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NATIONAL NEWS

POLICE OFFICERS SAY GANGS ARE GOING TO SUBURBS

By Chinta Strausberg
Special to the NNPA From the Chicago Defender
Chicago, ILL.—Gang members are increasingly taking their illicit trade to the suburbs because many inner-city youth are refusing to join and partake in criminal activities, according to Chicago policeman Jessie Beckrom Jr.

Beckrom, 54, who is president of Gangs, Drugs, Violence Prevention Consultants, said many youth "have learned that going through the criminal justice system is not beneficial and are talking to their siblings and are turned them around."

Crime in Chicago, he said, "is all going out to the suburbs."

He said young people are "fed up" with the gang turf wars and areas of no entry unless they're gang-affiliated.

"Crime is escalating out there," he said, referring to the suburbs. "That's why we're getting new anti-crime legislation."

And, there are inner-city gangs as far as away as Japan because members have joined the military, Beckrom alleges.

The author of Gangs, Drugs and Violence, Chicago Style, Beckrom said while 85 percent of areas youth don't belong to gangs, for those who do, parents must be aware of their secret sign language, purchasing habits and their friends.

"The graffiti on the wall-adults walk by it thinking it's just scribbling, but in actuality it's like a Third World cultural" language, he said.

"When they see pitch forks pointed up, they're represented, but when they're down, that means the opposition has put that there."

"They use Masonic, satanic and religious symbolism as a guise to snare these children into a membership to make them feel like they're part of a family."

"But all they want them to do is to sell drugs so they can make money," he stated.

"They're called younger and dumber and when one goes to jail, they get the next one."

Interviewed during the No Crime Day project in Chicago, Beckrom said while youth seem to be getting their acts together, parents have a long way to go.

Too many parents have poor parenting skills and there are far too many 15-years-olds whose mothers are 30, grandmothers are 45, and great grandmothers, 60, he said.

GREEN POWER IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

by Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson

Vernon Johns was considered one of the foremost African American preachers in the 1940's, ranked with Howard Thurman and Mordecia Johnson. He was Martin Luther King Jr.'s predecessor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery and one of Dr. King's mentors. He also a fierce proponent of economic development in the black community and a visionary who saw a special role for the black church in economic development, often prodding his sometimes reluctant congregation to accept that role.

Vernon Johns' modern-day counterpart might be Dr. Henry Lyons, President of the 8.5 million member National Baptist Convention USA and Chief Executive Officer of the newly-formed Revelation Corporation of America. Revelation is the new private corporation founded by five of the largest African-American denominations to provide greater access to home mortgage loans, all kinds of insurance, automobile and consumer loans, affinity credit cards and discount for

food products and durable goods to the African American community.

African Americans spend \$1 billion every day and Revelation's founders believe that putting our community's dollars together can mean new-found economic clout. "The Revelation Corporation of America is not a call for government assistance or handouts. Revelation follows Dr. King's vision of black Americans helping themselves through the leadership of the church," said Dr. Lyons.

The five denominations which control 70 percent of the Revelation is patterned after the American Association of Retired Persons, offering African Americans the opportunity to join its buyers group and receive discounted products and services. In addition, 70 percent of all revenues generated by Revelation will be deposited into a National Housing Fund which is designed to build affordable homes for African Americans. The additional revenues will go to individuals churches for their own use and for their pastor's pension fund.

While Revelation focuses primarily on the 43,000 congregations which belong to the five founding denominations, they also reaching out to other African American congregations. These congregations can also benefit from the discount coupons for goods and services which will be available to Revelation users and which will generate the \$88 million which the corporate leaders expect to raise in the first two years. These dollars, in turn, will be used to provided loans to home buyers with a less than "A" credit rating.

Revelation Corporation is not controversy, as some in the African American community have questioned the 30 percent ownership of white developer John Lowery of Memphis, TN. It was Lowery who came up with the idea for Revelation, after working with Bishop William Graves of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Memphis, where they have built 150 homes for low-income African Americans. Also controversial is Revelation's effort to reach an even

broader consumer population by allying with conservative evangelist Jerry Falwell, who has said he will urge his supporters to buy revelation-sponsored products.

Clearly, economic development is the key to the future survival of the African American community. Revelation Corporation follows in the tradition of those African American leaders like Vernon Johns, Booker T. Washington and Marcus Gavey who have tried to harness the economic power of the African American community.

(Note: To contact Revelation Corporation, call 1-800-893-5555.)



Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson

'NUISANCE' CLEAN-UP DISCUSSED IN MEETING

T.J. Patterson, Jr. of Lubbock, who is chief of the civil enforcement section of the financial crimes division of the Office of Attorney General Dan Morales, met with a good crowd Tuesday night in the Littlefield Community Center.

"It's everyone's problem to see that our neighborhoods are cleaned up", Patterson emphasized. "It's not just a problem for the police, it's everyone's problem."

He noted that "crime is everywhere and growing", and it needs to be taken care of.

He said the Office of the Attorney General is engaged in an effort to assist cities, local prosecutors, Texas citizens, and law enforcement agencies in targeting, processing, and prosecuting property owners that allow public and common nuisances to operate on their property.

He explained that illegal activity of any kind can be addressed by the "Texas Nuisance Abatement Statutes". Included are such things as prostitution, obscenity, gambling, organized criminal activity as a member of combination, delivery or use of a controlled substance, discharge of a firearm, or alcohol violations.

Any place in Texas that is causing a nuisance as defined by the "Texas Nuisance Abatement Statutes" could include businesses of all kinds, private residences, apartments, motels, convenience stores, or any type of property.

Who can be sued?
Patterson explained that owners of real estate property, owners of a business, lessee or renter of property, management company, or any combination of those mentioned above.

The new statutes permit law enforcement agencies to close any piece of property involved in illegal activities.

Patterson said that the property owner is notified of activities that are considered nuisances, and it is up to the owner to take care of the matter.

"A lawsuit filed under the new statute is not to show or prove that the property owner is guilty of an illegal act, but rather to prove that the property owner allowed the illegal activity to occur on the property."

Once the property is determined to be a nuisance, and after a successful suit, the property will be closed for a period of six months to a year, unless the property owner posts a surety bond as required by the statutes.

If the property owner posts a surety bond and illegal activity continues in violation of the court order and in violation of the bond, the bond will be mandatorily closed for a period of one year.

Patterson said the Attorney General's Office will provide all of the legal representation for the duration of the lawsuit.

Denying criminal offenders the use of real property as a base of operations, and by securing property owner's cooperation in the removal of criminal offenders, neighborhood revitalization becomes a reality.

"We don't file frivolous lawsuits", Patterson emphasized. "Our goal at the Attorney General's Office is not to abandon other conventional methods of law enforcement in this area, but to supplement these efforts by providing an additional tool to address the increasing amount of illegal activity in our Texas communities."



T.J. Patterson, Jr. of Lubbock, Assistant Attorney General, and chief of civil enforcement section of the financial crimes division of the Office of Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, was in Littlefield Tuesday night to make a presentation to a good crowd in the Community Center in Laguna Park. He talks about, and answered questions regarding the cleaning up of neighborhoods where crime is known to be taking place, and the enforcement that is provided through the "Texas Nuisance Abatement Statutes". Illegal activity such as prostitution, obscenity, gambling, organized criminal activity as a member of a combination, delivery or use of a controlled substance, discharge of a firearm, and alcohol violations are activities that can be addressed by the statutes, he said. He was introduced by City Councilman Van Ashley, who had heard the presentation once before. (Staff Photo by Joella Lovvorn)

SATURDAY SHOWCASE

"Saturday Showcase", program of children's films, will feature "Winnie the Pooh and A Day for Eeyore," "The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash," and "The Mole and the Hedgehog" on Saturday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mahon Library Activity Room, 1309 9th Street. This program is open to children of all ages and no admission is charged. For more information, please call 767-2838.

I'M NOT A VICTIM, I'M A MAN

By Michael Sharp

I'm not a damned victim so please quit treating me like one. I'm tired of your willingness to accept my failures without encouraging me to get back up. I'm tired of your willingness to accept the emasculation of the Black male. I'm tired of your willingness to accept less than what I'm capable of. In short, I'm tired of what is currently recognized as African-American leadership.

I've come to the harsh realization that Black people have been pimped. Just like a woman of ill repute, Black people have been exploited in every way imaginable, yet our leaders still expect us to keep coming back for more of the same treatment. Even worse, Blacks who do become part of the free market and start to enjoy the privileges of being an American are either ridiculed or ignored by their leaders.

This poses quite a dilemma. Civil leaders have limited Black society to two choices:

Either adopt the victim mentality, wait for the handouts and be praised - or accept responsibility like a man and risk being labeled an "Uncle Tom." Personally I was fortunate to have a father who taught me discipline so I chose to be a man. Being a man means taking control of your situation and leaving charity for those who really need it. After years of being ostracized because of their reluctance to subscribe to the victim mentality, conservative Blacks have been continuously confronted by philosophical ignorance. It stands to reason that if current African-American leaders are upset because Black conservatives use intellect and integrity to make the best of a situation, then the leaders need to take a long hard look in the mirror and ask themselves who are the real "Uncle Toms."

If promoting an dwelling in victim hood is the solution to our prosperity, why do we continue to suffer? I'm sure that you're as aware as I am that as long as we've used this excuse our situation has worsened and so has the level of self-hatred among our people. These negative consequences may not be the intent of our leaders, but the result is the same no matter their motives. It's time for African-Americans to think for ourselves and for our leaders to start listening to us and stop preaching to us. After all, we are the ones who know what's wrong with our communities. Our world is changing and so are our political opinions. If we are able to be a legitimate force to be dealt with, we have to disassociate ourselves from the slave mentality and embrace the spirit of the American Constitution.

The fact is slavery was a Godawful experience and we should remember our people who were oppressed by it. But, the truth is today we are free to be victims or to be self-supporting individuals. Today, unlike our ancestors, we do have a choice. It's time for us to tell our leaders that if they don't listen, then it's time to elect new ones.



SICKLE CELL HAS NEW NATIONAL POSTER CHILD - 7 year old Kaja DeVaughn of Alta Loma, CA has been selected as the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's 1996-1997 National Poster Child. She will be officially introduced at SCDA's 24th Annual Convention, October 2-5, 1996 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Farewell VISTA'S

Acronym for VISTA'S is Volunteers In Service to America. And the Lubbock VISTA health Corp's of Lubbock will end August 30, 1994. During their in Lubbock, the VISTA's goal was to register 16947 infants and young people age 0-21, for medical check-up, if they are on the Medicaid Program. They were able to reach 85% of their in Lubbock, and over all in Texas they helped 250,000 children to go into clinics for immunizations. This was over 1.5 million shots. They registered hundreds of women, infants and children age 0-5 to receive nutritious food at the WIC Clinics. But during all of this they found time to play Good Smarties, by painting, and remodeling a WIC clinic, feed the hungry, have rat and roach infested homes sprayed, assist seniors

with resources to receive assistance, and whatever and whenever the need they call.

The VISTA's farewell message is to the 15% clients they missed visiting, and the 10% clients that did not show-up for their appointments please, carry your children for their Medicaid check-ups and dental referrals. Continue the healthy community we tried to build for you. And no-shows if you continue to refuse to carry your children in, nor use your primary Dr. it could effect your Medicaid benefits, let your children have TEXAS HEALTH STEPS Katie Parks, Cora Gatewood, Estela Salazar, Rosa Rios, Katie Rollison, Debra Brown, Della Thomas and Angela.

For more information on Continued Health Steps Care, please call 1-800-252-8263.



Here they are, the members of the 1996-97 Alderson Junior High School Cheerleaders. These young ladies are excited about this upcoming year. If you know any of them, let them know you appreciate what they are doing. Pictured: standing back row: (left to right) LaDonna Craig, Shantavia Gaines, Roque Moore and Debra Tyler. Front Row: (left to right) Kaneshia Boldon, Temecca Reed, Kathesha Thomas and Lawanda McCulloch.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2902 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Sunday School Began at 9:30 a.m. The Youth of the Church were in charge of services as it was Youth Day. The Youth did a wonderful job. Brother Isaiah Skief presided as superintendent. After the 30 minutes of instruction, the classes reassembled to the church auditorium singing "Leaning on Jesus." High points of the lesson were given by the Primary and Beginners Classes, with assistance from Sister Hattie Gibson. It was very well done.

Secretary's Report -p- Youth Department—Senior Class received both banners, i.e. Offering and Attendance Banners. Adult Department—Class No. 1, Men's Class received the Attendance Banner for the third Sunday in a row. Class No. 4 received the Offering Banner.

There were three visitors in Sunday School last Sunday morning.

During the Morning devotional hour, the Youth were in charge as well. He did a wonderful job in this effort.

Altar prayer last Sunday morning was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "What So Ever I Born Of God," was sung. The scripture was the 100th Psalms, and read by Sister Clariss Jay. Prayer was offered by Sister Cooper. Another song, "When I'm On My Mission," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."

Pastoral observations were brought by Pastor Moton. He was home after his vacation cruise. He also brought greetings from the National Baptist Convention which was held in Orlando, Florida last week.

Another song, "Thank You, Jesus," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Mercies From My Mess." His scripture text was Samuel 24:10-14. It

was a wonderful message.

Praise God for Rev. Jeff Brown, Pastor Moton's son in the Ministry. He did a wonderful job in your absence, Rev. Moton. Thank God for him.

An invitation to discipleship was extended. Three came forward for baptism, and some came back to be restored in the church.

Let us keep praying for our sick and shut in. Ms. Mary Roberts entered the hospital last Sunday morning for surgery. She asks for your precious prayers.

Remember the bereaved families with sympathy and prayers. Let us not forget these members of New Hope who lost relatives recently. Sister Florenza Stokley would appreciate your address, because of your kindness. Her telephone number is 744-1360 or you may contact Ruby Jay at 744-4127. No one should be overlooked.

Last Sunday was Grandparents Day, which was a national effort. The superintendent of the Sunday School, Brother Virgil Johnson, took the task on his should in New Hope last Sunday morning to have Grandparent Day. They filled the middle aisle of the church and were presented a rose. Those who were the youngest and oldest grandparent was recognized. As well as one with the most grandchildren. Hats off to Brother Virgil Johnson for a job well done!!!

Sister C. Colquitt was absent from church last Sunday. She is ill. Sister G.M. Davis is doing nicely.

Don't forget Sunday afternoon, September 15, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. It will be the Men's Annual Day. Each man is asked to give \$50.00, each woman, \$35.00, and youth are to give \$5.00 each. Come out and help the men of New Hope Baptist Church. They need your support!!! Will you help these men???



Dr. Karen Johnson Hosts "TV Healthline"

HOUSTON—(September 11, 1996)—When Dr. Karen Johnson decided to become a pediatrician, she never expected to end up on TV from Honolulu to Washington, D.C., and beyond.

But, as the host of eight monthly segments of Baylor College of Medicine's "TV Healthline," Johnson is seen across the U.S. and thanks to the CONUS satellite network and the U.S. Information Agency, around the globe.

Born and raised in Morgan City, La., Johnson originally had thoughts of being a chemistry teacher.

"When I was at Xavier University in New Orleans," she said, I knew I was very interested in science, being a physician had never occurred to me."

But that was before she came into contact with J.W. Carmichael in Xavier's Chemistry Department. Carmichael headed the university's pre-med program, and he saw Johnson the potential for a career in medicine.

"He was my mentor," Johnson said. "It was because of him that I went to a summer program in chemistry at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and to a pre-med summer program at Meharry Medical College in Nashville. After Meharry, I had pretty much decided that Dr. Carmichael was right about medicine as a career for me."

The result: after graduating from Xavier in 1978, Johnson was accepted at Baylor College Medicine in Houston.

"When I first stepped foot on the campus in 1978, I knew this was the place for me."

After earning her M.D. degree in 1981, Johnson stayed for an internship and a residency in pediatrics and a postdoctoral fellowship in neonatology, eventually becoming a Baylor faculty member and a busy member of the medical staffs at five Houston hospitals: Texas Children's, Ben Taub General, St. Luke's Episcopal, Methodist and Texas Woman's.

All that led to TV. When there was an opening in 1990 for the host position of the Baylor-produced "TV Healthline," Johnson was encouraged to audition by Dr. Ralph D. Feigin, the pediatrics chairman who this year became the college's president.

"I figured there was no way I'd get it, and I had no particular interest in cameras and lights and make-up, but I applied out of respect for my boss, Dr. Feigin."

Much to her surprise, Johnson was chosen, and now, six years later, television viewers around the world turn to her every week for medical and health news.

"I've always been interested in teaching," Johnson said, "and TV Healthline is a way to teach in a very large classroom."

POSITIVELY BLACK

BY JUNIORS RICARDO STANTON
A LITTLE COURAGE GOES A LONG WAY

Martin Luther King Jr. said "Courage is the determination not to be overwhelmed by any object, (it is) that power of the mind capable of sloughing off the thingification of the past." Maya Angelou said "Sometimes people forget the most important of all the virtues is courage, because without courage you can't practice any other virtues and consistency. You can't be consistently kind, or true, or generous, or open or fair-minded without courage pushing you, keeping you on track."

We live in times pregnant with both opportunities and peril, in an era of moral, spiritual and social instability vacillating between righteousness and depravity. For righteousness, good and the highest ideals of humanity to win out it will necessitate a heightened consciousness and great courage. An elevated consciousness gives one moral direction and a vision of what is right. Courage impels one to do what is just, honorable and noble. It will take courage for Africans in America to envision a new reality and work assiduously towards its actualization. These are not the times for the faint of heart.

Unfortunately far too many of our people are unwilling to think, speak and act valiantly even when we know it is the right thing to do. We have allowed the thingification of the past to overwhelm us. We permit past hurts, disappointments, failures and setbacks to cloud our minds and weigh our spirits. We have succumbed to negative thinking and fear. We allow the siren song of nay sayers, doom and gloomers to drive us insane. Perhaps that is why African-American suicide is at an all-time high. Our people are giving up hope, we lack vision, purpose and the faith to keep on keepin' on despite outward conditions and appearances.

That's the bad news. The good news is we can throw off the yoke of fear, apathy and indecisiveness. We can become revitalized by an infusion of enthusiasm, courage and unwavering determination. All we need are a few courageous people of like mind acting in accord to affect change. David Walker fired African peoples imaginations with his "Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World" in 1829; Rosa Parks' refusal to relinquish

her seat on a bus was the catalyst to spur Blacks to overturn a brutally oppressive system. It took courage for Minister Farrakhan to heed a divine call to galvanize broad based support and organize the Million Man March/Day of Atonement.

Each of us has the power to choose what we think about, how we feel or respond to any situation, what we will say and how we will act any given moment. This is an awesome power and responsibility. It means that we no longer have to bow down to White supremacy or internalize Black self-hatred. We do not have entertain feelings of unworthiness, inadequacy or dismay. We have the power to choose to manifest our fullest potential. The only real limitation or obstacles that can hold us back are the ones we put on ourselves or we allow others to put in our way.

There is a hero or a "shero" in each of us waiting to be revealed. We cannot allow the past, or the fear of the future to keep us from our appointed destinies. We all possess an unlimited supply of courage. We are neither ignorant of it or afraid to put ourselves in situations where we can demonstrate our mettle. It is not until the tea bag is placed in the bag but it is placed in hot water that its flavor is realized. The blended leaves are already in the bag but it is the immersion into hot water that makes it evident. So it is in life. It is not until we are faced with adversity, danger or a challenge of some kind that our latent strengths and resourcefulness are revealed. Life presents us with innumerable opportunities to demonstrate our genes and fortitude every day.

Think about an incident that happened on your life today where you could have stood up for your belief or acted consistently with your highest ideals, but you chose not to. What made you punk out? Was it peer pressure, fear of ostracism, not wanting to rock the boat or call attention to yourself? Whatever the reason, you chose not to do the right thing. Just as you chose cowardice over courage, or resignation over righteousness, you can choose to do the right thing. It does not take a saint to know what is right and do it. All it takes is a little courage.

Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Centers

Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Center (a United Way Agency) is now enrolling for their fall preschool program. The Little People's Play Group is an enrichment program for 3 and 4 year old children. Opportunities are provided for the children to gain self esteem, play and learn with children their own age, and from an early interest and joy in learning. The children attend the program from 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. Monday thru Friday.

There is a nominal fee for the Little People's Play group. There will be

an additional fee, if parents would like children to be transported back home.

Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Center has many other activities for children, both young and old. There are still places available for children to be tutored, join a football league, be in a friendship club with children their own age, or learn to dance. For further information, please call 763-3963.

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MCAFFEE TAKES ON WORLD WITH TRIP TO SYDNEY

By Stewart Doreen

When it seems things couldn't get better for Midland's John McAfee Jr., they have. One of the best hurdlers this city has ever known has taken his act to the district, state and national level and won. So what next?

The world.
The Lee graduate is competing in his last race before attending Baylor University and doing it on the planet's grandest stage for junior athletes at the World Junior Track and Field Championships in Sydney, Australia.

"At the beginning, making state was tremendous," McAfee said. "But state is the first page of a novel compared to going to Australia. Once you open it up and read the first page, you want to get into it."

"I guess the pieces of the puzzle have fallen into place."
WORLD: McAfee to represent U.S. in meet

McAfee will run in the 110-meter hurdles and run a leg on the 1,600 relay at the world meet that will begin Wednesday and run through Sunday.

The hurdler is excited when talking about Sydney and is not content with just a good showing. He talks about doing the best he can and competing as well as his practicing will let him.

In other words, he wants an American high school record. Sound far fetched? It shouldn't.

According to the United States Track and Field Association, McAfee currently ranks as one of the top 10 runners in the world junior age group in both the 110 and 400 hurdles (ninth and eighth respectively). His time of 13.39 seconds in the 110 hurdles is one-tenth of a second away from the record 13.83 set by Glenn Terry in June of 1989.

"I've always wanted the record for high school and I am as close as I can be," McAfee said. "I am trying to aim high and come home with three golds."

"I just want to show what I have done in practice. If I haven't worked hard enough, I won't receive the gold medal."

He should do well in the hurdles. He won the national title in the 110's and took second in the 400s in Columbus, Ohio, in late June. These were over hurdles that are higher than the height performed in high school. That doesn't matter too much. If anything, it helped.

"I've been practicing with Robert Solso (McAfee's coach)," said the double gold winner at the Class 5A state meet. "He's made it a lot easier for me. The change to 42 inches in the 110 hurdles (39 inches in high school) is also more fun because I'm so tall."

McAfee's individualism is not hard to see. His braided hair lets the track fans take notice of him before he gets in the blocks. His character, on and off the track, lets the rest of the world get a peek. Or at least those with musical interests.

At a collegiate track meet this summer when a coach was asked why

wasn't McAfee getting more of the coach's attention, the coach said, "McAfee... I think he is a music major," and then walked off disgusted at the fact that of all the majors, why music? That's just the case.

"I've got to stick to orchestra," said McAfee, who plays the string bass. "After nine years, I love music. My mom makes sure that I do. I couldn't make the decision if I had to choose one over the other."

Despite the attraction that follow that 6-foot-10 bolt of lightning, McAfee is about as reserved as you will find. He says it goes with nature of the game.

"Hurdlers have the most love in track and field," McAfee said. I watched all of the races and they always give each other good luck. They are most outstanding (as a group) unlike the 100 (meter dash) where people show off."

This is not to say that McAfee doesn't have a mean side. He does. Odessa Permian's Andrae Gibson felt it and then ate the dust that followed.

Gibson, who was rated higher by United States Track and Field going into the season in the 300 hurdles, refused to acknowledge an act of friendship from McAfee, who extended his hand out toward Gibson before the District 4-5A meet last spring in Odessa. In a truly historic and record-shattering 4-5A race, McAfee blew Gibson's doors off and apparently his own mind.

"That is the only race that I don't remember to well," said McAfee, who ran a personal-best race 36.09 over 300 meters. "Something about the race, I blanked it out in my mind. I was totally focused on defeating him."

McAfee also couldn't turn down the opportunity to go to Waco and get the chance to work under the tutelage of Clyde Hart and spend workout time sharing the track with a guy named Michael Johnson. It will be a change in all aspects of McAfee's running.

"It will be fun to work with him (Hart). It makes me feel proud," said McAfee, who will also have to get used to things like weight training.

"There is something that separates him from all other coaches I met. There is a cast. If he told me to do something, I would do it."

Hart couldn't resist the opportunity to put the hurdler on his team. He said he was surprised at how little attention McAfee was getting, and if not for Jonathan Pike, an Odessa High standout in the 800 these past few years, he might not have heard anything.

"We had seen John run, but we were late in the recruiting process," Hart said. "We are high on John. He is one of the best athletes we have ever signed. We are excited on what he can add to our team."

The fact that Baylor owns a strong mile relay team didn't hurt Hart's chances either. Baylor is known as "Quartermiler U.," and though his specialty is the hurdles, McAfee has a leg for any of the four 400-meter legs on the mile relay.

"The mile relay was one of the reasons I started to run track over the years," said McAfee, who ran track during summers for the Tall City Christian Track Club. "That is what I first started running in the ninth grade. The mile relay has helped me to do better in hurdles and it has made me stronger. Over the years, I have developed my hurdling technique. When I started, I just had speed. Coach (Farris) Strambler (with TCCTC) has helped me to develop. Over that time, I have raised standards in hurdles also."

The relationship with the race also has a parental influence, or maybe passion.

"I love the mile relay because my dad (John McAfee Sr.) loved it," said McAfee of his dad who ran at Marshall and Bishop University. "He was a magnificent 400 runner."

Just the thought of running in Sydney has his attention on another meet four years down the line. Maybe there he will get the chance to emulate his favorite hurdler, Allen Johnson, the world record holder in the 110's and the 1996 Olympic gold medalist. That meet will be of Olympic-size proportions—the 2000 Summer Games.

"I thought I would get used to going through customs and make it back in four years," said McAfee. "Four years from now, hopefully, I will be in the best shape of my life. That is when most people are in the best shape of their life."

Best-ever times for John McAfee Jr.:
400-meter hurdles: 50.80 seconds in August at the Junior Olympics at the University of Houston.

110 hurdles (42 inches): 14.08 in June at the U.S. Junior Nationals at Ohio Wesleyan University in Columbus, Ohio.

110 hurdles (39 inches): 13.51 in April at the District 4-5A meet at Ruffin Stadium in Odessa.

300 hurdles: 36.09 in April at the District 4-5A meet in Odessa.

STUDY COMPARES EFFECTIVENESS OF POPULAR BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATIONS IN AFRICAN AMERICANS

ORANGE COUNTY, CA—July 116, 1996—It has long been established that reducing blood pressure reduces the risk of heart attack, but, although there are many effective blood pressure medications available, not all them work equally well in all people. A new study, comparing three popular blood-pressure-lowering drugs, confirms that, among African Americans, the drug Ziac is as effective as Norvasc at controlling high blood pressure and more effective than Vasotec.

The multi-center study, for which Joel Neutel, M.D., Director of Research at the Orange County Heart Institute and Research Center, was principal investigator, is being presented today in New Orleans by L. Michael Prisant, M.D., at the Eleventh International Conference on Hypertension in Blacks. Dr. Prisant is Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia.

High blood pressure (hypertension) is a major health problem for African Americans. While approximately one in four Americans suffers from hypertension, the rate is one in three among African Americans. The conference is sponsored by the non-profit International Society on Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB).

This data on African Americans was part of a placebo-controlled, randomized, double-blind study in which 323 patients with hypertension were given Ziac, Norvasc, Vasotec or placebo. Among the 51 African Americans in the study:

-Ziac reduced systolic (heart while contracting) blood pressure by an average 17.3 points (mmHg), and diastolic (heart at rest) blood pressure by an average of 11.6 mmHg.

-Norvasc reduced systolic blood pressure by an average 14.6 mmHg, and diastolic blood pressure by an average of 12.5 mmHg.

-Vasotec reduced systolic blood pressure by an average 3.6 mmHg, and diastolic blood pressure by an average of 5.6 mmHg.

Differences between Ziac and Norvasc were not statistically significant because the number of African Americans in the study was not sufficiently large.

Ziac (bisoprolol fumarate/hydrochlorothiazide), Norvasc (amlodipine) and Vasotec (enalapril) represent three of the most widely prescribed categories of anti-hypertensive drugs. Ziac is a low-dose, combination diuretic/beta blocker; Norvasc is a calcium channel blocker; and Vasotec is an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor. Diuretics and beta blockers are recommended as first-line drugs for the treatment of hypertension by the Joint National Committee on Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure, a panel of experts assembled by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

"The findings of the study demonstrate that low-dose, combination therapy is an important alternative to first-line treatment of hypertension in all patient subgroups," said Dr. Neutel. "The advantage of this approach to the management of hypertension is that it maximizes reduction in blood pressure while minimizing associated adverse events and negative metabolic side effects." In the study, adverse events and metabolic changes were no different with Ziac than with the two other agents.

In addition to his role as Director of Research, Orange County Heart Institute and Research Center, Dr. Neutel is Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California, Irvine, and Chief of Hypertension, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Long Beach, California.

REV. JESSE JACKSON DEFINES THE "ILLOGIC OF BLACKS SUPPORTING COLIN POWELL'S TEAM

Chicago, Ill.—Speaking before the Democratic National Committee's Black Caucus on the closing day of the Democratic Convention, Rev. Jesse Jackson skillfully dealt with "the General Colin Powell factor" as an active supporter of the Republican presidential slate.

Carefully selecting his words, Jackson said, "General Colin Powell is an intelligent man, a man for whom more I have highest respect. If you're playing with the Dodgers and your brother is playing with the Yankee's, you can admire your brother because you have common parents. However, you are not going to lose the ball game just because he is your brother playing and he is in a different uniform."

"If Powell's team wins, you have Dole, Gingrich, Trent Lott, and Scala and Clarence Thomas will have more companions on the Supreme Court. That's their team, not our team," Jackson said.

Continuing his discussion of the "Powell factors," Jackson said, "When I was in school, I learned something about logic...whereas and therefore. All of you who are legislators understand whereas and therefore. There must be some logic between the whereas and the therefore."

"So, if Mr. Powell would say...whereas my immigrant parents were protected by the sensitivity of a Democratic-labor-civil rights Congress; whereas the military was desegregated by President Harry Truman at the urging of A. Philip Randolph and the NAACP; whereas we got public accommodations and the right to vote because of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Carter, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and whereas I got my break to become a general under affirmative action, inspired by President Carter and Army Secretary Clifford Alexander...therefore...therefore...I endorse those who would deny these same rights to my next generation."

Explained Jackson, "This is a non sequitur. This not coherent. This does not stand to reason. And, so we have an obligation not to be confused or diverted in 1996. We cannot let this become like 1896 because we did less than our best. They are burning churches, repealing legislation, taking our people out of Congress. It's time to draw the line, stand up and fight back. And if we fight back and fight back in coalitions, across the lines of race, sex, and religions, we will win and deliver our support for President Clinton and a new Congress. I will travel city to city and leave no stone unturned to defeat the radical wing."

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IT HAS TO BE US FROM US FOR US!!!

By Eddie P. Richardson



If our long denied communities are to be the self sustaining competitive market places they must and should be the leadership and inevent must come from us, by us within Black America.

We can no longer sit around and complain, moan and groan about what the white man is not doing for us, our focus should be on what are we going to do for ourselves.

The Black man has to come forward, step up to the bat, plate and take, make demand or what have you to take his rightful place in society, and become by as the old saying goes, by hook or crook, or any means necessary a viable part of the American dream, and become American as apple pie because we are American.

As Malcolm X said we didn't land on the Mayflower, the Mayflower landed on us.

We built America through sweat and blood up from slavery through Jim Crowism, segregation, desegregation, defacto and all the other, still this is America and we must rise, we have paid our dues, now we must collect in an equitable manner. We need the Black man to come forward as husbands, fathers, heads of households, as leaders in the neighborhoods, in our schools, our churches, in the business world, professional world, economic world, because the Black male species is becoming a dying breed; we must revive and come alive because as my long time childhood friend Little Milton Camble, Top Blues guitarist and singer once told me "Time waits for no one" so true Milton. Yesterday is gone tomorrow is not here so we must be in love with today and make the best of it.

Most of us has heard The Civil Rights Creed "we shall overcome" well we have a lot of overcoming to do, drugs, gangs, violence and most of all the Judicial System. Most of our young men are there somewhere, prison pardon, parole, jail, we are not built for this, we were not designed for this so we must overcome this by taking our places in the American Society in a manly positive manner.

Black men are not midgets we were only told that and made to feel that way. In reality we are giants sanding in holes but the holes are deep giants standing in holes, we are men, men from proud heritage. The sooner we realize this the better we will be.

One of the major objectives of every group of responsible people is to take their rightful place, by reaching out, in mutual inter-dependency roles with other peoples. However, a necessary

precedent to acceptance of responsibility and/or privilege of inter-dependence is independence, nonetheless, we are faced with a costly and devastating fact that 39 years after the historic 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision of school desegregation over 47% of the nation's Black Youth are "functional illiterates." These Black youths, as such, and along with many others, are forced to be a dependency role on society as a whole. There must be a re-assessment of your immediate goals and priorities. Something must be done immediately to change our past and present policies of paternalism, largess and irresponsibility. We need encouragement that fosters independence; positive policies that call for and encouragement that foster independence; positive policies that call for, and encourage excellence in education, equitable opportunities for achievement and community pride that builds self-reliance or independence.

Therefore, our communities and nation's priorities during the 1990's call for a shift away from certain kinds of "integration" or reaching-out and immediate emphasis on the things necessary within our communities to save our presently denied youth and millions of others in our communities, where there appears for many, no other way out than a life of idleness or crime...All spelling out nonproductive and negative dependency.

Accordingly, to eliminate these burdensome needs from within Black America, we have chosen as our over-all theme for the 1990's, "Casting Down Our Buckets Where We Are." This new emphasis, or priority, will have to involve getting all of our Black community organizations and institutions together to encourage our youth and others to take pride in preparing themselves early to be our community's economic builders. This means new forms of massive training to take over our Black community needs for Black bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, Black street sweepers, as well as Black lawyers, Black merchants, etc. It calls for new forms of partnerships while we, simultaneously, can encourage the Black community to selectively support those White-owned businesses and institutions which have policies that tend to build our long-denied communities in an equitable manner.

This new priority of rebuilding our communities from within, calls for new roles for all in the Black community. It means that the Black press and all others will have to examine every possible way we can to "pull up our community by whatever bootstraps" we have, as we seek the long-over-due and deserved support required of the White community such as the city financial institutions, builders, inventors and others who have a concern for the total community.

However, the leadership to make our communities the responsible and self-sustaining marketplaces must come from within our communities. East Lubbock is working on making this a reality.

THIS N THAT

PERSONAL INCOME FOR BLACKS UP IN 1995!!! THIS N THAT... discovered last week that the spending of ...BLACK AMERICANS... in 1995 rose up from ...\$304.5 BILLION in 1994... to a number of ...\$324 BILLION... in 1995... This should suggest to...BLACK AMERICA... that we...HAVE SOMETHINGS GOING FOR US...but all we need to do...IS EDUCATE OUR MONIES...and determine what we would like to accomplish in any city or township...This is especially true for...BLACK AMERICANS...who live in...LUBBOCK...or any city on the ...SOUTH PLAINS OF TEXAS...There is so much we can do...but we...MUST FIRST...learn to TRUST EACH OTHER...In looking what ...BLACK AMERICANS...did with some of their hard earned monies...\$10.8 BILLION... was spent on...NEW CARS AND TRUCKS...while each ...BLACK FAMILY...spends at least...\$1,592.00 A YEAR... on clothes...Last year...BLACK AMERICANS...spend a average of ...48 PERCENT MORE...than whites on...FOOD PREPARED...at home...including...FRESH MEAT...FISH...EGGS AND POULTRY...All in all...CONFIDENCE IN THE ECONOMY...leads to BIG SURGE...in...BLACK AMERICA BUYING...THAT IS WHY...THIS N THAT...predicts that...EAST LUBBOCK...will continue to...MOVE IN A VERY POSITIVE DIRECTION...Hopefully...there will be other...RETAIL OUTLETS...who will locate in the ...EASTERN PART OF LUBBOCK...CITIZENS ARE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE TO ACCEPT DRUGS!! THIS N THAT...has heard many citizens of the ...EAST LUBBOCK AREA...say loudly that they were not going to...CONTINUE LET DRUGS...go without them. REPORTING IT TO AUTHORITIES...So is you are...SELLING DRUGS...in the neighborhood...you'd better...STOP SELLING THEM...because people are just plain tired of this kind of action...

NEW HOMES BEING CONSTRUCTED!! THIS N THAT...has noticed the...TWO NEW HOMES...being constructed on ...ELM AVENUE... near the day care facility...This is really good...and it only adding to a LOT OF DEVELOPMENT IN CHATMAN HILL...this is an effort of the...CHATMAN FOUNDATION...and...THIS N THAT...is just pleased with what is going on in Chatman Hill...The whole area...JUST LOOKS GREAT...CHATMAN HILL...as well as all the opportunities happening in East Lubbock...

GIVE QUINCY WHITE A CHANCE!!! THIS N THAT... would have thought that it would have been a...DECISION FOR THE LUBBOCK HOUSING AUTHORITY... since the person...who came in the help...has done a...VERY GOOD JOB...in helping the authority...of course...there is a procedure in...CHOOSING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...THIS N THAT...would like to see...QUINCY WHITE...chosen for this position...Perhaps...when this read...MR. WHITE...has received this position...

D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "A MAN...takes a DRINK...the DRINK...takes another...and the...DRINK TAKES THE MAN..."

WHAT'S THIS, MOWING THE GRASS!! THIS N THAT...observed one of our citizens...D.C. FAIR, JR.... riding a mower... and mowing his property... on MLK BLVD...It was hard to determine who was...WINNING...the riding mower...or...D.C. FAIR, JR... Anyway...it was good to see what he was doing...This piece of property...in the opinion of ...THIS N THAT... would be great for some kind of an...EATING ESTABLISHMENT...in East Lubbock...

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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



Civilization has advanced so much in the past few decades since World War II until most educational systems in the United States are quite similar in what is taught and what is expected of students and teachers. Much of today's curriculums in the various states are either mandated by state legislatures and or some federal guideline. Ironically, students who receive benefits under Chapter One guidelines are found in all low-income communities.

Chapter One student benefits may very well be thought of as a form of educational welfare. Most of these students are eligible for free breakfast, free lunch and in some instances selected medical benefits. In addition, special funds are allocated for educational materials to help to raise the often low reading and mathematics grades and test scores of these students.

From daycare to Headstart through elementary school, some federal fund benefits the low income student. In some instances, students not eligible or not classified as 'Chapter One' benefit from the program because they just happen to be in a particular class where Chapter One materials are utilized.

It would appear that the parents of these income-eligible students would have more time and energy and money to spend to help schools to make the Chapter One program more effective. There ought to be a law that requires parental cooperation and input to insure student progress in school, in life. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and get the most out of programs designed to uplift life at home and at school.

CAR BUYING GUIDE, How Do Rebates Work?

Manufacturers' rebates are dollars provided to coerce you to buy a certain The amount varies by manufacturers' make, model and region of the country. They come and go faster than the salespeople can track them. Always ask the salesperson to check the rebate. You may apply this money towards the purchase price or take in cash. Automotive News, a weekly newspaper, is an excellent source to get an up to date listing of all manufacturers' rebates. This paper can be found in your library, credit union, bank, or you may subscribe.

Even though manufacturers don't like rebates, they are versatile sales incentive tools that can be quickly introduced to stimulate floor traffic in a showroom, during slow selling "slumps". Rebates cost manufacturers and dealers of dollars annually. One move to get away from them is what I call the "either or situation" - \$1,000 rebate or 4.9% financing. Explaining this requires a column of its own.

Why can't cars be priced fairly up front? It makes you think that someone came along and said, "that price is too high so let's give the buyer a \$1,500 rebate to correct it." Chrysler has already placed rebates on its 1997 model line and they haven't reached the showroom yet!

Rebates also have expiration dates. These dates are controlled by the manufacturers, not your local auto dealer. If, doing your price negotiations, your salesperson tells you that the rebate expires

today and you choose to take the time to "think about it" and subsequently come back to find out the car will cost \$1,500 more, don't blame the salesperson. Negotiate your selling price without including the manufacturer's rebate. Use it to further reduce your purchasing price.

We are low in the "end of model year", and it's a rebate gold mine. Dealers and manufacturers must reduce costly '96 inventories and have increased rebates to help accomplish this goal. There are rebates: from \$400 on a Geo Metro 4 door to \$3,600 on a Lincoln Mark VIII. But remember, they do expire.

Questions to ask salesperson: What is the rebate on this vehicle? When does it expire? How much was the last rebate on this vehicle? How long did it last? Will there be a rebate introduced soon for this model?

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MS. VELMA JETER, AT 93, OLDEST DELEGATE LOOKS FORWARD TO CONVENTION IN 2000 NAACP Leader From Orange, Texas

Chicago, Ill. — Velma Jeter, of Orange, Texas, probably got the most attention of her 93 years on the opening day of the Democratic National Convention as the oldest delegate at the convention.

It was just the tip of the iceberg as she appeared at a news conference with the youngest delegate, Paul S. Kraus, of Duquesne, Iowa, and Democratic Convention CEO Debra DeLee and National Party Chairman Senator Christopher Dodd.

Ms. Jeter was easily the coldest person in the room as she fielded questions from reporters crowding around her like a movie star en route to the Women's Caucus. From her wheelchair, the long-retired school teacher recalled her favorite convention, that of 1948, for the "sharp tongue" of successful nominee Harry Truman.

More substantively, she noted the changes have been many—most notably participation of "numerous blacks now-a-days", which she calls "equitable". And

she expects President Clinton to "build on his strengths".

But Ms. Jeter is not new to public appearances, politics, or controversy. As the former president of the Orange Chapter of the NAACP and an organizer of the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, Ms. Jeter attended the March on Washington, D.C. with the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1963, and then went back for the 30th anniversary celebrations three years ago, inauguration of President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Ms. Jeter said, "I've lived in an amazing time and I can tell you that the President is right when he refers to the future as "an age of possibilities," especially if young people like Paul Kraus get a good education and work hard to build a brighter future."

And she thinks she'll be ready to attend another Democratic National Convention in the year 2000.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES (RMHC) DONATES \$50,000 TO NAACP/ACT-SO AT THE ANNUAL "OLYMPICS OF THE MIND" COMPLETION Delores Jordan Honored as "Mother of the Year"

Charlotte, NC - Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) announced today at the NAACP/ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics - "Olympics of the Mind") annual academic awards ceremony a \$50,000 donation to the organization to underwrite the 1996 national competition.

"Act-so is one of the most effective youth education programs in the nation and it has helped many of our young people succeed," said Ken Barun, president/CEO of RMHC. "We are proud to sponsor this year's competition."

In keeping with the Olympic tradition, ACT-SO contenders compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in four areas: the sciences, humanities, performing arts and visual arts. It is open to students in grades 9 through 12 nationwide.

"ACT-SO's goals include the stimulation of respect for learning among African-American youth by rewarding academic excellence on a scale comparable to the

honors we award athletic heroes. Andy it is working due largely to organizations such as RMHC," said Vernon Jarrett, National ACT-SO chairman. "RMHC has been a great partner and a great friend to ACT-SO."

This year, Delores Jordan, mother of Chicago Bulls MVP and former RMHC Board Member Michael Jordan, was honored at the awards ceremony as "Mother of the Year." Mrs. Jordan was celebrated because she represents to young people the importance of being both a good parent and a business leader.

Ronald McDonald House Charities is dedicated to supporting programs that improve the lives of children and their families. Ronald McDonald House Charities "lifts children to a better tomorrow" by supporting Ronald McDonald Houses in communities around the world, and by making grants to other not-for-profit children's programs. Grants to date total more than \$125 million.

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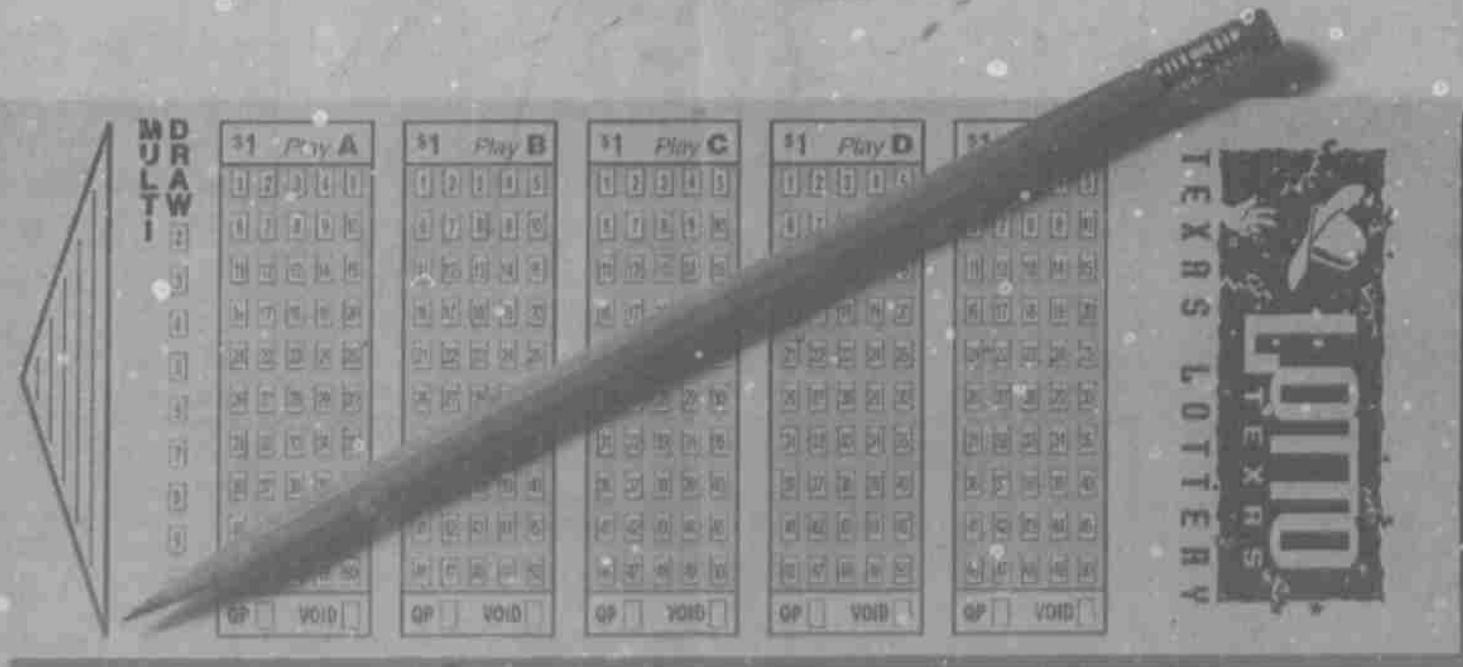
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Mark 16:15, 16, Jesus said, Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that BELIEVED NOT SHALL BE DAMNED.

You know as I go into this worldly world; people think they're fool, I find that mankind think they're smarter THAN GOD; BUT THEY'RE FOOLS.

Proverb 14:1, The fool hath said in his heart, THERE IS NO GOD, they are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

As I tell them about JESUS; dying for their many, many sin's, Some say there is NO GOD; or he would stop the sin that's within. Psalm 51:5, Behold, I was shupen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

I tell them that GOD LOVES YOU, AND SALVATION IS THU HIS ONLY SON, That was to show the whole world; GOD LOVES EVERY-ONE.

John 3:16, Jesus said, For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begouen SON (JESUS), that whosoever BELIEVETH in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

This sin in man, it will leave if you'll let JESUS IN, But its up to you, and only you; IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THAT SIN.

Proverb 17:12, Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

They say maybe someday I'll get SAVED; THEN I'LL GIVE MY LIFE TO GOD, BUT RIGHT NOW I'M OK; I KNOW THE MAN; HE IS MY LORD.

Proverb 12:15, The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he that HEARKENETH UNTO COUNSEL IS WISE.

They say: I pray to GOD AND HE ALWAYS, ANSWER ALL MY PRAYERS.

THEY SAY, I'M IN GOOD STANDING; WITH THE MAN UP STAIRS.

Proverb 28:9, He that turneth away his ear from HEARING the law, even HIS PRAYER SHALL BE ABOMINATION (DISGUSTING).

Some say: I just keep the ten commandments, and just LIVE RIGHT, I'M just a good person to everybody; day and night.

Matthew 19:17b, Jesus said, Why callest thou me good? there is none GOOD BUT ONE, THAT IS GOD.

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FALSE CONFIDENCE

A couple of us old preachers from like traditions were discussing the state of the Church and the question was raised as to why does legalistic righteousness provide some people with false confidence?

The answer we come up with was that it appears that many people seem to want to be told what to believe and what to do. Those people seem to find confidence in letting someone else determine what is right and what is wrong. That way, if the determinations turn out to be erroneous, they can say, it wasn't my fault. I was just doing what I was told.

Looking at the answer from another perspective, we determine that most people like to work for what they receive. If they work for it, they feel they have earned it and therefore deserve it. However, people who think they have learned their salvation feel confident that they will receive it because they deserve it. While this may make sense on CNN's Dollars and Cents and in the business world, it's not the way things work in God's economy.

On a radio broadcast of iFocus on the Family, James Dobson told how he poured all his energy into a game of Monopoly he was playing with the members of his family. Eventually he acquired enough cash and properties to score a huge victory. As he put the game away, he reflected on the evening's activities. He thought about the similarities between the game of Monopoly and life. No matter how much we gain or achieve in this life, eventually it all gets put away.

In Philippians 3, Paul uses his own life as an illustration of that very principle. Before his confrontation with the Lord on the Damascus road, his confidence rested in a long list of human achievements. But his knowing Christ caused him to realize the futility of his past and to change directions by putting all his efforts into pursuing spiritual goals.

False confidence in ourselves can lead to disaster. One of the sad

records in America history is the one that tells of the rise and fall of General Benedict Arnold. Arnold fought courageously in the great victories at Ticonderoga in 1775 and at Saratoga in 1777. This battle, with Burgoyne of the British, is considered by some historians to be the turning point of the war. Arnold's valor and leadership was so outstanding that he was given the command of Philadelphia in 1778. Confidence in him was complete, and his past successes seemed to indicate more in the future. But in Philadelphia he lived luxuriously and was reprimanded for abuse of his authority. He was transferred to West Point in New York, which was an important command for blocking the British soldiers and fleet along the Hudson River.

Bitter over the reprimand in Philadelphia, and having been passed over for promotion and feeling his excellent record as a military commander was not appreciated, Arnold confided Henry Clinton to propose defection. Major Andre was sent by the British to discuss terms with him, but was caught and hanged as a spy. Benedict Arnold was forced to flee to the British side. In 1781 he sought exile in England. He is chiefly remembered as a traitor to the American side.

Self-esteem and false confidence in his ability and skill led to excesses that brought reprimand. Self-esteem and resentment at the reprimand led to betrayal and the stigma of traitor. Too much self-esteem, too much confidence in our ability, our achievement, or our achievement, or our heritage is what Paul calls confidence in the flesh. Such false confidence may lead us to betray our Lord and become enemies of all that He alone can do for us.

What is the basis of confidence for the believer? Paul insisted that salvation depends on Christ alone, apart from any reliance on human achievement.

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