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NATIONAL NEWS

National Black College Presidents Meet with President Clinton
Eight historically and predominantly Black college presidents of the National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) recently met with President Clinton. They were invited to the White House so that the president could outline his education policies, especially higher education initiatives that would affect the Black college community. This meeting was in part a response to a call by Henry Ponder, CEO and President of NAFEO, for the president to place higher education on the national agenda as a high priority. The questions and issues that were addressed included: Flexibility in institutional aid which would allow Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to choose how to utilize their awards for endowment building purposes; extension of the HBCU student loan default exemption in the upcoming higher education act reauthorization; include the University of the District of Columbia in the DC appropriations act and have UDC funded directly by the Federal Government; support for Title V, Teacher preparation and retention and a new Patricia Robert Harris Faculty Development Fellowship program. NAFEO is the national voice for 115-historically and predominantly Black colleges and universities.

Mandela, the Movie Opens Nationally
Mandela, the Academy Award-nominated documentary film of South Africa's first democratically elected president, premieres in New York on March 18 at the Worldwide Cineplex Theater and in Los Angeles on March 19 at the Pricer's Guild Theater. The Island Pictures film, directed by Jo Menell and Angus Gibson, traces the life of Mandela from his childhood in the Xhosa tribe through to his political awakening and imprisonment and ultimately his inauguration as President of South Africa. Mandela, the charismatic leader who has become a hero to millions around the world, narrates the documentary along with commentary from family and political allies. The premieres will benefit the Ex-Political Prisoners' Fund, founded by Nelson Mandela to aid former political prisoners who now cannot sufficiently provide for themselves or their families; Shared Interest, a non-profit social investment fund established to enhance the self-sufficiency of South African communities previously denied access to credit because of their race, gender or income; and Artists for a New South Africa (ANSA), a non-profit organization of arts and entertainment professionals committed to a democratic South Africa. ANSA focuses on assisting South Africans in redressing some of the country's severe social problems. Mandela opens nationally on March 21.

Banquet to Honor Baseball Greats
The Jackie Robinson 50th Anniversary Awards Banquet will take place on April 18, 1997, 7-11 p.m. at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, 201 E. Pratt Street in Baltimore, MD. The year's event will honor several individuals who made significant contributions to Jackie Robinson's baseball career specifically and helped to transform major league baseball in general. They include: Sam Lacy, who will receive the Jackie Robinson Sports Journalism Award for his advocacy for the desegregation of the Major Leagues; Don Newcombe, who won both the 1949 Rookie of the Year Award and the first Cy Young Award, will receive the Jackie Robinson Hall of Fame Award; Rex Barney will receive the Spirit of the Game Award because he was one of the few white teammates who publicly befriended Jackie; Lenny Moore, a former football player with the Baltimore Colts and a friend of Jackie will receive the Humanitarian Award because his work with young people exemplifies Jackie's commitment and legacy of giving back to the community. Joe Black, an executive with Greyhound, will receive the Corporate Award. He played with the Elite Giants, a Negro League Team and was the first African-American pitcher to win a world series game. Twenty Negro Leagues Baseball Players will also receive special citations for laying the foundation for Jackie's launch into the major leagues. They include Eugene Benson who was Jackie's roommate just before he was signed by the Dodgers and Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, one of only three women who played in the Negro Leagues. The evening's keynote speaker will be Sharon Robinson, the daughter of Jackie Robinson. For more information please call (410) 783-5469.

THE CORPORATE GALA TRIBUTE!



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- THE CORPORATE GALA TRIBUTE! The Business Policy Review Council (BPRC), at its Annual Awards Gala at the Washington Hilton Hotel, honored senior Black executives in corporate America for their dedication, professionalism and service to the community. From left, Eddie N. Williams, President, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, with his wife, Jearline, joined in congratulating three of the honorees. The honorees shown are: Darwin N. Davis, Senior Vice President, The Equitable;

NAACP Calls For Independent Probe of Sex Scandal, Women say Army Bullied Them

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume repeated his call for an independent investigation today of the Army's probe of a sexual harassment scandal at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Mfume was joined yesterday by five female soldiers at an NAACP press conference near the base. The five women soldiers accused Army investigators of bullying and badgering them into making accusations against their military superiors. "They tried to make me say I was raped and I would not do it," Pvt. Leming said. "There are possible civil rights violations on behalf of the accusers and the accused that ought to be looked at," Mfume said. "We believe that only an outside independent investigation will restore integrity in this process." President Mfume criticized the probe and questioned the tactics of threat and intimidation used by investigators. "There has been a great deal of pressure brought on the five soldiers to lie about what really happened," Mfume said. "Ethically and professionally, it is not the way we want the Army to treat women." In light of the developments, President Mfume called upon Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate possible civil rights violations once a conclusion of

Donation Made in Honor of Mrs. Katie Parks

Carolyn Miller, administrative director at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (BJI) Jr, advised Mrs. Katie Parks recently of an honor given on her behalf. Ms. Patricia S. Yoder made a donation in honor of Mrs. Parks' February birthday to the Edith J. Mohler Memorial Fund. This scholarship fund provides a resource for students with great financial difficulty. According to Ms. Miller, "As

Family Says: "CONGRATULATIONS DADDY!"

The family of Clarence Lee is saying "Congratulations Daddy" upon his retirement. A retirement reception will be given in his honor today, Thursday, March 27, 1997 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm in the Southwestern Public Service Co. Main building on Frankford Ave. Mr. Lee will be retiring

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DOING WELL!

ARLINGTON TEACHER NAMED "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"



Frances Lampkin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas, was elected as "Teacher of the Year" for Venture High School in Arlington, Texas.

Frances was a graduate of Dunbar High School in 1971, and Texas Tech University. She taught at Lubbock Coronado High School from 1977 to 1978.

She has been with Arlington Independent School District for nine years. She is married to Robert Lampkin and have two daughters, Natasha and Kimber.

When asked how she felt about this honor, she smiled, "I thank God for those who believe in me, and I will continue to do my very best."

ARLINGTON PLAYER OF THE YEAR



A young lady when she was very small would run barefoot in the 2400 block of Globe Avenue in Lubbock, Texas. But last week, she was named as "Player of the Year" in 8-5A girls basketball in Arlington, Texas. She is Natasha Lampkin, a junior at Martin High School.

She made her presence felt this year on offense with 11.3 points per game and her dynamic defense was good enough to have 99 steals.

According to her coach, Karen Gehrt, "She may have been top in rebounds, but she was steadfast."

An extremely reliable guard, the 5'6" junior guard had an average of 4.1 rebounds per game, 1.9 assists, and 3.3 steals as well. She is the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Scott, Sr.

ENERGAS COMPANY ANNOUNCES PLAN TO ENHANCE CUSTOMER SERVICE OPERATIONS

Lubbock, Texas -- Energas Company announced last week a 12-month plan to enhance the quality of its customer service to better meet customer needs and to prepare the company to meet future changes in the utility industry. The plan includes several steps.

Beginning in early summer 1997, the company will create a network of payment centers through an arrangement with a national vendor at grocery stores, convenience stores and other locations in towns where Energas Company currently has offices. These payment centers will offer extended hours and a convenient place for customers to pay their bills.

Following the opening of the payment centers during the summer of 1997, local business offices will be refocused on field operations such as service calls, and construction and maintenance activities. These field service centers will no longer take over the counter payments or handle routine walk-in customer transactions.

In early 1998, Atmos Energy Corporation, of which Energas is an operating division, will open a central customer support center to serve all of its customers. Customers will call toll-free for service 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The location of the center has not yet been determined.

The company has already begun implementing new technology to increase efficiency in serving customers, including installation of a state of the art customer information system and use of in-truck computer terminals to dispatch technicians from the central customer support center.

"Energas will be making these changes over the next year to enhance the service and convenience we offer to our customers. We believe it is important to respond to customers' changing needs, and to meet their time schedules. The new central customer support center will be open around the clock to allow customers to request a service appointment, inquire about a bill or ask any other question about their gas service. Currently, we provide emergency call support 24 hours per day, but routine business calls are handled only during business hours," said Gene Ehler, president of Energas Company.

Ehler added, "We also will be opening a network of payment centers in locations convenient for our customers, which will allow extended hours for customers to pay their bills."

The majority of customers currently pay their gas bills by mail or by automatic bank draft, rather than in person. As a part of this plan, Energas also expects to consolidate its field operations among offices that relocated in close proximity to each other, although it is not yet known which offices will be affected.

Atmos will close its 108 business offices in six states for routine business traffic. After the consolidations, approximately 77 offices will remain as field service centers in the communities. Atmos expects that over time, these changes will mean a reduction of about 240 jobs throughout the six states Atmos serves. The exact

number of jobs and the effect in Energas locations have not yet been determined, but employees displaced by the changes will be eligible for a competitive package of severance benefits.

Energas Company intends to continue a strong presence in the communities it serves and has added Dan Alderson (Odessa), Junior Aston (Lubbock) and Roy Urrutia (Amarillo) as managers of public affairs, who will focus on working with local governments, chambers of commerce, economic development boards and other entities to help the communities grow.

"We believe that this plan will provide our customers with enhanced service and meet their needs into the future. In addition, these actions will increase the company's future efficiency in order to continue to be competitive," said Ehler. "We will keep our customers and communities informed of our progress in making these changes. For your service requests, please continue to contact your local Energas business office."

Energas Company provides natural gas service to approximately 311,000 customers in West Texas. Atmos Energy Corporation provides natural gas service to more than 680,000 customers in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Kentucky through its operating companies - Energas Company, Greeley Gas Company, Trans Louisiana Gas Company and Western Kentucky Gas Company.

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



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where the People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, why not come by New Hope.

Services began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Sunday School and all teachers were at their post of duty. After 30 minutes of instruction, all classes reassembled in the main auditorium. High points of the lesson were given by Brother Earnest Swain. It was very well done. What a wonderful lesson.

Secretary's Report: Class No. 1 lost the Offering Eanner to Class No. 2. It was a very good Sunday School lesson as we all need to do the right thing in life.

The morning devotion was led by the Brother and Sister Earnest Swain.

The morning processional was led by Senior Choir singing "Glory, Glory Halleujah. Altar prayer was led by Sister Margart Moton. Another song, "It Will Be Alright", was sung. The morning scripture was from the Book of Matthew and read by Sister Hattie Gipson. Another prayer was offered by Sister Kenyetta Barnes.

A song, "Nothing But The Blood", was sung. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing, and led by Sister Enora Syer. The morning hymn was "On The Battlefield." Pastoral remarks were given by Pastor Moton. There was another song, "The Lord Is Holy", was sung. The hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace."

The scripture text of the morning sermon was found in I King 19:1-4. Pastor Moton preached from the subject "Don't Throw In The Towel Yet." He told the congregation why! What a message. It was a very good

message!

Sister Celestine Kyle was able to attend services last Sunday morning. She has been shut-in for a while.

The Easter Morning Prayer service will close out at St. Luke Baptist Church.

Pastor Moton and others journeyed to San Angelo, Texas last Monday to be in services of Rev. William McClendon's wife. He is Moderator of the West Texas District Association.

Florenza Stokley attended her cousin's funeral in Dallas, Texas last Saturday.

Ruby Washington's step-son was buried here last Thursday.

Sister Hallie "Sug" Johnson's step-son, Elder Charlie Joe Johnson, was funeralized last Saturday at the New Zion Baptist Church. Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery, under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to all of you who are in loss of loved ones. Remember God can do anything but fail. Just trust in the Lord.

Freddy Simmons, who resides in Chicago, Illinois, is home from the hospital. His aunt, Ruby Jay, says thank you for praying for him.

The 43rd Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs was wonderful last Sunday afternoon at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. The Mass Male Choir was wonderful!

Hope all of you will have a HAPPY EASTER!!

ASTON NAMED PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR ENERGAS

Lubbock, Texas—Verion R. Aston, Jr. has been named to the position of manager of public affairs in the Lubbock-Littlefield-Plainview area for Energas Company.

Aston, formerly a consumer service specialist, joined the company in 1991. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.B.A. in marketing. Throughout his tenure with the company, Aston has been active in community and professional activities. Currently he serves as chairman's ambassador for the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the West Texas Homebuilders Association, Lubbock Restaurant Association and the Red Raider Club.

In making the announcement Anthony Looney, senior vice president of operations for Energas Company, said that Aston would be responsible for planning, organizing and implementing the company's community and public relations programs for the towns of Lubbock, Littlefield, Plainview, Rails, Slaton, Brownfield, Levelland, Muleshoe, Springlake, Floydada, Tulia and the surrounding communities.

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December 17th 1996 Blanche Swisher was elected Organized Community Council, which meets the first Monday of every month. Blanche works for the AARP as Community Coordinator.



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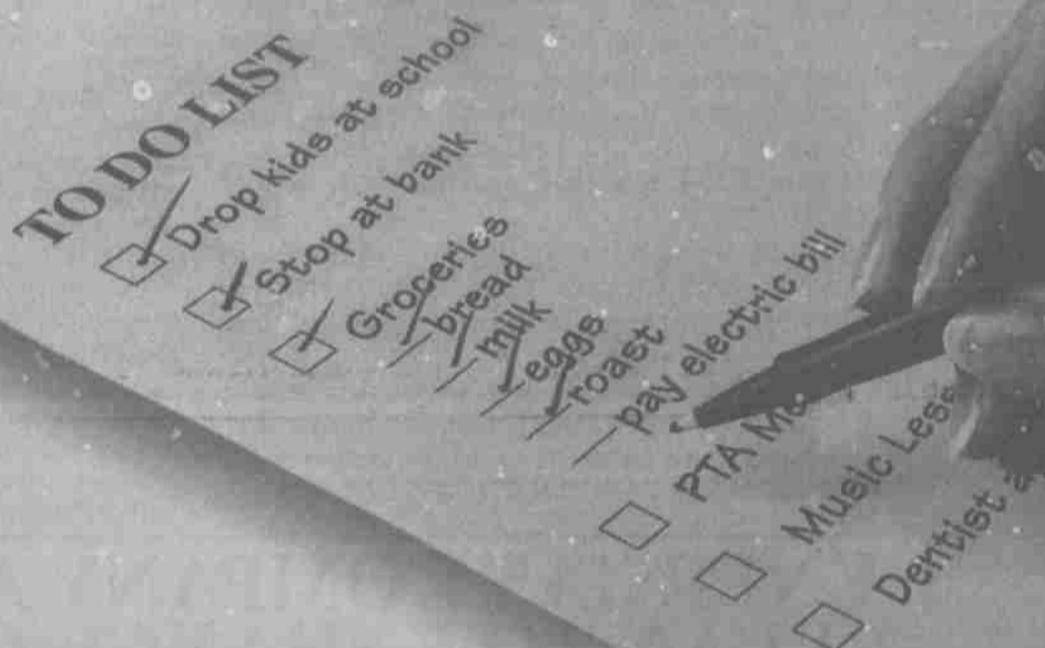
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DR. RILEY SPEAKS OUT ABOUT CHEST WALL PAINS



HOUSTON-- Couch potatoes may trade the couch for "ouch" if they pursue an exercise program too aggressively. "It's not uncommon at this time of year for patients to complain of chest-wall pain near the rib cage," said Dr. Wayne J. Riley, a general

internist and an assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Often, they are sedentary people who have made a New Year's resolution to exercise. Instead of getting back into shape slowly, they try to achieve their athletic goals immediately by playing basketball for six hours or doing 50 stomach crunches on an abdominal-flexor machine," he said.

The chest-wall pain usually stems from a sprained muscle or an inflammation of the rib cartilage.

"If your left side hurts when you press on your ribs or take a deep breath or move your shoulder, that's a strong indication you have injured a chest muscle or rib cartilage," Riley

said.

The injury can be treated with over-the-counter nonsteroidal drugs that decrease inflammation and pain. Riley also recommends applying an ice pack to the chest during the first

two days after the injury.

If the intensity of the pain does not decrease within 48 to 72 hours, see your physician. X-rays may be needed to determine whether you have broken a rib or dislocated a shoulder.

Rest at least a week before exercising again to allow time for the muscle to recover.

"When you resume exercising, start at a lower level of intensity and pace yourself to avoid re-injuring the muscle," Riley said. His recommendations:

- Instead of doing 50 abdominal crunches at the start, begin with 10 and increase the number by five each day until you reach your goal.

- Start weight-lifting routines with a moderate load and perform repetitions several times a week. Increase the volume by five to 10 percent as you become comfortable with the weight load.

- Limit tennis, basketball and other sports that require strenuous shoulder-arm movements to an hour of play the first few times, and build up to more strenuous workouts.

"Those good intentions to improve your health by exercising can be salvaged if you expand your workout gradually and give your body time to adjust," Riley said.

St. Mary Hospital Women and Children's Center and Girl Scout Troop 289 to Sponsor Baby-sitting Workshop Saturday, April 5, 1997

LUBBOCK, TEXAS -- St. Mary Hospital's Women and Children's Center and Girl Scout Troop 289 will sponsor a Baby-sitting Workshop, Saturday, April 5, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hospital's sixth-floor Artlet Room (4000 24th Street).

This program is open to boys and girls age 12 and older. Registration cost for the Workshop is \$10 per person, which includes snacks and lunch.

The Baby-sitting Workshop will be presented as a service project by members of Girl Scout Troop 289.

Attendees will receive training and information about basic baby-sitting skills, household emergencies, first aid and medical emergencies.

"By holding the program in April, we can prepare young teens who hope to work baby-sitting during the summer," said Women and Children's Center Coordinator Leslie Ince. "In addition to the basics, we're offering demonstrations and hands-on practice in infant and child CPR."

Because space is limited, reservations are required. For more information, or to make reservations, call Leslie at (806) 796-6667.

A Really Big Show



PHOTOCAPTION
Gwen Bagley and actress Michelle Lee, former star of the television series "Knots Landing" share laughs at the Grammy party. "The show was fabulous, it had a line-up of superstars," said Gwen Bagley, talking about

the 39th Annual Grammy Awards, which aired live on February 26, 1997 on CBS TV from Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Bagley, a member of (NARAS) National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences has attended other Grammy Award shows but none as big and spectacular as this show.

Bagley said she especially enjoyed watching live performances by Babyface Edmonds, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston and Tracey Chapman.

Bagley and other members of NARAS were given V.I.P. treatment by Pierre Cossette and the New York City host committee which included being escorted by New York City police department to the private after Grammy party.

Bagley said she had a supernight in Tinseltown.

Obituary



ELDER CHARLIE JOHNSON

Thirty-two pastors and ministers of the South Plains of Texas in attendance of the funeral services last Saturday afternoon of Elder Charlie Joe Johnson, who was pastor of the Johnson Tabernacle Church. Services were held at the New Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Marshall D. Harris, pastor, officiating. Rev. A.L. Patrick delivered the sermon of the hour.

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

Active pallbearers were Rev. L. Armstead, Rev. W. Bolcker, Rev. K. Burns, Rev. J. Ford, Rev. B. Lawson, and Rev. T. Simpson. Honorary pallbearers were G. Hooper, L.K. Malone, Ollis Seal, T.J. Patterson and T. Simpson. Flower bearers were members of the Barbara Jordan Club.

He was born April 22, 1932 to Crowell and Louise Johnson in Centerville, Texas. He was the only child born to this union. Both parents preceded him in death. His early years were spent in Centerville. He attended Centerville Public Schools where he graduated in 1948.

Elder Johnson accepted Christ at an early age at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Centerville, Texas. In May, 1948, he was baptized at Mount Gilead Baptist Church by Rev. E.S. Cook. He was

called to preach at the age of eleven. His first message was given on the USS Maines enroute to Korea. He was licensed to preach in 1958 at the Sweetleaf Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky under the leadership of Rev. H.C. Fuller. He was ordained in 1960.

He served as Vice Moderator of Lynn Creek and Tateo Creek Baptist Association. He founded the Johnson Tabernacle Baptist Church on January 9, 1996 where served until his death.

He served in the U.S. Army from November 5, 1952 until November 4, 1960. He was a very active member of the community in Louisville, Kentucky and Lubbock, Texas. He served on various commissions and committees. He was affiliated with the Booker T. Washington, Post 808 of the American Legion and DAV Chapter 44. Elder Johnson served as Associated minister and Pastor of several churches in the Louisville and Lubbock areas.

He met and married Daisy Marie Pruitt. To this union, three children were born. Later in life, he married Elizabeth Malone in Louisville, Kentucky. There were no children born to this union.

Elder Johnson departed this life on Sunday, March 16, 1997.

He will be fondly missed by his stepmother, Mrs. Hallie "Sug" Johnson of Lubbock, Texas; his children: Larry Johnson of Copperas Cove, Texas; Carolyn Thompson of DeSoto, Texas; Warren Johnson of Conroe, Texas and foster son Ricky Shaw of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren, other relatives and friends

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well thought of by many... MEN, IT WAS VERY GOOD!! this n that... would like to ... SALUTE... the... AFRICAN AMERICAN BROTHERS... who participated in the... FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY... of the FEDERATION OF CHOIRS... last Sunday afternoon at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church... Singing ... Singing... EIGHT SONGS... from their hearts... the men did well... add hopefully... this will not be their last time... MAYOR WINDY SITTON... was present to hear their presentation... and present a ... CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION... to... PRESIDENT ARLEE JACKSON... for a job well done over years of effort... LAST SUNDAY... was a ... VERY GOOD DAY FOR THE MEN OF OUR COMMUNITY... Hopefully... young fellos of the community... took note to what was going on... and that... BLACK MEN... can do well... when they come together... BLACK MEN... it was very good... THANKS A BUNCH!! The token of love presented to ... SISTER LOVIE JEAN CUNNINGHAM... was well done... What an effort!! D.C. KINNER THE BARBERSAYS: "CLOTHES... make the ... MAN... NAKED PEOPLE... have little... or no influence... in society..." MARCHES NEED TO BEGAN AGAIN!! THIS N THAT... has been noticing some strange gathering of ... PEOPLE IN VARIOUS OF THE COMMUNITY... Could this mean that those... DRUG DEALERS... are once again... beginning to bring drugs in larger quantities... THIS N THAT... would hope the... DRUG MARCHES... will begin again... as well as... PUBLISHING THE PICTURES... of those who are busted for... ALLEGING SELLING DRUGS IN THE COMMUNITY... THIS N THAT... would like to say ... CONGRATS... to a young lady who is the manager of... APPLGATE APARTMENTS... She is... LAVERN BROOKS... She is determined to do all she can to... KEEP DRUGS OUT OF HER APARTMENTS... VERY GOOD JOB... LAVERN!!

AS WE REFLECT

by Eddie P. Richardson



We will start this article off on a positive note had a visit from a long time family friend, I had not seen in over 30 years from Lake Charles, when I day friend I mean friend not fair weather friend, I mean the whole family, father, mother, brothers, sisters, children, etc. Some of the children were babies or toddlers when I last saw them, now they have their own. It was a pleasant surprise when my mother called me and said Clara called and said she will be here Saturday morning she had been thinking since it had been over 30 years since she had seen me and we were so close, and many had passed on so her daughter said mother I will buy a ticket so you can see Mr. Richardson but make sure you take a camera. The timing was good because I was in a bad mood at that time, some anger, some depression, some disgust, some despair, just over all down. That was really a lift for Clara Semlan-Montgomery to bring for herse!! and from others. Clara was married to one of my squadrons and barrack mates, Thanks Clara. We had a Black trying to destroy another Black. We should turn to each other and not on each other we must change Black on Black crime or hate to Black on Black love. We have had over 50 marches against drugs, gangs and violence and 3 prayer vigils. They will resume shortly. We have ran many alleged drug dealers pictures on the front page of the Digest. We haven't ran any lately. We have not stopped. We will resume soon. We do not have a schedule but from time to time we will run them. Saturday funeral services were held for Elder Charlie Joe Johnson (Joe Boy) Aunt Shugs son it was an unusual funeral it was not a crying and sniffing funeral but a church funeral. The thing that

made it different was there were more than 30 preachers including Brother Baker from Fundamental Biblical Baptist Church with the exception of Prosher Baker which represents a East Lubbock Church. I cannot ever remember seeing that many Black preachers under one roof at any one time in Lubbock, so long Joe Boy. We are in our 20th year in spite of naysayers, jealousy, and no believers, in the beginning we were given 3-6 months to arrive people used to drive by to see if we were still open, good to say we are in our 20th year now, we have had our ups and downs, in most cases more downs than ups, but as time goes its becoming more ups than downs and eventually we hope and pray all ups and no downs. Autumn Mead owns Apt. has a very good program working with young people in Applegate Apartment area working with young people against gangs, violence, drugs. This is what its all about policing your own community or neighborhood, across America its working no one can save us from us or us but us. Good work Sister Lavern Brooks manager of Applegate Apartments on your program "Its a miracle on E. 28th Street". P.S. on Rev. Charlie Joe Johnson (Joe Boy) Rev. Johnson drove brother Pitts around last week distributing the Digest in various ways. Rev. Johnson (Joe Boy) from time to time would carry the Digest to surrounding towns and churches on his visits. Thank you Joe Boy, the Digest will miss you, you were a different kind of preacher. Chatman Auto Window Breakage this is a darn dirty low down shame after years of stagnation, the area is on the more developing and redeveloping again we do not need this kind of action our suggestion is the neighborhood watch program get as aggressive as possible and not let this get out of hand. If this is adults you know better and should be made to re-embers the damages and/or go to jail, if it is children the parents should control and stop them, if not the parents should pay the price even jail.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU Media Network Report for the Week of March 23, 1997

It is that time of year again when we are hit from all directions with vacation offers in the sunny tropics. Here are some tips from your Better Business Bureau: Be extremely skeptical about postcards or phone calls that say you have been selected to receive a no-cost vacation. Never give out a credit card or bank account number unless you initiate the transaction and are confident about the company. Be wary of calling telephone numbers with 900 prefixes in response to a travel solicitation. Walk away from high pressure sales presentations. Be suspicious of companies that require you to wait 60-days before taking your trip. Be suspicious of all offers

that include "all major hotels" or "all major airlines." Finally, check the offer out through your BBB at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890 and call your local travel agent to seek advice about travel. If you have a great idea and are wondering how to launch it commercially as a sellable item, you might try selling your idea or invention to a manufacturer who would market it and pay you royalties. But finding such a company could be an overwhelming task. You could also consider using the services of an invention promotion firm. Some invention promotion firms may help to get your idea or invention into the marketplace, but the Federal Trade

Commission reports, however, that some inventors have paid thousands of dollars to firms that promised to evaluate, develop, patent and market inventions, but received nothing for their money. Before you sign a contract and pay significant amounts of money, ask for the total cost of the firm's services. Consider it a warning if the salesperson hesitates to answer. Be careful of an invention promotion firm that offers to review or evaluate your invention but won't disclose details. Contact your BBB at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890 before committing to any company.

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



One thing has become more visible as our children become more 'unteachable' is the fact that many of them were born into a world of the visuals whereas most experienced teachers were born into the world of print and/or a world of print and visuals. We are leaning more and more each day, that in order to teach children born into the world of visuals that teachers must learn some new

'tricks' because the old ones alone are not working. It appears that each time there is a teacher in-service to present a new way to teach children to read and/or raise the reading test scores, the scores go down. Then an 'expert' is brought in to help raise the scores. After teaching children in three different states with different cultures, it has been found that the 'experts' teach teachers how to teach test-taking skills to help to raise the reading scores on standardized tests. This appears to be what is now 'politically correct' in terms of raising test scores in public schools.

So, what is going on here? Are we teaching children skills for survival in an adult world or are we

teaching them an 'American Way' to beat the system. Is this where accountability has brought us? Should we have the gall to complain about the moral fiber of this country? Our children are aware of what we teach them, just as 'real teachers' know what we are being asked or driven to teach, in the name of accountability. It is no wonder that children do not exhibit any zest about the subject matters taught to them as they are aware that the main thing that they need to do is 'pass the test' whether they really know anything or not. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and teach our children the skills for obtaining and retaining knowledge that they may pass any test about any subject which they have been taught!

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EGG HUNTS ARE A WELCOME SPRING RITUAL

Egg hunts are part of spring rituals that go back long before there was an Easter.

Eggs became symbolic of Easter as ancient spring customs were interwoven with new religious rituals and beliefs. In fact, the word "Easter" is derived from the name of the Teutonic goddess of spring.

Through the centuries, cultures around the world have commemorated the mystery and surprise of the egg as a symbol of spring and new life. Perhaps the most popular of these rituals celebrating the egg is associated with the "Easter Bunny." The Easter Bunny came to America from Germany, where children are told the bunny actually lays beautifully hand-painted eggs for them to find in the grass. In a twist on the tale, French parents tell their children a hare hops to Rome, a city with religious significance, to bring back the eggs scattered on dewy spring lawns. American families continue the tradition of the Easter Bunny by searching for treat-lined baskets and eggs. The most well-known American Easter egg hunt is the White House Easter Egg Roll, first held in 1887, where thousands of children roll brightly-colored hard-cooked eggs down a grassy slope and hunt for souvenir wooden eggs signed by celebrities who visit the White House.

Children and bunnies aren't the focus of all Easter celebrations. In the Ukraine, exquisitely

decorated eggs featuring designs passed down from generation to generation are considered works of art for adults. Russian Tzar Nicholas II presented his wife with the ultimate egg surprises when he commissioned jeweler Faberge to craft golden, jewel-encrusted eggs with intricately detailed miniatures of items such as crowns and birds hidden inside. In all, 57 of these priceless eggs, each unique, were made to celebrate the arrival of spring.

Today, few people expect to find a priceless Faberge egg when they participate in community-sponsored Easter egg hunts or searches through Grandma's landscaping to find what goodies the Easter Bunny has hidden. Most modern egg hunters prefer their eggs to be chocolate and their chicks to be marshmallow. For those who prefer to do their egg hunting with a fork while seated at the dining table, Easter Hunt Pie offers a delicious surprise. Miniature chocolate eggs are buried throughout this no-bake, cheesecake-flavored pie. A creamy filling featuring convenient sweetened condensed milk, cream cheese, instant vanilla pudding mix and whipped topping holds the eggs and is nestled in a 9-inch ready-to-use graham cracker crust.

This easy, make-ahead dessert is destined to become a "welcome spring" egg hunt that guarantees a tantalizing search and sweet reward for treasure-seekers of all ages.

CORE OF CALIFORNIA INITIATES TEXACO'S MEETING WITH BLACK COMMUNITY LEADERS



High ranking officials with Texaco joined Los Angeles area community leaders for a free-wheeling dialogue and dinner at the company's Universal City headquarters.

The meeting was initiated by the Congress

of Racial Equality of California. Joining Celes King, III, CORE chairman, Frank Elmore and Adiran Dove, were representatives from the NAACP, the Black American Political Action Committee and the Urban League.

Pictures from left to right are: Jim Groniger, Texaco Western regional manager of Public and Governmental Affairs; Celes King, III, L. Wilson Berry, Jr. Texaco West Coast president of refining and marketing; Willie Stanfield, assistant to Texaco CEO Peter Bijur, and Adrian Dove.

Dear Mom & Dad: Send Money, Or... ...I'll Tell Crestar Student Lending Online the Lengths I Went to for College Cash

RICHMOND, VA -- of the more than 14 million college students in the U.S. today, nearly half of them are receiving financial aid to pay their tuition. But apparently, that's not all they're doing. Students are limited only by their imaginations, and they're not shy about telling the world what they've done.

Students will go to great lengths to receive that expensive, yet coveted, diploma as Crestar Student Lending is discovering:

•At the University of Alaska - Southeast, a student bred her dog and then sold all eight puppies.

•An Idaho student posed nude for his college art department. "What have I got to lose," wrote the student who was asked not to return after his first day of work.

•"I sold plasma for \$40," one Missouri student volunteered, "and then got \$50 from my parents to not do it again!"

•In Sacramento, a student wore a 40-pound chicken suit for eight hours.

•A Virginia student advertised a bathing suit by wearing it on the streets of Washington, D.C. during the summer.

•In California, a student and her boyfriend raised money by cutting their hair and selling it to a local salon.

Crestar Student Lending is offering help for cash-strapped students through a one-of-a-kind Online scholarship contest. Students are rewarded for the most creative personal accounts of successful ways they earn money for college. By logging on to www.student-loans.com, Crestar Student Lending's web site, students can enter the contest to win cash, prizes and scholarships with a top-prize scholarship of \$2,500.

"Paying for college takes initiative, creativity and good financial advice," says Clark McGhee, vice president of Crestar Student

Lending. "Congress and parents across the country are advocating higher education, but it takes more than moral support to make it happen. Getting a degree is expensive. When you consider the average tuition cost at a public university is \$2,860 annually, our contest's top prize will just about cover one student's education for a year." McGhee adds, citing statistics from the U.S. General Accounting Office.

Information to make financing education easier is available on Crestar Student Lending's web site, www.student-loans.com. Loan and savings calculators, worksheets on loan products and eligibility, and an order form for a free student loan kit on the site allow simple and easy access to financial aid. In addition to the web site and the scholarship contest, Crestar Student Lending's Top Performer™ program offers borrowers substantial savings when payments are made on time, in full for the first 36 months. "Over the life of the loan, this results in significant savings," McGhee says. "Every little bit helps."

"At midnight, when students finish cramming for exams and reluctantly remember that no matter how hard they study they still need money for next year's tuition bill, they go to the Net," McGhee continues. "College students are hooked on the Internet. Visitors to our web page are triple the number of callers to our 800 number."

Crestar Student Lending, which has a loan portfolio of nearly \$1 billion, has been a major lender of educational loans for more than 30 years. Crestar offers a variety of educational loans, many of which are available regardless of financial need, for both parents and students. In addition to the web site, consumers can call 1-800-552-3006 for details on loans from Crestar Student Lending.

Welcome in Spring with this Easter Hunt Pie. With miniature chocolate eggs hidden throughout the filling, it's a delicious surprise for those who prefer to do their egg hunting with a fork while seated at the dinner table. This no-bake, cheesecake-flavored pie has a silky-smooth filling featuring Eagle® Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk and is easy to prepare with a Keebler® Ready Crust® Graham Cracker Pie Crust.

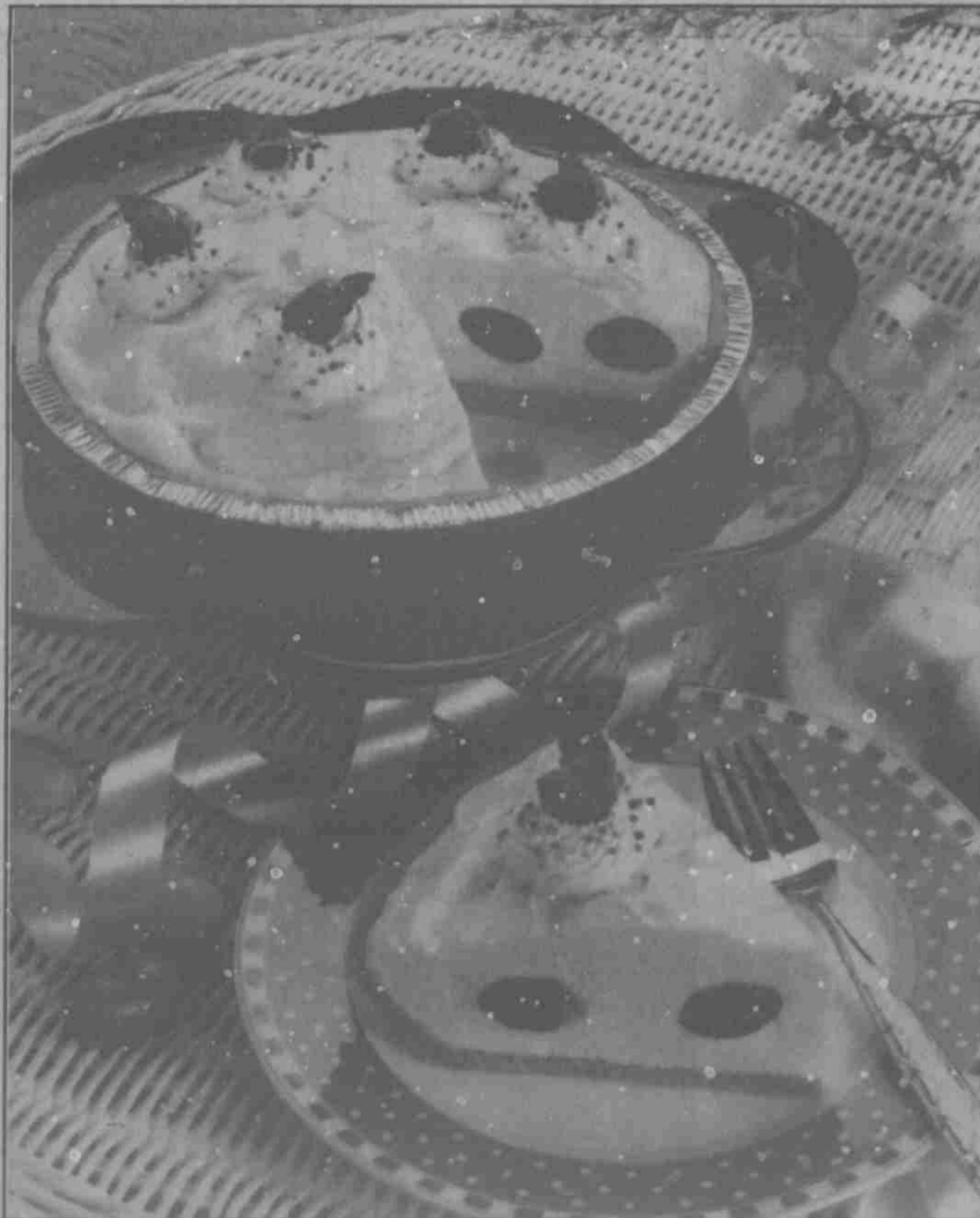


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John 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON (JESUS) IN TO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE E WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

When I WAS LOST IN SIN; I looked on we man desiring ONLY THEIR FLUSH, BUT IT WAS JESUS EYES THEY SPIT IN; BECAUSE MINE WAS FULL OF LUST.

Mark 15:19a, They smote HIM (JESUS) on the head with a reed, and did SPIT UPON HIM.

I WAS LOST IN MANY GREAT SIN'S; AND SPOKE FILTHY UN-godly WORDS, BUT IT WAS JESUS MOUTH THEY SLAPPED; AND NEVER WAS GUILTE EVER HEARD.

Luke 22:64a, And when they had blindfolded HIM (JESUS), THEY STRUCK HIM ON THE FACE.

IT WAS MY BACK; THAT LAID WITH WOMAN; I COMMITTED ADULTERER, BUT IT WAS JESUS BACK THEY BEAT; TILL IT LOOKED LIKE MINCE-MEAT

Mark 15:15, And so Pilate, willing to content with the people, released Barabbas unot them and delivered JESUS, WHEN HE HAD SCOURGED (BEATEN) HIM, TO BE CRUCIFIED. **IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME!!! BUT THAT LOVE**

(A SCOURGING OR BEATING was a Roman implement for severe bodily punishment. It consisted of a handle with about a dozen leather cards with JAGGED PIECES OF EBONE OR METAL AT EACH END TO MAKE THE BLOW MORE PAINFUL. The victim was tied to a post and the blows were applied to THE BARE BACK AND LOINS AND SOMETIMES TO THE FACE AND BOWELS THE FLESH WAS CUT IN SEVERAL PLACES BY EACH BLOW. SO HIDEOUS WAS THE PUNISHMENT THAT THE VICTIM OFTEN FAINTED AND SOME DIED UNDER IT. If the scourge used on JESUS HAD 12 THONGS AND HE WAS HIT 39 TIMES THIS WOULD MAKE 468 STRIPES; AND HIS BODY WAS MARRED MORE THAN ANY MAN EVER.)

Isaiah 53:5,6 HE (JESUS) WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM; AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one TO HIS OWN WAY; AND THE LORD HATH LAID UPON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.

It was MY MIND, THAT THOUGH OF FILTHY AND MANY UN-godly THINGS, BUT IT WAS JESUS MIND THEY CROWNED WITH THORNS; AND BROUGHT ON MUCH PAIN.

Matthew 27:29a, And when they had platted A CROWN OF THORNS, THEY PUT IT UPON HIS HEAD, AND A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND.

IT WAS MY HANDS THAT STOLE THINGS; I WAS NOTHING BUT A THEFT, BUT IT WAS JESUS HANDS; THAT THEY NAILED; TO THE CROSS FOR ME.

IT WAS MY FEET THAT DANCED, FILTHY DANCES; AND I KNOW THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE, BUT IT WAS JESUS FEET; THAT THEY NAILED TO THE CROSS; ON CALVARY.

Luke 24:39, Jesus said, Behold MY HANDS AND MY FEET, THAT IT IS I MYSELF HANDLE ME, AND SEE; FOR A SPIRIT HATH NOT FLESH AND BONES, AS YE SEE ME HAVE.

I WALKED SIDE BY SIDE, IN THIS WORLD; WITH MANY UN-godly MAN, BUT IT WAS JESUS SIDE THEY PIERCED; AND OUT HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD RAN.

John 19:33, 34, When they came to JESUS, and saw that he was already dead, they brake not his legs; But one of the soldiers with a SPEAR PIERCED HIS SIDE, AND FORTHWITH CAM THERE OUT BLOOD AND WATER.

*****SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME;***** BUT THATS WHAT LOVE IS!!

John 15:13, JESUS SAID, GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAT THIS, THAT A MAN LAYDOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET--SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS.

Written by Evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE "GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES"

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance "Good Friday Services" will be celebrated at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, Lubbock, Texas, Friday, March 28, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The "Seven Last Words of Jesus" on the Cross will be expounded upon by the following ministers beginning with the first word: Rev. Clarence Weatherspoon, Pastor of Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church; Rev. Marshal Harris, Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church; Rev. E. Reed, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Brownfield, TX; Rev. Homer Avery, Pastor of First Progressive Baptist Church; Rev. F. B. Bell, Pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church; Rev. C. C. Peoples, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Slaton, Texas and Rev. Wendell Davis, Pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. The choir of each pastor's church will sing. Rev. Solomon Fields is the host pastor. The public is invited to worship in this celebration.

I KNOW I'M SOMEBODY



'cause God don't make no junk!!

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Question of Authority



In our age there has been a widespread rebellion against all kinds of authority. We see this rebellion in all types and forms of government, religious communions, schools, and the home.

The usual response to the matter of authority is to raise questions about who or what it at the apex of the power pyramid. Our first concern is about who wields the power over others. But authority deals with many issues beyond this. The question of authority deals with objectives and goals. Whoever has the power to determine the goals of society or a life largely determines the nature of that society or that life. Authority also determines the methods that are used in achieving objectives. The authority may be dictatorial, in which case the methods used to reach goals may be harsh and repressive. We see this in the African country of Zaire today. Others may be more democratic, allowing people greater freedom; or externally imposed authority may be almost completely absent, allowing each person to become his own authority, a situation that can lead only to anarchy like to which Albania is headed toward.

The question of authority arose early in Jesus' ministry and persisted until His ascension. One does not have to search far

to find the reason for the controversy. His claims can counter to those of the religious leaders, and since both Jesus and these leaders claimed to speak for God, there was no way to reach a compromise.

The religious leaders attempted to support their claims to authority in several ways. First, of all, they could appeal to the Scriptures. Although Jesus pointed out that their appeals were really to the traditions of men rather than to God's Word, yet their claims carried considerable weight with many of the people. The priests and scribes could also reinforce their claims by the use of social pressures. Anyone who dared challenge them could be thrown out of the synagogue. When these appeals to authority failed, the leaders could, as a final resort, use the power of the state to force conformity. This kind of power was brought to bear on Jesus when they could not silence Him in any other way. You may hear the cries of Jesus from the Cross by God's preachers of the Interdenominational

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Jesus healed the Leper.
The Galilean Ministry begins with Jesus casting out demons and healing the many sick during that tour, the healing of the leper occurred. If the former miracle of Exorcism symbolizes the power of Jesus to deliver from the terrory of sin, the latter pictures his ability to relieve from sin.

Leprosy was regarded as the most terrible of diseases to show any sign of loving this disease meant that one was ritually and socially ostracized, separated from public life. We discover in a act that Jesus performs a miracle and demonstrates his power to forgive and cleanse from sin, his real mission in the world. So here he is asking Jesus to do what no human physician would attempt. "If you will" is a confession of faith "if you can" is a call to engender belief, faith is not something one can purchase, rather a gift from God. E. The leper believed that Jesus had the power to heal him. The only barrier was the willingness of Jesus. "If you will" there is a difference in if you will "and if you can". Jesus responded quite differently to the two approaches in the healing Jesus touched the leper, putting him at risk of having to join the leper colony himself. This is important for our understanding of Jesus ministry and that of those who continue his work. Jesus did not minister long distance, safe from all that plagued the lives of those he helped.

Following the healing, the leper is given to instructions, first, be quiet about what happen, this could cause wide publicity and interfere with his preaching and teaching. Jesus won't no publicity he wishes people to come to faith and understanding of who he is and what he is about.

The second instruction: follow the requirement of the law and go through the ritual of restoration with the priest and give an offering is an expression of thankfulness gratitude to God, it is also important to know that sending the man to the priest would give to the high religious authorities unanswerable testimony to Jesus' divine power. When the Lord bless you with his healing power it is hard to keep it to yourself, you just have to tell "somebody." You can experience the healing faith of Grace and love to, why are you sitting there living a defeated powerless life?? When you have access go for it. Its all in Mark 2:1-12; Matt 8:1-4; Luke 5:12- 16.

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"Remember Chr. Buns,"
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Its perfectly alright if you don't
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GOSPEL CONCERT A SUCCESS!!

It happened several weeks ago at the First Progressive Baptist Church, it was a great concert which featured a local appointed Gospel Quartet who calls themselves "The Wings Of Faith."

Mr. Floyd Brown, who is owner and operator of Brown's Golden Catfish at 1212 Martin Luther King Blvd., has been known for his fantastic old fashioned buttered, crisp buns hamburgers and golden catfish filets. But at this concert, there was something else noticed about Mr. Brown as he is bass players and baritone singer this fine group of young men.

He admits he needs your support for his business, but also says that is secondary, because he needs your prayers first and far most. Mr. Brown even surrounds himself on his job with singers as Tommy Cage who is breakfast cook and a very good singer. Also there is Traci Simons of Simons Creations, a fantastic singer.

This very fine gospel quartet consists of Gospel Giants such as

the pastor of the Progressive Baptist Church, Rev. Homer Avery, who is manager and lead singer. There is Rev. Jackie Jerome Johnson, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, who is president and founder. Also, there are Butch Avery, lead singer and tenor; Lincoln Lewis, guitar player; Jackie Johnson, Jr., drums and lead singer; and Mr. Magic Fingers and Keyboard who is last but not least, Brother Floyd Brown who is bass player, baritone singer and sometimes, when the anointing comes, he is a lead singer.

We are just thankful for all of those who made that presentation so successful. Your support will never be forgotten. We pray for our sick and shut-ins everywhere with prayer. God is going to do great things with this blessed group of young men who are on fire for Jesus.

Keep the "Wings of Faith" in your prayers, and all will be prayer for you. Thanks in advance for your continued support. May God bless us all!

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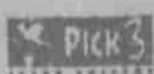
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THE DUBOIS LEGACY

by Bernice Powell Jackson

We know him as a scholar, intellectual and philosopher. He graduated from Fisk in 1888 and in 1895, after also studying in Europe, became the first African American to receive a doctorate from Harvard. He taught at Wilberforce University and Atlanta University.

We know him as a prolific and powerful writer. He was the author of a book in 1903 that is often still quoted from today, nearly a century later. It was called *The Souls of Black Folk* and predicted that the problem of the 20th century would be the color line. It delved into the duality, the double consciousness, which all black Americans must face -- the fact that we are African and American and what that means. It examined black life -- from the role of religion in the African American community to the living conditions most blacks found themselves in. His 1935 work, *Black Reconstruction*, was monumental and even at his death at age 93, he was working on a massive undertaking still unfinished, *The Encyclopedia Africana*.

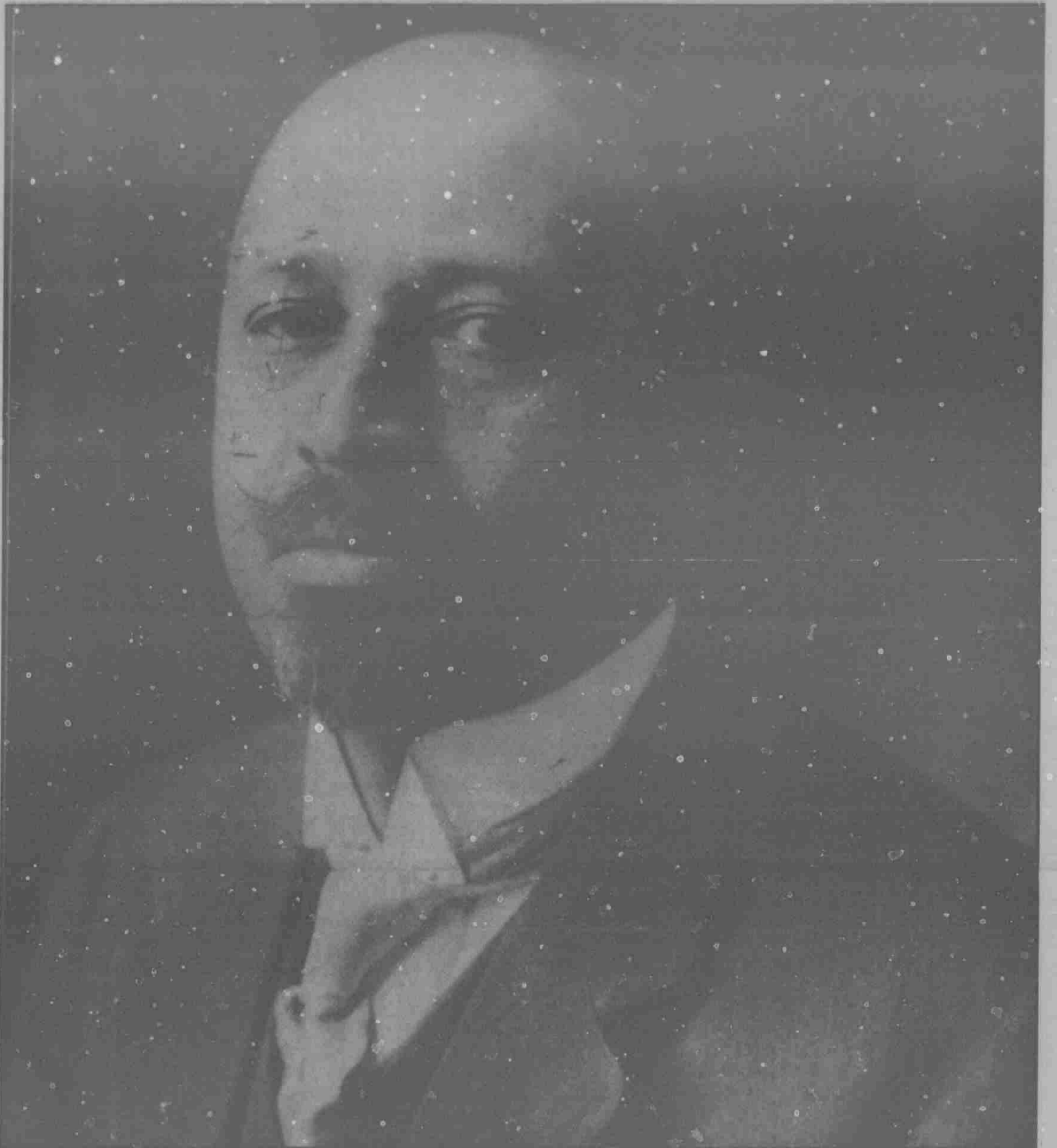
We know him as a thinker who believed that black people must be given the chance to compete intellectually and that those who could lead their people had an obligation to do so. So he developed the notion of the "Talented Tenth" who would be the leaders of the race. This idea was in direct conflict with Booker T. Washington, who advised black folks to cast down their buckets where they were and who urged vocational training for black Americans. That dialectic -- those two trains of thought -- are still a part of the dialogue in the African American community today.

We know him as a social activist and champion for the rights of oppressed people everywhere. A founder of the Niagara Movement in 1905 which became the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, he was a visionary who also became the editor of that organization's important magazine, *Crisis*.

His dedication to fighting oppression eventually led him to socialism and then to communism.

For these social positions and his opposition to nuclear weapons, the U.S. government made him into a pariah and refused to grant him a passport to travel outside the country. Only after a long legal battle did he receive one in 1958 and he traveled to China and Russia at the age of 90.

His name was William Edward Burghardt DuBois. He was a giant among men and



women of all time.

I knew all of that about him before I visited Ghana a few weeks ago. What I did not know was that W.E.B. DuBois was so much more than that. He was bigger than we have been allowed to see him. He was an African American in the true sense of the duality of that term, he was a citizen of the world.

When you visit DuBois' home in Accra, where he lived his final days and where he is buried, you understand how important he was to the Pan Africanist movement and to the

thinking of the great African leaders like Kwame Nkrumah, Leopold Senghor, Jomo Kenyatta and Julius Nyerere.

When you look at his library, still filled with the 40 plus books he wrote himself and the hundreds of books he studied, you begin to understand the depth of the intellect of the man. When you see his academic gowns, designed in African style with kente stoles nearly a century ago, you begin to understand that this was a man before his time.

When you visit his final resting place you

see how revered this man, born in Massachusetts but respected and adopted by people all over the world, truly was. You see the kente cloth of kings and the ceremonial stools from Ghana, with the Adinkra symbols for life all around him.

We have not been allowed to see how big W.E.B. DuBois really was. During Black History Month, we can recognize that he was a great African American. During any month we can recognize that he was an extraordinary human being.

America's Youth are Dying More by Murder and Suicide

by Tara Meyer

The much publicized shooting deaths of rappers Tupac Shakur and Christopher Wallace a.k.a. the Notorious B.I.G. or Biggie Smalls, are just reminders that gunfire and violence continue to rob communities of their young people. It is also a confirmation of a report recently released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that suggests that suicide, murder and gunfire are wiping out American children at higher rates than their counterparts in the rest of the industrialized world.

The report highlighted that 2.57 out of every 100,000 Americans under age 15 are killed, compared with an overall rate of .51 in the 26 countries surveyed. The U.S. rate is five times higher than in the other countries combined and the rate of firearm injury related deaths is 12 times higher. The homicide rates for the same group has tripled in the U.S. between 1950 and 1993.

A total of 2872 deaths among children 15-years-old or younger over a one year period were reported by the 26 countries. Of the homicides, 1464 (78 percent) occurred among U.S. children. Deaths cause by firearms amount to 1.66 out of every 100,000 children in the United States, compared with .14 in the other nations. That is, of the 1107 children killed by firearms, 957 (86 percent) of those occurred in the United States.

The nation's child suicide rate is twice as high as the other countries combined: .55 out of every 100,000 children, compared with .27 and has quadrupled between 1950 and 1993. Suicide accounted for the deaths of 599 children including 431 (72 percent) in boys and 168 (28 percent) in girls. Of the suicides, 321 (54 percent) occurred in the United States.

Our children are getting killed or killing themselves at higher rates than any other country," said Dr. Etienne Krug, a CDC med-

ical epidemiologist. "No child should die a violent death in the most industrialized country in the world."

"We are a more violent society," said Holly Richardson, spokeswoman for the Washington-based Handgun Control Inc. "When you add firearms, which are by far the most lethal means of injury, what you're going to see is an increase in death rates."

The CDC study reflects figures for 1990 to 1995. Each country surveyed had more than one million people, similar economics and a system that recorded death rates.

No children died from guns in Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Singapore, Japan and Kuwait, the CDC said.

"Since other countries manage to prevent these deaths, we have to do the same," Krug said. The CDC now plans to study the countries more closely to find similarities between them and the United States.

"Do they have a high divorce rate, a large gap between the rich and poor? How do they store their guns? What laws do they have?" Krug asked.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) is skeptical of the CDC's findings.

"The CDC has a difficulty in that it is gun-fixed," said NRA spokesman Tom Wilde. "No one would argue that this country has a violence problem, but these transnational comparisons are weak at best because there are so many cultural factors involved."

Last July, the House of Representatives stripped \$2.6 million from the CDC budget, saying its research into deaths and injuries caused by firearms was being misused to subtly push a gun control agenda. The CDC has denied those claims.

Firearms are one of the causes of preventable deaths in the United States, but we study all of them," Krug said.