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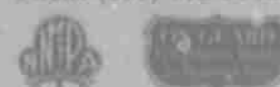
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BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Presidential Pay Hike

A Congressional Appropriations subcommittee included in a fiscal year 2000 spending bill a provision to double the president's salary from \$200,000 to \$400,000, effective 2001. It's been 30 years since that office has had a pay raise, but public interest groups are opposed citing that with the travel and living expenses the president enjoys over a million-a-year in benefits. Against a list of the 800 highest paid corporate executives, the president comes in at number 785.

Valuable Information on Web Links for Small Businesses

The Federal Government buys billions of dollars in supplies and services. Here's a sampling of information you can get from the Internet on contracting opportunities: General Services Administration - www.gsa.gov; Office of Enterprise Development and Forecast of Contracting Opportunities - www.gsa.gov/eed; Minority Business Development Agency - www.doc.gov/agencies/mdba/index.html; Information for Women Entrepreneurs - www.onlinewbc.org; Small Business Administration - www.sba.gov; Commerce Business Daily - www.govcon.com. Get contracting opportunities information from the International Exchange Network, 2054 National Press Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20045 (enclose \$3 for shipping and handling).

The Skinny on the Discussions About Forgiving Third-World Debt

Why are so many black politicians talking about forgiving third-world debt? The statistics suggesting more attention to this problem are quite startling. On average, African nations spend four times as much of their income serving debt (paying on loan interests and/or principals) that they do educating their people. Momentum is building for debt-relief plans to bail out the world's poorest countries, who owe as much as \$200 billion to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. The lenders who can make the decision for forgiving the loans, are the Group of Seven (G7) nations, which are the world's richest countries led by the U.S. and European nations.

How Do You Feel About African Americans Receiving Reparations?

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, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20006 - Fax (202) 547-1992.

Good Credit Record Improves Odds for You to Get Your Desired Loan

Planning to buy a home in the near future? Make sure you have good credit. Today lenders rely on computer-based processes that evaluate your consumer information in minutes. This information is used to electronically process a loan applicant's credit score - a statistical glimpse of how likely the applicant is to repay a loan. The most commonly used credit score in the home buying process is the Fair, Isaac and Co. FICO credit-bureau score, known as a FICO SM score. The score looks mathematically at factors in a person's credit record that may affect the ability, willingness and likelihood of repaying a loan. The computer models used for credit score ignore personal information such as race, religion, gender, marital status and national origin and provide a ranking score of 300 to 900 points. According to FICO, borrowers with higher credit scores have proved statistically to perform better than borrowers with lower scores. For credit repair information contact the International Exchange Network, 2054 National Press Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20045 - (202) 547-1125 (Leave Name and full Address).

Black Elected to NY Stock Exchange Board

Black New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall was recently elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the New York Stock Exchange. McCall, sole trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund, is the only elected official on the 26 member board. McCall represents 860,000 New York citizens who are members of the Common Retirement Fund and has oversight of its \$130 billion in assets. The New York Stock Exchange is the world's largest equities market with nearly \$15 trillion in capitalization.

Black Firm is Co-Manager in AT&T's \$4 Billion Bond Offering

AT&T Chairman and CEO Michael Armstrong announced at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies dinner that a New York-based black investment banking firm, Blaylock - Partous, has been selected by that firm to create an unprecedented \$4 billion bond offering.

Two New Vice Presidents and One New Dean Appointed

LUBBOCK, TX—Dr. L. Ken Jones, President of Lubbock Christian University, is pleased to announce the following appointments. Dr. Rodney Blackwood has been named as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs. Kevin Elmore has assumed the role of Vice President for Business and Technology. And, Dr. C.W. Hannel is the newly appointed Dean of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Rodney Blackwood has been on the faculty at LCU since 1971. But he was actually here before that—Rod began as a student, receiving an Associates Degree from LCC when it was a junior college. He then went on to Texas Tech where he

completed his BS, MS and Ph.D. degrees. He has taught agriculture and biology at LCU for the past 29 years and he has been responsible for the land farmed by the LCU agriculture department. He has served as Chair of the Natural Sciences Department for the past ten years. Dr. Blackwood was the recipient of the F.W. Mattox Teaching Award in the 1980's and was honored as a L.R. Wilson Distinguished Teacher in 1997. Not only will Rod be serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs, he will continue to teach at least three hours per semester. When asked what is his biggest challenges he faces in his new position, he responded, "We are going

to make registration for classes available online sometime during the next year at LCU. I want to make sure we do not lose the "personal touch" we are known for in the process."

Kevin has been with the university since 1995. He has a BA from Oklahoma Christian University and an MBA from Texas Tech University in Information Systems. He previously was Director of Information Services at LCU. In that role, Kevin was credited with implementation of a campus-wide fiber optic network. Thanks in large part to Kevin every dorm room on campus has internet access as well as all offices. In his new role as Vice President for Business and Technology, Kevin will

be responsible for the business, finance and technological needs of the university.

Dr. Hannel has been with LCU for the past nine years where he has served as associate professor of secondary education and for the last two years as chair of the Secondary Education Department. In his new position, he will be responsible for supervising all graduate programs at Lubbock Christian as well as development of new graduate programs. LCU currently offers two graduate degrees in Bible and three in Education.

Dr. Hannel received his BSEd from Oklahoma Christian University, his MA from the University of South Dakota, and his Ed.D.

degree from Texas Tech University. Prior to coming to LCU, he served as Vice President for Academic Affairs for York College in Nebraska.

During his time at LCU, Dr. Hannel was awarded the prestigious L.R. Wilson Distinguished Teacher Award. He also chaired the steering committee for the past 3 years, which was responsible for LCU's self-study needed for accreditation—a monumental task. He did this in addition to his class load. When asked what he liked most about LCU, Dr. Hannel responded, "I really appreciate the emphasis on vision and Christian values. And, I appreciate working at a place which respects individual initiative."



The Coca-Cola Company served as sponsor of the 30th Anniversary Banquet of the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) held in Atlanta at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Ingrid Saunders Jones, second left, vice president, corporate external affairs, The Coca-Cola Company extends greetings to, left-right, Rudolph J. Frank, chairman, BEEP Conference, Ann Fudge, executive vice president, Kraft Foods and keynote speaker at the Banquet and Dennis Dowdell, BEEP Advisory Council. The Coca-Cola Company is a long-time supporter of BEEP and the National Urban League.



The Coca-Cola Company served as sponsor of the Presidential Luncheon during the annual convention of the 100 Black Men of America held in Detroit at the Renaissance Hotel. Thomas W. Dortch, left, president, 100 Black Men of America and Ingrid Saunders Jones, center, vice president, corporate external affairs, The Coca-Cola Company welcome Dennis Malamatinas, president and chief executive officer, The Burger King Corporation to the event. The 100 Black Men of America named Burger King "Corporation of the Year" during the luncheon. Coca-Cola Products are sold at Burger King Restaurants throughout the country. Both Coca-Cola and Burger King are long-time supporters of the 100 Black Men of America.

Kay James Named Heritage Foundations Senior Fellows

WASHINGTON—Kay Coles James, chairman of the just-concluded National Gambling Impact Study Commission and Secretary of Health and Human Services in the administration of former Virginia Gov. George Allen, has been named a senior fellow for The Citizenship Project at The Heritage Foundation.

Most recently dean of the School of Government at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., James will help lead Heritage's effort to restore a strong ethic of citizenship and civic responsibility. James will write, speak, and develop training programs designed to encourage greater participation in the public-policy process. She will divide her time between offices in Norfolk, Va., and Heritage's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Working with Heritage's Resource Bank, a nationwide network of policy groups and grass-roots activists, she will strengthen

conservative coalitions and interest new constituencies in the message of conservatism. Above all, she will articulate the vision for America in which civil society—institutions such as churches and civic groups eventually replaces government as the engine for social improvement.

"There is no better person to serve as an ambassador for citizenship and civil society than Kay James," said Heritage President Edwin Feulner. "Kay will be an incredible asset to Heritage and an effective advocate for mainstream, conservative ideals."

According to James, "The genius of the American experiment rests on the active and informed involvement of its citizens to protect our freedoms and provide solutions to cultural and civic issues. For the past 25 years, The Heritage Foundation has been engaged in the battle of ideas to advance the principles for which our

Founding Fathers fought. I am honored to join such a respected and effective team in their efforts to restore the rightful role of the individual in our public discourse."

James has been active in the analysis, development and implementation of American public policy for the past 20 years in senior positions in the public and private sectors and is a frequent commentator and lecturer on a variety of domestic policy issues. Before serving in the Allen Administration, James was senior vice president of the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. She also served under President Bush as associate director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and as assistant secretary for public affairs at the Health and Human Services Department. She was appointed by President Reagan and reappointed by President Bush as commissioner of the National Commission on

Children. James has served on the Fairfax County and Virginia State Boards of Education, as well as the boards of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Young Life. She currently serves on the boards of Focus on the Family, PhyCor Inc., and the Center for Jewish and Christian Values. A graduate of Hampton University in Hampton, Va., James is the author of two books, "Never Forget," her 1993 autobiography, and "Transforming America: From the Inside Out" (1995). She lives in Chesapeake, Va., with her husband, Charles. They have three children.

The Heritage Foundation is recognized as one of the country's leading conservative research and educational institutes. It gained fame in the early 1980s as the think tank President Reagan turned to for ideas and advice on foreign and defense policy, tax reform, and



other issues. Heritage maintains a strong presence in Washington through its work with lawmakers in the 106th Congress and is a leading proponent of renewing civil society. Heritage's long-term objective, Feulner says, "is to roll back the liberal welfare state and build an America where freedom, opportunity and civil society flourish."

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. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope. You will be glad you did so!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. with Assistant Superintendent Henry High in charge. All teachers and students were in their various places for thirty minutes of instruction. All reassembled at 10:15 a. m. to the main auditorium marching and singing the song, "This Little Light of Mine." Upon arrival, prayer was given by Superintendent High. An invitation to discipleship was extended by Rev. J. Brown.

The secretary's report: Youth Department — Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner. The Senior Class retained the Attendance Banner.

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. The Offering Banner was received by Adult Class No. 4, with an offering of \$302.

The morning devotional period began at 10:45 a. m. with Sister Octavia Givens and Brother Robert Cork serving as the conductees and assisted by the Prayer team.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "I'm Working On The Building." The altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A selection, "Jesus, Be A Fence All Around Me," was sung. The morning scripture was read by Sister Clara Lee Blakemore. Prayer was given by Sister Doris Dailey. Another selection, "Jehovah God, You Are My Provider," was sung.

The responsive reading was read by Sister Winnie Jackson with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "Nothing But The blood of Jesus," was sung.

The Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. Pastor Moton always has something to say to the congregation. Another song, "Hold On, The Train is Coming," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "There's A Fountain."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Get Up, Pick Up, Go Up." His scriptures were found in St. Luke 5:16-26. Pastor Moton said he was going to hit and quit. He did carry us up before he quit.

Remember all our sick and shut in citizens. Among them include Bernice Kelly and Clarence Ervin who are both home from the hospital. Of course, there are others whom we may not be familiar with, but still pray for them. Don't forget Chaney Kyle and Charles Jackson.

Let's pray for the John F. Kennedy, Jr. family. There have so many tragedies which has happened to this family.

If you missed the "Young People For Christ Conference," which was a Youth Revival. It was held at New Hope Baptist Church last week with Rev. S. T. Hillard of Houston, Texas as guest evangelist. He preached out of his soul and heart every night. The New Hope Youth Choir led the way each night. Keep up the good work, young people. Also thanks to St. John and Lyons Chapel.

The New Hope Baptist Church's Ushers Annual Musical was held last Sunday afternoon, July 18, 1999. It was very well done.

African American Mothers Of Adults With Developmental Disabilities Be Heard

What happens when a historically overlooked group gets its voice heard on issues of aging, developmental disability, social and emotional support, and ethnicity? Programs and policies can be developed in ways that are sensitive to ethnic diversity. Aging Together, a research study being conducted through the Center for Child, Family and Community Partnerships at Boston College, is actively

seeking African American mothers, aged 55 and older, sharing a home with an adult son or daughter, aged 22 or over, who has a developmental disability such as Mental Retardation or Down's Syndrome. This nationwide study has already included over 600 African American and Caucasian women. The study will identify the challenges, stresses and rewards associated with this caregiving

role, including mothers' opinions on health care systems, physical care, financial assistance, emotional support, and future residential decisions.

The study, funded by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, is led by Dr. Rachel Pruchno, a well known psychologist who studies African American and Caucasian families in their middle and later years. Says Pruchno, "This is the first generation of parents to face the challenges and rewards of living to advanced age with an adult son or daughter with mental retardation. In order for policies and services to meet the needs of these families, it is especially important that we speak with

African American women." Historically, much prior research has made the mistake of ignoring or misrepresenting African Americans. Aging Together has made it a priority, however, to give all participants an opportunity to express their authentic voices and contribute their knowledge to research. If programs and policies are to be developed which meet the needs of African Americans, their concerns and opinions must be known.

Participation in the study includes a telephone interview which is voluntary, confidential, and anonymous. To participate or for more information on Aging Together, please call Jennifer Rosenbaum at 1-800-244-4470.

Hometown News

Army Reserve Pvt. David L. Berry has arrived at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., to complete basic military training.

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

Berry is the son of Jeannie M. Berry of 2216 88th St., Lubbock, Texas, and grandson of M.C. Berry of 310 Hogle, Weatherford, Texas.

Honors Students Named At UAF

Fairbanks, Alaska—Michael S. Cook from Lubbock, TX has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) in recognition of outstanding academic achievements during the spring 1999 semester.

Honors students receiving all "A's" or a 4.0 grade point average are placed on the Chancellor's List, while those receiving an "A-" average of between 3.5 and 3.99 G.P.A. are named to the Dean's List.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is a land-, sea- and space-grant institution, with an enrollment of 8,235 students. Located 160 miles south of the Arctic Circle, UAF is the only university in Alaska offering classes at the Ph.D. level.

Since its founding in 1917, UAF has grown to become an internationally recognized institution with a focus on research relating to the arctic and sub-arctic, including biology, geophysics, space physics, engineering, natural resources and global climate change.

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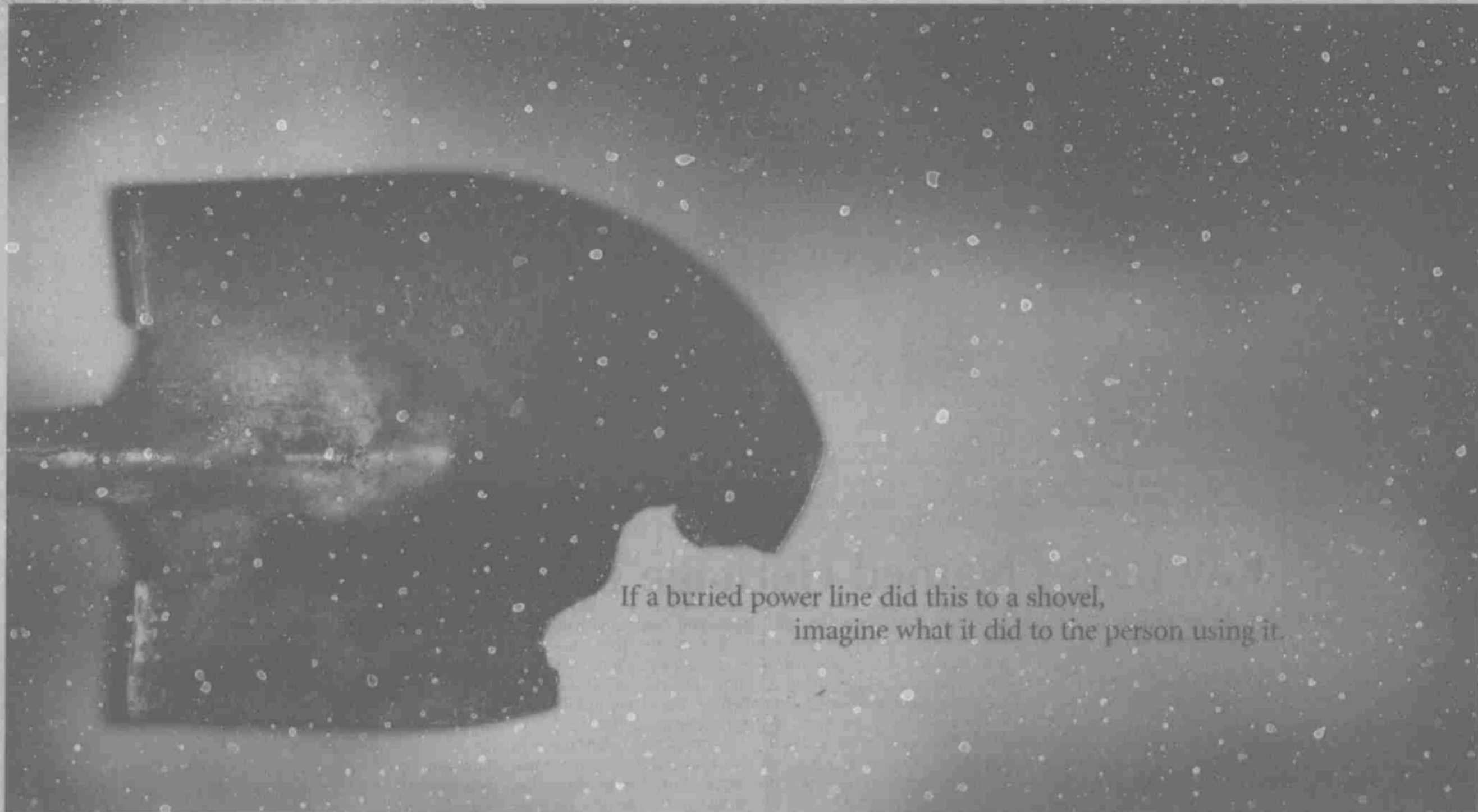
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Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS N THAT

WHAT A SURPRISE!! THIS N THAT was really SURPRISED last Friday evening at a reception in his honor and sponsored by the ONE HUNDRED BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, INC. Also being honored were members of the TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CITY COUNCILMEMBERS (TABCCM) INC who were in Lubbock attending the annual conference of the Association of City Councilmembers and Mayors held at the Lubbock Civic Center The big SURPRISE came when THIS N THAT City Councilman T. J. Patterson was asked to come to the front of the room and was shown a video tape featuring local businessman ... GREG PHEA owner of Rising Fast Motor Company, Inc. "WHO GAVE THE BIG SURPRISE The Surprise PATTERSON was advised of an automobile being presented to him in the very near future With help of members of the ONE HUNDRED BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, INC. this surprise was possible R. D. JOHNSON president did a splendid job in keeping the secret as well as CALVIN JACKSON-DAVIS This affair took place at the ... SKYVIEW'S RESTAURANT where at least 200 people were in attendance With inspiring comments prior to the surprise from DR. MICHAEL WARD it was a VERY IMPRESSIVE AFFAIR as the restaurant was filled with BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS from around Texas What an evening and it is one which CITY COUNCILMAN T. J. PATTERSON overwhelmed about WHAT A NIGHT it was More will be coming on this evening at the SKYVIEW'S RESTAURANT In a word THIS N THAT says THANKS! ONE HUNDRED BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, INC. More on this later about the this SURPRISE!

TEN BLACK MAYORS IN LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT want to advise that there were TEN BLACK MAYORS from various Texas cities attending the annual conference of the ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS (AMCC) last weekend It was a very REFRESHING EXPERIENCE to have them in Lubbock As it is reported there are at least FORTY BLACK MAYORS IN TEXAS And just think TEN OF THEM were in Lubbock last week.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "If something is WRONG FIX IT if you can But train yourself not to WORRY WORRY never fixes ANYTHING...."

ONE OF BETHEL'S OWN RETURNS! THIS N THAT observed the PREACHING of one of our former residents of Lubbock young preacher by the name of REV. RALPH MCCORMICK youth pastor of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Austin, Texas He did a splendid job preaching the sermon for the 78th Anniversary of the BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH which was established in April, 1921 He was presented to the audience by his brother John McCormick an attorney in Austin....

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



Summertime is the time of the year when most people take their annual vacations. It is also the time of year when most families spend some time together as families. Families who have not spent much time together often have a difficult time deciding where to spend their together time. Because of this, too many do not really enjoy the time they have together because they are not accustomed to spending time together. Their interests are different as well as their circle of friends.

Friends is what most families, especially the dysfunctional ones, should become. The lack of friendship is what is basically wrong with most families. The lack of friendship is overshadowed by what is called 'love.' This love however, is only displayed, too often in times of crisis. Children call it forth when they are in trouble and so do corresponding adults. Family love is often called upon like some of us call upon God, when we need him. Love and God should be constants in our lives. When love and God are constant, we have a Friend. Families need to work on friendship to help children to be better rounded individuals. Schools, churches and homes will experience more peace when families become friends. All of the changes worth while taking place on this earth, need to begin at home, with the family. It will make choosing a vacation place a lot easier. It will also enhance those great family reunions which so many of us have every year. They will no longer be 'comings together with folks I don't really know,' anymore, but a meeting of friends. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and makes friends with our families.

THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT

New Yorkers For Political Reform

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

For many years, leaders in the African-American community have encouraged, pleaded, cajoled, asked, and flat-out demanded that people vote.

and racist Jim Crow laws that were abolished in the 1960's have been replaced with more subtle—but equally powerful—methods that keep millions of average Americans locked out of the political process.

We are told that if we don't vote, we are disrespecting those who struggled and died to guarantee our right to vote. We are undermining our political clout. When we don't vote, we don't have a voice, we have no right to complain about how things are.

I don't think simply telling people to vote is adequate. It doesn't engage the ways that people have been excluded. It doesn't recognize that the culture of American politics discourages participation. In dozens of ways, subtle and not so subtle, the message goes out that our voices are not wanted, not needed, and not important.

Now I am the last person to put down the gains and accomplishments of the last 150 years. I have great respect for the civil rights movement, which demanded that African-Americans have the same rights and political franchise as other Americans. The Voting Rights Act of 1964 was an important victory. The fight to end legal exclusion from political life was a great victory and something we can be very proud of.

Many factors keep people from voting. The distance between "career politicians" and ordinary people, the lack of candidate debates, restrictive voter registration procedures, and the abundance of "negative" campaigning and advertising prevent millions of people from actively participating in the political process.

But let's not confuse having the legal right to vote with having a political process that invites us to participate. I would argue that the blatant

In June, I, along with twenty-five other New Yorkers, founded New Yorkers for Political Reform, an organization that is working to increase voter participation. The founding meeting of this new organization was a big success. People with no experience in politics mingled with experienced election lawyers and activists and a dialogue ensued about how to build and develop a campaign to bring millions of New Yorkers into the political process.



four short weeks, we have drafted legislation for same-day voter registration, which is being introduced into the New York State Assembly as well as the U.S. Congress. Same day registration is a critical reform. It encourages young people and non-voters to participate by allowing people to register at the poll on Election Day. The five states that currently allow same day enjoy 15% to 25% higher voter turnout than the rest of the country.

We are also working to challenge other barriers to participation and restructure the presidential debates, ballot access laws and introduce campaign finance reform. New Yorkers for Political Reform is not going to try to convince people that they should vote. Our focus is on finding ways to impact on the political culture so that millions of people will want to vote. We want to involve thousands of people in developing, building and promoting this campaign. If you want to get involved, or you want to start a campaign for same-day voter registration in your state, please call me at 870-288-3201.

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ISSUE UPDATE

With Mac Thornberry

Who Gets Credit For The Budget Surplus
Is Less Important Than How We Manage It

It was just a few years ago that people were predicting the federal government would be running budget deficits as far as the eye could see.

So last week's announcement that the budget surplus will be bigger than most anyone thought naturally left a lot of politicians falling all over themselves trying to take credit for the news.

But you and I both know that the size of the surplus has less to do with Washington than with the economy, and the hardworking men and women who take care of their families and pay their taxes day in and day out.

Yes, Congress has been able to hold the line on spending somewhat. And yes, we've been able to cut some taxes. But as I've pointed out, government is still bigger than it's ever been before, and taxes are still higher than at any time since World War II.

Arguing over what to do with the surplus is nearly as tough as arguing how to reduce the deficit. It has a lot to do with how much government you want in your life something I'll talk more about next week. I believe we should set aside every dime collected for Social Security and make sure these dollars are not spent on any other government program. We'll still have a \$1 trillion surplus over the next 10 years in the rest of the budget for other priorities, like lowering taxes and shoring up our national defense.

The bottom line is that we can't manage the surplus like we've managed the government over the past 30 years. If we do, we'll be squandering an opportunity we've waited a generation to achieve, and worrying less about who gets the credit than who gets the blame.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Gone fishing

The economic impact of anglers in Texas is more than \$6.3 billion. More than 2.6 million adult anglers spent \$2.6 billion in 1990 on various items ranging from lures and equipment to food, bait and fuel.

Fishing tips

- ✓ Sunscreen will kill the bait, so be sure to wash your hands before handling bait.
- ✓ Take an ice chest to the dock your catch as opposed to keeping fish in a live well, since the water can reach higher temperatures than the water the fish were caught in.
- ✓ Add ice to the live bucket to keep the temperatures down and the fish alive. Your fish will last longer and be more productive catching fish.
- ✓ Wear your seat belt and please don't drink and drive.

SOURCES:
Texas Comptroller
of Public Accounts,
www.whitewoods.tx.us,
and Texas Parks and Wildlife



"(Spoken) Words and Music" - In celebration of Black Music Month, Sony Music Entertainment Corporate Affairs recently hosted an exciting symposium where poetic legends, Nikki Giovanni and Gil Scott-Heron joined forces with five other dynamic spoken word artists. Over 350 fans filled the Sony Plaza Atrium while a global audience watched live via the internet at www.gopoetry.com and www.platform.net. Pictured (Top left to right) area: LeBaron Taylor, Sr. VP, Corporate Affairs, Sony Music Entertainment, Jessica Care Moore, Gil Scott-Heron, Isisara Bey, Sr. Director, Corporate Affairs, Sony Music Entertainment, Sekou Sundiata and Carl Hancock Rux. Pictured (Bottom left to right) are Nikki Giovanni, Laini Mataka and Sarah Jones. Photo by E. Lee White

Summer Kidstuff Programs for July 26-29
All programs start at 2 p.m.

Monday, July 26 at Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street: Lubbock Dynamic Gymnasios will demonstrate gymnastics and tumbling. Call 775-2838 for more information.

Tuesday, July 27 at Godeke Branch Library, 6801 Quaker: Smokey the Bear will talk to us about fire safety. Call 792-6566 for more information.

Wednesday, July 28 at Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive: Smokey the Bear will be at Patterson today to talk about fire safety. For more information, please call 767-3300.

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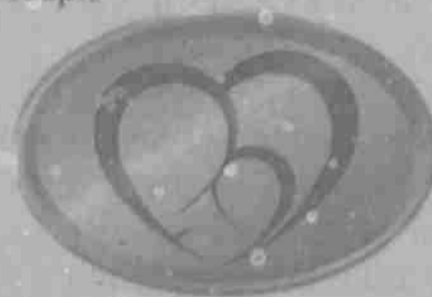
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MALACHI 1:6, A SON HON-
OURETH HIS FATHER, AND A SER-
VANT HIS MASTER: IF THIN I BE A
FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HON-
OUR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR?
SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS UNTO YOU, O
PRIESTS, THAT DESPISE MY NAME. AND YE SAY,
WHEREIN HAVE WE DESPISED THY NAME?

WHEN THE PREACHERS DON'T TRUST GOD;
TO TAKE CARE OF HIS NEEDS, HE'LL GET THE
PEOPLE TO WORK HARD: FOR HIM A BIG
ANNIVERSARY!!!

ISAIAH 56:10,11, HIS WATCHMEN (PREACHERS)
ARE BLIND: THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT, THEY ARE
ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; SLEEP-
ING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER. YEA,
THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER
HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS
(PREACHERS) THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND:
THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY
ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER
(ANNIVERSARY).

MANY PREACHERS THINK THE STOREHOUSE;
IS THEIR OWN BANK ACCOUNT, WHEN ITS TIME
TO GIVE TO THE POOR, AND NEEDY; THERE IS
NO AMOUNT!!!

DEUTERONOMY 10:17,18, FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD IS GOD OF GODS, AND LORD OF
LORDS, A GREAT GOD, A MIGHTY, AND A TERRI-
BLE, WHICH REGARDETH NOT PERSONS, NOR
TAKETH REWARD: HE DOTH EXECUTE THE JUDG-
MENT OF THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOW, AND
LOVETH THE STRANGER, IN GIVING HIM FOOD
AND RAIMENT.

PREACHERS LET UN-MADE HOLD POSITIONS;
IF THEY PAY THEM TITHE, LOVE OF MONEY: HE
DON CARE; GOD'S HOUSE IS SUPPOSE TO BE
SANCTIFIED!!!

***** WILL THE UNSAVED ROB GOD???*

HE DATES SISTERS IN THE CHURCH; AND HE
YET HAS A WIFE, LIKE A PIMP IN THE CHURCH;
HE TOO NEED TO BE SANCTIFIED!!!

MARK 12:38-40, JESUS SAID, BEWARE OF THE
SCRIBES (PREACHERS), WHICH LOVE TO GO IN
LONG CLOTHING, AND LOVE
SALUTATION(SALUTING: REVEREND THIS AND
REVEREND THAT) IN THE MARKETPLACE, AND
THE CHIEF SEATS IN THE
SYNAGOGUES(CHURCHES), AND THE UPPER-
MOST ROOMS AT FEASTS: WHICH DEVOUR WID-
OWS' HOUSES, AND FOR A PRETENSE MAKE
LONG PRAYERS: THESE SHALL RECEIVE GREATER
DAMNATION.

***** WILL A SISTER ROB GOD???*

PROVERB 26:11, AS A DOG RETURNETH TO HIS
VOMIT, SO A FOOL RETURNETH TO HIS
FOLLY(FOOLISHNESS).

(WHEN THE CHURCH HAS PROBLEMS LIKE
THIS; THEY NEED TO CALL A MEETING, AND GET
THIS MESS OUT OF GOD'S HOUSE.THE CHURCH
SUPPOSE TO BE A HOLY PLACE; AND IF GOD IS
NOT GETTING THE GLORY, IT IS THE
DEVIL'S CHURCH. THAT IS WHY THE SINNER
MAN,WHEN HE COMES VISIT HE KNOWS; THESE
THINGS SHOULD NOT BE AND WON'T JOIN;
BECAUSE HE SAY, HE CAN GO TO HELL WHERE
HE IS!!! HE DON'T WANT TO PLAY CHURCH.)

IN MATTHEW 18:15-20, JESUS SAID, PUT THAT
DEVIL OUT OF THE CHURCH, THAT'S HOW THE
CHURCHES ROB GOD; AND THE KINGDOM OF
GOD IS HURT!!!

1 PETER 4:17, FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT
JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF
GOD: AND IF IT FIRST BEGIN AT US, WHAT
SHALL THE END BE OF THEM THAT OBEY NOT
THE GOSPEL OF GOD?

***** WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD???*

I'M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERY-
BODY, ABOUT JESUS' BODY, THAT DIED FOR THE
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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

In The Praise Of His Church

There is a hymn entitle "Jesus, the
Very Thought of Thee" that is often
sung at Smith Temple Community
Church. The hymn is written in the
tune "St. Agnes" and Common Meter 86.86.
However, we sing the hymn in the tune "Manoah"
Common Meter 86.86.

The saintly Bernard of Clairvaux wrote this hymn
in the height of the middle Ages; a period of history
often looked upon as the "Dark Ages." History records
the Church of the age was covered by spiritual and
moral darkness. The institution that had been founded
by Jesus Christ some 1,000 years earlier had reached
such a low ebb that there was no praise to God's
glory. The moral standards of many of its prominent
leaders were totally out of character for men of God.

The words of the hymn giving praise to God are:
Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind.

O hope of very contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Because human beings are so self-centered and so
earth-centered, we tend to forget that God, the Self-
existent One, could have continued forever in perfect
Triune harmony and complacency without ever hav-
ing created anything. Why did God create angels, the
universe, the world, and all that is in it, which, of
course, includes human beings. The answer is that
His creation would glorify Him; His glory would be
manifested and extended.

The material universe, including plants and ani-
mals, continues to fulfill its created purpose of glorify-
ing God the Creator. Personal beings, however, both
angelic and human, have sinned and deviated from
God's original intent for creation. Lucifer was lifted up
with pride and favorite exalting himself instead of glo-
rifying God; likewise, men, "when they knew God,
they glorified him not as God" (Roman 1:21) but
"worshiped and served the creature more than the
Creator" (vs. 25).

God will achieve His eternal purpose, which is
that He be glorified in His creation. This will be real-
ized in part through the church in eternity, having
been redeemed, regenerated, and glorified to conform
to the image of Christ. Our responsibility now in our
daily lives is to fulfill that purpose, being "to the
praise of his glory," as best as we can.

When life get a little rough, why not try singing to
the glory of God, "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee."

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast were
unable to visit with residents of the Parkway Manor
Care Center on last Saturday morning, July 18, 1999,
because of other things out of their control.

Did you know that sin and sickness are twins. Sin
opens the door for sickness. And Christ can heal all of
our sickness and disease. He gave this power to his dis-
ciples. It is written in Matthew 10:1: "Also with his
stripes we were healed." Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24, "by
whose stripes ye were healed."

A few things we're tired of aren't you? We are tired
of our children being strung out on DRUGS. We're tired
of seeing more prisons built and our children are filling
them up.

We're tired of seeing Christians depressed as if there's
no hope. We're tired of seeing people of God unable to
live a normal life, because there's not enough resources
coming into the home. We're tired of seeing one par-
ent families struggling with children out of control.
We're tired of seeing kids taking over our communities
doing things which are illegal. They're having no fear
or respect for others. Their loud music which degrade
women.

Who said we can't work in power. Read Acts 1:8 who
said we can't be healed. Who said we have to be and
live in poverty? This is a day of new things. We can pre-
pare for a storm that may not come, but if we prepare
God's way, we can't lose. We need to love all mankind,
walking by faith, trusting God, for giving your fellow-
man, sharing. If we prepare in this manner, we can ride
out every storm as eagles.

Stand firm on the word of God and take our stuff back
that the enemy has taken from us. In other words be an
intercessor and ask the Holy Spirit who is the instigator
of prayer to help you. Do this for your family, your chil-
dren. For our leaders and our Pastors and their families
as well as other churches, we need to pray for them.
Pray for other members of families who do not belong
to any church, regardless of color or attitude. Pray for
those you don't like and ask God to forgive you for your
sins.

Don't forget your drive by prayers wherever you are in
this city. You don't have to make a lot of noise. Make a
big thing out of it. Just sit in these sin infested commu-
nities and pray, saints. Don't let the enemy steal your
faith!

We'll see you next week. Pray for us, others and love
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Thought of the week: "Attend your prayer meeting as
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Contempt And The Cause Of Slavery



By Donna Lamb, Aesthetic Realism Consultant

As we celebrate Juneteenth, with its meaning grounded in such horror and such joy, I want to say how deeply ashamed I am that persons of my race once supported and participated in the barbaric institution of slavery. I've come to understand that slavery is not just a Southern shame as I once thought: it is an American shame, for so much of the wealth that came to be in our nation—in the North as well as the South—was created, either directly or indirectly, through African labor. But this wealth was stolen from them and never reached their African-American descendants. I can hardly express how angry I am that this simple fact is not taught clearly in our schools, and that there has not yet been a formal, national apology for what African persons were forced to suffer in being enslaved—let alone reparations to their heirs which, it is my fervent belief, are only just. It is a terrible fact that, as each of you knows, over 135 years after it was abolished, slavery's legacy is still very much with us, hurting

America in the deep-seated inequality of our nation's economic system and in the many instances of racism we see daily throughout our country.

The more I learn on this subject, the more I want everyone to know what I'm so thankful to have learned from Aesthetic Realism, the philosophy founded by the great American poet and educator, Eli Siegel. I believe it can enable every person to see slavery—which is clearly one of the cruelest things in the history of humanity—in such a way that, instead of just making for feelings of anger and pain, it can also make for the feeling of greater strength and clarity because something so horrid is being looked at truly: in a way that has us better understand ourselves and what is going on in America now.

Slavery Begins with the Hope for Contempt

One of the things that made slavery in America so hideous in terms of all world history is that two of the ugliest forms of contempt—which Mr. Siegel described as "the lessening of what is different from oneself as a means of self-increase as one sees it"—came together in it: the profit motive and racism.

Ellen Reiss, the Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism, stated: "Slavery is a form—utter, elemental—of man's seeing man with contempt: it is the epitome of the feeling, 'You are different from me; therefore you are less; I do not have to see you as real; and I have pleasure looking

down on you."

She said, too: "Slavery...is the profit system as utter: it is certainly the getting all you can from someone while giving him as little as possible."

Contempt Can Be Oh, So Ordinary

Eli Siegel, who was passionate about justice to people and completely without prejudice of any kind, explained that the contempt which made for slavery—and for every other human atrocity such as the death camps of Nazi Germany—doesn't begin with something huge and dramatic; it begins with something that is very ordinary and is in every person.

In the international periodical *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*, Ellen Reiss writes: "Contempt [is] in 'nice' people in thousands of ways, as one makes oneself more through making others less. It is in a wife's smug, delicately sneering feeling that her husband is just a blundering boy, less sensitive and intelligent than she. It is in a husband's complacently sneering feeling that he doesn't have to listen when his wife talks to him—he can just wipe out her words: they're interferences, not worth hearing, so he'll just sit there and annihilate them. It is in cozy conversations around dinner tables, which come to: 'Those other people, that family next door, aren't as good as our family. We can snicker at them and look down on them. Besides, they'd like to hurt us if they could—maybe use part of our driveway or play music

too loudly, or worse."

The desire to think well of yourself swiftly and easily, to do away with self-doubt and feel triumphantly Big and Good because you can make what is different from you small and bad, is the cause of all prejudice. It is the cause of every utterance of every racial epithet."

And, so importantly, Miss Reiss distinguishes between the circumstances that enabled slavery to thrive (which have, at times been taken to be the cause) and its true underlying cause. She writes:

"Slavery flourished in the South because of certain circumstances: the climate made the plantation system seem appropriate, and, as Mr. Siegel pointed out in a lecture, the invention of the cotton gin and therefore the increased profit-making power of cotton made the having of slaves appealing. But those circumstances were not the underlying cause of one human being's feeling he could buy, sell, and work to death another. A young woman in Boston in the 1850s, whose family did not own slaves, was just as capable and potentially desirous of ordering a darker person around and slapping his face as a young woman of Atlanta—because the Boston lady had the desire for contempt too, only it didn't meet the same circumstances as that of her Southern counterpart."

Contempt, Mr. Siegel said, "often begins delicately and culminates massively." As a self, as a wife, and as a person hoping to make sense of the world I'm in, I love Mr. Siegel and Aesthetic Realism for explaining the continuity between injustice in its most delicate, sedate, seemingly harmless forms, and injustice at its most blatant, horrendous, massive. Knowing this makes me a better critic of where I could be like that "young woman of Atlanta" and want to order another per-

son around contemptuously—my husband, for instance, speaking to him in a disrespectful, dictatorial tone about something I want him to do. I am grateful to know that when I've treated someone that tell herself isn't so bad—I was doing the very thing that, carried far enough, made for the more than 300 years of slavery on this continent. It is also the thing that has the United States feel it has the right to order other nations around and even attack them with bombs and embargoes if they don't do what we want—the people of Yugoslavia, Iraq, Cuba, and others. Seeing this enables me to fight this ugly thing in myself and elsewhere, and to understand history and what's going on in the world today in a way I simply couldn't otherwise.

The Profit System and Slavery

One of the most thrilling and hopeful things I know of is the way Aesthetic Realism relates slavery of once and the profit system of now. The profit system is the economic system by which one person exploits others for his own gain, and, as I quoted earlier, Ellen Reiss stated: "Slavery...is the profit system as utter: it is certainly the getting all you can from someone while giving him as little as possible."

In an issue of *The Right of* in which she writes about the end of slavery in relation to the profit system now, she says: "By 1861, in America, a certain tremendous contempt for people, slavery, could no longer continue with America bearing it, smooth about it. In our time, Mr. Siegel showed, another massive form of contempt has become permanently disabled and will never work again: the using of people to make profit for others. He said in 1970: 'Man should not make money from man!...That was justice five thousand years ago, but it didn't have a chance to show its

power until now... Ethics is a force like electricity, steam, the atom—and will have its way.' [Goodbye Profit System; Update, p. 82]"

And she writes that since 1970 there has been: "a big effort to cover up the fact that the economy, with its basis in contempt for people, has failed... Eli Siegel explained: 'There will be no economic recovery in the world until economics itself, the making of money, the having of jobs, becomes ethical.'"

Miss Reiss continues: "The Civil War occurred because ethics is a force, and could not be evaded."

In our time, we have come to the end of another evasion. There will not be a civil war; there will be this economic irreversible weakening—until the economy is based on respect for human lives. From the Middle East, from Africa, there comes also this unevadable demand: You have to see that we, that every person, is as real as you are!"

Mr. Siegel said that in the future, people will look back on the profit system and see it in the same way that slavery is seen now: with the feeling of "My God, how could people have allowed something so hideous to go on!" When Aesthetic Realism is studied respectfully nationwide, I believe there will be a groundswell in the American people insisting on ending the economic system that once made for slavery and that now has people working longer hours than ever for less pay, often holding two or more jobs with no benefits. I can hardly wait for that lovely day—which I know is coming—when all people, citizens and government officials alike, will be asking and answering honestly the beautiful, ethical question posed by Eli Siegel: "What does a person deserve by being a person?" Then "freedom and justice for all" will truly exist in our great land!

Training For Lubbock Lake Landmark Docent Program Begins August 28

LUBBOCK, TX—Lubbock Lake Landmark will begin its training program for new volunteers on Saturday, August 28; training concludes on Thursday, September 30. The free, five-week (20-hour) training consists of Thursday evening lectures from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and Saturday afternoon field sessions from 2 to 4 PM.

Landmark docents (trained volunteer educators) lead tours of archaeological excavation sites, exhibits, and nature trails. They also assist visitors with hands-on activities, demonstrate archaeological processes at special events, and participate in workshops and community outreach programs.

The training program covers a wide range of subjects related to archaeological research conducted annually at the Lubbock Lake Landmark including archaeology, regional geology, environmental and cultural history, and interpretation techniques.

Docents are not required to have any specialized training or experience, but they must enjoy learning, interacting with the public, working in an outdoor setting, and be willing to be an active member of the program for at least one year after train-

ing. In return, docents receive many benefits including: a chance to meet others who share their interests; opportunities to learn about the natural and cultural history of the Llano Estacado; skills that will enable them to provide creative learning experiences for guests; and discounts on purchases in the The Landmark's Gift Shop.

"As a premier archaeological preserve, the Landmark promotes stewardship of cultural and ecological resources. The Landmark's on going educational programs are designed to increase community awareness of, and appreciation for, history, archaeology, indigenous lifeways, natural history, and the environment. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can assist us in reaching our educational goals," said Sue Shore, museum educator.

To register for docent training or for information regarding Lubbock Lake Landmark public programs, please call Susan Shore, museum educator at (806) 742-1116, or e-mail to mxsrs@ttacs.ttu.edu. Once the site of an ancient, spring-fed watering hole, Lubbock Lake has produced evidence of an unbroken human presence spanning 12,000 years. Today, guests

of this archaeological preserve may enjoy interactive exhibits and hands-on activities at its Nash Interpretive Center. An outdoor sculpture garden features extinct species of animals discovered at the site, including a giant short-faced bear, mammoth, ancient bison, and giant armadillo. The excavation sites may be observed from viewing stations situated around a one-mile archaeology trail or by scheduling a guided tour. Native plants, wildflowers, and animals of the region are highlighted along a four-mile nature trail. The Landmark's ongoing public programs and its two annual community festivals provide guests with creative learning experiences in archaeology, as well as cultural and natural history.

The Lubbock Lake Landmark is operated jointly by the Museum of Texas Tech University and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department as the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park. It is located at 2401 Landmark Drive on Lubbock's northwest edge (accessible via marked Loop 289 exits, or following signs at US 84 (Clovis Road) through Landmark Lane to Landmark Drive). visit the Museum's website at <http://www.ttu.edu/museum/>



(From left to right) - Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau President & CEO G.J. "Jordy" Tollett, National Urban League President & CEO Hugh B. Price, Shell Oil Company Vice President of Corporate Affairs Susan Borches, Houston Area Urban League President & CEO Sylvia Brooks and Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown, gathered at a recent press conference to announce that Houston is the host city for the National Urban League's 1999 Annual Conference. Shell Oil Company will serve as Conference chair. This year's Conference theme is 'Agenda 2000; Equity and Power for the New Millennium.' According to Price, police brutality and affirmative action will be high on the conference agenda. The Conference is scheduled for August 8 through-11, at the George R. Brown Convention Center.