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## NATIONAL NEWS

### National Government Apology Forthcoming in Tuskegee Syphilis Study?

Remaining participants in the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, the 40-year experiment financed by the United States government and conducted by the United States Public Health Service to observe the effects of untreated syphilis in African Americans, are seeking an audience with the President and an apology from the government. The request was made at a press conference in Netasulga, AL, one of the collection sites for participants in the Study. Accompanied by attorney Fred D. Gray, legal counsel for the participants, the men expressed their views and concerns in relation to injustices depicted in the recently aired HBO film, *Miss Evers Boys*. "This movie is in no way representative of the actual events which I endured for 40 years," said Charlie Pollard, lead plaintiff in the lawsuit against the United States government and other entities for wrongful acts conducted during the Study. "To allow men to suffer and die in the name of science is inhuman and vile," said Gray. "There is a reason that African Americans and other minorities do not participate in large numbers in test programs for cures of diseases and illnesses...many remember all too well the Tuskegee Syphilis Study and the inhuman treatment of the 600-plus African-American men," Gray further informed.

### Lowery Asks Memphis D.A. to Grant Immunity to Confessed King Murder Conspirator

The Reverend Joseph E. Lowery, president of the South Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), met on the eve of the 29th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Williams Gibbons, Memphis District Attorney, to urge that he grant immunity to a confessed conspirator in the assassination on April 4, 1968. Lloyd Jowers, a Memphis businessman who operated a restaurant in the building where James Earl Ray rented a room and allegedly from which he shot Dr. King, confessed his role in the plot to kill King. He admitted meeting with a group on more than one occasion to plan the assassination and said he received money from a New Orleans/Memphis underworld figure who is mentioned in other accounts of the killing. Jowers said he will reveal all he knows if granted immunity. Lowery urged Gibbons to grant immunity so that the truth can be pursued. Such an act, he suggested, could restore public confidence in the justice system, since many believe that there has been an attempt to cover up the truth about a conspiracy. Lowery used South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission as an example of the benefits of uncovering truth. He said, "In South Africa the government is considering granting immunity to even the killers of Steve Biko, a MLK-type figure, in order to bring forth the truth about crimes committed under the oppressive apartheid regime in order to find truth and facilitate the journey to healing and reconciliation."

### NANBPW New Horizon Awards Presented

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. (NANBPW), the country's oldest business and professional organization for women of color, recently presented its history makers award to two African-American women in the areas of technology and government. U.S. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Margo H. Briggs, president and CEO of Executive Security & Engineering Technologies, Inc. were presented with NANBPW's New Horizon Awards at the second annual awards program. In accepting her award, Congresswoman Norton paid tribute to former U.S. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm of New York, the first Black woman in Congress who she credits with "paving the way" for Black women to become involved in the women's movement. "She is the first Black woman in history to make Black women understand they could be Black and a feminist at the same time," she said of Chisholm. Briggs, who was unable to attend, founded her company in 1985 and provides telecommunication and securities to private sector firms and government including the Department of Defense. She was appointed by President Clinton in June, 1996 to serve on the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, the first African-American woman to receive such an appointment.



From Left: Eleanor Holmes Norton, U.S. Congresswoman; Margo H. Briggs, President and CEO of Executive Security & Engineering Technologies, Inc. (ES&E). Photo by [unreadable]

## Vernita Woods-Holmes Named "Elementary Administrator of the Year"



Vernita Woods-Holmes was recently recognized by the Lubbock Classroom Teachers Association as the Elementary Administrator of the Year for 1997, and the Elementary Clinician of the year 1997, by Lubbock Christian University. Last year Mrs. Holmes received similar recognition by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association as TEPSAN of the year for Region 17.

## SENATOR ELLIS WINS PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

Austin, Tx. -- State Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) today won approval by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee for legislation (Senate Bill 80) that would strengthen the existing Texas hate crimes law by providing police, prosecutors, and judges with the clear language that they need to enforce the law and eradicate hate crimes in Texas.

One of the reasons for this legislation is that dedicated people in law enforcement are hesitant to report prosecute or sentence under our current hate crimes statute, not because of their willingness to fight hate crimes, but because they want clearer authority," said Ellis. "This legislation provides crystal clear statutory authority," said Ellis. "This legislation provides crystal clear language."

According to Ellis, with the passage of SB 80, Texas will adopt virtually identical language to the Wisconsin hate crimes statute whose constitutionality was upheld by a 1993 unanimous decision of the United States Supreme Court written by Chief Justice Rehnquist. Furthermore, an amicus brief in support of the Wisconsin language was filed and endorsed by the attorneys general of all fifty states in the nation, including our own Attorney General Dan Morales.

Ellis said that the passage

## SCOTT ENJOYING POLITICAL LIFE IN NEW MEXICO



Lou Scott, Clovis, New Mexico liaison for State Rep. Brett Johnson, is shown visiting with Elizabeth Dole at a American Red Cross meeting in Dallas, Texas recently.

A relative of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas Lou Scott, is doing well as a Clovis, New Mexico liaison for State Representative Brett Johnson. He is shown above with Elizabeth Dole, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross while was attending a meeting with her in Dallas, Texas recently.

Not only does he serve as liaison for District 63, but he is a member of the National Association of Fund Raising Executives, Chairman of Financial Development Committee, ZIA Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a Mediator for the Magistrate Court.

He is also a graduate of Slaton High School and father of twelve children. He is a single parent, since his wife is deceased.

"What I want to be about is seeing there are educational opportunities for young people in America, particularly people of color.

Scott was in town this week visiting with T. J. Patterson, City Councilman, about some economic opportunities.

Hopefully, more will be heard about this visit in the very near future. According to Scott, this opportunity could help in various neighborhood associations.

## BETHUNE-DuBOIS FUND ANNOUNCES HONOREES FOR 12th ANNUAL DINNER



William C. Brooks, Honorable Cynthia A. McKinney, Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, Frances M. Mazique, John J. Sweeney

In keeping with its time-honored tradition, the Bethune-DuBois Fund (BDF) will salute five national pioneers at its 12th Annual Dinner. Its 1997 honorees are:

Mr. William C. Brooks, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for General Motors and Chairman of the GM Foundation; Frances Margurite Mazique, Ph.D., Past President of the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association and Past President/Founder of The Edward C. Mazique Parent/Child Center, The Honorable Cynthia McKinney, U.S. Congresswoman from the Fourth District of the State of Georgia; The Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, Chairman/Founder of the Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., and Retired U.S. Representative from Maryland's Seventh District, and Mr. John J. Sweeney, President of the AFL-CIO.

BDF's 12th Annual Dinner will be held: **WHEN:** Thursday, May 8, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 P.M., preceded by a VIP Reception at 6:00 P.M. **WHERE:** The Sheraton Washington Hotel 2660 Woodley Road, N.W. (at Connecticut Avenue) Washington, D.C.

BDF was named in the memory of two great African Americans, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, to sustain and magnify their educational and philosophical legacies. BDF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization which sponsors internships and training programs, monthly leadership and issue forums, summer camp projects and mentoring programs designed to provide guidance and motivation to young promising leaders. BDF also publishes *Vital Issues: A Journal of African American Speeches*, which is the first and only publication dedicated solely to the preservation and the dissemination of information on political and socioeconomic concerns of the African-American community.

**NOTICE!** The Southwest Digest is now in its 20th year. Watch out for a major event coming in the future.



## Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2602 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy Moton is the proud pastor.

Morning services began with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the Superintendent of the Youth Department presiding. There were 30 minutes of instruction, and all classes reassembled singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 3 with Sister Cooper as the teacher with one student making some positive comments. All comments were very well done.

Secretary's Report: Adult Department - Class No. 4 lost the Offering Banner to Class No. 2.

The morning devotional period was led by Brother and Sister Clarence Ervin.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "Woke Up This Morning With My Mind On Jesus." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "See What The Lord Has Done." Scripture was read by Brother Garnett Lee with prayer given by Sister Julia Swain. Another song, "Hold On," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "Blessed Be Thy Name."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. Pastor Moton brought greetings from church meeting in Port Arthur, Texas last week. Another song, "Trust In God," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "I Will Trust In The Lord."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Stay In Church, Stay Connected." His scripture was St. John 15:4. It was a very powerful message. He left something for our congrega-

tion to search oneself during the upcoming week and months as well as years.

Last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. the 70th Church Anniversary was observed with special guest being members of the Happy Union Baptist Church of Plainview, Texas and Mt. Gillead Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them is Cynthia Gatewood who fell and broke her wrist in Dallas, Texas last week.

Among our bereaved families is Brother Ulysses Kelly's brother, Earnest, who passed last Friday in El Paso, Texas. Services are pending at this report.

Earl Wheeler was funeralized last Saturday morning at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. He was Sister Dorothy Hood's brother. Prayer will see us through it all.

The Senior Choir of New Hope Baptist Church really did sing out of their hearts last Sunday morning. It appeared as though everyone came to praise the Lord.

The Matron Circle visited Sister G.H. Davis last week at the Hospitality Nursing Home. She really did enjoy seeing those who came to visit her.

Continue to pray for T.J. Patterson's brother Hershel James Patterson, Jr., who is in a nursing home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Freddy Simmons of Chicago, Illinois is home from the hospital and is doing nicely at this report. Thank you for your prayers.

Ms. Seales' mother had her leg amputated last week.

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Three cheers for Tiger Woods plus four more!

## COSMETOLOGY TEST DATE SET

LEVELLAND -- A pre-entrance exam for South Plains College's cosmetology program is scheduled April 24.

SFC's next round of cosmetology classes begin June 1.

The test will be given 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the SPC Student Assistance Center, on the third floor of the Library building. Fee is \$4.

Students completing the 12-month program will receive a certificate of proficiency and be eligible to take the state exam licensing them

as cosmetologist.

Rules and regulations of the Texas Cosmetology Commission, theory and skills of shampooing, hair and scalp treatment, hair cutting, chemical hair relaxing, hair styling and shaping, manicuring, cold waving, hair coloring and facials will be covered in the course.

For more information, contact the Guidance and Counseling Office or cosmetology program at 894-9611, ext. 2366 or 2287.

## MILITARY NEWS

Cory A. Organ has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Roswell, N.M.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as

\$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Organ, a senior at Roswell High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for military basic training July 24, 1997.

He is the son of Debbie J. Organ of 1607 W. Hendricks of Roswell, and Les L. Organ of 6402 Albany Ave., Lubbock, Texas.

Army Pvt Lisa M. Graves has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, mili-

tary justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Graves is the daughter of Donald J. Graves of 204 - Awastasia Drive, Modesto, and Linda Sue Robinson of Rural Route 1, Lubbock.

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### New Community Coordinator

December 17th 1996  
Blanchie Swisher was elected Community Coordinator, which meets the first Monday of every month. Blanchie works as Community Coordinator for the AARP.

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# COPING

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner  
You Can Succeed In Spite of Difficulties

Here are three letters that have the same basic theme: "I don't have what it takes to succeed." My suggestions follow the letters.

**Dear Dr. Faulkner:**  
I have been drinking for years. Each time I stop and try to get off the liquor, something just makes me go back to it. I am weak. I can't stop drinking. Can you help me?  
Jim Seattle, Washington

**Dear Jim:**  
You can stop drinking. You have done it before and you can do it again, permanently. Perhaps you need assistance but the decision to save your own life and protect your health is yours to make. You certainly don't drink when you are asleep or in the shower. You don't drink when you are kissing your loved one. You can stop drinking. You do it all the time. There is no mysterious force compelling you to drink. It is solely a decision that you make to continue drinking. To get started on your road to success, you must do two things. First, stop telling yourself that you can't stop drinking,

because you are lying to yourself and believing your own lies. Second, stop thinking irrationally. You have stopped drinking for long periods in the past and can do it again if your physician told you that you would die if you take another drink, you would stop immediately. That is logical, rational thinking. Your present thinking is emotional, not logical. Since we know that you have the ability to think logically, put that mind of yours to use and do the right thing to protect your own health. Then, get the psychological assistance that you need from a professional counselor.

**Dear Dr. Faulkner:**  
I am going through a period of deep depression that I can't control because my husband is involved in a relationship outside of our marriage. The lady he has dated works with him. He said that he would discontinue the relationship but I have given up on him and refuse to accept his apologies and promises. Should I seek a divorce? He is the scum of the earth.

Wouldn't it make me look foolish to give him another chance? MD, Cincinnati  
**Dear M.D.:**

If your information is correct about your husband, it still doesn't prove that he is the "scum of the earth." It does prove, however, that he is a fallible human being, just as we all are. If we told every person who made a mistake to get out, everyone would be rejected, including ourselves. Typically, illicit marital behavior is grounds for separation or divorce when it is a proven, regular activity that continues in spite of promises to refrain. A single incident may not in itself, constitute grounds for destroying a relationship whose positive benefits, in retrospect, may outweigh the negative. Get competent marital advice.

**Dear Dr. Faulkner:**  
I have been on one diet after another and really do want to lose weight. I was on a diet for three weeks, but I went out with some friends and stupidly ate the wrong food. Then I said, the heck with it and got completely off the diet. I'm a first class fool and really hate myself.  
Janice, Baltimore

**Dear Janice:**  
You are none of the negative names which you unfairly give yourself. When you think of yourself in those terms, you simply make yourself more stressed, which causes the compulsion to eat. You are a person who made a mistake. No one is perfect. The thing for you to do is to stop making yourself feel bad when you make a mistake. Don't look back, but look ahead to improving yourself. The most important thing to consider is the commitment that you are making for the future. Waste no more time lambasting yourself for past behavior. Look ahead to better times. Make a commitment and stay with it from now on.

# Obituary



**M.L. WILLIAMS, JR.**  
Funeral services were held for M.L. "Jr. Medlow" Williams, Jr. at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Tuesday, April 22, 1997 with Rev. J.J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Ossis Funeral Home.

Williams died thursday, April 17, 1997 at University Medical Center from a long bout with cancer.

Jr. Medlow was born August 12, 1953 in Lubbock, and lived in Austin and Houston

before returning in 1993. He was a rhythm and blues musician who played with stars such as James Brown, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Chris Duarte and Cobra. He belonged to Junior Medlow and the Bad Boys and the East Side All Stars. He performed various Lubbock clubs and civic events over the past two decades.

He graduated from Coronado High School where he played basketball, football, baseball and track.

Survivors include two sons, Michael LePaul of Lubbock, Texas and Peter Conrad of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Camille Christine of Lubbock, Texas; his mother, Zela Williams of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Dyann Dee Dee of Lubbock, Texas; and two grandchildren.

The Southwest Digest published a story on Jr. Medlow in November, 1996.



**BINNIE HARPER**  
Final rites were read Monday, April 21, 1997 for Binnie Mary Harper at the A.W. Wilson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jackie J. Johnson, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harper died Thursday, April 17, 1997 at the University Medical Center.

She was born June 14, 1927 in

Longview, Texas. She attended public school in Longview, and moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1955. She married Maurice Harper on October 20, 1978.

She worked at the Youth Detention Center in Lubbock for several years before retiring.

Survivors include her husband, Maurice Harper of Lubbock, Texas; two step-sons, Darrell Taylor and Anthony Harper, both of Lubbock, Texas; a step-daughter, Wanda Boyd of Lubbock, Texas; and a brother, Boots Kates of California.



**EARL WHEELER**  
Funeral services were held Saturday morning, April 19, 1997, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church for Mrs. Earl Wheeler with Rev. W.D. Davis, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Homer Avery, pastor of the First Progressive Church.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Cemetery in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Wheeler died Tuesday, April 15, 1997 in St. Mary Hospital.

A native of Waxahachie, Texas, he was born January 11, 1923. He married Carrie Wheeler on May 7, 1984 in Lubbock,

Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Carrie Wheeler of Lubbock, Texas; two sons, Carl Earl of Lubbock, Texas and Victor of Amarillo, Texas; seven daughters: Lillian Samuel of Riverside, California, Earline Bingham of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Linda Wheeler of DeSoto, Texas, Debra Wheeler of Denver, Colorado, Cynthia Wheeler of Los Angeles, California, Estella Johnson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Deana Jeragan of Palo Alto, California; two step-sons, Cecil Ross of Irving, Texas and Tim Malone of Houston, Texas; a brother, S.L. Wheeler of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three sisters: Dorothy Hood and Irma Faye Crawford, both of Lubbock, Texas and Emma Lee Echols of Dallas, Texas; 21 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren.



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LEARNED SOMETHING THE OTHER DAY!! While attending the...C.B. STUBBLEFIELD JAM SESSION...THIS N THAT...had an opportunity to visit with...BURNIE CHAPMAN...who is a...FARRIER...a person who...PUT HORSE SHOES...on horses...as well as being an educator...consultant and lecturer...He advised...This n that...that most of the winners of the...KENTUCKY DERBY...were farried by...BLACK FARRIERS...at least those who were winners of the Kentucky Derby...That's good...BLACK HISTORY! More later!

CONGRATS!! THIS N THAT...would like to take this...TIME...and say...CONGRATS...to the members of the...LOS PREMIERS...who were honored last Friday afternoon...at the...BUDDY HOLLY TERRACE...as well as...GEORGE ASHBURN...Meadow Musical promoter...The...Los Premiers...who are "home grown" talent...GEORGE SULAICA...JESSE REYES...CATARINO MOJICA...VICTOR SALAZAR...LAZARO AGUILAR...FRANK DIMAS...BIDAL AGUERO...SANTOS PRIETO...and...JOE CHAVEZ...CONGRATS!!

JR. MEDLOW WILL BE MISSED!! THIS N THAT...as well as...HUNDREDS OF BLUES FANS...will miss an African American man...who for the past two decades...made positive contributions to the...BLUES WORLD...He was JR. MEDLOW...who died here last Thursday evening...after a...LONG BOUT...with cancer...No doubt about it...JR. MEDLOW...will be missed in person...but his...INFRASTRUCTURE...in the...BLUES FIELD...will remain for years to come...

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## What the Digest Is; What the Digest is Not!

by Eddie P. Richardson



Some of you have read our flag on the editorial page of the Southwest Digest. If you have not read it, then here it is:

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People will react to that which is pressure, and we will publish these articles as precisely as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are

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## IN CINQUE

by Kenetta W. Howard



For child? There were very few reasons when corporal punishment was used. But years ago it was swift and effective.

Years ago, students received corporal punishment for failure to apply themselves to their studies; immoral behavior and callous behavior. Students have not changed. There is more to learn now and teachers are better qualified to teach now than ever before. So, where is the problem? It is time that we get 'in cinque' and permit teachers the freedom to teach children and the privilege to administer corporal punishment when it will be most effective, when needed.

When children come to school feeling that there is a limitation on what the teacher can teach and how the teacher can discipline them, they have no respect for teachers and always feel that they can go higher to do whatever they want to do and there is nothing that the teacher can do about it. Teachers need respect from children, parents, school boards, the general community and lawmakers. When we get 'in cinque' and turn schools back into institutions of learning, rather than testing grounds, diploma mills and holding places, education will take on a new meaning.

Teachers are limited in what they can and cannot do to improve learning in their various classrooms. Their rights are limited by school administrators, parents, school boards and children who know their rights. The main right that children know is "You'd better not hit me or I'll sue you. I'll get you fired!" This is also the main concern of too many parents. Just think. What would be a reason that a teacher would feel, want to or even think of hitting a child? What were the reasons in the olden days that a teacher hit a

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## Making Health Care More Affordable for America's Small Businesses

with Mac Thornberry



Anyone who's ever started a small business knows how rewarding and frustrating it can be. The rewards come from being your own boss and seeing the results of your work. The frustrations come from the taxes, regulations, and other costs which small businesses are forced to endure.

One of these costs is health care. Today in America, there are nearly 3 million self-employed individuals who can't afford health care for themselves. Congress began to fix this problem last year when it passed legislation to let small business owners deduct more of their health insurance costs at tax time. But more needs to be done.

I recently signed onto a bill which would raise the health insurance deduction to 100

percent and let small businesses write off all of the costs in this area. We should also give small business owners the option of setting up their own tax free Medical Savings Accounts to use for health care expenses -- whether it's for a trip to the doctor or a stay in the hospital.

The importance of small businesses to our cities and towns cannot be overstated. The establishment of a small business with 100 employees brings numerous benefits to a local economy, including over \$560,000 in additional retail sales each year and \$1,036,000 more in personal income.

If small businesses are the engines which drive our economy, then small business owners are the drivers. The more we can help them take care of business without having to worry about taking care of themselves, the better off we all will be.

## BUSINESS EXCHANGE

by William Reed

### ENTERPRISING BLACK WIDOWS

There was hardly a dry eye in Black America when Jackie Robinson strode onto Ebbets Field to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers in April of 1947. Blacks were tearful in April 1967 when Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. died at the hands of an assassin bullet at the Lorraine Hotel and in April 1996 when the plane ferrying Ron Brown crashed into a hillside in Europe. Assuredly, the most tears cried at those momentous times were from the eyes of Rachel Robinson, Coretta Scott King and Alma Brown. The first of their kind in their varying career pursuits, the untimely deaths of these men, forced their wives to carry on their legacies. Each woman has stepped up to the plate in an enterprising manner that has carried on their spouse's name and spirit of their works.

Rachel Robinson was Major League Baseball's teary-eyed guest of honor at Shea Stadium when the 50th anniversary of her husband's entrance into the major leagues was celebrated. But when viewed from the commercial prism, Robinson's widow has much reason to smile. The head of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, Rachel Robinson will benefit significantly from the marketing of her husband being the first African American to play Major League baseball. For example, she can obtain over \$5 million from U.S. Mint sales of 100,000 gold coins (\$200 each) and 200,000 silver coins (\$35 each) authorized by Congress and President Clinton, which bear a likeness of her husband's face on one side and him sliding to home plate on the obverse. Twenty-five years after his death, Jackie Robinson will be this year's top-drawing sports figure. Even though fans in multiple American League cities threw "Jackie" endorsed balls back onto playing fields, Robinson has been on the cover of General Mills' Wheaties, Honey Frosted

Wheaties and Crispy Wheaties 'n Raisins - the first time one person has been on all three boxes. You'll find likeness of Robinson on McDonald's Corp. tray liners, Coca-Cola's commemorative bottles and Apple and Nike commercials. There are Robinson keychains, T-shirts, jerseys, computer games, plaques and medallions for sale during this anniversary year. Rachel Robinson's licensing agreement gets her royalties that range from 7.5 percent to 15 percent of total sales of these items. Her 20-year-old foundation annually awards college scholarships of \$5,000 a year to 40 black students.

Before he died at 52, Robinson proved he was a commercial being and entrepreneur. He endorsed hats, bread, even Chesterfield cigarettes - despite the fact that he didn't smoke. "Business people can dig black power if it coincides with green power," Robinson wrote in his autobiography. After his career in baseball, during which his highest salary was \$42,000 a year (\$250,000 in current dollars), Robinson became an executive with the Chock Full 'n Nuts coffee chain and was chairman of the board of Harlem's Freedom National Bank.

Alma Brown has formed the Ronald H. Brown Foundation, of which her son Michael is president. Like Robinson's humanitarian organization, the Brown Foundation awards scholarships to deserving youth. But, Alma Brown, whose husband died as U.S. Commerce Secretary, has engaged herself in commercial and enterprising ventures. A former broadcasting executive and partner with her husband in a Washington, D.C. radio station, Mrs. Brown is now a vice president with the Chevy Chase Bank. Through

broad political and broadcasting linkages, Mrs. Brown has brokered a deal between Chevy Chase and BET Holdings Inc. toward the marketing of credit cards and other financial services to the nation's black middle-class. The \$5 billion asset base, Chevy Chase, plans to market a Visa credit card bearing the BET (Black Entertainment Television) logo as an affinity product with which BET's large national viewing audience can identify. If it works, the bank and BET will expand their financial services to home mortgage loans and home equity loans.

Coretta Scott King is the longest-time widow and best known. A former concert singer, Mrs. King has headed up the Atlanta-based Martin Luther King Center since the 1967 death of her Nobel Peace Prize-winning husband. Her principal income derives from attendance from the Center, lecturing and commercial use of Dr. King's name and artifacts. Not as commercially astute as her still-grieving counterparts - although the time she has been widowed she has garnered the most total revenues - she has recently completed a multimillion dollar book deal that should maintain her through her remaining years.

In light of the triumph of these ladies toward enterprise toward self-sufficiency, through initiative and enterprise, is it too much to ask the rest of Black America, "Why not stop self-pity and chronic "victimization," and put in place a viable economic legacy for our collective youth?"

## Keeping an eye on Texas

**Ah-choo! Allergies breeze in**

Lang onto that hankie. Pollen from trees, grasses and weeds that cause seasonal allergies reaches its height statewide in the spring. The pollinating season for these plants varies by geographic location—the further north, the later the pollinating period. Central Texas wins all around hands down. The National Allergy Bureau provides pollen and mold counts toll-free at 1-800-9-POLLEN.

Pollen seasons:	Tree	Grass	Ragweed
Dallas	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●
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Corpus Christi	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●
Brownsville	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●

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# SPORTS

## Estacado Football Coach Inducted Into Third Hall of Honor



Estacado football coach Louis Kelly will be inducted into his third hall of honor. He expects his inclusion in the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Hall of Honor to be the most cherished. Kelly, who has coached 36 years in Lubbock, will be enshrined with the 1997 class during a cere-

mony July 30 at the THSCA coaching school in Fort Worth.

"When you coach in Texas, that's the highest honor you can get," Kelly said. "I was just thinking the last couple of days of people in Lubbock who have received that award - Pete Ragus, Greg Sherwood, Bobby Moegle, and Spike Dykes. That's a pretty good field to be in. I just feel very honored to have been selected."

Kelley's two previous inductions were in the Abilene Public Schools Hall of Honor and the New Mexico State Hall of Honor.

## ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH 9TH GRADE BOYS WIN CITY

The exciting Hornets of Alderson Junior High School 9th Grade Boys won the City Track Meet in the Junior High School Division.

Here are some action photos of Alderson Junior High School students at the meet:

- Below left - O.C. Clark -- Hurdle Champion
- Below middle - 7th Grade Standouts in the 4x100 Relay Winners.
- Below right - Fighting the Turn

are Alvir Dawson, winner of 100 & 200; and Adrian Quigley.

•Below - Gloria Contee was Double Hurdle Winner. She stood up for the Girls of Alderson.



# Mississippi Mass Sings for Pope

Mississippi Mass Choir, the world's No. 1 gospel choir, was honored by performing for Pope John Paul II in Rome during the choir's tour of Italy.

The Malaco Records group was unexpectedly invited to sing for the Pope on March 31 after the choir performed several times at the famed Umbria Jazz Gospel & Soul Easter Festival in Terni, Italy. The choir also was chosen to close that festival tonight, as the headline artists following Patti LaBelle onstage.

Mississippi Mass Choir performed for the Pope at noon March 31 (Italy time, at his summer residence on the outskirts of Rome). The choir sang three songs for the pontiff -- including Jesus Paid It All from the choir's current hit album, I'll See You In The Rapture.

The Pope then offered a blessing to the touring choir, which included about 50 members of the 150-member Jackson, Miss. based group. The choir returned to the states April 1.

"It was an awesome event," Malaco Gospel Director Jerry Mannery said via telephone March 31 from Italy. "We performed and he received us and thanked us" in Italian and in English.

"The Pope said, 'I extend special greetings to the Mississippi Mass Choir from Jackson, Mississippi. Thank you

for your inspiring music. God bless you all. Happy Easter,'" Mannery later said.

This rather intimate performance came a day after the Pope led the Easter Sunday mass before an audience of some 100,000 in Rome's St. Peter's Square.

When word came during the festival that the choir might be able to sing for the Pope, people in Italy said such a spontaneous turn of events was highly unlikely -- if not impossible. But Mannery said the choir felt that if it was meant to be, it would happen. "Ours is a mighty God," Mannery said.

The Mississippi Mass Choir had departed Jackson for Italy on March 25 on the first leg of its 1997 world tour. Other stops later this summer will include a return to Greece, site of a previously acclaimed tour. While in Greece from July 5 through 15, the choir's performance halls will include the ancient Acropolis.

All world-touring stops feature the Mississippi Mass' first breakout star, Lillian Lily. Lillian -- whose debut solo album, (Gotta Have Faith, was just released by Malaco -- is the first singer to emerge from the choir as a solo recording artist.

Here and there, the Mississippi Mass

is guided by award-winning ministers of music Jerry Smith and David Curry.

The choir enjoys a massive following in the United States.

Riding high on its fifth hit album on Malaco Records, I'll See You In The Rapture, the choir recently swept up a 1997 Grammy Award nomination for the disc. The choir also won two of gospel's most-coveted Stellar Awards, as both Choir of the Year and Traditional Choir of the Year. Now, the choir is nominated for a Dove Award, the major annual awards in Christian music.

"I'll See you In The Rapture remains a solid hit on Billboard magazine's Top Gospel Albums chart for a 45th week. It has registered as high as No. 2 on the chart.

Founded in 1988, the Mississippi Mass Choir's debut album, The Mississippi Mass Choir Live, remained in the No. 1 slot atop the Billboard chart for 45 consecutive weeks -- setting a new record for a gospel recording. For its unprecedented popularity, Billboard gave the choir a Special Achievement Award.

The choir's other blockbuster hit albums have included Greatest Hits, the No. 1 God Gets The Glory and the No. 1 It Remains To Be Seen.

## Lisa Page Witness Lead Vocalist Releases Solo Album On CGI Records



More Than You'll Ever Know is the debut solo release from Lisa Page. Few vocal artists possess a style so distinctive and personal as does Lisa. Spending a little more than a decade fronting the ever so popular Gospel group WITNESS, Lisa steps out on More Than You'll Ever Know in grand fashion. Varying slightly from her Witness Sisters, Lisa boldly delivers a knock-out traditional smash in "Jesus Will See You Through" echoing such predecessors as Shirley Caesar, Mahalia Jackson, Albertina Walker and other legends.

Lisa and Witness are today's legends-in-the-making. On this freshman solo effort, Lisa stretches the music rubber band, providing a fla-

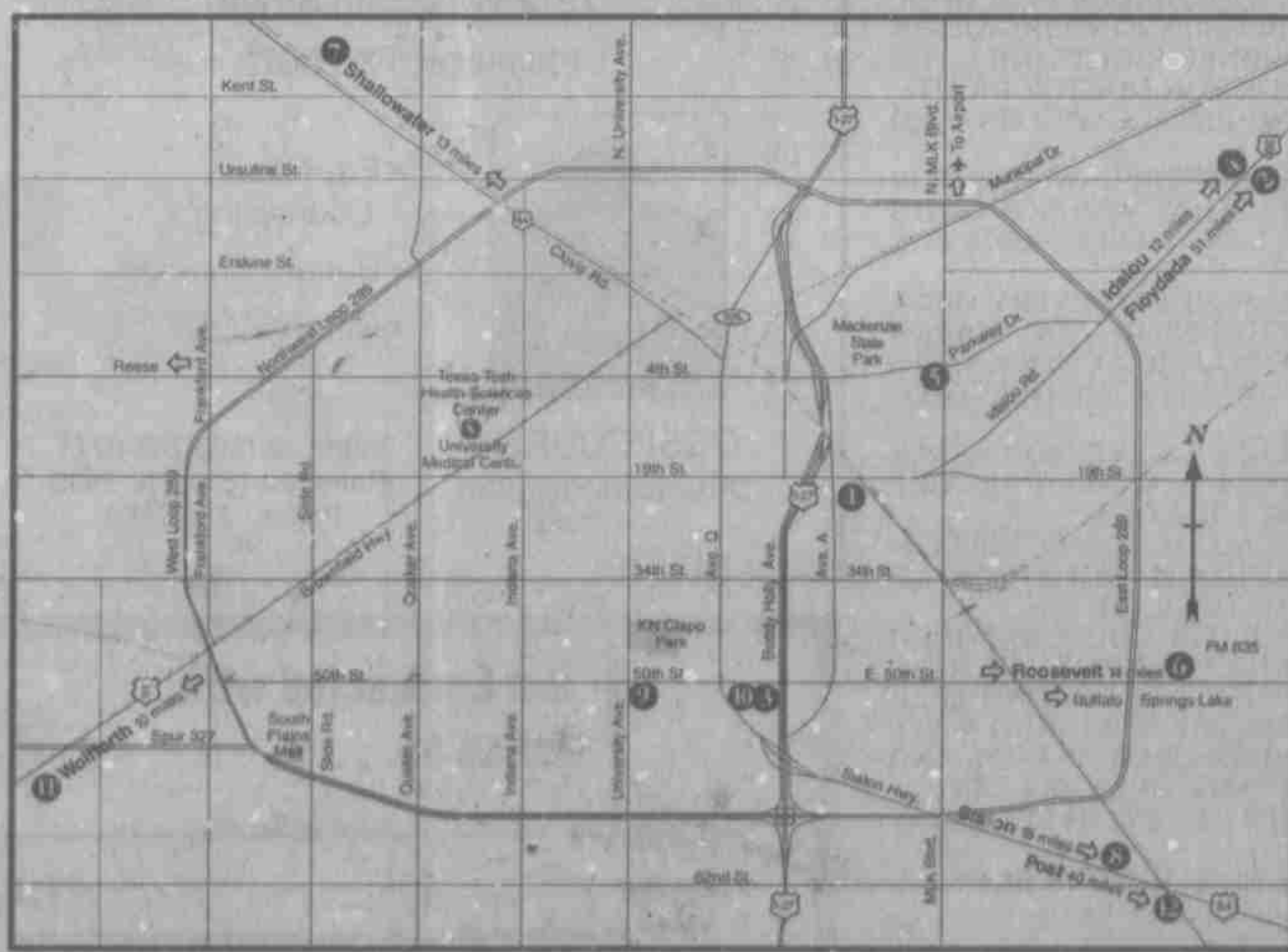
vor of traditional, contemporary and a jazz orchestration written and produced by her brother Ollie Harris along with the delightful upbeat "Working Together" featuring her 3 daughters (known as Page 3).

"It was a delight to work with my daughters on a record," says Lisa. "My oldest girl is 16 and they are always saying 'mommy I want to sing like you.' My daughters can really sing. By the way, they just completed a singing assignment on a United Way commercial."

In 1997, Lisa unified in matrimony with her and Witness' producer Michael Brooks, best known for his group "The Nation."

More Than You'll Ever Know features an array of selections such as the contemporary mid-tempo urban inspirational "Do It Again," the majestic "Learn How To Trust Him," and the jazz inspired "No Other God." Lisa stays true to her traditional Gospel roots on songs such as "The Truth," and choir-filled "Bless His Name" just to name a few.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY



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Matthew 17:5b, Behold a voice (God's) out of the cloud, which said, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; HEAR YE HIM.

JESUS, commanded THE CHURCHES TO GO; AND THE GOSPEL THEY'RE TO PREACH. BUT THE LUKEWARM CHURCHES; THEY BLOCKING ABORTION CLINICS; ITS NOT TO BE.

Mark 16:15, JESUS SAID, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD (SIN SYSTEM), AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.

THEY SAY THEY LED OF THE LORD AT THE CLINICS; BUT DOOR BLOCKING IS THEIR THEY HAVE A ZEAL WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE; BRINGING TO GOD; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

( HE THAT HATH AN EAR TO HEAR; LET HIM HEAR. When the CHURCHES are blocking the clinics door; and the POLICE have to remove you; YOU'RE A TROUBLE MAKER. THAT IS THEIR JOB! JESUS SAID; BLESSED ARE THE PEACE MAKERS; NOT TROUBLE MAKERS. YOU HAVE THE CHILDREN THERE; BREAKING THE LAWS! THAT IS NOT THE GOSPEL!!)

Proverb 4:5, GET WISDOM, GET UNDERSTANDING; FORGET IT NOT; NEITHER DECLINE FROM THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH.

WHEN THE CHURCH DON'T DO WHAT GOD SAY TO DO; THEY'LL DO SOMETHING ON THEIR OWN, TRYING TO MAKE THEMSELVES LOOK GOOD; THEY LEAVE GOD'S BUSINESS ALONG.

Mark 7:7,8a, JESUS SAID, HOWBEIT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN; FOR LAYING ASIDE THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD, YE HOLD THE TRADITION OF MEN.

\*\*\*\*\*8WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD????\*\*\*\*\*

THE CHURCH GAME IS: WE'LL ALL PRAY; AND CALL IT NATIONAL PRAYER DAY, BUT LOOK AROUND YOU; TROUBLE EVERYWHERE; EVERYDAY IS NATIONAL PRAYER DAY.

LUKE 12:54-56, JESUS SAID, WHEN YE SEE A CLOUD RAISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YE SAY, THERE COMETH A SHOWER; AND SO IT IS. AND WHEN YE SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YE SAY, THERE WILL BE HEAT; AND IT COMETH TO PASS. YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS (TROUBLE) TIMES?

TO THE LUKEWARM CHURCHES: IN THE 60'S, DIDN'T PREACH OF JESUS' GOD'S SON, DIDN'T TELL OF HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS; FOR THE SINS OF EVERYONE.

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

THE LUKEWARM CHURCHES: DIDN'T GO PREACH SALVATION; THE GOOD NEWS, THEY WENT FORTH TO GIVE EVERYONE THEIR RIGHT'S; AND NOW THEY HAVE THE BLUES!!!

Galatians 6:7,8, BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED; FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. FOR THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION (LAWLESSNESS); BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.

(The Flesh sowed: Woman rights, Gay rights, Runaway from Home rights, No spanking rights, KKK rights, Abortions rights, White rights, Shaking rights, Black rights, DRUGS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, CONDOMS OR RUBBERS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, Suicide rights, DRUG FORNER RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, BOMB THE FEDERAL BUILDING RIGHTS, AND ON, AND ON.)

WHEN THE CHURCH DISOBEYED THE LAW; AND FOR CIVIL RIGHTS THEY MARCHED THAT WAS NOT GOD'S PLAN; HE SAID: OBEY THE LAW THATS FROM THE LORD!!!

1 Peter 2:13, SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S FROM THAT MARCH CAME: NO PRAYER IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ITS BECAUSE OF THE CHURCH; NOW I ASK THE QUESTION: WHO IS THE FOOL???

Mark 12:17, JESUS SAID, RENDER (GIVE) TO CAESAR (THE GOVERNMENT) THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S, AND TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S.

THE CHURCHES ARE LIKE ADAM; DIDN'T FOLLOW GOD'S PLANS; LOOK AROUND CHURCH! YOU'VE BROUGHT THIS TROUBLE IN TO THE LAND!!!

2 Chronicles 7:14, IF MY PEOPLE (THE CHURCH), WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME (CHRISTIANS) SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY (NOT PLAY), AND SEEK MY (GOD'S), AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS (THE DEVIL'S); THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THE LAND.

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

## Jesus Will Never Leave You

It was beautiful West Texas Sunday afternoon. The people of Greater New Hope Baptist Church, Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Emmanuel C.O.G.I.C., Morning Star Baptist Church and Fountain Chapel C.M.E. Church gathered at Beard Chapel C.M.E. Church, Plainview, Texas for their 70th Church Anniversary Celebration. The choirs and solos were heavenly. The message by Rev. Clarence Weatherspoon, "Run For Your Life" lifted us to a higher level of service. However, that what struck this preacher of some 43 years was the richness of the history of a church that seemed to have had more troubled times than it share.

Sister Ethel Cole gave the church's history. She talked about the good times and of those what were not so good. All through the reading of the church's history there was always that reverberating message that "suffering and tribulation may come to us, but it cannot steal away our faith and our peace. We Christians here at Beard Chapel will live for Eternity; and we follow the risen Christ who is victorious over sin, suffering, death, and the grave. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us."

In the Book of Revelation we discovery that the Apostle John received the Revelation of Jesus at a time when the Christians

were enduring great suffering. Thirty years before, Nero had caused thousands of Christians to be either crucified, burned, or killed by wild beasts in Roman arenas. In this same period Paul was beheaded and Peter was crucified.

Thirty years later the Emperor Domitian tortured and killed over forty thousand Christians. It was at this time that John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos.

What a terrible price those early martyrs paid for following Jesus. Yet the believers remained true to Him, meeting in homes and in the catacombs for worship. In spite of the persecution strong churches flourished in Ephesus, Symrna, Pergamus, Thyratira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. God gave the Apostle John the visions of the Revelation to encourage and strengthen the churches; also to show the ultimate triumph that comes from serving Jesus faithfully.

To the Beard Chapel's of our area: Tribulation, trials and suffering will always be a part of the Christian life. At some time in life we shall walk through the valley, and be overwhelmed by storms of grief and sorrow. But we must turn our thoughts away from these troubling times and catch a new glimpse of the conquering Christ. Jesus still walks among His churches, saying "Fear not... I will never leave you."

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### The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We was unable to go to the home on Saturday because of the death of one of our dear members, Bro. Earl Wheeler. He sure will be missed by this group and the community.

Take authority over the devil. "Put on the whole armor of God; be strong." Luke 10:19, Matt 28:18-19, Mark 16:17-18; 1 Peter 5: 8-9; Ephesians 6:10-17.

Matt 28:19 Come and spoke unto them, saying all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and I'm with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Luke 10:19-Look I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Mark 16: These signs shall follow them that believe. Are you a believer? OK, "In the name of Jesus." Lets begin to cast out devils; don't be afraid. Lay hands on the sick, don't try to take no glory, the power filled Lord deserves the glory.

1 Peter 5: be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour; watch he's looking for a peep hole in your life. He will destroy you. In nothing flat "watch". We have a dress code warriors.

Ephesians 6:10-17 Christians we're not up against people with hearts of common sense, but principalities, rulers of darkness of this world spiritual weaknesses in high places. Don't half dress. Aren't you tired of the devil knocking you around? Lets get him under our feet.

Keep smiling, please, sisters and brothers. We're looking so much better.

God bless you.

To all the sick, read and believe Mark 11:22-24, II Chro 7:14.

To the bereaved, God specializes in your need at this time. Look to him.

Write us at Outreach Prayer Breakfast,  
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### Irvin Street First Baptist Seminar: The Seven Principles of Effective Leadership Training

Seminar Date: 4/26/97

Place:  
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The Seven Principles of Effective Leadership Training will be held at Irvin Street Baptist Church in Littlefield, Texas on Saturday April 26th at 9:30am to 1:30pm. Please be early to pre-register for door prizes! We will begin precisely at 9:30 and stop at 1:30.

Deacons and other leaders in the church are invited. Seasoned Deacons will receive remedial training, this is an excellent forum to train new Deacons and Deacon candidates. Please come and receive a blessing in this great training session. Deacons will return to their prospective churches, revived, energized, and

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The workshop instructor will be the Honorable Pastor L.D. Brooks of Community Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. We are blessed to have him travel to Littlefield for this exciting mission.

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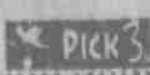
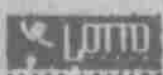
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# A Voice From the Hill The Army Faces A Huge Battle

By George Wilson

Over the last few weeks, we have all heard the stories of sexual misconduct at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Grounds. These allegations center around the behavior of at least 10 drill instructors who are alleged to have used their authority to force recruits to engage in sexual activities with them.

When the allegations originally surfaced, it seemed like a case of sexual harassment. However, this perception quickly changed once it became known that the accusers were white women and the accused were African-American men. The men are accused of rape and a variety of other charges.

What really drew the ire of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and others including the NAACP, was the fact that several of the women came forward and said that they were not raped by their drill instructors, but had engaged in consensual sex. In addition, the women say they were forced to sign statements saying that a rape had occurred. For some, a white woman crying rape and pointing the finger at an African-American male seemed

like a chapter from a well-read book.

During a conversation with an Army spokesperson, he took time to explain the problems at Aberdeen and other army bases from the Army's perspective. On the charge of rape, he said that contrary to reports, the Army doesn't have a different definition of rape from that used in civilian life. We also noted that rape is not always the violent act of imposing one's will on another, but coercion can occur through what is said. For instance, a drill instructor can tell a recruit that "Life can be a lot easier for you if you agree to do what I tell you to do." This type of coercion has come to be described as "rape by fear."

The Army has a huge problem that cuts to the core of how it functions. At Aberdeen, it is estimated that 65 percent of drill instructors are African Americans while the majority of recruits are white. African Americans there feel that race is a factor in how the allegations of sexual impropriety are being handled. And, whether or not the allegations are correct, the Army has to eliminate this perception. A failure to address

the problem in a forthright manner could cause a breakdown in trust and discipline -- the very essence of what make the military function.

Members of the CBC are calling for an independent investigation of the allegations of coercion on the part of military officials and of the unfair treatment of African Americans. So far, the Army has rejected the request, insisting that it can handle its own affairs. The Army may be able to look at the sexual allegations, however, the larger problem of the treatment of African Americans within the Armed Services, may need to be examined by an impartial body outside of the military.

In the meantime, court martial proceedings are moving forward against some of the drill instructors, with both the accused and the Army on trial. Scores of young people who are joining the Army to "be all that [they] can be" will see over the next few months whether or not the motto applies to them regardless of race or gender. George Wilson is a 16-year Capitol Hill correspondent for the American Urban Radio Network.

## STANDING FOR CHILDREN IN 1997

by Bernice Powell Jackson



Last year on June 1 over 300,000 Americans came together in Washington, D.C. at the single largest demonstration ever on behalf of America's

and undetected and untreated vision, hearing and learning problems. Stand for Children will focus on health of children because every day 16 children die from gunfire.

This year the Honorary Chairpersons of Stand for Children are Rosa Parks and Rosie O'Donnell, who believe that the precarious health of so many American children is morally wrong and unnecessary. Indeed, meeting all our children's health coverage needs is an urgent and achievable goal for our nation.

Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund and co-sponsored by 3,700 plus other organizations, Stand for Children showed that Americans do care about what happens to our children and re-committed themselves to caring for all our nation's children.

In 1997 the Children's Defense Fund is once again sponsoring Stand for Children on June 1, but this year's version will not take place in the nation's capital, but in our own communities. This year Stand for Children will focus on the health of our children because there are 10 million children (one in every seven children) who have no health insurance. Nine in ten of them live in working families. Likewise, every day 466 babies are being born to mothers who received little or no prenatal care and 788 babies are born below normal birthweight.

Stand for Children will focus on the health of children because one in four children under age two are not fully immunized and one million babies and toddlers have anemia and hundreds of thousands suffer from life-threatening asthma

Each community will participate in Stand for Children in its own way. Some will have a rally or parade, some will have immunization fairs, some will have playground clean-ups, some will have student-led drives against cigarette smoking and alcohol abuse, some will have church-sponsored programs for safe spaces for children.

Complementing the local Stand for Children Day activities will be a "Virtual Stand for Children," an online event that will take place on the internet from May 25-June 7. During these two weeks people will be able to come together at the Stand for Children web site to sign a petition, to find out about local events and get information on children's health.

If you are interested in participating in Stand for Children 1997 write to them at 1834 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 or call 800-663-4032 or fax 202-234-0217. Their internet address is TellStand@stand.org and web page address is www@stand.org.

## MRS BAIRD'S BAKERIES ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

FORT WORTH, April 15, 1996--Mrs. Baird's Bakeries, Inc., the nation's largest family-owned bakery, today announced that Harold Heinze has been promoted from marketing manager to director of marketing. After managing two of the company's largest product introductions within the last two years, Heinze has been appointed to director of marketing to supervise all of Mrs. Baird's product lines as well as direct all in-store marketing, including research, development, introduction and management, as well as act as the company liaison between the Mrs. Baird's sales force and retail customers.

"Harold's success in launching new products over the last couple of years at Mrs. Baird's has been critical to the growth of our business," said Tom Neidhart, vice president of marketing.

His dedication to the company and

extensive knowledge of the industry were instrumental factors in Harold's promotion.

As the marketing manager, Heinze launched the two largest product introductions in Mrs. Baird's history--tortillas and bagels. Mrs. Baird's Tortillas and Mrs. Baird's Bagels have already gained the number two market shares in Texas since their introductions in 1995 and 1996, respectively.

Heinze's career at Mrs. Baird's began 25 years ago, as a part-time shipping clerk, working his way through high school and college. Having worked as a route salesman manager and the general store manager at the Abilene plant, Heinze possesses a wide range of sales, industry and marketing experience that will help drive Mrs. Baird's to further success.

Heinze, his wife, Donna, and three

children, Craig, Karis and Nathan, recently moved from Abilene to Fort Worth, where Mrs. Baird's corporate offices are located.

Mrs. Baird's Bakeries, Inc., was founded in 1908 when Ninnie L. Baird began baking fresh bread for her neighbors in Fort Worth as a means of supporting her eight children. For almost 90 years, Mrs. Baird's neighborhood has continued to grow, with Mrs. Baird's products distributed throughout virtually all of Texas and parts of Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Mrs. Baird's products include a variety of breads, bagels, tortillas and sweet goods baked with Mrs. Ninnie L. Baird's high standards of quality and freshness. The company employs more than 3,000 people and 10 bakeries throughout Texas.

## Black Women Mayors Find Strength in Numbers

Atlanta, Georgia:--The Black Women Mayors Caucus (BWMC) takes center stage prior to the official opening of the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) 23rd Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, April 23-27, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel. The 9th Annual Women Mayors' Luncheon and Leadership workshop, held on Tuesday, April 22nd, brings together nearly 100 African American women mayors from around the country.

With 94 women representing cities and towns throughout America, BWMC provides a forum for women mayors, representatives of national and community-based organizations and young women to focus on the

issues of concern to women in leadership roles, and the strategies for finding the solutions.

Dr. Janet M. Finch, president of Metropolitan Community College of East St. Louis, has been tapped as the keynote speaker for the Caucus luncheon. Finch, a noted academician, will address the theme, "Education, Technology and Jobs: Women in the 21st Century." Recognized as an emerging American leader, Dr. Finch began her professional career in the corporate sector as an engineer, working with Ford Motor Company and Proctor and Gamble.

Later in the afternoon, the BWMC workshop, sponsored by The Women's Bureau, U.S. Department

of Labor, provides essential information to women leaders on the major issues facing women in the workplace of the present and the future. Among the topics of discussion are Family and Medical Leave, Sexual Harassment and Pregnancy, Wage, Age and Disability Discrimination.

The BWMC was organized in 1988 to highlight and enhance the role of Black women mayors through specialized programming; to focus national attention on the needs of Black women elected officials; to expose young women to the challenges of elected office; and to examine issues of particular concern to women.

## Coca-Cola's Minority and Women Development Programs



The Murrell Design Group in Atlanta, Georgia is one of more than 3,000 suppliers in the Coca-Cola Company's Minority and Women Supplier Development Program. This month, The Coca-Cola system reached and surpassed its five-year commitment to spend \$1 billion with minority and women-owned businesses. Pictured here: James Murrell, president of the Murrell Design Group, created the graphics for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay and is now working on designs for the Sprite brand's National Basketball Association promotions.

Author H.L. Mencken once observed that "An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup." Mencken's description could well characterize those today who paint a rosy picture of privatizing Social Security.

The "privatization" label is attached to a wide spectrum of options. At one end, it means that individuals would invest some of their current payroll contributions--money that now goes into the Social Security trust fund--in the stock market and other securities. At the other end, it refers to alternative investment of the trust funds which would leave the Social Security system basically as it is now, but would permit the government to invest some of the trust fund dollars in private securities. Currently they are invested only in U.S. government securities. Under private individual account plans, each individual is at risk for how the investments do. But under the alternative investment concept, the government would bear the risk of poor performing investments.

When the Social Security Advisory Council issued its report in January, the members did not agree on a single approach to restoring Social Security's long-term balance. Instead, they proposed three alternatives: a maintenance of benefits (through partial

alternative investments), publicly-held individual accounts (with a small individual investment component) and privately-held individual accounts (owned and managed by the individual).

While much has been made of the advisory council's inability to agree on one approach, they clearly acknowledged the continuing value of Social Security and agreed that employer/employee contributions should continue, everyone should participate, beneficiaries should receive full cost-of-living adjustments and benefits should not be means tested.

Social Security is not in crisis. It can pay full benefits until 2029, when incoming revenue would still cover 75 percent of benefits. Incremental changes can make the system solvent for the longer term. We are only beginning a national dialogue on the long-term future of Social Security. We should look at all approaches that would preserve and strengthen Social Security. No hasty decisions should be made.

Advocates of privatization tempt us with their rosy scenarios, but these will not sustain us in our retirement years unless we are skilled investors--and lucky. The Social Security system--like cabbage soup--may not have the lure of the rose, but its guaranteed benefits help sustain us as we grow older.

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