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"How Do You Feel About African Americans Receiving Reparations?"

The NAACP has strongly endorsed H.R. 40, legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to study reparations for America's enslavement of blacks. The NAACP has placed it at the top of its 1999-2000 legislative agenda. "We need to be pushing the issue, starting a grassroots movement, leading an education and information campaign, and it will happen," says NAACP spokesperson Marie Davis. H.R. 40 would establish a commission to review the institution of slavery and the resulting racial and economic discrimination against African Americans. "The bill would also acknowledge the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality and inhumanity of slavery," said NAACP President Kwame Mfume. A lobbying effort and class-action suit is being organized by the Washington, D.C.-based Committee to Support the Reparations Study Bill. Information on how you can participate toward gaining reparations and attention to the subject by your local, county and state officials can be obtained by writing or faxing to: Attorney Norman Robinson, 405 16th Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003 - Fax (202) 547-1992.

Civil Rights Community Unites Behind Saving Community Reinvestment Act

Civil Rights groups, led by The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, are supporting the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) the U.S. Senate seeks to weaken. The law currently encourages financial institutions to lend money in communities where they are located. CRA laws have been instrumental in stimulating economic development and makes it possible for residents in underserved areas to obtain mortgage, small business and other loans. In 1977, Congress enacted CRA to ensure that banks invest in the communities where they collect deposits. CRA-related investments have helped to revitalize distressed communities, increased rates of black and urban homeownership and grew small businesses.

Low Down Payments Make Homeownership Easier To Achieve

More first-time buyers are achieving the dream of homeownership than ever before. More than 66.9 percent of American families own homes, as do a record 5.9 million (46.9 percent) African Americans. Much of this advancement toward the American Dream is a result of flexible financing that allows lower down payments. The average first-time homebuyer puts less than 5 percent down at closing. Anyone with an interest in buying a first home whether they have considerable savings or not, should explore the possibilities of qualifying for a loan. The initial investment is often much less than people expect. For many first-time buyers, the key to an affordable home-buying experience is an FHA (Federal Housing Administration) or VA (Veterans Administration) loan. Both types of mortgages require from zero to 3 percent to qualify. Many lenders also offer conventional loans which require as little as 3 percent down. For information on these programs and how to take advantage of them, a directory of current real estate and development opportunities is available from the International Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

A Memorable Kodak Moment

Two thousand Eastman Kodak minority and female workers will receive \$13 million in retroactive and current pay raises after the company settled out of court for past discrimination. In addition to the settlement, Kodak fired a number of supervisors who were connected with the discriminatory and prejudicial treatment that caused the workers harm and Rochester NAACP Chapter involvement after the case was brought to them by workers.

Talkin' Trash

America produces more garbage than any other nation. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that, on average, we produce 4.4 pounds of garbage a day for a total of 237 million tons in 1997. The cost of handling garbage is the fourth largest item in many cities' budgets - close behind education, police and fire protection.

News From Washington: Many Black GOPers Go With Money Man

The wealthiest of the Republican presidential candidates, Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes, recently named an African American, Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell, as his National Campaign Chairman. Now, Forbes has named black Omaha businessman Herman Cain as one of his campaign co-chairs. Cain, president of the National Restaurant Association and chairman of Godfather Pizza Inc., has long been active in GOP circles.

The Black Business Exchange accepts information via mail at: 2034 National Press Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20045 - E-Mail: bbex@blackbiz.com

Richardson Talking It Over With Gov. Bush

Recently at the Seminar for Texas State Board Members in Austin, Texas, Eddie P. Richardson, left, is seen talking it over with Governor George W. Bush. Also attending this seminar were other state board members, key staff members of Governor Bush, and other expert consultants in state government.

Richardson, who is co-publisher of the Southwest Digest and a member of the Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission, was elated over the one day seminar at the State Capitol.

The photo with Governor Bush was taken in a reception at Governor's Mansion, which followed the seminar.



Reverend Al Sharpton One Of 200 Arrested in St. Louis Protest

New York, NY (July '99) - Reverend Al Sharpton, President of the National Action Network (NAN), and one of America's foremost civil rights and political leaders was among 200 demonstrators who shut down Interstate 70 in St. Louis, Missouri, on Monday, July 12, 1999, to protest the Missouri Highway Department's contracting practices.

According to Sharpton and other St. Louis demonstrators, minority-owned companies are being excluded from highway contracts across the country and people of color aren't being hired for construction jobs. Approximately \$130 million is being spent to refurbish Interstate 70, and the state department's 14% goal for minority contracting is not enough for projects in St. Louis, where census figures show the city's population is almost evenly split between Black and white residents. The protest in St. Louis was the largest act of civil disobedience in recent history and will have national ramifications for employment discrimination across the country.

The St. Louis demonstration was part of a series of ongoing rallies that Rev. Sharpton has initiated to protest police racial profiling, corporate racial profiling, police brutality, banking discrimination, and labor

and employment discrimination. Earlier this week, Sharpton and the Mayor of Boston, Thomas Menino, took part in a public hearing to oppose discrimination against minority bankers in the city of Boston where a pending merger between Fleet Financial Group and Bank Boston threatens to isolate minority bankers and customers.

Sharpton has emerged as one of the major political spokespeople for the Black leadership in the country and is an advocate for virtually every significant cause for civil liberty, community empowerment and economic equality. Some of his recent speaking engagements include the keynote address at the NAACP's "Youth Freedom Fund Dinner" on July 14th; an appearance at The Indiana Black Expo on Friday, July 16th; and he addressed the National Bar Association in Philadelphia at the end of the month.

According to Edward Lewis, the CEO and Publisher of Essence Magazine, the nation's pre-eminent magazine for Black women, "Sharpton is the renaissance man and torchbearer for civil rights who will lead us into the next century. He is a man who has evolved from Brooklyn preacher to viable candidate for the U.S. Senate. From local action campaigns against drug



dealers to national projects such as "Second Chance," a program for non-violent felony offenders who have served their prison sentences. People call Rev. Sharpton, because they know he'll listen, and they know he'll act."

Sharpton's National Action Network fights for progressive social policies, economic support for small businesses, and seeks to eliminate economic injustice, political inequity and corporate racism. His efforts with NAN include the first-ever Invitational Summit on Multicultural Markets and Media - held in January 1999 in New York - which brought together more than 200 advertising, marketing and media leaders. The event provided a unique learning opportunity for executives to grow brands and profits in a dramatically changing demographic environment.



This is a photo of Frankie Wise. Frankie is almost 11 years old and has a devastating disease called: Ataxia Telangiectasia (or A-T for short)

This disease is unrelenting. There is no cure and the only treatment is exercise, both physical and mental. A-T has already taken Frankie's ability to walk or stand without assistance. It will soon take his ability to speak clearly, to focus his eyes and read, and will eventually cause him to lose control of his muscles. A-T will render his immune system unable to protect him from the slightest illness. A cold will become life threatening for Frankie.

Frankie comes from a traditional home with a modest income. But A-T has had its impact on that, too. Frankie's family has exhausted their personal funds. They had borrowed to their limits to provide their son with health care needs and treatments before getting a final diagnosis of this devastating illness. Since then, each new stage of this progressive disease has brought additional needs with additional expenses.

From small repairs to large projects, the Wise family worries about his safety in their home as well as his therapy and sanitary needs. Frankie's newly installed handicap accessible bathroom toilet is loosening from the floor and with his increasing need for support must have a permanent and stable handrail. The front door to the home is the only entrance Frankie can use from the driveway where the wheelchair lift van is parked and that door must be widened for his wheelchair. Because his wheelchair gets stuck in the lawn at the bottom of the front door ramp, the concrete driveway must be widened and extended to meet the front porch. Closing in an old patio off the family living room would provide a 6' X 10' computer room to house the computer equipment which is increasingly important to Frankie's education and communication.

His family usually sets up an inexpensive, K-Mart model, 3' deep, straight-sided swimming pool in the back yard for Frankie's water therapy which has always helped him to stretch and exercise muscles that have tightened as the disease has progressed. This summer, the aging pool has deteriorated and this beneficial form of exercise will be unavailable to him.

Frankie has always been an important part of his family. He loves to play games and work puzzles with his brothers. Their home has already undergone simple but expensive modifications just to make Frankie's living environment safer and more accessible for him. But still, doors, rooms and halls have to be widened, weatherized, or converted and special equipment installed for his benefit. The Wise family can't even begin to afford these construction projects. They can only ask others to help with donations, materials, labor and needed equipment to help adapt their home for their youngest son.

If you are willing to help Frankie's family help keep his quality of life on track, and his surroundings accessible for him, we would be grateful if you would contact his mother, Pat Wise (806) 797-0630 or through his website at www.frankiewise.org and www.cyber-mallusa.com/frankie.

A fund has also been set up at Plains National Bank in Frankie Wise's name to help with his expenses.

Congratulations To A Couple Married 49 Years: Otho and Ethel Childers



Otho and Ethel Childers were married July 21, 1950 in the home of Ethel's aunt, Lonnie Knowles, by Rev. Ramsey on Date Avenue, which was a short distance from where they presently reside.

Born to Otho and Ethel were five children. Prior to marrying, Otho had a daughter, Minnie Ruth, who is now

deceased. She gave birth to two children, Sharon and Darrel.

Otho and Ethel children are Curtis Wayne, Carey Don, Karen Jeanese, Kathy O'Wan and Kirby Wendell. There are fourteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and the

list is growing.

We, the family of Otho and Ethel Childers, would like to say "We love you" and "appreciate each of you." May God's blessing continue. A special thanks from your two daughters-in-law, Joyce and Grace.

Public Invited To Attend Early Settlers Round-Up

Members of the East Lubbock Early Settlers Round-Up Committee are inviting the general public to this year's event which will be held Thursday evening, August 26, 1999 at Mae Simmons Community Center, East 23rd Street & Oak Avenue. It is set to begin at 6:00 p.m.

The committee wishes to

say "Thank You!" for the assistance which has been given for the past twenty-two years. They want you to know your aid, both monetary and spiritual, helped with the great success so far.

Tickets are required for each plate for \$5.00 each. Fins and Hens will be catering the evening meal.



Marian Wright Edelman, founder of Stand For Children and president of the Children's Defense Fund assists with the construction of a playground at the Community of Hope at Savannah Gardens in Southeast Washington, DC. This neighborhood playground construction in partnership with KaBOOM!, a national non-profit that builds playgrounds, kicked off the Washington, DC mobilization of Stand For Healthy Children.

On the weekend of June 1st, hundreds of thousands of people across America united in 575 local Stand For Children events in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Health fairs, rallies, immunization campaigns, playground builds, food drives and other activities were held to focus national attention on the health needs of children.

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. Pastor Moton and members extend a cordial invitation to anyone who maybe looking for a church home. Come and be blessed!

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Assistant Superintendent Bernetta Cooper presiding. All teachers and students were at their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instructions. At 10:15 a.m., all reassembled in the main auditorium marching and singing "What A Fellowship." Prayer was given by Brother Harry Stokley.

High points of the morning lesson were given by members of the Adult Classes. Sister Joan Jones closed the discussion with some very good points.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — the Junior Class and Senior Class retained the banners.

Adult Department; Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner.

With the theme: "If You Have Faith Enough, God Has Power To do It," the Prayer Team conducted a very inspirational prayer session. Sister Howard read the scripture and Brother Swain gave the prayer. What a time!

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing "Lord, Help Me To Hold Out." They all came to really praise the Lord! These men sung out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Lord, We Lift Up Your Name High," was sung. Brother Robert Cork read Psalms 37, and Brother Earnest Swain gave the prayer. Another song, "I'll Go If I Have To Go Alone."

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing, and led by Brother A. J. Howard. The morning hymn was "Where Could I Go But To The Lord," and was really sung.

In his pastoral observations, Pastor Moton asked the question: "Where could I go without the Lord?" After the singing of "I'm So Glad I Found Jesus," the hymn of preparation was "There Is A Fountain."

Pastor Moton used as his morning theme "It's No Secret What God Can Do." His scripture text was St. Mark 2:7-24. Pastor Moton led the congregation to the throne of grace. Thank God! Radio listeners, Pastor Moton made up for the times you didn't get to hear all of his message. We are glad too! Thank God!

The invitation to discipleship was extended and they came for baptism and Christina experience.

Sister Dora Johnson enjoyed her daughter, Linda, over the weekend. She resides now in Arlington, Texas.

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill. Among them are some we know about and others we don't know about. Keep praying.

It was good to see Sister Winnie Knighton in church services last Sunday morning. Also Brother Charles Jackson who was able to attend church services last Sunday morning.

Sister Clara Colquitt was shut-in last Sunday morning, and was unable to attend church services.

Let us continue to pray for our bereaved families. Among them is the brother of Brother Ollie Guy, Jim, who passed away here last Friday, July 30, 1999. A Jehovah's Witness, services were held Monday, August 2, 1999 at the Kingdom Hall.

The West Texas District Association will be held August 3 thru 5, 1999 in Odessa, Texas.

Sharonda Hines and two daughters of Ft. Carson, Colorado are visiting relatives in the "Hub City" this week. Sister Clara Blakemore is her grandmother and Sister Patricia Blacknell is her mother.

Ask the AG: Y2K Ready

Q: I read a newspaper article about Y2K issues in the Child Support Division and am now a little concerned. What are you doing to make sure that child support checks are not delayed by the Y2K problem?

A: I am very aware of the concerns that custodial and non-custodial parents have about the Y2K bug and its possible effect on their child support payments. My administration has taken extraordinary steps since January to ensure the child support computer system will be Y2K compliant.

The Texas Department of Information Resources recently announced that the Attorney General's office had been removed from the Y2K "At Risk" list. As of May 1, 1999, the Child Support Division was 96 percent ready. We are estimating that the system will be fully compliant by mid-summer.

We will contract with an independent verification and validation service to test our system over the summer. Through this process, we hope to find and repair any remaining problems with the child support computer system.

In addition to readying the child support computers for the year 2000, we are completing contingency plans for handling any potential Y2K problems with outside organizations linked to our system.

Please be assured that my staff and our consultants will work through the course of the year to ensure that no child support checks are delayed or lost as a result of Y2K.

Q: My checks are frequently "hung up" in the child support computer system. Why does this keep happening and what are you doing, if anything, to fix the problem?

A: I understand your frustration with the system and the delay you have experienced in receiving your checks. We have already begun to identify and address the problems in the system that cause delays in payment to occur.

The computer programs handling the finances for the child support system are needlessly complicated. The Child Support Division is working on a



plan to revise the system. Our goal is to minimize both the number of checks that get held and the length of time they are held.

We will also change the policies causing payments to be held unnecessarily. Currently, if the computer system shows that no payments are due, the system will either hold any extra money that has been received until the next month or return the payment to the non-custodial parent. This does not allow non-custodial parents to make early or extra payments to their children.

However, the problems with the payment system are not rooted solely in the computer system. In many cases, the Office of the Attorney General is unable to distribute money because we cannot locate the custodial parent or the non-custodial parent in the case of a refund.

Members of my staff have been working to locate parents who have checks waiting for them. When I assumed office on January 1, 1999, the Child Support Division had \$16.3 million in held funds. Since then, we have disbursed \$10.4 million.

Custodial and non-custodial parents should always report address, telephone number and employment changes to the Child Support field office handling their case. This will facilitate the appropriate disbursement of payments.

If you have any questions regarding your child support case, call us at (800) 252-8014. Further information on the Child Support Division is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.



The Coca-Cola Company served as "presenting" sponsor of the 34th Annual Essence Music Festival, a traditional three-day Fourth of July celebration of music, entertainment and empowerment held in New Orleans. In special recognition of the 5th Anniversary of the Essence Music Festival, Ingrid Saunders Jones, center (with hat), vice president corporate external affairs, The Coca-Cola Company presents a commemorative Coca-Cola bottle to Essence Communications, Inc. (ECI) principals.

Pictured left-right are: Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief, Essence Magazine; Clarence Smith, president and chief operating officer, ECI; Ed Lewis, publisher and chief executive officer, ECI, and New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial.

Coca-Cola has been the exclusive soft drink and presenting sponsor of the Essence Music Festival for the past two years.

34 Korean Students Visit LCU

LUBBOCK, TX—July 27, 1999—This afternoon 34 students, two sponsors and three radio reporters from the Christian Broadcasting Service—all from Korea—arrived for a two week stay in Lubbock as guests of Lubbock Christian University. The students are all from Korea Christian University a school of about 1500 students located in Seoul. They are here as a part of a program called The American Democracy Bell Program. The aim of the program is to introduce the students to American culture, democracy, and values. The students are housed in Christian homes throughout Lubbock.

Another aim of the program is to help these students with English, geography, and history. Toward this goal, students will attend classes for 2 1/2 hours each weekday in these subject areas taught by LCU professors. The rest of their time will be spent learning about West Texas culture.

In addition to their classes, many special events are planned for the group. They plan to spend a day at a working ranch and the museum in Crosbyton. They'll attend the musical "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon and be special guests at a concert/ice cream social at the Ranching Heritage Center here in Lubbock on August 8. They'll even get to spend an afternoon shopping at the South Plains Mall. By the time they depart Lubbock, on August 9, they should have made many West Texas memories to last a lifetime.

Dr. Dan Hardin of LCU, who happens to be one of the founders of Korea Christian University, is coordinating the visit. As a matter of fact, KCU opened its doors in April 1958 just about the same time as LCU. Dr. Hardin has been able to watch both schools grow and prosper. According to Dr. Hardin, "For LCU, this is an opportunity to reach out to a sister institution half-way around the world. For me, this is a very special event. As I retire, I have an opportunity to host about the same number of KCU students that we had in that first class 40 years ago. To see two institutions where I worked for 20 years each work together like this is a great thrill."

SPC Fall Registration Dates Announced

LEVELLAND, TEXAS -- Fall registration at South Plains College begins Aug. 23-24 at the SPC Reese Center, 9730 Reese Blvd. in Lubbock.

Enrollment at SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Ave., will be Aug. 26.

Sign-up at SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main, will be Aug. 25 for returning students and Aug. 26 for new students.

Classes at all three locations begin Aug. 30. Late registration is Aug. 30-Sept. 3. A late fee of \$15 and an add/drop fee of \$5 will be charged.

Fall catalogs for 1999-2000 are also available.

A variety of classes will also be offered this fall through the Internet. Internet courses offered at SPC Levelland include Agriculture Finance, General Biology, Composition I, Composition II, Technical Writing, American Literature, World Literature I, World Literature II, American Government Organization, History of the U.S. to 1876, Texas History, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development and Current Social Problems.

SPC Lubbock will offer Introduction to Computers, Basic Programming, Language Programming and Keyboarding/Skillbuilding through the

Internet. To obtain a catalog or fall class schedule, contact SPC Levelland at 806-894-9611, ext. 2373, SPC Lubbock at 747-0576, ext. 4660, or the SPC Reese Center at 747-0576, ext. 2901.



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Hometown News



Air Force Airman
Kristine M. Cornelius has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Cornelius is the daughter of Gordon C. Cornelius of 2810 Emerson Lane, Midland, Texas, and sister of Karie E. Cornelius of 6302 Elgin Ave., Lubbock, Texas.

She is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School.



Air Force Airman
Ramzi B. White has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

White is the son of Nina K. White of 2612 75th St., Lubbock, Texas.

The airman is a 1998 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.



Army Pvt.
Quincy E. White Jr. has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

White is the son of Quincy E. and Ruby White of 6604 Norfolk, Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1997 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.



Army Pfc.
Juan D. Zaragoza has deployed to Tuzla in Bosnia to participate in Operation Joint Forge as a member of Task Force Eagle. The U.S. has servicemembers assigned to several mission support bases and camp sites in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Operation Joint Forge, formerly referred to as Operation Joint Guard/Endeavor/ Determined Effort, is a NATO-sponsored joint, multinational peace-keeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A coalition of military forces from 19 countries is supporting the effort designed to promote the peace process, Dayton Accords, inked in December 1995 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Zaragoza is the son of Juan D. Zaragoza Sr. of Rural Route 1, Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1995 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Lubbock.

Rep. Jackson Offers Prayers For JFK, Jr.

With a heavy heart, Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. today acknowledged the worst — that John F. Kennedy, Jr., his wife Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy and sister-in-

law Lauren Bessette have apparently perished in an airplane accident near Martha's Vineyard on their way to a happy occasion, the wedding of his cousin.

Rep. Jackson said, "It is just beyond belief that tragedy has again struck the Kennedy family. My heart is broken and my prayers go out to both the Kennedy and Bessette families. At this time, I have a special place in my heart for my recent colleague in the House, former Rep. Joe Kennedy and my current colleague in the House, Rep. Patrick Kennedy, and in the Senate, Senator Edward Kennedy.

Democratic National Convention in Atlanta in 1988 when he introduced his uncle, Senator Ted Kennedy, and I introduced my father, the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Most recently, I was with JFK, Jr. about a month ago at the US-Air Arena. We both participated in a BMW-George Magazine co-sponsored fund-raiser — Polis vs. Pundits — during which they faced BMWs on behalf of women's breast cancer research. Even though he had a cast on his leg, we had a great time. We laughed, we talked, we took pictures together, and we talked about serving together for a term on a 9-member advisory policy committee — he was to have been the chairman — at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Senator Kennedy had invited me to serve on the committee and I had agreed to do so.

Jackson concluded, "None of us know what tomorrow holds, but through our faith we can know who holds tomorrow."

Jackson Introduces "World Tibet Day"

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. today introduced H. Con. Res. 136 supporting July 10th as World Tibet Day (WTD). He was joined by a bipartisan group of 24 cosponsors. First organized in 1998, this year's WTD was celebrated in fifty-one cities in ten countries, including thirty-one cities in twenty-one states in the U.S. Last year only five cities participated. Well over a thousand houses of worship of many faith traditions joined the Interfaith Call for Freedom of Worship in Tibet and for Universal Religious Freedom.

Rep. Jackson said, "I hope this Concurrent Resolution will help to stimulate an even broader celebration of WTD in the U.S. and beyond so that many more people will become aware of the plight of Tibetans. Coming from a deeply religious home that placed a high value on human rights, I know that the denial of religious, cultural and political freedom anywhere is a threat to religious, cultural and political freedom everywhere.

"In the 1950s and 60s, when our country was preoccupied with a struggle over civil rights at home, on the other side of the globe the Tibetan people were being invaded, annexed and repressed by the Chinese during this same period. July 10th is linked to the birthday of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. The spirit and purpose of WTD is to celebrate the unique beauty of Tibetan

culture, honoring His Holiness, and making a strong statement for the restoration of religious, cultural and political freedom to the Tibetan people. This is a just cause that the American people must join."

"Since 1950, over one-sixth of the Tibetan population has died — 1.2 million people — and over 6,000 monasteries have been destroyed. In 1960, Nobel Laureate, the Dalai Lama, established the 'Department of Religion and Culture' as part of the Tibetan government-in-exile, to preserve and promote the religious and cultural heritage of the Tibetan people. Tibetans are in danger of having their unique culture, religion and even their lives completely extinguished. The human rights violations committed by the Chinese towards the Tibetan people include torture, arbitrary arrest, and denial of freedom of religion and speech, and Tibetan lands are quickly being overrun by the migration of ethnic Chinese.

"I hope that this resolution will serve to encourage all Americans to remember the Tibetan people who have spent almost 50 years struggling against oppression and trying to spread their message of peace. We should join with them and recognize World Tibet Day through this concurrent resolution as a humble measure of support for their ongoing struggle.

"We are reminded that the Bible says that 'God will not give you more than we can bear.' Clearly, the Kennedy family has had to endure great pain and suffering. While the weight is often heavy, the burden is made lighter when we can lean on God for strength and guidance, rely on our spiritual strength and call on our faith to sustain us in such trying times. My prayers and the prayers of my family are lifted up for the Kennedy and Bessette families.

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THIS N THAT

EARLY SETTLERS ROUND-UP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! THIS N THAT THAT has a very informative discussion with the PRESIDENT of the EAST LUBBOCK EARLY SETTLERS ROUND-UP MRS. ANNIE SANDERS She admits she wants to DO SOME GREATER THINGS for this annual affair which brings SENIOR CITIZENS to Mae Simmons Community Center As a matter of fact last year which was the largest in attendance will celebrate TWENTY-TWO YEARS of success This annual affair began with the organization by two deceased Black brothers MR. GEORGE WOODS AND MR. JAMES CRAVEN It is just good to see it still GROWING because of your help This year this affair will be held at the MAE SIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER On Thursday evening AUGUST 26, 1999 beginning at 6:00 p. m. TICKETS are only \$5.00 As in the past local organizations and churches are asked to PURCHASE TICKETS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS THIS N THAT would hope this spirit will continue this year The EAST LUBBOCK EARLY SETTLERS ROUND-UP COMMITTEE meets each TUESDAY EVENING at 5:00 p. m. at the MAE SIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER So why not take your CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION by Your help will be most appreciated HELP MAKE THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL EVENT bigger than last year! Will you help? Hope so!!

INTERESTED IN BLACK ART? THIS N THAT wants to advise that if you are INTERESTED in some sort of BLACK ART even if you are an artist to contact MRS. VIVIAN COOKE at (806) 763-8349... THIS N THAT has seen so many talented BLACK ARTIST and now is the time to get some of them exposed If you are an artist let's GET INVOLVED and do it today!!

DIDJAKNOW?? THIS N THAT asks the question: "HOW MANY YEARS HAS SOUTHWEST DIGEST been a weekly Black publication? Well the answer is come September 9, 1999 will began our TWENTY-THIRD YEAR Just think in another two years it will become a QUARTER OF A CENTURY 25 YEARS OLD Hopefully this publication will really have a GIANT CELEBRATION.

CAVIEL PHARMACY WILL BE 40 YEARS OLD! THIS N THAT is hoping the OWNERS of CAVIEL PHARMACY 1719 Avenue A will celebrate FORTY YEARS OF business come December, 2000 THIS N THAT and the SOUTHWEST DIGEST will be looking forward to HELPING THEM celebrate We're just plain old PROUD OF THEM and what they have stood for over the years HANG IN THERE AL & BILLIE CAVIEL Surely there are some VALUABLE PHOTOS we can run that is in a SPECIAL ISSUE of the Southwest Digest and of course some other events More later OK???

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "The SIZE OF A MAN OR WOMAN can be MEASURED by the size of the THING that makes HIM OR HER angry"

We Have To Keep Moving On!!

By Eddie P. Richardson

For too long, our communities have been denied to become self sustaining market places. They should and could be the leadership and initiatives must come from within, by us, for the good of all of us.

We need to create more positive images in our communities. We need our own role models who look like us. This is necessary so we can relate. If this is done, the prostitute, poison drug dealers, pimps and other shady characters won't have a place to light in our community. We need male teachers, especially pre-school and elementary schools, carpenters, brick layers, firemen, plumbers, electricians, policemen and other visible professions. This is a must!

We need more Black business people competing at the market place in a positive competitive manner. We have to learn to work with, form marriages and partnerships with business and industry.

We need to move away from government give aways and handouts, and became partners with business and industry. You see, my brothers and sister, grants are drying up, while business and industry is the mighty ocean which owns ghetto, suburbia, inner city, Republican Party, Democrat Party, and the whole shouting match.

When you don't have anything, it is just plain stupid to try to fight everything. There's no need to try and make good decent people spend their own money where you want them to do so, and what you want them to spend.

This is especially stupid when you have nothing to offer by making things much better. You must keep in mind, if you want to be part of the situation, you have to do your share in a very positive manner. That is, if you want to make things better. You have to give up something if you want something. You must remember, first and important-



ly, you have to have credibility for someone to even notice or listen to you.

The answer to our problem is we have to want to work together collectively in a positive manner by working with others who have concerns for our neighborhoods, and quit supporting those who do not respect our communities. Support those who support your cause and hold your money from them who do not. Now that's the best fight you can put up, because you cannot win a war with a cap pistol.

DEAR EDITOR:

July 20, 1999

Editor
Lubbock Southwest Digest
902 E. 28th Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Dear Editor,

The cyclists and crew of the Journey of Hope cross country cycling team would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of Lubbock for helping make this year's Journey of Hope a great success.

The 1999 Journey of Hope team, along with corporate

sponsorships from Superior Bank, KRG Capital Partners, Saturn Corporation, White Cap Inc., Diversified Electronics, Bank of America, and AT&T Wireless Services raised over \$300,000 for Push America.

In addition to this, we received local sponsorships from Lubbock High School, Saturn of Lubbock, and the Lubbock Police Department.

While in Lubbock, the participants of the Journey of Hope were able to establish volunteer relationships with local organizations, such as Lubbock State School, which

help support people with disabilities. These efforts are the heart and soul of the Journey of Hope and Push America.

The cyclists, crew, and project managers of the Journey of Hope would like to send their sincere thanks to the people of Lubbock. We hope to involve you in all of our future efforts to serve and raise awareness for people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Joey Dickerson
Project Manager
Journey of Hope 99

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



Once again the subject of federal surplus monies has become a topic of discussion. Our Congressmen and women, as well as our executive branch of the government want us to think that there is a surplus of money in the treasury, of which they are willing to set aside a large amount for future Social Security benefits, while at the same time, Medicare funds and benefits have been cut back.

The cutbacks have hurt our senior citizens very much. Social Security and Medicare benefits were designed to help the elderly and the disabled who had worked on a job where they paid into these funds through salary deductions. In many instances, depending on where one worked, the employer paid a portion of the Social Security funds. THESE ARE THE FUNDS WHICH ARE BEING CALLED SURPLUSES!

Treasury surplus is what Congress and the President call the moneys collected from the workers of America through Social Security and Medicare channels. These funds are used in every department of the government where funds are needed. Listen carefully to the media

when there is a discussion of a deficit in the federal government. The first thing one will hear is the need to cut the Medicare and Social Security programs. When the funds have been used for everything else, it is logical to cut the program where the money came from in the first place. So, who suffers? The very people who the fund was intended for, suffer, senior citizens and the disabled, along with children who have lost a parent.

Senior citizens who do not have medical insurance really suffer even when they get the maximum benefits from Medicare, because it does not pay for one of their most expensive needs; prescriptions. A national health insurance for all people, not just the indigent who receive Medicaid would make better use of Medicare money. It would appear that it pays to be poor in some instances. Choices are limited, but the necessity is covered.

The Medicaid recipient can receive physicians' care, hospital care, nursing care and prescriptions, free, but the Medicare recipient, (Social Security recipient) needs a supplemental insurance coverage which at best will pay eighty percent (80%) of some needs and none of others, to survive. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and let our Congressmen KNOW what we need.

THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT

Abolish The FEC!

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

With all the public furor over campaign finance reform and political corruption, it would also make sense to focus on the regulatory body which is in charge of the entire election process. That body is the Federal Election Commission. And, in a word, this Commission has got to go.

The Federal Election Commission was created in 1974. Its structure and design was controversial, and in many respects, tainted from the very start. It was originally to be a six-member body, with Congress appointing four of the six commissioners, but the Supreme Court invalidated the structure of the Commission on the grounds that it violated the doctrine of separation of powers. Since the FEC is a federal agency, the Executive Branch is supposed to control appointments to it. But when the FEC was set up by Congress to oversee Congressional elections, Congress wanted to choose the people who would be checking up on them. That would have been nice for Congress. But the Supreme Court didn't buy it.

In 1975, the FEC was restructured to have commissioners appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. In addition, two non-voting members -- the clerk of the House and the secretary of the Senate -- were added. Obviously, the Democrats and Republicans wanted to hold on to as much control as possible over the FEC.

However, in 1993, the courts struck down the "non-voting member provision" as violating the separation of powers doctrine once again. The FEC had to reconstruct itself for a second time in less than 20 years. By then, it should have been apparent that this was one of the most highly politicized bodies in the history of American government. The folks who make the laws -- all Republicans and Democrats -- are committed to making sure that whatever regulatory body is installed, it will take care of

them, no matter the toll it takes on democracy and the American people.

Today the Commission is a six-member body, made up of three Democratic and three Republican appointees. Any enforcement action undertaken by the Commission requires the vote of a majority of Commissioners -- which means four. Consequently, any time one party or the other wants to block an enforcement action, an investigation, a penalty or a fine, it can do so simply by having the Commissioners vote along partisan lines.

Right now, some Congressional eyes are turning toward the FEC looking for ways to reform it, to make it ever so slightly more balanced and inclusionary. Some of the smarter guys on Capitol Hill have figured out that the contours of American politics are changing and it would be best to be responsive to that. They are feeling the heat from the independent movement. Senator Max Cleland of Georgia has a new bill -- at would give one seat on the FEC to an independent from among the independent parties that garner over 3% of the vote in national elections. Two would go to Democrats. Two to Republicans. Two to non-partisans appointed by the Supreme Court.

The truth about the Federal Election Commission is that it is a complete corruption, and putting independents on it won't cure that problem. We need a regulatory body that is completely independent of government and of the parties. It has to be an independent, non-governmental apparatus, since it supervises the process by which governmental officials are elected. Making it multi-partisan creates the appearance of fairness. But the body which regulates elections shouldn't be partisan at all.

We have to totally abolish the FEC, create a completely independent and non-governmental alternative and turn over any and all investigations it is currently conducting for



review by the equivalent of an independent counsel. I know what it is to be an independent candidate thrust into the investigative net of the anti-independent bipartisan Federal Election Commission. I've been under investigation by the FEC since my 1992 presidential campaign. I have been accused -- and then exonerated -- of being part of a criminal conspiracy to commit fraud and embezzlement of government funds. I've had to supply thousands of pages of documents; contributors to my campaign have been questioned by FEC investigators; vendors whom my campaign hired were subpoenaed for documents pertaining to their private business interests and not the campaign. There have been five years and hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars spent on investigating the crime of being an independent.

And I am not the only target. As Reform Party leader Pat Choate said on his radio show, the FEC sends its "auditor dogs" to harass and investigate independents. Ross Perot and Pat Choate have had their share of trouble from the FEC, most notably the FEC's failure to insist that Ross and Pat be included in the 1996 debates.

The FEC has taken a hard line about independents. And frankly, I think the time has come to take a hard line about them. I say this, not in retribution for their bias and harassment, but because the American people need and deserve something far better than the FEC to regulate something as precious to democracy as the process of elections.



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. -- "The Angola to Virginia Connection: 1619-1999," August 21 at Jamestown Settlement, will commemorate 380 years of African American heritage and recognize the newly discovered Angolan origins of the first Africans in Virginia. Above: The port of Luanda, Angola, from the 1686 French language edition of "Description of Africa" by Olfert Dapper, 1668.) From the collection of the Jamestown-Yorktown Educational Trust.) Below: Legacy of Weyanoke will perform songs and stories from the African heritage.



Ask the AG:
Charitable Raffles

Q: My church group wants to hold a raffle as a fund raiser for our youth group's summer trip. I want to make sure that we do not break any laws when we do this. What are the rules for raffles?

A: The Charitable Raffle Enabling Act sets out all of the guidelines for raffles in the state of Texas. The Act allows qualified organizations to hold up to two raffles per calendar year. Qualified organizations include religious organizations, volunteer fire departments or volunteer emergency medical services and nonprofit membership organizations that meet certain criteria.

An organization holding a raffle can offer any prize except money. If the organizers are offering a prize which they have purchased, the value of the prize may not exceed \$50,000. If the prize has been donated to the organization, there is no limit on the value.

Prior to conducting the raffle, the organization must have the prize in its possession or it must post a bond for the full value of the prize with the county clerk.

There are certain restrictions on how a raffle may be conducted. A qualified organization may hold only two raffle per calendar year and only one raffle at a time. Raffle tickets may not be advertised statewide or through paid advertisements. Each ticket must state the name and address of the organization, the price of the ticket and a description of the prize offered.

Only members of the organization may sell tickets. The organization may not pay anyone to conduct the raffle or sell tickets. Proceeds from the raffle must be used only for the charitable purposes of the organization.

The language of the raffle enabling act is very technical. If you are considering holding a raffle, you should contact an attorney or check the statute, Article 179f Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, to be sure that you qualify. To request a copy of the statute, contact the State Law Library at (512) 463-1722 or go to their Web site at www.sll.courts.state.tx.us. In addition, my office has published a Charitable Raffle Brochure. Call us at (512) 4754413 to request a copy.

Q: I am so confused. I have heard that "8-liners" are illegal. I even heard the Governor talk about how they should be illegal. yet the gas station down the road has several of them that people play all the time. Are they allowed or not?

A: Eight-liners, or video slot machines, as they are generally operated in Texas are illegal under the laws prohibiting gambling. Each case requires an investigation to determine how the machines are

being operated at a particular location.

Under Texas law, a machine that requires the player to pay money for the chance to win a prize of value is a gambling device. The value of the prize does not affect the legality of the machine. Because most 8-liner machines pay out coupons or vouchers redeemable at local stores or for more games, they are considered gambling devices.

By contrast, a pin-ball machine is not considered a gambling device because all it pays out is credits for

more chances to play, and these credits must be used at the time of play or else be forfeited. Texas law provides for the appropriate County or District Attorney to have original jurisdiction to pursue possible violations of the law, including violations involving 8-liners. Many times, local prosecutors are not aware of the existence of 8-liners and rely on citizens to bring the machines to their attention. If you have concerns about the illegal operation of 8-liners in your area, contact your local prosecutor for assistance.

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- May not be an employee of any private organization which receives funds from SPAG
- Must be able to attend regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors on the morning of the second Tuesday each month

There are 38 seats on the SPAG Board of Directors. At least 25% (10 members) of the Board must represent racial minorities of the region. There are currently four minority elected officials on the Board who are not holding designated minority slots. There are 6 designated minority seats on the board to be selected for two year terms beginning on October 1, 1999.

Representatives to be selected are as follows:

- Bailey, Cochran, Lamb, and Yoakum counties - currently represented by Van Ashley of Littlefield
- Hale County - currently represented by Mei Gomez and Daniel Rascon of Plainview
- Hockley and Terry counties - currently represented by Rudy Dominguez of Sundown
- Lubbock County - currently represented by Virginia Alamanza and Charles Planks

Obituaries



Funeral services were held for Jim Guy on Monday afternoon, August 2, 1999 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's

Witness with Steve Briski officiating.

Burial was held in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Guy died Friday, July 30, 1999 at Bender Terrace.

Born August 14, 1925, in Corsicana, Texas, he married Helen Briggs January 2, 1954 in Lubbock, Texas. He served in the U. S. Navy. He had been an auto body mechanic with Alderson Cadillac from 1952 until 1981. He later owned and operated Jim's Body Works from 1981 until he retired in 1996.

He was a Jehovah's Witness.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Guy; two sons, Michael of Dallas, Texas and Dael of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Patricia Guy of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: Robert and Ollie D., both of Lubbock, Texas, and Julius of Dallas, Texas; five sisters: Lena Mae Guy, Esserlene Watts and Aline Guy, all of Dallas, Texas, Jewelene Brooks of Kansas and Odessa Guy of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Final rites were read for a longtime resident, Mrs. Georgia Ann Sanders on

Thursday afternoon, July 22, 1999 at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur Kinney officiating. Rev. J. J. Johnson is pastor.

Active pallbearers were David Gentry, Matthew Roberts, Ralph Leggett, and Harry Stokley.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

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



Mrs. Sanders was born in Beckville, Texas on March 10, 1905. She was reared in Beckville, and later moved to Roaring Springs, Texas where she met and later married Carl Sanders on December 15, 1923. He preceded her in death January 15, 1992.

Mrs. Sanders moved to Lubbock, Texas from Roaring Springs some 70 years ago. She confessed Christ and was a member of the Baptist Church.

She passed away on Monday, July 19, 1999.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Gracei Smith of Lubbock, Texas; other relatives and friends.

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- Nearly 48,000 children and youth received intervention, developmental, and educational services.
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- Nearly 55,000 persons received mental health services.
- Nearly 83,000 individuals and families received homeless services that promote self-sufficiency.
- More than 822,000 individuals and families received emergency service assistance.
- Nearly 275,000 people received substance abuse services promoting prevention and recovery.

You can help Volunteers of America continue to help communities find solutions to these and other pressing social problems by publishing these ads so that individuals in your community will recognize the value of becoming part of our efforts to help people help themselves. As Volunteers of America enters its second century of service we thank you for supporting its work of reaching and helping the American people.

The Volunteers of America public service ad campaign is called "The American Mosaic" because it reflects the diversity of those in our society who need a helping hand and the diversity of the professionals, volunteers, and partners who choose to be part of the solution.

If you have any questions about Volunteers of America, please call Carl Ericson, director of public relations, at (703) 548-2288 or (703) 739-3954.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Gould
President
July 1999



CHURCH DIRECTORY



IN JESUS NAME

"JESUS IS COMING!!"
LUKE 12:49, JESUS SAID, I AM COME TO SEND FIRE ON THE EARTH; AND WHAT WILL I, IF IT BE ALREADY KINDLED (ON FIRE)?

THE 20th CENTURY HAS BEEN THE BLOODIEST; IT NEAR AND FAR, THE BATTLE FIELD IS ON THE JOBS; MANKIND IS NOW AT WAR!!!

MATTHEW 24:7,8, JESUS SAID, FOR NATION SHALL RISE AGAINST NATION, AND KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM; AND THERE SHALL BE FAMINES, AND PESTILENCES, AND EARTHQUAKES, IN DIVERS PLACES. ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS.

AS WE HEAR OF THE DISARMAMENT IN THE FOREIGN LANDS, THERE IS ROAD RAGE; AND ITS HERE RIGHT ON HAND!!!

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

WE CAN GO TO THE MOON, DO HEART TRANSPLANTS, MAKE BABIES WITHOUT A MAN, THESE ARE THE SIGNS OF TIME; THE DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND!!!

PSALM 37:12-14, THE WICKED PLOTTETH AGAINST THE JUST, AND GNASHETH UPON HIM WITH HIS TEETH. THE LORD SHALL LAUGH AT HIM; FOR HE SEETH THAT HIS DAY IS COMING. THE WICKED HAVE DRAWN OUT THE WORD (HIS GUN), AND HAVE BENT THEIR BOW, TO CAST DOWN THE POOR AND NEEDY, AND TO SLAY SUCH AS BE OF UPRIGHT CONVERSATION (HOLY).

*****THE CHURCHES ARE ROBBING GOD!!!*****

ALL AMERICA IS GONE CRAZY; ITS ON THE BLINK OF DESTRUCTION, AS THE CHURCHES DO ANNIVERSARY, CAR WASH; MONEY THEY LOVE MUCH!!!

LUKE 12:54-56, JESUS SAID, WHEN YE SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YE SAY, THERE COMETH A SHOWER; AND SO IT IS. AND WHEN YE SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YE SAY, THERE WILL BE HEAT; AND IT COMETH TO PASS. YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THE TIME?

JESUS TOLD THE CHURCHES: GO INTO THE WORLD, AND LIFT HIM UP, BUT THE PREACHERS MINDS ARE ON MONEY; HE WANTS THE BIG BUCKS\$\$\$

MATTHEW 24:42,45,46, JESUS SAID, WATCH THEREFORE: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD DOTHS COME. WHO THEN IS A FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT, WHOM HIS LORD HATH MADE RULER OVER HIS HOUSEHOLD, TO GIVE THEM MEAT IN DUE SEASON (RIGHT TIME)? BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT, WHOM HIS LORD WHEN HE COMETH SHALL FIND SO DOING.

***** ARE THE PREACHERS ROBBING GOD?*****

AS WE SEE FATHERS KILLING CHILDREN! WIFE, AND THEN HIS OWN LIFE, THE LORD'S COMING IS NEAR; ALMOST IN OUR EYE SIGHTS!!!

REVELATION 2:2,4a, 5,7a, JESUS SAID, I KNOW THY WORKS, AND THY LABOUR, AND THY PATIENCE, AND HOW THOU CANST NOT BEAR THEM WHICH ARE EVIL; AND THOU HAST TRIED THEM WHICH SAY THEY ARE APOSTLES, AND ARE NOT, AND HAST FOUND THEM LIARS. NEVERTHELESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE. REMEMBER THEREFORE FROM WHENCE THOU ART FALLEN, AND REPENT, AND DO THY FIRST WORKS; HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

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!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Facing Our Fears cont.

"When Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole."—Luke 8:50

Everyone experiences problems in his or her life. Jairus was no different. When he found the Lord, a great number of people were around him. In desperation Jairus humbly called out to Jesus, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live."

Jesus responded to the father's cry for help, and together they began to walk to the home of Jairus. However, a woman needing a touch from the Lord interrupted their journey. Jairus must have been growing impatient as hope slipped away with every passing second.

While Jesus spoke with the woman, a messenger arrived from the house of Jairus. He brought the sad news that Jairus daughter was dead.

Jairus's faith now was put to a crucial test. He had approached Jesus publicly; believing that Jesus could help him in his need. Instead of finding his predicament resolved, however, Jairus saw it take a cruel turn for the worse and end in the very thing he had tried to stop from happening—death. With his hope apparently smacked, would Jairus give up in despair; or would he maintain his faith?

Jesus spoke, "Fear not: believe only." Christ understood that Jairus was in danger of falling prey to his fear. He also knew that when fear dominates a person, trust in God becomes impossible. When Jesus directed Jairus to believe, He was indicating that He was to be the object of trust. Christ was saying that if Jairus could trust Him, all fear would be removed. Jesus promised that if Jairus would place his trust in Him, He would alter the circumstances.

Jairus evidently held on to the hope that the Lord held out to him. We read that Jesus continued on to the home of the ruler of the synagogue. He entered the house and proceeded to bring

the girl back to life. He presented her to her parents and "charged them that they should tell no man what was done."

Jairus learned that when difficult situations arose, he needed to maintain trust in the Lord. When major problems confronted him, he needed to believe in the Lord. Jesus was there when Jairus was facing his terrible crisis. Jesus remained with Jairus and provided comfort for the duration of the crisis.

The words that Jesus spoke to Jairus centuries ago are still beneficial when we go through the trial: "Fear not: believe only." The world may be skeptical, but believe. When our circumstances causes us to be fearful and dismayed, believe. When hope seems shattered and human encouragement is not there, trust in the Lord. He is always there to uphold us and to give us the courage we need to face our greatest fears.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are making prayers as a strict priority, because nothing else is working.

"Let's Pray"

This for all of you who are hurting and would like to have deliverance.

"Loving Father as we pray and write it on these pages of 'Loving Father, as we pray and write it on these pages of the news, we ask you to bless the news and the ones who publishes the news. Also the ones who read the news. This message of love brings health and healing as well as commitment. Bind up broken hearts, homes as well as broken bodies and souls. We know you know and sees your world as you made it from the enjoyment of your people. We just feel you're disappointed in the way things are going. We know we are to occupy it until you return. We feel like we have disappointed you in many ways. You said, in your word, we have the power to bind some stuff on this earth. Lord, help us to not be sleeping giants in the year of 2000. Lord, we want to come into the new year with our eyes wide open, motivated by your word to stand no matter what Y2K has to offer. We know what you have promised. You said you would be with us even until the end of this world. We will try to help all mankind to love all people. Regardless if they love us or not. Not only is it what you said, but you commanded us to love, and we will make this our priority for Lubbock and the world, from this day forward.

Lord, help us to not be sleeping giants in the year of 2000. Lord, we want to come into the new year with our eyes wide open, motivated by your word to stand no matter what Y2K has to offer. We know what you have promised. You said you would be with us even until the end of this world. We will try to help all mankind to love all people. Regardless if they love us or not. Not only is it what you said, but you commanded us to love, and we will make this our priority for Lubbock and the world, from this day forward.

In your name, we pray. AMEN"

Thought of the Week: "Do you think Satan will make his final attack this year???"

In doing all to stand, let's just stand anyway! If your congregation is all one color in this new day, there's something wrong. Work it out, Saints — this year. Think about it!

Are you hurting? Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26. These scriptures will change the way you think.

Write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be in fellowship with the First Progressive Baptist Church on Saturday morning, August 7, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Homer Avery is host pastor. Come and meet us there!

Please don't forget your drive by prayers in our city and community. Please do so! Okay??

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Rev. Sister Christene Bursleson, vice president; Sister Larnestine Fraizer, secretary and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary.

Traveling Museum Drives For Second Harvest Food Banks

The Precious Moments Care-A-Van will pull into Lubbock, Texas, on Friday, August 6, as part of its nationwide tour to raise awareness about hunger and collect food donations for Second Harvest Food Bank. In the true spirit and inspiration behind the Precious Moments Collection, the Care-A-Van will stop in more than 80 cities throughout its eight-month tour in an effort to collect 60,000 pounds of food helping to provide food for 60,000 people — making it the largest, continuous food drive of its kind.

Visitors can tour the 53-foot-long traveling museum which brings to life the history and special features of the more than 1,400 Precious Moments figurines and are invited to make food donations, which will be given to the South Plains Food Bank, a member of the Second Harvest Food Bank network. In addition, visitors will receive orange ribbons, an official symbol of domestic hunger, with a food donation or any monetary contribution to Second Harvest. The Care-A-Van will make

its Lubbock stop at Debbie's Card & Gifts, 5217 82nd, Lubbock, Texas on Friday, August 6, from 3 - 8 p.m.

The Precious Moments Collection by Enesco is one of the world's most popular and recognizable gift and collectible lines. The teardrop-eyed, porcelain bisque figurines that bear sentimental messages created by artist Sam Butcher, have touched millions of people's lives for more than 20 years, helping to convey heartfelt emotions and celebrate personal milestones from birthdays and weddings to report cards and graduations.

The Precious Moments Care-A-Van will continue to spread the Collection's message of "Loving, Caring, Sharing," as it drives cross-country from April to November for Second Harvest, the nation's largest, charitable, hunger-relief organization.

For more information, to schedule a special tour, or to arrange an interview with a Precious Moments representative, please contact Betsy Berger or Sarah Taylor at 630-932-4242.

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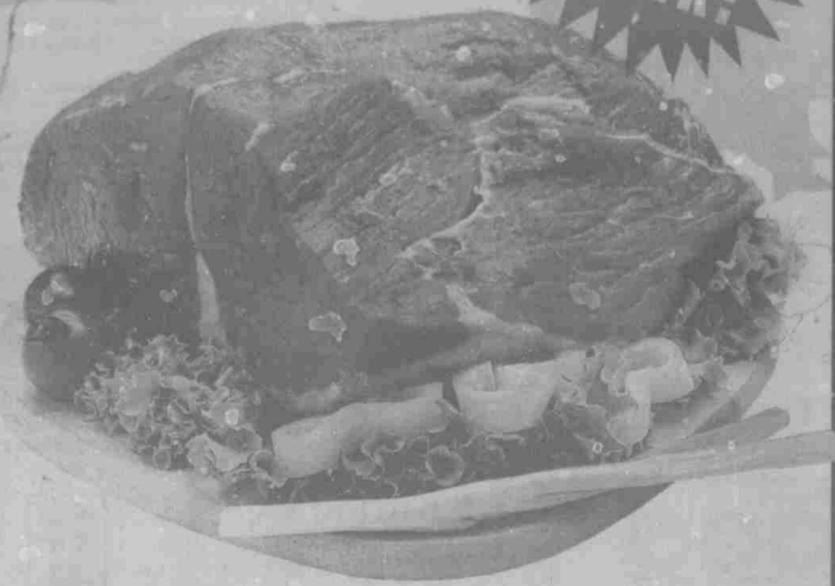


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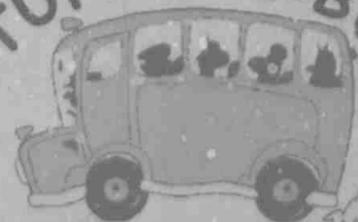
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