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Sponsored by South Plains College in Levelland Junior & Senior High School Students in Celebration of Educational Excellence



ALDERSON JR. HIGH SCHOOL HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Alderson Jr. High School in Lubbock were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left to right row are: Steven Manahan, Erika Martinez and Chris Haskins, and from the left on the back row are: Phyllicia Isaac, Idris Lateef, Matthew Gonzales, Shetarrrie Owens and Amber Monroe. (SPC Photo)



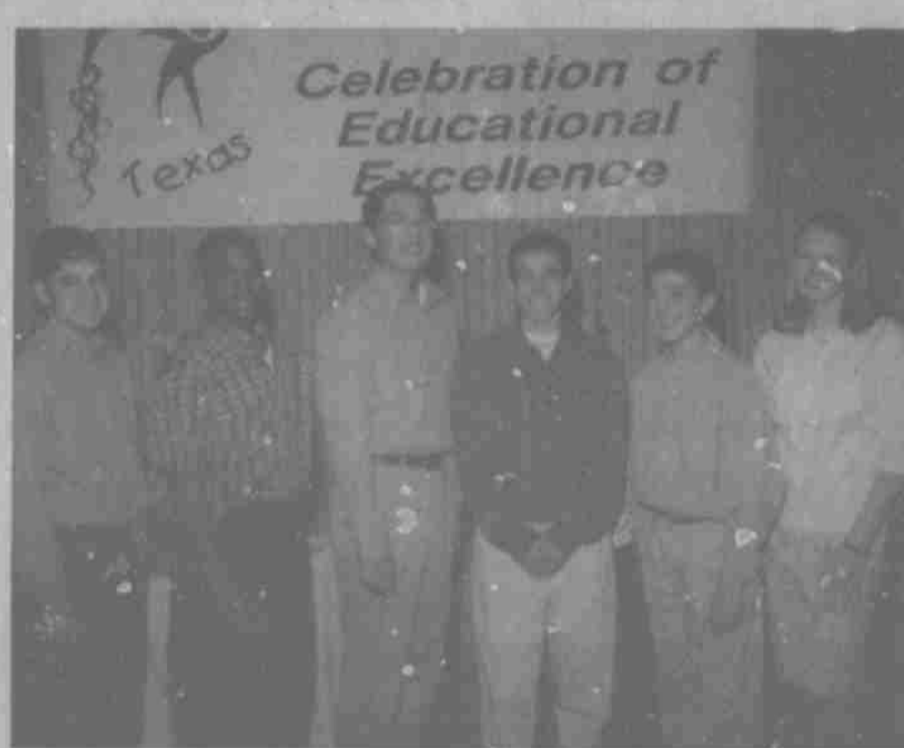
CAVAZOS JR. HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Cavazos Jr. High School in Lubbock were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left on the front row are Ross Dixon, Mirinda Villegas, Victoria Sanchez and Angela Rodriguez, and from left on the back row are Devin Posey, Timothy Rodman, He Ken, Christopher Hamsmith and Menghin Xie. Not pictured is Beth Martin. (SPC Photo)



DUNBAR JR. HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Dunbar Jr. High School in Lubbock were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left are Shenique Tobe, Stacie Cuevas, Jerry Thomas, Corey Whitfield, Valerie Morales, Valentin Paiz, Jared Aleman and Alvaro Martinez. Not pictured are Brandon Hyatt and LeShai Williams. (SPC Photo)



ED IRONS JR. HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Ed Irons Jr. High School in Lubbock were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left are Christopher Payne, Danielle McGee, Kari Schroeder, Carly Walker, James Gawlikowski and Ramiel Cade. Not pictured is Stephanie Bates. (SPC Photo)



O.L. SLATON JR. HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from O.L. Slaton Jr. High School in Lubbock were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left are Nick Dragga, D.J. Danford, Luis Cobos, Bobby Mansouri, Bryant Heath, Lauren Hund and Alyssa McMenemy. Not pictured are Jason Slay, Amanda Faulkner and Cassidy Elms. (SPC Photo)



LUBBOCK CORONADO HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Lubbock Coronado High School were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left on the front row are Sarah Rothwell, Cary Parker, Amy Schwede and Anthony Jones, and from left on the back row are Sharon Dickson, senior counselor, Crystal Macker, A.nanda Peterson, Cody Ruth, Kevin Chen, Chris Buenostro, and Cindy Wallace, right, assistant principal. Not pictured is Joshua Jenkins. (SPC Photo)



LUBBOCK ESTACADO HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Lubbock Estacado High School were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left are Joel Harper, Matthew Ramirez, Gregory Colbert, Katherine Sumrall and Jazmyne Walker. Not pictured are Matthew Budline, Adam Duckworth and Brooke Chavez. (SPC Photo)



LUBBOCK HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Lubbock High School in Lubbock were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left on the front row are Rushanah Mansouri, Kate Floyd and Kunal Patel, and from left on the back row are Jennifer Dudley, Scott Borgfield, Garrett Heath and Erin Shian. (SPC Photo)



LUBBOCK MONTEREY HIGH STUDENTS HONORED AT CELEBRATION - Students from Lubbock Monterey High School were among those honored during a recent local Celebration of Educational Excellence hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 10,000 young Texans across the state recognized for outstanding academic achievement in a statewide program sponsored by the State Board of Education. From left on the front row are Bryn Spoor, Justin Sullivan, Josh Lara, Chris Stou and from left on the back row are Amber Smithson, Melanie Carter, Norman Garrett and Robert Simek. Not pictured are Nicole Moore and Brian Ferris. (SPC Photo)

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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 remember our doors are always open. Come and visit with us at anytime. You will be glad you did so!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. with Superintendent Earnest Swain presiding. All students and teachers were in their various classrooms for 30 minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all reassembled to the main auditorium marching and singing "Glory To His Name."

High points of the morning lesson were given by members of the Adult Class. All were very well done and well received.

Secretary's Report: Adult Department — It is always good to report what our adults are doing in Sunday School. Adult Class No. 1 lost the attendance banner to Adult Class No. 4. But, they are rejoicing over receiving the offering banner with an offering of \$510.25 with 16 members present.

The morning devotional period was done with the assistance of the Praise Team, and led by Brother and Sister Hardin Barrow. The spirit was really present. What a time!

New Hope had good church last Sunday morning, as it all begun with the Male Chorus marching in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was given by Rev. Jeff Brown.

A selection, "You Need To Pray" was sung. Scripture was read by Brother Harry Stokley. Prayer was given by Brother J. B. Quigley. After the singing of another selection, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Virgil Johnson.

After the singing of another selection, pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He always has something for all to feast upon during the week. The sermonic hymn was "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Living Proof That God Will Keep His Word." His scripture text was Joshua 14:6-12. If you missed this sermon, you really did miss the word.

The women of New Hope says "Thanks" fro the wonderful Mother's Day dinner last Saturday night. It was great!

Brother Clarence Ervin was able to come back to the Male Chorus last Sunday morning. God is able.

Pray for all our sick and shut in citizens. Mr. M. C. Brock has a very sick son in Houston, Texas. Pray for his family.

Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Wiley are proud parents of a baby girl born last Monday. The mother is Nicole. Her mother was a member of New Hope. Nicole's sister from Georgia is here to visit her.

Sister Lena Sheffield's Husband uncle was buried last Friday in Littlefield, Texas. You have our prayers and Sympathy.

Sister Lucille Taylor attended her sister-in-law's father out-of-town last week.

Essence Magazine and Wilhemina Models Announce the Winners of the Essence Cover Models Search



New York, April 4, 2000—Three new faces in fashion were chosen as ESSENCE magazine and Wilhemina models announced the winners of the ESSENCE Cover Model Search at a party hosted by MTV VJ Ananda Lewis.

At Club Ohm in New York City are (left to right): third-place winner Melissa Hunte, 24, of Windsor, Ontario; grand-prize winner Aladrian Crowder, 17, of Owings Mills, Maryland; and second-place winner Pamela Reed, 25, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Aladrian Crowder, the grand-prize winner, will appear on an ESSENCE cover this year. She will also receive a Wilhemina modeling contract worth \$50,000 and tickets to the Essence Awards 2000 to be videotaped before a black-tie audience on Friday, April 14 at Radio City Music Hall and broadcast as a prime-time special on the Fox television network on Thursday, May 25, 2000. Photo by C. Keith Reid

George Woods Award Banquet



Branch of the NAACP. Mrs. Johnson grew up in Brooklyn, New York. She came to Abilene via the military. She graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu with a BS Degree and Abilene Christian University with a Masters Degree.

Mrs. Johnson is married to Rick Johnson, Deputy Sheriff, Taylor County, and has three sons. She is a member of Holiday Hills Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas.

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will hold its 12th Annual George Woods Award Banquet Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Villa Inn, located at 5401 Avenue q Lubbock, Texas.

Speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Bernadine Graham-Johnson, President of the Abilene

The George Woods Award will be presented in the following categories:

- Art** Gary Bunton, David Anderson
- Edna Walker, J.T.Braxton**
- Civil Rights**

Tom Burtis, Charlie S. Dunn, Bobbie Snodgrass

Business

"Da" Barber Shop, Talk of the Town Beauty Salon, Billy Sim's Trailer Town, Josie's Restaurant

Community Service

Arlee Jackson, Annie Sanders, George Scott, Jr., Sara McLarty, Carland Hollins, R.D. Johnson

Education

Vernita Holmes, Van Jefferson, Bobbie Patterson, Kathy Richardson, Julee M. Pratt

Law

Anthony Williams, Calvin Jackson-Davis, Aurora Chaides-hernandez

Organization

Lubbock Black Chamber,

Hub City Kiwanis, Ring of Black Roses

Sports

Anthony Sanders, Kevin Gatewood, Bobby Davis, Iganthius Caraway

Journalism

Renetta Howard, Brian Williams, Teresa Young, Don Williams

Medicine

Elise Browne, Mary Williams, Jennie Jordan, Mozell Wilson

Religion

Rev. J.J. Johnson, Rev. Billy Moton, Rev. Elliott Lambert, Rev. Edwin L. Harris

Politics

Tom Burtis, Ysabel Luna, Mikel Ward, George Scott, Jr.

Census: It's Not Too Late to get our Share

It may seem as though it's the day after the big event. Like the day after Christmas, or the Superbowl or even April 15 (another date that looms like a vulture), the census rolls through like a rambling 18-wheeler: latch on now because tomorrow doesn't count. Do it or wait ten years for another shot.

Actually, however, in this case it's not too late to be counted in the census. The hard

count of the census—the door-to-door count—is still being organized until May 2000. That is the part that really matters.

For those who step away from the census because of Big Brother paranoia, personal or professional credit issues or for any other notions that cause us to avoid the federal radar, those concerns don't factor in with the census. After all, most federal agencies can find whomever they want without a census.

The census is our leveraging point at the negotiation tables in Washington, on the trading room floor on Wall Street and in the boardroom on Fifth Avenue.

When funding is allocated toward issues such as eliminating the digital divide or proper provisions for health care, we stand to gain more than we may lose by far.

And we lost big last time around. In the 1990 census, more than 1.4 million African Americans were not counted in the last census. That means across the board, including housing, civil rights, policing, lending and anti-discrimination law, we were under represented.

It is estimated that these cities lost the following in state and/or federal funding: Los Angeles, \$120 million;

Chicago, \$184 million; Oakland, \$11 million and Detroit blew \$54 million. New York City lost more than \$415 million in federal funds alone.

We can still change this. Talk to neighbors and friends. Take a community call approach to make sure others fill out the census. And they need to check black if that is how they are perceived in daily life. This is not the time to recall the five percent Greek blood from great-great grandparents. Like Ebenezer Scrooge, this is the morning after that we can reclaim. Late filing is better than not filing at all. It is something that we must do for now and for our future. Otherwise, like Scrooge, our future looks pretty grim.

The Black Press of America (E-mail: news@mpa.org)

Juneteenth Commission Meets in Galveston, Texas



Pictured are some of the members of the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission who meet in Galveston, Texas at the Ashton Villa to conduct business of the commission. It is believed where this photo was taken, it was the location where Major General Gordon Granger delivered the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865.

Those commissioners are, from left to right, Willard Simpson, Dallas; Eddie Richardson, Lubbock; State Representative Al Edwards (D-Houston), who founded the state holiday; Stella Roland, Austin; Byron Miller, San Antonio; and Dr. Maceo Dailey, Jr. El Paso.

Those not shown are: Lynda Carr, Sen. Royce West, Sen. Rodney Ellis and Larry Oaks.

Dunbar Alumni Meeting

Please join us at the next Dunbar Alumni Association Meeting on Saturday, May 13, 2000, 4 p. m. All Dunbar graduates are welcome - we meet at our office - the corner of East 27th and M.L.K. Blvd.

L. V. Andrews - President
Sandra Sutton-Dailey - Secretary

West Texas Client Council Banquet



Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Community Church, is shown (standing) speaking to those in attendance of the West Texas Client Council last month at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center.

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Premier Health Organization Loses One of its Heroes of Health Care

The National Medical Association (NMA) lost its President, Walter W. Shervington, M.D., to cancer on Saturday, April 15, 2000. Dr. Shervington, a psychiatrist and hospital administrator in New Orleans, LA, was a member of NMA for over 30 years. He dedicated his career to serving the health care needs of African Americans, and in later years became an influential national leader in mental health, particularly the mental health aspects of HIV/AIDS. During his tenure with the Association, Dr. Shervington served in numerous leadership roles, including Chairman of the Section on Psychiatry and Behavioral Science; Delegate, Secretary, Vice Speaker and Speaker of the House of Delegates; Chairman of the Board, Vice President, and President-Elect. In August, he became the

Association's 99th President. During his presidency, Shervington brought national attention to the negative impact of managed care on African Americans and to issues of parity and access to HIV/AIDS treatment for African American patients.

Until his death, Dr. Shervington was Chief Executive Officer of the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital, a psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents serving the Greater New Orleans area. He formerly served as Medical Director, Region II, for the Office of Mental Health in the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and in 1992 was appointed Assistant Secretary, Office of Mental Health, by Gov. Edwin Edwards of Louisiana. He was also an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Louisiana State University School of Medicine and

a member of the National AIDS Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As an expert in the field of psychiatry, he wrote and lectured extensively on mental health and the impact of HIV/AIDS on the African American community. He served as principal investigator and co-principal investigator on several HIV/AIDS projects. Dr. Shervington was a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the American College of Psychiatrists. In February, Dr. Shervington was appointed to the Board of Directors of a new U.S. Olympic Committee with oversight of drug screening for U.S. athletes participating in the Olympics.

Dr. Shervington is survived by his wife of 19 years,

Denese McFarlane Shervington, M.D.; their two daughters, Shanga and Iran; and two sisters, Anne Shervington Davis and Carol Shervington Wright. Dr. Shervington leaves behind an enduring legacy of accomplishments and will be long remembered in the medical community as a hero of health care. Funeral services for Dr. Shervington will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2000 at Dillard University's Lawless Memorial Chapel, 2601 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70122. The viewing will be held at 1:00 PM followed by funeral services at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the NMA Building Fund, in care of the National Medical Association, 1012 Tenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

Founder of Habitat for Humanity Speaks Here Friday Night, May 12th.



The Lubbock Habitat for Humanity announces that a visit by Millard Fuller, co-founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International, will speak at the first United Methodist Church, 1411 Broadway Avenue, on Friday night, May 12th, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to hear this dynamic and motivational man.

"I see life as both a gift and a responsibility. My Responsibility is to use what God has given me to help His people in need," say Fuller.

John Mallory is executive director of Lubbock Habitat for Humanity.

Patterson Library Offers "Share a Book" Program

Join us for "Share a book with a child," a story-hour for children ages 3-5 and their parents, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. A free book will be given to each family in attendance, courtesy of the Literacy Coalition. This is a free program. For more information, call 767-3300.

"THANK YOU, LUBBOCK!"

The members of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association would like to thank all of you for your support of our fundraising project, the drawing of 50 pounds of meat from Haynes Meat Market. Because of your support, it was a successful effort.

We appreciated everyone who sold tickets, and those who purchased them.

Thanks a bunch!

Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association

Do you know the effect of the silent killer Diabetes?

The Lubbock Black Chamber invites you to attend its 2nd Annual Women's Professional Health Luncheon May 16, 2000, 11:30 - 1:00pm at the Holiday Inn - 802 Avenue Q. \$8.00 RSVP by May 12th \$10.00 at the door.

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Rise Academy Working with Our Children



Here is typical day at Rise Academy, 142 Cherry Avenue, where young Kindergarten children are thought the basics about education and good citizenship. This is their beginning. Ms. Keisha Manahan is a teacher for these five year old children. For more information, call 744-0138.

Residents of Parkway Manor Care Center Enjoying their Friday Afternoons with Guest



Pictured above are some of the residents of Parkway Manor Care Center, 114 Cherry Avenue, being entertained last month on Friday afternoon by local singing group of group of gospel music. This is one of the fine amenities for our senior citizens as well as those citizens who need care.

Dunbar Millennium 2000 Class Reunion 1960-1970

Greeting Dunbar Classmates:
Welcome to the new Millennium 2000. Plans for the Class of 1960-1970 Class Reunion have taken shape and that old Panther Magic is in the air. We are excited and hope you are also. The Class Reunion is planned for June 29, June 30, July 1, and July 2. We have agreed to extend the deadline for registration to June 15, 2000. Please remember to pay \$30.00 single and \$60.00 per couple. (Cashier checks or money order please, no personal checks.) We are looking forward to seeing all of our classmates. Many of our classmates have pre-registered. We do not want to leave any of our classmates out who want to attend the class reunion or their friends and families. Make your cashier's check or money order out to: Dunbar Class Reunion 1960-1970 and send it to: Bertha Rainwater, Committee Treasure of Class reunion, 2410 E 29th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404. Come and join us June 29-30 and July 1-2, 2000. Our headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza, 3201 South Loop 289. Thursday - June 29, 2000 - Registration and Hospitality 1:00 pm until 1:00 am in the Maghogany Room. Friday - June 30, 2000 - Barbeque and Oldies Dance at Holiday Inn Plaza. Saturday - July 1, 2000 - Talent Assembly at Dunbar Junior High also Banquet and Dance at Holiday Inn Plaza. Sunday - July 2, 2000 - Church service and Memorial service. Looking forward to see you. Dunbar Classes 1960-1970 Committee

Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS N THAT

CONVERSATION ON RACE! THIS N THAT wants to say congratulation CONGRATULATE to the members of the LUBBOCK COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION who are sponsoring THREE MEETINGS with the theme being COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON RACE which is set for Monday evening May 15th beginning at 7:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. The PUBLIC is asked to come and share their comments and thoughts on SOCIAL/CULTURAL CONCERNS in the Lubbock community. The three meetings will be held at the following locations MAGGIE TREJO COMMUNITY CENTER 3200 Amherst Avenue MAE SIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER East 23rd & Oak Avenue and EVANS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 4211 58th Street. In order for this to become a successful effort there must be a DIVERSE GROUP OF CITIZENS participating. If not then we will only be preaching to the same choir THIS N THAT salutes the LUBBOCK COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION for this initiative

GOOD JOB, ELLA ILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! THIS N THAT was aware of the many CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION PROGRAMS held in Lubbock last week but the one held at the ELLA ILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL was well done. These kinds of programs helps in overcoming many of problems about learning about the VARIOUS CULTURES IN OUR CITY A JOB WELL DONE!

CONGRATS TO MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL PERSONS! THIS N THAT would like to wish those ELECTED in last Saturday's city elections the very best Those elected were MAYOR WINDY SITTON FRANK MORRISON District 4 and a newcomer to the political arena and ALEX "TY" COOKE District 6, T. J. PATTERSON District 2 who ran unopposed. SUPPORT MLK LITTLE LEAGUE! this n that would hope we will SUPPORT WITH VIGOR the young boys and girls who play in the MARTIN LUTHER KING LITTLE LEAGUE. Our support will mean a lot for our young people Why not go by and see them play at the ball park. MLK BLVD. & EAST 24TH STREET Go by and wish them well

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "The HAPPIEST PEOPLE are those who discover that what THEY SHOULD BE DOING and what they are doing ARE THE SAME THING."

NAACP BANQUET SET SATURDAY NIGHT! THIS N THAT advises of the 12TH ANNUAL GEORGE WOODS AWARD BANQUET set for Saturday night May 13th at the Villa Inn Should be another GRAND AFFAIR as local citizens are recognized It all begins at 7:00 p.m. Be there!

WORKING HARD FOR EARLY SETTLERS! THIS N THAT has learned from SISTER N. L. JACKSON that much is being done for the annual EARLY SETTLERS ROUND-UP set for this coming August. For more info give her a call at 747-9207 There is still time for you to get involved with this program which brings hundreds of citizens together

WE WISH ALL OF YOU WELL!

by Eddie P. Richardson



Now that we are in the graduating season, we wish all of you who are graduating well. This is for our junior high, high school, college, trade/vocational schools and other training schools who are getting ready for job production.

We especially congratulate the young people on front page this week, along with South Plains College, Levelland campus fro their special efforts. What is so important is we hope these

young people will maintain a positive mental attitude. Now if they do, and we believe they each will be able to set and develops goals for their lives. This will be for their own good as well as for the benefit of those who are around them. We also hope the local development will prepare them for existing jobs as well as potential ones so we will be prepared to keep them home. There are two other sources which can play a major role in these efforts. They are Lubbock Reece Development Center and Market Lubbock, Inc. And of course, the Byron Martin Center, Texas Tech University, Wayland Baptist University, South Plains College as well as other support agencies.

The thing which is key and crucial is keeping our young valuable talent at home and stop losing them to other places in

Texas. This is not a group, ethnic, sexual, cultural thing, but across the board thing. We must, we should, and we can maintain some and move much more to maintain them more than we are now downing. We can make this happen!

Our friend and community worker, Gloria Newman who is the Activity Director of Parkway Manor Care Center, is home from the hospital. It is reported she is doing nicely. She is even looking forward to going back to work. Thanks for your prayers and good wishes.

No doubt about it, she is a very dedicated worker, and loves her job and the people she serves. She misses them and we know they miss her.

Our sources tell us she is to be married very soon. We wish her and future husband well.

"Prescription Drug Plan Should Be Affordable and Available to ALL Seniors"

Prescription drugs play an essential role in the treatment of disease, particularly for the elderly and the chronically ill. Innovations in drug therapies have led to improved health and quality of life for persons living with chronic conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and arthritis, which are common among the elderly. Yet providing these therapies can be costly, and drug prices have been rising rapidly. Elderly and disabled Medicare beneficiaries, as well as low-income patients, are particularly vulnerable to the high cost of prescription drugs, some of which are not covered under Medicare or certain insurance policies.

There are 40 million Medicare enrollees in the United States today. Half of all seniors have annual out-of-pocket drug costs of under \$200 and more than 1.5 million Medicare recipients incur costs of

over \$2,000 per year. Prescription drugs can be a tremendous help to those who are ill, but they don't do much good if patients cannot afford them. While many individuals have health insurance coverage which pays for the costs of prescription drugs, too often those who are the sickest, who are elderly, and who are on fixed incomes are unable to get these drugs because of their escalating costs.

Americans are fortunate to have access to the most advanced biomedical developments in the world. Our pharmaceutical companies produce innovative prescription drugs each day that are changing the lives of Americans facing chronic illness. For example, the revolutionary new prescription drug Taxol, which has been successful in fighting ovarian and breast cancer in patients who do not respond to traditional chemotherapy treatments, is the result

of cooperation between the government and a leading pharmaceutical company. It is essential that our Medicare prescription drug plan does not affect the ability of American physicians and scientists to conduct cutting-edge research and make life-changing medical advancements.

Congress has recognized the need to improve and update our Medicare system. We have already set aside \$40 billion for new prescription drug benefits, which is \$5.2 billion more than the President's proposal. I support a fair and responsible prescription drug plan that is affordable, available and voluntary to all senior citizens and disabled Americans. Last week, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives unveiled a comprehensive plan to strengthen Medicare and modernize the program with a prescription drug benefit for seniors; the market-based

plan will offer voluntary prescription drug coverage to seniors while protecting them from exploding prices that threaten their financial security. While details of the plan are yet to be spelled out, we do know that it will meet our key goals for a prescription drug program—one that provides prescription drug coverage to all older and disabled Americans in Medicare.

The plan provides low income seniors with private insurance covering prescription drugs, and makes private insurance products available to all seniors at a reasonable price. These patients will have access to the specific drug, brand or generic, that their doctor prescribes. This would help seniors pay for prescription drugs, after a modest deductible. It also protects seniors from financial ruin due to illness or health conditions that necessitate higher drug costs and

creates more health care choices for seniors in rural and under-served areas, including Medicare plans which offer prescription drug coverage. This would be especially helpful for the people in West Texas, where the nearest medical care facility may be hours away.

In contrast to the Clinton-Gore Administration's initial prescription drug plan, ours is market-based and allows for voluntary prescription drug coverage to every senior. It does not rely on price controls or heavy-handed government regulations. I have major concerns with the Administration's initial proposal, because I believe it would result in bankrupting the entire Medicare program. We need to reduce the runaway costs of medicine, but not with an expensive Washington-based, one-size-fits-all program that kills research and innovation of life-saving cures.

Our nation is too rich to

force seniors to choose between buying needed drugs or paying for other necessities of life. It is essential that any comprehensive prescription drug care plan does not hurt the research that is necessary to lead to better medicines for the future and one that does not jeopardize other important benefits within the Medicare program. The plan must also provide enhanced access for patients to have prescription drugs that will extend their lives and improve their health. At this early stage, I believe that the recent prescription drug proposal in the House has the potential to address the needs of all Americans covered under Medicare. A properly reformed Medicare system will secure higher quality health care and real choice for the next generation of seniors by enabling them to decide for themselves which plans, benefit packages, and doctors best suit their own needs.



IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard

contributes to unnecessary bad attitudes, too much taken for granted and generally no appreciation for each other as humans. Everything is seen as a 'thing' Everyone wants some 'thing' and feel that they alone should have it. Therefore, they have no regard for others in how they get their 'thing!'

Parent have the 'thing' problem and they transfer this feeling to their

children and the chain reaction gets in and rolls right on up into the schools. Schools are not equipped to police the actions of children. They are designed to teach facts and disseminate them to the school population. Schools fails because the children can't be taught. 'Other' schools are erected to take the fallout. They fail because they are not equipped to police the actions of children.

Eventually, the children make it to juvenile detention and then on to the 'big house.' It is time that we get 'in cinque' and deal with the problem by calling it what it is and applying the law to it, with intensive counseling in a classroom setting the juvenile detention centers. Put the offenders in jail and teach them there what they have failed to learn in a regular school setting.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Richardson:

On a matter of urgent importance to million of Americans, we would like to submit the following for your Comments and Opinion Section. We hope you will print it.

Health Care is Human Rights

By Daniel & Irene Resiss

Like millions of older Americans, we both, in our 80's, know what it means to worry about the cost of medical care and the ever-increasing cost of prescription drugs.

The idea that insurance companies and pharmaceutical companies have as their purpose to make money from the ill health of people, and feel they can charge whatever makes for larger profits, is outrageous!

The medical care of people can never be just of kind if it is run for profit, which has as its basis contempt for people. Eli Siegel, educator and economist, and the founder of the philosophy Aesthetic Realism, defined contempt as "the addition to self through the lessening of something else". And in a 1968 lecture, one of his many National Ethics Reports, Mr. Siegel so kindly stated: "Nobody should ever have to pay for having his body dealt with.....Doctors should do research and be useful to people. The idea of people worried about their health, worrying about money, is barbarous."

It is utterly heartbreaking that anyone, let alone an older person in a weakened state, should often be forced to chose between using inadequate finances either for food or medicine. Every day we read in newspapers and hear on radio and television reports of persons who suffered and even died because HMO's delayed or denied needed health care services - simply because a person's suffering couldn't provide enough profit to satisfy the greed of some people.

When people in government, in health services, honestly answer this question asked by Eli Siegel: "What does a person deserve by being alive?" we will have a health care system based on ethics and good will rather the contempt - and Americans of all ages will be healthier and happier.

Sincerely,
Daniel Resiss and Irene Resiss

The children entering school during this millennium are very very different from the children who entered school during the first half of the last century. Children of the last century did not do as much experimenting with drugs and today's children. There were not as many of the last century's children born with drug withdrawal symptoms as there are today either.

The effects of drugs on the academic success of today's children is thought to play a great part in the way children act. The television is also given credit for the the unruly behavior of some children today. It seems that the drug culture and unwholesome televisioning in and unhealthy home situation can be attributed to much of what is wrong with our children today.

What is wrong with our children is very visible in what is wrong with are schools today. This will not get better until better parenting is evident and our children learn more about the history of this country. Each ethnic group needs to know exactly what happened in this country in reference to the relationship between the groups. Too often, each group only knows where they stand with other groups without the faintest idea of how to arrived at that particular points. This lack of knowledge

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We may be critical of some things that are written, but, at least you will have the satisfaction of knowing they are truthful and to the point. People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would, and this, we think, is fair.

So, this is our resolution to you. Feel free at any time to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you.

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The people to worry about are not those who openly disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

LOOKING TO MAKE A LARGE PURCHASE LIKE A CAR OR A HOME? First You Have To Have Good Credit

So you're ready to buy a new car, or even your first home. You've saved up the money for a down payment and have even figured a monthly payment into your budget. But when you go to apply for a loan, the lender turns you down. You ask, "What went wrong?" The answer: It's your credit!

In order to be approved for a loan, you must have a good credit history. A credit history is a record of how you have paid your credit card debt and other loans—it shows how much debt you have, if you have made payments on time or if you have not paid back your loans at all.

"Good credit is important because it gives you a better chance of getting a loan when you want to make a major purchase such as a car or a home," said Mike Kormos, division sales manager at WM Financial

Services, an affiliate of Washington Mutual. "A good credit history shows the lender that you can be relied upon to pay back the loan."

How do you find out if you have a good credit history? You can obtain a copy of your credit report from one of the following national credit-reporting agencies: Equifax (1-800-685-1111), Experian (1-888-Experian), Trans Union Corporation (1-800-916-8800). "It's important to request a credit report from the major credit agencies each year to examine what is on your report," Kormos said. "These agencies are required by law to provide one copy per year free of charge to the individual belonging to the report."

What do you do if you find out you have bad credit? Don't worry. You can contact your local Consumer Credit Counseling Service for free and confidential

credit counseling (1-800-750-CCCS). And in the meantime, here are some steps for improving your credit and establishing a better rating:

- 1. Pay your bills first:** Put aside money to pay your bills before spending money on luxuries like going out to dinner or seeing a movie.
- 2. Don't apply for credit unless you absolutely need it:** Many of us apply for credit cards because of a free gift, a discount on a purchase, or just for fun. Each time you apply for credit, it appears on your record. If you apply for credit too often, creditors may be concerned that you are using too much credit.
- 3. Choose your credit cards wisely:** Opt for a credit card that provides a low interest rate and no (or a very low) annual fee. You can shop around on the Internet for credit cards that offer low fees. Avoid credit

cards that allow you to pay an up front fee in order to get a lower interest rate that's often a scam!

- 4. Try to pay off credit cards every month:** Don't use your credit card if you know you can't afford to pay the balance. Instead, pay cash or write checks for purchases.
- 5. Avoid charging the maximum amount available on your credit card:** Even if you pay the minimum monthly payment, creditors may think you are in too much debt and therefore will not approve you for a loan.
- 6. Pay more than the minimum amount due each month:** You will end up paying a lot more money in interest charges if you only pay the minimum amount due. For example, let's say you use a credit card with an 18 percent interest rate to buy a television for \$1000 and you only make the minimum payment of 2 percent

each month. When you have finally paid off the television, 7 1/2 years later, you will have paid \$1,800 for a TV worth only a thousand bucks.

- 7. Keep track of bills and past-due notices:** Just because you no longer receive payment notices does not mean a debt has just vanished into thin air! If you neglect to pay a bill chances are you'll be sent to a collection agency. The debt will 'reappear' on your credit report and may prevent you from getting a loan.
- 8. Create and follow a budget:** A budget can help you manage your expenses, control your spending and set aside money to pay your debt. So when you're ready to

apply for loan and the lender asks you how much income you have and what your expenses are, you can refer to your budget for that information.

Follow these simple steps and you're on your way to establishing good credit. Chances are the next time you decide to apply for a loan, you'll be approved with flying colors!

If you'd like more information on improving your credit, contact WM Financial Services at (800), 888-0055. Washington Mutual Personal Finance Columns are available monthly. Next month look for tips on avoiding credit repair scams.

Blacks Should Be Counted in Census and It's Not Too Late

Washington, DC (NNPA)—The 1990 Census missed four million people, 1.6 percent of the total population.

"When we looked at the numbers, the undercount rate was four times higher among African Americans than all others," said Samuel H. Johnson, Project Director for Census 2000. "The census missed a total of 1.4 African Americans which was 4.4 percent of the total missed."

A census undercount causes a serious imbalance in power. According to Florida state representative Carrie Meek, "If

they don't know that you are there then you don't get your share," she said.

"I will admit that I did not fill out my census in 1990 because I thought it was a waste of time," said Delaware resident Ebony Fuller. "The more I see how easy it is and how it effects money rendered to my community, I am probably one of the first to have returned my form."

"I do not plan on filling out my census forms now or ever," said 25-year-old Michael Allyn. "I honestly do not believe that the information will be kept


confidential and anyone will be able to access it like my creditors," the Philadelphia native said.

However, the information taken from the census will be held highly confidential. Census-takers are interested in the numbers, not policing. "We could wind up marginalized if we are under counted," says Melanie Hill, Director of the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation. "If we are under counted, there's no telling what it will mean to be treated as if we are only eight or nine percent of the population. I don't want to

find out."

April 17 is the encouraged deadline for returning questionnaires, however if it is not completed and returned by then an enumerator will take the information manually.

"People need to participate in the census because assistance distributed for local communities through federal programs, school systems, and community planning depend heavily on the results," Lloyd said. "The government is working hard to try to help make communities better as well."



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IN JESUS NAME "Lord Blessed is our Mother!"

PROVERB 22:6, TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

LORD, I USED TO THINK YOU GAVE US THE MEANEST MOM & DAD IN THE WORLD, OTHER CHILDREN I ENVIED, I WANTED TO BE LIKE THE OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS.

AS THEY ATE THEIR BREAKFAST: GOOD OLD COOKIES, CANDY AND COOKIES; WHILE WE AT THAT OL' HOT CEREAL, EGGS, MILK AND TOAST.

AND THEN THEY WOULD EAT THEIR SAME GOOD OL' THINGS FOR THEIR LUNCH; WHILE WE HAD A BISCUIT AND A NIENER; AND WE CALLED THAT JUNK.

MATTHEW 24:45, JESUS SAID, WHO IS A FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT, WHOM HIS LORD HATH MADE RULER OVER HIS HOUSEHOLD, TO GIVE THEM MEAT IN DUE (PROPER TIME) SEASON?

LORD, I THANK YOU: I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT ALONG; THERE WAS 7 KIDS; THEY HAD TO LIVE WITH THE SAME MEAN FATHER AND MOTHER; AS I DID!!!

(OUR MOTHER AND FATHER BROKE ALL THE CHILD LABOR LAWS; THE MEAN IN THEM: WAS THEY MEAN BUSINESS.)

PROVERB 1:8, MY SON, HEAR THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THY FATHER, AND FORSAKE NOT THE LAW (TEACHING) OF THY MOTHER.

THEY WOULD MAKE US "GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY; WE DIDN'T WANT TO GO; WE HAD NO RIGHTS; WE DID AS WE WERE TOLD; ALL ELSE WAS A NO, NO!!!

MARK 10:14b JESUS SAID, SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME, AND FORBID THEM NOT: FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

THEY WANTED TO KNOW OF OUR WHEREABOUTS; AND THAT WAS ALL THE TIMES; THEY WANTED TO KNOW THE PARENTS; OF ALL THE FRIENDS OF MINE.

PROVERB 1:10,11, MY SON, IF SINNERS (FRIENDS) ENTICE THEE, CONSENT THOU NOT. IF THEY SAY, COME WITH US, LET US LAY WAIT FOR BLOOD, LET US LURK (AMBUSH) PRIVILEGE FOR THE INNOCENT WITHOUT A CAUSE.

WE ALL GOT WHIPPINGS WITH BELTS, SWITCHES AND EVEN EXTENSION CARDS; NOW MOTHER COULD WHIP; BUT WHEN DAD DID IT: WE CALLED ON YOU LORD.

PROVERB 23:13,14, WITHHOLD NOT CORRECTION FROM THE CHILD: FOR IF THOU BEATEST HIM WITH THE ROD (OR EXTENSION CARD), HE SHALL NOT DIE. THOU SHALT BEAT HIM WITH THE ROD, AND SHALL DELIVER HIS SOUL FROM HELL.

LORD, I THANK: MOTHER AND FATHER KNEW: WE INHERITED DISOBEDIENCE OF THEIR BLOOD; THEY MENT TO DRIVE THAT SPIRIT FROM US; TALKING AND WHIPPINGS IS LOVE!!!

PROVERB 26:3, A WHIP FOR THE HORSE, A BRIDLE FOR THE ASS, AND A ROD FOR THE FOOL'S BACK.

WE MADE BEDS, COOKED WASHED CLOTHES & DISHES; IT MADE US WOMAN AND MAN; OUR PARENT KNEW: WE HAD TO OBEY; AND WORK THE LABOUR LAWS IN THE LAND!!!

OLD TESTAMENT APOCRYPHA: ECCLESIASTICUS 30:12, HORSE NOT BROKEN BECOMETH HEADSTRONG; AND A CHILD LIFT TO HIMSELF WILL BE WILFUL. COCKER (PAMPER) THY CHILD, AND HE SHALL MAKE THEE AFRAID: PLAY WITH HIM, AND HE SHALL BRING THEE TO HEAVINESS. LAUGH NOT WITH HIM, LEST THOU HAVE SORROW WITH HIM, AND LEST THOU GNASH THY TEETH IN THE END. GIVE HIM NO LIBERTY (RIGHTS) IN HIS YOUTH, AND WINK NOT AT HIS FOLLIES. BOW DOWN HIS NECK WHILE HE IS YOUNG, AND BEAT HIM ON THE SIDES (HIPS) WHILE HE IS A CHILD, LEST HE WAX STUBBORN, AND BE DISOBEDIENT UNTO THEE, AND SO BRING SORROW TO THINE HEART.

LORD BLESSED MY BROTHER LONZY: BEEN ON HIS JOB OVER 30YRS. MY SISTER MATTIE HOMEOWNER AND RENT LADY, MY SISTER BOBBIE DEAN IS A SELF-EMPLOYED COSMETOLOGIST. BROTHER J.R. HAS HIS OWN BUSINESS A CAR DEALER AND BODY SHOP. DESSIE MAY SELF-EMPLOYED REALTY. LULA BEATRICE, IS AN AIRLINE STEWARDESS WITH UNTIED AND AS FOR ME: B.J. I'M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY ABOUT JESUS' BODY, DYING FOR THE SINS OF EVERYBODY. ***** I GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY!!!!*****

PROVERB 31:28, HER CHILDREN ARISE UP, AND CALL HER BLESSED; HER HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE PRAISETH HER.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LET'S PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!

CITY WIDE USHERS WILL MEET

The members of the City Wide Ushers would like to advise those of you who didn't attend last month's meeting that the meeting this month has been changed. Our plans were to meet at Faith First Baptist Church on Saturday evening, May 13, 2000. Instead, we will be having our annual picnic at Mae Simmons Park under the shed beginning at 12:00 noon.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. Come and let's have a wonderful time together. Bring a friend with you.

We have invited Mr. T. J. Patterson to join us in this picnic.

Brother Robert Cork, president; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.



form the Deck of Parson D.A. Smith "A Feeling of Worth"

"There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water—Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink."—John 4:7

In days gone by, one of the joys of our little country school in East Texas was to be given the privilege of erasing the blackboards and dusting the eraser. Melvin Owens, H. P. Jordan, and I would race for the joy of doing this somewhat unpleasant task.

The dusting of the eraser would give us the opportunity to go outside of our classroom and do some of the things boys like to do. When the teacher would call our name and say "You may erase the blackboards today," there seemed to be some kind of honor that the others in the class did not obtain.

It does not require a degree in psychology to realize that the teacher, in our case, was imparting a feeling of importance and of worth. Some children have been criticized so often that they have lost all sense of worth and self-respect. It is a wise teacher who can awaken new confidence in such a student.

Jesus was a master teacher. This was clearly shown in his conversation with the woman at the well, recorded in John's Gospel.

The story begins when John the Baptist had baptized Jesus and had announced Him as the Lamb of God and as the Son of God, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John continued his ministry, but soon Jesus was making more disciples than was John. The Pharisees took note of this, and from that time their eye of scrutiny was continuously upon Jesus. He was not frightened, but He desired to continue His ministry and His training of the apostles without interruption. And so for the time being, he left Judea to go into Galilee.

For this journey there was a choice of two routes. Jesus could go

straight northward from Jerusalem, through Samaria. Or, He could go east to the Jordan, cross over and head north through Perea, and then cross back over the river west into Galilee. Obviously, the second route was farther, but usually the Jews took the longer way because of the hatred between Jews and Samaritans. On this trip, however, Jesus chose to go through Samaria. He did not share any hatred or prejudice against them, but would gladly take God's offer of life to a people whom others considered as outcasts.

A Feeling of Worth Traveling through Samaria, Jesus and His disciples approached the city of Sychar and arrived at Jacob's well on the outskirts of the city about noon. The disciple went into town to buy food and Jesus being tired and thirsty, sat on the curb of the well to rest.

As Jesus rested, a woman of Samaria came out from the city to draw water. With an attitude of respect, Jesus opened the conversation on a topic of mutual interest—water to drink. What He had for her that she did not know was a message of vital importance. He was concerned about her welfare. He did not speak to her in a condescending manner. He secured her attention by asking her a favor, an act which gave her a feeling of importance. He began with reference to what was common and well known (water) and moved on to a discussion of the things of God. He stimulated her interest by arousing her curiosity. With an innocent request, "Go, call thy husband", He brought her to a consideration of the life-style she had adopted, and to a tacit admission of guilt. When she would evade the issue by changing the subject, He used her newly formed perception of Him as a basis for further vital teaching.

The meeting with Jesus by this woman brought a turning point in her life. If you had a meeting with this Jesus who gave you a feeling of worth you ought pray, "Lord, I praise your goodness to me, for the love and mercy you have shown to me. I know now that eternal life, the living water that you have offered through your Son Jesus Christ, is intended for everyone. However, I want to thank you God for saving me."

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Sister Annie McBride. All agree these meetings get them ready and prepared for the Sunday morning services. Prayers were offered by Sisters McBride, Christene Burleson, and Elnora Jones.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "Fruits of The Spirit." Her text was Galatians 5:16-26. Not what your flesh or head or mouth can produce, but your spirit. What are you producing???

This I say then, walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lust-

eth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such likes; of these which I tell you before, as I have also told you in times past that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering,

gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust. If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

This speaker demonstrated the message of the kind of fruit you bear when you walk in the spirit. You will be lovable, joy in your heart, and work for peace in any problem.

Why not come sometime and hear these lessons who are taught by one of our anointed women of the word.

Sister McBride prepared a delicious breakfast fit for a king or queen. Of course, we are the King's Kids. No doubt about it, she is one of the best cooks in the West. Thought for the week: "All our hope is in Jesus!"

Keep up the good walk of faith. Are you hurting?? If so then read II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:22-26 or Mark 16:17

See you next week. God bless our readers and doers of the word.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Ernestine Fraizer, secretary; and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary.

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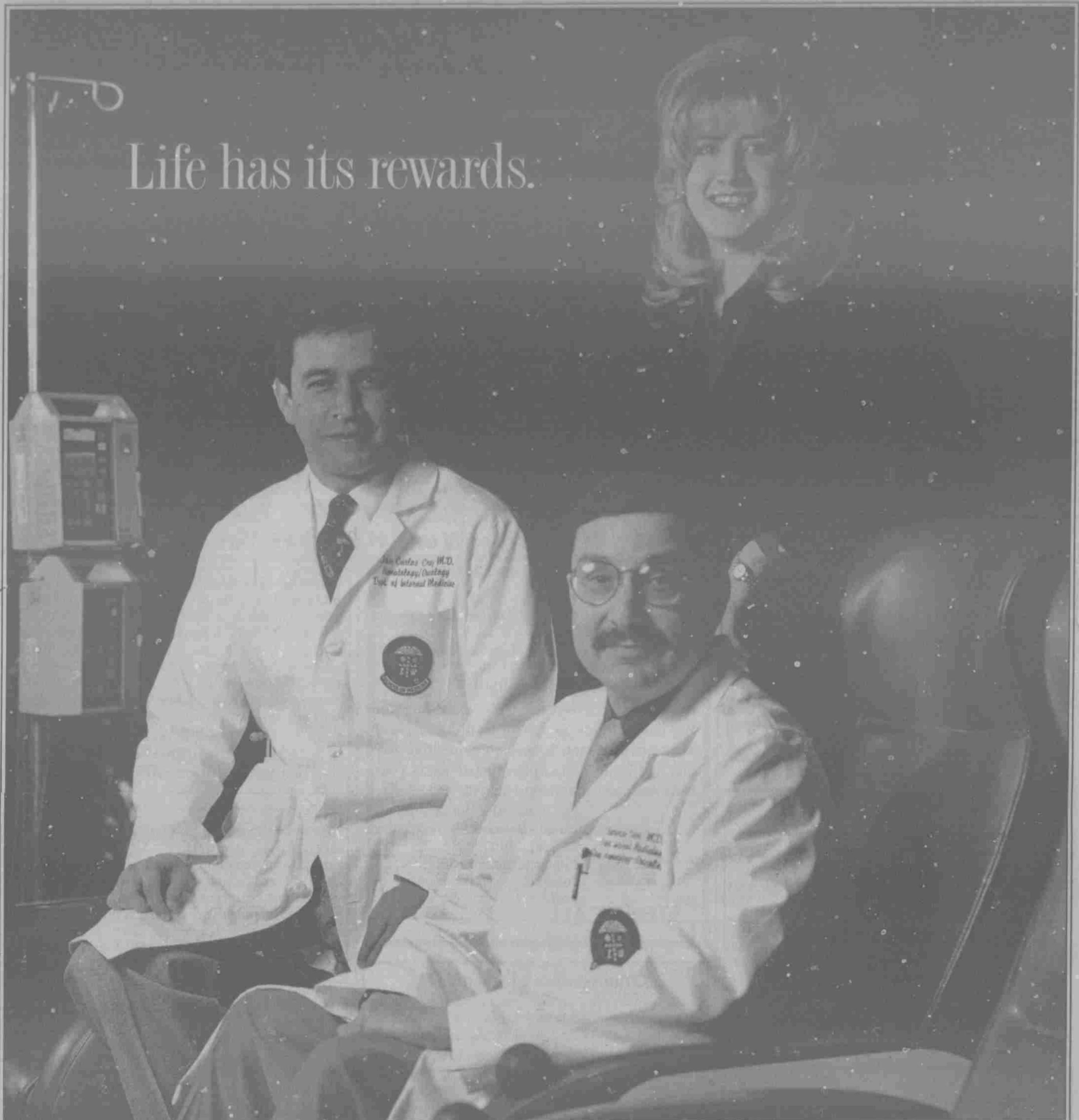
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