



Ruby Jay's Corner

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

Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Sister Margaret Moton presiding. She is the Young People's teacher.

Services began with a song, "I Can Hear My Savior Calling." Prayer was offered by Sister Moton. Music was played while the classes marched to their classes for 36 minutes of instruction. The classes reassembled singing "Something Within Me." High points of the lesson were given by Sister Dorothy Krieger, teacher of Class No. 2.

Secretary's Report—Youth Department—Intermediate Class won the Offering Banner. Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner but lost the Offering Banner to Class No. 4.

The 10:45 a.m. devotional services were conducted by Deacon and Mrs. Ernest Swain.

The Senior Choir marched in singing "We Got to Praise Him." Altar prayer was given by Rev. Brown. A song, "Jesus Is On the Main Line," was sung by Senior Choir. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Rhonda Henry. The morning hymn was "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. Another song, "God is a Good God," was sung.

The morning's sermon was delivered by Rev. Jeff Brown, who is Pastor Moton's son in the ministry. He preached on the subject: "I Want to Bless You, But You Won't Let Me." His scripture text was Joshua 7:7-13. It was a very uplifting sermon. It touched all who were present.

The invitation to discipleship was extended and the son of Sister Ann Taylor came for restoration. Praise God for this young man!

Mary Mitchell spent the holiday week in Dallas, Texas with her sisters and family.

Sister G.E. Davis and nieces spent the holiday in Fort Worth, Texas with relatives.

Carolyn Rollison of Houston, Texas spent Thanksgiving with her family Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rollison. She also attended the 14th Wedding Anniversary given for her parents last Saturday night at the KoKo Palace. It was a nice affair as the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren paid honor to their parents. All present enjoyed it as the food was very delicious. Mr. Rollison doesn't talk much, but Mrs. Rollison turned it out!

Brother Clarence Ervin is home from the hospital. Continue to whisper a prayer for him and his family.

Let us not pity those who are shut in as they need prayer also.

Ruby Jay's niece was buried November 22, 1995 in Mesquite, Texas. It was a shock to the family. God is still on the throne, if you don't know. Brother Ulysses Kelly seems to be doing fine. Bless him. Sister Chase enjoyed her sister who is visiting her for the holidays.

H.C. Kinner is a patient in the hospital for a few days. Remember him in your prayers.

NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SURVEY

From NBNS Communications

hopes that democracy may be restored to Africa's most populous nation. Under General Sani Abacha, the military seized power in 1993 after refusing to recognize the outcome of a popular election. Abacha said he planned to return power to civilians but refused to say when.

RACIAL VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN PORTUGAL

LISBON, PORTUGAL—Recent violent attacks against Africans living in Portugal have spoiled the European nation's image as a place of racial harmony. In recent weeks, groups of skinheads have been attacking Africans. Nearly 20 blacks have been injured. Portugal's population of 10 million has 170,000 registered foreign residents many of whom are from the country's former colonies in Africa.

BOXING PROMOTER GIVES MALCOLM X'S WIDOW \$50,000

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Boxing promoter Rock Newman has given \$50,000 to Betty Shabazz, the widow of slain black nationalist leader Malcolm X. Newman, who manages fighter Riddick Bowe, said he wanted to show "spiritual and financial support." Newman made the pledge when Shabazz and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan appeared to end their differences during a meeting in New York. Shabazz had long suggested that Farrakhan had in some way been responsible for the 1965 assassination of her husband.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Army Reserve Pvt. Keeta A. Boatman has completed basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Boatman is the daughter of Carmen P. Boatman, of 705 E. Tulane, Lubbock.

She is a 1995 graduate of New Deal High School, Texas.

Army Pvt. David W. Barber has completed basic training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Barber is the son of David E. and Novella Barber of Rural Route 9, Lubbock.

He is a 1993 graduate of Lubbock Cooper High School, Lubbock. Army Pvt. Lydia D. Ross has entered basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Ross is the daughter of Beverly A. and Thomas Ross of 7607 Fir Ave., Lubbock.

She is a 1994 graduate of Estacado High School, Lubbock.

ABA Reaches Out for Broadest Range of Pro Bono Award Nominations

CHICAGO—The American Bar Association is seeking the broadest possible range of nominations for the 1996 Pro Bono Publico Awards. Nominations are due Jan. 31.

"In this age of dramatically declining resources to provide legal services to the poor of our nation, individual lawyers are once again becoming both the first and the last line defense of the legal rights of huge numbers of our citizens. Their work is a lifeline for their clients. Through the Pro Bono Awards, the ABA can help communities recognize lawyers as an important resource, and can help more lawyers see the difference they can make in access to justice in their own communities," said James L. Baillie of Minneapolis, chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Public Service Responsibility.

"The ABA created the Pro Bono Awards in 1984 to recognize lawyers and law firms for the extraordinary effort many of them make to provide legal assistance to the poor and disadvantaged, and to encourage others to follow their lead," said Baillie.

"There are incredibly creative and dedicated people bringing life to the phrase 'equal justice,' and doing it from private law offices, from the bench, from the corporate legal suite, from government legal departments. The award program is dedicated to bringing their efforts to light, so that their ideas and their examples can be adopted and followed by lawyers and judges everywhere," said Baillie.

"In particular, the Standing Committee is encouraging nominations that give attention to the contributions of judges, women and minority lawyers," said Baillie.

"Judges have a unique opportunity for leadership in the profession, and he noted, and women and minority lawyers have actively participated in a wide range of volunteer legal service activities and have helped in special ways to reach underserved communities."

Five awards will be presented Aug. 5 at the Pro Bono Publico Awards Assembly Luncheon, an association-wide event, during the 1996 ABA Annual Meeting in Orlando. They will be given to individual lawyers or judges, law firms, government attorney offices and corporate law departments that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services.

For more information, contact Dorothy Jackson of the committee staff at 312/988-5766, by mail at 541 N. Fairbanks Ct., Chicago, Ill. 60611, or by E-mail to jacksond@attmail.com.

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Statistics Show Promising Decline In State's Black Infant Death Rate

State health officials are optimistic that a variety of factors may have contributed to a long-sought reduction in the rate of deaths among black infants.

According to Dr. Patti Patterson, "The mortality rate among black infants has always been much higher than the rates of other ethnic groups, and of the overall infant mortality rate for the state. And while that is still true, it appears that the infant mortality rate among blacks showed the greatest reduction among all ethnic groups from 1993 to 1994." Dr. Patterson, a pediatrician, is chief of the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Women and Children.

While the infant mortality rate among all Texan infants in 1994 was 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births, the mortality rate of black infants (younger than one year) was 12.6 per 1,000 live births. But the year before, when the overall infant mortality rate was 7.5, the mortality rate among black infants was 14.6—fully two points higher than in 1994.

Dr. Patterson said that the rates are compiled by the TDH Bureau of Vital Statistics. "The 12.6 deaths in every 1,000 black infant births is still tragically high, but as recently as 1989, that rate was 16.8. We have to believe that children's health programs in Texas are helping to alleviate the problems that have allowed these high rates to persist," she said.

"It is too early to say for sure that a trend has begun in dramatically reduced infant mortality for blacks. But several indicators encourage us to be optimistic." She explained that the numbers of low birth-weight black babies declined from 1993 to 1994, while the numbers of their mothers with adequate prenatal care in their first trimesters increased. Also, the pregnancy rate of black teens (13-17 years old) declined.

"These are a few of the measurable factors which may have contributed to a lower infant mortality rate among black infants," Dr. Patterson said. "And each of these factors, low birth-weight for example, probably is a composite of other causes of improvement."

She explained that low birth-weight (5.5 pounds or less) not only is a measure of an infant's ability to survive, it also is an indicator of the type of prenatal care, lifestyle and general health of the infant's mother. Improved birth-weights may be the direct result of other health improvements by the mother. "Such maternal health improvements may reflect better access to health care, successful public health education or other circumstances, but the outcome is healthier babies in the nursery," Dr. Patterson said.

Dr. Patterson added that since about 35 percent of all health care costs for infants is spent for care of low birth-weight babies, any reduction in low birth-weights means that scarce health care dollars can be spent on other urgent care.

Chamber Accepting Nominations for First Lubbock Distinguished Citizen Award

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the first Lubbock Distinguished Citizen Award, to be presented at the chamber's annual banquet January 26, 1996. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 14th St. and Avenue K. Completed nomination forms are due back to the chamber office by December 29.

The Chamber's Communications Committee created the award to recognize an outstanding Lubbockite

for contributing to the community, be it for accomplishment in the previous year, or for lifetime achievement. Chamber of Commerce membership is not required of nominees.

For more information about the Lubbock Distinguished Citizen Award, please call the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce at 763-4666, or come by 14th St. and Avenue K.



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Parkway Manor Care Center News - Volunteer Registration

Gloria Wilson and family visited David Wilson last Monday afternoon.

Brother Elmo Johnson, who is a member of Greater St. Mark Baptist Church, visited the residents last Monday afternoon.

B. Oxter and Sister Birmingham, who are members of the Hope Deliverance Temple Church where Elder Charles Yarnall is pastor, visited the residents last Monday afternoon.

The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, with 9 members, came last Monday evening and held their Mission for the residents. Rev. Johnny L. Barnes brought the lesson. The theme was, "Christ Promised the Holy Ghost." His scripture was St. John 14:3. It was an uplifting message.

The Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, where Rev. Todd Raspberry is pastor, came last Tuesday evening and held worship services for the residents. A group of five members visited the residents at the end of the services.

Bozeman Elementary School's Kindergarten came last Tuesday

with a pre-Thanksgiving singing service for the residents. These young people were really great.

Ann Day, who works with SDAG, visited the residents last Wednesday morning, and returned for Rev. W.H. Stephens' 10:15 a.m. Bible study lesson. So did Sister Helen Hereford. The basic theme was "A Prayer for Justice." The scripture was Psalm 105:1-2. It was taught by Rev. W.H. Stephens. These were some very happy moments.

Shirley Borgers and Jeanie Ann Jordan, visited their mother and grandmother, Lucille Wiggins, and Ruth Robinson last week. What a time all had together.

Christine Evans visited the residents last Saturday afternoon.

"When praying, it is better to have a heart without words than words without heart."

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We Must Use Some Sense and Get Serious!

by Eddie P. Richardson

(Note: The problem is temporarily over, but this article still applies.)

Let's start at the top. Newt is a big spoiled genius teddy bear, pouting and whining, complaining about the president did not cut him on a plane ride, crying about not exiting through the front door.

Newt, think about it: millions of non-rich, non-white males were lucky to even be on the plane exiting the back door would be an honor, but that shows he has not paid any dues. But poor little Newt got offended and got his feelings hurt, got his ball and bat and went home and shut down America.

One can see why we have all the problems. The Republican, freshman class in their inexperience not knowing that to be effective you have to learn how to negotiate, compromise, and trade out, and everything you promised for a lot of reasons, some even being law. But that should not stop them from doing the best they can for the good of America, but now we have the freshmen with their finger in Newt's eye and Newt with his finger in Dole's eye, and every item he voted on a partisan manner and the government shuts down.

It is easy to see why General Powell said he did not have the fire in his guts because he has integrity and now that's a thing of the past, no more Raburns, Dirkstons, Ervins, Manons, Percys, and the list goes on and on. People of honor both parties working together for the good of America serving with honor, proudly representing America. Now we have a lot of young stubborn inexperienced egomaniac power-hungry stubborn people with their own agenda and party in mind while America stands still.

It is really a shame for so-called intelligent, sensible, so-called mature adults to act like spoiled brats. God please bless America, because America, the premier country in the world, acting like rain-damaged children. It is no secret what badly needs to happen is both parties need to come together to seek God's face and ask forgiveness, and ask God to heal the land. Because when two bull elephants fight, Republican and Democrat, only the grass loses, the American people.

The most horrible, most terrible, most disgusting thing is these so-called American representatives are getting paid. The ones that refused to stay and work the problem out should not be paid, they must realize they are not masters as they think they are. Someone forgot to tell them that they are servants elected to serve the American people.

Our Lubbock City Council Max, at one time I called you a freshman or junior council member. You and your council members were at that time. You have grown. I can say I am a lot more proud of our city than our U.S.



IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Credit Union Operating in East Lubbock

The minority neighborhood of Lubbock, TX now has a financial institution that they can call their own. It is the Canyon Lake Credit Union. It is located at 2510 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and it has temporary operating hours on Tuesday and Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Regular daily hours will go into effect when the building renovations are complete.

Many years of hard work and solicitations have made this dream come true for residents of East Lubbock. David Sowell, Hope Olberhelman, A.D. Pine and many other citizens have been instrumental in bringing this dream about, but everyone can

join in the realization of the dream.

It only takes \$5.00 to become a non-voting member of the Credit Union. Once a member, if you make a minimum deposit of \$50.00, you then will become a voting member. A \$55.00 investment can put you closer to any of your goals and make the credit union even more viable.

The current officers of the Canyon Lake Credit Union are: Chairman, David Sowell; President, John P. Cervantez; Treasurer, R.J. Givens; Secretary, Ernestine Pine; Membership Chairpersons, D.C. Kinner and Doris Dickens.

Drop by 2520 Dr. M.L.K. Boulevard and put your pride to work for you.

(For further information contact Ernestine Pine at 766-1822 or Renetta W. Howard at 766-1500.)

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Innovative Workers Save City Money, Earn Award

Six employees from the City of Lubbock Water Department will share in a cash award for their Cost Saving Suggestion that not only saved the city \$13,131.54, but also saved Lubbock motorists the hassle of having Indiana Avenue closed during part of the widening project.

Lee Lockridge, Ignacio Faz, James Ferguson, Angel Perez, Adam Morales and Robert Bustillos will receive \$218.85

each as they divide the \$1313.15 cash award that represents 10 percent of the total cost savings made possible by the underground boring machine they built.

As part of the Indiana Avenue widening project, the City had to relocate a major waterline that ran between 34th and 50th Streets. Hiring a contractor to bore under the road would have been expensive and would have necessitated the closing of Indiana for up to three months. By building their own underground boring machine, the Water Department crew was able to keep costs down and traffic moving.

Rudy Aguilar, pipeline and equipment maintenance supervisor, designed the machine. (Because he is a department head, Aguilar cannot participate in the Cost Savings Award.) Utilizing parts that were on hand, the crew of six built the borer in about three weeks when they weren't working on other projects. Although it may not look like much, the borer works just fine using the hydraulics on a backhoe. While one motor turns the drill, another moves the machine back and forth. It's a simple, yet effective design.

City Manager Bob Cass will present the award to the group at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in the conference room of Lubbock Power & Light at 600 Municipal Drive.

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Letters to the Editor

Answering Parson Smith!

To the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance:

For the past two weeks, I have read the rhetoric that Parson D.A. Smith has written.

Mr. Smith, you said you and your peers have "nurtured the members from childhood to adulthood."

I would like to challenge you to look at the fruit you have produced throughout the community. Gang-related crimes are up; drug dealers are up; teen pregnancy is up. On the other hand, my brother, church participation in the community is down; self-esteem in young and old people is low; and there seems to be no sense of hope for the future.

There have been a number of antigang-antidrug marches in the east Lubbock community, and only one Black minister from the mega Black churches of east Lubbock has participated. "I would like to participate, but the cameras and the journalists are going to be there," one minister told me just this past week. This type of slave mentality and plantation attitude is hard for me to digest. If you are a "man of God" as you claim to be, then you would not fear the media or journalist, unless you have something to hide.

Mr. Smith, you are pointing the finger at someone else when you should point the finger at yourself. If the Black churches, big or small, were doing the work of the Lord instead of the work of themselves, maybe this so-called "stealth" wouldn't take place. If the Black church toned down to fit its particular need for growth, maybe it would grow? If the Black church, Smith Temple in particular, had more programs to offer instead of criticizing the white church for all the programs it has, maybe more positive programs in the Black churches could save more children in the east Lubbock community.

Brother Smith, you said "the white mega church does not concentrate or involve itself directly in areas where drug addicts and other un-saved people live." Sorry to say, my brother, the black church is guilty of this same type of so-called "Christian leadership."

I feel that when people find the truth it is sometimes hard to accept. Mr. Smith, your members are not being taken from you; they are leaving. Because they are hungry for the word of the Lord. From the rhetoric you have written, Mr. Smith, it serves a lot of happy meals which cause spiritual constipation. Before you go criticizing the white church for stealing members, read Jeremiah 23:1-2: "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of pasture! saith the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending my people you have scattered my flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them." This not only applies to you, Brother Smith, but to your peers who chose to live that sugar-coated lifestyle.

—Reginald Andrews

Dear Editor:

This essay describes the atmosphere and my sentiments at the Million Man March, October 16, 1995 in Washington D.C.

I live in San Diego, California, where I work as a mechanical engineer. I went to the March with two other people: Victor of San Jose, California, and a cousin of mine: Elijah of Dallas, Texas.

Victor is an old college "runnin' buddy" whom I hadn't seen in over eight years, and is my best friend. We were born on the same day of the same year. We lost contact in 1987. Since then, Victor has been to prison, and is a member of the Black Guerrilla Family (BGF), also known as "Jama", a prison gang that is an extension of the notorious "Bloods" gang.

Victor and I caught a flight from California to New Jersey where we rendezvoused with Elijah whom flew in from Texas. From New Jersey, we rented a car and drove to Washington D.C. on the eve of the March.

The turnpike from New Jersey to Washington D.C. was filled with car loads, van loads, and bus loads of brothers. We honked at one another, and gave each other Black Power salutes, as we passed each other on the highway. Before we even arrived in Washington D.C., there was a sense of brotherhood, pride and intense anticipation that just cannot be described in words.

Arriving in Washington D.C., Victor and I walked by the mall where vendors were setting up stands and selling Million Man March paraphernalia & food. We bought most of our Million Man March Paraphernalia on the eve of the March. We also talked with many brothers & sisters, inquiring as to where they traveled from, and what their expectations were. One common theme expressed was that this redirection of our efforts, as a people, is long overdue and that we had to pinch ourselves for assurance that this is not a dream; the sleeping giant was finally awakening.

I talked to Christians, Muslims, business professionals, college students, and others. I met quite a few "bloods",

due to my association with Victor. There was also an unusually high number of father & adolescent son pairs. Although I came into contact with a very diverse group of people, there was still an immediate connection and sense of unity with all the brothers and sisters I met.

Victor connected particularly well with brother of a rival gang called "CRIP's" whom walked with us for nearly an hour while they shared experiences and political views. I learned the etymology of CRIP: it means California Revolution In Progress. Apparently, the CRIP's were a positive organization born out of the Black Panther Movement which has, since then, lost its focus, purpose & meaning. A conversation I had of particular value was with an elderly gentleman of the Nation of Islam; he took the time to reflect upon his experience living in America and share a few words of wisdom with me.

Victor and I walked around the Obelisk (Washington Monument) seven times in the tradition of the ancient Nile Valley Africans while reflecting on the purpose of the March and giving praise to the one God whom our ancestors once called Osiris, way back when obelisks were called tekhen, and were symbolic of the resurrection of Osiris.

On our way back to the hotel, Victor and I met a brother who had just flown in from Chicago and had nowhere to sleep. He stayed with us. Needless to say, I was too excited to sleep much and skipped breakfast, as Victor and I were fasting on this great day. I was back at the mall early; my fraternity brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha were to meet at the reflecting pool at 7:00 AM. I saw Fruit of Islam (FOI) soldiers in the mall, marching in formation, standing at attention & receiving instructions, and performing various tasks. Ben Chavis gave an inspirational speech early this morning, as well as later in the day, just before the March Keynote Address by Minister Louis Farrakhan.

My mid-afternoon, there was a sea of black people, as far as you can see, which spilled over into adjacent streets that were subsequently closed. The crowd extended from the Capitol Building to beyond the Tekhen. Victor and I soon lost each other in the crowd.

Brothers & sisters took turns tossing cameras & camcorders up to other brothers in trees, on lamp posts, and street sign posts for "aerial" shots. Hundreds of Red, Black & Green flags waved and over one million clenched fists were raised in unison, as inspiring words were received by the crowd. This was most exhilarating and also a most unusual experience because the crowd responded in exact synchronization and in the exact same manner as I did! I had become part of a larger organism, acting in complete union with the whole.

The most fascinating feat of this crowd happened during the collection of donations: There was not enough collection boxes to collect the donations from the massive crowd in a timely manner, so with instruction, individuals began passing dollar bills forward, including denominations of \$5, \$10, and up, as well as \$1. I personally passed hundreds of dollars from brothers behind me to the brothers in front of me. There was a wave of "greenbacks" traveling forward, overhead, from hand to hand. It was an amazing display of unity and trust.

Rosa Parks received the warmest and most enthusiastic reception from the crowd and the longest ovation of all speakers whom preceded our keynote speaker. Maya Angelou's poem touched our hearts the deepest. Black women were present in significant numbers in the sea of Blackness, and their presence was felt at the microphone, as well.

Minister Louis Farrakhan spoke on a variety of subjects: the Kerner Commission's findings & the racial divide, the hypocrisy of America in the context of White supremacy, the attempt of the media to separate the messenger from the message & discredit Farrakhan from this massive turnout of Black people, and of course, atonement & the process of forming a more perfect union with the family, country, and with God.

However, the past and present day usage of "Willie Lynch" tactics to divide & rule our people, and the pledge at the end of the keynote address stand out most in my mind. These tactics are consistent with the Cress Theory, which provides an explanation for the motivation behind the thoughts and behavior of Willie Lynch. I shall forevermore be acutely aware of such tactics, as required, to avoid further manipulation. And, as part of my pledge, I will urge voter registration, give at least \$10.00 dollars per month to the Nation of Islam, join an exclusively 'black dollar' funded political organization that benefits my people & supports the efforts of the Nation of Islam, and be a mentor for a "brother in need". I will also be a conscious recycler of my hard-earned dollars in Black businesses and will refinance loans on my properties with Black institutions, as interest payment to banks is my largest single expenditure. These are only a few of the goals of mine, inspired by Minister Farrakhan, and required by me for the ultimate and inevitable goal of self-determination.

This essay only entails my reflection on the March. However, it suffices to say that the March has turned both Victor and I to the right direction, and has impacted his life in a way as profound as mine.

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Health of Blacks Influenced By Religion
by Christine Lehmann—Freelance writer based in Washington D.C.
Dallas Morning News, Saturday, November 25, 1995 4G

As scientists increasingly focus on the link between spiritual beliefs and health, recent research indicates that religion plays a stronger role in the health of blacks than in whites.

The difference is twofold, according to the research: Blacks practice their religion more than whites, and they turn to the church more for comfort when faced with health problems.

Blacks attended more religious services or events, read more religious books and watched or listened to more religious television or radio programs than whites, according to the study. The research was conducted by sociologists Kenneth Ferraro at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and Jerome Koch at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"Blacks churches tend to function as neighborhood institutions providing community services," Dr. Koch said. This may be a reason blacks tend to turn to church for comfort more than whites when faced with health problems, Dr. Koch said.

The sociologists also suggested that the church is one of the institutions where blacks are most likely to receive fair treatment.

Health researcher Alfonso Scandrett Jr., also at Texas Tech, reported in a separate study: "Black people over the years have not been trusting of traditional medical practice which has led to infrequent visits."

A stabilizing factor for blacks has been the relationship with the church, he said. "Participation and membership in church-sponsored activities are very important to black people and have been strong

influences, much more than with whites, in their own perception of health," Dr. Scandrett wrote in a journal article last year.

Because of that link, Dr. Scandrett advocates using churches as sites for health promotion programs.

Research also indicates that health behavior changes when it is influenced directly by the church. "If the preacher and gospel elder say, 'I want you to get tested for glaucoma,' he will follow through; whereas with health ads on television and the newspapers, he will not," said Dr. Scandrett.

Despite the link between better health and spiritual beliefs, the Purdue-Texas Tech research showed that blacks—particularly Southern residents, women and the elderly—still face more chronic conditions during a 12 month period than did whites.

Dr. Koch said, "We would argue, though, that the health of blacks would be worse without the church," saying that blacks continue to face barriers to health care such as inadequate insurance, income and education compared with whites.

Last summer, Dr. Scandrett and several health professionals from Texas Tech conducted health fairs in many black churches in Lubbock. They screened for glaucoma, diabetes and hypertension and made referrals. Nutritional workshops were conducted in some churches.

"If we had not gone into these churches, the health problems would be greater," Dr. Scandrett said. "We were able to catch obesity, hypertension, spousal abuse and drug abuse. This is a key way to detect health problems."

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Remembering Mickey Leland

by Rodney Ellis

My friend and mentor, Congressman Mickey Leland, would be 51 years old this month if he were alive. I think a lot about Mickey on Thanksgiving because of the special meaning of this American holiday and how close it is to his birthday. I have no doubt that, if he were alive, he would be participating in some program to feed the less fortunate in Houston or in some remote corner of the world. Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to reflect on how well we are solving the problem of hunger at home as well as abroad.

Thanksgiving began in North America at the dawn of the first settlement on the continent. In 1619 a day of thanks and prayer was designated in Virginia and two years later the Pilgrims celebrated a similar holiday in Plymouth Colony. During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln officially started the annual Thanksgiving tradition as a national day of unity to bring the country together at a time of its deepest division. Thanksgiving is a holiday that has roots deep in America's past and is representative of our nation as a family. Just as a family comes together at least once a year to share a meal, once a year Thanksgiving reminds the national family to unite and share America's abundance.

There is much to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving and much to be challenged to solve when we think about how to cure the problems of hunger. According to the Center for Public Policy Priorities:

- More than 60 percent of children under 12 in low-income families are hungry or at-risk of hunger.
 - More than 1.3 million children in Texas receive free or reduced price school lunches.
 - In more than 70 percent of the families identified as hungry, at least one of the family members has a job.
 - One in nine of all Texas children under 12 are hungry, one in three are at-risk of hunger.
 - Children from hungry households experience nearly twice as many health problems as other children, and suffer an impairment in their ability to learn and to succeed in school.
- Mickey championed the causes of poor and disempowered people all over the world. He fought for affordable housing, universal access to health care, civil rights at home and human rights abroad. But

Mickey's most enduring legacy is his leadership in the struggle against hunger.

Currently, Congress is debating plans that, by some estimations, would reduce assistance to low-income persons by seven times the amount of the disastrous cuts of the early 1980s. Earlier this month, Jim Shields of Houston Hunger Fighters predicted that federal cuts to the food stamp program could more than double Harris County's homeless population (Houston Chronicle editorial page, November 6). No matter what Washington decides to do, the pressure on organizations to assist the homeless and hungry in Texas will continue to grow.

By reminding those of us with relative financial security of the millions of Americans who have no food and no shelter, Mickey kept the spotlight on the devastating effects of hunger and poverty. When Mickey was killed in a plane crash in Africa six years ago, we as a community pledged to carry on in his absence with the fight against hunger. Despite everyone's best intentions, I am concerned that we have not done enough to eradicate the senseless presence of starvation from our country and our planet.

We can do better. Our generosity can help make a difference, and each of us should contribute as much as we can throughout the year. This year, I plan to break away from my normal schedule to share what I have with those who have less. I am spending Thanksgiving in West Africa, where, unfortunately, they often are not able to celebrate the bounty of the land as we do every year.

During this time of celebrating prosperity, Americans need to take the poor, homeless and hungry by the hand, and lead them to the table. We can do that as a nation by reaching out to those in need, and we can do that in our homes by making place at the dinner table for those less fortunate than ourselves. I can think of no better tribute to Mickey Leland's legacy.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis D-Houston, an investment banker and attorney, served as Administrative Assistant for Congressman Mickey Leland (D-TX) from 1981-1983. He went on to serve on the Houston City Council and has represented the 13th senatorial district since 1990.



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But THE DEVIL came and LIED to the MOTHER, like he did to EVE, HE SAID: You have Rights like THE MAN; and she's been DECEIVED.

Ephesians 6:4, YE FATHERS, provoke not your children to wrath (ANGER); but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of THE LORD.

From that LIE: WOMAN'S RIGHT; the mothers stepped in to take CONTROL, The FATHER walked out on the FAMILY; where to: nobody knows?

But the she say: I'LL NOT RAISE UP MY CHILDREN, THE WAY THAT I WAS, My father and mother didn't let me GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING; they was very HARD.

Proverbs 1:7,8, The fear of THE LORD is the beginning of KNOWLEDGE; but FOOLS despise WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION. My son (and daughter), hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law (teachings) of thy mother.

She lets him get FUNNY HAIR CUTS; THAT MAKE HIM LOOK LIKE A FOOL. He joins a STREET GANG; STAYS IN TROUBLE; AND THINKS THAT IT'S COOL.

Proverbs 17:21, He that begetteth a FOOL doeth it to HIS SORROW; and the father of THE FOOL HATH NO JOY.

THE WORLDS RIGHTS, KKK rights, gay rights, run away rights, black rights, white rights, no PRAYER IN SCHOOL rights, abortion rights, shacking rights, DRUGS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, no SPANKING RIGHTS, kill the boss rights, cut off THE PENIS RIGHTS, CUT THE BABY OUT OF THE MOTHER RIGHTS, RUBBERS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, SUICIDE RIGHTS, AND CHILDREN RIGHT TO CALL 911 IF THE PARENTS DON'T LET THEM HAVE THEIR WAY.)

They have a RIGHT TO CALL 911, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, SOME THINK THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO KILL THE PARENT; BECAUSE OF NIKE SHOES.

O.T. Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus 7:23, An horse not broken becometh headstrong; and a CHILD left to himself will be WILFUL. Cocker (PAMPER) thy child, and he shall make thee AFRAID; PLAY WITH HIM, and he will bring thee HEAVINESS. Laugh not with him, lest thou have SORROW WITH HIM, and lest thou gnash thy teeth in the end. Give him NO LIBERTY (RIGHTS) in his YOUTH, and wink not at his FOLLIES (FOOLISHNESS). Bow down his NECK WHILE HE IS YOUNG, AND BEAT HIM ON THE SIDES (HIPS) WHILE HE IS A CHILD, lest he WAX STUBBORN AND BE DISOBEDIENT UNTO THEE, AND SO BRING SORROW TO THINE HEART.

GOD'S WORD SAYS: TRAIN THE CHILDREN; IN THE WAY THEY'RE TO GO, THE GOVERNMENT SAYS: DON'T TRAIN THEM; AS IF IT'S A NO, NO.

THEN THE LAW TAKES THE CHILDREN; AND BEAT HIM LIKE RODNEY KING, NOW THAT'S CHILD ABUSE; AND THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS; TURNED OUT TO BE SO MEAN.

Mark 12:17, JESUS SAID, Render (GIVE) TO CAESAR (THE GOVERNMENT) the things that are CAESAR'S AND TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S.

CHRISTIANS ARE SUPPOSE TO BE ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS, SAVING SOULS, BUT THE WORLD IS IN THE CHURCH TODAY; THEY WANT MONEY AND GOLD.

Isaiah 56:10,11, THE LORD SAID, His watchmen are BLIND; they are all IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; SLEEPING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, and they are shepherds that CANNOT UNDERSTAND; they ALL look to their OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY).

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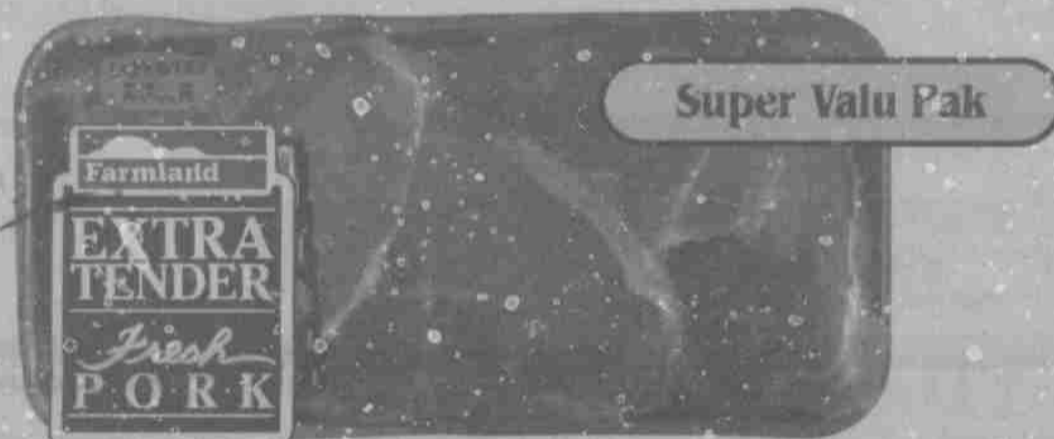
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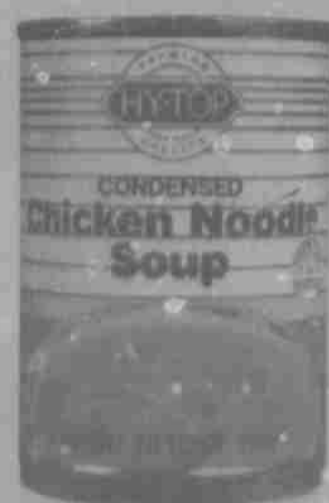
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