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**Celebrating the
Birthday of the
Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.
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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, then come and visit New Hope. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with Assn. of Superintendent James Sterling. Last Sunday was Youth Day. All teachers and students were in their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., all classes reassembled in the main auditorium marching and singing "Have Thine Own Way." Prayer was given by Sister Doris Dailey. High points of the morning lesson were given by the Youth Department. It was very well done.

Secretary's Report, with Gayla Hereford as acting secretary: Youth Department: Intermediate Class retained the Offering Banner and the Senior Class received the Attendance Banner.

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner and Adult Class No. 2 lost the Offering Banner to Adult Class No. 4 who reported \$658.00.

There three visitors present in Sunday School.

The Youth Department was in charge of the devotional period. They did a wonderful job. We thank God for these young people.

The Youth Choir marched in the processional. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Blessed Assurance," was sung. The morning scripture was Psalms 108. Following the singing of another song by the Youth Choir who sang out of their hearts, the spirit was present. We want our young people to continue doing a good job in the church.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Justin Hibbler. Another song, "Prepare Me," was sung. Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. They were good. A song, "Christ Did It All For Us," was sung. The hymn of preparation preparation was "I Need Thee."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Are You Sure You Had A New Birth Experience?" His scripture text was Acts 26:12-18. It was some message.

An invitation to discipleship was extended, and one came for prayer.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among these on the sick list is Sister Eunice Briggs who is home from the hospital. She had hand surgery.

The mother of Mrs. Stephanie Hill, Mrs. Clarina Richardson of Houston, Texas, was released from the hospital last Sunday afternoon after suffering from a broken hip. She is doing much better at this report. Mrs. Richardson was visiting her daughter and family for the Christmas holidays when the accident happened.

Support the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration!

Netown News

Air Force Airman 1st Class Chancy L. Edwards has arrived for duty at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.

Edwards is a weapons team member assigned to the 598th Munitions Squadron.

He is the son of Debbie Cosgrove of 2314 17th, Lubbock, Texas, and Jay T. Edwards of 109 E. 63rd, Odessa, Texas.

His wife, Emily, is the daughter of Gene Spence of 4801 14th, and Debbie Payne, both of Lubbock.

The airman is a 1995 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

4th Cavalry Rides Again!

Lubbock Unit Invited To Bush Inaugural Parade

Lubbock, Texas (12/23/98) The 4th U. S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) of Lubbock, Texas, has participated in the inaugural parades in Austin following the last two gubernatorial elections in Texas. Those parades celebrated the swearing in of former Governor Alan Richards and George W. Bush. They will be present again in Austin on January 19, 1999, when Governor George Bush is sworn in for a second term as Governor, at the invitation of the 1999 Texas Inaugural Committee. The invitation was received on December 17 by Gary R. Terrell, who portrays the male of the commanding officer of the unit.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be invited for a third time to participate in the inaugural celebration in Austin" said Col. Terrell, commenting on the invitation to participate in the activities. "We are proud to represent the heritage of the 4th Cavalry and the City of Lubbock, too."

The 4th Cavalry is no stranger to high profile events. The unit has made appearances

in the two gubernatorial parades, the inaugural parade of President George Bush in Washington, D. C., the "Return of the Desert Storm Troops" parade in Austin, in which they served as the escort for the Governor and were designated the Texas Governor's Own Cavalry in 1991. The 4th Cavalry has been featured in a number of film productions, the most widely seen of which was a documentary segment called Crossed Sabers about the history of the horse cavalry on A&E Network's Time Machine program.

Terrell indicated that the 4th Cavalry will be soliciting donations from the public to defray the cost of the trip to Austin. He indicated that such donations are tax deductible to the donor because the unit is organized as a 501 (c)(3) organization. For information regarding making a contribution to the 4th Cavalry for the trip, please contact Gary R. Terrell at 795-7404 or mail your contribution to P. O. Box 64968, Lubbock, Texas 79464-4968. You will be furnished a receipt for your contribution.

Denny's Honors the Achievements of Black Pioneers of Professional Basketball



(Spartanburg, SC - December 29, 1998) - In announcing Denny's three year title sponsorship of the Harlem Globetrotter's North American tour, Jameson (center), senior vice president of marketing at Denny's, presents a \$10,000 donation to Ernest Wagner (right), a member of the Black Legends of Professional Basketball Foundation, at the Globetrotter's opening show at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, in recognition of the achievements of Black pioneers in the sport. Mammie Jackson (left), Globetrotter's chairman and owner, was there to celebrate. The restaurant chain also will provide 100 game tickets to children from local NAACP chapters and Save the Children programs in each of the more than 100 cities on the Globetrotters tour. Now entering the fourth year of their relationship, Denny's and the Globetrotters will be bringing the magic of basketball to fans around the country through the year 2001.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

On January 1, 1999, at three a.m. (3:00 a.m.), Mr. Elias Paniagua Sr. & his wife Georgia, residing at 1721 S. 7th Street, Tahoka, Texas, lost their home in an early morning fire. The mobile home was a total loss. All furniture, clothing, & personal items were all destroyed. The Paniagua family asks for your help & assistance, as they did not have any insurance on the mobile home.

Mr. Paniagua is 70 yrs. old, retired, and on Social Security. Mrs. Paniagua is 64 yrs. old, also on Social Security. You may make your donations directly to the Elias Paniagua Sr. Catastrophe Fund at any Norwest Bank Branch. The acct. # is 4231125528. Donations can also be made C/O First National Bank of Tahoka, Texas.

The Paniagua family is staying temporarily at 2109 38th Street, Lubbock, Tx 79412. They would appreciate any help, and can be reached at (806) 744-7636.

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Wednesday 10:30 a.m. 2 year-olds

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LCU Praise! Choir Tours Southern US

LUBBOCK, TX—January 5, 1999—For nearly 70 LCU students, Christmas vacation will be cut a couple of weeks short, or will it? I guess, that depends on how you look at it. These students are members of LCU's PRAISE! choir. They left today for a two week tour of the southern United States which will include concerts in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. Sandwiched in between their church concerts is the Christian College Choral Festival hosted this year by Harding University in Searcy, AR. Tours such as these often prove to be one of the highlights of a student's college experience at LCU.

This newly formed choir continues the ministry established forty-two years ago by the A Cappella and Meistersinger Choruses.

The choir, under the direction of Philip Camp, will perform all sorts of church music — contemporary Christian songs, hymn arrangements, choral anthems and spirituals. Their programs will be both encouraging and uplifting. Concerts are free to the public. The students will arrive back in Lubbock just in time to begin spring semester classes which begin at LCU on Wednesday, January 20.



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I Have A Dream



These are special words to us all, but especially important to the members of Hub City Kiwanis and the East Lubbock community. These are words of hope for the members of our community.

Hub City Kiwanis supports our community through various programs and agencies. Youth sports, scholarships, Estacado High School Key Club, Angel Tree, Toys for Tots Campaign, Lubbock State School, Texas Tech University Minority Faculty/Staff Scholarship, Lubbock Alumni Chapter of Houston-Tillotson College, Texas Tech University Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Camp Kiwanis, The Children's Miracle Network. These are just a few of the agencies and organizations that we will provide assistance to this year.

Our flag service allows us to help those and others in need in our community. Flags are distributed at dawn and picked up at dusk. Cost is only \$20 per year. We distribute flags on the following holidays.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	4th of July
Memorial Day	Labor Day
Flag Day	Veteran's Day

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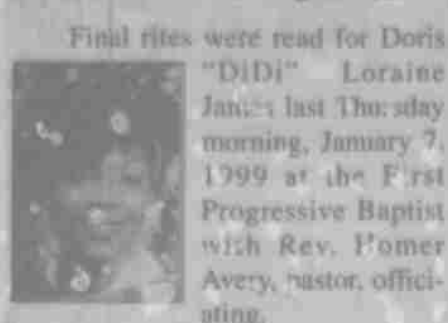
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Annetta Garcia

Obituary

Doris "DiDi" James



Final rites were read for Doris "DiDi" Loraine James last Thursday morning, January 7, 1999 at the First Progressive Baptist with Rev. Homer Avery, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors.

She died Wednesday, December 30, 1998.

Born May 17, 1901 in Lubbock, she graduated from Dunbar High School. She was also a member of First Progressive Baptist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children: Dedrick Lawson and DaNasha James; her father, Claude James; her mother, Mary James; five brothers: Kenneth James, Bernis James, Curtis James, Bernard James and Patrick James; four sisters: Virginia McCutchen, Melva James, Sharley Ivory, and Bernice James.

Curtis Shelby

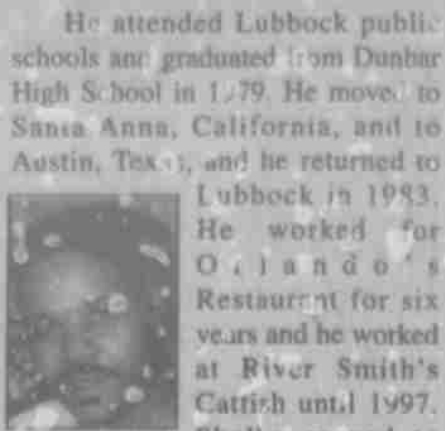
A former Lubbock man, Curtis Shelby, was killed in Dallas, Texas Thursday, December 24, 1998.

Funeral services were held for Shelby on Thursday, December 31, 1998 at First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Homer Avery, pastor, and Rev. Edward Canady, pastor of St. Matthew Baptist

Church, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow Texas under the direction of Jamisca Funeral Home.

He attended Lubbock public schools and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1979. He moved to Santa Anna, California, and to Austin, Texas, and he returned to Lubbock in 1993.



He worked for Orlando's Restaurant for six years and he worked at River Smith's Cattfish until 1997.

Shelby moved to Dallas, Texas in May, 1997, and he was a manager at WalMart in B Garland, Texas.

Survivors include: a son, Curtis L. Shelby, Jr. of Los Angeles, California; a daughter, Chandra Shelby of Lubbock, Texas; his father, Horace Shelby of Lexington, Kentucky; two brothers, Joe Shelby and Eddie Shelby, both of Lubbock, Texas; five step-brothers: Henry Wilson of Augusta, Ga., Donald Wilson, Earnest Wilson, Daniel Wilson and Dennis Wilson, all of Lubbock, Texas; eight sisters: Ethel J. Shelby, Arduis R. West, Etta F. Shelby, all of Austin, Texas, Alma J. Dodd of Bellflower, California, Barbara Joinson, Evelyn M. Shelby, Carolyn D. Jackson, and Theresa Wilson, all of Lubbock, Texas; a step-sister, Carla Wilson of Lubbock, Texas; and his maternal grandfather, Luther Wheeler of Austin, Texas.

Universal Records To Release Soundtrack For "Our Friend, Martin"

New York, NY (December 17, 1998) - Universal Records is set to release the soundtrack for Our Friend, Martin, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment's animated direct for video movie on the life and times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which also features archival footage of the slain civil rights leader, both the film and the Universal soundtrack will be in stores on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 to coincide with the national King holiday on January 18th, and Black History Month in February. The

video and soundtrack will be sold separately.

The 11-track album features a mixture of R&B and hip-hop songs, from both established and up-and-coming artists. The lead single, "Feelin' It," is a funky rap/R&B track performed by Antwan & Ray Ray of the 10-member hip-hop clique, The Biv 10 Pee Wees. Assembled by Michael Bivins, The Biv 10 Pee Wees, who range in age from 7 to 14, are rappers and singers who hail from New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

Other key tracks on the Our Friend: Martin soundtrack include Stevie Wonder's birthday tribute to Dr. King, "Happy Birthday" Marvin Gaye's timeless protest song, "What's Going On," Diana Ross' Jesse's peace anthem, "Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)," Brian McKnight and Diana King's praise-filled, "When We Were Kings," Montell Jordan's "I Do" and Salt 'N' Pepa's "Imagine" remix featuring Sheryl Crow. Newcomer offerings include Debelah Morgan's dance remake of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."

The 61-minute video, which tells the story of a group of sixth-graders who travel back in time and meet Dr. King, features the voices of Ed Asner, Angela Bassett, LeVar Burton, Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg, Samuel L. Jackson, Susan Sarandon, John Travolta, Oprah Winfrey and Dr. King's son and daughter, Dexter and Yolanda King.

On January 15th, Dr. King's actual birth date (1929), the King family, celebrities and entertainers will gather at The Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta for the movie's world premiere.

Please contact Wendy Washington, VP Media Relations, Universal Records, 212-373-0702, for more information regarding the Our Friend, Martin soundtrack.

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NEWS RELEASE

BLACK HISTORY PARADE

THE LUBBOCK BACK CHAMBER'S ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1999, STARTING AT 12 NOON.

THIS YEAR'S PARADE THEME IS "PRIDE IN SERVICE - BLACK MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS."

THE CHAMBER IS REQUESTING ALL WHO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, ESCUE CARE PROVIDERS, NURSES AID, MEDICAL OFFICE WORKERS, JANITORS, ETC) PREPARE TO BE IN THE PARADE. PRIZES OF \$1000 FIRST PLACE AND \$500 SECOND PLACE AND \$25.00 MOST ORIGINAL PLATE TO THE THEME WILL BE AWARDED. NON-MEDICAL ENTRIES ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED.

THE PARADE WILL START AT ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL AND END AT DUNBAR JUNIOR HIGH. THE PARADE WILL BE BEGUN FORMING UP AT 11:00 AM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAMBER 741-1553.

Dwight Hulse, Secretary
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
RE: City of Lubbock/Citibus Section 5307 Capital, Technical Studies, and Operating Assistance Grant Application

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will be afforded, in the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue, on January 19, 1999 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of considering projects for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended. The financial assistance is as follows:

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT: Program of Projects: this project will consist of the following: the purchase of 2 expansion vans and 1 replacement van for Demand Response Service, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); the purchase of 5 replacement buses for the fixed route service; spare parts and preventive capital maintenance, administration, and operations equipment which include tools and computers; and other ADA Paratransit capital assistance expenses.

This project is estimated at \$2,559,070. Of this, \$2,047,256 will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds, \$511,814 will be provided by local funds. This project is proposed to begin October 1, 1998 and be completed by March 31, 2000.

TECHNICAL STUDY GRANT: Program of Projects: this project will consist of the following training and technical for professional development; development of a five-year capital plan and five-year marketing plan; conducting short-range planning; and the purchase of office equipment, including computers.

This grant is estimated at \$80,000. Of this amount, \$64,000 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds and \$16,000 will be provided by the City of Lubbock. This project is proposed to begin October 1, 1998.

OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT: Program of Projects: this project will consist of providing the transportation services in the Lubbock urbanized area, which are provided by City Transit Management, Inc., d/b/a Citibus and includes the following:

Providing the transportation services beginning October 1, 1998. This portion of the grant is estimated at \$3,543,500, of which \$1,540,000 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds, \$260,100 by the City of Lubbock, \$836,000 by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and \$906,400 by non-farebox revenues.

Interested persons or agencies may submit, orally or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect before 11:00 a.m. January 19, 1999. The preliminary Program of Projects is available to the public at the Citibus offices, located at 801 Texas Avenue. The final projects will also be available to the public at the Citibus offices.

General Manager
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Editorials • Comments • Opinions



THIS N THAT

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SUPPORT MLK CELEBRATION! THIS N THAT encourages the **ENTIRE CITY OF LUBBOCK** to participate in the **ANNUAL CELEBRATION** of the **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION** All of the events will begin tonight Thursday January 14, 1999 with services at the Pilgrim Baptist Church 6119 19th Street beginning at 7:00 p. m. Friday night January 15, 1999 **YOUTH NIGHT** with services being held at the Lakeridge United Methodist Church 4701 82nd Street Something new will be held Saturday night January 16, 1999 with a **GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA** at the New Hope Baptist Church 2002 Birch Avenue The **BIG EVENT** will be held Sunday Night January 17, 1999 beginning at 5:00 p. m. at the **LUBBOCK MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER** 1501 6th Street as it is the **MASS CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION** **CLOSING SERVICES** will be held Monday Night January 18, 1999 at the Estacado High School Auditorium East Itasca and Martin Luther King Blvd. beginning at 6:30 p. m. This day is the **OFFICIAL DAY** for the celebration If you have any questions you may call Ms. Joan Y. Ervin at 763-6853 This year's theme is **"I BELIEVE I CAN FLY"**

SHIRLEY CANADY THE BARBER SAYS: that you know when you are **GETTING OLD** is when **EVERYTHING HURTS** and what doesn't hurt ... **DOESN'T WORK**

VISIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL! THIS N THAT is still encouraging as many as can ... to visit a **PUBLIC SCHOOL** this week Call your principal and let it be known you want to **COME BY** **AND HELP!!**

Dr. King's Dream Abandoned?

QUAKERTOWN, Pennsylvania, Jan. 10—Martin Luther King Jr.'s prescription for racial harmony is being betrayed by many of King's successors in civil-rights leadership, says author John Perazzo.

"By keeping alive the myth that white racism remains black America's most formidable obstacle," Perazzo says, "a number of vocal demagogues who call themselves 'civil-rights leaders' are creating a new breed of slaves people who feel powerless to better their own lives in the shadow of alleged white tyranny." He cites recent polls showing that two-thirds of black Americans believe that white society strives to limit their economic opportunities, and that four-tenths of blacks fear that AIDS might have been created by white scientists as a means of exterminating blacks.

In *The Myths That Divide Us*, a controversial new book that has drawn praise from such prominent black figures as Dr. Walter E. Williams and Rev. Jesse Peterson, Perazzo lays out many facts refuting the perception that America is a fundamentally racist nation. For example:

- Polls show that in recent decades, racist white attitudes have diminished significantly. For example, nearly all whites now say that blacks and whites should have an equal chance to compete for jobs, and 93 percent of whites would be willing to elect a black president.

- About 95 percent of black murder victims are killed by other blacks.

- Scarcely 10 percent of all interracial crimes in America are white-on-black.

- Indicted black felons are statistically less likely than their white counterparts to be convicted in court, and black killers are less likely to be sentenced to death than white killers.

- Black full-time workers today earn slightly more than

white workers of the same age, sex, and I.Q. Also, black families with two college-educated, working adults now earn more than similar white families in every age group and in every region of the U.S.

- New studies show that regardless of race, growing up rather than in the most accurate predictor of a child's poverty and future criminal behavior.

"We must understand," Perazzo says, "that even if every white racist were to be morally purified and set straight tomorrow, the devastating problems of black crime and fatherless homes that are the scourge of the black community would remain unaffected. As we honor Dr. King's memory, we should lament the fact that so many of our current civil-rights activists

ignore such thorny realities, thereby discouraging true liberation of the mind."

Perazzo, who holds degrees in sociology and education, says he labored for five years over *The Myths That Divide Us* because of his passion for truth. "I consider our racial divisions entirely remediable," he says. "But only if we have the courage to cast aside the widely accepted lie that all black problems are traceable to the antislavery malice that supposedly permeates America."

According to Walter Williams, Perazzo's book "shows that what was once a moral struggle for civil rights has turned into a racial spoils system." Those interested in learning more about *The Myths That Divide Us* may call the publisher toll-free at 1-888-919-BOOK.

INTERESTING PEOPLE

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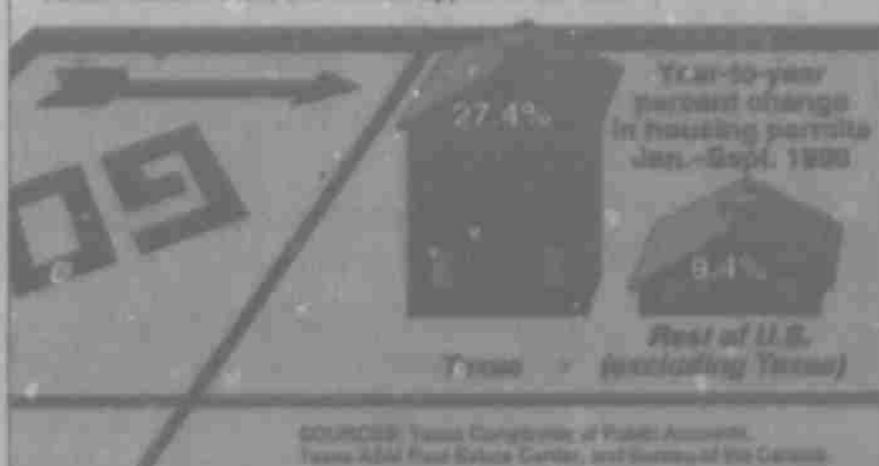
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas monopolizes housing starts

Low interest rates are spurring on housing starts, but more than low interest rates account for a rapid increase in Texas housing permits. The increase in Texas has been about three times greater than the increase nationwide, reflecting a particularly healthy economy in most Texas industries and the relative appeal of the state.



Goodbye 1998: Welcome 1999!



By Eddie Richardson

1998 was a thundering year! Many unforgettable events took place. As we always say, goodbye 1998; welcome 1999! Let's hope and pray we have

a better and much more positive 1999! We had bad blood in our U. S. Government, strictly party lines and partisanship was the name of the game. This included the first for a U. S. President to be impeached in over 130 years. Let's all hope in the New Year, the New Congress will put America and Americans first. Let's hope they will work for the good of all Americans before partisanship politics and party become the order of the agenda. We can't forget that America was founded on the principle of "For the people and by the people."

In 1998, we lost many notables who will be hard to forget. Such as Frank, Flip, Tanya, Dean, Archie and many more. All had an

impact on many, many people's lives in one way or another.

There were many unpredictable, unusual, or unexpected events to take place in 1998. One of the most publicized events was the election of professional wrestler, "The Body", as governor of the 14th largest states in America. He has now changed his calling card from "The Body" to "The Mind Ventura".

We had some bad tragedies, as the Unabomber, the Oklahoma Federal Bombing trials, shoot outs with anti-government groups, Texas seceding from the State to become a separate group by their own, Jasper incident, abortion clinics bombings and many other events that most people would rather have not seen happen.

Let's all hope and pray for a more forgiving, mending, forgiving, united and working together for the good of all of us.

Happy New Year to each of you! May you have the best for you and yours. Let's all work for a big turn around in 1999! God bless each of you!

CHILDWATCH

Beat The Odds: A Celebration Of Youth

By Marian Wright Edelman

Daniel has known hard times. While in high school, he and his family were evicted from their home and had to live in a van for eight months. While his mother worked, Daniel was responsible for cleaning, cooking meals, and caring for his six siblings. There were times when he had to miss school to care for a sick child. Despite many obstacles, Daniel "Beat The Odds." He completed 10 honors-level classes, can speak English, Spanish, French, and some German; and maintained a 3.8 grade point average. Daniel, a recipient of the Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) "Beat the Odds" award, has set high standards for himself. Today, he is fulfilling his dream of going to college and is working toward his degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

Rhondee was a CDF "Beat the Odds" recipient in 1992. While a high school senior, Rhondee, in an award-winning speech entitled "Impact of Violence on the Family," described the murder of her aunt in 1983 and the effect this tragedy had on her family. Overnight, the size of her household increased from seven to eleven. This put tremendous strain on her parents' marriage, and they separated. As the oldest child, Rhondee assumed a great deal of responsibility, including preparing meals and helping to care for the younger children, while at the same time maintaining an A+ grade average and remaining active in school activities. Rhondee was a National Merit Commended Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, president of her high school senior class, and volunteered in her community. When recommending her for the award, her school counselor said Rhondee "attributes her accom-

plishments to a single-minded devotion to the pursuit of academic excellence, an intense sense of optimism, and a steadfast belief in God." Rhondee graduated from Spelman in 1997. She'll enter medical school this fall after a year abroad on a Watson Fellowship in India and Kenya studying the work, successes, and problems of women scientists in third world countries. She credits "Beat the Odds" with showing her that people cared about her and about helping others.

"Beat the Odds" is a project initiated by CDF and the Black Community Crusade for Children to focus on the positive potential of our young people. Too often we hear about young people getting into trouble, dropping out of school, becoming involved with drugs, crime, or gangs, or becoming parents too soon. Too seldom do we hear of the many young people who are "Beating the Odds" despite the daunting conditions in which so many of them live and the tremendous obstacles in the way of even the smallest achievement.

"Beat the Odds" celebrations have taken place in Los Angeles; Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn.; Atlanta; East St. Louis; Detroit; Minneapolis/St. Paul; Concord, New Hampshire; Charlotte, N.C.; Cincinnati; Memphis; Missouri City, Texas; New York City; and Washington, D.C. We work with local education advocates, schools, and community leaders to select and honor students who demonstrate academic excellence and have the strength and determination to "Beat the Odds." They are honored for their personal achievements in their struggles to improve their own lives and the lives of others.

At a special awards ceremony

in their city, CDF and BCCC celebrate the remarkable lives of these young people and their families, friends, teachers, and counselors who helped them to succeed. Each student is presented with a cash scholarship and other gifts like a computer and a shopping spree. We hope that soon every city will begin celebrating youths' successes and will provide them scholarships to go on to college.

"Beat the Odds" celebrations strike a chord with community leaders and citizens who want to help children who are struggling and making it. We work with corporations that donate prizes for nominees and the media which does feature pieces about these youths. NBC4 in Washington and Los Angeles have been great supporters of the program. Because it has been so broadly embraced by the communities involved, "Beat the Odds" has fostered successes beyond those celebrated at the events themselves by serving as a catalyst for additional community efforts on behalf of these and other children.

If you'd like to know more about this program or would like to organize an event in your community, please contact Sharie Brown Wood at CDF, 25 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, 202-662-3529. Show young people like Daniel and Rhondee that people do care and can help them "Beat the Odds."

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC). In 1990, CDF celebrates 25 years of advocacy, service, and leadership to build a movement to Leave No Child Behind.

BLACK NEWSPAPERS VS. DAILY NEWSPAPERS

The Power Of The Black Newspaper

Black adult readers of both Black newspapers and general circulation dailies rated Black newspapers higher in the following categories:

	BLACK NEWSPAPERS	DAILY NEWSPAPERS
Newspapers deal with subjects of special interest to me.	82.2%	58.9%
Newspapers show an understanding of my kind of life.	69.9%	40.4%
Newspapers are honest and truthful.	72.2%	36.0%
Newspapers use my kind of language.	79.5%	61.4%
Newspapers are necessary and important for me.	71.3%	61.8%

Source: Scarborough Segment Corporation

Human Health, Economic Health, Political Health

By ARG Media Services

It is not news to say that Africa's economies have been crippled by a mix of bad management, poor decisions, and government officials who care more about their own fortunes than the prosperity of the people they rule.

Neither is it news that Africa is endowed with vast natural resources — minerals and oil, timber and farmland, rivers and dams that produce electricity, fisheries and beauty. Most people fail to note Africa's vast potential in human resources — not just the physical labor of hard-working men and women, but brainpower, creativity, imagination, and entrepreneurial talent.

To our misfortune, this great human potential has been stifled. Both natural and political obstacles have prevented this great potential from blossoming.

Economic growth and prosperity are only possible with good government. And good government is possible only with democracy and respect for human rights.

Respecting human rights — freedom to speak, freedom of the press, freedom to select those who lead us, freedom to trade in the marketplace — will empower people and set in motion the great engine of Africa's economic growth. This includes freedom in mind to sustain creativity and innovation as the basis of development.

A strong economy is linked to free and democratic government. We cannot expect economic development without political freedom. Political freedom empowers individuals to achieve what they want to achieve. Political freedom and democracy empowers people to rise out of poverty.

I am proud to have been a teacher of science at the University of Paris. I am proud to have been a technocrat, working with UNESCO to improve the lives of people in Africa.

From this background, I want to emphasize the importance of health — human health, the absence of disease — the importance of health to the development of a healthy economy and a healthy, free political system.

Bad health — epidemic disease — puts a brake on economic development. Bad health prevents people from reaching their full potential.

We must recognize the problem of epidemic diseases, incurable diseases, and general health difficulties in Africa.

One aspect of this are the childhood diseases that have essentially disappeared in the industrial West. But these diseases are still killers in Africa. These include chicken pox, whooping cough, and polio.

At another level are epidemic, viral diseases which exist almost only in Africa — such as malaria, yellow fever, and leprosy. Many people think we have cured and eliminated these sicknesses, but we have not.

At a third level are the purely African diseases such as sickle-cell anemia, a genetic disease that is unique to Africans and people of African descent.

Worst of all, and an insult to all good sense and decency, is the epidemic of AIDS that has swept across Africa. Is it not incredible that this epidemic has been allowed to get so bad? The effect of AIDS is so profound that it threatens the basic stability of many societies in Africa. It is an economic threat because it weakens and kills young adults at the peak of their productive years. In some countries of Africa, HIV disease has already infected more than ten per cent of the population.

In the West, AIDS and HIV disease have become manageable, much like diabetes and other chronic illnesses. In Africa, AIDS has no cure and no effective treatment for the vast majority of people who are infected.

All of these diseases — from the simple to the complex — act as a brake on economic development. Disease blocks growth and prosperity. As the familiar Latin expression tells us, "mens sana in corpore sano" — a sound mind in a healthy body. This saying is nothing more than common sense.

This challenge can be met and surmounted by existing science and medicine. We must exercise our

wills to make it so.

We must heal African life so that everyone is healthy.

We must focus on prevention, which is cheaper than a cure. We must focus on diagnosis on the ground in Africa, in the cities and in the villages. We cannot look to Paris, London, or New York to treat our sick people. We must prevent people from getting sick in the first place. If disease is caught and diagnosed in its early stages, it is easier

and less expensive to treat than later. With prevention and early cure, we can contain the spread of disease.

As such diagnosis has come to be done through methods we may consider to be high technology, we are seeing this technology feeding to a biology of hope and to the healing of life. We must remember that good therapy cannot be ensured without sure diagnosis.

There will be no healthy econo-

my without healthy democracy. There will be no healthy democracy without healthy people. Heal Africa's life. Heal Africa's hopes. Empower Africa's people.

His Excellency Pascal Lissouba is the elected President of the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) in Central Africa. This article is adapted from an address he delivered at the Africa Economic Forum in Washington, D.C.

Dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE BIRTHDAY

*This is the birthday of a man,
A man of peace and grace—
A man who gave his life and love
For all the human race...*

*This is the birthday of a man,
A man who dreamed a dream—
A man who sought to free mankind
As part of God's great scheme...*

*This is the birthday of a man
Who saw the promised land—
Who climbed the mountain to the peak,
And held the Saviour's hand...*

*This is the birthday of a man;
Let freedom ring for all—
Come let us celebrate his birth,
And heed his Master's call!*

BROTHERHOOD...

*Hand-in-hand and side-by-side,
Of every creed and race;
Let US walk together straight and tall,
With a smile upon our face...*

*Hand-in-hand and side-by-side,
Together we shall be,
With hearts ablaze and minds alert,
Let us strive for liberty...*

*Hand-in-hand and side-by-side,
With gladness in our soul;
Let us climb the mountain to the peak,
With freedom as our goal!*

A BETTER DAY

*Though the clouds are dark around us,
And the skies are filled with gray,
God will give us faith and courage,
There will come a better day!*

*Though our hearts are heavy laden,
God will guide us all the way—
He will send us hope and promise,
There will come a better day!*

*Though at times we lose the battle,
We can trust God and obey;
He will lead us on to victory,
There will come a better day!*

*Though we feel despair and sadness,
We can strive and dream and pray;
God will always be beside us,
And there will come a better day!*

REMEMBERING...

*Today I think of what you gave us,
Your love, your joy, your heart and soul,
Your faith and hope and truth and justice,
Nonviolence was your burning goal...*

*Today I think of what you gave us,
Your happiness and peace of mind;
You reached to us and filled our beings
With brotherhood for all mankind...*

*Today I think of what you gave us,
You helped us see the promised land;
You shared with us your dream and
courage,
And gave us will to understand!*

Lope C. Oberhelman

Keeping The Dream Alive The Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge

By Martin Luther King, III

On behalf of the King family, I want to invite teachers and students across the nation to participate in the 1999 Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge, an innovative school-based leadership program that encourages students to perform Acts of Kindness (helping others) and Justice (standing up for what is right) for the two weeks following the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday (January 18-29, 1999).

The Kindness & Justice Challenge is being sponsored by the national nonprofit organization Do Something, which has developed an engaging classroom curriculum to teach young people the important values of responsibility, compassion, generosity, respect, tolerance, honesty and moral courage while encouraging students to put these lessons into practice by performing Acts of Kindness and Justice in the real world.

Last year, students from more than 14,000 schools in all fifty states performed more than 500,000 acts of kindness and justice. Kariel, age 9, stopped a fight between two of her classmates. Carla, age 10, visited a senior citizens center and sang songs to the residents who live there. Khedjiah, age 12, stood up for a friend who was being teased by others.

Every school in the nation — kindergarten through high school — can participate in the Do Something Kindness & Justice

Challenge. Students simply write down the Acts of Kindness and Justice they perform and each school will post their acts on the Internet. After the challenge, students and schools that have done the most Acts in each state and in the nation will receive recognition.

Teachers can register for the 1999 Kindness & Justice Challenge on the Internet at www.dosomething.org or by writing or calling Do Something at 423 West 55th Street, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10019 (Attention: Kindness & Justice Challenge), 212-253-1175. Each teacher who registers will receive a free Educator Guide with an age appropriate curriculum, instructions for keeping track of students' Acts of Kindness and Justice and incentives to encourage student participation.

If students can commit to one day of kindness and justice, they can commit to a week of kindness and justice — a week becomes a year, a year a lifetime.

Like my father, I believe in the power of young people to change the world. Through the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge, young people can put into practice the ideals to which my father devoted his life. Together, we will keep his dream of equality and justice alive.

Martin Luther King, III is Chairman of the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge and President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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JUNETEENTH INFORMATION

Texas has once again made history in being the first and only state to establish a Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. During the 75th Legislative Session, House Bill 1216, sponsored by Rep. OAL Edwards of Houston, was signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush. Thereby creating the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. The Commission consists of six commissioners appointed by Gov. Bush of which one being Eddie P. Richardson of Lubbock, Texas; two state senators appointed by Lt. Governor Bob Bullock; two house of representatives appointed by Speaker Pete Laney; and the executive director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The purpose of the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission is to erect monuments and markers, raise funds, establish a national Emancipation Cultural and Historical Museum, and establish a headquarters. In addition, the Commission was also established to develop effective historical and cultural programs, educate citizens on the effects and significance of emancipation, and develop leaders and role models for the citizens of Texas.

Anyone interested can be a part of the local activities. Here are the meeting dates you may look forward to: November 9, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 5, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7 and 14.

All meetings will be held at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Everyone interested in making a positive contribution to this program is invited to attend and bring their ideas and input.

All area and South Plains Juneteenth Programs are urged to contact Commissioner Richardson at 902 P. 28th St., Lubbock, Texas or 806-762-3612 to become part of the statewide and national effort. For information or to participate, call Eddie Richardson 762-3612.

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Birthday Celebration Activities & Events

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Pilgrim Baptist Church
6119 - 19th Street

Rev. Wilbur Tanner Host Pastor

YOUTH NIGHT
Friday, January 15, 1999
7:30 P.M.
Lakeridge United Methodist Church
4701 - 82nd Street

Rev. Bill Couch Host Pastor

GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, January 16, 1999
7:00 P.M.
New Hope Baptist Church
2002 Birch Avenue

Rev. B.R. Moton Host Pastor

MASS CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION
Sunday, January 17, 1999
5:00 P.M.
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre
1501 - 6th Street

CLOSING SERVICES
Monday, January 18, 1999
6:30 P.M.
Estacado High School Auditorium
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Mr. Kenneth Wallace Host Principal



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WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

JOHN 8:31a,32, JESUS SAID, IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORDS, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED (REALLY); AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH (JESUS), AND THE TRUTH (JESUS) SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

THE LORD HAD BLESSED AMERICA; WHEN IT HAD FAITH, PRAYER AND LOVE; BUT THE DEVIL HAS GIVEN OUT RIGHTS; NOW IT IS THE LAND OF BLOOD!!!

ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN (WEIGHTED DOWN) WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

I REMEMBER IN THE 60'S: CHRISTIANS MARCHED FOR MAN'S RIGHTS; THEY DISOBEYED THE LAWS OF THE LAND; NOW THE CHILDREN DISOBEY: DAY AND NIGHT!!!

1 PETER 2:13,14, SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE (LAW) OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE: WHETHER IT BE TO THE KING (PRESIDENT), AS SUPREME; OR UNTO GOVERNORS, AS UNTO THEM THAT ARE SENT (POLICEMAN) BY HIM FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF EVILDOERS (MARCHERS), AND FOR THE PRAISE (TO GOD) FOR THEM THAT DO WELL.

*****DID THE CHRISTIANS ROB GOD??? YES!!!!*****

THE CHRISTIANS FOLLOWED MAN; NOT THE BIBLE; BUT HIS DREAMS: NOW AMERICA IS OVERUN WITH SINS; ITS NO NIGHTMARE: AS IT SEEMS!!!

JEREMIAH 23:25-28, I HAVE HEARD WHAT THE PROPHETS SAID, THAT PROPHECY LIES IN MY NAME, SAYING, I HAVE DREAMED, I HAVE DREAMED. HOW LONG SHALL THIS BE IN THE HEART OF THE PROPHETS THAT PROPHECY LIES? YEA, THEY ARE PROPHETS OF DECEIT OF THEIR OWN HEART; WHICH THINK TO CAUSE MY PEOPLE TO FORGET MY NAME BY THEIR DREAMS WHICH THEY TELL EVERY MAN TO HIS NEIGHBOUR, AS THEIR FATHERS HAVE FORGOTTEN MY NAME FOR BA-AL. THE PROPHET THAT HATH A DREAM, LET HIM TELL A DREAM; AND HE THAT HATH MY WORD (THE HOLY BIBLE), LET HIM SPEAK MY WORD FAITHFULLY (IN TRUTH). WHAT IS THE CHAFF (DREAM) TO THE WHEAT (THE BIBLE)? SAITH THE LORD.

*****WILL A DREAMER ROB GOD???*****

EVEN NOW: BLACK CHRISTIANS, CLOSE CHURCH TO WORSHIPPED A MAN; THEY'RE SUPPOSE TO BE WORSHIPPING GOD; THIS IS A GREAT SIN!!!

MARK 7:6,7, JESUS SAID, WELL HATH E-SAI'AS PROPHESED OF YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONORETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. HOWBEIT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

*****I WILL NOT ROB GOD!!!!*****

BILLY B.J. FOLLOWED THAT THING ONE TIME; THINKING OF MY RIGHTS; BUT THEN ONE DAY MY LIFE CHANGED; THE DAY I MET JESUS CHRIST!!!

I FOLLOW HIM WITH MY LIFE; AND NOW IT IS SO SWEET; HE GAVE ME THE HOLY SPIRIT; AND THE POWDER TO PUT THE DEVIL UNDER MY FEET!

MATTHEW 6:24a, JESUS SAID, NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS: FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE, AND LOVE THE OTHER.

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR SEAT, ON THE CITIBUS; MY FREEDOM CAME FROM HEAVEN; GOD SAID THAT WAS ENOUGH!!!

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET BIT; BY THE POLICE DOGS; MY FREEDOM CAME CALVARY; ON THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS!!!

DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET HIT; WITH POLICE BILLIE CLUBS; MY FREEDOM CAME: WHEN GOD GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN LOVE (JESUS)!!!

JOHN 8:36, JESUS SAID, IF THE SON (JESUS) THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE-INDEED (TRULY).

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, ALWAYS. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS CHRIST ALWAYS!!!

Visions of Light Gospel Choir Schedules Workshop & Concert

The Visions of Light Gospel Choir of Texas Tech University will host its 5th Annual Founders' Day Workshop and Concert, January 28-30. The workshop will be conducted by Dove & Grammy awards winning singer, composer & national gospel recording artist, Richard Smallwood of Washington, DC. Concert special guests include the 60 voice San Antonio Youth Ensemble (San Antonio, Tx) & the Actors for Christ (Dallas, Tx).

Workshop rehearsals will be Thursday and Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the Unity Praise Center, 1809 34th St. (@ Ave. Q). Registration for the workshop is \$7.00. The concert will be Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at the Allen Theatre (on the campus of Texas Tech University). Tickets for the concert are \$10.00 and are available at the Good News bookstore and the University Center box office. Tickets may be charged by calling 806-742-3610. For more information, call 806-785-2456.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."—John 11:25

Every normal human being loves life and desires to live a long time. Life is a very precious gift from God.

Jesus Christ our Savior opened up a whole new dimension to life. Before He came to planet earth, death was referred to as the "sleep of death", the "shadow of death."

Jesus brought hope to humankind and realization that He is the Resurrection and the Life—for He conquered death. In addition, Jesus promised that those who believed in Him as the risen Christ would not "taste death". Would "never die" and would have "everlasting life."

Life at its best is a short one in the light of eternity; and a life lived for only self and for material possessions is empty. We need remember that God lives in eternity—a never-ending eternity. We live in time. God sees the whole eternal plan. We see only from earth's limited viewpoint.

"Message About The Future"

By Bro. Raymont Senn

Let us hope that this message will reach all of the peoples of the world so that they may be forewarned. The first of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse has been riding for the last two decades "as a conqueror bent on conquest" (Rev. 6:2). A much acclaimed spiritual leader is busily trying to form a one-world religion under his leadership. Once this leader ends or completes his mission, the next three horsemen will ride out in painfully swift sequence and the effect of their missions will leave fifteen hundred million people dead or dying. Neither our religious, nor our civil leaders are warning our people of these upcoming tragedies of world war, world famine, and world pestilence, so that they will not be caught by total surprise. The Scripture reveals that 25% of the earth's population will be killed and this would mean that over fifty million Americans will be killed or die of starvation and disease. The war between the nations is not the only war that is looming in the near future, for when this spiritual leader completes his mission of a one-world religion, under his leadership, he will bring those who oppose his doctrines under persecution just as the case during the dark and middle ages. He will also be powerful enough to exercise a high level of control over the one-world government already existing—the United Nations. Since the final countdown for our Lord's return is obviously beginning, I pray that those who are following any leadership other than Christ, the Scriptures, and the Holy Spirit will burn the billions of books, magazines, and newspapers that keep them in bondage to the "Synagogue of Satan" (Rev. 2:9 & 3:9) and the churches of those who are of the spirit of the antichrist. (1 Jn. 2:18, 2:22, 4:3 & 2 Jn. 1:7) Please contact the editor of your paper who has printed this article and thank him or her for they have become one of the workers of the final harvest. (Mat. 9:38)

Sincerely,
Bro. Raymont Senn
1141 8th Ave., Pleasant Grove, AL 35127, (205) 744-6581

Students Write About Their Dreams For A Better Future

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (January 5, 1999) — In celebration of Martin Luther King Day (January 18) and Black History Month (February), Lawry's Foods, Inc. announces a children's essay contest with prizes that include a one-of-a-kind family trip to Washington, D.C., the site of Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech. Lawry's "I Have A Dream, Too" essay contest supports the debut of "Our Friend, Martin," an inspiring new feature-length film about two boys who magically travel back in time and meet Dr. King at various points of his life. Presented by CBS/FOX, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment and DIC Entertainment, in association with the family of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Our Friend, Martin" premieres exclusively on home video January 12.

"I HAVE A DREAM, TOO" ESSAY CONTEST

Official contest entry forms are available on Lawry's Seasoned Salt displays in supermarkets nationwide. Kids, ages eight to 13 can submit an essay of between 100-150 words addressing the theme, "I Have A Dream, Too." Essays will be judged on originality, creativity and relevance to theme. First prize is a trip for three people to Washington, D.C. plus \$1,000 spending money and a Lawry's gift basket. One hundred "Our Friend, Martin" music CDs featuring classic Motown tunes will also be awarded. To enter, submit the essay along with Lawry's official entry form or a 3x5 card with the child's name, complete address, date of

birth and parent's/legal guardian's name and signature to: Lawry's/Fox "I Have A Dream, Too" Essay Contest, PO Box 8836, Maple Plain, MN 55593-8g36. Entries must be received by April 8, 1999.

SUPERMARKET REBATE

Shoppers who purchase Lawry's Seasoned Salt (8 oz. or 16 oz.) and the "Our Friend, Martin" video will receive a \$2.00 rebate from Lawry's, or have the option of donating the \$2.00 to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, Inc., a King Family-endorsed charity. The rebate offer is also available on Lawry's Seasoned Salt displays in-store.

OUR FRIEND, MARTIN

The first and only animated movie of its kind, "Our Friend, Martin" mixes colorful animation with actual footage of Dr. King's life, and features an all-star cast of vocal talent, including Ed Asner, Angela Bassett, Lucas Black, LeVar Burton, Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg, Samuel L. Jackson, James Earl Jones, Ashley Judd, Dexter King, Yolanda King, Robert Richard, Susan Sarandon, John Travolta, Jaleel White and Oprah Winfrey. The video retails for \$14.98 (suggested price) and is available at super, markets and video stores nationwide.

Lawry's Foods, Inc. is one of the oldest and most respected food companies in the United States, marketing more than 100 products nationally. Lawry's Seasoned Salt has become America's largest-selling spice blend with more than 10 million units sold annually.

Faith in God's great love will help us to understand that His plan for a life takes on both time and eternity. So that when a loved one suddenly leaves us, God would have us see beyond earth's horizon and catch a glimpse of our eternal home. God seems to pull back the curtain and by faith we catch a preview of our home in Heaven.

The story surrounding John 11:25 is of a twofold suffering of Mary and Martha. First, they mourned for the loss of a beloved brother. Second, they were grieved that their friend Jesus, who had healed so many others of their diseases, had failed to come in their time of need. They knew He could have healed Lazarus. Why had He failed them? They questioned Him.

When Jesus finally did come they both voice their disappointment: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

What these sisters did not realize now was is that God's timing is perfect. If He delays it is because He has a plan far greater than the plan humankind can see. He is working out His purpose in His own way.

The resurrection of Lazarus brought far greater glory to God, and exalted Jesus far more than would a healing. The miracle revealed Jesus as the Resurrection and the life—the eternal Son of God.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are out there in the community doing all they can in times like these. They are lifting up the name of Jesus all over this city and beyond. We won't see many miracles, if any, in the House of Prayer until we humble ourselves, love each other, and Repent. Only then will the Holy Spirit show up in our services, and began to do some stuff you don't have on your program agenda such as Yoke Removing Burden Bearing, Problem Solving, Habit Breaking, Cancer Removing, Blind Seeing, Demons Cast Out, and much, much more.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.; or What Makes Anger Beautiful?

by Donna Lamb, Aesthetic Realism Consultant

As we are soon to celebrate the birthday of one of the great men of the 20th century, Dr. Martin Luther King, I join with others in saying how much I respect him and it is a respect that increases the more I learn about him! I've been deeply moved by his courageous and monumentally important work for Civil Rights: organizing the Montgomery bus boycott, leading mass demonstrations against segregation in Birmingham, and the march from Selma to Montgomery for voting rights. And I learned there is even more: his passionate opposition to our unjust war in Vietnam, and his organizing of the Poor People's Campaign to bring together millions of impoverished people of all ethnicities to encamp in Washington, D.C. and force the passage of meaningful legislation to eliminate poverty. He was in the midst of this campaign when he was tragically cut down.

I also believe that the reason Martin Luther King is so loved and why each of us can learn from him now is because he had a large and sincere desire that his anger at injustice take a beautiful, kind form that would make the world better. There is hardly anything more important for us living today, for there is now, as there was during Dr. King's lifetime, enormous reason for anger! I myself am extremely angry at the racial and economic injustice that continue to plague our country.

And for the person who is subjected to these brutalities, it is extremely difficult to have an anger that isn't bitter, hateful, and damaging to oneself and perhaps to others. Not knowing how to be angry in a good way or even knowing that such a thing is possible some people can think the solution must be just not to be angry. But, as we all know, that's easier said than done! And what about all the things in the world

that are evil, mean, corrupt, and just plain wrong: how should we meet them?

Eli Siegel, the great American educator who founded the philosophy Aesthetic Realism in 1941, explained for the first time in history that there are two kinds of anger, and he delineated clearly what distinguishes them:

A good anger has like of the world in it, has respect for the world in it; and a bad or hateful anger has dislike of the world in it, or contempt for the world in it. What differentiates a handsome anger from an ugly anger is whether the anger is narrowly personal, is all for the advancement of ego in its separation, or is for something beautiful and just, sustained by space, time, and history.

I am sure that in his Civil Rights work, Martin Luther King's anger was on behalf of respect for and like of the world. And his anger has stood the test of time: now, 30 years after his death, he is seen solidly and lovingly as having had an anger that was "for something beautiful and just, sustained by space, time, and history." And I believe that the way to honor him, what Dr. King would have liked, is for us to use his life including his own personal struggle to get to a beautiful, constructive anger to see truly what kind of anger we want to have at injustice, and to go after it wholeheartedly as he did so that we, too, can feel the pride of a life well spent.

Two Kinds of Anger Early in Life

I read a very fine biography of Martin Luther King, Let the Trumpet Sound, written by Stephen B. Oates, who clearly loves Dr. King and is glad to respect him. One of the things that affected me most was seeing how hard Martin Luther King worked to have an anger he was proud of and this makes him even more beautiful.

For instance, as a preschooler growing up in Atlanta, Georgia in the early 1930s, one of his closest playmates was white. But when, at age 6, they entered separate schools, and his friend's parents told Martin he could no longer play with their son "because we are white and you are colored," he was devastated. When he went home and told his parents, they, for the first time, told him about racism, the horrors of slavery, the ugliness of segregation, and the insults they themselves endured. Writes Dr. King:

"I was greatly shocked, and from that moment on, I was determined to hate every white person."

When his parents admonished him, telling him he should love whites because it was his Christian duty, he asked, "How can I love a race of people who hate me?"

Though there was definitely a large, justifiable cause for anger, without seeing it clearly, Martin responded then the way many youths do now: by taking it out unjustly on other people who aren't to blame and don't deserve one's anger. Writes Oates:

"In sandlot games, he competed so ferociously that friends could not tell whether he was playing or fighting. In backyard football...he ran over anybody who got in his way. He also had his share of fights...and he tore into his adversary."

Martin Luther King had the battle Aesthetic Realism explains we all have between our greatest, deepest desire to like the world, and our opposing desire to have contempt defined by Eli Siegel as the "disposition in every person to think he will be for himself by making less of the outside world." Though he could, like each of us, succumb to this desire and be angry in a way that was not beautiful, his hope to know and like the world, to find meaning in things was tremendous. For instance, he loved

learning at school, he was very studious and advanced rapidly.

But the fact is that day-to-day life in the South was and still too much for a Black person, a constant provocation to anger. With the insupportably brutal Jim Crow statutes which were tantamount to official authorization for whites to commit freely any atrocity against African-Americans including gross economic exploitation and murder, all of which went unpunished, courts of law a Black person in Dixie would have had to be very enlightened to know how not to yield to rage in some way.

A Turning Point

In high school Martin Luther King had an experience that affected him very much and, I believe, made for deeper thought about anger at racism and what direction he wanted his life to take. With a teacher, he attended an oratorical contest held in a distant Georgia town which he won speaking on "The Negro and the Constitution." He wrote that afterwards on a bus returning to Atlanta, as the two of them were full of excitement:

"The white driver ordered us to give the whites our seats. We didn't move quickly enough to suit him, so he began cursing us, calling us 'black sons-of-bitches.' I intended to stay right in that seat, but Mrs. Bradley finally urged me up, saying we had to obey the law. And so we stood up in the aisle for the 90 miles to Atlanta."

And he said: "That night will never leave my memory. It was the angriest I have ever felt in my life."

Martin Luther King deserves to be loved and respected forever for the fact that instead of doing what would have been so easy and quite understandable using this incident and others like it to have an ugly anger that was, as Mr. Siegel described "narrowly

personal...all for the advancement of ego in its separation" he went in the direction of using it to have the anger which is described magnificently by Ellen Reiss, Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism, in the international periodical The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known titled "Anger, Kindness, and Beauty":

"In a good anger, we are interested in justice in everything, not just interested in some personal wound...Even if we are objecting to how we are treated, we feel, this person's unkindness to us was an injustice to humanity, earth, reality itself: we're not trying to level someone or even the score."

And, writes Oates, shortly after this incident:

"He entered Morehouse (College) in search of a useful profession that might enable him to help his people. He felt a burning need to heal blacks, to break their bonds, to emancipate them. He considered becoming a physician, then a lawyer."

Anger and the Desire to Know

Martin Luther King's desire to understand the cause of racism, the source of this evil in order to find the best way of fighting it, was not only passionate but exceedingly scholarly. In 1948 at the youthful age of 19, he graduated from Morehouse with a degree in sociology and was ordained a Baptist minister. He then enrolled in Crozier Theological Seminary where he earned a divinity degree. After graduating valedictorian with a full scholarship to any school he wanted, he chose Boston University, where he received his doctorate in Systematic Theology. While there, his tremendous desire for knowledge led him to take additional courses at nearby Harvard University as well.

But at each of these institutes, as he searched for a philosophical method to eliminate social evils and oppose

injustice without violence, Dr. King was not content just to follow the school's prescribed curriculum. He conducted wide-ranging studies on his own. In addition to studying many different theologians, Christian ethics, comparative religion, and the psychology of religion, he poured over ancient, medieval, and modern philosophy, and examined history and the differing schools of thought, as to economics and politics.

How I wish Dr. King could have known what Eli Siegel explained about the cause of racism: it is the desire to have contempt for what is different from oneself "as a means of self-increase as one sees it." And I wish he could have known, too, how utterly, passionately Mr. Siegel was against prejudice, as he was against every other form of injustice, for I believe it could have encouraged and strengthened Dr. King. But as he was so earnestly searching for answers, the press was boycotting Aesthetic Realism, and cruelly keeping this knowledge from reaching people.

Dr. King didn't want to fight the injustice of racism with more injustice, and he also felt very strongly that the method by which a beautiful goal was accomplished had to be beautiful, too. He was also looking for a way to be utterly for something justice as he was fervently against something injustice. He was going, I believe, for what Miss Reiss describes so exactly:

"In a beautiful anger, we care for the world itself so much that we want to oppose any injustice to it; and the feeling of deeply, passionately being for is inextricable from the feeling of dislike."

How Martin Luther King, Jr. went on to express his anger at injustice is one of the courageous, thrilling stories of our time, and next week I will look at one tremendous instance: his first major Civil Rights action, the Montgomery bus boycott.

The Life, the Times, the Achievements of MLK

Courtesy of the Los Angeles Sentinel, December 1998.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., a Southern Baptist minister, author, and undoubtedly one of the most effective civil rights leaders in this nation's history, preached universal love and brotherhood, and led nonviolent demonstrations and sit-ins all over the country for racial equality.

King was born on Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Ga., the middle child of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta King. As a young man, King had an insatiable thirst for knowledge. Throughout his academic career, he maintained an exceptionally high scholastic standing; his brilliance enabled him to skip three grades and enter Morehouse College in 1944, at the age of fifteen. After receiving a B.A. in sociology from Morehouse at nineteen, he followed in his father's footsteps and in 1951 graduated with an "A" average from Crozier Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He later became an ordained minister and by 1955 had completed his dissertation in philosophy and was awarded a Ph.D. from Boston University. In 1953, King's father officiated at his marriage to Coretta Scott. The couple later had four children, Yolanda Denise, Martin Luther III, Dexter Scott and Bernice Albertine. Dr. King was his father's assistant pastor at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and eventually became the full-time pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. King's rise to national prominence began in December, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., when one tired, black woman, Rosa Parks,

this crisis resulted in 1956 U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring Alabama's bus segregation laws unconstitutional. During the interim, King and his followers suffered undue harassment. King was arrested for staging an "illegal boycott." When the boycott ended, King was among the first to board the newly desegregated buses. This victory established him as a prominent civil rights leader and spokesman for black people. Shortly thereafter, with a group of Southern ministers, King organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 to further advance black equality. Edward Nixon and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy held high ranking positions in the organization.

Dr. King led nonviolent demonstrations for open housing, jobs and educational opportunities for blacks across the nation. He also spoke out against the war in Vietnam. When King preached love for the oppressor, walking hand-in-hand with the poor and abused, people grew to love and respect him, and thousands flocked to him in support of the black cause. Realizing that the civil rights movement was behind them, college students united and started read-ins in public libraries, waded in municipal swimming pools, eat-ins at lunch counters, and stand-ins in movie houses. In 1960, it was reported that the NAACP spent 40 percent of its annual budget toward the defense of nearly 2,000 student protesters awaiting trial.

Although Dr. King walked in a Godly way and preached love for his fellow man, the blood of black and white Americans once again drenched the flag of democracy. Civil rights leaders were assassinated systematically; college stu-

with violating Florida's "unwanted guest law." On another occasion, he was sent to a Georgia State prison which resulted in a national outcry from the American people. In times of crises, King never lost sight of his dream nor his commitment to non-violence. "Let no man drag you so low as to hate" he would say. Along with a strong belief in the doctrine of Christianity, King held the teachings of nonviolence by Thoreau and Gandhi in high regard. He pleaded that blacks should not seek to satisfy their thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

In 1963, King and other black leaders organized one of the greatest demonstrations in the history of the nation—"The March On Washington." He spoke to a crowd of 250,000 people, dramatizing the shameful plight of black Americans

over the 100 years since the signing of the "Emancipation Proclamation." Standing before the Lincoln Memorial, King gave his most eloquent "I Have a Dream" address, which touched the souls of every American. He stated that "100 years later, blacks still are not free... Their lives are still crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.... Blacks live on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity." He further said, "Now is the time for America to make real her promise of democracy for all of her children." In 1964, King watched President Lyndon B. Johnson sign a comprehensive Civil Rights Bill which had been submitted previously by President John F. Kennedy. Dr. King's last demonstration was on March 28, 1968, when he led more

than 6,000 protesters through downtown Memphis in support of a sanitation workers strike. On April 4, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated as he stood talking with friends on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. He was survived by his wife, Coretta Scott King, four children, both parents, a sister and a brother. Funeral services at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta were attended by thousands, including national and state officials and entertainers.

For his outstanding contributions, King received more than 300 honors and awards. In 1964, he and Mrs. King traveled to Sweden where he received the world's highest honor—the Nobel Peace Prize. He kept the plaque, but donated the accompanying \$54,000 to the SCLC for furthering the movement. "Time Magazine" named him "Man of the

Year," and the NAACP awarded him the Spingarn medal "Stride Toward Freedom," "Strength to Love" and "Where Do We Go From Here" are a few of the books he authored. In 1968, Ras Al Khaima, an Arabian state, issued the first postage stamp in King's honor. Since that time, 22 countries have honored him with stamps, and the United States Postal Service has issued 166,435,000 commemorative stamps.

In 1977, nine years after his death, the United States honored him with the nation's highest civilian award the Medal of Freedom. January 1986 marked the beginning of the official national observance of Dr. King's birthday. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left this comforting message with his people: "We as a people will get to the Promised Land."



said, "No, I will not go to the back of the bus." For refusing to relinquish her seat to a white man, Mrs. Parks was jailed. Word of her arrest traveled all over Montgomery and within five days, the Montgomery Improvement Association was organized with Dr. King as president. To bring about a change in a long standing practice, King advised the people not to ride the Montgomery buses. A boycott was organized and for over a year (381 days), blacks picketed white businesses and refused to use public transportation. The cohesiveness of blacks during

dents were murdered and secretly buried; little children were victims of bombings in Southern black churches; peaceful demonstrators were harassed by policemen with fire hoses; German shepherd dogs, trained to kill, were unleashed against the peaceful marchers. Dr. King himself was brutalized and arrested more than 30 times; his home was bombed, and his life and those of his family were threatened. He and sixteen other SCLC members were arrested for staging an eat-in in an exclusive restaurant in St. Augustine and were charged



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