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Leon Melton

Urban League Council Launches Membership Drive

The Lubbock Urban League Council launches its "Charter Membership Drive," February 9, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, where the Reverend J. H. Foru serves as pastor. The featured speaker will be the electrifying Reverend Frederick Haynes, III, pastor of the Friendship West Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, who has come to Lubbock previously as the speaker for the M. L. K. Birthday Celebration, just a few weeks ago. He is coming to help launch a new beginning in Lubbock, a beginning of cooperative coalition to address issues and concerns of the Lubbock minority community - which is what the Urban League is all about. Support us in this membership drive. Ten dollars (\$10.00) will provide you with a charter membership in the Urban League plus dinner for that service. Our prayer is that all of

Lubbock's minority community will be a part of this effort. Again, that is this coming Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. All memberships are asked to be turned in by Thursday, February 6, 1986. Remember, we are working together for a greater Lubbock - We need you!!!

Lubbock Branch NAACP Meets

The Lubbock Branch NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, February 8, 1986 at the Mae Simmons Community Center, at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present and prepared to make a progress report on the sale of luncheon tickets. Any member who has not secured tickets for sale, are asked to come to this meeting to get some. New members are invited to attend also.

Combest Meets With Lyng

Washington - Cong. Larry Combest (R-Texas) recently met with newly-nominated Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng to discuss the problems in agriculture and particularly the 19th District's current farming concerns. President Reagan last week nominated Lyng to succeed outgoing Secretary John Block. "During our meeting," Combest said, "Lyng expressed strong conviction that he wants to be a Secretary that the President will look to for sound advice on agriculture matters, adding that agricultural policy needs to come from the Department of Agriculture and not from the

State Department or the Office of Management and Budget." "Lyng and I also discussed some of the ag problems in the 19th District. I wanted to make certain that Lyng was updated on the particular problems of agriculture in our area and how important proper implementation of the farm bill is to South Plains producers," Combest pointed out. "Lyng, who has visited West Texas and knows several of our farmers, made clear his interest in working to improve the agricultural economy. We discussed the importance of export trade, developing new



Richard Lyng and Cong. Combest

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Democrats Hold Candidate Rally

The Lubbock County Democrat Party and the West Texas Democrats are proud to co-host the Third Biennial Candidate Rally. Very successful rallies were held in '82 at the KoKo Palace and in '84 at the Lubbock Civic Center. The rallies are held to generate Democratic Party spirit, to gain publicity for the Party's candidates, to acquaint the candidates with area party activists and potential volunteers, and especially to honor those men and women who choose to run under the proud title of "Democrat". The rally will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 1986, in

the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Civic Center. Tickets will be \$6 per person and will be sold at the door. Music will be provided by Andy Wilkinson. Hor d'oeuvres and two cash bars will liven up the festivities. Political memorabilia will be auctioned, and there will be drawings for door prizes. The event will welcome back long-time Democrat, Bob Armstrong, who will serve as Master of Ceremonies as he did in '84. Bob is former Land Commissioner of Texas and ran for Governor in '82. He currently serves as Democratic Chair for the Travis County Democratic Party

and practices law in Austin. Every Democratic candidate - local, district, and statewide, will be invited to attend the rally. Candidates who choose to participate will be recognized and will be allowed time for a brief statement. Democratic candidates from Hale, Terry, Yoakum, Crosby, and Garza will also be represented at "County Tables." These counties are joining with Lubbock County to show their support for the Democratic Party in West Texas. Area officeholders who have contributed their time and talents to make the rally a success include Senator John Montford

and State Rep. Jim Rudd from Brownfield. All interested voters are urged to attend and meet the candidates. For further information, call Linda Shoemaker Lowrey at 606-456-7404 or Harvey Moritz, Lubbock County's Democratic Party Chair, at 806-762-0570.

Federated Clubs Hold Voters Registration

The Federated Clubs of Lubbock are sponsoring a Voters Registration Drive this year. A spokesperson of the organization is urging everybody who are not registered to please get registered today, and vote for all Black candidates. "We want our own to vote for

Second Anniversary On Tap For Watsons

We, the members at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, would like to cordially invite all our friends here in Lubbock, Texas and all the surrounding cities to come and help the church celebrate their pastor and wife's second anniversary service. The Right Reverend Bishop W. H. Watson and his lovely companion, Mrs. Aneta Watson, are in their second year at Christ Temple. Bishop Watson is the Jurisdictional Bishop of Texas Northwest Jurisdiction. Mrs. Watson is one of the Lubbock Independent School District teachers. The public is asked to come and help the members of Christ Temple celebrate this joyous occasion. Services will be held Wednesday, February 5, through Sunday afternoon, February 9. Nightly services will be held at 7:30 p.m. The services will convene at 3:00 p.m.



Bishop & Mrs. W. H. Watson & Family

An Open Letter To Black Youth "You Are Somebody!"

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series of articles by C. Hope. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, C. Hope would be more than happy to respond to them. Please address your mail to C. Hope, c/o Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79406.

If you are a parent or simply another person who is concerned about the youth today, please encourage them to read the upcoming articles by C. Hope. She is sure they will find them encouraging and motivating. There is an answer to our problems and it can begin right here. Please write today!

Recently I sat in my living room and watched a documentary about black youth in Newark, N.J. The great number of teenage pregnancies to unwedded mothers and irresponsible fathers startled me and the even greater number of young blacks without any hope of their own simply wasting their lives away staggered me, but that's in Newark, N.Y. Why should we care?

I thought about that question. For a while, I really believed the problem was just up there; I felt the northern and northeastern states were the only ones with the "real" problem, but it didn't take me long to realize that the problem is everywhere, even in Lubbock, Texas.

I am a young black teenager myself and go to a basically black school. In this school (as in many others) we have meaning principals, teachers, and counselors alike, have constantly tried to tell their students what's good and what's not. Teenagers know pretty much what's right and what's wrong. They've heard it all the years they've been growing up and all of their school years, so I don't believe not knowing is the problem or even a symptom of the problem. Neither do I believe knowing is enough to bring about change. They must believe there's a better way to feel good than sex, a better way to get what you want than stealing and what's more, that they can achieve that better way.

Along with Math and English and Science and all these other subjects taught in school and labeled "essential to a successful life," hope must be taught. Self confidence, pride, and self-worth must be drilled into the heads of our youth. "YOU ARE SOMEBODY!" Must be shouted from the mouths of every person dealing with youth. This is what matters, that every young person realize his own value and that he can achieve anything he sets his mind to (within reason). If youth in Lubbock or anywhere else do not realize this, nothing else will matter for them.

To youth in Lubbock, whether Esacado, Dunbar, Lubbock High, Monterey, or Coronado, whether you are Black or White or Mexican-American, if no one else has told you, I will tell you. YOU ARE SOMEONE. YOU CAN DO ANYTHING. You must never allow anyone to rob you of that hope, that belief in yourself which is your unalienable right. Believe in yourself and nothing can hold you back.

- C. Hope

Trees Planted At Lake Six

Canyon Lakes Number Six received a planting of 19 shade trees in January through the efforts of the Lubbock Baha'i community. Members of the Baha'i Faith donated the trees to the city of Lubbock with the request they be placed on the north shore of Lake Six across from the M. L. King Memorial fountain. The effort by the Baha'is was

coordinated as part of a much larger nationwide plan by members of the Faith to plant 20,000 trees. Michael Kelly, spokesman for the Baha'is, commented, "The trees are a reminder of the 20,000 souls who gave their lives in the nineteenth century to establish the Faith. They also remind us of the executions which continue today."

In present day Iran, where the Baha'i Faith had its beginning, members of the Faith are still imprisoned, denied basic rights, and executed for their profession of faith. Since 1979 when the present regime came into power, nearly 200 Baha'is - including teenaged women - have been executed or tortured to death. Many have simply disappeared. Baha'is believe that all religions are paths to God, that elimination of all types of prejudice is needed, and that women deserve equal status alongside men. The primary goal of Baha'is is to establish peace and harmony among the peoples of the world. Stated Kelly, "We hope these trees will serve as a small reminder of those, in whatever part of the world, who gave their lives to establish religious freedom and peace as basic rights everywhere."

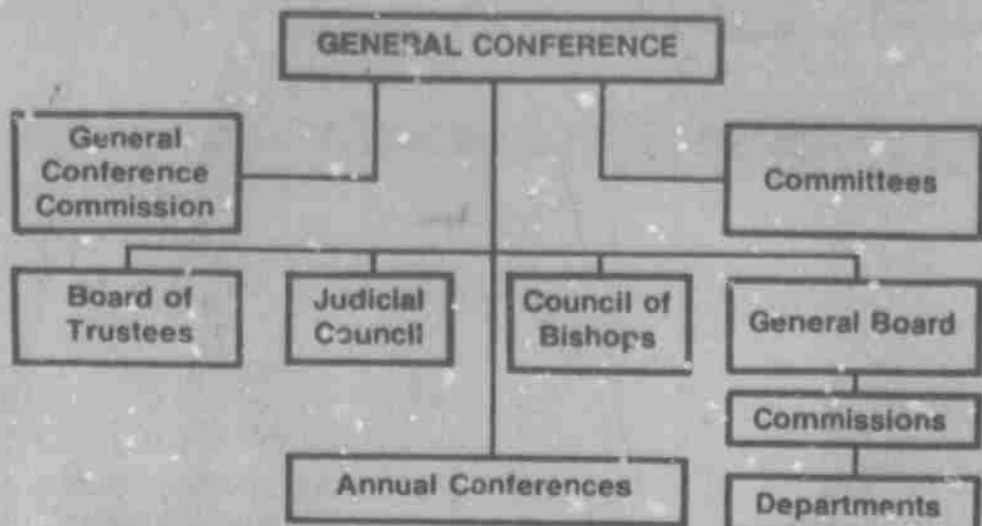


BROWN SUGAR, a four-part series, profiles the lives and careers of America's "dark divas" - the black female performers who over the last 80 years have enriched national popular culture with their extraordinary talents. (Clockwise from top left) Legendary blues singer Bessie Smith, singer and actress Ethel

Waters, actress Dorothy Dandridge, and actress Cicely Tyson (in a production still from the film "Sounder"). The series will be shown Fridays, January 31 through February 21, 1986, at 9:00 p.m., over KTXI-TV, Channel 5. Each series is one hour long.

Black History

The AME Church's Present Organizational Structure



by **Elton Smith**
Part II

A program to be effective must be specialized. This being true in the world is equally true in the area of church affairs. The A. M. E. Church, being true in the world is equally true in the area of church affairs. The A. M. E. Church, being incorporated in 1933, is organized and functions solely as a Connectional Church. This means that all real personal and mixed property held at the General/Annual Conferences or by local churches are in trust for the African Methodist Episcopal Church and subject to the provisions of the discipline. The General Conference is the supreme body of the A. M. E. Church, and is composed of the Bishops, Ministerial and lay delegates of the Annual Conferences, General Officers, College Presidents, Deans of Theological Seminaries, Chaplains in the regular Armed Forces and other personnel. This conference meets quadrennially.

The Council of Bishops is the Executive Branch of the connectional church. The Board of Incorporators (Trustees) has supervision in trust of all connectional property of the church. The General Board is in varying respect the Administrative body. The Judicial Council is the highest judicatory body of the A. M. E. Church. It is an Appellate Court elected by the General Conference and is amenable to it.

The Standing Commissions of the General Board are: Commission on Statistics and Finance, Pensions, Publications, Social Action, Church Extension and Worship and Evangelism, Missions, Minimum Salary, Lay Organization, Higher Education and Christian Education. The various connectional departments of the A. M. E. Church represent an

extension of the church into service areas as a means of putting into practice the true principles of Christianity. The Dept. of Publications prints the *Christian Recorder*, *A. M. E. Review*, *A. M. E. Hymnal* and *Sunday School Literature*. The Dept. of Home and Overseas Missions' objective is to diffuse the blessings of education and support Mission schools and churches in the United States and overseas. The Church Extension Dept.'s purpose is to aid struggling societies throughout the connection in securing and erecting suitable houses of worship. The Dept. of Pensions directs the pensions and retirement programs of the church. The Dept. of Minimum Salary's objective is to establish a base salary plan providing for a minimum salary for ministers in each pastoral charge. The division of Christian Education's objective is to develop a comprehensive and uniform program of Christian Education that leads to knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, thereby establishing a value set that can be implemented in daily living. The Dept. of Social Action was organized to correlate and specify the various thrusts of the A. M. E. Connection into the area of social concerns. Various other Commissions and Departments of the church are the Commission on Chaplains; Research, Planning and Evaluation for the A. M. E. Church/Commission on Program Financial Management; Dept. of Overseas Education and Publications and Connectional Health Commission.

The structural and systematic program of the A. M. E. Church has been revised and improved for over one hundred ninety-nine years, based on various experiences. The church has

inward taken into account the challenges and fought the enemies of justice, freedom and brotherhood. However, this instrumentality through the handiwork of God has spread throughout the entire United States into Canada, the West Indies, South America and Africa. It has through its affirming and

defending the rights of the Black and oppressed people to whom it gave identity and opportunity, kept faith with both yesterday and today, explored the Mission of Jesus Christ, yet maintained its scope of concern and action. It

remains as limitless as the Christian Religion which is essentially, the "Heart of the Christian Faith."
(Next issue: Part III - "The A. M. E. Church of the '80s and Beyond.")

Black History Essay Contest Set For Seven Texas Colleges

DALLAS, Texas -- Scholarships worth a total of \$26,600 are available for students at seven Texas colleges who win in the Black History Week essay contest designed to salute Black History Week, February 23-March 1.

The participating schools are Bishop College, East Texas State University, Huston-Tillotson College, Paul Quinn College, Prairie View A. & M. University, Texas Southern University and Wiley College.

Each school will have first-, second- and third-place winners who will receive \$1,500, \$1,300 and \$1,000 respectively. All students who are taking at least two classes at their respective colleges may enter the contest.

"During this special week, we are pleased to support the efforts of college students who take pride in America's history and heritage," said John Miles III, area manager of Anheuser-Busch, Inc. in Texas.

An essay contest scholarship fund was developed for the schools by the Dallas Urban League and the Houston Pharmacy Association Scholarship Committee with the support of Bud Light.

The contest will be judged by

ASTRO/NUMEROLOGY AND YOU

February 5-11, 1986

Black History Month—A Celebration

By LLOYD STRAYHORN

Part II of Four Parts

Kwanzaa as we know it is only twenty years old—? already, it has had a tremendous influence on our culture. The actual word Kwanzaa itself means "the first" or "the first fruit of the harvest". Since its inception by Dr. Karenga, Kwanzaa is observed for 7 days—from December 26th to January 1st of each year. Today, well over 13 million Afro-Americans observe Kwanzaa.

The main uniqueness of Kwanzaa is that it is neither political, religious or economical in nature. Simply put, it's a celebration of the cultural richness of people of African descent.

When going into the numerical analysis of Kwanzaa and its seven principles, it was amazing to see how the numbers matched. We used the Chaldean system of numbers—and when analyzing the word "Kwanzaa", it added up to 23 (2 + 3 = 5). The irony is that Dr. Karenga was born on the 14th of July (1 + 4 = 5). 5 is also the number indicating change for the better as well as a love of freedom.

Next week we'll go into the numerical analysis of the seven principles.

ANNOUNCEMENT

By popular demand, the book "NUMBERS AND YOU" by syndicated columnist Lloyd Strayhorn is now available in paperback. To order your copy of this beautiful soft-cover book on Numerology mixed with Astrology, send a money-order of \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling to: YAMA Publishing Company, Dept. R-136, Lincoln Station, New York, N.Y. 10037.

ARIES—March 21-April 20

Wednesday could be a cause for upsets if you're not careful how you handle yourself. This also applies for Thursday as well. However, a turnaround for the better starts Friday and lasts for the next 48 hours afterwards. Use the chance then to seek financial advancement. 411.

TAURUS—April 21-May 20

Both extremes of this week into next are indicated right now. In short, this Wednesday and Thursday, as well as next Monday and Tuesday, are listed very much in your favor. It's the middle part of this period where the bottom appears to fall out. So Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the days to take a rest. 208.

GEMINI—May 21-June 20

What plan of action that must be carried out should be done so between Friday and Sunday evening. So says your cosmic map this time around. Monday and Tuesday suggests thinking before acting to avoid unnecessary hassles with those in position. Partners may prove to be a challenge also. 724.

CANCER—June 21-July 21

Put an immediate hold on anything important unless its ab-

solutely necessary for both Wednesday and Thursday. But you won't be really free and clear until Sunday. Monday and Tuesday are listed as favorable days to push ahead or start anew. 711.

LEO—July 22-August 20

Take heed, Leo, that this weekend, namely from Friday through Sunday evening, is not in your favor at all! So if any plans have been made for this time, go slow while keeping your eyes and ears open. Other than that, you have no need to worry. 335.

VIRGO—August 21-September 21

The middle part of the week suggests a brief opportunity to get away. Romance of some sort looks promising at 5. The weekend is without cosmic incidence, one way or the other, so you should be able to relax. It's both Monday and Tuesday of next week that you have to watch out for. 700.

LIBRA—September 22-October 20

Wednesday and Thursday may prove a bit stressful. Be very careful about overreacting or just plain being stubborn about a personal matter. Wait until the start of the weekend—then you'll see a noticeable change for the better. 728.

SCORPIO—October 21-November 21

Interestingly enough, your cosmic chart this week has the same configurations as your Taurus brother. For this Wednesday and Thursday as well as next Monday and Tuesday, you should consider yourself in the driver's seat. It's that period of Friday through Sunday that you should take a back-seat attitude. 360.

SAGITTARIUS—November 22-December 21

The first part of this period starts out rather slow. But by Friday, activities will begin to accentuate more in your favor. After Sunday, however, pay attention for the next two days against being pushy. Take it easy. 622.

CAPRICORN—December 22-January 20

This cosmic period from beginning to end is filled with wonderful opportunities. All you simply have to do is have yourself organized; have your plans in place; and ready to go into action. Travel, family or romance, in addition to making important contacts, are all in the offing. 914.

AQUARIUS—January 21-February 19

Both the beginning and the end of this particular period is considered rather mild. However, brace yourself for the weekend. It's not what you think. It's all in your favor, no matter how you slice it. Making money, major moves or traveling afar are all favorable. 486.

PISCES—February 20-March 20

A look at your planetary chart this period indicates that it should be rather productive. It's a good time to make needed changes of a personal or business nature. Rest up during the weekend. But expect something important, positive and different to come into play. 926.

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Comedian and activist Dick Gregory challenges congregation to preserve traditional black values. SCLC President Joseph E. Lowery and Alabama SCLC President John S. Nettles applaud at mass meeting during 28th annual convention in Montgomery. (Photo by Renard Southall)

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Black Community Priorities

"Casting Down Our Buckets

Where We Are"

by
Eddie P. Richardson

One of the major objectives of every group of responsible people is to take their rightful place, by reaching out, in mutual interdependency roles with other peoples. However, a necessary precedent to acceptance of responsibility and/or privilege of interdependence is independence. Nonetheless, we are faced with a costly and devastating fact that 30 years after the historic 1954 U. S. Supreme Court decision on school desegregation over 47% of the nation's Black Youth are 'functionally illiterate.' These Black youths, as such, and along with many others, are forced to be a dependency role on society as a whole. There must be a re-assessment of our immediate goals/priorities. Something must be done immediately to change our past and present policies of paternalism, largesse and irresponsibility. We need encouragement that fosters independence; positive policies that call for, and encourage excellence in education, equitable opportunities for achievement and community pride that builds self-reliance or independence.

Therefore, our communities and nation's priorities during the 1980's call for a shift away from certain kinds of "integration" or reaching-out and immediate emphasis on the things necessary within our communities to save our presently denied youth and millions of others in our communities, where there appears for many, no other way out than a life of idleness or crime... All spelling-out, non-productive and negative dependency.

Accordingly, to eliminate these burdensome needs from within Black America, we have chosen as our over-all theme for the 1980's, "Casting Down Our Buckets Where We Are." This new emphasis, or priority, will have to involve getting all of our Black Community organizations and institutions together to encourage our youth and others to take pride in preparing themselves early to be our community's economic builders. This means new forms of massive training to take over our Black community needs for Black bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, Black street sweepers, as well as Black lawyers, Black meshants etc. It calls for new forms of partnerships why we, simultaneously, can encourage the Black community to selectively support those White-owned businesses and institutions which have policies that tend to build our long-denied communities in a equitable manner.

This new priority of rebuilding our communities from within, calls for new roles for all in the Black community. It means that the Black press and all others will have to examine every possible way we can to "Pull up our community by whatever bootstraps" we have, as we seek the long-overdue and deserved support required of the White community, such as the Chamber of Commerce-Board of City Development, city financial institutions, builders, investors and others who have a concern for the total community.

However, the leadership to make our communities the responsible and self-sustaining market places must come from within our communities. East Lubbock Advisory Council is working on making this a reality.

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NNPA FEATURE Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



Ebbing of Elitism in an Egalitarian Society AN AMERICAN BLACK IN PARIS

Twelve years ago I paid a visit to the South of France home of James Baldwin. Again I knocked on his door. Then and now there exists controversy about his presence in France. Oh sure, like back then he had a new book about to be published putting forward in an extremely articulate way some spicy worldly condition. But what is causing the controversy on the continent of Europe today is his tale of why he and other Black Americans come to Paris in the first place. PROTEST against the U. S. government and cultural institution of racism in America. At least that's still the residual feeling one gets from the reading of Mr. Baldwin's current published commentaries and books. But at last, a new crop of his fellow Americans are enjoying Paris without this partisan approach to America.

Passion, a magazine on Parisienne lifestyle, features in its January edition, an article on "Updating the Myth of Black Americans" in Paris. Put succinctly, several young and old Americans of African ancestry from the United States, relish their U. S. passport status and would rather fight that switch. Switch they have to being an "American first" and a Black a distant second. Indeed, the proper term for these timid souls is "American Blacks." Followed immediately by revealing a U. S. passport for ego protection. Not to be identified or aligned in anyway with their dark skin African or Arab brothers. The true bottom of the barrel bunch in France.

Black Americans or American Blacks, as you will, believe they do not take jobs away from French men. Have a laugh. Entertainment and the Arts are the nesting place for these preferred people by the French. Swimming along on the outer rim of French society, these new wave "American Blacks" are still benefitting from the past line of intellectuals like Richard Wright, James Baldwin, Chester Himes, Ollie Harrington and a whole host of Jazz greats who migrated to and through Europe in the 40s, 50s, and early 60s. Since then, the Americans of African ancestry have trickled down to the dredges that dig in with their U. S. passports on their chest and breast.

But on one in Paris is complaining, least of all the "American Blacks" who are treated as if they are little princes. Perhaps because under the present socialist government of President Mitterand, the French slogan of "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity" is still finding a leg to stand on. However, it is common knowledge in France that the right wing conservatives are trying desperately to take over the government in the next election in March and make Mr. Mitterand a lame duck President for his final two years in office. Already the sentiment in the country is shifting to the right wing wishes of a conservative government. The days may be numbered for those without the almighty dollar in their purse or pocket regardless of what country a Black person came from living in France. Finding your checkbook is becoming more important than finding your passport in Paris.

Protestors of oppression who reside in Paris are witnessing a changing scene. Snow had fallen on the streets of Paris as I prepared to depart. Paris was still beautiful, but save for the sensational Seine River which flows in and out of Paris, beneath my window, Paris was all white.

FACTS & FIGURES

The average long-distance move made by an American household covers 930 miles and transports 6,500 pounds of household goods. The average cost varies depending on who's doing the moving. Self-movers can save 50% or more. On the average, using a commercial mover costs \$1,766. By comparison, self-moving using a rental truck averages \$304.

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CHILD WATCH

by
Marian Wright Edelman



Prenatal Care Makes Sense

The latest information on maternal and child health is in, and the news -- particularly for the Black community -- is very bad. In 1983, the most recent year for which we have a complete national picture, the health of mothers and children suffered several major setbacks.

While our nation's overall infant death rate is at an all-time low (11.2 deaths per thousand live births, as of 1983), our progress in reducing the death rate has slowed dramatically in recent years. And the progress we have made as a nation in saving infant lives has not helped Black mothers and infants as much as white infants. The longstanding gap between Black and white infant death rate has widened still further. Black infants are now nearly twice as likely to die within their first year of life as white infants.

With regard to death occurring within the baby's first 28 days of life, progress has slowed especially dramatically among Blacks. During 1979-1983, the decline in the Black death rate was only half what it had been for the previous five years.


We in the Black community cannot let these tragic numbers continue to rise. We know that access to early and complete prenatal care can help prevent infant deaths, we must band together and press our government to make sure this is available to every mother who needs it. Several of our Black leaders have given us an excellent example of how to fight to save babies' lives -- and win.

One such leader is Virginia State Senator Bobby Scott. He finds high rates of infant death or suffering "unconscionable" because they are so often preventable, and has been working for years to turn these trends around by providing low-income women with prenatal care that can help them have healthier babies.

Arguing that "we save more money than we spend by providing prenatal care," Scott led the successful fight to get Virginia to offer Medicaid coverage to first-time pregnant women. He is currently chair of the state's task force on infant mortality, seeking to keep the issue high on the state's agenda.

Scott believes that others in the Black community can help save babies by "developing statewide constituencies to address concerns to their Governors and health departments." He urges all of us to make the need for prenatal care a political issue, telling our politicians "if no action is taken today, they're going to hear about it tomorrow."

Scott is optimistic that strong public support can make a difference because, as he says, "the issue makes sense." He is right.



UNEMPLOYMENT

BUDGET DEFICITS

THIS PRESIDENT THING HAS TURNED OUT TO BE A LITTLE MORE THAN JUST AN AFTERNOON SWIM !!

RINGING THE BELL

by
Cob Tleuc



How is your eyesight? A project designed to bring medical eye care to the nation's needy elderly, opens in a number of states on Jan. 27, 1986. It is the National Eye Care Project (NECP) Helpline that offers ophthalmological care to U.S. citizens and legal residents age 65 and over who have medical eye problems, but who don't have a medical eye physician.

Through a toll-free Helpline--1-800-222-EYES-- disadvantaged elderly may be eligible for medical care at no out-of-pocket cost to them.

Information on eye disease will be sent to everyone who calls the number. Those elderly who do not have a medical eye physician will be eligible for an eye examination. The Eye Care Helpline will open on a region-by-region basis over a six-month period, and will operate nationwide by July 21, 1986. The service opened in New Mexico on Jan. 27, 1986. In Texas, Oklahoma and other areas of the Southwest, check with your local optometrist.

It is estimated that half of all blindness is preventable if eye diseases are detected and treated early. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to eye disease. People over 65 constitute approximately 11 percent of the U. S. population, but more than 50 percent of blindness occurs in this group. The program for the elderly is sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. An Ophthalmologist is a medical doctor who provides medical eye care.

A Bishop writes: "Dear Bob-- It seems to me that we have almost lost our way in the C. M. E. Church and we are now majoring in minors. I trust that the coming General Conference this year, will wake up and do something toward making the structure of our church conform more to democratic procedures. It may be that our paths will cross again and we will have the opportunity to talk about some of the things 'we use to do.' Sincerely yours, Henry C. Benton, 853 East Dumpty Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38106. We shall discuss some of the vital issues facing the C. M. E. Church in coming articles here. Watch for them!"

The Reagan Rumor: In political circles, the rumor persists that Ronald Reagan, who will be 75 on Feb. 6, may not finish his second term. Scuttlebutt has it that if he contracts another serious illness, Reagan may resign so that Vice President George Bush, 61, can assume the Presidency and run as the incumbent in the 1986 election, possible against Lee Iacocca. The only U. S. President in history to resign from office was Richard Nixon, who quit on Aug. 9, 1974, realizing he faced almost certain impeachment.

In an alert to the members of the American Association of Retired Persons, officials warned that the Gramm-Rudman concept "threatens the health and income security of older Americans and jeopardizes the delicate system of checks and balances among the branches of government." In the meantime, AARP has filed a suit against U. S. Treasury Secretary, alleging that the Treasury illegally divested nearly \$27 million in Social Security assets to keep the federal government under the debt ceiling last fall.

Memories: During our pastorate some years ago in the Midland-Odessa area, we were observing Black History Month. And since we were at that time employed by the *Kansas City Call*, a black-oriented newspaper, we asked that the manager of the newspaper, send us a speaker for the affair that was held in a downtown hotel in Midland, Texas. Imagine our surprise when the publisher, Mrs. Ada Croghan Franklin announced that she would come and indeed she stole the show speaking on the general subject of Black Enterprise. Mrs. Franklin died in December, 1983. Traveling with her on that occasion was her devoted sister, Mrs. Edith Croghan Brooks. Mrs. Brooks was the youngest and the last of the eight children of the late Dr. and Mrs. William H. Croghan. A Greek and Latin scholar, Croghan was the first Black president of Clark College in Atlanta, Ga. Incidentally, the Croghans were members of the family of the late Bishop Richard R. Wright, noted prelate of the A. M. E. Church. We shall miss these two great spirit that we knew, loved and respected. We hope to see them in the morning!

Politics: Since I filed as a candidate for commissioner from District III, I have received a number of communications from friends pledging support of my candidacy. We appreciate this very much and God bless all of you. Also, many of you expressed interest in my desire to work for lifetime rates for senior citizens who have to meet high costs in electricity, gas and telephone bills and they continue to escalate regularly. Several of the present candidates have expressed interest in these issues also.

Now with the advice of my physician and several of my dear friends and relatives, I am as of Jan. 27, 1986 withdrawing as a candidate for District III and will throw my support to the best qualified person for the position and will at least show interest in some of the issues I raised above.

We are not naive enough to believe that just because a man is black, brown or white, qualifies him as the best qualified person, but rather what can that person do to help make district III and all of Hobbs a better place to live in and call home.

Babies can't
Raise Babies

The yam pole must be strong before it can support the climbing young yam shoots.

AFRICAN PROVERB

RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Church services were held in good spirits at New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning with everything beginning with Sunday School. Sister F. Stokley of Young People's Department, presided over the Sunday School.

Morning services devotion was conducted by Deacon Swain and Deacon Howard.

The Radio Choir announcer was done by Sister L. F. Barrow. The Combined Choirs furnished the singing. Announcements were made by Sister Cynthia Ball.

Altar call prayer was offered by Pastor S. C. Nash. A hymn, "Amazing Grace," was sung by the congregation.

Rev. A. G. Woodbury, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, delivered the sermon the morning. His scripture was John 12:20. His subject was "Somebody is Looking For Jesus." It was a beautiful message.

Rev. Woodbury was present during last Saturday's workshop which was conducted by Pastor

A Powerful Road To Freedom
by Alexander R. Jones

In 1975, after years of formal training and practice, psychologist Dr. William Tutman became so disgusted and frustrated with the unworkability of his profession that he threw away his analyst's pad forever and took on a remarkable new discipline - Dianetics.

Today, Dr. Tutman views Dianetics as a rare gem of knowledge and hope for the black community. "Dianetics," he explains, "frees a man from the mental pain of past mistreatment. It renders him able to exercise his spiritual and mental potential. It is the cure for what ails the black descendants of brutalized ancestors."

Dianetics is a simple, though powerful step-by-step method that unleashes human potential and ability. Developed by best-selling writer and philosopher L. Ron Hubbard, Dianetics has enjoyed increasing popularity ever since its release in 1950. Al Jarreau, Michael Roberts and Amanda Ambrose are but a few successful black professionals who have used Dianetics to make their dreams come true. Over 7 million copies of the book have been sold.

According to Dr. Tutman, the great importance of Dianetics can be found in the grim European conquest of Africa. Following the invasion of that continent, he explains, "Blacks were forcefully treated to generation after generation of invalidation of their culture and themselves as beings."

"The strength and power of the human spirit," he points out, "is advanced by being right. To prove that a man is wrong is to destroy and enslave him spiritually. The self-imposed limitations of a people so robbed of their freedom will actually exceed the limits forcibly imposed by their conquerors, and will persist long after the military constraints are removed."

It is these limitations that are removed for all time with Dianetics. People who are mentally and emotionally crippled are made well. People whose spiritual strength has been diminished are restored to their full abilities.

Dr. Tutman believes that Dianetics will someday spark a renaissance in America's black community. Indeed black people are requesting information about Dianetics like never before. They are discovering, like celebrities Al Jarreau and Michael Roberts before them, that Dianetics is a powerful tool in making one's dream come true.



In the 19th century, a sect in India worshipped Queen Victoria as a divinity.

Glivens Seeks Another Term As State Rep.

WHEELS SHOULD BE REBALANCED when noticeable vibration occurs on smooth roads. If balancing doesn't correct the vibration something else in the car is the cause.

From his front yard, State Representative Ron D. Glivens announced that he will seek a second term. Representative Glivens state, "West Texas needs legislators who know how things are done in Austin. Like the system used by the Dallas Cowboys, it is difficult for a rookie to be effective but once learned, you can easily achieve all-pro status."



Ron D. Glivens

Of the bills I introduced my first term, 50% passed. I was able to get several districts, individuals, organizations, and Tech's baseball into the official state records' book through resolutions. I have provided

assistance for numerous individuals, families, and organizations who have requested my services or assistance on state-related issues. I feel that my campaign promise of 3 1/2 years for a change has had a good beginning and a good beginning is half the job.

My primary reason for seeking a second term is to finish the other half of the job already begun. District 83 has been isolated, left out of Lubbock's mainstream. During my first term, District 83 has become more involved with other parts of Lubbock. More attention has been given to our problems and some progress has been made.

With a second term, the most cynical will see the positive progress which District 83 is making. I am currently researching issues of importance to District 83, Lubbock, and West Texas, which I will introduce in the 70th Legislature. There are several on-going projects which I am involved in with organizations and individuals within the district which have six-month to indefinite completion dates. To sum up my first term, I think that most will agree that Ron Glivens represents District 83, be it ethical, economical, or social. I am for the people - the people I have sworn to represent."

Nash.

Several visitors attended Sunday School. One united in morning service.

Boy Scouts worshipped at New Hope last Sunday morning.

The Baptist Training Union hour began at 6:00 p. m. Sister Dimple Walker spoke to the youth and adults as well. Giving her experience in life is how she found the Lord. A gift was presented to her from Director A. M. Thompson.

During evening worship hour, Rev. Woodbury brought another burning message. His scripture was Jeremiah 6:1-4. His subject was "A Great Commitment to a Great Work."

Brother R. Cork and Brother F. Jenkins were ordained as Deacons of the church.

February 7 and 8, 1988, the West Texas Youth Retreat will be held at the Freedom Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas. All youth who can be asked to go. Please contact Mrs. Lucille Jackson, youth advisor.

The West Texas Mini Congress will be held in Odessa, Texas February 12th through 15th.

Rev. Rickey Porter, pastor of Messiah Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker for the 9 p. m. Radio Broadcast last Sunday night.

Mrs. Mary Ann Jones of Dallas, Texas spent the weekend in the "Hub City" visiting her parents and friends.

Master Leon Roberts has a broken toe. He can't take part in sports at school for awhile.

Remember our sick and shut ins. Among them are Mr. Jim Thompson who had surgery last week in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Amarillo, Texas.

An Evening of Love Salad Supper/Secret Sister Pal will be presented by the W. M. S. February 14th. Ladies, if you don't attend mission, you are counted as a Mission Sister at New Hope. Bring your smiling faces and come to the Valentine's Salad. Let's enjoy a great fellowship. Looking for you. Don't let us down. Sister Ruby Jay is president.

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The Estacado High School Booster Club will meet Tuesday evening, February 11, 1988, at 7:00 p. m. in the school cafeteria. Plans will be discussed about the upcoming annual athletic banquet.

All parents and friends of Estacado are asked to attend.

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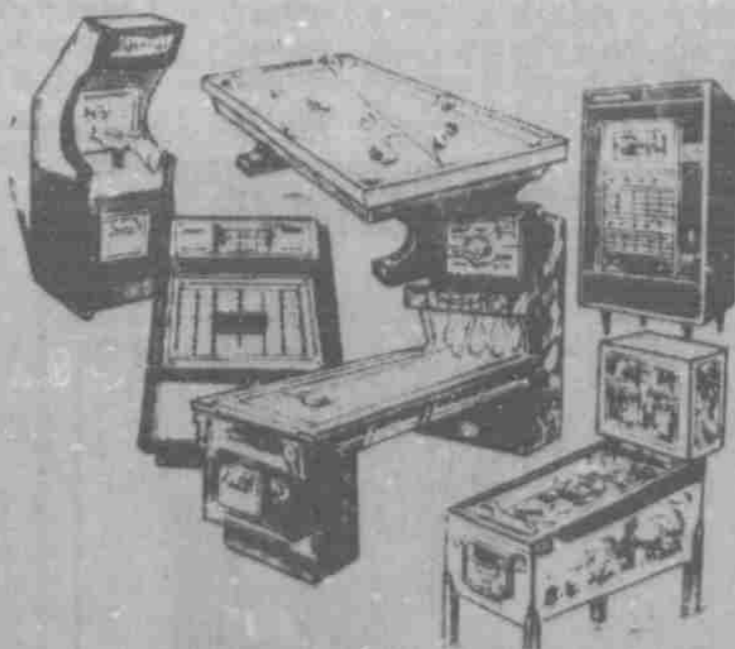
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THIS N THAT

TROUBLE IN AME CHURCH!! Last Sunday morning in the **WARD CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** ... a young twenty-seven year old **BLACK PASTOR** ... was shot by a ... thirty-five year old ... Black member ... The pastor was ... **JOHN L. PHILLIPS** ... who was shot twice in the back ... after church services last Sunday ... A doctor ... **DR. WORTHIE R. SPRINGER** ... of Little Rock, Arkansas ... came to the rescue of the fallen pastor ... but he ... too ... was shot and is in serious condition at this report ... Proves that **SATAN** ... is busy in all **CHURCHES** ... **INTERESTING POLITICS IN LUBBOCK** **MAYOR'S RACE!** **THIS N THAT** ... has learned from sources that ... **PECK MCINN** ... local businessman ... will announce his candidacy for **LUBBOCK MAYOR** ... today (Thursday) ... at 9:00 a.m. **THIS N THAT** ... would have thought one of the present councilpersons ... either ... **JOAN BAKER** ... **GEORGE CARPENTER** ... or ... **BOB NASH** ... would have sought the race ... There is ...

STILL TIME ... since the 19th of February ... is the last time to file for post ... **CANYON LAKES CREDIT UNION OFFICERS UNDERWAY!** **THIS N THAT** ... attended a meeting of the **CANYON LAKES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** ... **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** ... Won't be long ... if there are no **SNAGS** ... before this will become public for ... **EVERYONE** ... to participate ... Board of directors are ... **DAVID H. SOWEL** ... **RICHARD LOPEZ** ... **DORA OLIVA** ... **ARLEE JACKSON** ... **A. D. PINE** ... **LORENZO M. SEJENO** ...

Citywide
Ushers Meet
The Citywide Ushers will meet on Saturday, February 8, 1986 at 5:00 p.m. at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 2302 Southeast Drive. Tomy Lathridge is President.

JESSE RANGEL ... **R. J. GIVENS, JR.** ... **D. C. KINNER** ... **DORIS DIGKENS** ... & **JOHN P. CERVANTEZ** ... Also ... **BETTY ANDERSON** ... **BLAIR HICKEY** ... **MARK GIBBENS-RICKMAN** ... and ... **HOPE C. OBERHELMAN** ... **OOFS!** **THIS N THAT** ... **GOOFED** ... last week when the admission of the ... **NAACP BEN HOOKS LUNCHEON** ... was printed to be ... **\$10.00** ... The real cost is ... **\$15.00** ... So don't forget your tickets for the luncheon ... set for ... **SATURDAY** ... February 22, 1986 ... at the University City Club ... For more info ... contact ... **ROSE WILSON** ... **THANK YOU! THIS N THAT** ... would like to say ... **THANK YOU** ... to the members of the ... **BAHA'I FAITH** ... for the ... **NINETEEN (19) TREES** ...

... planted in Mae Simmons Park ... This is great to see this kind of ... **CONCERN** ... by those who don't even ... **LIVE** ... in the Black community ... but are concerned about others ... **THANK YOU!** Now if only ... **A BLACK ORGANIZATION** ... would do it that ... **OUR BLACK KIDS** ... will have a ... **BASEBALL SCOREBOARD** ... at Dr. F. L. Lovings Eastern Little League Park ... Wouldn't that be great?? **VOTERS RALLY!** Come this Saturday ... at the corner of ... **BROADWAY & TEXAS** ... beginning at 9 a.m. ... there will be a ... **VOTERS REGISTRATION RALLY** ... Why not go by ... and be apart of something ... **POSITIVE** ... in the community ... **GOOD TO SEE!** **THIS N THAT** ... learned that the ... **FEDERATED CLUBS OF LUBBOCK** ... are backing all ... **BLACK CANDIDATES** ... during this election year ...

This year ... may see more ... **BLACKS** ... voting in Lubbock ... Don't you think it's about time ... to see such a move ... **US WE REALLY A REPUBLICAN!** **THIS N THAT** ... can't help but wonder if ... **ALTON BRAZELL** ...

who is seeking re-election as county commissioner ... since he admits ... in so many words that he only ... **SWITCHED** ... because all of his potential ... **VOTERS** ... **REPUBLICANS** ... **MY, MY, MY** ... **D. C. KINNER THE** ...

BARBER SAYS: "No matter what ... **YOUR POLITICAL PARTY** ... you may claim ... **THE REAL YOU** ... comes out (to the wash)." **WRITE C. HOPE!** **THIS N THAT** ... would like to encourage all of ... **YOU** ... to write ... **YOUNG C. HOPE** ... who is most concerned about the ... **VANISHING BLACK FAMILY?** ... Drop her a line ... after reading her comments in the ... **DIGEST** ... this week ... **KEEP EAST LUBBOCK MOVING!** Sure we have a long ways to go ... but we can still serve as a committee of ... **ONE** ... and help ... **EAST LUBBOCK** ... if we would get together and ... that we can make ... **EAST LUBBOCK** ... a much better place in which to live ...

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KEPT IN THE WORLD

The other day as I watched in horror as the space shuttle Challenger exploded, I could not help but shed a tear for those aboard who had taken the extraordinary risk. Some perhaps, have asked the question, "Why did they have to die?" President Reagan said in his eulogy for those seven astronauts killed in the explosion, "Our hearts have been opened to profound truth... The future is not free. The story of all human progress is one of a struggle against all odds." These words are so true. For over nineteen hundred years ago, when Jesus prayed his priestly prayer (John 17) He knew that human progress, regardless of its identification, would be an uphill battle. In his prayer, he prayed that his disciples would be retained on earth for a while even though this world was envired with sin, catastrophe, and woe. He knew that the world was not prepared for them to go. They had need to fulfill a Christian mission.

Sometimes when we pursue an answer as to why we are left in the world; why others who seemingly can contribute more for the benefit of mankind, expire, we tend to forget that our lives are handled with the most intelligent and scrupulous care by one who is capable.

Suppose Elijah had been taken away at the time when under the juniper tree he prayed for death. Much of his mission would have gone unfulfilled.

Suppose the apostle Paul had been taken away at the time when he was pulled in two directions; wanting very much to leave this life. We would not have the record of his further ministry nor that heroic stand which he has yet to make before the infuriated Emperor Nero. God's timing for your life and mine is always on time for He is omniscient.

PLEASANT HOME NEWS

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We thank God for another week and another chance to praise Him and extend Holy greetings to you on this day, from the church where the motto is: "The Church Where Everybody is Somebody."

Our lesson this past Sunday was entitled, "Love Thy Neighbor," from Luke 10:25-37. The key verse was "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10:27. This was a very beautiful lesson.

The attendance was good and everybody was at his or her post of duty.

The morning devotion was led by Deacon and Sister Burlison along with Sister Wynn, who read 121 Psalms.

During the regular Sunday morning services, Altar Call gave us new life as we stood in prayer with our Lord. Our Pastor prayed for us all. The choir praised the Lord with melodious voices echoing His name. Yes, the Lord is still in his Holy Temple!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Kelly from the Book of St. Luke 23:39-43. His subject was "An answer to A Robber's Prayer." This was quite a spiritual sermon and gave us plenty of food for thought and prayer.

Included in this week's sick and shut-in list, are Brother J. E. Smith who is at home in Lubbock; Brother James Brown who is in Big Spring; Sister Marie Corona who is also in the Big Spring

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met at 9:00 a.m. in the home of Vice-President Christine Burleson on Saturday, February 1, 1986. President Jeanita Sowell presided.

There was a brief but very important business. Dates were set for our next planting meeting and our Prayer Revival which will be coming up soon. They will be announced next week.

The morning consisted of open discussion by the group concerning the blessings of God. Every first Saturday of each month is special. This group fellowshiped with the Christian Brotherhood Fellowship on Saturday evening at 6:00 clock at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The morning was superb as Rev. C. C. Peoples brought the message. Everything that took place there was great.

Thought For The Week: Where do you stand with God????? Think!!!!

Breakfast was served and we had a lot of good food. Come on and let us share God's blessings. "He loves us and you."

Call us. We want to hear from you. The number and address are: Outreach Prayer Breakfast and Project Blessing

Hospital; Brother Ora D. McDaniel who is at home in Fort; and the many other souls whom we pray for but do not have their names.

Patients in Golden Plains Care Center are: Sisters Lizzie Milo, Sirloma Steel; Brothers Harry Trueblood and Nathaniel Wilson. Sister Lela Patterson is a patient in Twin Cedars nursing home. Please continue in prayer for their speedy recoveries.

Reverend Arthur Kelly - Pastor
Sister Annie Bates Gilbert
Report

"Let Us Pray."
Jesus, we thank you for the privilege of living in these difficult days when the enemies of the faith are so strong and sophisticated. We pray that through your Grace, we will have the faith and wisdom to face these enemies fearlessly and effectively. We pray our Father, for your children who have no hope because of the pain that racks their bodies. Problems also plague us in many ways. In the name of Jesus, we come against the demon of

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Mark 1:23 -- There were in their synagogue, a man with an unclean spirit (a demon); and he cried out. Lord, I was raised in a Christian home, but when I got grown I left you alone.

Proverbs 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 wanted to do what the world was doing (singing). I'm now divorced, on drugs, and my life is ruined.

Lord, I'm lost; I've got not place to go, I entered into the church to find rest for my soul. (Lord, I'm the Outcast.)

Matthew 11:28-29 -- Jesus said: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your soul.

Lord, the saints see me in the condition I'm in; They roll their eyes and snarl their nose, because I'm sin. Matthew 19:13 -- Then were there brought unto little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray; and his disciples (saints) rebuked them.

John 8:7 -- Jesus said: He that is with sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her (or him).

Romans 3:23 -- For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God.

Lord, where are those joyful, smiling faces?? I've already looked for them in worldly places. Lord, that's the love I truly miss (A Smile).

I wonder do they yet exist! Ecclesiastes 3:8a -- Time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time of peace. (Saints, these are the last days, so do you know what time it is???)

Luke 15:10,32 -- Jesus said: There is joy on the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. It is fitting that we should make merry, and be glad; for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Matthew 15:7-8 -- Jesus said, ye hypocrites (actors), will did Esai'as as a prophesy of you, saying: This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honourath me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

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Certainly the citizens of this country as well as many other countries have been in recent days made aware of the danger of cancer. Our beloved, able, and courageous President underwent surgery on July 13, 1985, and some twenty-four inches of his colon was removed because of cancer. Health authorities tell us only heart disease causes more deaths than cancer.

Webster's Dictionary defines cancer as — "a mass of tissue cells possessed of potentially unlimited growth that serves no useful function in the body, robs the host of nutrients necessary for survival, expands locally by invasion and systemically by transmission of cells along lymphatic and blood pathways, and unless recognized early and removed, it kills the host and that is usually considered due to a combination of carcinogens and predisposing factors (as heredity, age, trauma, or chronic irritation), cancer itself never being directly inherited though a predisposition to certain forms may be heritable."

The key to survival is early recognition and surgical procedure or chemotherapy. Sometimes both methods are necessary. In some cases nothing is successful. With all the wisdom and skill God has given to doctors they are limited in what they can accomplish. God has given medical science the ability to save people from much suffering and to prolong life for a limited time but final results are in God's all-wise, all-powerful hands. He is God and beside Him there is none else. "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else" (Isa. 45:18).

Remember it is written — "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand" (Deut. 32:39). Again, "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up" (1 Sam. 2:6).

He gives and sustains physical life. He also has given ways by which we can enjoy a greater measure of health and strength by proper diet, exercise, rest, and care for our bodies. If we abuse or misuse them we suffer the consequences. But because of sin and its affect upon all creation the best of care and attention will not always keep one from sickness and diseases of different kinds. And then there is the aging process. So eventually people die, even those who have been the most healthy and lived longer than average.

"The wages of sin is death (both spiritual and physical); but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). To those who go on in their sin, their unbelief and rejection of the gift of God — the Lord Jesus Christ — "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27).

If there is cancer in one's body the key to survival is prompt discovery and surgery or chemotherapy. We believe cancer illustrates the nature of sin. There is this difference. Not everyone has cancer though many do and it is a threat to physical life to all who have or will become infected with it.

However every member of the human race is infected with sin. "For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22,23). "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20). "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). Sin is an act, the violation of, or want of obedience to the revealed will of God; a state, absence of righteousness; a nature, enmity toward God. "The wages of sin is death." The moment the first man, Adam, sinned he died spiritually, he was separated from God. Nine hundred thirty years later he died physically — Gen. 5:5. Physical death is the separation of the soul and spirit, from the body — James 2:26.

Man is a trinity — spirit, soul, and body. When a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of the soul they have the assurance given in I Thess. 5:23-24 — "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

The early detection and treatment of cancer is vitally important if one is to be cured. So the sooner a person comes to know the reality of sin in their heart and life the greater the opportunity to be saved. The longer the delay in accepting God's remedy the greater the danger of dying in your sin and going out into eternity without God. In fact into the lake of fire and brimstone where the Devil, Antichrist, and the false prophet are along with all the unsaved of all ages.

Just as no one can know when they may discover cancer in their body, no one can know for certain just when they may die and go out into eternity. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!" (II Cor. 6:2). There are thousands of cancer victims while there are multitudes dying in their sin. There are some forms of cancer to which there is no known cure.

But there is a sure and certain cure for every kind of sin. It is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ shed at Calvary. "Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation (manner of life) received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" (I Pet. 1:18-20). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

And never forget this blood is eternally efficacious for the salvation of sinners and the cleansing of sinning saints. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I Jn. 1:7). But he must be received, believed on by each individual. "Without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6).

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An Educator's Opinion

America's Passion for Improvement

For all of us in education, New Year's Day arrives early. Our new year starts in early September. It's at this exhilarating moment that new calendars appear, chalkboards gleam, fresh faces and fresh challenges await us. Time starts anew. It's day one again.

As a teacher, I've made a habit of starting each new term with New Year's resolutions—resolutions rooted in reflections on children and education, on teaching and learning. This introspective habit lingers. And this year I think I know, perhaps better than ever before, what all of us in education are part of, what our struggles really mean.

We are part of an unfinished American revolution. Our revolution aims to eradicate the gap between what American education is and what it is capable of becoming. That gap must go. If we don't dedicate ourselves to erasing it forever, if we leave this revolution unfinished, we will do real violence to the promise that has invigorated this nation for more than two centuries.

I don't think I'm in any way exaggerating. Commentator George Will has written that the most appropriate symbol of "America's humble but steady passion for improvement" is "the little red school house, standing for public education."

Will notes that the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly emphasized—that our public schools play "a foundational role in maintaining the fabric of our society...sustaining our political and cultural heritage...inculcating fundamental values necessary to the maintenance of a democratic system." With these statements, insists Will, the Court has displayed uncommon fidelity to the intentions of our Founders.

I do not always agree with George Will's opinions. But when he makes the case that the vitality of public education is essential if Americans are to remain "an improving people," I'm with him all the way. That's why I'm convinced that for each and every one of us, this school

year must be a year of rededication, of recommitment.

T.S. Eliot once wrote that "Between the idea/and reality/ Between the motion/ and the act/ falls the shadow." This year, that shadow will loom large. Educators—and politicians—have spent the last two years talking endlessly about ideas for achieving educational excellence. Now it's time to move forward, out of the shadow, toward new realities, into bright new days for our nation's classrooms.



Mary Hatwood Futrell, President NEA

We are no longer a nation at risk. We are a nation at work. At work on stubborn problems that resist simple solutions. At work improving schools to ensure that we remain "an improving people."

But there's so much more to be done. Ours is a society in transition. The emerging Information Age demands a new age of education—in an age in which students truly master subject matter, an age in which the word "dropout" fades into obsolescence, an age in which lifelong learning becomes a reality for all Americans.

It's up to us, as educators, to shape that education, to give it life and substance. And we have moved into action. But we need help. That's why we ask for your active support and assistance as parents, as concerned citizens, as business

and labor leaders, as legislators at all levels of government.

Strengthening the foundation of our democracy requires a crystallization of our national will for excellence. Democracy is not a spectator sport. America's "passion for improvement" withers when citizens stroll the sidelines.

That passion is what this school year is all about. We must all display that passion ourselves. We must instill that passion in our nation's young people. We must remember that our democracy is at once precious and fragile. We must remember that what we make of our public schools today will determine the character of America tomorrow.

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Ramirez Seeks Third Term

The Dean of the Lubbock Public School Board, trustee Jose S. Ramirez announced he will seek a third term in a press conference Monday afternoon.

Ramirez discounted any suggestions that the board needed new members and new ideas because the single-member district vote will mean a new board. He will run in District 1 who is also being sought by Linda DeLeon.

"I would say that the election

of new members is usually a good thing, but this time it's a little different. With my experience, I think I have more to offer."

"In my two previous terms on the board, I have worked for improved education opportunities for all the boys and girls of Lubbock. Our board has many challenges and goals ahead, and I would like to be a part of the effort to accept the challenges and work to achieve these goals." Ramirez said work still to

done includes continuing to implement House Bill 72, the education reform package, and the recently completed district management study.

"When I was first elected, I

made the promise that I would represent all the kids in this school district, with a concerned effort to represent the 27-28 percent of the minority students we have. That will not change," continued Ramirez.



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By Mark Kiyman
Philadelphia Tribune History Editor

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That same Miss Helen Coleman took care of her mother, her sick brother and dressed beautifully on thirty dollars a month. At least once a month, especially during winter, she bought some child a pair of shoes to replace those with cardboard in them.

Today we hear teachers' organizations bargaining for prep time. Miss Helen Coleman's time to prepare was at night and on weekends. Classroom size? After all the seats were filled, chairs

were brought in or you stood along the windows, kept quiet and learned.

Today throughout America and parts of the world there are lawyers, bankers, trainmen, college professors, college professors, journalists, musicians, entertainers, historians, teachers, nurses, researchers and political leaders who immigrated from Rocky Mount, N.C. and Miss Helen Coleman's classes. They accepted shoes, they learned from her and she went up side their heads.

If you went to Miss Coleman's church on Sunday, she looked angelic singing in the choir. Her rich soprano rose harmoniously above the rest. Yet you could meet her on Main Street on Saturday and a chill would run down your back and your lips would dry up like fall leaves.

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