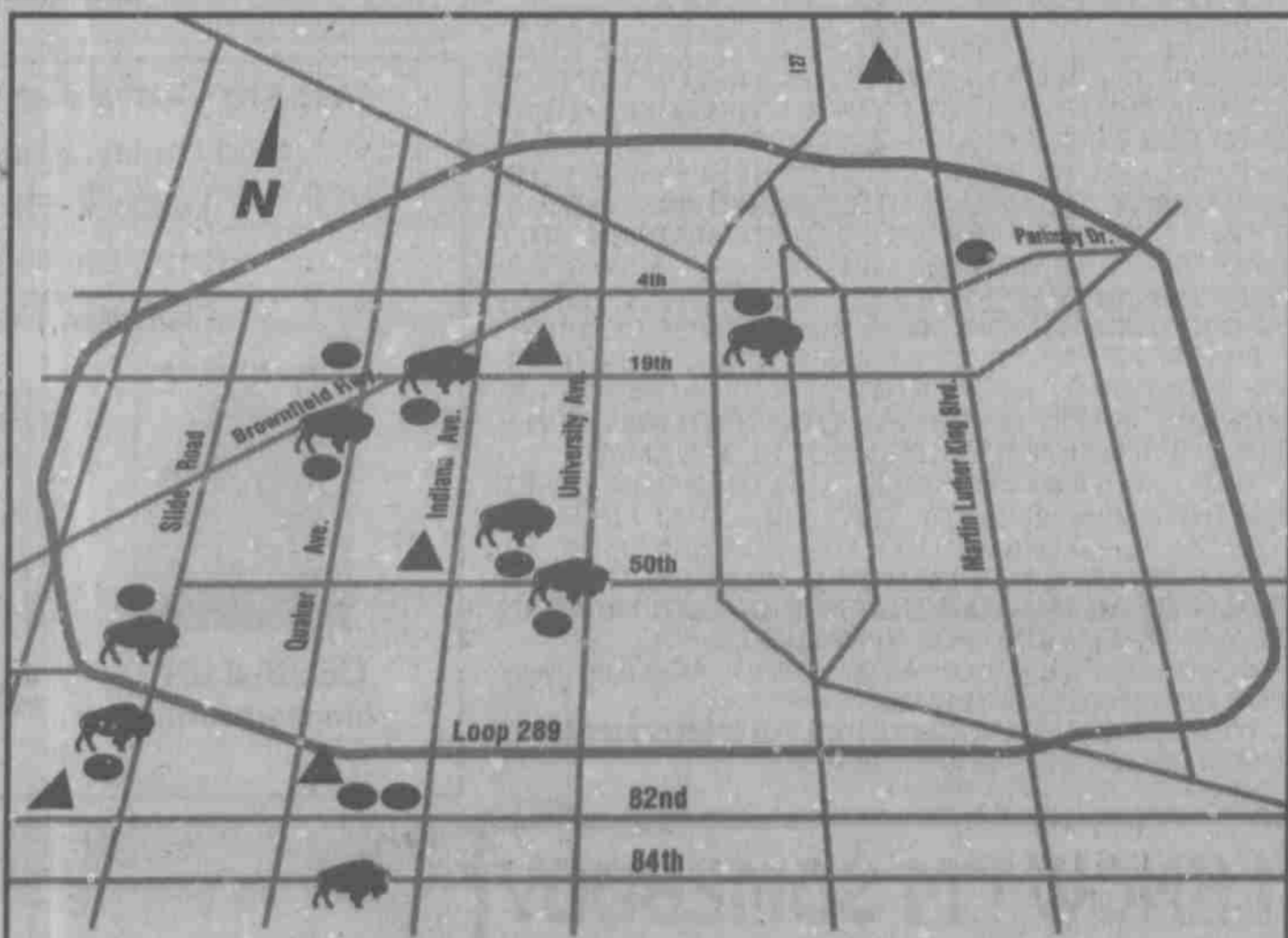
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Ezekiel 22:1,2, MOREOVER THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME UNTO ME, SAYING, NOW, THOU SON OF MAN, WILT THOU JUDGE, WILT THOU JUDGE THE BLOODY CITY? YEA, THOU SHALT SHEW HER ALL HER ABOMINATIONS.

WE KNOW THE FATHER IS SUPPOSE TO BE THE LEADER; OF THE HOUSEHOLD, GOD PUT MAN THERE; AS ADAM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, HE WAS TOLD.

Proverb 1:8,9, MY SON, HEAR THE INSTRUCTION OF THY FATHER, AND FORSAKE NOT THE LAW (TEACHINGS) OF THY MOTHER: FOR THEY SHALL BE AN ORNAMENT OF GRACE UNTO THY HEAD, AND CHAINS ABOUT (NOT GOLD) ABOUT THY NECK.

BUT THE DEVIL: HE LIED TO THE WOMAN; LIKE IN THE GARDEN: TO EVE, YOU HAVE YOUR RIGHTS TO BE LIKE A MAN; TODAY SHE'S BEEN DECEIVED!!!

(THE DEVIL LIE'S: WOMAN RIGHTS, CHILDREN RIGHTS, RUN AWAY RIGHTS, DRUG RIGHTS, SHACKING RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, KKK RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, SHOOT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD RIGHTS, DRIVING DRUNK RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, CONDOMS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, SHOOT THE POLICE RIGHTS, CHILDREN 911 RIGHTS BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE WRONGS; RIGHTS.)

THIS WHOLE COUNTRY SEEMS TO BE FATHERLESS; AND ITS TRUE ON A WHOLE, AND WE'RE GOING DOWN FAST; NO LEADERS; AND YOU DON'T NEED TO BE TOLD.

PROVERB 22:28,29, REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT (ETERNITY) LANDMARK, WHICH THY FATHERS HAVE SET. SEEST THOU A MAN DILIGENT IN HIS BUSINESS? HE SHALL STAND BEFORE KINGS; HE SHALL NOT STAND BEFORE MEAN MEN.

THE ARM OF THE FATHERLESS HAS BEEN BROKEN; IN MANY, MANY, WAYS, (THE MOTHER WHO IS TRYING TO TRAIN THEIR CHILDREN; SHE'VE BECOME THEIR SLAVE.

PROVERB 23:13,14, WITHHOLD NOT CORRECTION FROM THY CHILD; FOR IF THOU BEATEST (SPANK) HIM WITH THE ROD, HE SHALL NOT DIE. THOU SHALT BEAT (SPANK) HIM WITH THE ROD, AND DELIVER HIS SOUL FROM HELL.

THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS HANDS ARE TIED; AFRAID OF THEIR CHILDREN RIGHT'S, GOD WANT YOU TO TRAIN "HIS CHILDREN" ANYTIME; DAY AND NIGHT!!!

PROVERB 22:15, FOOLISHNESS IS BOUND IN THE HEART OF A CHILD; BUT THE ROD OF CORRECTION SHALL DRIVE IT FAR FROM HIM (THAT IS TRAINING).

(I THANK GOD FOR THE LOVE OF MY SON: KYRON AND HIS WIFE CYNTHIA. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN, AND HE HAS TWO ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE HOME; YET CYNTHIA WELCOMES THEM INTO HER LIFE, BECAUSE HE LOVES HIS CHILDREN AND WANTS TO BE A PART OF THEIR LIVES. THE CHILDREN CALL ONE ANOTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS; NOT HALF BROTHER AND SISTERS, BUT BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THEY DIDN'T ASK TO COME INTO THIS WORLD!!!! YET THEY NEED LOVE; CYNTHIA AND KYRON; THEY'RE MY HERO'S. PRAISE GOD!!!)

PSALM 127: 3,5a, LO, CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD; AND FRUIT OF THE WOMB IS HIS REWARD. HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT HATH HIS QUIVER FULL OF THEM: THEY SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED.

MANY MEN GET CHILDREN; AND THEN DON'T TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY, THEY TELL THAT LIE FROM THE DEVIL; TO THE MOTHER ITS: YO-BABY!!!

PROVERB 27:8 AS A BIRD THAT WANDERETH FROM HER NEST, SO IS A MAN THAT WONDERETH FROM HIS PLACE (NOT CARING FOR HIS YOUNG.)

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

A Preacher's Love Affair



"Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard." Isaiah 5:1.

True preachers have a love affair with God's people. Like Isaiah, they care enough about the community of faith to speak the truth about it and to it. Sometimes, the community doesn't like the words of the preacher, but the community should honor the way a forthright preacher reminds it of its responsibilities.

Many church members prefer to steer clear of talk about God's judgment. They prefer to hear about a God who's religion presents a folksy, solicitous deity who perpetually smiles on us regardless of what we do. But the God presented in Scriptures hold us accountable. He especially insists that we, His community of faith, live responsibly.

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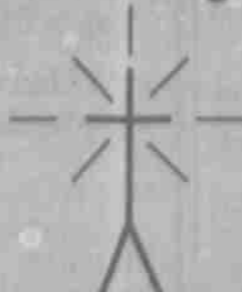


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HARRY BELAFONTE RECEIVES UNICEF AWARD FOR HUMANITARIAN WORK FOR CHILDREN



New York, NY (May 12, 1997)— Veteran entertainer Harry Belafonte, who popularized calypso over forty years ago, was today honored by the United Nations for his humanitarian work on behalf of children around the world. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, presented Belafonte with the UNICEF Silver Statuette to commemorate ten years as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said of Belafonte, "I have been personally gratified by the many visits that you have made to the children of Africa --

from Mozambique to Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Zaire and Zimbabwe. On behalf of our United Nations, I thank you for your noble service and tireless work."

Belafonte has long drawn on his musical talent and background to spotlight the plight of the needy children of the world. He has held benefit concerts and sung with top artists such as Youssou N'Dour, Miriam Makeba, Hugh Masekela, Manu Dibango, Johnny Clegg and Maxi Priest. His humanitarian efforts abroad have focused on Africa, such as when he supported the first Day of the African Child. Memorably, in 1995, he brought together 45 top performers to raise money for the Ethiopian famine and other African emergencies by recording "We Are the World."

In October 1994 Belafonte was awarded The National Medal of the Arts, one of the highest United States honors. It was presented at the White House by President Bill Clinton after Belafonte and his wife, Julie, visited Rwanda and Zaire in the wake of the

massacres in Rwanda. Belafonte orchestrated a media campaign to raise awareness of the extensive and urgent needs of Rwandan children who had fled their homes and, in many cases, became separated from their parents.

"Mr. Belafonte has clearly shown what a well-known and well-respected personality can accomplish for children in need all over the world. His achievements have been countless. It is now my pleasure to add one more award to that crowded mantle," said Bellamy, who presented the Statuette at an award luncheon at the United Nations.

During his distinguished career Belafonte has won a Tony and an Emmy and was a leading force behind the civil rights movement. The UNICEF Silver Statuette has been previously presented only four times during the organization's 50-year history. The other recipients have been UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors Sir Peter Ustinov, Danny Kaye, Liv Ullmann and Tetsuko Kuroyanagi.

NAACP Holds Discussion on Race, Ethnicity & America's Future

WASHINGTON — A multi ethnic think tank held a two day discussion in Washington June 18 and 19 under the leadership of NAACP Chairman Myrtle Evans-Williams on the changing context of race relations and what the future holds for all races in America. The discussion is under the auspices of The Medgar Evers Institute will take place at the Washington Hilton and will include individuals of all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Entitled, "Race, Ethnicity and America's Future," the private discussion include a small group of individual from a variety of backgrounds and will focus on the changing directions in race relations in the country. The group will also concentrate on demographic, attitudinal and political trends and present a mandate for consideration by the NAACP for the 21st century.

"We want to use the momentum of this moment to capture the thoughts and ideas of important thinkers in our society," said NAACP Chairman Myrtle Evers-Williams. "We must refocus and reinvent our

approach before this fleeting window of national opportunity closes"

The discussion will include people from academic, government, the arts, business and the non-profit sector. The enabling grant was donated by Rob Reiner and Castle Rock Entertainment, producers of the film, "Ghost of Mississippi." Dr. Terrence Roberts, a clinical psychologist and professor at Antioch University who was also a member of the "Little Rock Nine," will moderate the sessions.

The discussions are private to encourage frank discussion and honest dialog. Summaries of the sessions will be given to NAACP leaders at the NAACP 88th Annual Convention in Pittsburgh (July 12-17). Proactive strategies will be introduced by Chairman Evers-Williams during her keynote address on Sunday, July 13. The project was planned by Dr. Milton Morris who is Director of International Affairs and Diversity Programs for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

MY GAY PROBLEM, YOUR BLACK PROBLEM PART II

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Ph.D.

Have Black attitudes toward gays undergone much of change today? Hardly. Rappers such as Ice Cube still rap that "Real niggers ain't faggots." Leading Afrocentrists have sworn that "homosexuality is a deviation from Afrocentricity." And bushels of Black ministers, with generous support from their white Christian fundamentalist brethren, still brand homosexuality "a sin before God." Some Blacks have escalated their low intensity warfare against gays to an all out "take no prisoners" battle.

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has made it almost part of his divine mission to attack homosexuality. Even though the Million Man March publicly welcomed gays and treated the ones who participated civilly, no one really believed that this represented a sea of change in attitude among Blacks toward gays. If some did, Farrakhan quickly dispelled that notion in a TV interview with Evans and Novack in March, 1997. He made it clear that he still regarded homosexuality as an "unnatural act" and would discourage the practice whenever and wherever he could.

Some traditional civil lights leaders have continued to denounce homophobia and urge support of gay rights. They remind Blacks that homophobia and racism are two sides of the same coin and that many of the same white conservatives, from Pat Buchanan to Jerry Falwell, that relentlessly savage gays are the same ones that relentlessly savage civil rights gains.

They are right, but their argument still cut little weight with many Blacks. The one and only comprehensive survey conducted in 1995 to measure Black attitudes toward gays, found that Blacks, like whites, hadn't slackened up on their hostility one

bit. More damning and ominous for Blacks is the fact that they still continued to pile special scorn on Black gay men. The one potential bright spot in this even has a taint. The survey found that there was less anti-gay sentiment among the more educated, less religious and more affluent Blacks, but ONLY if the gay male was white. They still cast Black gay men deep in the nether world of contempt.

That anti-gay feeling runs so deep among many African Americans that there is a virtual "Black-out" of any discussion or activities of Black gay men. Black gays and lesbians have held a number of National Black Gay Conferences since 1987. Yet there has been only the scantiest mention of them in the Black press. The national gay and lesbian publication, BLK might as well gather dust in the Smithsonian Museum for all that most Blacks know about it.

Black gay men continue to feel like men without a people. They carry the triple burden of being Black, male, and gay. They are rejected by many Blacks and sense that they are only barely tolerated by white gays. Many Black gay men feel trapped, tormented and confused by this quandary. They are still forced to repress, hide and deny their sexuality from family members, friends, and society.

Black gay men worry that the hatred of other Black men towards them won't change as long as they (heterosexual Black men) feel that their manhood is subverted, accept America's artificial standard of manhood, and anti-gay attitudes remain firmly rooted in much of the American public.

This will only change when more Black leaders understand that when you scratch a homophobe underneath

you'll invariably find someone who will deny you all your civil rights. And when more Black men realize that Black gay bashing will win no brownie points with conservatives and will certainly not make them any more sympathetic to Black people. Khalid Muhammad, the former national spokesman for the Nation of Islam, found that out. In a widely publicized speech in 1994, he made one of the most devastating and disgusting public assaults on gays. Yet he remains one of the most vilified Black men in America.

Some of the leaders who upheld the spirit of the Million Man March were gays. This was a positive step in that it was tacit recognition that all Black men, regardless of sexuality, face many of the same problems. But it in no way meant that the majority of Black men were willing to completely accept Black gay men as brothers and equals.

In time, more gay Black men will come out of the closet and more heterosexual Black men will meet them, get to know them better, or in some cases, discover that they have known them all along. This will force even more Black men to reexamine their own faulty definitions of manhood and confront their own homophobia. This will go far toward ridding them of their fear of Black gays as their bogeymen.

But mostly I hope that more Black men are wise enough to see that they should be the last ones in America to jettison other Blacks who may be in a position to make valuable contributions to the struggle for political and economic empowerment. It took time for me to learn all of this, but I did, because I no longer wanted my gay problem to be my Black problem.

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"For 50 Years and into the Future, Every Child is Our Child" "U.S. Committee for UNICEF Ambassador Laurence Fishburne Travels to War-Torn Africa on Goodwill Mission"



New York, NY (--) -- Following in the footsteps of legendary UNICEF Ambassadors Audrey Hepburn and Harry Belafonte, Laurence Fishburne traveled to war-torn Liberia last week during a three-day mission with the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. It was the first goodwill mission for the actor, playwright, director, and producer who was appointed a National Ambassador for the U.S. Committee for UNICEF in June 1996.

While in Liberia, a country currently surviving with no electrical power or running water, Mr. Fishburne visited numerous UNICEF-assisted projects that aid the many women and children who have been affected by a seven-year civil war. It is estimated that more than 15,000 children were recruited to serve as soldiers for the armed factions, forcing them to participate and witness violent acts of brutality.

UNICEF is currently helping war-affected youth rebuild their lives by teaching them trades that will enable them to earn a living in the future. Mr.

Fishburne visited two such projects where children ages 8 - 17 are being trained in agriculture, sewing, tool-making, carpentry, and soap-making. The children also receive trauma counseling to help relieve the scars of war.

Reflecting on the children who have been traumatized by the war, Mr. Fishburne said, "These children are a living example of the best of human nature. They have no bitterness. They just want to gain the skills necessary to reconstruct their lives. They are truly the country's most valuable resource and I will work diligently towards helping them achieve their goals." Mr. Fishburne also visited one of many camps that houses approximately 180,000 internally displaced Liberians. The shelters are overcrowded and lack adequate access to safe water and sanitation. The danger of outbreak of diseases, such as cholera and diarrhea, looms large. UNICEF works with local non-governmental organizations to provide medicines, latrines, and wells. During the mission, Mr. Fishburne also had the opportunity to visit two schools, one of which was the scene of a 1990 massacre of 600 people, 75 percent of which were women and children.

Founded in 1847 by freed Black slaves from the southern United States, Liberia is Africa's oldest independent republic. It is bordered by Sierra Leone to the west, Guinea to the north, and Cote d'Ivoire to the east. The civil war, the bloodiest chapter in the country's history, began on December 24, 1989 and has killed more than 150,000 people. Another

750,000 people forced to flee their homes have become internally displaced, and an estimated 768,000 people are now refugees in neighboring countries.

Mr. Fishburne was accompanied on his mission by Charles J. Lyons, president of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF. Mr. Lyons said, "We were extremely pleased to lead Mr. Fishburne on this field visit to Liberia. Not only is it an important part of his continuing education about UNICEF, but we were able to visit projects that were directly funded by money donated by the people of the United States."

In his role as a U.S. Committee for UNICEF National Ambassador, Mr. Fishburne joins Maya Angelou, Katie Couric, Jane Curtin, Edward James Kibberd, and James Olmos as a spokesperson and advocate for the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, helping to raise greater awareness and funds in the U.S. on behalf of millions of children in more than 140 developing countries.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the U.S. Committee for UNICEF works for the survival, protection, and development of children worldwide through education, advocacy, and fundraising. To make a contribution or inquire about volunteer opportunities, please call 1-800-FOR-KIDS or write the U.S. Committee for UNICEF at 333 East 38th Street, New York, NY 10016. Additional information on Mr. Fishburne's mission to Liberia is listed under "Laurence Fishburne's Daily Diary from Africa" on the U.S. Committee for UNICEF homepage at <http://www.unicefusa.org>.

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Rev J Jerome Johnson

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