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NATIONAL SCENE

Dick Gregory: Sons Beaten by NYC police

Comedian/humanitarian Dick Gregory and his wife, Lillian, are calling on the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the July 11 beating and arrests of their sons Yohance Maqubela, 22, a New York City Council financial analyst, and Gregory, 29, writes the Chicago Defender. The two were beaten during a fight that erupted at Madison Square Garden after Chicago fighter Andrew Golata threw several low blows at Maryland's Riddick Bowe. An argument between the fighters' camps spilled into the crowd. Maqubela said he was jumped and beaten by a policeman who overheard him talking to a co-worker about the delay in police reaction to the rioting. Dick Gregory has written letters to U.S. Attorney Janet Reno and President Bill Clinton demanding an investigation into the alleged civil rights violations his sons suffered.

Patti's 'Chez LaBelle' closing due to current leasing disagreements

'Chez LaBelle,' singer Patti LaBelle's Philadelphia club/restaurant closed its doors July 15 after PAZ, Inc., the management company owned by LaBelle and her husband Armstead Edwards failed to reach a new lease agreement with location owner Michael diPaolo reports the Philadelphia Tribune. A spokesman for diPaolo's company New Market Square, said Edward and diPaolo chose to part amicably and the decision to close the club/restaurant was a business one.

Burned Churches Fund announces grants

The Burned Churches Fund, established by the National Council of Churches (NCC) and supported by a broad ecumenical and interfaith community, announced it has allocated \$1,415,445 so far to enable 14 burned churches to begin or complete renovation. An emergency grant of \$1,445 for 75 folding chairs was approved Monday, Aug. 5, by the Fund's blue-ribbon Grants Committee. The chairs will go to the 80-member congregation of Central Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Kossuth, Miss., which was destroyed June 17. The Fund is part of a broader NCC-led effort to investigate and stop attacks on places of worship and bring perpetrators to justice.

Black Democratic leaders say vote will not be taken for granted

Many Black leaders are now seeking to put "checks and balances" on Democratic party members to make them more responsible for issues, legislation and policies concerning Blacks and other minorities, according to the Michigan Chronicle. Black leaders started outlining an intense political agenda at the Million Man March, and march organizers hosted the National Hearing on Issues and Public Policy, July 26-27, 1996, at Chicago's Kennedy/ King College to put together a "progressive" political agenda inclusive of Native Americans, Hispanics, Arab Americans and African Americans, the newspaper reported.

Carolyn Thompson Takes Over t Alderson

"Education is not an option, it is an expectation"



Carolyn Thompson

If you were like most people who watched the Olympic games, you probably thought at one time or another, what happens to these star athletes when they put away all their training, medals and walk into a normal life?

The same question could have been asked a few years ago of the woman who takes over the administration of Alderson Junior High this school year. Carolyn Thompson becomes the new principal of the junior high school where she spent the past three years as the assistant principal.

However, for those who knew Carolyn in her high school and college days an Olympic medal would have seemed more in her future than the banner of being the principal of a junior high school. Carolyn graduated in 1980 from Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M. and was named the Dr. Pepper Academic/Athlete Student of the Year. She went on to Texas Tech University where her talents as a basketball player lead to a number of honors such as being named the Southwest Conference Most Valuable Player from 1982-84. Tech retire her basketball jersey in 1985. She was named Southwest Conference Player of the Decade in 1992; Southwest Conference All-Time Player in 1996. Carolyn also was a member of the U.S.A. Women Basketball Team that competed against Cuba.

Carolyn is the sixth child in a family of 12 children. She will tell you

that her parents supported all of their children's dreams; but each child knew that getting an education was not an option not a dream, it was something her parents expected each child to accomplish. Ask Carolyn if she always wanted to be in education and she will say not really. She explains, "I just love working with children, so I knew whatever I did as a career would affect and involve children."

Carolyn joined the Lubbock Independent School District as head girls basketball coach at Estacado in 1985. She remained as a teacher coach at Estacado until getting the opportunity to become assistant principal at Alderson in 1993. This school year she begins working with students and staff that she can call her own. She brings 12 years of educational experience and a Masters in Education Degree into her work as principal. For Carolyn Thompson, this year finally presents the opportunity to go for her real life's goal. She defines that goal as a desire "To generate a positive and productive learning environment to help educate all students." She says she believes that education is a process of continuous growth and much like her parents' expectations she hopes to instill in each child who travels the hallways of Alderson a belief that education is not an option, education is a goal that must be achieved!

"You can't give up in Life!" Says Lubbock Woman

Veronica Williams, a lady who has traveled a long and sometimes shakey road, has a lot of advice for young people. She'll tell you that you can't give up, but you need to stand up for what you believe in. She was a teenage runaway, at 15, and ran away with her husband, Roy, who was married for 19 years. She became a mother at the age of 15 when her oldest daughter, Rhonda was born Jan. 7, 1978.

Dropping out of high school in the ninth grade, she became a mother of three by the time she was 18. Her second daughter, Rochelle, was born Oct. 11, 1978, but she died shortly after in July, 1979. A third daughter, LaTonya, was born later.

After looking over her life, Veronica decided that she wanted to make a positive impact for her African American race. She began by getting her driver's licenses which she felt was an accomplishment. In 1980, she was hired at the Lubbock State School, but her personal life caused her to quit after working only six months.

In 1982, Veronica decided to acquire her GED which would have been another accomplishment in her life. For the next two years, off and on, she worked in nursing homes as a nursing aide. In January, 1984, she became a mother of a son, Roy, Jr. She stayed in the home with her children the next two years. But now in 1986, Veronica attended Amarillo Junior College seeking a degree in becoming a LVN. But due to financial problems, she had to drop out and begin working. In December, 1987, however, she had her last child born who was D'Shaila. This was when she had to learn to live as a diabetic, which was very difficult for her to accept.

In 1990, Veronica decided to enroll in South Plains College and attempt an effort to receive a degree in Nurse's Aide. She wanted to work with a hospital. After she received her certificate, she rejoiced over this accomplishment. She was employed by University Medical Center from 1990 until 1993 when she moved to Amarillo in order to return to Amarillo College for LVN training again. But due to a long waiting list, she was unable to enroll in school.

It was in 1994 that Veronica moved back to Lubbock, and reached out and took care of her brother's two children—age 2 and age one month. For almost a year she was unable to get involved in health care. But it was in April, 1995 when she was afforded an opportunity to attend a Texas Tech University class for emergency medical technician training which was a very difficult class and demanded a lot of her time for studying. This led her to leave the job with the University Medical Center. At this time, she felt she had two strikes against her especially since she was an African American female. It bothered her, but she didn't give up.

The first day of class, she walked into the class and realized she was the only African American in the class. She wanted to turn and walk out, but understood that if one wants to be successful, you can't quit!

It was January, 1996, she was hospitalized for a stomach virus for one week, which set her back in clinical training. But she finally finished the course too. In March, 1996, Veronica began working at the Lubbock State School as a MHMR Aide. She is still employed at this institution, and is looking forward to working part-time as an assistance in ambulance area.

If you ask Veronica, she'll tell you that you have to be strong. It was June, 1996 when she was told her clinical training papers were missing, and she couldn't receive her certificate for completion in order to take her states board examination. But, luckily, her papers were found and she took her State Board examination. Yes, you guessed it, in July, 1996, Veronica received her EMT license at the end of the month.

Veronica feels she has finally made a difference and a positive image for her race and she is a positive role model for her six children she is rearing. She will tell you that there is hope for other African American people. She still hopes to become a paramedic one day. Who knows, maybe one day she will!

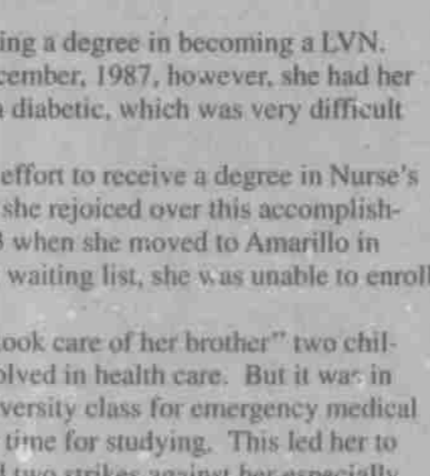
Take note to the efforts of Veronica Williams: "You can't give up in life!"



A New Day is Dawning... was the message conveyed at the NAACP Convention held in New Orleans, LA in the keynote address given by newly elected President and CEO Kweisi Mfume (Former Congressman of Maryland). In his address, Mr. Mfume gave assurance to the more than 5,000 members in attendance that the NAACP was not only back but alive as well. Major supporters of the NAACP were in attendance such as (J.) William Richardson, V.P. Corporate Affairs, Schieffelin & Somerset Co., who hosted the dinner for the Executive Board. S&SCO has been a sponsor of this event for 15 consecutive years; Mrs. Gertrude Richardson; Kweisi Mfume; and Warren Jackson, President, Circulation Expert.



Veronica Williams



Speaker Laney

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"Why Should This Happen to our Credit Union??"

In less than a month, someone unknown, according to David Sowell, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canyon Lakes Credit Union, has thrown a hard object into one of the window panels at the office building, 2510 Martin Luther King Blvd.

It is believed there is a suspect in the recent damage of several hundred of dollars to the building. Anyway, if there are those who have an idea who could have done such a thing to call the local authorities or you may call the Southwest Digest, 762-3612.

The question being asked by residents of the neighborhood is: "Why should this happen to our Credit Union?"

NNPA: Building Bridges for Independence

By Dorothy R. Leavell
NNPA President

Something wonderful has happened in the African-American community that deserves the highest accolades and is definitely one more giant step towards independence—the building of bridges between two of the oldest and most important institutions in Black America, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. This is a marriage whose time has come and has enormous ramifications for the well-being and success of Black people in America.

During the 56th Annual NNPA Convention held in Houston, TX, in June, the Black Press of America adopted the theme "building bridges." This could not have come at a better time. Black America is under attack on virtually every front. Federal budget cuts have resulted in cuts to funding for social causes while, at the same time, downsizing, retrenchment and outsourcing have resulted in the elimination of job opportunities.

Affirmative action has been under attack to the point of being rendered helpless and hopeless. African-American children are lagging behind in schools and are in dire need of becoming computer literate. If they do not have access to the "Information Superhighway," they will be left even further behind.

In addition to the above, there has been a steady deterioration of values that have been the mainstay of the African-American family. This is not surprising in light of the policies that have been established by those who occupy the halls of power and who make the decisions that have a deleterious impact on the economic well-being of African-Americans. Building bridges among the most effective and far-reaching institutions in the African-American community is one of the best ways to address the inequities facing Black America. An alliance between the National Newspaper Publishers Association and the National Baptist Convention forges linkages that can reach into virtually every nook and cranny of Black America in seeking ways to pool collective community resources.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association represents the second oldest institution in Black America (the Black Press), recently celebrating its 56th year of operation and representing 208 newspapers nationally and reaching 11 million readers. The National Baptist Convention was founded on the coast of West Africa in the early 1800's and is today comprised of over 33,000 churches with more than 8.5 million members throughout the United States. The coming together of these institutional giants will enhance Black America culturally and historically. These two powerful forces speaking in unity will carve to move mountains of ignorance and misinformation so that other powerful African Americans will hopefully overcome the "Willed Lynch syndrome" to join in and bring African Americans to true empowerment and independence. A house divided is easily defeated, as we all know, but a house that is unified can withstand incredible opposition.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2062 Birch Ave., is the "Church Where People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. Services were great last Sunday morning as it all began with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Brother Henry Higginbotham, assistant Superintendent, presided after 30 minutes of instruction, the classes reassembled to the auditorium singing "If I have wounded any soul today." High points of the lesson were given by class No. 3 with sister Cook as teacher. Three students gave the remarks. It was wonderful. Secretary's Report: Youth Department-Junior class received both banners. Adult Department: Class No. 2 received the offering banner and Class No. 4 received the attendance banner. It was good to have sister Dotsey McBride and her daughter, Baby Ruth, visit Class No. 4, and be counted in the attendance. Sunday School was dismissed into the morning worship service devotion which was led by Deacon Robert Cork and Deacon John Howard.

The Processional was led by the Senior Choir as they marched in singing "We Got to Praise Him." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. E. Toines, who is the grandson of Brother and Sister Harry Stokley. A song, "Hallelujah," was sung. The 23rd Psalm was read by Sister Vossie Ball, prayer was given by Deacon Earnest Swain. Another song, "Trust in the Lord," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. A hymn, "Have Thine Own Ways," was sung. Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He gave some beautiful remarks. He said, "When things don't meet our needs, tell God to have thine own way!" Another song, "The Wicked shall cease from Troubling the Weary shall be at Rest" was sung. The hymn of preparation was "What a Friend." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "The Blessedness of Being in the House of the Lord." His scripture text was Psalm 84:1-4. It was a blessing last Sunday morning. Pastor Moton told us how. Oh, he's so wonderful. An invitation to discipleship was extended. Our sick list is still rising. Keep praying for Brother Prentis Dyer who is still a patient at

the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo, TX. Sister Skier is home from the hospital. Brother Clarence Ervin was able to be in church last Sunday morning. We are praying for our bereaved families. Among them is Brother Edison Jarmon who was funeralized last Saturday at New Hope. He will surely be missed! He was a member of the male chorus, Usher Board, and the Brotherhood as well as working in the kitchen. Sister Jarmon, you have our sympathy and prayers. Pray for Sister Chase she will journey this to California to attend her grandson's funeral services. Our prayers travel with you. The Ruby Jay Family motored to Plainview, TX last Friday evening to witness Chutell Jay march with graduation class at Wayland University's Nursing School as she received her R.N. degree. Ruby Jay's nephew, James Booker of Crawford, TX and a niece, Marcella McDowell of Cleburne, TX.

Positively Black, By Junious Ricardo Stanton Don't Let Barriers Stop You

Noted neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson astutely once pointed out, "Everyone has barriers and obstacles. If you look at them as containing fences that don't allow you to advance, then you are going to be a failure. If you look at them as hurdles that strengthen you each time you go over one, then you're going to be a success."

Resistance is unavoidable in life. Africans in America especially face impediments and antagonism. Despite how much Europeans deny its existence or how "colorblind" they profess to be, racism is real and it is not going to disappear any time soon. The sooner we accept this reality, the better off we will be.

We (Black folks) also have obstacles of our own making, these we create in our minds. They include: Our negative attitudes, our self-hatred, our willingness to work together for the common good and our fears and insecurities which hold us back from prominence. On an individual level, our anxieties, doubts and lack of faith prevent us from manifesting our innate talents, gifts and abilities. Often we make our difficulties larger than life, energizing them with our fears, giving them more power than they really have. That way we have a ready-made excuse for not succeeding or not even trying to accomplish anything extraordinary.

What barriers, real or imagined are you facing today? Are you going to give in to them and allow them to confine you? Are you going to give up and quit or are you going to find a way to go over them, around them, through them or transcend them altogether? Pick a challenge, any one of the many in your life (if you don't have any challenges or problems you are dead) and make a commitment to resolve it, overcome it or not let it hinder you.

Life provides a myriad of problems that in one way or another allows us to grow by confronting and determining to solve them. Wisdom comes only through dealing with the complex issues of life. Inner strength is developed only by accepting the challenge, stretching beyond our present capabilities and expanding the barriers through our will, ingenuity, resourcefulness and perseverance. Success in any endeavor is merely the overcoming of a series of problems and obstacles to attain a given goal or objective.

Many people don't accomplish anything extraordinary in life because they allow their fears to short circuit their desire to succeed. What are you afraid of? What is preventing you from fulfilling your destiny, being true to yourself and your highest good? Are you afraid of failure? Is it success that frightens you? None of us is perfect, none of us is omniscient and none of us is so self-sufficient that we can succeed on our own without the support or assistance of others. Since we are not all knowing, it is obvious we will make mistakes. The reason they put erasers on the ends of pencils and pens, have delete and backspace keys on typewriters and on computers, is because no one is infallible. The biggest mistake you can make is to let your fear of making one hold you back!

Are you afraid of success because you know it will mean a drastic change in your life. Life is about to change. Hello! Life is about growth and change. Are you growing or are you shrinking, atrophying, acquiescing to the apprehensions, bogeymen and gremlins lurking in your psyche?

Each hurdle you overcome makes you that much stronger, wiser and confident. In life there will always be another fence to go over. When you tried to roller skate faster just so you wouldn't get trampled by the crowd at the rink. Once you got that down pat, you learned to skate backwards or to dance to the music that was piped into the rink. When you think about it, you have a long history of overcoming obstacles and barriers. You learned how to crawl, to walk, talk, control your bladder, tie your shoes, read and write. You learned how to get along with people or you are in the process of learning how. All these things seemed monumental barriers at the time but you overcame them. The point Dr. Carson and I are making is, you already have personal experience at being a success. Use it to become ever more successful.

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Obituary

Cleveland Hawkins



Funeral services were held last Thursday at the A.W. Wilson Chapel of Jamison Funeral Home for Cleveland Hawkins. Rev. Johnnie L. Barnes officiated and Elder Curtis Slay assisted.

Mr. Hawkins passed away Monday, Aug. 12, 1996.

He was born March 2, 1937 in Garland, TX. He attended Abernathy Public Schools.

He worked on the decks as a merchant seaman in New Orleans, LA for 20 years.

Survivors include a brother, Clarence Hawkins of Lubbock, TX and three sisters: Cornia Carter and Mary Culpepper, both of Ft. Worth, TX and Geneva Hawkins of Lubbock.

Edison Jarmon



Final rites were held for Edison Jarmon at 11 a.m. last Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the city of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Jarmon died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1996 at his home.

He was born March 29 in Seguin, TX. He attended Seguin Public Schools, and serves in the U.S. Army. He moved to Lubbock, TX and he was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, the Usher Board, Brotherhood and Male Chorus. He was married to Bernice Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice, a brother, Edgar Jarmon of Seguin, TX, and two sisters, Virgie M. Jarmon and Zellie Van, both of Seguin, TX.

Hilton: Higher Education

By Dr. Keith Orlando Hilton

White Baseball; Black Baseball

Kenny Lofton of the Cleveland Indians recently said that his baseball team may be suffering criticism because the team is heavily populated with Black and Hispanic ballplayers.

In a report titled "A Statistical Analysis on Discrimination Evidenced by Voting for the Baseball Hall of Fame," the researcher was quoted as saying the "There is evidence that African Americans must perform at a higher level, on average than their white counterparts to remain in game."

Baseball's bad boys come in all shapes, sizes and complexions, however, white athletes seldom take as many verbal whippings from white sports "experts." And if superstars like Barry Bonds, Albert Belle, Daryl Strawberry, Lee Smith, Doc Gooden, Eddie Murray, etc. weren't so dense and cocky, they would also see it for what it really is. Even "good guys" like Tony Gwynn and Ozzie Smith are not above being dogged for not always being superhuman.

A few years ago, a popular sports magazine picked some of its all-time greatest baseball players and would you believe that only Willie Mays and Henry Aaron consistently made the lists. We seem to have forgotten that the National League, which first brought in Black ballplayers in wholesale, dominated the annual all-star game until the last 15 or so years. Many thanks to Bob Gibson, Frank Robinson, Willie McCovey, Juan Marichal, Dick Allen, Orlando Cepeda, Ernie Banks, Billy Williams, etc.

Today, there are still only three managers of African descent; Cito Gaston, Felipe Alou and Don Baylor.

Baseball has a serious marketing problem and each year it becomes more evident that young people, including college students, of all ethnicities are identifying more with baseball and football stars.

Cal Ripken, Mark McGwire, Roger Clemens, Mike Piazza, Chipper Jones and Greg Maddux are great ballplayers, and I enjoy watching them perform, however, they pale next to some of the Black ballplayers who are actually carrying the game today.

What makes us think that baseball has a marketing problem? According to Bud Selig, the acting commissioner of major league baseball, attendance remains lower than expected at this point. Even before the cancellation of the world series two years ago, MLB was taking a "big hit"—pardon the pun. Baseball seems to be afraid of appearing too Black. As a matter of fact, even to this day, there are some white sports writers who say Mantle over Mays; and Ruth over Aaron.

As a youth, if I had to choose between the greatest athletes of the day, Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente, Jim Brown, Gale Sayers, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) and Sonny Liston, etc., I would usually opt out by picking the sport that was in season.

And to a great degree, young people still do this, but naming today's baseball stars would likely be low on the list. This despite ballplayers like Frank Thomas, Ken Griffey, Jr., Roberto Alomar, Albert Belle, Cecil Felder, Barry Bonds, Tony Gwynn, who would be superstars in any era.

Baseball has a serious marketing problem. And it will continue to suffer until it properly showcases its Black ballplayers.

One final point; even when baseball gets its act together, I am afraid that this will not necessarily translate into a stronger Black community unless we continue to challenge these individuals (and MLB) to be positive role models and more.

The Leadership Connection Workshop Scheduled

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock will sponsor an eight-part leadership enhancement course, "The Leadership Connection," from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 3 at the T.J. Patterson Branch Library.

The Leadership Connection is designed to connect nonprofit organizations with interested representatives from Lubbock's minority community and people with disabilities who want to serve on nonprofit boards and committees. Classes will meet every Tuesday and Thursday. For registration information call the Volunteer Center, 747-0551.

According to Sharon Bass, Program Development Director at the Volunteer Center, "Participants will receive information in all aspects of serving on board of directors from what goes on in the board room, to the skills it takes to keep an organization going, as well as, the legal and fiscal responsibilities of board members." Throughout the course Lubbock community leaders will participate as guest speakers. The course will include a half day community service project with Habitat for Humanity and a graduation dinner.

Peace Corps Names New South Africa Country Director

County Director Earl Yates available for interviews from South Africa Washington, D.C., Aug. 9-On Tuesday, Aug. 13 and Wednesday, Aug. 14, Peace Corps South Africa Country Director Earl Yates and Peace Corps Deputy Director Charles Baquet III will be available for telephone interviews to discuss the historic entry of Peace Corps volunteers into South Africa in January 1997. African-American returned Peace Corps volunteers from your area will also be available to discuss their experiences in the Peace Corps.

Peace Corps volunteers will help schools in rural areas with training and income-generating efforts. The exact projects are being developed in cooperation with the South African Ministry of Education as well as local non-governmental organizations. About 30 volunteers are expected to arrive in January, with another 30 in October.

Media Availability

WHO: Earl Yates, Peace Corps South Africa Country Director
Charles Baquet III, Peace Corps deputy Director
Returned Peace Corps volunteer from your area

WHAT: Available for live or recorded telephone interviews

WHERE: Yates from South Africa and Baquet from Washington, D.C.

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 13 and Wednesday, Aug. 14

South Africa represents the 132nd country that Peace Corps has entered in its 35-year history. Currently, nearly 7,000 Peace Corps volunteers serve in 93 countries all over the world, including more than 2,400 volunteers in 31 African countries. More than 145,000 Americans have returned from Peace Corps service, providing assistance in education, health and nutrition, agriculture, environment and small business development.

If you want to set up an interview with Yates, Baquet or a returned Peace Corps volunteer in your area, please contact Arlison Osborne at (202)606-3610 to schedule a time.

Wilbert Tatum gets complete ownership of New York Amsterdam News

The New York Amsterdam News (Am News) is nothing but good news for board chairman Wilbert A. Tatum who became sole owner of the paper July 3, 1996, after purchasing shares of AmNews formerly held by stockholder John L. Edmonds.

The acquisition terminated litigation instituted by Edmonds 13 years ago and recognized Tatum's right to make the purchase and become sole owner of the popular publication.

Tatum, a life-long activist and former director of the Mayor's Office of Development in New York City, has had a long career in journalism. He serves on numerous boards including the New York Urban League. He is also a former board member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Tatum's daughter, Elinor Ruth, 25, has been appointed to the newly-created post of Associate Publisher and Chief Operating Officer. She was an undergraduate Vilas Scholar at St. Lawrence University and has a master's in political science from Stockholm University in Sweden. Ms. Tatum attended her father's alma mater, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania and the New School for Social Research in New York City.

The father-daughter team are continuing the legacy of Mr. Tatum's father, Eugene Milton Tatum, who founded a chain of Black newspapers for farmers in the Sandhill and Snowhill areas of North Carolina.

Eugene Tatum published the Henderson, Clinton and Goldsboro Tribunes in an area of North Carolina where much of the state's tobacco crop was grown, in the late 30s and early 40s.

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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

There was a time when school did not have to deal with the problem of drugs in any form, except to tell students that they should not drink alcohol or smoke cigarettes, dip snuff or chew tobacco. A child in a classroom with withdrawal symptoms from drugs was unheard of. Teachers taught children and children learned what they were taught.

With the use of drugs being so rampant in communities across the country, large and small, the effects of drugs has caused school districts to turn educational curriculums upside-down in an effort to reach today's children, many of them who often suffer from the effects of a parent indulging in drugs, physically or emotionally. American life is now characterized by a drug culture. To today's

children, it is a way of life. Students grammar schools across America are using and selling drugs. It is pathetic that when there is a massive drug bust, that parents run to the jail house to see if their child has been arrested because they know that their child/children sell drugs.

It is time to put flame where it belongs for all of the topsy-turvy curriculum changes and too much experimentation with methods of teaching in the drug culture. Some discrimination will have to be necessary to put schools and communities back on track. It is time to arrange for the drug culture's children apart from those who do not indulge as bad habits have a way of "catching on fast." Let us get 'in cinque' and get real about our dealings with children in a drug culture.

THIS N THAT

Yes, Lubbock there are some outstanding black male professionals! This N That...attended an initial...T.J. Patterson Roundtable...and it was a most inspiring effort...What was good about this...was...black male professionals...sitting and coming together...not talking foolishness but taking care of business...with the fellowship of having breakfast together...It was a good beginning of...many programs...because...black men come together...There will be more coming about. The T.J. Patterson Roundtable: Stay tuned...

D.C. Kinner the barber says: "Losing the battle doesn't mean you are losing the war!"

Congrats Alderson Junior High School! This N That...would like to say Congrats to Alderson Junior High School...and its...accomplishments last year...but...may you continue this year!

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763-4216...your help is needed!!
Schools in session! This N That...reminds us that school is in session...and...let's drive carefully!!



It's Amazing!!!

By Eddie P. Richardson

As we look around at the political sea what do we see?

The Republicans have a seas of potentials Monti, Don, others and others. Then when you look around on the other side there is David, others and Bubba which is not to be taken lightly.

But on the other hand there is my partner T.J. on the sidelines which could throw a monkey wrench in on everything, think about it, and along came T.J.

We had a chance Sunday to go with Bubba after church to shoot a few games of pool at Polka's on 4th Street and guess who showed up, our long time good friend Richard Lopez who has some medical problems, so have I, Richard made one statement I was only sick not dead!! Richard that's the kind of spirit it lifts me up. Richard you have been for the people for so many years. Keep it up Brother.

Back to politics, Bubba is serious as a heart attack, David, Victor and others don't play the game to close. Jesus Christ and 12 other white men are not going to come down from the sky and do for us what we

should and must do for self.

We have to take as our personal creed "If it is to be it is up to me." Calvin Roalark that's a powerful statement we love our brother the late Calvin Roalark who visited Lubbock at one of our management-Consumer seminars.

One great thing to see is the newly formed T.J. Patterson round table was blessed and honored to be at the first one the thing so great about this is it is for who ever is in office that can be communicated with keeping in the line of communications open from the politicians to the citizens thanks Dr. Ward young Dr. Johnson and others this is a great start and a big breakfast lets remember the scripture which goes something like this "how good it is when men can come together as brothers for the good of all of us" a little out of context but relevant.

Back to our soap box we must defer self what we have waited to long for others to do for us!!

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Please wear your Early Settlers attire, with bonnets and all. Special prizes will be given for the best dressed and for the family with the largest number of generations.

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Early Settlers Round-Up Committee

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South African Child Facing Legal Lynching, Civil Rights Activists Protest

By Benjamin Jealous

"Under Apartheid, under the state of emergency, Black children were tried as adults," observed Elaine Salo, a South African doctoral candidate studying in Atlanta. "This case is very reminiscent of that situation. He may not be accused of a political crime, but they are not taking his age into consideration. This is really a child we are talking about."

After surviving some of Apartheid's most turbulent years, Azikiwe Kambule a 10th grade South African child is facing the death penalty in Mississippi for a crime in which many say he was little more than a bystander.

Despite having no criminal record, no history of violence, providing his full cooperation to the authorities, and not being present when the killing took place Azi has been charged as an accomplice to capital murder. Mississippi is seeking the death penalty against Azi—a child who isn't even old enough to buy beer, let alone sit on a jury.

Two local prosecutors, Hinds County District attorney Ed Peters and Madison County D.A. James Fitchens, have already acted to seal Azi's fate.

In April, Peters was quoted in the Clarion-Ledger, a local daily newspaper, as saying that because the "jurors in [predominately black] Hinds County have a reputation for refusing to vote for the death penalty," he and Kitchens moved Azi's trial to Madison County where the outcome would be more certain, if not predictable.

The setting for John Grisham's *A Time To Kill*, Madison's racial environment is notorious. "That jury's gonna lynch 'em," says Charles Tisdale, publisher of *The Jackson Advocate*. "It's just that simple."

With one of the largest white populations in Mississippi, Madison has become a virtual haven for the state's less tolerant elites.

"That county is home to this country's richest and poorest people," says Tisdale. "The white folks ran there to avoid desegregation, and the black folks who've stayed have never received the benefit of their own civil rights."

Like his fictitious counterpart in Grisham's novel, county officials say, the current Madison County D.A. is hoping this high profile death penalty case will advance his career.

"Word is he's planning on running for Judge soon," said a county attorney who asked his name not be printed.

Azi's friends and supporters say they are concerned that the part-time public defender who's defending him won't be up to the challenge.

"Those attorneys are contracted—they aren't paid anything extra to handle capital trials," says Sheila O'Flaherty who was with the Mississippi Capital Defense Resource Center until congressional Republicans eliminated its funding earlier this year. The office had been charged with making sure that cases like Azi's didn't fall through the cracks.

According to Steve Hawkins, executive director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death penalty, court-appointed attorneys in southern states often receive the equivalent of 4 or 5 dollars per hour to handle death penalty trials.

"Look at the facts," says Reverend Robert Abrams, a United Methodist pastor from Gulfport, Mississippi, "and you will see this boy is more of a victim than anything else."

Azikiwe Kambule came to the United States two years ago with his mother who had received a Fellowship to finish her college education in America.

"He was very excited," remembers his mother, Busisiwe Chabeli. "He had always heard us talk about America and he wanted the chance to see for himself."

As a student at Chastain Middle School in Jackson, Azi had no trouble adjusting academically; he received excellent grades, was placed in hon-

ors classes and joined the school choir. Yet, Azi found himself under immense social pressure—he didn't look, speak or dress like other children in his neighborhood.

Azi wanted to "fit in" with his peers, and not be the subject of their ridicule. He met and started spending time with youth who were older and very street-wise.

While attending Jackson's Murrah High School, Azi's grades began to fall; his parents worried that his new friends were the wrong crowd. Fearing the worst, they decided to scrape together the funds to send Azi to a boarding school. Tragically, it was already too late.

Last January, a week before he was to leave for the Piney Woods School, Azi found himself in the middle of a car-jacking in which a young African-American woman was kidnapped and ultimately killed.

According to police testimony during a pre-trial hearing, Azi himself was so far away from the crime scene that he did not hear the gunshots. When arrested, he was the only one to cooperate with the police. He fully explained the terrible series of events that ended with the death of Pamela McGill—a young African American woman who was popular in the local community. After his arrest, Azi tried repeatedly to help the authorities in their investigation.

Civil rights activists say they fear that outrage about McGill's murder has inhibited many people's ability to see the injustice being perpetrated by local prosecutors.

"While the tragedy of Mrs. McGill's death is an emotional fire burning out of control in our community, we must look at the larger political dynamic of the prosecutors' decision to move this trial to Madison County to ensure these two young people get the death penalty," commented L.C. Dorsey, assistant professor of social work at Jackson State University and former executive director of the Mississippi Prison Defense Committee.

"It seems that their guilt has been decided even before the trial has begun." Scheduled to commence Aug. 19, Azi's case is already beginning to attract national international attention.

"The situation in which Azi finds himself speaks volumes about the use of the death penalty against children," Hawkins says.

"During this decade, only five nations in the world are known to have executed persons for crimes they committed before their eighteenth birthday. Those countries are Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, Saudi Arabia...and the United States. And America has executed more than the other four combined."

According to the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, a condemned child in the United States also tends to be of darker hue—66% of those persons sentenced to death as children have been from racial minorities.

"Nowhere is the international rule of law more clear than the prohibition on the use of the death penalty against children. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which the United States has ratified, clearly states that the 'sentence of death shall not be imposed for crimes committed by persons below the age of eighteen,'" Hawkins explains. "Indeed, every major human rights treaty in the world has the same express wording."

Rev. Abrams says he is concerned that Americans have become so fearful and angry about violence in their communities that they're no longer contemplating the consequences of their responses to crime.

"There is a feeding frenzy going on in America right now," he says. "And we are feeding on our youth."

Thursday's the **FINAL DAY** to sign up for the Youth Football League!



The YFL will be holding final sign-ups for the 1996 season on Thursday, August 22nd! Boys 6-12 are eligible to play. Sign ups will be held in front of Cardinal's Sport Center in the South Plains Mall! Birth Certificate will be required.

For more information call **766-7310**

Fox KJTV 34 Debuts "Fox After Breakfast" Monday, Aug. 12

FOX Broadcasting Company introduced a new brand of talk and attitude to morning television when it launched FOX After Breakfast, Monday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. Based on the innovative and critically-acclaimed FX program "Breakfast Time," FOX After Breakfast is hosted by Tom Bergeron and Laurie Hubbard from New York, Monday through Friday.

The popular and quick-witted Bergeron and Hubbard, who hosted "Breakfast Time" on FX, will be reunited with their sidekick Bob the Puppet for the all-new FOX program. They will be joined by an ensemble team of diverse personalities and characters.

The show, from Twentieth Television, marks FOX's entry into a new programming daypart. It is a distinctive alternative to traditional morning talk shows, game shows and syndicated programs, and will feature 52 weeks of original programming year-round.

As in the original breakthrough cable program, FOX After Breakfast will be broadcast from a 6,500 square-foot apartment overlooking Madison Square Park. The relaxed, unscripted show will feature a unique approach to celebrity interviews and topical stories as well as other fun points of interest. The format also includes daily remotes with unusual people from around the country hosted by a team of "Road Warriors."

Fall and Spring Registration and Sign Up

Guadalupe-Parkway Neighborhood Centers will have their registration and sign up for fall and spring activities during the week of Aug. 19-23. Guadalupe's time is between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Parkway's time is between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The program is open to youth of all ages—kindergarten, elementary, junior and senior high. Participants can be part of a variety of activities: boy's adventure groups, girls adventure groups, dance classes, gameroom and gym activities, pre-school morning program, friendship clubs, tutoring. We can Read, football league, soccer and a whole lot more.

The Fall and Spring program begins Sept. 3rd and runs through May 22nd. Participants in the program must have current membership with the Centers. Memberships can be purchased for \$6.00 for the year. Additional fees will be charged for some of the activities.

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Luke 21:36, Jesus said, Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man (Jesus). Look what has happened to this sick nation; and its because of the seven P's, we have taken the word of God lightly; and our children have been deceived.

Hosea 4:6, The Lord said, My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge; because thou has rejected knowledge, I will reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

It started with the 1st P: it was good for children: it was called prayer, but Satan told the 2nd P, a parent of a school; he didn't want it there.

Isaiah 9:17a, Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for everyone is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly.

Now prayer was good for me in school, even good for my mother and father, but the 3rd P, the President told the 4th P, the principal; it's a bother. Luke 6:39, Jesus said, can't he blind lead the blind? Shall they both fall into a ditch?

FDid the President rob God????

Mark 12:17, Jesus said, Render to Caesar (the government) the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.

When the 3rd P, removed that old time space, that was for prayer, now the schools have guns, drugs, sex, police dogs; the devil is there!

*****Will Right's Rob God????

Proverbs 14:12, There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

There was a time the 5th P, the preacher, was at school: He was seen there, but now he is busy with other things \$\$\$; now He doesn't care.

Isaiah 56:10,11, The Lord said, His watchman are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs, which can never have enough, add they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter (anniversary).

And that 6th P, the paddle; for all generations, it was always good, but the 2nd P, the 3rd P and the 5th P told the 4th P, remove it: it no good!

Proverbs 13:24, He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes (early).

Now the 7th P, the pupils, they're gone crazy; children that are wild, the blind has led the blind; when they were a little child.

Proverbs 23:13,14, Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest (spank) him with a rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat (spank) him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

Now our children are in trouble; the graves and the jails are full, that lie you have your rights; it's nothing but dung from a bull.

Galatians 6:7,8, Be not deceived God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth (plant), that shall he also reap (bring in). For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

God is not through with us yet. So lets pray for one another always.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Where Did Everything Come From?

Look at this picture! A little girl sitting on her daddy's lap. "Daddy, where did I come from?"

Daddy's heart begin to palpitate and then sinks at the question. He is troubled, not because he doesn't know the answer, but because he doesn't want to give it to his little girl.

Sometime, some where, a harassed daddy and mother desperately in, provided, "The stork brought you." Presumably that was in a country where storks were nesting on the house-tops; but the desperation of parents everywhere is reflected in the spread of that preposterous story even in places where the next question must be, "What a stork?"

Two things are wrong with the stork myth and all other preposterous stories. First, the stork story is false! Second, even if it were true it would not answer the question. If the stork brought me, where did he get me?

As a child grows older he looks beyond himself more and more. So this question becomes bigger. Where did everything come from?

For centuries the simple and accurate answer has been available on God's Word. But always there are some who do not want to acknowledge God. Such people search for ways to evade the very simple truth of Scripture. Current evasions are seen in multiple myths of evolution. Yes, even the current Mars story.

Like the stork myth, evolutionary myths have two things wrong with them. First, they are not true. Second, they do not answer the question.

If all living things evolved from a single cell, where did the cell come from? If all that happen, is the result of natural forces, where did the natural forces come from? If they are inherent in matter, where did the matter come from? The question of origin is still with us.

In the world about us, in fact in all the universe and within ourselves, we see evidence of a plan, a design. It is in the intricate working of our glands and organs and nerves and muscles, in the structure of an atom or a solar system. Where did the design come from? All our experience indicates that a plan comes from an intelligent planner.

Everywhere we see motion, from the slow growing of a plant to the swift turning of the earth. All our experiences teaches us that it takes power to put things in motion. Motion comes from power.

In the world and in ourselves is life. Science knows no way by which material that is not living comes to life. Life comes from life. As such, all we see confirms the record of the Bible. Everything comes from God, who is intelligent, powerful, and alive.

Where did God come from? He alone had no origin. He has always existed. Nothing come from nothing. The very fact that things exist proves that something or someone always existed. And the nature of the things we see proves that the Eternal had to have intelligence, power, and life, in order to produce an orderly universe. That is God, the Creator.

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One person's selfishness quickly affects others; a selfish person who steals from others impairs their efficiency. A selfish driver who drinks before taking the wheel makes the state highway unsafe. A selfish spouse who has an adulterous affair often breaks up several families. When enough people live for themselves with little concern for how their actions affect others, the resulting moral rot can topple an entire nation. Are you a part of the problem...or solution???

God does not listen to our prayers if we intend to go back to our sin as soon as we get off our knees, if we want to forsake our sin and follow him, however, he willingly listens. No matter how bad our sin has been. What closes his ears is not the depth of our sin, but our secret intention to do it again.

Think about it.
Thought: Leave your pride-Let's go into the enemies' camp and claim souls for our Lord Jesus Christ. We can do it (Praise God)

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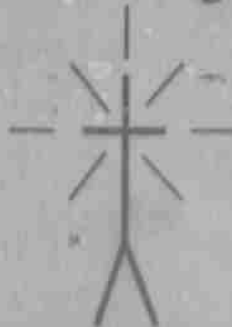
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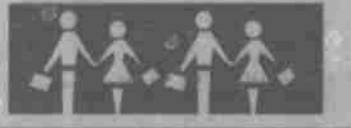
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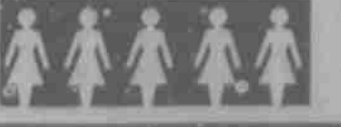
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UNIVERSITY NEW MANAGEMENT

Help for the Nation's Capital

By Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson

Last winter it took the city weeks to clear some streets after the big snow storm. Last month it was the announcement that the water was unsafe for the aged, the ill and for the infants to drink. Last week it was the announcement that three elementary schools and my old high school would not open on time because of fire safety code violations. Washington, D.C., my hometown and our Nation's Capital, is in financial trouble.

Last year an emergency financial control board was put into place to control the spending and establish a viable budget. But years of deferring capital improvements are now taking their toll. The city which houses the President of the United States, the city which symbolizes the most powerful country in the world is in big budget trouble.

And Washington, with the federal government as its largest tenant, has found itself in an impossible predicament when it comes to that budget. In Detroit, the automobile industry pays taxes to the city. In New York, Wall Street and the publishing, broadcasting and entertainment industries pay taxes. In Los Angeles, the movie industry pays taxes to the city. But the federal government pays no taxes to the city of Washington. It does make some payments to offset that fact, but the bottom lines just don't match.

Meanwhile, the city of Washington finds itself in the same place as the states, which have the responsibility of paying for prisons, for medical treatment for the poor and other necessary services. Infant mortality in Washington is equivalent to that in some of the poorest countries. Washington has high incidences of HIV/AIDS and many households that fall below poverty guidelines.

All of this means that the city of Washington is bankrupt. Some of the fault of this lies in city administrations which hired too many workers and made unwise budget decisions over a period of years. But some of the fault lies in the fact that Washington has no taxation authority to tax commuters who use their services free and true costs of running the city were not taken into

account when the federal government turned over some of that administration years ago.

Over the years poor city management and declining dollars have meant that the black middle class, long a mainstay for Washington, has fled to the suburbs for better services. Washington is increasingly a city of the poor, who have few tax dollars to contribute. A downward spiral has quickly ensued.

The only positive and creative idea of how to deal with Washington's budget crisis has come from Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington's non-voting delegate. She has suggested that Washington be designated as a special federal tax zone, with a flat 15% federal tax for Washington residents. She believes that such a tax break is the only way to get middle class tax payers to move back into the city. Clearly, without tax payers Washington cannot survive.

The most curious thing about the recent budget crisis is the silence of Washington's most famous citizen, the President of the United States. While Newt Gingrich has taken an interest and a hands-on approach to Washington's problems, President Clinton has been silent about this Democratic city which he is so anxious to continue to be his home. His chief of staff, Leon Panetta, recently questioned Ms. Norton's tax proposal, by asking how to justify such a tax plan for Washington and not for other major cities.

But other cities are not Washington. Other cities have other tax bases and corporations to help in their rebuilding. That's what happened in Cleveland, where I now live and which is undergoing an incredible rebirth. Other cities do not find themselves having to provide the same services as their states. Other cities are not the Nation's Capital.

Ms. Norton's proposal deserves a more serious examination by the White House. In this election year, the President must take a more responsible position to help save his hometown and make it one we all are proud of.

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The Honorable Pete Laney, Speaker of the House and the Honorable David Langston, Mayor of Lubbock, will be guest speakers to kick-off this important project.

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The meeting will be held Aug. 22, 1996, at 2:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, located north of Lubbock airport at the Shallowater exit from I-27, then one half mile east.

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