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## National Scene

### National Scene Black Press Names Farrakhan "Newsmaker of the Year"

Minister Louis Farrakhan has been named as "Newsmaker of the Year" by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). In naming the controversial head of the Nation of Islam as the top newsmaker among African Americans, NNPA President Dorothy R. Leavell said, "If you talk to any of the people who participated in the Million Man March event, you'll find that everyone considered it a spiritual event and new awakening. As a direct result of the Million Man March, Black men and women have rededicated themselves to their families and communities.

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### Burger King Launches Largest Minority Development Venture in Its History

La-Yan Hawkins, one of the nation's most successful African-American entrepreneurs, and Robert C. Lowes, chairman and CEO of Burger King Corp., have announced plans to develop 125 Burger King restaurants in cities designated as Empowerment zones and Enterprise Communities under a major federal initiative created by the Clinton Administration. The plan is the largest development venture of its kind undertaken by a fast food chain to invest throughout the empowerment zones. Located in inner-city neighborhoods, the restaurants will be operated by Urban City Foods and employ as many as 20,000 people from those neighborhoods.

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### Program To Increase Minority Participation in Health Professions

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) have launched a new grants program to help fund educational partnerships designed to increase the number of minority students well-prepared to pursue careers in medicine, nursing and other health professions. The foundation has awarded \$3.75 million with an additional \$1.25 million authorized, in grants and technical assistance over a five-year period to 10 community partnerships throughout the country to achieve this goal. The project encourages dozens of U.S. medical schools to collaborate with their local school systems and colleges to substantially increase the number of Black, Latino and American Indian students in the medical "pipeline." For information on local area schools and programs, contact the Foundation at (602) 243-5937.

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### NAFEO Appoints Henry Ponder its New President

Dr. Talbert H. Shaw, chairman of the board of directors of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), has announced the appointment of Dr. Henry Ponder as president of the 117 historically and predominantly black colleges and universities membership association. Ponder is currently president of Fisk University in Nashville and was president of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. He replaces Dr. Samuel Myers and becomes only the third president of NAFEO on July 1, 1996.

## GAMBLING ON POVERTY IN AMERICA

by Bemice Powell Jackson



I do not consider myself a religious fundamentalist in any sense of that phrase. So I didn't understand the little nagging feeling of discomfort which was there as I began to think about gambling and whether I believe it is right or wrong.

I didn't understand what was bothering me until I read a recent article in *Atlantic Monthly* magazine which focussed on Tunica County, MS, the poorest county in the poorest state in the country. You remember Tunica County - the place which Jesse Jackson brought to the nation's attention following his 1984 campaign. The place he called "America's Ethiopia" and which had the eighth highest infant mortality rate in the nation, the fourth highest rate of births to teenaged mothers and the highest percentage of people living in poverty. The county where 70 percent of the adults had no high school diploma and a quarter of the houses had no indoor plumbing. Tunica County, where there are also 30 millionaires and few, if any, poor whites, while most African Americans are poor.

Well, Tunica County is changing. It's not changing because industry has moved there. It's changing because casino gambling has moved there. Mississippi has become a casino-friendly state, with the lowest tax rates on casino gambling in the country, much lower licensing fees and a free market philosophy when it comes to regulation of casinos. Indeed, Tunica County now has half the casino floor space of Atlantic City and the casinos earn \$60 million a month.

There are good results from casino gambling in Tunica County, to be sure. The percentage of residents receiving food stamps has dropped and the collection of child support payments has increased. But the reality is that most of the casino jobs have gone to people from outside the county and the county's unemployment rate is comparable to what it was in 1991. The reality is that almost every white child in Tunica

county attends private school and virtually every African American child attends the public schools and the county has been resistant to using casino generated funds to improve the public schools.

Or take the case of the Back Bay Mission, located in Biloxi, MS. Back Bay is a church-affiliated mission society which has ministered to the poor of Biloxi for 70 years. With the onset of casino gambling, Back Bay Mission has seen its buildings, which were located next to the casinos, taken over by the city and razed in order to widen the streets for the casinos.

Or take the case of East St. Louis, IL, a city which is 98 percent African American and more than half of the population is officially unemployed. A city which has 3,000 abandoned buildings and where more than half of the children have elevated levels of lead poisoning. A city where the casinos generate something like \$500,000 a month for the city's tax coffers.

And what about gambling on native American reservations? For many of these reservations the casinos are the only employer of note for their people and casino-generated taxes allow the tribal councils to improve the reservations with educational institutions and human service agencies.

It seems to me that the poorest of the poor have been forced to invite casino gambling into their communities in order to survive. It's the only business our poorest communities can find willing to invest in them. And while casinos have positive effects on communities, they have negative ones as well.

It seems to me that we as a nation need to address the question of how to develop jobs for the poor, the poorly educated, the victims of racism and economic injustice. Casino gambling should not be the only choice a community can make for life.

The question of casino gambling is a complex one, with no easy answers. But some of us need to begin to ask the questions and grapple with finding some solutions.



### CELEBRATES SIXTH BIRTHDAY

Young Zachery Moore celebrated his sixth birthday March 9, 1996 in Ozark, Alabama. He is the son of Ms. Kimely Britt Moore, and the grandson of Mrs. Annie Britt of Lubbock, Texas and the late Mr. William H. Britt, a long-time police officer on the Lubbock Police Department. Living in Ozark, at this time, he at times often thinks of his friends in Lubbock. Among them is Asya Harris.

## CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLANS FAIR TO CELEBRATE PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

(Lubbock) - Health officials at the City of Lubbock Health Department are showcasing some of their many services which play a part in protecting Lubbock citizens' health as part of this year's National Public Health Week, which runs from April 1-7th. The theme of this second-annual event is *Celebrating Success*. A health fair is planned for Tuesday, April 2nd 1996 from 1pm to 5pm in room 103 of City Hall, sponsored by the City of Lubbock Health Department.

"This is a wonderful way to remind people of the important role Public Health plays in protecting our health every single day," says Liz Inskip-Paulk, Health Education Manager. "For example, Public Health ensures that our water is clean, that our food supply is safe, that our homes are safe from toxic hazards, and that diseases are kept under control through surveillance and education. After all, a clean bill of health is one of life's most precious gifts; American public health helps make that a reality."

National Public Health Week was established in 1985 as a recognizing the contribution of public health and prevention services to America's well-being.

Services provided at the health fair will include water testing, blood pressure screening, cholesterol screening, oxygen saturation screening and others. All services are provided free of charge and anyone who is interested is invited to attend. For more information, please call 767-2911.

## Parkinson's Community Support Group to Focus on "Practicing Good Motor Skills" Thursday, March 28, 1996

LUBBOCK, TEXAS The Parkinson's Community Support Group of St. Mary of the Plains Hospital Neurology Research and Education Center (NREC) will meet Thursday, March 22, 1996 at 1:30 p.m., in the NREC (4102 24th Street, Suite 501).

The meeting will feature a presentation about "Practicing Good Motor Skills" by Trooper John Gonzales from the Texas Highway Department.

Participants in the Parkinson's Support Group, which includes individuals suffering from the disease as well as family members and caregivers, help each other cope with the various challenges of Parkinson's - educating each other about the disease and giving one another devotional support.

Support Group meetings are open to the public at no charge. For more information, call Judy Ribble in the Parkinson Disease Information & Referral Center at (806) 796-2647.

## ATLANTA WELCOMES BLACK MAYORS

Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell has announced that the City will host the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.'s (NCBM) 22nd Annual Convention, April 23-27 at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers.

At his City Hall press conference, Mayor Campbell and the Host Committee members promised to roll out the "red carpet" for NCBM colleagues in Atlanta this Spring. Mayor Campbell stated, "I am looking forward to working with my fellow mayors and finding solutions to problems such as a decrease in programs for our at-risk youth, dwindling in-town populations and flagging acceptance of affirmative action policies that face all of our cities, regardless of their size."

There to highlight the agenda for the convention was NCBM President Robert Ingram, Mayor, Opa-locka, Florida, who said, "As public servants, we have a charge to put the needs of our constituents at the head of the agenda." Ingram called the year's political issues "sobering," and said, "... we must challenge the notion that America has done enough to level the playing field."

Also attending the press conference was East Point, Georgia Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard, one of 89 African American women mayors nationwide.

Observing the theme, "(Continuing Our Perspective: Keeping People First)," the convention provides the more than 400 African American member mayors a forum to address the most critical issues facing America's cities and towns. Convention delegates will focus on issues such as economic development and empowerment, youth initiatives, affirmative action, and devolution.

The convention is held annually in a city led by a black mayor. Atlanta was selected host city two years ago at the 1994 convention in Washington, D.C. Headquartered in Atlanta, NCBM is a nonprofit, nonpartisan service organization, providing management and technical assistance to its membership.

## THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT

by Bruce Wiseman

Virginia attorney, T. Brooke Howard's client, a used car salesman, admitted to having kidnapped a 30-year-old woman and holding her hostage for over nine hours, during which period he repeatedly sexually assaulted her.

With great conviction, Howard explained to the judge and jury that what his client's victim had experienced—the abduction, the psychological torture, and the repeated rapes—were not the fault of his client. Actually, he had never intended to do what he did—he just couldn't help himself. It was an "irresistible impulse."

In fact, his client was a victim too. As a victim of this "impulse," he was not responsible for his actions. And the expert witness psychiatrist testified under duress that this was, indeed, the case. On the basis of his psychiatrist's "the-devil-made-me-do-it" testimony, the used car salesman was acquitted.

With the possibility of philanthropist John du Pont pleading insanity to allegedly murdering wrestler David Schultz, are we about to see another criminal take no responsibility for their actions?

"The-devil-made-me-do-it" testimony is used more often than you think. The actions of a mother who angrily abuses her children are explained away as Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder. Children who kill other children in the ghettos are considered "victims" of Urban Stress Syndrome, Irresistible Impulse, Diminished Capacity, Vietnam Syndrome, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Battered Wife Syndrome, Black Rage Syndrome—the list goes on

and on.

When imagined "mental diseases" absolve the guilty of their crimes through an insanity defense (i.e., "pyromania disorder" for arson; "pedophilia disorder" for child molestation) we are truly in trouble. How did this situation come about?

The use of psychiatric testimony was placed solidly in the courtroom in the early fifties when Judge David Bazelon of the U.S. Court of Appeals—himself undergoing psychotherapy—ruled that "an accused is not criminally responsible if his unlawful act was the product of a mental disease or defect." With this decision, the very foundation of our justice system—that each man is responsible, and accountable for his actions—was shattered.

It doesn't take an expert to see the travesty of psychiatric testimony in cases such as the "Crocodile Dundee" case. In this case, Paul J. Dunn was tried for shooting, stabbing and drowning his wife Pamela. His lawyer called eminent psychiatrist Dr. Leonard Friedman to testify that Dunn had been influenced by the movie "Crocodile Dundee," in which the lead character uses a knife similar to the one Dunn had used. Fortunately, the defense fell apart after the prosecutor proved that Dunn had committed the murder a month before the film had come out. Dunn was sentenced to life in prison.

Psychiatric "experts" sell themselves to whoever is willing to foot the bill and defense attorneys have been known to shop

around for a psychiatric evaluation that will best suit their needs. The situation has become so ludicrous that Jeffery Harris, Executive Director of the Attorney General's Task Force on Violent Crime observed, "What amazes me is that in any trial I've ever heard of, the defense psychiatrist always says the accused is insane, and the prosecuting psychiatrist always says he's sane. This happened invariably, in 100% of the cases, thus far exceeding the laws of chance. You have to ask yourself, 'What is going on here?' ... You'd be better off calling Central Casting to get 'expert psychiatric testimony' in a criminal trial."

Psychiatric testimony in the justice system needs to be labeled for what it is, a fraud. If du Pont committed the alleged murder, he should be sentenced and jailed. No more Lorena Bobbitts, John Hinckleys, Edmund Kemper or Menendez should be excused from the consequences of their actions.

Bruce Wiseman is the President of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) US National Office. (CCHR has a 27-year history of investigating psychiatric violations of human rights. It was established by the Church of Scientology in 1969. Additional information on psychiatry's involvement in the justice system is given in "Creating Crime: Psychiatry—Eradicating Justice" which is available free by writing to CCHR International, 6362 Hollywood Blvd., Suite B, Los Angeles, CA 90028 or call (800) 869-2247.

## Peace Corps Top Recruiter of College Graduates The Black Collegian Names Agency Number One for 1996

Peace Corps has been ranked the top recruiter of all college graduates for 1996, according to an annual survey conducted by *The Black Collegian* magazine. By accepting 3,293 college graduates this year, the Peace Corps ranked ahead of such well-known corporations as Arthur Andersen, IBM and KPMG Peat Marwick, and other governmental agencies, such as the U.S. Marines and Coast Guard.

"We are extraordinarily pleased to offer so many Americans the chance to serve as Peace Corps volunteers," said Peace Corps Director Mark O'Garra. "As a volunteer agency asking people to go overseas and perform extremely difficult assignments, it is gratifying to see that the spirit of service of many graduating seniors is so strong."

The *Black Collegian* survey was mailed to hundreds of employers nationwide in business and government. In its Spring 1996 issue, the magazine lists the top 100 employers, with Peace Corps at the top of the list. The remaining top five are: Andersen Consulting, LLP; Arthur Andersen, LLP; Enterprise Rent-A-Car; and Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Peace Corps also ranked number one in recruitment for 12 job categories listed by major, including Agriculture, Biology, Elementary Education, Nursing 2nd Chemistry.

Peace Corps, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, was founded by President John F. Kennedy to offer trained men and women to countries in need. Currently, nearly 7,000 volunteers serve in 94 countries. More than 140,000 Americans have returned from Peace Corps service since the agency began in 1961.



### Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care." The proud pastor is Rev. Billy R. Moton.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a. m. Supt. Virgil L. Johnson and Assistant Supt. James Sterling were at their post of duty.

Each classroom has their own devotions, and their class period includes 30 minutes of instruction. After reassembling to the church auditorium, each class sang "Higher Ground." High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 2. They were very good. Their teacher, Sister Dorothy Kinner, gave the remarks about the lesson.

Secretary's Report — Youth Department — Primary Class received the Offering Banner and the Junior Class received the Attendance Banner

There were three visitors to

Sunday School. One was a daughter of Sister Scales who is a member of Class No. 4.

Adult Report — Class No. 1 lost both banners to Class No. 3. The joy of winning the banners means much to the classes who gives you something to work.

The morning devotional period at 10:45 a. m. was led by the Clarence Ervin family.

During the morning worship hour, the Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "Victory Is Mine." Altar prayer was offered by Pastor Moton. Another song, "Great Is The Lord," was sung. This was followed by the reading of the morning scripture and prayer. Another song, "I Can't Lose," was sung. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing.

The morning hymn was "More Love For Thee." Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. Pastor Moton talked about the need for more love. This is so

true, Pastor Moton. Another song, "Lord, How Excellent Is Thy Name," was sung.

The hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace." Rev. Roy Davis of El Paso, Texas brought the morning message.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil L. Johnson and son, Patrick, have returned home from attending funeral services in Dallas, Texas. They attended the services for Brother Johnson's aunt who was funeralized last Friday.

Last Tuesday, RUBY JAY, was happy to have Sister Annie Sanders and some youth to stop by and have prayer with her. They are members of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. They are always welcome to come by and visit about the Lord. These young ladies were on fire for the Lord. May God continue to bless them.

Chantell Jay and her boys spent the spring break in Dallas, Texas visiting relatives and friends.

Sister Bernice Kelly came home from the hospital last week. Also so did Brother John Howard come home. There are others who are ill in our community so let's pray for them as well. Also pray for our bereaved families.

Pearlene McDaniel's lost their mother last Friday. Services were held last week at the New Hope Baptist Church. She was Sister Anner Johnson. Pastor Moton officiated.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for the 42nd Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs which was celebrated last Sunday afternoon at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. Also during the services, a letter was read by Sister Joan Y. Ervin of the resignation of Sister Ollie Coleman as secretary. Because of health reasons, she resigned. She has done a wonderful job for the Federation of Choirs...

### ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS: THE 1996-97 GOLF CARD IS NOW AVAILABLE WITH 29 COURSES IN THE LUBBOCK AREA AND NEW MEXICO

Prevent Blindness Lubbock announces its 1996-97 Golf Fore Sight program. Thirty dollars buys a golf card good for one round of golf at each of the 29 courses listed on the card, subject to restrictions as listed.

Lubbock area courses on the new card include: Abertamy Country Club, Brownfield Country Club, Bulseye Driving Range (Lubbock), Caprock Post Golf Course, Clarendon Country Club, Elm Grove Golf Club (Lubbock), Floydada Country Club, Hillside Acres Country Club (Hale Center), Island Oaks Golf Club (Idalou), Lamesa Country Club, Lovelland Country Club, Littlefield Country Club, Lorenzo Country Club, Meadowbrook Municipal Golf Course (Lubbock), Morton Country Club, Muleshoe Country Club, Olton Country Club, Pine Valley Golf Course (Lubbock), Plains Fairway Public Golf Course (Lamesa), Plainview Country Club, Shadow Hills Golf Course (Lubbock), Slaton Golf Course, Spar Golf Course, Sundown Municipal Golf Course, T-bar Country Club (Tahoka), and Yoakum County Golf Course (Denver City).

The 1996-97 card also includes three championship courses in New Mexico: Cree Meadow (Ruidoso), The Links at Sierra Blanca (Ruidoso), and The Lodge at Cloudcroft.

The Golf Fore Sight card is available immediately and is valid through March 31, 1997. Proceeds benefit the work of Prevent Blindness Lubbock in the South Plains area. Call today for more information: Prevent Blindness Texas, Lubbock Branch, (806)797-6701.

### Combest Nominates Area Students for Service Academies

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Representative Larry Combest is now accepting applications for bright and dedicated juniors in High School interested in appointments to the United States Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military or Naval Academies. Each fall, the congressman nominates students from the 19th District for these service academies.

"Students who wish to attend a United States Service Academy must go through a very competitive and challenging selection process in order to get an appointment to the academy of their choice," said Combest. "These students who receive nominations are the best and brightest that the 19th District has to offer, and it is an honor to present them with the opportunity to represent their country."

Service academy nominations are made by members of Congress or by the vice president and are considered one of the most prestigious opportunities for higher learning.

Eligible candidates begin the academy application process in the spring of their junior year by contacting Congressman Combest and the academy they are interested in attending. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of the 19th District of Texas, unmarried with no children and be at least 17 years of age, but not past their 22nd birthday by July 1, 1997. Each applicant must take the SAT or ACT exam, and have their scores submitted to Congressman Combest's office. To submit test scores directly to the Congressman's office, an applicant must mark their test applications with the following codes: 6079 for SAT results and 7000 for ACT results.

Upon receipt of a candidate's application, the Congressman's office opens a file in the student's name containing a completed application, an official high school or college transcript, a brief essay summarizing the student's wishes to attend a service academy and a wallet-size photograph. Letters of recommendation are not necessary. An applicant's file must be completed by November 15th of their senior year, in time for the congressman to make academy nominations by January. To ensure fairness and competition, Congressman Combest submits qualified applicants for nomination, but defers to the academies to make the competitive choice.

For the '96-'97 service academies, Combest nominated 26 students, eight students from the Lubbock area. Congressman Combest nominated Lubbockites Jayson Burr, son of Travis and Debbie Burrow; Robert Settle, son of Robert and Mary Lou Settle; and Brandon Sokora of Slaton, son of Gregory Sokora and Dianna Romans, to the Air Force Academy; Sally Birkenfeld, daughter of Sherrie Birkenfeld; and Trigg Bowlin, son of Mike and Susan Millsap, received Naval Academy nominations. Congressman Combest nominated Lubbock students James Crewse, son of Douglas Crewse and Karen Crewse; Gavin Peterson, son of Steven and Jeanne Peterson; and Marcus Edwards of Slaton, son of Charles and LurWondah Edwards, for the U.S. Military Academy. These students are now awaiting the final appointment decisions from the academy of their choice.

### The National Library of Poetry Attention Poets

Owings Mills, Maryland (USA)—The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is April 15, 1996. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem any subject and any style— to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Crownridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1987, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 1996. A new contest opens April 16, 1996.

The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.



## RAPPIN' 4-TAY

Since his release from prison in late-1992, Anthony Fio's objective was clear. First, he wanted to be the first playa to put San Francisco on the map. Secondly, he wanted to be able to take care of his family. Thirdly, get Off Parole. He wanted to make a positive name in the rap game for himself and his record label, Rag Top Records. 4Tay says, "Let the record now reflect that I have been on nothin' short of a mission, with my mission objectives clear. I've always said, 'if you fail to plan, you plan to fail.' I just thought it was time to listen to myself for awhile. 'Cause there are a lot of people going around talkin' these days."

Debuting on record in 1989 as a guest on *Life is... Too Short*, 4Tay rapped with **Too Short** on a triple x-rated track entitled "Don't Fight The Feelin'". In 1993, 4Tay dropped his own album, *Don't Fight The Feelin'*, on the streets of the Bay Area, and started working his way across the nation, trying to sell his tape. 4Tay recalls, "We had a plan set-up by [label cofounders] Franky J (Frank Hudson), Fly (Gary Hudson), and myself. Since we didn't have much money, we had to put in work. The plan was to take the game a playa had and whatever else a playa could shake loose from his hustle, and put a Rappin' 4Tay tape in every neighborhood store and then find a place in that area where I could rap. Afterwards, they'd come get the tape from the store. That was the plan, that's it and that's all."

By the time EMI Records got wind of 4Tay, *Don't Fight The Feelin'* had already sold over 35,000 copies in the streets across the nation and had reached #24 on the *Billboard* Top 100 R&B Album Chart. His first single "Playaz Club" was the Number 1 requested song on Bay Area Radio, and was headed south to Los Angeles radio, and radio stations in the Western Region. Promoted by EMI, "Playaz Club" took like a fire to the nation's airwaves and when the fire stopped burning, the song had recorded sales of over 400,000 singles while announcing a new era in the game, and the return of Rappin' 4Tay.

The first playa to put Frisco on the map, 4Tay says, "That was for the game. Only a playa hater could be mad at me for that. I just want to thank everyone for their support." Objective #1: Did that.

After "Playaz Club," 4Tay flipped the script and dropped another bomb: "I'll Be Around", featuring none other than **The Spinners**. Another 250,000 singles sold and 4Tay had the honor of seeing his "I'll Be Around" video nominated for *Best Rap Music Video* at the 1995 MTV Music Awards. 4Tay says, "They labeled my rap positive, and I think that was a good thing, because it was written to be that way."

By 1995, the album *Don't Fight The Feelin'* had recorded sales of nearly 350,000 units and Rappin' 4Tay had won the 18th Annual Bay Area Music (Bammie) Award for *Outstanding Urban/Contemporary Album of The Year*—a task only equalled by **MC HAMMER**, **TONY!TONI!TONE!**, **EN VOGUE** and **DIGITAL UNDERGROUND**.

"Truth be known," says 4-Tay, my peoples at EMI Records came to the table like some playaz and they kicked in like a slot machine. A lil' paper for a playa and my family had a home of our own." Objective #2 - Dutta there.

When he was not giving his time and lending his name to benefits like AIDS Awareness, Homeless programs or talking to the young ones at San Francisco Neighborhood Schools, Rappin' 4-Tay was on the road. Armed with a mic and no fear, 4-Tay and his Rag Top Crew toured the nation at night clubs, holes-in-the-wall and sold out stadiums with **Boyz II Men**, **Notorious B.I.G.**, **Da' Brat**, **Brandy**, **The Gap Band**, **Coolio** and **TLC** to name a few. 4Tay also headlined the **1994/95 National Low Rider Magazine Tour** and rocked the house at countless major radio stations' Summer Jams and Spring Fests from 1993 through 1995.

In August of 1995, 4Tay was back in the streets and stores across the nation, this time landing two songs on the MCA Records' triple-platinum sound-track, *Dangerous Minds*. He also recorded a duet with **Tupac Shakur**, "Only God Can Judge Me", for 2Pac's Death Row Records release *All Eyez On Me*. So what's next? The story continues in the 1996 season for Rappin' 4Tay with a brand new album: *Off Parole*. Of the new album, 4Tay says, "I'm comin' back with more playa shit and they should know that I'm still phuckin' wit my folks. The album is PHAT, the beats are tight, and the songs are real. I'm gonna always keep game on the shelf. They can judge it, but they won't be able to stop it."

*Off Parole* enhances 4Tay's reputation as the Bay Area's most charismatic storyteller, displaying his dazzling skills over a variety of smooth and funky melodic tracks. *Off Parole* begins with the autobiographical "I Paid My Dues" which chronicles 4Tay's 10 years in the rap game. The Four Tops-inspired single "Ain't No Playa" revisits the Playaz Club - and what goes on in it while "Never Talk Down" features 4-Tay, Too Short, and MC Breed chopping "all-star" game. The posse cut, "Game on the Shelf", bounces steadily while "Where's The Party" brings the bumpin' party with it, from West Coast to East. "Comin' Back" - produced by Doug Rasheed ("Gangsta's Paradise") - mixes a positive rap anthem with gospel overtones that deliver the message that no matter how bad, things are going to be alright. "Seems like a nightmare, in reality ain't no waking up/ I been shot at, talked about, an' all that shit/ Thought I'd come and talk a while about the situation/ and for the gift you gave me - show some type of appreciation."

If Rappin' 4Tay's past is a window to the future, records stores across the nation would be well advised: *Don't Fight the Feelin'* because it appears that Rappin' 4Tay is not ready to stop rapping yet. He's gonna be using his gift for a long time. He's trying to take care of objective #3: *Off Parole* - and blowing up! \*\*

### RECONSTRUCTION OF 50TH STREET AND SLIDE ROAD INTERSECTION BEGINS MARCH 25TH

Construction barrels that narrow traffic flow at 50th Street and Slide Road will be placed at the intersection on March 24th in preparation for work in the street to begin March 25th.

Traffic flow north and south on Slide Road will narrow to two lanes in each direction with left turns permitted from the left lane. Traffic flow east and west on 50th Street will be narrowed to one lane for through traffic with left turns permitted.

Traffic signals at 50th and Slide will rotate to green for one direction

of traffic at a time with three directions cycled to red.

Beginning the week of March 18th, the contractor will be removing traffic islands on Slide Road and 50th Street in preparation for construction in the intersection to begin March 25th.

The contract for reconstruction of the intersection allows five months for completion (by mid-August). Traffic Engineering will monitor the traffic signal cycles for any adjustments required to permit the most efficient flow of traffic.

### Travel Medicine Briefs March-May 1 1996

**Tips for stopped-up ears**  
HOUSTON—Stopped-up ears while flying? Then wait, chew or blow.

The situation occurs when air pressure in the sinuses and ear tubes is not the same as that of the immediate surroundings. The result can be difficulty in hearing and, in some cases, pain.

Time will usually take care of stopped-up ears as the air pressure in the ears adjusts to match the new surroundings, said Dr. James H. Runnels of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

But, if that doesn't occur readily, Runnels recommends these methods for reclaiming full use of the ears:

- \* Chew gum: This is particularly helpful for children because it is something they already know how to do.
- \* Block the nostrils with the fingers and gently blow against the fingers.

**Beware of water in less developed areas**  
HOUSTON—A word of advice for travelers venturing into less developed areas of the world: Avoid ice cubes.

In places with poor sanitation and hygiene, wise travelers will shun anything made from water that may not have been properly treated, said Dr. James H. Runnels of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

That includes ice cubes, usually made from tap water.

For liquids, the best bet is carbonated beverages or drinks made with boiled water. Even bottled water should be carbonated; otherwise, it may be nothing more than a bottle that was refilled at a tap.

Chlorination is also no guarantee that water is safe, even though chlorination does reduce the microorganism count, Runnels said.

**Tips for travelers with health problems**  
HOUSTON—if you have special health problems, here are some tips to make traveling a bit easier.

Dr. James H. Runnels of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston recommends that you:

- \* Talk to a physician before planning a trip.
- \* Obtain the names of physicians in destination cities. Carry a letterhead from your physician explaining the need for any medicines or medical equipment. Take along an ample supply of necessary medicines as well as duplicates of prescription orders.
- \* Wear a medical-alert necklace, or carry a wallet card explaining any medical conditions and allergies.
- \* Contact airlines, cruise lines and hotels to advise them of special medical needs.

## Obituary

### DOSHIA KING



Final rites were read for a longtime resident, Doshia Mae King, Monday, March 18, 1996 at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. N. H. Franklin, pastor, officiating.

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

Ms. King passed here Wednesday, March 13, 1996 in St. Mary Hospital.

Ms. King was born March 29, 1924 in Winona, Texas. She moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1941. She was a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she

loved Sunday School. She also was a member of the Chat-n-Chew Service Club. She was also a member of the Singlettes Social Club.

She is survived by: a son, George Ralph Okra of Lincoln, Nebraska; two step-sons: R. J. Givens, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas and James Givens of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Dianna Thomas of Carrollton, Texas; her step-mother, Mrs. Hortense King of Beaumont, Texas; a sister, Pearl Glenn of Port Arthur, Texas; eight grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

### SHARON GUDE



Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, March 18, 1996 at the Community Baptist Church for Sharon Renee Wilson Gude with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

She died at Methodist Hospital Wednesday, March 13, 1996.

Ms. Gude was born December 14, 1957 in Lubbock, Texas.

Survivors include: two daughters: Cori Wilson and Brandi Williams, both of Lubbock, Texas; her parents: Barbara and Jimmie Wilson of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Darryl

Wilson of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Cheryl Wilson Ross and Gayle Wilson Trotty, both of Lubbock, Texas; and her grandparents: Lorene and B. J. English of Lubbock, Texas and Bertha Wilson of Texarkana, Texas.

## Your Personal Finance - Borrowing from a 401K Plan

By Charles Ross

Most 401K plans allow you to borrow from your savings at low rates with the interest payments pumped back into your account. This is a very popular borrowing strategy, and it's one of the greatest attractions of 401K plans. Within the restrictions of your plan, you can take as long as five years to pay the loan back, and in the meantime you are, in effect, paying interest to yourself.

This is a much better option than borrowing against a credit card or taking a home equity loan, both of which can involve high interest payments that definitely do not go into your pocket. Be careful, though, about how much you borrow from your 401K, and, if possible, maintain your regular schedule of contributions in addition to the loan payments. This will prevent you from eating away at your future retirement income.

#### The Disadvantages

Borrowing from your 401K plan can be a good option since interest payments you make go right back into your account. But a 401K account may be a primary source of retirement savings. Be aware of the impact this kind of loan can have on your financial goals.

First, it's important to remember that money on loan is no longer being invested. This means you could be losing money, because any profits your 401K might have made from investments during your payback period are lost. This can make a substantial

difference if you happen to miss a period of high performance. In addition, you may be tempted to reduce or eliminate regular contributions while you are paying on the loan. This means lower total contributions as well as higher taxes during the years of the loan. Do some figuring before you decide.

#### Non-Deductible IRA Contributions

Making a tax-deductible IRA contribution has always made good tax sense. But there are restrictions on who can do it, depending on whether or not your employer offers a qualified retirement plan, and on how high your income is. If your employer offers a plan, IRA contributions are deductible only for single incomes of under twenty-five thousand dollars, and for married incomes of under fifty thousand dollars.

If your employer does not offer a qualified retirement plan, your contribution will be deductible no matter how high your income is. If you don't qualify to make a tax-deductible contribution, should you make a nondeductible contribution? Some tax pros say no, but remember that IRA principal grows tax-free, which adds up fast.

Why Make a Nondeductible Contribution? Conventional wisdom says that if your IRA contribution is not deductible, don't bother. But that may not be as wise as it sounds. Remember, your IRA principal grows tax-deferred until it is withdrawn, so it is still a good idea to contribute up to the two-thou-

sand-dollar-per-year limit. If that seems like a puny amount to set aside each year, consider this: two thousand dollars invested well, with its growth not affected by taxes, can grow into a half million dollars or more. And you can let it continue to grow well into your retirement years. Liberal IRA rules let you defer withdrawing any money until you reach age seventy-and-a-half, and even then you can choose to make minimum annual withdrawals based upon life expectancy.

Some Cautions: You may hear arguments against making a nondeductible IRA contribution. One argument says that the savings that come from tax deferral simply don't justify all the extra paperwork. But if you are organized about your IRA paperwork, and consolidate your IRA accounts, then filling out the IRA tax form is not a problem.

A few points to remember: In order to maximize the gains from IRA contributions, you must be willing to take the risk of putting your IRA money into stocks instead of more secure government or municipal bonds. Also, money saved in an IRA should be seen as unouchable until you reach age fifty-nine and a half. If you may need to tap into it sooner, you'll be better off keeping it outside of an IRA.

Charles Ross is host of the nationally syndicated radio program, "Your Personal Finance," and author of *Your Common Sense Guide to Personal Financial Planning*.

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### IN CINQUE

by Bernice W. Howard

Everyone is now aware that juvenile crime is a real problem. The real problem left now is how to deal with the problem. Various communities are handling the problem differently. Some cities are now trying teenagers 14 and above as adults but still placing them with other juvenile offenders. Communities which in the past did not prosecute juveniles under the age of 13 are now trying all juveniles who commit adult-type crimes as adult criminals. Some cities are trying all youths age 16 as adults and placing them with hardened criminals in adult penitentiaries. Still other communities are pondering over whether juvenile facilities should be expanded or if new facilities should be erected. At this point in time, very few authorities who are even remotely concerned about the outcome of the various actions proposed for juvenile offenders have any real idea as to what that outcome will be. Where then, does this situation and the

actions being taken leave or put public schools? How does these actions affect teacher training and education? In addition to entrance and exit examinations to prepare for teacher certification, will new teachers have to decide to study a curriculum for teaching on the inside of a correctional facility or teaching students whom have been released to the outside of the correctional facility? In this type of teaching milieu, the opportunity to teach students whom have never entered a correctional facility will be a bonus. On the other hand, will the entrance and exit examinations to enter the educational field of study be eliminated due to the low level of interest in entering the field? Will the stringent entrance requirements be lowered to accommodate recruitment? Are we headed down a road to bleakness and obscurity? It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and 'take the bull by its horns' and find better solutions for our kids than carting them off to jail and discouraging our youths who would teach school.

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ty... will be present... ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT AT FEDERATION OF CHOIRS!! THIS N THAT... learned from another announcement of the annual celebration of the... FEDERATION OF CHOIRS... last Sunday afternoon... a faithful servant of the choir... SISTER OLLIE COLEMAN... will retire as the federation's secretary... She was given praise for her many efforts as an officer... THIS N THAT... also says... THANKS... SISTER OLLIE COLEMAN... for a job well done... and may you continue to grow stronger... She has retired because of... health problems... DID A SPLENDID JOB!! THIS N THAT... attended a program... in which one of our own... T.J. Patterson, Jr... a graduate of Dunbar High School and the Texas Southern University... THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL LAW... make an outstanding presentation... about criminal activity... at the... TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REGION III... quarterly meeting at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center... Last Thursday afternoon... At present time... Patterson... is an assistant Attorney General... at Austin, Texas and the son of... MR. AND MRS. T.J. PATTERSON, SR... Also on program... were... KEN WALKER... Lubbock

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### AMERICA'S GROWTH INDUSTRY

by Bernice Powell Jackson

Soon we'll no longer be known for our automotive industry or our Silicon Valley computer technical industry. Prisons are fast becoming the United States' growth industry. We'll be known around the world as the nation which makes a living by incarcerating its citizens. We now incarcerate somewhere around 1.5 million Americans, about half of whom are African American or Hispanic. The number grows by leaps and bounds every year, with prisoners often being doubled bunked in already overcrowded and outdated facilities. With the recent passages of the so called three strikes and you're out bills and mandatory long sentences for crack cocaine, the prison population can only continue to grow. In our capitalist tradition, private enterprise is looking at these numbers and the privatization of the corrections industry is now occurring in many states, particularly the South and West. While the number of private companies running prisons is still small, The Corrections Corporation of America now has about 42 percent of the private corrections market and is seeking to expand to other states, including Ohio. In 1994, CCA saw profits of \$7.1 million, nearly double its 1993 earnings. With the clamor for tax cuts, many argue that private prisons will save taxpayers dollars. But the numbers show that privately-run prisons are slightly more expensive than public ones. Many criminal justice advocates worry about this new trend toward privatization, recalling earlier abuses, when inmates were forced to build railroads, dig mines and work in textile factories under horrible conditions which often resulted in death. They also question the accountability of private corporations and point out that it should be the government's responsibility to incarcerate. On the other hand, private prisons tend to be new, modern facilities

and in at least one survey prisoners rated them better in health care, discipline, cleanliness, educational programs and inmate food and mood. Some private facilities, however, have experienced prisoner revolts, based on complaints about spoiled food, abusive guards and beatings and shacklings. For many communities across the country the issue around prisons, whether public or private, is jobs. As more and more blue collar jobs are eliminated, communities are turning to prisons as a source of employment for their displaced factory workers and increased state tax revenues in the case of private prisons. For instance, Youngstown, OH is proposing to give 100 acres of industrial brownfields (land polluted from toxic wastes) to be used for the construction of a private prison. With a 10.7 percent unemployment rate, this former steel and manufacturing town sees prisons as a source of jobs and income. The O.J. Simpson verdict pointed to the racial divide in this nation when it comes to criminal justice issues. As more and more people of color are incarcerated, these will take on increased significance. There are a multitude of difficult questions which must be faced by us all. Are prisons becoming the steel mills and manufacturing plants of the 21st century - the employers of unskilled European Americans, for whom little training is being done? Are prisons becoming the warehouses for young African Americans and Hispanic Americans, whose labor is no longer needed by our nation? What happened to the concept of rehabilitation, upon which our prisons supposedly were based? Do we really believe we can have a stable society when one in three young African American men is involved in the criminal justice system? We as a nation must realize that no one is safe if prisons are our country's growth industry for the next century. And then we must do something about it.

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### Maybe We Need to Go Back to the Good Old Days!

Violence, gangs, mayhem, fear, frustration, deprivation, despair, finger-pointing, blaming, accusing, complaining, excuses, questions, and anything else as to why we have the problems we have today, gangs, violence, teenage pregnancies and all the problems we are suffering today.

Let's think about it. We are dealing with a lot of the baby boomers' children now, high tech, do your own thing, give me my space, let me live my own life. Saw an 11-year-old on a TV talk show the other day that tells her mother to spend her money on her such as a wardrobe. Then she refused to wear them because when she went to school that was not what the other kids were wearing, she would not be popular. Then she wanted a musical instrument, then she refused to practice. She changed her mind about the band. This is one case but just a sampling of nationwide.

We have another problem that is the root of all the problems: prayer out of school, not able to lovingly put on the butt, not abusively but directionally. Who let down adults or children?

In our modern day parents are pals with their children, not parents. I don't want my child to go through what I went through so I'll give him/her a car as soon as his/her feet reach the pedal, I will not teach my child the work ethic and responsibility because this is anew day. I will not teach my child/children to respect their elders and say Ma'am and Sir because that's old-fashioned, etc.

The key element is children do not sell the drugs, maybe run them; children do not sell massive destructive weapons, etc. Adults do every problem our children have; deep down someplace adults are responsible. Young people look up to the thugs, call girls, pimps and pushers because of the flashy jewelry, cars, clothes and the large sums of money, and everybody wants to know where gangs come from.

Over 75% of our newborn babies are born to unwed teenage mothers. They grow up without a male image, usually in diverse poverty, no organized family structure, most of the time not shown love. A child needs to be shown love, needs to be hugged, cuddled, set on a knee and protected. The problem now is in some cases when a child can get this it comes from a perverted freak.

To save our children it takes us all: family, church, school, community and anybody else that cares working collectively with and for the good of all of our precious resources—our precious children and young people.

On a local note, it sure would be good to see some color, especially young white females to practice teaching, to learn their trade, or get paid until they find another or a better position.

### LEGAL MATTERS

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM IN TEXAS

There is both good news and bad news about crime in Texas. The good news is that the overall rate of crime is down. The bad news is that juvenile crime is still rising.

Texas Department of Public Safety statistics show that the crime rate has fallen 5 percent statewide in the past year. Furthermore, the rate of violent crimes dropped 9 percent, and 10 percent fewer burglaries were reported.

But DPS statistics also show that arrests of teenagers went up nearly 5 percent. Unfortunately, this is not a recent trend. In the past 10 years, the number of arrests for violent crimes perpetrated by Texans between the ages of 10 and 16 have nearly tripled, going up 282 percent.

The following numbers and trends are indicative of a disturbing trend:

- 14 percent of all arrests in Texas involved juveniles in 1984.
- 26 percent of all arrests in Texas involved juveniles in 1993.
- Murders involving juveniles were up 291 percent from 1984 to 1993.
- Homicide is now the third leading cause of death among elementary school students.

#### LESSONS FROM STOPPING ADULT CRIME

There are many reasons for the recent decline in adult crime rates, according to experts who study trends in Texas crime. But one reason is that we are putting away more criminals for longer terms. There are now more prison beds and fewer convicted criminals obtain parole.

In addition to creating more space for criminals and cutting the parole rate of our eligible convicts by 75 percent, the legislature has passed laws providing tougher sentences for violent and habitual criminals. Fewer repeat offenders on our streets mean fewer crimes committed by them.

#### JUVENILE CRIME

A few years ago our first priority was to lower adult crime. During the 1995 Legislature, we turned our attention to combating juvenile crime. Prior to the legislative session, my office presented lawmakers with a plan to revise the Texas Family Code, the set of laws that gov-

erns the juvenile justice system.

To many young criminals, the juvenile justice system had become a joke - offenders knew that even if they were arrested, they could probably get off with a slap on the wrist. We needed to restore public confidence that justice would be served and that juvenile offenders would be held accountable for their illegal actions.

The juvenile justice system suffered from many of the same flaws that had plagued the adult system: inadequate correctional capacity and a disproportionate concern for the rights of the offenders versus the rights of their victims. We proposed a plan to guarantee that young criminals would meet swift, sure, and appropriate punishment.

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM

In 1995, the Texas Legislature signed into law some sweeping reforms of our juvenile justice system. Restitution is a major component of the reform, and parents can now be held liable for the crimes of their children.

The Legislature rewrote the confidentiality provisions of the Texas Family code. Those provisions were designed to protect delinquents from the "taint" of criminality; they were in fact protecting repeat offenders from prosecution.

We needed more correctional capacity for juvenile offenders. The new laws more than double the capacity of our juvenile corrections facilities, keeping young violent criminals in jail and off the streets. The Legislature also created new programs for juvenile offenders to deter them from becoming habitual criminals and to make them productive members of society. If we can prevent young criminals from becoming adult criminals, we can avert another prison overcrowding crisis.

The new legislation also stiffened penalties for juveniles who commit the most serious crimes and increased the number of probation officers. Now, the worst offenders paroled from TYC must report to adult parole officer.

#### TURNING BAD NEWS INTO GOOD NEWS

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### TEXAS' SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NAMED AMONG 40 LIFE-CHANGING COLLEGES IN NEW BOOK BY FORMER "NEW YORK TIMES" EDUCATION EDITOR

GEORGETOWN, Texas—Southwestern University has been named among 40 colleges across the nation in a new book by former "New York Times" education editor Loren Pope, which focuses on schools which make significant impacts in the lives of their students.

In "Colleges That Change Lives," Pope, director of The College Placement Bureau and author of "Looking Beyond the Ivy League," profiles 40 schools from the Northeast, South, Midwest, Southwest and Northwest regions after extensive on-campus research and interviews with students, faculty and staff at colleges nationwide. Southwestern is one of just three schools from the Southwest region to be included.

The others are Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and St. John's College in Santa Fe, N.M. In 1995, "U.S. News & World Report" positioned Southwestern as Texas' top-rated traditional liberal arts college in its annual "America's Best Colleges" issue.

Southwestern University, Texas' first institution of higher education, is an independent, undergraduate college which focuses on the liberal arts and sciences. The university is located 28 miles north of Austin.

Some excerpts on Southwestern University in "Colleges That Change Lives" ...  
"Southwestern University... is the story of an exciting transformation. Chartered as the state's first university in 1840, until the 1970s it was doing the conventional thing, providing the B.A. union card for its graduates' first jobs.

Then, with the catalysts of the new president's vision and the generosity of three Texas foundations, it was born again as a place to prepare for the 21st century.

It takes money, lots of it, to make the kind of top-drawer liberal arts college that President Roy B. Shilling envisioned. Luckily, the Brown Foundation wanted to stimulate giving from alumni of Texas colleges, which had been uniformly low.

The Houston Endowment and Cullen Educational Trust were also interested in Southwestern's rebirth. A matching-grant-fund drive doubled and then quadrupled foundation shares as the college did its part. As a result, Southwestern has a still-growing endowment of \$1-1 million, which ranks it among the top 30 colleges and well ahead of most universities. To cap all this, in 1994, Phi Beta Kappa, the scholastic honorary society, gave Southwestern the

Southwestern Named Among 40 Life-Changing Colleges in New Book—2

academic stamp of approval by installing a chapter there. Now it is one of the few jewels of the Southwest whose mission is to prepare a new generation to contribute to a changing society, and to prosper in their jobs, whatever and wherever in the world they may be."

"From the Southwestern students came emphatic confirmation of the feeling of family. Individual students... agreed that 'the strongest feature of this place' and its greatest virtue is its ability to foster close bonds between students and their teachers. They mentioned being able to work on research projects with faculty members, having dinner at a professor's home, and valuing them as mentors and as friends. Others said their minds had been opened or that a professor's passion for his subject had struck a spark or changed a major. Several made a point of expressing gratitude to the taskmasters who had inspired and pressured them to make their thinking and writing clear. Others volunteered that Southwestern had caused them to examine and become concerned about their value systems. The new Southwestern, they said has become 'dynamic, open-minded, and there is much sense of community,' due in part, no doubt, to the broader view of the world instilled by the new foreign [study] programs."

"Whether African-American, Asian-American, Latino or white, all [students] said it was a place that had helped them grow, given them self-confidence, and broadened their horizons and their view of the world. It had also made them realize the importance of friendship and of working in their community. One result has been a surge in community service. In a student-initiated project, half the student body worked with residents of Georgetown to build a city park that has graphic displays of the history and heritage of the region and provides three hours of child care daily. Students also tutor in the public schools and repair homes of low income residents. After hurricane Andrew, two busloads of students, faculty, administrators and staff went to help repair the damage, another student-inspired project."

"Southwestern is a warm and friendly place that evokes in its teenagers and in its teachers a pride in belonging, and for good reason. It will do the same for those who come from the North, the Midwest, the West Coast, or the Northwest. True, they might as freshmen find their classmates a tad more conservative than themselves, but also probably kinder, more tolerant, and considerate. Four years later as seniors, they'll probably have found common ground, and those from afar may have acquired some of the warm virtues of their Southwestern friends as well as an exceptional four years of growth."

"Colleges That Change Lives," published by Penguin Books, can be found in bookstores nationwide. For more information about Southwestern University, call the admission office at 1-800-252-3166.

### World Literacy Crusade Brings Hope to the Inner City Communities with Study Technology

LOS ANGELES—The dim figures—that only 56% of African Americans can read in the 1990's as opposed to 80% in 1930, that there are more African Americans in prison than graduating from high school, and that 33% of African American males are incarcerated in the U.S. prison system—were brought to light at the recent 4th Annual World Literacy Crusade Gospel Showcase Benefit.

Proceeds from the event went to benefit the World Literacy Crusade, a grassroots movement aimed at restoring pride and self-respect to youth and adults in inner city communities across the world, through effective learning and literacy programs.

The showcase, hosted by Isaac Hayes, academy award winning composer, musician and actor, paid tribute to the humanitarian, Martin Luther King, Jr. Isaac Hayes, international spokesperson for the World Literacy Crusade, stated, "I am very honored to host a tribute to Martin Luther King, who was one of the most literate and well-educated visionaries of this century and who is an outstanding example of the power of literacy."

Isaac Hayes, who marched with Martin Luther King in Memphis in 1965 during King's final days, went on to say,

"The aim of the World Literacy Crusade is to provide new hope and a better future for our people through a quality education. By putting a book in the hands of today's youth—instead of a gun—we can keep King's dream alive."

Founder of the World Literacy Crusade, Reverend Alfred Johnson of Compton, California, recognized the need for eliminating illiteracy in the inner cities after the civil unrest in Los Angeles in 1992. Rev. Johnson invited Applied Scholastics, a non-profit educational organization, to implement the breakthrough educational technology, developed by author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard, to help gang youth. The success of the program in Compton was so remarkable that community leaders hearing of its results have been asking Applied Scholastics to open similar programs in their own areas.

Today, there are over fifteen World Literacy Crusade programs in cities across the United States and several more have opened in other countries. Many of the participants are learning to read for the first time. Each student learns Mr. Hubbard's Study Technology, which equips them with the tools of knowing how to learn, restoring hope for their future.

Reverend Johnson, speaking at the

Benefit, said, "If we are going to improve society, we must improve the individual. The World Literacy Crusade is a blessing because it eliminates hopelessness and empowers the individual with the ability to get knowledge."

One homeless man, who attended the program in Compton, raised his comprehension level by over 2 years in a matter of weeks and went on to be accepted as a nurse at a Medial Center after attaining one of the best scores they had seen on their entrance exam.

Several of the youth attending the program have dropped out of gangs and are getting trained as tutors to help other youth and children gain these same powerful learning skills.

After hearing about the Crusade at a national conference, some housing authorities around the country are now looking at implementing the World Literacy Crusade as part of their recreation center services available in inner-city housing projects. One such newly opened project, represented at the Benefit, is in Tampa. Funded by a local corporation, this project was acknowledged by Isaac Hayes, who helped to get it started. For more information, call 1-800-424-5397.

### Reps. Watts and Talent Announce Empowerment Legislation Draft Legislation that Reinforces Faith, Family, Work, and Community

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, Reps. J.C. Watts, Jr. (R-Okla.) and Rep. Jim Talent (R-Mo.) announced "The Community Renewal Project," legislation that seeks to revitalize our nation's low-income communities. By returning government to the side of the institutions that have held communities together, this legislation is designed to move low-income communities from despair and dependency to self-sufficiency and independence.

"No one argues with the fact that life in low-income communities is rough," said Rep. Watts. "We've spent more than five trillion dollars on the War on Poverty, and still millions of Americans live amid the decay of our low-income communities. What's worse, though, is that we've allowed big government to replace the institutions that formerly gave structure and order to our neighborhoods: faith, family, work, and community," Watts continued. "The reality is that big government and increased federal money are part of the problem, fracturing these communities and placing unnecessary obstacles in the way of these institutions," he added.

Yet, despite these obstacles, there are thousands of community groups and neighborhoods that have been working to produce real success. Before drafting the legislation, Reps. Watts and Talent went to these groups and asked them what they have been doing and what works. From this, they developed The Community Renewal Project, legislation that is driven by the people—not Capitol Hill.

"Meeting with these groups, we saw that successful grassroots efforts can be distinguished by three factors: they are homegrown; they are faithful to the principles that preserve civility, family, faith, service, honesty, reliability, and mutual dependence; and their objective is to move people from federal dependency to self-sufficiency," said Rep. Talent. "These groups teach a valuable lesson: it is people, not programs, that change people's lives," he added.

The Community Renewal Project hopes to revitalize these areas by creating jobs, improving education, encouraging home ownership, and restoring structure to these communities through:

- A. Moral Renewal**
- Quality education: offering families the choice to use federal money to send their kids to private schools, including faith-based schools.
  - Family savings: encouraging families to save for the future.
  - Faith-based institutions: removing obstacles to allow faith-based organizations to provide the programs that produce results without government interference.
- B. Economic Opportunity:**
- Encouraging investment in low-income communities: cutting taxes on job creation.
  - Homeownership: reforming housing regulations to help local groups get families into their own homes.

"The last 30 years of well-intentioned, but unsuccessful, government programs have taught us a valuable lesson: government is no substitute for fathers, family, and community," said Watts. "Only the commitment to live uprightly, and to act in association with those who care about themselves and their neighborhoods, will make a difference," he added.

"The Community Renewal Project hopes to remove existing obstacles and return government to its rightful role: supporting the institutions that make individual and community achievement possible," said Talent. "For in the end, improving these neighborhoods is a function of what's in people's hearts—not in bureaucratic federal programs," he added.

For more information about the Community Renewal Project please call Kristin Young in Rep. Talent's office at (202) 225-2561 or Tobi Edwards in Rep. Watts's office at (202) 225-6165. You can also find information on The Community Renewal home page at <http://www.house.gov/talent/renewal.html>.

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Proverb 14:12, There is a way which seemeth RIGHT UNTO MAN, but the END thereof are THE WAYS OF DEATH.

(I BILLY B.J. AT ONE TIME; LOVED SIN, The Woman, Doping, Smoking, Drinking, Partying all night. I drove home many mornings DRUNK, and didn't KNOW HOW I GOT THERE! In 1979 I was gambling and had won everybody's money, a man pulled out a shotgun, and said he wanted his BACK, I said: you're a LYING @#%&\*!@%\$ and I started picking up MY MONEY. Everyone around the table moved back, from the table, he cocked the shot gun, and TWO MEN SPOKE UP; one said, don't shot the man over HIS MONEY; the other one said: yea man; HE WON THE MONEY. GOD USED TWO SINNERS TO TALK THE MAN OUT OF KILLING ME. GOD LOVES SINNERS.)

John 3:17, JESUS SAID, For GOD sent not his SON (JESUS) into the world to condemn the world (YOU & ME); but that the world through HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

(I was in the bed with a MARRIED WOMAN, I woke up SUDDENLY; shook the bed, and she asked: WHAT'S WRONG, I said a car just pulled up out there, she went and looked and there was no one there. I said a man in a BLACK 4-DOOR WITH A LONG ANTENNAS ON THE BACK, HE'S WEARING A BLACK WESTERN HAT, SMOKING A CIGAR. SHE SAID: YOU DESCRIBED MY HUSBAND, BUT HE IS NOT DUE BACK TILL TOMORROW. I said I'VE got to go: I left. The next trip there she told me, HE GOT SICK AND CAME HOME THAT NIGHT. MY FRIENDS SAID: BOY YOU'RE LUCKY; BUT I'M BLESSED)

(Timothy 1:15,16, This is a faithful saying, and worthy of acceptance, THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS; OF WHOM I AM CHIEF. Howbeit for this cause I OBTAINED MERCY that in me first JESUS CHRIST MIGHT SHEW FORTH ALL LONGSUFFERING, for a pattern to them which should hereafter BELIEVE ON HIM TO LIFE EVERLASTING.

REV. HOMER AVERY SAID: I SHOULDN'T WEAR JESUS NAME ON SIDE OF MY PICKUP, I USED TO ADVERTISE JACK DANIEL, FOR THE DEVIL; GOT SICK AND THREW UP.

Proverb 20:1, WINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is DECEIVED THEREBY IS NOT WISE.

I used to advertise THE DEVIL'S PRODUCT ON MY T SHIRTS AND CAPS, I NOW ADVERTISE FOR JESUS; HE'S MY MASTER. I'M NO LONGER A S&P.

REV. AVERY SAYS NO; ON OUR HOUSE NUMBER, THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD, I TELL HIM HOW MUCH I LOVE THE LORD; BUT ONLY BECAUSE HE LOVED ME FIRST.

When I was SICK IN THE WORLD, MIND BLOWN; I COULDN'T GET WELL, GOD HEALED MY MIND; FILLED ME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, TO GO TO LUBBOCK AND TELL.

Mark 5:19b, JESUS SAID, GO home to thy friends, and TELL THEM HOW GREAT THINGS THE LORD HATH DONE FOR THEE, AND HAD COMPASSION ON THEE.

THE SPIRIT IS LIKE FIRE; IT'S ALWAYS; BURNING IN MY BONES, I'VE GOT TO PRAISE THE LORD; BY THE LAW OF AVERAGE, I SHOULD BE DEAD AND GONE.

Psalms 6:4,5, Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: O SAVE ME FOR THY MERCIES' SAKE. For in death there is NO REMEMBRANCE OF THEE: IN THE GRAVE WHO SHALL GIVE THEE THANKS?

I'M LIKE THE OLD MAN, THAT THEY TOLD HE PRAISE GOD; TOO MUCH IN CHURCH, LORD'S WILL I'LL BE 55 MARCH 30th; AND NOT A BONE IN THIS BODY HURTS.

(HOLD MY MULE; BECAUSE I'M GOING TO PRAISE THE LORD, ANYWHERE I CAN!!!)

Luke 20:25, JESUS SAID, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS WHICH BE GOD'S.

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## O COME TO MY HEART, LORD JESUS!

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it," Luke 19:41

When Jesus first invited people to take up their cross, to deny themselves and follow Him. He already knew the path God had planned for Him. Jesus lived with one purpose only, to fulfill the will of God. He knew that He was to offer Himself as a Sacrifice for the sins of the world. Therefore Jesus set His face toward the cross.

On feast days it was customary for the pilgrims to sing as they approached the city of Jerusalem. They usually sang from the Psalms of Ascents—Psalms 120-134. But for some unusual reason, on this occasion, the pilgrims sang out Blessed is the king, who comes in the name of the Lord" as Jesus descended from the Mount of Olive & This was from one of the messianic Psalms, Psalm 118:26.

With the crowd around Jesus singing and waving palms, it would have seemed to be a high point in His ministry. But as the beautiful city of Jerusalem panned before his eyes, tears began to flow down His cheeks. Why did Jesus weep? We might conclude that his weeping on the way to the grave of his friend Lazarus was caused by the curse of sin. He was going to raise his friend from the dead. But why Jerusalem? Jesus had come to His people with so much to give them—peace, salvation, healing,

but they did not receive Him. They rejected Jesus as their Messiah. They did not understand it was the day of their visitation from God. They were blinded by Satan and could not see the light of the gospel of Christ. And so Jesus wept over the sad consequences of this blindness and the horrors to come.

To my African-Americans brothers; Jesus comes today by the voice of the Holy Spirit. He speaks to our hearts. He still offers peace, forgiveness, salvation. But as the days of old, many of you still do not hear Him. Your ears are not tuned to the voice of God's Spirit, for the cacophony of earth sounds drowns out His voice. Jesus is with you, but you do not see him, for you are self-blinded to spiritual things. There is a voice from the East that is calling you. He looks like Jesus. He walks as if he is Jesus. He talks like Jesus, but he is not JESUS! Because of the crisis that we have faced for over four hundred years, and the recent O.J. fallout and backlash, and the so-called Christian Conservative movement in conjunction with the political rhetoric of Buchanan this new angel of light says, "follow me!" Brothers, Jesus is still KING! With patience He keeps calling, and drawing with the chords of love. Let Him take the throne of your life and reign in love. Let Him direct and guide your life so that you may truly become His subjects in the kingdom of God on earth. "O, come to my heart, Lord Jesus!"

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### THE OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST

We thank God for times just like we're living in. Such a challenge to stand up and be counted as followers of Jesus Christ. When Satan is lifting up such a standard against what is right. We have to continue to prepare ourselves by putting on the whole armor of God to be able to stand. This is warfare not against flesh and blood, but against persons without hearts. The evil rulers of the unseen world those mighty satanic beings in high places, princess of darkness who rule over numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world. So be prepared to use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it's all over you will be still standing. But to do this, you will need to strong belt of truth and the breast plate of God's approval. Wear shoes that are able to speed you as you preach the good news of peace with God. In every battle you will need Faith as a Shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by satan, and the Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

Pray all the time, ask God for anything in line with his word. Pray earnestly for all Christians everywhere. Pray for us, what we see are satan's attacks in the form of insults, Set blocks and temptations, but the Shield of Faith protects us from satans

flaming arrows with Gods flaming arrows, With Gods perspectives, we can see beyond our circumstances and know that ultimate victory is ours in spiritual warfare, only the strong will survive. Dress from inside out.

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- I. If you can be righteous by keeping man made rules, then Jesus dying on the cross was of no effort
- II. "Life with Christ is an endless hope, without him, it is a hopeless end."
- III. If we're a produce of Evolution, what was the bit fish that swallowed Jonah the product of???
- IV. "If you can't believe Christ is alive, you are Dead."

"Our prayer and Gods mercy are like two buckets in a well; while one ascends, the other descends."

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## HOMETOWN NEWS

Army Pvt. Lydia D. Ross has graduated from the traffic management coordinator course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

The course was designed to prepare enlisted personnel to supervise, coordinate and control movement of personnel and cargo by air, rail, highway, and water.

Ross is the daughter of Thomas and Beverly A. Ross of 2607 Fir Ave., Lubbock.

The private is a 1994 graduate of Estacado High School, Lubbock.

Army Pvt. Marquis D. Barnes has graduated from the cargo specialist course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

During the course, students received instructions in terminal operations safety, rigging and stowage of cargo, winch operations, and the loading, securing, and discharging of cargo and heavy lifts.

Barnes is the son of Elaine Barnes and nephew of Linell Barnes of 3915 42nd St., Lubbock.

He is a 1994 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

### HomeHealth Preferred To Hold "Housewarming" Thursday, April 11, 1996

LUBBOCK, TEXAS - In celebration of its one-year anniversary, HomeHealth Preferred, Services of UMC and St. Mary Hospital, will hold a public "Housewarming," Thursday, April 11, 1996, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 3801 21st Street.

The celebration will include remarks from hospital administrators and a blessing of the offices by the most reverend Placido Rodriguez, C.M.F., Bishop of Lubbock.

HomeHealth Preferred provides home health care in Lubbock and the surrounding counties. The home health program essentially brings the hospital to the patient by offering numerous "at home" services including: skilled nursing, infusion therapy, social services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, LifeLine, pastoral care, nutritional support, home health aides, and coordination of durable medical equipment and supplies. When we started this project a year ago, we began as a basic home health agency," said HomeHealth Preferred Administrator Cindy Action, RN, BSN. "As the year has passed, we've seen the need to add more specialties including pediatrics and private duty."

"This affiliation with University Medical Center has been successful for many sectors of our community," said St. Mary Hospital Vice President William Weldon, Ph.D. "Not only has it given us the opportunity to enhance our continuum of care for patients, but it also allows St. Mary employees to take the Hospital values system into patient homes; to make quality medical care accessible to all at a reasonable cost."

The affiliation between St. Mary Hospital and UMC represents a new level of administrative and clinical cooperation between major hospitals in the Lubbock area," said UMC Division Director Jim Johnson, RPh, MPA. "This type of arrangement is part of a national trend that has been described as 'competitive cooperation' and will become more prevalent as managed care evolves."

"Home health care is no longer seen as an opportunity to serve only the elderly," Actor added. "It's been proven that the healing process is more successful in the comfort of one's own home, no matter what the patient's age."

The HomeHealth Preferred "Housewarming" is open to the public. Refreshments will be served, and tours of the offices will be given.

## Radio Documentaries on Black History Reach 18 Million Listeners to Commemorate Black History Month Myrtle Evers-Williams Honored at Philip Morris Reception Announcing 1996 Black History Radio Series

NEW YORK — The eighth edition of the award-winning, Philip Morris-sponsored radio documentary on African-American history was broadcast by some 450 radio stations during February to commemorate Black History Month.

Entitled "Passing It On: Voices from Black America's Past, Part Two," the six half-hour audio-tape documentaries have been distributed without charge to radio stations nationwide.

These stations reach an estimated audience of 18 million listeners, noted Frank Gomez, Director, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., during a Black History Month reception at the company's national headquarters.

Gomez told guests "this year's program continues where last year's radio documentary left off, focusing on subjects of vital importance to all Americans."

The topics in the six half-hour audio tapes are: "Freedom Summer/ Mississippi (1964)"; "Civil Rights Lawyers (1960s)"; "The Montgomery Bus Boycott"; "Bill Pickett/African-American West"; and "Paul Robeson The Great Forerunner, Parts One and Two."

The series, Gomez said, "gives voice to the generations of African-Americans who witnessed, pioneered or helped bring about important episodes in African-American history."

The term also carries an important association among African-Americans knowledgeable of the tradition of the "griot," or "memory men," of West Africa. The griot has the responsibility of memorizing the history of his group and passing this history on to others.

Murray Bring, Executive Vice President for External Affairs and General Counsel, Philip Morris Companies Inc., introduced the recep-



tion's guest of honor, NAACP Chairperson Myrtle Evers-Williams. He called her a "lady of character, integrity, resilience and fortitude ... putting aside her private pain, she took up the daunting challenge of reinvigorating the NAACP."

Evers-Williams told guests that she believed the NAACP had "turned the corner" in setting right its recent administrative and financial difficulties. She attributed the forward movement of the NAACP to a com-

ination of factors, organizations and individuals, as well as many "painful but necessary changes."

She said the organization, following her election a year ago, "set out to find the best possible person to head the NAACP. Former U.S. Rep. Kweisi M'fume of Maryland was offered the position, and he decided to accept the challenge. He is now with us as our president and chief executive officer, contributing significantly and getting things organized."

"The NAACP is on its way, not just to surviving, but to thriving," Evers-Williams said.

Widow of the NAACP's murdered Mississippi field secretary, Medgar Evers, she was honored for her exemplary performance with the NAACP since taking on her current position one year ago, and a lifetime of support for humanitarian causes. She was presented with an original, framed painting called "Princesses" by renowned African-American artist James Denmark.



**BLACK HISTORY WELCOME** — Frank Gomez, Director, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., left, welcomes Hazel Dukes, President, New York State NAACP, center, to Philip Morris' Black History Month Reception. Looking on is Derek Crawford, Director, Government Affairs, Planning, Philip Morris Companies Inc.



**THE ROBESON LEGACY** — Paul Robeson Jr., son of the late actor and humanitarian, Paul Robeson, center, chats with Alfonso L. Caney Jr., Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Government Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., left, and Mark Lipsitz, Director, Media Works. Lipsitz is the producer of "Passing It On: Voices from Black America's Past, Part Two," the radio documentary that was broadcast by some 450 radio stations nationwide during Black History Month. Robeson was featured in the documentary talking about his father, who was the subject of a two-part segment of the documentary.

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## BRYANT. MORALES TO DEBATE APRIL 1 IN LIVE BROADCAST

March 18, 1996—John Bryant and Victor Morales, the two Democratic candidates in the runoff race for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, have agreed to participate in a televised forum Monday, April 1. The hour-long program will air live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area at 7 p.m. on KERA Channel 13 and KERA 90.1. It will be offered via satellite to all public television and public radio stations in Texas.

"Election '96: The Democratic Runoff for U.S. Senate," sponsored by KERA-TV/FM and The Dallas Morning News, will be broadcast from KERA's studios in the Mary Nell and Ralph B. Rogers Telecommunications Center in Dallas.

Bryant, the U.S. Congressman representing Dallas, and Morales, a Mesquite schoolteacher, will answer questions from a panel of KERA and Dallas Morning News journalists. KERA 90.1's Sam Baker will moderate.

Morales finished first in the March 12 primary followed by Bryant, but neither received a majority of the votes. They will participate in a runoff election Tuesday,

April 9. The winner will face Sen. Gramm in November. Early voting for the runoff begins April 1.

KERA and The Dallas Morning News have been producing partners of a series of major election programs over the past few years, including nationally broadcast primary debates in 1988, Texas gubernatorial debates in 1990, the 1994 U.S. Senate primary debates and, also in 1994, two back-to-back statewide broadcasts of the Texas gubernatorial race and the U.S. Senate races. This year, the two have produced an issues forum with local citizens and a live forum featuring the four Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate.

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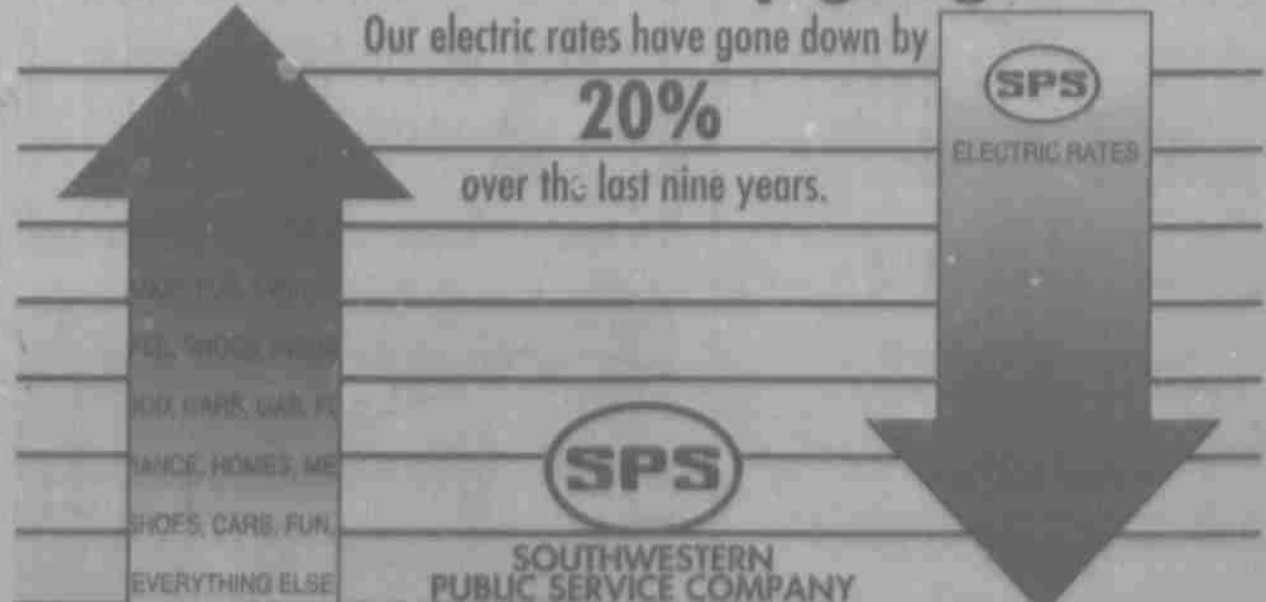
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