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NATIONAL NEWS

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Communications Department
National Women's Organization
Launch Campaign in Support of
Alexis Herman

At a press conference on Feb. 26, 1997 several of the nation's largest women's organizations and other political supporters, launched a campaign urging senate confirmation hearings for Alexis Herman, the nominee for U.S. Secretary of Labor. Herman is the only Clinton cabinet nominee who has not yet had a confirmation hearing scheduled. Sen. Carol Mosely Braun (D-IL) termed the delay "Wonder in Alice Land," because she says she has been unable to ascertain the reason for the hesitation from neither republican nor democratic senators. Dr. Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women said there should be no doubt about Herman's confirmation. "Alexis is well qualified professionally and personally...she understands the issues affecting people and she will be a good Secretary of Labor. She knows how to get the job done and she knows what is needed in the Black community." The coalition believes that Herman's experience as former director of the Labor Department's women's bureau and as co-chair of a Presidential task force to promote business ownership for women under President Carter, makes her uniquely qualified for this position. She has also led the fight for equal employment opportunities for women and people of color as head of the Minority Women Employment program. There is much speculation that Sen. Jeffers (R-VT), chair of the Senate Hearing Committee, will soon set a hearing date for the week of March 10. The coalition of women's groups includes: National Political Congress of Black Women, Feminist Majority, National Organization for Women, National Women's Political Caucus, American Association of University Women and Wider Opportunities for Women. Other groups strongly supporting the campaign include: The Black Leadership Forum, Inc., NAACP Legal and Education Defense Fund and the African American Leadership Family.

Rev. Sullivan Receives \$1 Million Contribution to Build Schools in Africa

Reverend Leon Sullivan, a Philadelphia minister and founder of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) program, recently announced that George Solos, a well-known philanthropist, has contributed \$1 million to help build 100 schools for children in Southern Africa. OIC hopes to build schools in rural areas where schools do not exist. Additionally, 1,000 teachers will be sent to Africa to assist African teachers in establishing the schools. Through the International Foundation for Education and Self-help (IFESH), another organization headed by Rev. Sullivan, millions of books, pencils, pens and other supplies are being gathered to better equip schools throughout Africa. The program, known as the "Schools for Africa Campaign," was launched with a shipment of over 300,000 books and other supplies to schools in Ethiopia. At the next African-American Summit in Harare, Zimbabwe, July 20-24, further plans will be announced on the project to improve education for the children of Africa. Rev. Sullivan said he is committed to increasing the literacy rate of sub-Saharan Africa because, "If you can't read, you can't lead." For more information please call (800) 835-3520.

Klansmen Sentenced by Burning South Carolina Churches

Two former members of the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who pled guilty to burning two predominantly African-American churches in South Carolina, were sentenced on Feb. 20, 1997 to at least 18 years in prison, the Justice Department announced. Gary Christopher Cox, 23, was sentenced for 19 and one half years and Timothy Adron Welch, 24, was sentenced for 18 years in the U.S. District Court in Charleston. The two pled guilty last August to violating federal civil rights and arson statutes for burning the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Gooseville on June 20, 1995, and the Macedonia Baptist Church in Bloomville the following day. They have also pled guilty to state charges of assault and battery with intent to kill for stabbing a Black man in Berkeley County on June 16, 1995. "Today's sentences should serve as a wake-up call to those individuals who may consider the unlawful use of force and violence to intimidate persons based on their race and religious beliefs," said Rene Fosdy, U.S. attorney in South Carolina. "Such outward displays of hate-generated force and violence will not be tolerated." Since Jan. 1, 1995, approximately 350 church arsons across the country have been reported to federal authorities. One-hundred-fifty-nine suspects have been arrested in connection with at least 115 of these incidents.

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FERRELL, RECIPIENT OF JACKIE ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP



William E. Ferrell is a recipient of the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship is in the amount of twenty thousand dollars, and also includes an internship with the Dr. Pepper Co-operation. William, a graduate of Estacado High School, was selected from 3,500

nationwide applications for this scholarship. On March 7-11, he attended an annual networking convention in New York City expenses paid, where he met with other recipients of the scholarship as well as alumni and sponsors. Some people include Rachael Robinson, the wife of the late Jackie Robinson, Bill Cosby, Spike Lee, and others.

William is a Business Finance major at Texas Tech University. He is a member of Community Baptist Church and is also a member of the Black Students Association and the Visions of Light gospel choir. He is the son of Patricia and Lee Ferrell, and the grandson of the late Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Moore, Sr.

URBAN LEAGUE PRESIDENT HUGH PRICE LAUDS POLICY MAKERS FOR 'NOT GIVING UP' ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



(Washington, D.C.) -- National Urban League President Hugh Price has praised the nation's lawmakers and President Clinton for making education a top priority and urged them to find solutions to preserve the nation's public education system, which he said is in danger of becoming extinct, particularly in urban areas. However, Price said voucher plans, which many in Congress support, could undermine a shared societal responsibility in educating all of the nation's children.

"Vouchered schools do not play by the same rules governing admissions, discipline and expulsion. What's most offensive, vouchers could subsidize the flight of white students. The persistence of unofficial segregation is problem enough in public education without underwriting it with taxpayer's money," said Price.

The Urban League president praised President Clinton for issuing a "call to action" to make America's education system the envy of the world. "Answering that call is the urgent domestic challenge facing the nation. And the stiffest -- and most compelling -- task is to lift inner-city and rural youngsters, who chronically lag behind, to globally-accepted standards.

Price was joined by some of the nation's leading educators who looked at realities and presented new solutions at the NUL forum, A No Excuses Era in Public Education: Standards for the 21st Century at the National Press Club today.

In addition to asking for support from political leaders, he called on parents to shoulder more responsibility for their children. "It's time for parents to get involved and ensure that

their youngsters come to school ready to learn. Time for community groups and employers to create a climate of support and opportunity that steers young people clear of destructive temptation -- and toward lifelong success."

Price's assertions were supported by forum participant Dr. Laurence Steinberg, professor at Temple University. "The problem isn't just the schools; it's disengagement of parents and a culture that demeans high academic performance," he noted. In Steinberg's recent study of 20,000 high school students, 50% responded that they could bring home grades of C or worse without upsetting their parents; 40% said their parents never attended school programs, and only 1 in 3 students reported having daily conversations with their parents.

Student peer pressure plays a significant negative role in undermining academic achievement according to Dr. Steinberg's findings, with almost 20% of students responding that they did not try as hard as they could in school because of worries about what their friends might think. A high school English teacher whose students are predominantly from white middle class homes observed that "when I check notebooks there are virtually no notes. They lose their books and they don't bring pens or notebooks to class. When I try to discipline, some of them just pick up and walk out."

But the forum heard about some successes as well. "We have persuaded six urban school districts to agree that all of their middle school students will take algebra. None of the children will take 'dummy-down' math courses. Through this part of our Equity 2000 program, we have found that many more of our children are capable of mastering algebra, making them better prepared for college," reported Dr. Vinetta Jones, national director of Equity 2000, The College Board.

CORNELIUS MADE HONORARY CITIZEN



As reported in last week's edition, Charles H. Cornelius, President and CEO of Atlanta Life Insurance Company in Atlanta, Georgia, visited the Lubbock district office recently.

Mr. Cornelius was made an honorary citizen by City Councilman T.J. Patterson.

Rodney Moore is district manager, while Ann Loggins serves as cashier. Agents are Tommie Ervin, Dwight Pierce, Shawneega Love and Robert Moon, Sr. Gregory Ricks is a recruit.

THE BLACK CHURCH LAUNCHES \$12 MILLION ARSON PREVENTIVE AND EDUCATION INITIATIVE



The Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC) recently launched its Church Rebuilding and Arson Prevention Initiative at a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

At a cost of \$12 million, the initiative aims to rebuild and restore burned churches, prevent future arson and promote ecumenical and multi-racial inclusiveness. Thirteen states, including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Kentucky, Missouri, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana will see implementation of this aggressive initiative over the next three years.

CNBC received \$6 million in funding from the Lilly Foundation, Inc. for the Church Rebuilding and Arson Prevention Initiative. Together with HUD and National Council of Churches, CNBC is part of the National Rebuilding Initiative established by President Clinton to ensure that burned churches receive rebuilding support quickly and efficiently.

During the press conference, the leaders of the CNBC, Chairman Bishop Roy L.H. Winbush of the Church of God in Christ and Founder and Chairman Emeritus Bishop John Hurst Adams of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, applauded the initiative's goals of creating long-term commitments to restore communities and rebuild churches.

"This initiative signifies CNBC's long-term commitment to have our churches restored and communities healed," said Bishop Winbush. "The goal of the program is arson prevention and reduction. CNBC moved to develop a process to make the appropriate response. We also want to address the underlying causes by working at the local level to establish community coalitions that will remain in place long after the physical edifice has been restored," he added.

In addition, since an overwhelming number of church arsons have been committed by young people, a special focus will be placed on educating youths. Primary and

secondary school students will be encouraged to express their feelings about the burnings through essays and art which will be read and displayed prominently throughout the affected communities.

Between January 1, 1995 and December 17, 1996, 318 churches were devastated by arson. Many of these churches were CNBC denominations, making CNBC especially determined to restore and rally in support of the communities where churches were burned.

CNBC says it looks forward to a 21st century without church burnings. By instituting comprehensive public education campaigns, educating churches on how to install and use effective security systems and fire retardant materials, and promoting ecumenical and multi-racial inclusiveness, the CNBC believes its goals can be reached.

The toll free number for more information on the Church Rebuilding and Arson Prevention Initiative is 1-800-424-8808 and in the District of Columbia call 202-530-0765.

WAS O.J. SIMPSON LYNCHED



by John L. Burris

The \$33.5 million liability verdict in the civil trial of O.J. Simpson hopefully brought an end to a national obsession. But the verdict begs the question: was justice really served?

As I watched and commented on this trial for a number of national television shows I could not help but feel that Mr. Simpson was done in by a bad combination of a judge who bent over backward to rule against him, a sharp team of extremely competent lawyers on the plaintiff side, and major blundering by his own defense team and himself.

The record is clear that the judge in the case did all that he could do to ensure that O.J. Simpson was going to be held responsible for the murders of his ex-wife and Ron Goldman first by deciding that race and police misconduct by deciding that Mark Furhman and the LAPD were not going to be issues in this case. The Judge then saw to it that there would be a predominately white jury

by systematically eliminating African Americans from the jury pool. He also admitted in questionable testimony concerning lie detector tests and a supposed call to a battered woman's shelter by someone named "Nicole" a few days before the killing, and a undated letter written by Nicole stating her fear of Simpson.

This was in addition to Fred Goldman's very public campaign to influence the jurors.

That is not to say that there was no solid evidence pointing in Simpson's direction, or that the jury's verdict was against the evidence. Still, it is a sad commentary on this trial that O.J. and his lawyers assisted in the creation of this negative judgment against him. First, his main lawyer, opened the door for the lie detector information by mentioning it in his opening statement. Then he went on to thrash Nicole; and he promised the jury that he would produce evidence that others committed the murders, which he never did.

In addition, Simpson's team did not seem to have properly prepared him to take the stand, because, in certain key areas when he was questioned he did not have a ready answer, or a bad answer. This was certainly the case when he was

asked if he ever hit his ex-wife and he denied it, even as a large, full color photo was in the same courtroom which showed a battered and bruised Nicole. Additionally, his claim that all the photos of him wearing the Brono Magli shoes were fake must have rang false to the jury because he offered no real proof to back up that assertion.

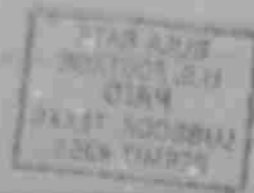
All of this undoubtedly led the jury to conclude that Simpson was a liar.

Finally, O.J. Simpson lawyer Bob Baker truly offended the jury which led to not only a liability verdict, but also the huge award in both the compensatory and the punitive stages. By demeaning the life of Ron Goldman and suggesting that he would not even own a credit card to his name if he was still alive, was clearly an amateurish statement, but one that inflamed the jurors. This was totally unnecessary and demeaned the quality of a man's life and O.J. was made to pay for it.

But it is all over now, and maybe we can get on to better things. However, the two O.J. Simpson trials, like the Rodney King trial that I was once a part of, once again revealed the deep racial divide in this country, and how blacks and whites understand the word "justice" so differently.

NOTICE!

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



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the

"Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. Visitors are always welcome to attend church services.

Services were well attended last Sunday Morning, beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and all officers were at their post of duty. Classes received thirty minutes of instruction, and then marched to the main auditorium where the lesson was reviewed.

Last Sunday was Youth Sunday and the Youth of the church were in charge. They did a wonderful job as they always do on their day. It is just so wonderful to see our young people at work for the Lord. What a blessing when you are able to observe your young people at work.

Pastor Moton cleared the air last Sunday morning with a wonderful message as always. Let us continue to pray for Pastor Moton as he continues to do his job for the Lord.

Let us not forget Bible Study and Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00p.m. A family that prays together, will stay together. Thank God for prayer meeting and Bible study.

Let us pray for the Edgar Gamble family. The Gamble family is one of our old settler families in the city of Lubbock.

Joe Rainwater funeral services were held in Slaton, Texas last Saturday. Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of the community. Don't forget those families in the states of Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, who have fallen victim to the flood of 1997. Let us keep them on our hearts as we never will know when we will fall victim to some kind of a disaster. Also, be mindful of the evil acts which are constantly being done in America. Just the other day, the shooting in North Hollywood, California makes one really stop and thank God for just being alive. Praise God, for he knows how much we can bear.

This writer would like to say "thank you" to all of you who came to my rescue at the passing of my sister. May God continue to bless each of you in my prayers.

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NEW HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

New Home Ownership Opportunities Available Maximum income limits for a program to provide home ownership opportunities for first-time home buyers have increased. The Bond Loan Program of the South Plains Housing Finance Corporation has increased maximum income limits for a family of one or two to \$41,600 and for a family of three or more, \$47,840. Individuals and families can earn a higher income and still qualify for this program to improve home ownership on the South Plains.

SPHFC is offering this new home ownership opportunity through a network of lending institutions in 14 area counties, including the cities of Lubbock and Plainview. The program is open to families and individuals who have not owned a home in the past three years; meet income and purchase price requirements; meet the qualifying requirements of the mortgage loan and who will use the home as their principal residence.

Mortgage loans at lower-than-market interest rates are available to qualified, first-time home buyers who have not owned a home in the past three years, according to Bobby James, President of the South Plains Housing Finance Corp. (SPHFC) and former savings and loan executive.

The Mortgage Revenue Bond program provides \$5.7 million in financing at 7.6% mortgage loans applied over a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. Several participating local lenders, the Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation (LHFC), SPHFC and South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) make up the coalition to assure that low- to moderate-income residents have a chance to achieve the dream of owning their own homes.

The SPHFC is a subsidiary of SPAG and is a non-profit agency. Bond loans may be made under its jurisdiction within fourteen counties—Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum — and the cities of

Lubbock and Plainview.

The public-private partnership has been lauded as being a "win-win" situation for all concerned, James said. Participating lending institutions span the South Plains region and include: American State Bank, Lubbock; American State Bank, Brownfield; American State Bank, Floydada; American State Bank, Levelland; American State Bank, Littlefield; American State Bank, Plainview; Capital Mortgage Services, Lubbock; Countrywide Funding Corp., Lubbock; First National Bank of Sudan; McAfee Mortgage and Investment Co., Lubbock; PMC Mortgage Corp., Lubbock; Plains National Bank Mortgage Div., Lubbock; Prime West Mortgage, Lubbock; Sundown State Bank, Levelland; Sundown State Bank, Sundown; Sundown State Bank, Brownfield and Western National Mortgage Bankers, Lubbock.

To make it easy for potential home buyers to learn about the process of home ownership, a special, free "Keys to Home Ownership" hotline has been established. Interested persons are urged to call 806-744-KEYS (5397) for details about the bond and other affordable housing opportunities. Bond loans simply are mortgage loans offered to first-time home buyers at below current market rates which are underwritten by mortgage revenue bonds. The funds help stimulate home buying and new construction in order to keep the American dream of home ownership alive, James noted.

Certain maximum acquisition costs apply: \$95,034 for new construction and \$70,942 for existing houses. In certain target areas, higher income limits and purchase price limits apply and first-time home buyer requirements are waived. Lenders can identify target area boundaries. Further information may be obtained by calling the KEYS hotline, 744-5397. Contact: Shari Flynn, KEYS to Homeownership, 806-744-KEYS.

continued from page 1 National Black Media Coalition Founder: Honored for 35 Years of Service

Pluria Marshall, the founder and chairman of the National Black Media Coalition, was saluted for 35 years of service as a Black media advocate and civil rights activist, at a tribute held recently in Houston, TX. He was honored for his pioneering efforts to ensure that African Americans are equally represented in newsrooms, boardrooms and throughout the communications industry. A native of Houston, TX, Marshall founded NBMC 23 years ago, and he continues to work to increase employment, ownership and programming for Blacks. Headquartered in Silver Spring, MD, NBMC regularly makes employment opportunities available to African Americans through its Employment Resource Center. In addition, NBMC's Ownership and Technical Assistance Program serves the interest of Black entrepreneurs in broadcasting, as well as those seeking to acquire broadcast properties. For more information on the activities of NBMC please call (301) 593-3600.

New Forms Of Slavery Emerge In Parts of Africa

Burkina Faso (PANA) — Slavery in Africa should have ended when Mauritania officially proscribed the trade in humans around 1981. But there is evidence that suggests the practice continues. "Classical slavery of people in chains has ended but new forms of servitude have emerged, mostly affecting children," says Cleophas Mally, the director of Wao-Afrique in Lome, Togo. According to him, the new forms of slavery in Africa manifest themselves in early and forced marriages, exploitation of child labor, the mortgaging of children by their indebted parents and the genital mutilation of young girls. "Although Africans now refuse to admit the existence of the problem, we in Togo have witnessed the illegal repatriation of young girls to middle revenue countries such as Gabon and Cameroon," Mally told PANA. He said that the brokers are usually Togolese women living in Gabon who promise the girls' parents a better life for their children when they are employed as maids. But Mally suggests, "employers flagrantly violate their rights and some of them even transform the girls into prostitutes." Others, he said, tell parents that they are taking their daughters to neighboring Benin as maids. "Then, unknown to the parents, some of the girls end up as slaves in Lebanon," he added. Mally said Wao-Afrique does not know how many girls have been forced into slavery, "but we are seeking the services of a consultant to unravel the network of children traffickers." Mally says Wao-Afrique will begin to pressure legislators for them to pass legislation protecting children's rights. The agency also wants the speedy ratification of the 1989 convention of child labor by countries where it has chapters: Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Niger, Senegal and Togo.



Richardson sent Dwayne levels on to higher ground. Standing with Levels on his big day are (from left) Richardson Junior High principal W.B. Fowlkes, Levels' summer league baseball coach Frank Koch, brother Marcus Harris, RHS AD Winston Duke, Levels' mother Johnrice Newton, and his pastor, Larry James. On 2/5/97 (Ernest) Dwayne Levels signed with OSU (Oklahoma State University). He attends Richardson High School, Richardson, Texas. He is the grandson of Velma Johnson, and nephew of Norma Austin.

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IS NIGERIA ON THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY?



Oddly, after much vehemence about the issue of democracy for Nigeria stories about that country have dropped off the front pages of America's newspapers and evening newscasts. During late 1995 and in 1996 the nation's majority media had a feeding frenzy demonizing the military administrators who were in control of the government of Africa's most populous country. Possibly this is because, so far, Nigeria's head-of-state, Gen. Sani Abacha, has been true to his word return the country to civilian rule by 1988. To date, local elections have been held in Nigeria and in recent weeks the heads of five political parties, who will field candidates in upcoming state and national elections, are in the country to gain a better understanding of the situation in Nigeria and progress being made toward full democracy there.

Heads of the United Nigeria Congress Party; National Center Party Congress for National Consensus; Grassroots Democratic Movement and Democratic Party of Nigeria were on the road for democracy in their country traveling to Atlanta; Chicago, Houston; Kansas City; Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. to explain to large enclaves of Nigerian nationals here what is happening back

home. They also sought out African-American leaders to explain that they have a major interest in this African state and what happens to it. Pointing out that one of the every five blacks in the world is a Nigerian, the political party chairs asked for African-American help in petitioning America's foreign policy molders to provide "similar treatment" to Nigeria as has been done toward China, and even known South America drug producing countries.

The civilian party leaders insist democracy is happening in their country. At the conclusion of their trip, the five party chairmen met with African-American foreign policy experts and summaries of their comments and status of events toward democracy in Nigeria appears in the enclosed news stored by William Reed.

Visiting chairs of Nigeria's Parties Flank Nigeria's Ambassador to the U.S., H.E. Hassan Adamu, (3rd from right), (left to right) Suleiman Ahmed, Democratic Party of Nigeria; Dr. Abel Ubeku, Congress for National Consensus; Gambo Lawan, Grassroots Democratic Movement; Ambassador Adamu; Isa Mohammed, United Nigeria Congress Party and Senator Magaji Abdullahi, National Center Party

THE ARMY SEX SCANDAL: IS IT MORE THAN "SKIN DEEP?"

by Askin Muhammad

At the Aberdeen Army Proving Ground, north of Baltimore, Maryland, and at the Fort Leonard Wood Base in Missouri, several commissioned and non-commissioned officers have been placed on leave, while they are investigated in a national probe of sexual misconduct in the military.

We now have worse-than-Tailhook-2, a widening investigation of abuse of authority by all-powerful army drill sergeants and recruit company commanders forcing female trainees to have sex with them...or else!

There's no question about it, the guilty should be punished and will be punished. In military life, unlike civilian life, soldiers can still be prosecuted for sex crimes like "adultery," and "conduct unbecoming an officer."

So far, all 3 men who have been brought up on charges at Aberdeen are Black. At Ft. Leonard Wood, 7 or 8 African-American drill sergeants are under investigation. Therein lies "the rub."

While Pentagon spokeswoman Maj. Natalie Perkins told me: "As far as the Army is concerned, this is not a racial issue," the circumstances smell mighty fishy, even if they don't "look" like they are race-related.

At least one drill sergeant at Ft. Leonard Wood told this reporter that he has been suspended while the Army investigates 10 charges against him, all brought by white females. This Sergeant insists that at least 7 other colleagues are in the same situation.

Black male soldiers have been charged with harassing white female recruits, while no Black females have complained about these same officers.

The sergeant also informed that before this current outbreak of sexual harassment complaints, he had been charged with 5 sexual incidents, investigated, and cleared of all allegations. Now, he says, all 5 have been re-opened and added to 5 new charges as a part of this house-cleaning effort.

In one of the incidents where he was being investigated and cleared, the woman said he offered to lend her money. He said when he learned that she was having a financial problem, he told her that were facilities on the base where she could borrow money in an emergency. The other incident, he said, like the first, is a matter of two different interpretations of a situation that in fact happened.

The sergeant said training officers often use the expression: "You owe me," referring to push-ups, or other punitive assignments, when recruits make mistakes. He said a white female learned that she was not going to graduate from basic training and told his commander he threatened her with "You owe me," referring to sex. When asked, the sergeant said, "Of course, I said it. Everyone says it." But he insists he did not mean she "owed" him sex. He also informed that the recruit had already been transferred out of his platoon, and was using the incident to get revenge.

Howard Payne University Academic Recognition

BROWNWOOD--Several Lubbock natives received academic recognition for the fall semester at Howard Payne University. Randi L. Crosland, a junior Christian Studies major; Kevin P. Rowe, a senior Sociology major; and Rebecca J. Sanders, a freshman, were named to the Dean's List. Jennifer L. O'Neill, a sophomore Accounting major, was named to the President's List. Students must earn a 3.65 to 3.99 GPA to receive recognition on the Dean's List and a 4.00 GPA to receive recognition on the President's List.



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WHAT A WONDERFUL PIECE OF MUSIC!! THIS N THAT ...attended something special last week ...at the ...HEMMLE RECITAL HALL ...on the campus of Texas Tech University ...as it was the ...BRASS BAND ...VARSITY BAND ...and ... CONCERT BAND ...of the Texas Tech University Schools of Music ...It was so refreshing to hear a piece by the ...CONCERT BAND ...and directed by ...KEITH BEARDEN ...conductor ...They played a special piece entitled ...A MOVEMENT FOR ROSA ...by Mark Camphouse ...This special effort ... was in honor of ...CIVIL RIGHTS HEROINE ROSA PARKS ...In the piece ... you could hear clearly the melody of ..."WE SHALL OVERCOME ..." THANKS A BUNCH ...for such a splendid message in music ...Also to ...KEITH BEARDEN ... for a job well done ...This was ... no doubt ...a very sensitive piece ...and ...hopefully ...more people of the community should hear it ...THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!

Our youth stood tall!! THIS N THAT ...learned of the ...GREAT WORK ...the youth people of the ...SARA BLOCKER MARTIN LUTHER KING CHOIR ...did recently at the ...LAKERIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ... According to our sources ...NUMEROUS STANDING OVATIONS ...were given to these young people ...because of their ...DYNAMIC EFFORT ...Hopefully ...this kind of ...an effort will continue during the entire year ... and ... OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ...will understand more about life and what is expected of them ...MAY GOD BLESS ...the ... SARA BLOCKER MARTIN KING YOUTH CHOIR!!!

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE LUBBOCK FAMILY!!! THIS N THAT ... would like to share some interesting information ...about the Lubbock Family ...DIDJAKNOW ...the average ...MONTHLY FAMILY BILLS ...in Lubbock ...is equal to approximately ...234.46 per month ...This includes the following: Electric ...\$50.88 ...Water ... & 19.90 ...Sewer ...\$13.78 ...Garbage ...\$11.00

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D.C.KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU... earn respect ...on how you live ...and ...NOT BY WHAT YOU DEMAND..."

STUDENTS WILL VISIT BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES!! THIS N THAT ...has learned of the upcoming project ...where young people of the LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS ...who will visit various ...BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES...The TOUR ...will begin on ...March 10th ...thru ...March 19th ...This is a ...VERY GOOD EFFORT ...and our ...YOUNG PEOPLE...will benefit from this effort ...THIS N THAT ...would like to say ...CONGRATS ...to ... MRS. GLORIS CARTER ...of the Lubbock Black History Class ...for a job well done in this effort ...May you continue to do well with this program...

LET'S STAY WITH OUR KID!! THIS N THAT ...is still asking that we ...continue to work with our young people... Let's do all we can to make things better for their future ...OUR KIDS ...need our help ...and we can do all we can to make life much better for our ...YOUNG PEOPLE ...By the way ...WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME ...you visited a school...

IT SHOULDN'T BE LONG!! THIS N THAT ...has observed all the ...NEW HOMES ...being developed in the ...CHASTAN HILL ADDITION ...and this should suggest an ...opportunity ... for some more ... RETAIL EFFORTS ...in this area ...Something to think about...in the near future...

CHILDREN ARE LEARNERS: NOT LABELS

by Charles L. Singleton, Ed.D.

It is ironic that in today's American society, where many more minority children are now attending public schools, school districts continue the irresponsible practice of labeling students with inappropriate names (e.g., slow learners, "attention-deficit-disordered", "D" students, chronically challenged pupils, behaviorally deficient youngsters, difficult learners, hyperactive children, dysfunctional learners, standardized test failures, at risk children...). Needless to say, such stereotyped short phrases used to describe school aged children, are both counterproductive and inharmonious to learning.

Readers and ardent supporters of children must stop this revolving door of educational mediocrity, with regard to labeling children and their ability to learn. The indifference, coupled with the potential psychological damage done to children by so-called educators, pseudointellectuals and burdensome parents or guardians might forever prevent these children from successfully entering the shopping mall of learning and its multiple aspects of knowledge. Therefore, we adults must make a conscientious effort to stop calling children incorrigible names which could leave indelible, life-long scars on their blossoming self-esteem.

It can be argued that the solution to this misperception of labeling school aged children must involve the retraining of classroom teachers, specialists, school administrators, as well as curriculum developers. Such retraining programs would include the science of pedagogy (methods of teaching). Parents and guardians would also need to spend more "quality time" with their children.

There is a breakthrough educational technology which already exists that enables a teacher to assist his or her students in overcoming the common barriers to learning including non-comprehension, disinterest in a subject, inability to grasp a subject, inattention and even misbehavior. Developed by noted author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard, this simple, yet precise technology named "Study Technology" can be used by teachers to troubleshoot and remedy these difficulties encountered in the classroom. And the Study Technology can be used by parents to assist their children with their studies at home.

This technology is currently being used with gang members and juvenile offenders with dramatic results. Troubled youth have given up their lives of violence and crime once they have regained their interest in learning.

Just think...Albert Einstein, the German-American physicist, was labeled a poor student, and his school performance was evaluated as substandard. If Albert Einstein were a student in one of our public schools today, he would surely be labeled a slow learner or "attention-deficit-disordered" or any number of the so-called learning disorders of today. Most likely, Einstein would also face a process of endless referrals amidst the educational practitioners.

Children are learners...period. For more information on Study Technology call Applied Scholastics International at 800-424-5397 or you can find an animated display at www.applied-scholastics.org.

LEGAL MATTERS

By ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

ACTION AGAINST CRACK HOUSES

THE PROBLEM of drugs and drug-related crime is one that affects us all. We at the Office of the Attorney General feel that the best way to fight drugs is for all Texans to work together.

In recent years, an organization called Turn Around Texas has used marches, rallies and other forms of civil protest to shine the light of day on the residences of known drug dealers and "crack houses"—places where cocaine and other illegal drugs are sold and used. In cities such as Corsicana, Texas City, La Marque, Longview, Taylor and Elgin, the efforts of Turn Around Texas and its local chapters have played a significant role in making our streets and neighborhoods safe again.

Confidentiality and the law

As your Attorney General, I recently issued a legal opinion saying that it is legal for the police and other local law enforcement agencies to release the names and addresses of known drug dealers and the location of known crack houses.

Under our state's Open Records

Act, law enforcement officials are required to keep certain types of information confidential. Other types of crime-related documents and information may also be kept confidential. However, when confidentiality is not required by law, it is all right for the police, acting on their own discretion and judgment, to release this information to the public.

I also stated that this disclosure did not violate state laws on official oppression and misuse of official information. To quote the language of the opinion:

A group of private citizens who receive information from law enforcement about the location of known "crack houses" or the residence of known drug dealers, and who thereupon organize demonstrations at such locations in an attempt to discourage traffic in illegal narcotics cannot, as a matter of law, violate Penal Code section 39.03, which prohibits official oppression. Nor [does] the provision or receipt of such information violate section 39.06 of the Penal Code, which prohibits misuse of official information.

Turn Around Texas regularly receives such information. The group

then stages marches down the residential streets where the crack houses or the homes of pushers are located and holds demonstrations outside these locations. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to come out and join the march, or to turn on their porch lights in a show of support.

Responsible free speech

The Turn Around Texas demonstrations exemplify the power of responsible free speech. March organizers coordinate and cooperate with local police in planning their activities. Even the most enthusiastic participants are scrupulous in their respect for the law and for private property as they march peacefully through the streets.

It has been said that knowledge is power. Knowing the location of a crack house in your area gives you the power to keep your children away from it, the power to alert other neighbors, and the power to urge your local law enforcement authorities to clean it up.

I commend and encourage all Texans who work with their neighbors and with local law enforcement to fight crime and build strong communities. Together we can build a Texas that is safe for all.

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

In the seventies, a number of African American students studied courses in 'Black English' at colleges and universities which advertised their ethnic awareness. There was an attempt then to teach 'Black English as a Second Language.' Some public schools attempted to set up such programs.

In Chicago, a Black teacher, Mrs. Essie Green Branch, wrote a satire entitled Name Is Arnold: A Ghetto Primer. This book was written in the late sixties or early seventies as an attempt to show how culturally diverse the lives of children from the inner city really was, and what a primer reader would have to look like if one

was to teach 'Black English.' Mrs. Branch's former principal, Mrs. Barbara Sizemore, became the leading educator in Washington, D. C. and to the surprise of many, thought that using Mrs. Branch's book was a good idea. How this endeavor really affected the reading of the children whom it was introduced to is not known, but it is known that the effort was aborted. It appears however, that the ramifications of 'Black English' still lingers.

The Oakland California Schools have resurrected 'Black English' and it is now called Ebonics (Ebony or Black talk; or as some teachers would say, 'speaking in three D's: des, dem and

dat). Since we already know what the children are saying, why teach it to them? The Cubans have Cubonics, but to them it is a joke. Why do any Black people in America anywhere want to verify the poor English of Black children when the Black children know that their vocabularies are deficient and most want to speak properly? It is time that we get 'in cinque' and smell the coffee and the roses at the school-house. Parents who speak poor English want their children to speak good English! I hope the Ebonics majors are listening!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER/DIRECTOR OF BLACK SOLDIERS ALL PRAISE DUE TO ALLAH (GOD)

MY BELOVING BROTHERS AND SISTERS, It's time for our community members to start standing up for what's right and forbid what's wrong. The reason for the forming of BLACK SOLDIERS, is for the safety of our youths and community. BLACK SOLDIERS, believe in working with any other organizations to help solve any and all problems that faces the black community...

2. BLACK SOLDIERS, welcomes all; male and female, young and old. We also believe in trust, love and respect for each other. BLACK SOLDIERS, understand that nothing in life comes free. We realize that its going to be a struggle for us, but as long as we work together in ironing out all problems; in doing so the struggle will be a success...

A MESSAGE TO OUR BLACK COMMUNITIES

As an African-American, I speak concerning the interest of my social pride and how I want to reflect Afro-America. Today, we are in decision among ourselves trying to relate Affirmative-Action, Poverty, and Drugs as a reason for our economical struggles. We are in distress concerning negative matters, which have distracted our educational efforts.

Our nation in its most developed state; leading the world in business and marketing. Our nation is still divided as it was thirty-years ago and beyond, because of racial ethnics. The idea of a free country is not what is constitutional amended, but the opportunity to be successful, and being able to raise our families as a result to freedom. Giving us the same equal rights to be a part of America's dream.

I myself am a Persian Gulf War veteran, but I'm a victim of lack of opportunity and live the old standards for not being accepted, because of color. Affirmative Action is a key for success, but it is sometimes violated when it is discredited as being racial. California is a state, which doesn't support Affirmative Action, therefore ruling it as racially bias.

There is hope! The best

3. BLACK SOLDIERS, believe in working to stopping all drugs and gang violence in our community. "BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!" We believe that its a must that drugs and gang violence be STOPPED!!!!

4. BLACK SOLDIERS, believe in teaching the younger world brothers and sisters, to stay in school and off drugs and away from gangs...

5. BLACK SOLDIERS, understand that in order to make a positive change in our community people will have to change their negative ways to positive ways...

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, lets come together as one and make our community a better place to live...

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answer to give concerning matters, which concerns African-American is education. Educating our school-age and college level students is the most desired influence to fabricate a young, and wiser generation. Drugs are brought into the communities through corporation but were is the head. Focusing in on what is effecting the drug problem may result to finding the problem. There are many influences which are introduced for booting-up this widespread program, but the stage-show is on the lower-class individual.

Education can result of how drugs are introduced into our communities, the effects of dangerous chemicals in our biological organs, and how certain drugs are used and not abused for our health.

Poverty another factor can be outweighed, but perhaps not out-numbered. When you mix lack of opportunity for young black-males, drugs in the community, and low self-esteem. This function results to misbehavior, because of poverty and neighboring surroundings. Therefore, education to our black communities for job-training, tutoring, and counseling may be the keys for a better and more acknowledged generation.

POLL: BLACK & WHITE INVESTORS DIFFER SHARPLY African-Americans Want Higher Returns But Less Risk

Black investors want top returns but are often less willing than whites to take the investment risks necessary to make more money, according to a new poll released exclusively to Money magazine. The nation's largest financial publication reports that Americans' decisions about how to invest their money are as different as black and white, due largely to different levels of investing experience as well as varying life experiences.

In its March issue, Money publishes the results of an exclusive survey of African-American and non-African-American investors commissioned by Chicago-based Ariel Mutual Funds. Conducted in November and December by pollster Roper Starch Worldwide, the study surveyed 974 adults nationwide (50% African American, 50% non-African American) about their investing habits. Margin of error margin: plus or minus 4 percentage points. Key findings:

African Americans aim for higher returns than whites on average, but their investment choices fall short. Blacks said they seek an average 14.7% annual return, more than three points higher than the 11.2% anticipated by non-African Americans. But African Americans are less likely than whites to have investments such as stocks and stock mutual funds, which are most likely to achieve such returns.

Black women are much more likely to call the financial shots in their households. Women are the primary financial decision makers for 21% of African-American married couples, while wives play that role for just 10% of white couples.

African Americans are more likely than whites to rely on financial advisers and less likely to listen to friends or family members. A full 54% of blacks said that they would rely on a financial adviser or planner when making savings and investment decisions (vs. 46% of whites). By contrast, 31% are inclined to ask friends or family for money advice, compared with 39% of whites.

Money offers advice to help African Americans increase their wealth—their median net worth (\$4,418) remains a mere fraction of whites' (\$45,740)—and approach the high returns they anticipate. Among the tips:

Boost your ownership in stocks and stock funds. Start by investing through your employer's professionally-managed 401(k) or 403(b) retirement savings plan.

If you want to hire a financial planner, choose one who understands your needs and financial temperament. For referrals, call a trade group like the International Association for Financial Planning (800-945-4237) or the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (800-366-2732).

ASTRONAUT ATTENDED TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



HOUSTON—When he was growing up on Arizona and New Mexico Indian reservations where his parents worked, young Bernard Harris used to draw little rockets on his homework papers.

After he became Dr. Bernard A. Harris Jr., he did a lot more with rockets than just draw them. He became an astronaut. After earning degrees from the University of Houston and the Texas Tech University School of Medicine, completing a Mayo Clinic internal-medicine residency and becoming an assistant

professor of community medicine at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine, Harris served as a mission specialist and medical officer aboard the space shuttle Columbia for Spacelab Mission D-2. Along with six other astronauts, he spent what he calls "10 glorious days in space" in the spring of 1993.

While aboard, the astronauts performed more than 90 experiments, including micro-

gravity research in the life sciences, earth and space observation, robotics and other technologies.

"Because this mission was intended to help prepare for extended space flights, almost half the studies involved the effects of weightlessness and space travel on the human body," Harris said.

Of particular interest to physician Harris was the goal of explaining how the cardiovascular system responds to acute changes in the amount of fluid in the blood vessels before, during and after a space flight. "Other studies were conducted specifically for their applications on earth," Harris said.

"For example, we fused two types of white blood cells, creating a hybrid cell that could make antibodies against viral diseases. When performed in microgravity, this procedure produced hybrid cells with remarkably higher efficiency than in earth laboratories."

For Harris, space flight was a long-sought dream which he continued with his second flight on Discovery and his first walk in space in 1995.

Today, he continues to be associated with the space industry, working with the Houston area's Spacelab Inc., venture-capital builders of space-shuttle laboratory modules. He plans

to promote the construction of orbiting and lunar habitats for future space explorers.

Harris, now 40, has come a long way -- both figuratively and literally -- since he was drawing rockets on homework papers.

THREE YEARS AND GOING STRONG!

AfrocentricCheck is the only 100% African-American owned Afrocentric Check Business. Our company designs, develops and distributes checks that highlight the African-American heritage. Because African-Americans spend billions of dollars annually, these checks have literally begun to symbolize the Economic Power of the Black Dollar!

AfrocentricCheck revealed to the public this extraordinary idea in 1993. Research shows that 50% of Black-owned businesses fold in the first year of business, and 30% in the second year of operation. The partners of AfrocentricCheck are proud to announce ...**THREE YEARS AND GOING STRONG!**

According to Ty Canady-Worthy, President and CEO, "Starting a business is no bowl of cherries, however if it is something you truly believe in, you never give up. I started this business at 22 years old, with no business background and no money...only an original idea and a dream!"

AfrocentricCheck has since obtained over 3500 customers, have been accepted by Union Bank, Founders Bank, and

Grossmont Bank. Finally we have introduced two new check designs to the collection. The Black Family design depicts an image of a strong family unit within the African-American community. We designed the Egyptian theme to bring pride and respect for the Motherland, our ancestors, and appreciation of African art. AfrocentricCheck still offers The Great Leaders series which include portraits of Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, and Sojourner Truth. Each check also contains the leaders' birth/death date and significant contribution. We call the final choice The Future. This design portrays African-American children playing, depicting their idea of a world of peace and harmony.

Our goal is to educate the public on African-American heritage, symbolize the Power of the Black Dollar, to educate and train minority and at-risk youth into entrepreneurial positions, and ultimately increase economic empowerment.

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Matthew 28:18a,19, Jesus said, All Power is given unto ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH. GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH (TO DISCIPLE ALL NATIONS, baptizing them IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND THE SON (JESUS), AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

When Jesus said: GO TEACH THE GOOD NEWS, TO THE WORLDS (SIN SYSTEM), GIRLS. THE CHURCH DIDN'T DO THAT, NOW LOOK AT THE CONDI-

TION: OF MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND

Galatians 6:7, Be not deceived; GOD IS NOT MOCKED; for whatsoever a man soweth, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. (YOU ALWAYS GET MORE THAN YOU PLANT.)

The CHURCH, went out with THE DEVIL'S WORD; GIVING PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTS, JESUS WANTED THEM TO KNOW: I AM THE WAY: THAT LEADS TO EVERLASTING LIFE.

John 14:6, Jesus said, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME.

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From the CIVIL RIGHTS CAME: NO PRAYER IN THE SCHOOLS, NOW THE DEVIL IS IN THERE; WITH ALL HIS EVILS WAYS; WHO IS THE FOOL?

Romans 1:21,22, Because that, when the (THE CHURCH) KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

*****WILL THE CHURCH ROB GOD?*****
MANY BLACK CHURCHES WILL CLOSE ON 2-19; TO WORSHIP MARTIN L. KING, THE WHITE WON'T, THE SPANISH CHURCHES WON'T; IT MUST BE A BLACK THING!!

Matthew 15:7,8, JESUS SAID, YE HYPOCRITES, well die Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOURETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS; BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME.

*****I AM FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!*****
DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR SEAT; ON THE CITIBUS, MY FREEDOM CAME FROM UP ABOVE; AND GOD SAID THAT WAS ENOUGH.

John 8:36, Jesus said, IF THE SON (JESUS) THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED (TRUTHFULLY).

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET HIT; WITH A POLICEMAN'S BILLY CLUB, MY FREEDOM CAME FROM UP ABOVE; IN THE FORM OF GOD'S LOVE.

John 3:16, Jesus said, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (THATS YOU AND ME), THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (JESUS), THAT WHOSEVER (THATS YOU AND ME) BELIEVETH IN HIM (JESUS) SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET BIT; BY THE POLICEMAN'S BAD DOG, MY FREEDOM CAME FROM JESUS; DYING ON THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS.

John 8:31a,32, Jesus said, If ye continue IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED; AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH (THATS JESUS), AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

YOU SEE I WASN'T SHACKLED AS A SLAVE; THAT NEEDED TO BE SET FREE, BUT I WAS A SLAVE TO SIN; THAT WHITE MAN DIDN'T INSLAVE ME. (ONLY SIN!)

Galatians 5:1, STAND FAST THEREFORE IN THE LIBERTY WHERE WITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE, AND BE NOT ENTANGLED AGAIN WITH THE YOKE OF BONDAGE.

I AM JUST A NOBODY; TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY; ABOUT SOMEBODY; WHO CAN FREE ANYBODY. JESUS IS THE ANSWER; TO BE FREE AT LAST!!!

GALATIANS 4:16, AM I THEREFORE BECOME YOUR ENEMY, BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH???
GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS.

Written By Brother Billy B.J. Morrison, III Your Brother IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Secure in God's Love (Romans 8:35-39)

I am troubled over what an individual wrote to one of our local newspapers concerning the President of the United States, the most powerful country in the world. The gentlemen said that our president is "known to be a pathological liar, immoral and as a draft dodger who betrayed the country when he gave comfort to the enemy during the Vietnam War, why should it be troubling that Clinton sold the power and prestige of the United States presidency and White House to foreigners for personal profit?"

Even more troubling is his indictment of the citizenry of our beloved country: "Since when did those Americans who elected him president become concerned with honest, honor, loyalty, valor, morality and patriotism?" Someone has said that "love is a kind of warfare and many soldiers on its battlefield are not secure."

There is a children's hymn written by Anna B. Warner which says, "Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so." Children all over the world have found happiness in this familiar assurance, as well as adults. But there are those who doubt God's love for humanity and there actions exhibit hate and resentment toward leaders in our society. Sometimes we try to second-guess God.

Those of us who are on the battlefield for the King of kings would remember that even though we are secure in God's love this does not exempt us from the attacks of the demonic soldiers of the Evil One. We must remember God allowed some very unpleasant things to happen to His beloved Son Jesus, God's love and Christ's love do not guarantee that nothing unpleasant will happen to us. Rather, divine love guarantees that unpleasant and even tragic things will do us good if we react as children of should act.

The Apostle Paul asks the question, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Tribulation and distress are general terms for the pressure of trouble, difficulty, anxiety, and opposition. Persecution is deliberate harm brought by opponents. Famine and nakedness come with extreme poverty. Peril and sword bring death or the threat of it when persecution becomes violent. In all of these and more, the love of Christ is unailing.

It is pleasing to know that when you are put down because of who you are, what you believe, and the like, if you are secure in God's love, you are more than conquerors.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Scripture for the times II Chronicles 7:13-14

If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust swarm to eat up all of your crops, or if I send an epidemic among you, then if my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, seek my face, turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Thoughts:
Every time you speak evil or commit an evil deed to someone, you die a little bit on the inside.

Its a Rainy Night in Lubbock sinwise, but remember Christians its raining all over the "WORLD". Be strong, very courageous, stand on the word of God if you have to stand alone. Stand having done all to stand anyway.

"Christ came not to take our rights but our wrongs."

Only the strong will survive the mighty hand of God. Use what you have to tell a nation that every knee will bow, every tongue will confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Do it now before its forced upon you!

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The album's producer, Rev. C.J. Fairchild, is pastor of Greater Faith Baptist Church in Waukegan, Illinois, and a board member of the NBCUSA. Rev. Fairchild began his musical career directing choirs at several churches in the Chicago area, and singing with Gospel greats James Cleveland and Jessy Dixon through most of the '70s before taking the helm at Greater Faith Baptist.

Let's Go To Church has been a dream long held by Rev. Fairchild and many in the NBCUSA, that was finally realized under the auspices of the organization's president, Dr. Henry Lyons, elected in 1994. "Dr. Lyons had an open mind and gave us his blessing to go ahead with the project," says Rev. Fairchild. "This is something totally new, and long overdue."

Approaching the album with the stated intention of writing and selecting songs with distinctly traditional Gospel roots, but produced with a contemporary feeling, Rev. Fairchild and the choir and band draw on the best of both the old and the new.

"The title of this album means just what it says," explains the Reverend. "All of these songs can be sung in church on Sunday morning, but it's material that has commercial appeal as well."

Let's Go To Church - which is being released as both an album and full length concert video - will kick off a national Let's Go To

church campaign during the observance of Black History Month. Profits from the project have been earmarked to help fund seven NBCUSA-affiliated liberal arts colleges and 25 Bible colleges. The album and video feature guest performances by some of Gospel's biggest names, including Albertina Walker, Paul Porter, Kim McFarland and Rev. Clay Evans, as well as preaching by world-renowned evangelist, Rev. Jasper Williams. Under the baton of eminent director Tyrone Block, best known for his award winning work with the legendary Rev. Milton Brunson and the Thompson Community Choir, the NBC Mass Choir delivers one stirring performance after another.

"I'm Blessed" rocks in the classic Gospel quartet tradition, while the beloved hymn "Near The Cross" is revisited with foundation-shaking fervor. "Christ You Made The Difference" is a totally contemporary, urban/pop-flavored ballad. Two of the album's selections were written by Fairchild: "Who is This Jesus," a powerful, modern-day hymn with narration performed by chart-topper Rev. Clay Evans. But it's the title song, "Let's Go To Church" which delivers its invitation with irresistible intensity, that solidifies that National Baptist Convention Mass Choir as one of modern Gospel's cutting edge ensembles.

"Not only is this a major step forward for the National Baptist Convention, but it is also an opportunity for us to create an entire new ministry and to share the love of God and his goodness around the world in a language everyone can understand," Dr. Lyons concludes. "We hope all who listen will hear the message and accept His love and grace through this powerful medium of music."

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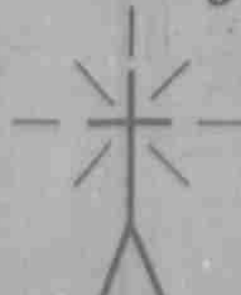


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AN INTRODUCTION TO WEST TEXAS NATIVE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

WEST TEXAS NATIVE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION was formed in February of 1992 with four goals in mind: 1. To provide fellowship to all Native Americans and interested non-Native Americans in Lubbock and the surrounding area. 2. To educate and raise public awareness regarding Native Americans in our area. 3. To preserve Native American Culture. 4. To promote traditional ways of conservation.

Membership consists of registered tribal members, people of Native American descent who are not registered, and Non-natives who are interested in the Native American Culture. At the present time we have members representing about 15 tribes.

The Association was chartered by the State of Texas in March, 1995 and is a non-profit organization.

Although the Association strives to teach Native Culture and tradition, we are not a protest group. Each person has a right to form and express his or her own opinion, but not to speak for the whole association.

WEST TEXAS NATIVE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION meetings are held on the second Saturday night of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Breedlove Dehydration Plant in Lubbock, Texas. (North Loop 289 and Martin Luther King Blvd.) The Board of Directors meets just prior to the regular meeting.

Some of our recent activities include: the Fifth Annual Native American Walk to honor our ancestors in October, 1996; a "mini-powwow" at the Godbold Cultural Center in conjunction with their Harvest Festival; a display booth at the Breedlove Dehydration Plant Grand Opening showing the Native American influence on the American food industry; a display booth and dance demonstration for the Lubbock Coalition for Literacy; as well as numerous appearances before school groups to help them better understand Native American history. We also took part in the Fourth On Broadway Celebration and the Cowboy Symposium.

Our next project will be our Fifth Annual Powwow to be held on March 8th and 9th, 1997, at the Fair Park Coliseum on the South Plains Fairgrounds in LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

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SATURDAY

(1st Session)

12:00-1:00 PM

GOURD DANCING

1:00-5:00 PM

GRAND ENTRY & INTERTRIBAL

5:00-6:00 PM

SUPPER BREAK

SATURDAY

(2nd Session)

6:00-7:00 PM

GOURD DANCING

7:00-10:00 PM

GRAND ENTRY & INTERTRIBAL

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Dr. Rafael Garcia, a board-certified pediatrician at St. Mary Family Healthcare Center, will conduct the video-based course. A tuition fee of \$10 per person or \$15 per couple includes a manual for each participant. Child care will be available at no cost, and refreshments will be served. Space is limited. Parents can register by calling 783-4805.

Dr. Garcia said the course will serve the needs of nearly all parents of teenagers.

"Almost all parents of teens are struggling more than just a little bit. This is a crash course on how to support each other and get out of parenting isolation," said Dr.

Garcia. He said the seminar can be helpful both to parents and their children.

"Active Parenting will raise the standards of how children are raised and the satisfaction of the parenting experience," he said.

"Learning from the experiences of others is an important part of the program," he added.

Topics included in the course include instilling self-esteem, developing responsibility, winning cooperation through communication and the various social issues confronting teens.

Dr. Garcia's goal is to offer "Active parenting of Teens" and another course, "Active Parenting Today," for parents of children 2 to 12, several times a year.

"Parents are feeling burdened and overwhelmed with the parenting process. Good information packaged correctly and accessibly impacts the entire community," he said.

What Really Happened at the CIA-Crack Hearing

by John Templeton

Griot Washington Bureau -- If Senate Republicans intended to sweep the CIA-crack story under the rug, Eduardo Barnaby was not about to let it happen. In an Tianemen Square-like moment, Barnaby stood up after an hour of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee's hearings with Nicaraguan contra leaders and began loudly insisting that other witnesses be called, including Drug Enforcement Administration agents who have supported the account originally published in the San Jose Mercury News.

Sen. Arlen Specter, (R-PA), committee chair, joined only by fellow Republican Richard Shelby, (R-AL), banged his gavel, asked him to sit, but backed off from having Barnaby ejected. Barnaby continued to rattle off names and dates while a national cable audience watched on C-SPAN. A resigned Specter responded, "I'm not going to have the headlines that persons trying to express themselves were ousted by Capitol police." Two weeks before, angry Los Angeles residents had practically shouted down CIA Director John Deutch during a town hall on the allegations of CIA involvement in Nicaraguan drug smuggling into south-central Los Angeles.

As others from the largely Black audience stood to join Barnaby, Specter took the unprecedented step of asking Rep. Maxine Waters, (D-CA), the new chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and the representative of the district where the alleged crack epidemic first struck, to join the two senators on the panel. Immediately, the tone of questioning changed from a series of easy denials by Adolfo Calero, former president of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, to a thorough grilling by Rep. Waters about specifics for the remaining two and one-half hours of the hearing. Rep.

Waters later grilled Eden Pastore, commander of the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance.

Afterwards, Rep. Waters was still quite critical of the witnesses and the purpose of the hearing. "It is certainly important that Congressional committees exercise their oversight and investigatory obligations by conducting hearings into the serious charges of CIA involvement in drug activities," she said. "However, given the uncertainty of Senator Specter's continued service as committee chairman, I must wonder about the precise purpose of today's hearing. We need investigation -- we need hearings -- but we need continuity of purpose, position and personnel as well. Without this type of continuity? it will be exceedingly difficult to methodically uncover the facts of this case."

During the hearing, Rep. Waters queried Sen. Specter about whether records had been received from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. To hoots from the audience, Specter asked to speak with her privately. Rep. Waters said, "The DEA has a whole room full of files on this case."

In other developments, Attorney General Janet Reno told Howard University Law School students that she would not appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the CIA-crack allegations because they happened during a prior administration. She said the investigations are being undertaken by the inspectors general of the Justice Department and CIA.

Rep. Waters noted that an interim report from that study was promised during the last hearing of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee. "Unfortunately, the status of those reports remains unclear," she said.

The Race War's Not Coming, It's Already Here!

by Dennis Schatzman

Syndicated columnist Carl Rowan, one of the most senior writers among us, has written a fascinating new book that predicts a "coming race war" in America. I hate to disagree with my most esteemed colleague, even ever so slightly. The race war is not coming, as Rowan suggests, the "race war" is already here! And, I might add, it has been going on for quite some time.

Black Americans are under attack on so many different fronts that it is almost impossible to mount a decent defense. There are generals with serious battle plans. They (the enemy) even have Joseph Goebbels-like propagandists to spread palatable venom so that it doesn't look like racism.

And of course, there are foot soldiers and even spies and turncoats abound.

Who are the generals? Well, there are many. Let's just name a few. Former President George Bush and retired Col. Oliver North are two that come to mind. Under the guise of "national security," these two conspired to support the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Nicaraguan Contras by casting a blind eye to their joint effort to raise money for arms. In the process they

introduced large quantities of crack cocaine in our nation's inner-city neighborhoods. What a slick move.

California's Governor Pete Wilson qualifies as a Four Star general. In Patton-esque fashion, Wilson has been unapologetic in his sure-fire attempts to create a race war. Not only did he launch a full-scale attack against Black Californians by pushing for the successful passage of Proposition 209--the measure to eliminate affirmative action programs in state government--he warned up for the full-scale attack by first "bum-rushing" the state's Hispanic community with his equally successful support of last year's Proposition 187. That measure deprives undocumented Latinos of the right to get a public education and to receive health care.

Throw in the leadership of the Anti Defamation League (ADL), if not as members of the top echelon of leadership, at least as members of the scout team. These men, mainly ADL leaders like Cleveland's Clifford Savaran and New York's Abraham Foxman, are quick to far and feather any Black they don't agree with as "anti-Semites." Foxman was adept at this when he went on the talk show circuit to lambaste anyone who sup-

ported the Louis Farrakhan-led Million Man March.

The war's chief propagandists are the nation's big-ticket talk show hosts. Among the most aggressive are CNBC's Geraldo Rivera and Charles Grodin. Their full-scale attacks on O.J. Simpson and the Blacks who support his acquittal are the stuff that makes George Creel stand up in his grave and cheer.

Unlike Rivera, who feigns hurt when he's criticized by the Black masses, Grodin doesn't care how much he's vilified in the African-American community. He brings on guests with racist propensities to support his sophistic arguments about the stupidity of Blacks. Rivera, on the other hand, claims he is being fair in his coverage of the Simpson situation and gets mad when intelligent invitees put him and his lock-step guests in their places. He is certainly earning the millions his generals are paying him.

To a lesser extent, the big three newspapers--the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times play a significant role in the propaganda game. These three sisters have done their best to water down the CIA/crack cocaine story. They have even helped set the agenda on public opinion about the O.J. Simpson saga. All of them have a seat at the current trial as they did in the first trial. I know, I often sat next to their representatives.

Who are the foot soldiers? The police and the judges, of course. Whether it's Fort Lauderdale, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles or Detroit, Black men are being murdered by police. Like soldiers, they have a license to kill while "defending the honor of the nation," as it were.

Judges often sanction this police state behavior. In fact, in at least one venue, some judges say you don't have to be a cop to get away with murdering a Black. Ask Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Joyce Karlin. She let a local grocer go after a jury convicted her of shooting a 15-year old Black girl in cold blood, all captured on video tape. Her sentence: Probation and a \$500 fine. One Black judge, Alban Niles, was so proud of Karlin he sent her \$200 for her reelection campaign.

Yes, there is a "race war" going on in America. Blacks are the primary victims and certainly the main targets of the militia. Carl Rowan was certainly hitting around the bulls-eye, but he was just a teensy-weensy off target.

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