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Cong. Lewis Opposes Republican

Tax Proposal U.S. Congressman John Lewis (D-5th-GA) has expressed strong opposition to the Republican tax proposal unveiled by Bill Archer (R-TX) chairman of the Committee on Way and Means. "This proposal is not progressive, not fair and not acceptable," he said. "The Republicans have crafted a tax proposal that is a trip to the candy store for Republicans and their rich friends," he added. The Congressman informed that the Bill offers no true tax reiter for hardworking American families. While the wealthy will get a capital gains tax out and relief for their estates, the working poor's only relief will be the tax cuts for education and children-tax relief insisted on by Democrats, he said. Lewis further pointed out that President Clinton's proposal would have guaranteed there would be \$35 billion in tax incentives for education and money for expanding empowerment zones. However, Lewis insisted, the Republicans broke their deal with President Clinton and the American people. "Republicans had the opportunity to craft a fair tax bill that benefits all Americans. They chose not to do so. Instead they used this opportunity to provide tax breaks to those who need them least. It's a shame and disgrace," he admonished. Lewis vows a fight to improve the bill as it is considered before the committee.

AT&T African-American Execs Offer Advice to Graduates

After graduation parties have ended graduates must turn their attention to two things: Jobs and success. The transition from student to full-time worker brings many questions and some confusion. To this end, the New Pittsburgh Courier shared the advice of some of AT&T's top African-American executives who outlined their keys to success in eight major areas. Beyond Education: Cramming for tests. working on group projects and writing reports can translate into resume building skills such as the ability to write, work under pressure and to contribute to teaming building. Find What You Love: To find your niche talk to a broad base of individuals, including recent graduates and people who are in the early, mid and late stages of their careers. Creativity Counts: Tapping your creative talents carries a lot of weight in the business world. The ability to think "out of the box" is admired and rewarded. Refine your problem solving skills and sharpen your resourcefulness. Develop Relationships: Networking works You are always being assessed and you never really know where an opportunity will come from so you cannot afford not to be "on" all the time. Never Stop Learning: You should continually challenge yourself to build upon existing skills and venture into new and related arenas. The learning curve has a long way to go. Sports Played a Role: sports and other social scenario can help you learn "how people work." It teaches common goals and participating in a group as both a leader and supporter. Balance Work and Personal Life: Make more time for family and friends because as time goes by you will realize how critically important both are. The Right Attitude: Having the right attitude means being there for others. No one is an island and you have to be willing to give of yourself

Michigan's First Black Bank Celebrates Golden Anniversary

In 1947, the same year that Juckie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Basebal!, some visionary Black leaders in Detroit publed their resources and recorded another "first," reports the Michigan Citizen. They opened the first African American financial institution in Michigan, Home Federal Savings Bank. Created in response to the restricted and segregated social environment of post-World War II America, it met the needs of African Americans who couldn't get home mortgage loans through the mainstream hanking establishment. Home Federal Savings Bank grew with Detroit's African-American community Today, it's the only federal-chartered savings bank still headquartered in the city of Detroit. And after 50 years, the bank is still looking ahead, said Helen Coleman, president of Home Federal Savings. "Our mission is to continue serving the residents of metropolitan Detroit. she said. "As we progress toward the millennium, we have a clear vision and aggressive plans for our future growth and development. We're excited about Detroit's potential in the next century."

KINNER & ONOH NAMED "MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

annual "Man

Friday night. June 20, 1997 Simmons Community Center. The winner of the awards were as follows: Ms.

Gloria Onoh of the Year."

both were very happy over the results which named them this years winners.

clinics first nurse to serve at the Parkway Community Health rounded and meaningful Center. According to her, this experience in Scouting. Under is her mission. She admits she asked for this assignment, and have participated in various is very happy with what is programs, both on the District happening at the clinic which is and Council level. located at Martin Luther King Blvd and East 4th Street.

enjoys helping people from all Rios, New Mexico.

walks of life. of Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor. door lock fixed, leaky faucet She serves on the executive repaired, a hard to reach light committee of LUNA, City of bulb replaced, or sink Lubbock Health Board, Board unstopped. Mr. Kinner never member of Parkway says "No!", and always has a Neighborhood Association helping hand for those who are where she serves as 2nd vice in need. president, member of the Juneteenth Celebration Committee, member of American Legion, Post 808, community. and is Office Manager of the

The Lubbock Parkway Community Health Alumnae Center. She works on a Chapter of committee for the youth of the Delta Sigma community where she works Theta Sorority, with the Neighborhood Action Inc. held its Committee.

Mr. Kinner, on the other and Woman of hand, is a retired barber. After the Year" on nearly 50 years of this profession, he decided to give it up for something else...helping at the Mae people in the community.

A member of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church where he sings in the choir, Mr. Kinner currently serves as Committee Chairman and Scouting Coordinator for Cub Scout Pack No. 137 at New was named Hope Baptist Church. In this "Woman of the Year", and Mr. capacity, Mr. Kinner plans and D.C. Kinner was named "Man supervises the overall Scouting and program and acts as liaison newspapers' sponsoring organization.

Mr. Kinner gives 100% plus, Ms. Onoh serves as the insuring that the young boys of the community have a well Mr. Kinners leadership, Scouts

Scouts of Pack No. 137 have been able to attend Summer A graduate of Dunbar High Day Camp at Buddy Holly School in 1967, Ms. Onoh has Park, resident camp at the Boy been in the medical field for 28 Scout Ranch in Post, Texas, and years. She admits how she the Adventure Camp at Tres

Mr. Kinner is considered the Ms. Onoh is a member of the neighborhood "handyman" by Community Baptist Church. the elderly widows in the She serves as president of the Chatman Hill addition. He is Nurse Guild, a new auxiliary of the first one to be called when the church under the leadership they (elderly citizens) need a

Mr. Kinner's kindness and generosity outwardly expresses his love for people and his

NNPA Elects Leadership for the End of Century By NNPA News Service Members elected for two years. They vision, which includes the were 1st Vice President: Hardy increasing the NNPA's national



National which will Voice. take them to

Va., June 11-15, 1997.

In elections held Friday, June Gary president of the association. ago.' This is a volunteer position, All previous members of the executive board were also re- to continue to pursue that Precinct Reporter.

Publishers Jones, Data News Weekly, revenues Association Secretary: Jane Woods-Miller, newspapers

In a statement following her the end of re-elections Mrs. Leavell said Region 1: Walter Smith (rethe 20th Century at the she is "pleased and honored to elected), New York Beacon; association's 57th Annual be leading this powerful Region 2: Melvyn J. Williams, Convention held in Norfolk, organization into the end of Macon Courier; Region 3: this millennium.

13, they re-elected Chicago for their faith in me and for Kearney, Arkansas State Press; Crusader giving me the opportunity to publisher, continue the vision that I In a very competitive effort, between Scouts and the Dorothy R. Leavell as began realizing two years

Brown, Black Voice News; and international presence; an 2nd Vice President: Terry expansion of advertising for member and elected the St. Louis Metro Sentinel; networking of the association officers Treasurer: Janis Ware, Atlanta with other national African-American organizations.

New board members are: Mike McNair, Buckeye "i thank all of the members Review; Region 4: Janetta Region 5: Cloves Campbell, Jr. (re-elected), Informant; At-large; John Smith, Atlanta Inquirer and At-Mrs. Leavell said she intends large: Brian Townsend,

LUBBOCK MAN NAMED CARROLLTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB DIRECTOR



Something good happened for a young man who grew up in Lubbock, Texas. The Carrollton-Farmers Branch Boys and Girls Club hired a young man as its executive director who had considerable experience. He brings to the table a love of not only children, but the concept of the club itself, and at least one club organizer says a better choice could not have been made.

The new director is D'Aune Knighten, a native of Lubbock, who grew up attending the South Plains Lions Branch of the Lubbock Boys Club under the care and guidance of mentor Theodore Phea. After finishing school, he went back home to take the helm of the club after Phea's death in 1988. Knighten, who was hired June 2nd, comes to Carrollton from Aurora, Colorado, where he was named director of a club early last year. The Carrollton club, which is

week, with full opening planned for July 2.

Knighten's responsibilities will be numerous, such as public relations, recruiting members, establishing programs, and coordinating transportation. "My job will entail everything, including unstopping the kitchen sink," he smiled. "I think this is a great opportunity. I look forward to building this club."

ingrained in him an appreciation their background, color or creed." for the club that remains to this day. "Mr. Phea was a very strong man, dedicated to helping boys and providing structure in their just disadvantaged youth lives. The club provided a place where I felt safe--I could go there as far as having fun and being a

choice was the kind of man that and articulate, and most Mr. Phea was," Knighten said. "He dedicated 35 years to kids in kids. the Lubbock area, and we became months after he passed away, I started hearing horror stories about what the club had become."

"People were going in the club drinking and smoking, and the young kids weren't being treated fairly," he said. "I decided to apply to replace Mr. Phea, and you don't fill those shoes--you somebody like D'Aune," she bronze them. Knowing how he dedicated himself to the club, I wanted to get it back on track."

Knighten said the biggest as him." housed in the Thomas Center at challenge in opening a club is to

operations on a limited scale last children--not just those deemed "at risk". The club will first serve students in junior high, then those in senior high as well. "As we grow and progress, and as people find out about us, we'll be doing a whole lot more," he continued.

"The biggest challenge will probably be the perceptions people will have about the club," Knighten said. "In the past, it has been thought of as being only for disadvantaged youth, and that's His experience in Lubbock, he not the case. It's purpose is to said, and Phea in particular, serve all youth-no matter what

> "That's going to be the biggest thing-to get people to understand that we are youth oriented, not oriented."

The chair of the club's board of and be all that I ever wanted to be directors, Nancy Herrington, said, "Knighten was chosen over 26 applicants, because of his "What led me to making the experience and willingness to decision to make the club a career take on a challenge. "He is bright importantly he has a heart for

"He has but one challenge--to very good friends. About four make us a model boys and girls club for the nation. And he accepts that," Herrington said. "You have to be all things -somebody who can get into water balloon fights with the kids and also be an effective public speaker who can raise money."

> "We are so blessed to get said. "I knew we would get the money for the club, but I never expected to get anybody as good

Shaw Boosts Cause of African-**American Female Soldier** By Chinta Strausberg

Chicago alderman Robert Shaw has called for a federal with the officer, allegedly her probe of alleged disparity in the English teacher, occurred two treatment of two single Air years after her graduation. She Force female officers who had affairs with married men. In one case, he alleges, the officer, a white woman, received a slap on the wrist. But the African-American female officer still faces 55 years in prison.

Air Force Lt. Kelly Flinn, 26, the nation's first female B-52 discharge for having an affair with the husband of an entisted woman but Flinn's ex-classmate Lt. Crista Davis. 28, could go to

should be good for the gander," Shaw told the Chicago Defender.

Both of them had affairs with married men, so why the Shaw said Davis should be double standard? This is a clear case of two sets of justice-one Flinn. The latter she is reported white, the other Black.

U.S. Representatives Bobby Rush (D-IL), Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) and U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) to hold hearings to challenge this But while Flinn didn't have to disparity.

Davis, who is from DeKalb, IL, was a student in the same Air Force Academy class as why is the African-American Flinn, according to media soldier facing a court martial?" reports. She has admitted to the affair with an Air Force Major in 1995.

She reportedly said the affair further claims that when she learned he was a married man she ended the relationship.

Davis has been granted immunity from being prosecuted on an adultery charge; however, she still faces Shaw is outraged that former charges of conduct unbecoming an officer, along with using indecent and cruel language in pilot, received a general letters written to the Major's' wife at the time of the affair.

"It's unfair, and the Air Force's laws are archaic," an angry Shaw stated. Davis' lawyer, Louis P Font, denied What's good for the goose the content of the letters was threatening, but added that it did include some graphic

language. Calling for equal justice, given the same treatment as to have reluctantly accepted a The alderman is calling on general discharge to avoid being court marshaled on charges of adultery, lying and disobeying orders. She had sought an honorable discharge. face a court marital, Davis is now going through one.

"Flinn got off the hook, se Shaw asked.

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newly appointed Advisory Board Johnson Cook, William F. Winter, in the Oval Office, Friday, June John Rope Franklin, President

meeting with the members of his Robert Thomas, Susan D. Chavez Thompson, and Thomas

President Clinton held His first 13. Pictured from left to right are: Clinton, Angela E. Oh, Linda

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

Women In Music and Lovin' It



artists Dionne Farris (Columbia Records) and Isisara Bey, Senior Director, Corporate Affairs, achievements of women in music. Pictured (L. Black Music. Universal Records.

Sony Music recently hosted a symposium at to R) Indigo Girl Amy Ray, Dionne Farris, Sony headquarters in New York City, where Polly Anthony, President, Sony 550 Music, the Indigo Girls (Epic Records) joined music Sony Music Entertainment Inc., Indigo Girl industry executives to commemorate the Emily Saliers and Jean Riggins, President,

Panhandle South Plains

Stars of the Grand Ole Opry, Petra, Bill times. Engvall, Roberto and Bobby Pulido, Diamond Sept. 20 - 27.

Area residents can order tickets for show by these stars through the mail beginning June 23. Lewis reports that ticket; purchases may be by check, money order or MasterCard/Visa. Tickets for the shows are \$10 except for the debut in 1992 and have since garnered Grammy Petra show which is \$8 per ticket.

Show tickets are for reserved seating and "Top Vocal Group" honors and 2 platinum and everyone must have a ticket to attend the shows one gold album. which are slated twice nightly except for Petra which will have one performance only and seat- writer and singer, will close out coliseum shows ing will not be reserved. Tickets do not include at the fair with Saturday, Sept. 27, perforgate admission which is \$4 for adults 12 or mances at 7 and 9 p.m. Stuart, winner of two older, \$1 for children 6 - 11 and children Grammys and numerous gold or platinum younger than 6 are admitted free. Vehicle park- recordings, has been picking a mean guitar and ing-fees remain at \$2.

Fair goers wishing to order coliseum show bluegrass band when he was 13. tickets by mail should write SHOW TICKETS, should include \$1 per order handling charges, a and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. also include card number, expiration date and signature. Cash mail orders are not encouraged.

Lewis urged fair goers to order coliseum show tickets as quickly as possible in order to one through the mail are encouraged to pick up obtain the best seat available. Tickets will be chasers early in August. .

the following locations: Luskey's Western from their local extension office. Store, 2431 34th St.; Ralph's Records, 909 Store, 5725 19th St. and the fair office, 105 E. Broadway. Call-in or drop-off orders will not be accepted at the fair office before July 28.

Stars of the Grand Ole Opry will kick off coliseum entertainment during the fair with shows opening Saturday, Sept. 2, at 7 and 9 p.m. Special guests appearing during the Grand Ole Opry show will be announced later.

One of the premier contemporary Christian music groups in the world, Petra will perform with one show only at 7:00 Sunday night, Sept. 21. Winner of nine Dove awards and numerous Christian Music Awards, 1997 marks Petra's 25th anniversary of ministry in music.

Country comic Bill Engvall's down-home sense of humor and ability to poke fun at everyday life will be on view during performances at 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the coliseum. Engvall's "Here's Your Sign" routine has provoked much thought even as people are laughing and taking a playful look at themselves. Engvall is a regular on the "Jeff Foxworthy Show."

Father and son Tejano stars Roberto and Bobby Pulido will share the coliseum stage Wednesday, Sept. 24. Often called "El Primo" by his fans, Roberto Pulido and his band, Los Clasicos, are famous for their rancheras music which blends Tejano brass and accordion con-

LUBBOCK (Special) - Coliseum perfor- junto sounds. Los Clasicos has won Tejano mances at the Panhandle South Plains Fair by Music's "Band of the Year" award several

Son Bobby Pulido fuses norteno, Tejano and Rio and Marty Stuart have been announced by Country sounds into a wildly popular music Steve L. Lewis, fair manager. The 80th annual form which has led to his first two CD's being regional event is scheduled for an 8 day run smash hit platinum releases. The Pulidos will take center stage in the coliseum with shows at 7 and 9 p.m.

> Diamond Rio hits the coliseum stage Friday, Sept. 26, with 7 and 9 p.m. shows. The highly successful singing group made their recording nominations, Academy of Country Music's

> Marty Stuart, hillbilly rock guitarist, songsinging since hitting the road with Lester Flatt's

As if to prove it is time for everyone to begin P. O. Box 208, Lubbock, TX 79408. Orders fair plans, fair staff members are preparing the 1997 fair catalogs for mailings to approximatecheck or money order for the tickets requested ly 6,300 area homes. The catalog lists more than \$100,000 in exhibitor prize money and Anyone charging tickets to a credit card should contains schedules of events, exhibition categories, rules and livestock entry, judging and

Persons wanting a catalog who do not receive the booklet at the following locations: Lubbock processed daily as received and mailed to pur- County Extension Office, 1418 Ave. G: Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, †4th St. and Across the counter sales of coliseum tickets Ave. K; Mahon Library, 1306 9th St. or the fair for shows during the fair will begin July 28 at office. Area residents can request the catalog

The Panhandle South Plains Fair Association, University or 3322 82nd St.: Tejas Western which produces the 22 county regional fair each year, is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. Board officers include Don Hufstedler, president Craig McDonald, vicepresident and Elwood Keeney, treasurer. Board members are Lennis Baker, David Sharpe, Alan Henry and Owen McWhorter, Jr.

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Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care,"

Sunday morning was Annual Women's Day.

Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Supt. James Sterling presiding. Each class received 30 minutes of instruction, and reassembled singing Leanin On Jesus" at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Moton reviewed the morning lesson. He did a very good job in explaining ourresponsibility as Christians.

Everyone was glad to see Sister Ann Taylor back in church. She played the morning song. She had been in a car accident. This reminds us God is able.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department-Primary Class received the Offering Banner while intermediate Class received the offering Banner. Adult Department: Class No. I, Men's Class received the Offering Banner. There was a tie for the Attendance Banner between Class No. 1 and Class No. 4.

The morning devotional period was conducted by women of the Missionary Society. It was very inspiring to hear the women pray and read God's word.

The Women's Choir marched in the processional singing Have Your Way Lord." The ladies sung well. The altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song by the Women's Choir was "Victory Is Mine." Scripture was read by Sister Dorothy Stovall and prayer was given by Sister Mattie Beaty. Another song, "Order My Steps", was sung by the Women's Choir.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing, and led by Sister Clarissa Jay. The morning hymn was Blessed Be The Name." Pastor Moton spoke on the pastoral

The New Hope observations. He gave credit for the good job Baptist Church, 2002 done for Vacation School. He thanked Sister Dorothy Kinner for a job well done. He also gave a special prayer for sick and shut in members and citizens of the community. A and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the pastor. Last song, Holy Ghost," was sung and it was very

Pastor Moton gave another great message. His subject was "If You Don't Know Jesus, He Sure Knows You." His scripture text was St. John 1:43-51. It was a very strong mes-

The Hardin Barrow family was present in church last Sunday morning. They were here for a family reunion. It was the first time in eleven months since Prother Barron has been in church. He gave some inspiring words. The members were glad to see Brother

The members were glad to have to have City Councilman T.J. Patterson last Sunday morning for Sunday School and church services. He brought a special Certificate of Recognition to New Hope Baptist Church and was presented to Pastor Moton.

The youth of New Hope traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico last weekend to spend some time on a trip. This was their vacation as the youth need to also see the other side of the church. All members are praying for a safe return.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Flowers motored to Waxahachie, Texas to be in his school reunion last week.

The Women of the Church had a wonderful "Women's Day" last Sunday afternoon. The speakers were Sister Elnora Dyer, Sister Joan Jones, and Sister Marjorie Thomas. The guest soloist was Sister Myrtle Sprivey who was sister Dyer's sister.

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A PRAYER FOR SISTER BETTY by Bernice Powell Jackson

to continue on when their men are gone. was Betty Shabazz, the mother and grandinside herself and about life itself.

Betty Shabazz has never been a run-ofhad been, she would never have married Malcolm X and he would never have married her. She would never have been able of having a highly-public "radical" husband - the fire bombings, the threats on her family, the dangers of the power strucstatus quo. She would never have been able to go through all the positive outcomes of having a husband who was one of the most brilliant and outspoken leaders in the history of black America -- the constant public attention, the public adoin the black community. Betty Shabazz horrible fire which threatens her life. has never been ordinary Betty Shabazz she has become. She understood that as the wife of Malcolm X. She understood that in the midst of her husband's assassithat as a community leader and educator now. and powerful public speaker.

more than a public figure, more than the wife and then the widow of Malcolm X. She has been the mother of six daughters --children who, like herself, had seen their father murdered before their eyes. Children who needed not only nurturing they all know how beloved they are. and love and attention and direction, but also needed to work through their father's murder.

It was Betty Shabazz, the mother, who

She epitorcized the old saying "behind stood with her daughter months ago when every good man ... " She epitomized the this child, who had never been able to put new saying "beside every good man ..." her father's assassination behind her, was Then, she epitomized what is too often a accused of trying to have Louis reality, showing the world that strong and Farrakhan, whom she believed to have proud black women are sometimes forced ordered her father's death, murdered. It Now she teaches us about trust in the mother, who then brought her grandson, Creator, about the power deeply resident the child of the troubled mother, to live with her.

Betty Shabazz has also been a quiet, but the mill ordinary kind of person. If she powerful keeper of the legacy of Malcolm X through the decades since his death. Airican American New Yorkers knew they could count on her to support comto go through all of the negative outcomes munity efforts, to participate in programs for young people, to be present in economic and political empowerment programs for her people. A mentor and role ture which saw him as a threat against the model to students at the community college named for her husband and Martin Luther King, Jr., she has also been a supporter of women's empowerment and a friend to many -- the politically powerful and just ordinary people. So, it was no wonder that hundreds stood in line to ration and the unrelenting respect of many donate blood to Betty Shabazz after the

It is no wonder that millions of people has understood for decades the symbol throughout the world -- of all races, all faiths, all ages and classes -- have joined together in prayer for this remarkable woman. She has touched so many of us in nation and its aftermath. She understood the past and she touches so many of us

Her incredible will to live inspires us. But Betty Shabazz has always been Her personal power awes us. Betty Shabazz continues to teach us the value of life itself. And so we pray for Betty Shabazz and for her family, especially for her grandson, Malcolm, named after his grandfather. May they all be healed, may

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OFFICE HERE! THIS N THAT...has received some calls with the firecrackers...HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!! about the...CLOSING...of the Lubbock Office of

THAT...was among the more than ... ONE was a ... DISTRICT OFFICE ... From what could be found HUNDRED...BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS...who met in out...that is ...from persons outside the district...it has been Ft. Worth, Texas...last week. They were officials of learned that all...TEXAS OFFICES...of Atlanta Life the...NATIONAL BLACK CAUCUS/LOCAL ELECTED Insurance Company...have or will be closed...THIS N HAS ATTEMPTED TO REACH SOMEONE THAT .. the...TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CITY COUNCIL. IN THE...home office...BUT TO THIS TIME...there was no MEMBERS...TABCCM...It was a very good...SESSION...as reply...No doubt about it...ATLANTA LIFE INSURANCE DISTRICT OFFICE...has been a...VERY POSITIVE FIX-TURE IN THIS COMMUNITY ... and to be closed ... really brings about a great surprise...Could this have the strategy when...the young president of the company came here early this year...Well...more on this later...but for right now...THE LUBBOCK DISTRICT OFFICE OF ATLANTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY IS CLOSED..

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HAVE A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!! THIS N THAT...would hope each of you will have a...HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY... After all... this is the celebration of the freedom from England...Think about it...So celebrate it...and...next year...HELP US CELEBRATE...the 19th of MUCH TALK ABOUT CLOSING OF ATLANTA LIFE June...Oh...by the way...DRIVE CAREFUL...and...be careful

The Saga of the Black Press!



Samuel E.

issue of the Black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, many contributions have been made by the Black press.

minister and Russwurm, the first Black college graduate, ty." It's still difficult to get began something positive for some white merchants to the Black community.

Russwurm stated: "We want daily newspapers.

spread among TV, radio, daily on CNN. newspapers, magazines and fair share has been rather difficult for the Black community newspaper.

Some advertisers are, howev- newspaper. er, learning the advantage of using the Black press.

first of all, is to provide a was a bastion of Civil Rights newspaper. support; it set out to break

Since 1827, down the doors of segregation. When advertisers say, "Well, Cornish and Black people read the daily B. papers, so I advertise in the Russwurm daily." Black people also read published The Wall Street Journal, and first USA Today. You're not adverrecorded tising there! If you want to specifically target the Black community, you need to advertise in the Black newspapers. And advertisement in the Cornish, a Black Episcopal Southwest Digest says "We want to be in your communiunderstand that!

An advertisement's effecto plead our own cause." tiveness is directly proportion-Black newspapers have been al to the believability the readdoing years, backing and er holds in the newspaper. attacking leaders in the com- Tony Brown Journal has highmunities they serve, despite er believability than Art major competition from the Buchwald in the Black comlarger, general population munity. Most Blacks will pay more attention to what they Advertising dollars are see on BET than what they see

So even if they advertise in billboards. Struggle for our the major daily papers, the advertisement has more equitability and believability with the audience if it's in the Black

Black newspapers stay in the home all week long. The read-The role of the Black press, er spends more time reading it. offer medium of expression...for the advertiser...Black...Readers... Community. The Black Press tion...to what...is in their

By Attorney General Dan Morales

Rights Week: RIGHTS RING ACROSS AMERICA

ON APRIL 13, the Office of the activities in honor of survivors and fami-Attorney General and statewide victim ly members of victims of violent crime. istered by my office, works hard to service organizations will combine re- Materials describing crime victim sersources to kick off Crime Victims' vices offered by state agencies and Rights Week with a special celebration. statewide nonprofit groups will be on The observance will begin at dusk on the display in the Capitol rotunda throughsteps of the Texas Capitol m Austin. out the week. Victims of violent crime will speak at the South entrance of the Capitol. At the end of the ceremony and speeches, the progress that has been made in vic-Austin churches of all denominations tims' rights. We encourage communities a child victim's medical bills and counwill ring their bells in unison to honor victims of violent crime. We invite Rights Week activities or to coordinate churches all across the state to join the and sponsor their own. bell ringing ceremony.

National Crime Victims'

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April 13-19, 1997 The ceremony kicks off a week of

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assistance community. It is Child Abuse Awareness month and Sexual Assault Awareness month. The Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Program, adminaccommodate the special needs of child victims and sexual assault survivors. Through targeted outreach efforts last African-American who pay much more attenyear, awards made to child victims increased 34 percent, and awards to sex-Many communities around the state ual assault survivors increased 91 percent.

> Crime victims' compensation can pay seling expenses. Crime victims' compensation can also pay for counseling for a child whose family member is a crime

(SANE)

For survivors of sexual assault, whether they are adults or children the involvement of specially trained examiners can make all the difference in equality ESTACADO of the medical care they receive. Training for these examiners will soon be through the Sexual Assault for your news paper to print in Nurse Examiners (SANE) program, newly established within our agency's Sexual Assault Prevention and

Crisis Services Division. Sexual assault nurse examiners collect the forensic evidence needed to investigate and prosecute sexual assault cases in a manner that is sensitive to the victim. Correct forensic procedure and sensitivity add up to more prosecutions of criminals and better them how much they were

response to victims. For more information, call the Sexual Assault

http://www.oag.state.tx.us. across America

about their experiences underscores the

meaning of Crime Victims' and speak out because they have demonstrated that they can change the criminal justice system.

If you know someone that person know you care. and appland the courage of crime victims who tell their is standing room only in the dren give to their mothers. stories.

HAVE

TO: EDDIE RICHARDSON FROM: KENNETH WAL-LACE (ESTACADO PRINCI-

DATE: JULY 3RD, 1997 SUBJECT: ARTICLE REMINDING STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO RETURN TEXTBOOKS TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Richardson, here are Thank You, more widely available some articles that I would like Kenneth Wallace

order that we might get some of the many textbooks that are missing returned to our school. Each year we have many textbooks that have been lost or just not retuned. This expense cost our school from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each year. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

by Renetta W. Howard



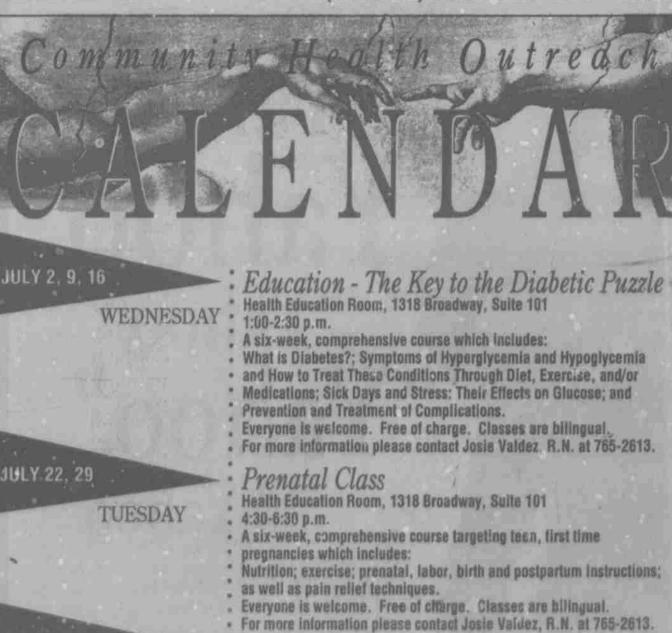
gone. ner to show message to me.

of any churches.

various churches. It appears

Father's that everyone and his/her Day has come mother attend church on Mother's Day. If mother is no Young and old longer with us, the white rose boys and girls will tell the story, but they are took their dad- in church that Sunday. There dies out to din- is within these scenarios, a

The first message I see is appreciated. All ethnic groups that mother gets a lot more in America were involved in respect and appreciation than Prevention and Crisis this 'Father's Day Thing' or dear ole Dad. Secondly, Services Division at (512) 'thing to do.' Fathers, step- Mother must be doing some-936-1270, or visit our home fathers, would-be fathers. thing right that Father is not page on the World Wide future fathers and some mere- doing! Third, Mother is do-nothing fathers took part in always there! You can depend Let victim rights ring some appreciation of father on Mother. These are some activity. I saw some fathers strong inferences. Dad needs The willingness of crime and their families standing in to open his eyes and see what victims to speak openly the sun in a line to get into is going on. There are some some restaurants to have strong solid dads who are Father's Day dinner. They being mother and father to Rights Week. Victims and were determined, I say, but I their children but they are few their families will stand up did notice that there were not and far apart. It is time for as many earlier in the morning. Father, 'Dad' or whatever we cramming through the doors call the male adult head of our households, to get 'in cinque' The scene entering the and be the father that every who is a victim or the sur- restaurants is also typical on young lady and young man vivor of a violent crime, let Mother's Day, but the differ- would wish him to be and gain ence is, on Mother's Day there the love and respect that chil-



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Founded in 1993, Walls Communications is an include Maureen Bunyan, a former news anchor African American owned communications compa- for WUSA-TV, the CBS affiliate in Washington, ny that provides a full range of public affairs, pub- DC, and Jerry Brown, a former public affairs spelie relations, strategic planning, media relations cialist for the U.S. Agency for International and broadcast production services. Other major Development (USAID).

clients include AT&T. Flagstar/Denny's Restaurants, NationsBank and National Public Radio.

"We are very pleased with the high level of communications expertise and counsel that this leading public relations company can provide us," stated Leslie A. Mays, Shell Oil's Executive Director of Corporate "Walls Diversity. Communications will also play a key role in our efforts to build relationships with broader minority communities and consumers across America."

Shell Oil recently implemented a company-wide diversity plan that embraces an atmosphere of equal opportunity for all employees and business partners. The new initiative also incorporates comprehensive employment and business partnering initiatives that are well balanced and aligned with the company's business objectives.

Walls Communications will assist Shell in developing internal communications to raise employee awareness of diversity issues and deepen managers' abilities to leverage a diverse workforce.

The firm will also assist in communicating the progress of Shell's diversity plan to external constituencies, such as customers and suppliers, as well as minority communities and potential employees. Additionally, the firm is identifying opportunities for Shell executives to speak on the company's diversity initiatives before minority audiences around the coun-

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President Signs an Edict



Washington, Left to right: last week to Science and

the Federal law banning sex discrimination Administration in education, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Gold 4 Jackie Joyner-Kersee Medal Olympian and spokesperson for the 5.Sally K. Ride, former astronaut, currently Lives of America's Youth) was a featured California, San Diego standing behind the President with other Coordinator, Non traditional employment participants, watching him sign the edict.

Photo by Lee Anderson.

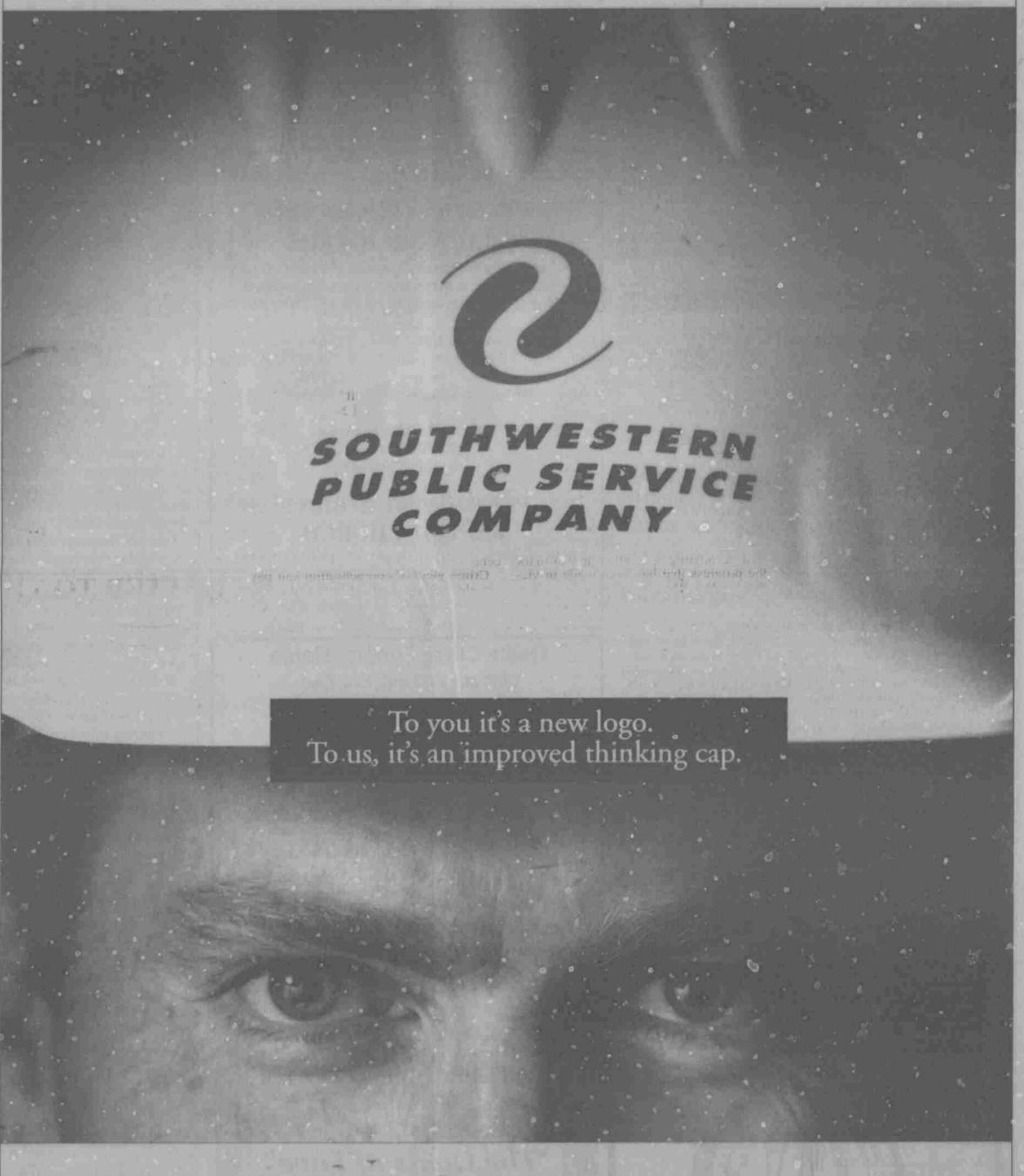
DC: President 1. Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education William Clinton 2.Anne Jefferson, High school student and signed an edict winner of the Pinnacle Award at the INTEL Engineering Fair improve enforce- 3.Melba Chavez, Administrator, Substance

ment of Title IX. Abuse and Mental Health Services

NIKE P.L.A.Y. program (Participate in the professor of physics, University of speaker at the event. She can be seen here 6. Verlette P. Allen, YWCA/HCCE

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HURCH DIRECTORY



We Thank God For Jesus " AMERICA IS NOT FREE!!! "



Matthew 13:3b,7.22, JESUS SAID, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that HEARETH THE WORD: AND THE CARES OF THIS WORLD, and the deceitfulness of riches, CHOKE THE WORD, AND HE BECOMETH UNFRUITFUL

LORD KNOWS: our for fathers PRAYED AND WORSHIPED; ONLY THE LIVING GOD; They knew that they could TRUST IN HIM; WHEN THING WOULD GET HARD.

Deuteronomy 5:7,9, Thou shalt have none other gods before me. Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: FOR I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT

Even in the hard times, AMERICA WORKED HARD, SONG: AND TO GOD THEY PRAY BUT AS TIMES WAS BLESSED: CARS, HOMES, JOBS, STREET LIGHTS: SHE STRAYED.

Deuteronomy 6:10a,-12a, WHEN THE LORD THY GOD, shall have brought thee into the land, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledest not, and wells digged, which thou diggest not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; WHEN THOU SHALT HAVE EATEN AND BE FULL; THEN: BEWARE LEST THOU FORGET THE LORD.

IN THE 60'S: WHEN ALL AMERICA WANTED THEIR RIGHTS, THEY WANTED TO BE FREE; MANKIND WANTED TO DO THETR OWN THING: AND NOW THEY'RE IN MIS-

Romans 1:20-22, For the invisible things of him(GOD) FROM THE CREATION OF WORLD ARE CLEARLY SEEN, being understood by the things that are made, EVEN HIS ETERNAL POWDER AND GODHEAD; SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE: BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY (THE CHURCH) KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKEN, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

AND THERE ARE THE FOOLS THAT SAY: MAN IS HIS OWN GOD, AND IS RIGHT TO DO HIS THING

AND OUT OF THAT LIE FROM THE DEVIL; AMERICA IS A PRISONER, SHAME! SHAME! SHAME!

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

LIFE EVERLASTING. (ONE THING ABOUT REAPING AND SOWING. YOU CAN TAKE A BUCKET OF CORN TO THE FIELD AND PLANT IT. BUT WHEN YOU REAP IT; YOU WILL NEED A TRUCK TO BRING IT IN. SIN IS THE SAME WAY; AMERICA JUST LOOK AROUND; YOU LET A LITTLE SIN IN!!)

********** WILL AMERICA ROB GOD???******** I Corinthians 5:6,7, Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven(SIN) leaveneth the WHOLE LUMP? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. FOR EVEN CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US.

IT IS SAID: AMERICA IS A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY, AND THAT IS FAR FROM THE TRUTH; JESUS SAID: HE WAS THE WAY; AND THE TRUTH; AND NO ONE OR ANYTHING WILL

LUKE 16:13, JESUS SAID, NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS: FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE, AND LOVE THE OTHER; OR ELSE HE WILL HOLD TO THE ONE, AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAM'MON(MONEY & THINGS).

MAN SAY HE IS FREE; BUT DEEP DOWN INSIDE: HE KNOWS THAT HE NEED TO BE; BUT THE TRUTH IS:ONLY IN

THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS; CAN MAN BE FREE!!!
JOHN 8:32,36, JESUS SAID, YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH,
AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. AND IF THE SON(JESUS) THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED.

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

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Rekindling the Fire . . .

'And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim: And they forsook the Lord find of their fathers, which brought them out of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods or the people that were round about them, and

bowe 1 themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger.' Judges 2: [1-13] In the days of the Judges it was time of both conflict and adjustment, Israel would fall into disobedience. A neighboring people would rise up against them. After a time of divine punishment, Israel would repent, a judge would be raised up, and God's deliverance once again would be made known. The period fold gentleman of the judges had a pattern of disobedience, tyranny, repentance, and deliver-

This same pattern of conflict and divine adjustment goes on regularly in many lives. This appears to be true in the life of the Longwriter Robert Robinson. It is said that when Robinson wrote "Come, Theu Fount of Every Blessing", the joy of his salvation exclaimed itself in verse and rhyrae. This lovely hymn spoke of his love for Christ in deep and moving phrases.

As the song became popular in churches around the countryside, Robert Robinson seemed to fade. When he played and sang his works, they didn't burn within his heart anymore. The 'ire of his salvation burned low.

In his declining years, Robinson let the embers of faith in his heart go out. What used to be a blazing fire, spreading warmth to all, come to naught. His cold heart cause him to be restless and deeply troubled. His sinful life

did not bring the warming comfort that his walk with Christ had brought. Trying to find peace within the world, Robinson decided to travel. In the course of his travels, he met a young lady who was on fire for God. Being led by the Spirit of God, she asked him what he thought of the hymn she had just been reading. Much to his astonishment, the piece was none other than his

Feeling uncomfortable, Robinson tried to evade the subject altogether. But the young lady pressed and probed until she finally got a response out of the

Suddenly Robinson broke down and wept bitter tears. With these tears streaming down his cheeks he said, "I am the man who wrote that hymn many, many year ago and many, many lives ago. Oh, that I could experience the joy and love that I knew then. I am so Gold now. I could never return to that place

"But, sir," replied the lady with enthusiasm, "the 'streams of mercy' which you wrote about still flow. It is not too late to return to your Lord."

Deeply touched, Robinson turned his "wandering heart" back to the Lord

who stirred his lifeless coals into a blazing fire once again. How is your heart today? Is it ablaze with love for your Master, or have you slipped away from God, allowing the embers of faith to burn low? If so, allow a forgiving God to rekindled the flame! No matter where you stand before your God, your heart can be syarmed once more.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Jesus says we can pray for anything. Jesus said to the Disciples, If you could only have faith in God this the absolute truth. You can say to this Moent of Olives Rise up and fall into the Mediterranean; and your command will be obeyed. All that's required is that you really believe and have no doubt. Listen to me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you have it. It's yours!

But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against so that your father in heaven will forgive you your sins too.

The type of prayer about which jesus spoke is the prayer for the fruitfulness of God's kingdom. To pray a mountain of dirt into the sea has nothing to do with God's will, but Jesus used that picture to say that it is possible for God to do the impossible.

God answers prayer, but not as a result of a positive mental attitude. Other conditions must be met.

I. You must be a believer.

II. You must not hold a grudge against another person.

III. You must not pray with selfish motives. To pray effectively, you need faith in God, not in the object of your request. If you put your faith in your request, you will have nothing when your request is refused.

if you have faith, everything is possible,

We will have a meeting on the 12th of June. Place will be in the next report. See you then.

Keep smiling and loving those unlovables. Write Outreach Prayer Breakfast at P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We love you.

D. Hood-president

Christine Burleson-vice president Emestine Frazier-secretary

First National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality

More than 250 black clergy laity, and health advocates gathered for the first National Black Religious Summit on National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality, at the Howard University School of Divinity, June 12-13. The two day event, sponsored by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, consisted of worship services, workshops, and keynote speeches designed to break the silence on topics considered taboo in the Black Church such as sexuality education, domestic violence, sexual abuse, HIV/AIDS, and substance abuse (see page 2).

page 2).

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, NY, said the church had an opportunity to dispel the "barbershop myths" around sexuality and men's health from the pulpit. For example, Butts shared a personal story about getting a prostrate examination and learning from his doctor that having a healthy prostrate isn't about having a lot of sex but "getting a regular rhythm and keeping it going." Even though congregants laughed dur-ing the service when he first told that story at his church, Butts said that afterwards men thanked him for tharing the

wards men thanked him for sharing the information.

Dr. Henry Foster. Senior Advisor to the President on Teen Pregnancy Reduction and Youth Issues, spoke about the need for community support the spoke about young girls in "the barrio, the ghetto, and Appalachia" wanting babies because they see no other options. When you see no other contains to work opportunities in your community and future, "wanting a baby isn't a pathology, it's a sign of mental health," said Poster, "So the problem is us. We need to create futures for young us. We need to create futures for young people, so they'll want to postpone

Foster also said the church was the perfect place to solve the problem by discussing sexuality education with

discussing sexuality education with young people.

"Sexuality education is all about values," said Poster, "What better place to teach values than the church."

Rev. Mariah Ann Britton. Associate Minister of Youth at Riverside Church in New York, NY, spake about the need for a new theology—one that really addresses the reality of Christian singles. According to Britton, many churches are still relying on the theology of Paul that seys the ideal state is cellisacy but if you don't have the gift of cellibacy, then get married. The problem is, she continued, is that we have Christian singles in their 30s, 40s. have Christian singles in their 30s, 40s

50s who are treated as though they are not "full adults" simply because they are not married. This situation leads to an

inability to deal with their sexuality. Several issues that were not included in workshop topics but continued to arise were sexual orientation, abortion, and sexual ethics. At the end of the summit participants divided up into three groups to presen, feedback on the information presented and create con-sensus statements.

sensus statements.

Some 100 Clergy developed a consensus atatement declaring they would create a biblical and spiritual theology that includes sex, sexual orientation, and sexual ethics. They also vowed to create local and national partnerships with congregations to address sexuality issues.

The seventy-five Laity said in their consensus statement they could collaborate with church leadership and ministers on creating welcoming spaces for people struggling with sexuality issues to develop programs that empower peo-ple and demonstrate that "Ood is love

and love is for everyone.

The fifteen Youth said in their consensus statement they would like to see sensus statement they would like to see their congregations provide information on sexually transmitted diseases, and contraception, and set up het-lines dealing with sexual abuse and rapid. They also said they would take the information they learned from the summit and give it back to the community through advice columns, rap sessions, and counseling sessions. selling sessions.

In addition to Butta, Foster, and Britton, other key note speakers included Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Associate Professor of systematic Theology, Howard University School of Divinity; Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Igriner Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus; and Dr. Riseins Fart, Professor of Ethics, at Dr. Riggins Earl, Professor of Ethics at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. Organizers halled the summit a suc-

This summit is only the beginning," said Rev. Carlton W. Veazey, Acting Executive Director of the Relipious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. For the past two days people have been thanking me for providing a safe forum to ask questions about sexuality. People were so excited just to start the conversation. This is the beginning of a long church dialogue on sexuality. The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice tooks forward to facilitating that Choice looks forward to facilitating that

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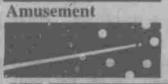
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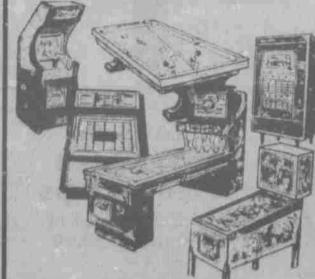


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