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# Estacado Students Receive Awards

Two Estacado High School students have been selected to receive the Texas Achievement Award Scholarship at the University of Texas. The Texas Achievement Award is given based on high SAT scores. These two young people -- Helen McDaniel and Debra Ann Silvas -- have been selected to receive \$1,500.00 awards for up to five years of undergraduate work at the University of Texas.

Ms. McDaniel, a senior at Estacado, has received a Texas Achievement Award in the amount of 1,500.00 annually for five years. Helen is the



**Helen McDaniel**  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McDaniel of 403 Vanda Avenue in Lubbock.



**Debra Ann Silvas**  
Helen is active in school affairs. She is the Senior Class Secretary and was the head twirler

for the Estacado Marching Band. Helen has garnered awards on a yearly basis at Estacado.

She was a Freshman Who's Who, Sophomore Class President, Junior Class Secretary. She has also been named as a Teen of the Month. Helen is a member of the National Honor Society at Estacado.

She plans to enter college in the fall, and she

plans to major in accounting. She hopes to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Ms. Silvas, who will receive the same scholarship, is a senior at Estacado. She is the daughter of Nicolas and Hope Espinosa, and she

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## NAACP Change Meeting Time

The regular scheduled meeting of the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP has set its meeting time back one hour, to 6:30 p. m., because of the special benefit for Bishop College on Saturday evening. Meeting usually began at 7:30 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

"We encourage the entire community to attend this special effort for Bishop College, which is one of our black colleges," says Rose Wilson, president.

Appearing at the special event will be Nash & Company.

A special guest has

been invited to attend this month's NAACP meeting. Also Ms. Wilson will put emphasis on the Membership Drive, which is presently underway.

**Bulletin - Interscholastic League Press Conference** in Austin bestowed the Award of Distinguished Merit to the Dunbar Struggle 1982 yearbook and '82-'83 school newspaper. Dunbar-Struggs journalism teacher is Jennifer Tomlinson.

Senior James Hill placed third place in editorials in the 4-A school division.

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## Black Citizens Very Upset!!

**Editor's Note:** Regardless of what happens concerning the recent appeal by the Lubbock City Council last week, Black citizens are very upset over the council's decision to appeal the ruling by Judge Halbert O. Woodward. Here are a few comments given by Black citizens of Lubbock.

**Rose Wilson** -- "I see now the city council people in true form. They have shown their true colors. Racism is really being shown."

**Harold M. Chatman** -- "It was not really surprising. It was no more than what I expected them to do."

**Octavia Givens** -- "I don't go for what they have done."

**Arnon Harvey** -- "I was disappointed. I was really shocked. I think it points out that the city doesn't want to have minority input into the decision making and political process in Lubbock. Lubbock will never

and political process in Lubbock. Lubbock will never be ushered into the twentieth century until minority input is a part of the city council. It also points out that racism pervades the city administration. Really, I think it's a total insult to the minority community. It is a very obvious slap in the face where decent minded people who want to see the city progress. If ever there was a time for the minority community to let their feelings to be known, now is the time to do it! This never would have happened in the south."

**Rev. J. H. Ford** -- "I do not know about the original suit. Before I would make a comment, I would have to know their alternate. I agree with the fact that a minority needs to be represented. I must know both sides of the story before I could make a statement about the situation. I haven't heard them (city council) offer a better solution. I see we need a better relationship between both minority groups. I still stand firm on a judgement until I hear the other side."

**D. C. Kinser** -- "I tell you, I dislike what they (city council) has done. It was one of those things that you didn't think they would do! It's just hard to believe they did something like that. It was one of those legal actions and didn't know what they were going to do. Well, it was bad for Lubbock, one could say. It seems like it's going against the progress of Lubbock."

**Rev. Larry L. Polk, Sr.** -- "I think it was a stupid decision made by the city council. It goes to show you where they really are. If you print this, let them know that we are going to bury them!"

**Emma Rayford** -- "I think the whole idea is stupid. Keeping a Black off the city council is wrong. Lubbock is behind! We need to update our city. We need representation. They want to keep Lubbock in the dark. People in other parts of the state where I visit say Blacks here are behind. We are just way past due. The whole idea, in first place, is ridiculous even to go through the situation."

**George Woods** -- "I don't think they should have done it. I think they will have a tough time getting it over. They claim that a person would think they would only be interested in their district. We, as Black people, must brace up and try to pull through with it."

**Fayrene Alexander** -- "Now we know!"

**Theoin Cole** -- "It is just a shame for the decision to make such a decision to appeal the judge's decision."

**Clarence Priestly** -- "In my opinion, it is a waste of taxpayers money."

**Rev. Kade Lang** -- "We have found out what kind of representation we have at city hall. Talk about problems, we have them here!"

**Dr. Heenan Johnson** -- "I have always been for the at-large election system, but that doesn't work here in Lubbock as it should. It was not a wise decision on the part of the city council to appeal. We would have to be cautious of the covered wagon game when the six member district becomes a reality."

We'd like to hear from you about these comments. There were others. Let us know if you agree or disagree with what has been published. Send them to: Comments, Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

# City Appeals!

While Lubbock citizens were thinking of celebrating the Easter holiday weekend, the Lubbock City Council voted to appeal the federal court ruling that changes the way Lubbock holds its city elections. This decision drew mixed reaction from Black citizens of Lubbock.

Although they resented the appeal, city officials were surprised last Friday in their efforts to save local taxpayers from having to pay legal fees to eight attorneys who represented minorities in the suc-

cessful challenge of Lubbock at-large election system.

U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward filed an order of bifurcation separating the issue of attorney's fees from the rest of the case, which is presently being appealed

by the city to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

City council members are challenging Judge

Woodward's opinion that Lubbock's at-large election system discriminates against minorities and his ruling that council

representatives would be elected from six single-member districts.

This same action happened once before when the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals when they heard another appeal in 1979 when Judge Woodward ruled in favor of the city.

According to city officials, they have focused their appeal partly on questions regarding the constitutionality of an amendment to the Voting Rights Act and the interpretation being placed on it.

Mayor Bill McAlister announced the city's

decision to appeal last Thursday. One of the reasons he gave for filing the appeal was the "high legal fees" the city would have to pay the plaintiffs' attorneys.

His reasoning, the **Southwest Digest** learned, was that if the city can win on appeal, it no longer will face paying the attorneys' fees. It has been learned that attorneys are asking for \$300,000.

Under the bifurcation order, Judge Woodward will decide the legal fee issue in a separate civil action. This would mean

that the city would have the option of appealing that decision.

The council's decision to appeal Woodward's ruling has drawn criticism from citizens of the Black community. (See Black Citizens Upset in this issue)

Even representatives from the LULAC organization have voiced their criticism about the ruling. Chevo Morales, District I director of the League of United Latin Americans (LULAC), said the state LULAC convention, which would brought between 5,000

and 7,000 persons to the city in May, 1984, may be cancelled in protest of the appeal.

Mayor McAlister told the **Southwest Digest** last Friday, the city still has the right to withdraw the appeal. He also believes the appeal will move very swiftly, and should not take more than 90 days.

Mayor McAlister said: "If we completely change our election system in Lubbock and the courts rule the amended Voting Rights Act is unconstitutional, then we would have to change everything again."

Because of this decision by city officials, several organizations have begun to meet to find a way to deal with this unpopular decision in the minority community.

## Scout Troop Organizes At New Hope Saturday

You are cordially invited to attend a Boy Scout and Cub Scout get acquainted membership meeting at the New Hope Baptist Church. The meeting is scheduled for

April 9, 1983, promptly at 1 p.m. in the afternoon. This will be an opportunity for parents, concerned citizens, our boys, and young men to learn more about the Boy

Scouts of America. Come out and help us provide our young men a positive framework upon which they can build

deserving student from Stokes - Parker District of Texas of the National Association of Women and Girls Clubs.

## Club News

The Royal Ladies Club held its weekly meeting in the home of Mrs. Pearl Baker at 314 E. Rice, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The club is pleased to start another year of fellowship and friendship. This year is promised to be one of great change for the club in community activity.

The host sponsored an evening of card playing and dominos to start off the year. Guest present were: V. Drake, E. Sparks, Mrs. Alexander, Ms. Guiding, V. Herford, M. Linnie, M. Hayes and W. Bowden.

## City Wide Ushers Sat Meet

City Wide Ushers will meet Saturday, April 9, 1983 at 5 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church. The new officers for this year will be installed in this meeting. All ushers are asked to please be present and on time.

## Participants In County Spelling Bee Contest

The **Southwest Digest** is proud to present some of the young people who participated in the Lubbock County Spelling Bee which was held at Evans Junior High School. All of these young people are winners! For the next few weeks pictures of these young people will continue to appear in this newspaper. If you have an opportunity to see one of them or all of them, let them know you appreciate their efforts. We salute the parents and teachers for their concern for the efforts of these young people.



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## Social Security Tips

### Your Social Security And You



by  
Jewel M. Love  
Service Representative

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### Estacado Students

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is the wife of Ruben Silva.

Debra has been on the Honor Roll each grading period throughout her high school career. Her overall grade point average is a 4.085. This outstanding average has been attained by taking honor courses. Debra is a member of the National Honor Society, and she is in the upper five per cent

of her class.

Debra is a veteran member of the UIL Science team and has attended three District UIL meets. She is also a member of the UIL calculator and computer teams.

Debra is the president of the Estacado Science Club and has been an active member of the Science Club since the

### RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Easter Sunday was a full day at New Hope Baptist Church beginning with sunrise service at 6 a.m. and breakfast after service. Afterwards was regular service throughout the day beginning with Sunday school.

Pastor Nash preached out of his soul. His subject "Living Proof," I Cor. 15:1-10. We had a packed house. You don't have to wait until next Easter to come get spiritual food; you are welcome to come anytime. Two united with the church.

The Easter program was beautiful Sunday night. It was presented by the children's division. Thanks to Mrs. Edna Ray Walker for furnishing the music for the program she's that kind of friend.

Saturday night, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at New

ninth grade. She held the office of First Vice-President her Junior year. Debra was also Command Sergeant-Major of the Color Guard in the Estacado ROTC during her Junior year.

Debra plans to attend the University of Texas, where she has met all of the entrance requirements. She plans to major in Computer Science.

Hope closed out the Holy Week service by the Minister's Fellowship. Rev. Polk, Pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, brought a powerful message, his subject was "After All Is Said And Done."

Mrs. G.H. Davis is asking all participants in the After Easter Fashion Parade to meet for rehearsal Saturday, April 9th at 5 p.m. at the Church.

Our 57th church anniversary will begin with a revival on Monday, April 11th through April 17th. Rev. B.R. Daniels of Ft. Worth, Texas will be guest speaker, the public is invited.

Mrs. Townsel, from Chicago, Illinois, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Precious Brown, for two weeks. She united with the church under watch care while she is here.

Mrs. Helen M. Smith of Jamaica, N.Y., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Knighton and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gregory of San Antonio, Texas spent Easter with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beaty. They were accompanied by Mrs. Olga Hemanes a former member of New Hope.

Mary Ann Jones and three grandchildren, from Dallas, Texas, spent Easter with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harrison

Davis.

Mrs. Arlene Fleming spent Easter with her brother and family in Snyder, Texas.

Mrs. Justine Morton, her son Coeby and sister Marie Embry attended the funeral services of their brother last Thursday, in Oklahoma City.

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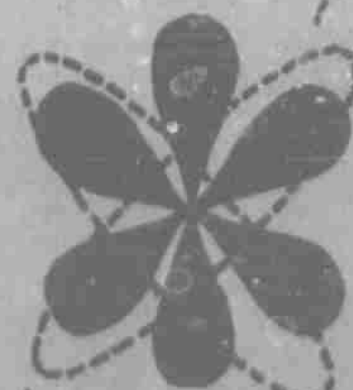
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 when it was presented to Judge Halbert O. Woodward. Many comments were received at the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST**. Black people like many other residents are very **UPSET**. Just when **BLACK PEOPLE** are willing to work for the entire city true colors began to fly. This **STUPID DECI-**

**SION** will ... communications back ... between **BLACKS** and city hall ... many years. Regardless of what happens this week if they ... **(CITY COUNCIL)** ... those to rescind their **BLUNDER**. Blacks and other minorities will question the city council. Wonder what our late friend **R. B. "MAC" MCALISTER** would have said about this blunder?? **MEETS TOMORROW!** Members of the

**TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY** are scheduled to meet tomorrow in Houston, Texas to have a chance to prove they mean right. If they do **RIGHT** by Blacks during this meet then we shall **KNOW** that things have changed! **CLEAN EM UP!** With the recent media publicity in East Lubbock about the so called **JOINTS** who are operating during the early morning hours

they had better **CLEAN UP** their act. Criminal District Attorney **JIM DARNELL** has made a pledge to do such a thing by getting an injunction in this area. If you are an operator of a **JOINT** you'd better keep out the **DRUGS**, **STOLEN ITEMS**, **SELLING OF ALOCHOLIC BEVERAGES** and other bad acts. It may be hard to keep out the **PROSTITUTES** but

do keep it clean. **D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU** are really wealthy if you can afford the federal government and your family on one salary!" **VERY LITTLE CHANGE!** Despite what **REAGAN** may say there will still be very little change in economics of the era under **REAGAN!** Only the **TALK** is up but it is all! **JOIN UP!!** If you haven't done so by now then you still

have a golden opportunity to join the Lubbock Branch of the **NAACP!** Contact local proxy **ROSE WILSON** if you need more info! **CALL PRESS CONFERENCE!** When such actions are taken by local city or county officials like the one by the **CITY COUNCIL** last week the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP should have called a **PRESS CONFERENCE** immediately to denounce

such actions. It's still not too late for one. Hope this column goes to press even if the **CITY COUNCIL** rescinds their decision! **VERY GOOD ARTICLE!** In the February 21, 1983 edition of the one hundred and thirty-two year old **A. M. E. CHRISTIAN RECORDER** an interesting article appears on our friend **REV. EDWIN SCOTT, SR.** The edition also pays **TRIBUTE**

to the late **DE. R. A. PILLOW, III.** Done nicely by **DR. J. W. YANCY, II** of Waco, Texas. **SUPPORT BISHOP COLLEGE!** There are many **BLACKS** who have either **GRADUATED** or **ATTENDED BISHOP COLLEGE**. If you would like to **HELP** you may do so by attending a **CONCERT** at the Booker T. Washington American Legion Hall

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## The True Colors Come Forward

By  
Eddie P. Richardson

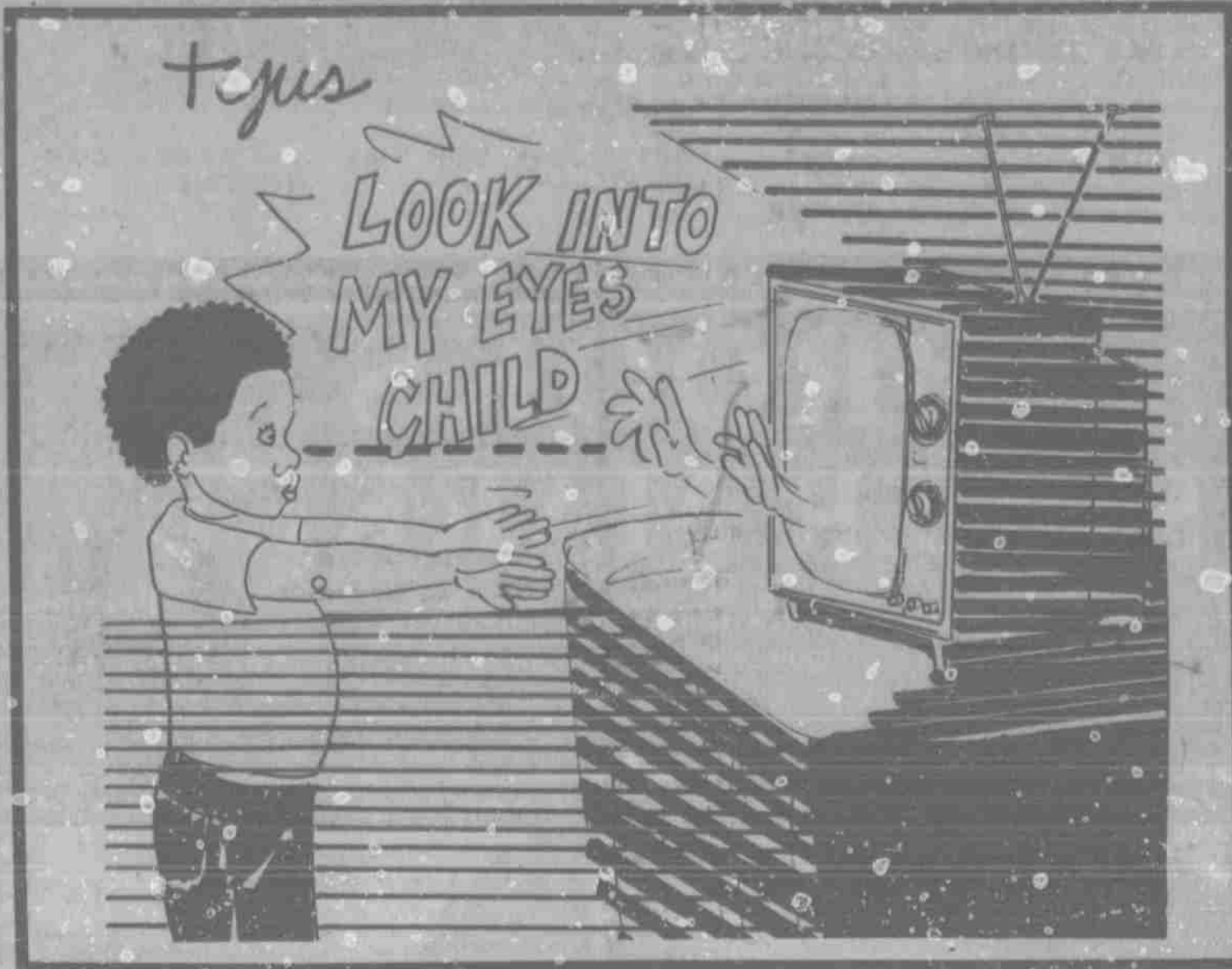
The appeal of the Lubbock city council shows the true color of our city council people, people that minorities supported!!!

It is bad to say I expected this action all along but was praying it would not happen. Why would our elected officials spend good tax payers money for bad results, when they know they are going to lose? In a recent conversation with a white or Anglo news media person, they said in relation to the case, "a white person has no sense of money or how much they spend when it comes to defending their honor, pride or beliefs money means nothing. Something to remember is the council just strengthened the forces of Jimmie Marshall, Joe Keaton and company when they turned their backs on the City's minority population. Where else is there to go and what else is there to do? One thing come out of this decision by the council's decision is white folks are white folks, the ones you do not trust as well as the ones you do trust. This proves one thing; a leopard is a leopard, stripes, spots, or plain, the leopard is still a leopard. Figure this one out; Lubbock city council opened a huge bag of worms, because so many of our city citizens watch for good catches and they have removed the bait!!! No w what???

Jack Gailey, Tri-Way over twenty years, Brooks, Newburns and a few others has supported our community for as long as they have done business in our community. Furr's Supermarkets, which in the last few years has made a tremendous turn around and ignores the minorities, their communities, and their publications, managers says they do not need secondary publications and you still rush there to spend your hard earned \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Support Black businesses and help them to get their goods and or services over to the community. It was good to see the reception for the two Black doctors a hunk success. With all the good intentions there's always a stumbling block. This was not to eliminate or omit any Black doctors or leave anyone out but to highlight the two with their own private practices and not on anyone's payroll but independent private business men. We know there are other doctors, Dr. Mattheson at Texas Tech University, a medical instructor and Dr. Roe who works for the Presbyterian Clinic. The highlight was on economic development and Black business enterprise. Since businesses are so few and far-in-between in Lubbock and West Texas, when we have a Black independent business person, it is always noteworthy. This writer and newspaper would like to see many more professional Black people become entrepreneurs and help the Black economy by being producers not merely consumers, by making payroll not merely picking up payrolls. We are very proud of our two Black doctors and wish them all the luck and success in the world and hope their businesses grow and prosper to the highest.

AIOP Assault on Illiteracy Program which is a nation wide program Black People Helping People, helping our own Black youth with over 44 percent of our young people coming out of high school reading at a fifth grade or below level. At this rate, where will the future take? Let's all get behind this program, Black Churches, Black community organizations, Black Greek organizations, and others are behind this effort nation wide along with Black newspapers in the B.M.I. Cooperative, let's all pitch in to help our young Blacks help themselves. They are our tomorrow's leaders and if we don't hurry up and put a handle on our present situation, in a few more years, with our youngsters traveling the road they are presently traveling, Heaven help us all.



## Letters to Editor

### Against Appeal

Dear T.J. and Eddie:

As I write this, I have just returned to my office from a meeting with the other lawyers representing the Plaintiffs in the Lubbock election case, and we have been planning our next steps in response to the unfortunate decision of the City Council to appeal the case to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

We are very disappointed about the City Council's decision, but we will all stick together as a team, and fight harder than ever to protect this victory during the appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. We think that we will win, and we all know that we are fighting on the side of what is right and good, and that helps to know that.

What I would like to say to you men, and to your readers if you desire to print this letter, is that I regret the part that some members of my race, the white race, are playing in this matter. I am deeply ashamed of the racist action of the Lubbock City Council in appealing this case. This is bigotry at its worst, and I had hoped that perhaps, at long last, Lubbock was about to take the first steps in the direction of moving beyond that sort of thing. But it was not to be. (We will have to win in the courts, once again. And ultimately, we will win, I believe.)

I think that the racist action of the Lubbock City Council in appealing this case is not truly representative of the majority of whites in Lubbock, Texas. I am almost sure it is not. It is politicians who simply do not have the vision, the understanding, or the ordinary human kindness to appreciate the desires and legitimate aspirations of their fellow citizens who happen to be members of ethnic minorities. I just feel like this needs to be said, right now, and needs to be said by a person who is a member of this sadly intolerant majority in Lubbock, Texas. I am just sorry that it has to be this way.

But to use one of your favorite expressions, T.J., "Help is on the way." We are going to fight these misguided local white politicians, and finally we are going to beat them, I believe.

Let me urge everybody who cares about our side of this case, the right side, not to give up hope. Our legal team is going to stick together, we are more determined than ever to root out this ugly racist attitude in our local government, and to destroy it, so that never again will any ethnic group be shut out of effective participation in the political process in Lubbock, Texas. Keep the faith!

Sincerely yours,  
Daniel H. Benson  
Professor of Law

### Disagrees With Editorial

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Please feel free to publish this letter in your "Letters to the Editor" Column.

After reading your article, "Gene Gaines The Forgotten Warrior," I think it would have been better had you let the "Forgotten Warrior" remain forgotten. I feel this way because your article, which consisted of two short paragraphs, had enough errors, omissions, conjecture, innuendo to fill a full page of your newspaper.

It was an error for you to refer to me as a former Black attorney. I am presently an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Texas, State Bar Card No. 075697000. You omitted the fact that after the judge instructed me to get some attorneys to help me prepare the case I submitted to the Court a list of attorneys who had agreed to "assist" me. These "first rate" white attorneys, as you referred to them, became so incensed at my use of the word "assist" that they demanded that I retract the statement and withdraw from the case as an attorney of record or they would withdraw their support. Particularly, Willis Taylor insisted that he be named lead counsel. Your use of the term "first rate attorneys" seems to imply that those of us, the original warriors, were not or are not first rate.

It is pure conjecture on your part to say I could have helped myself and the case by staying on and working

with the attorneys. At the time, I was more interested in the successful prosecution of the case than I was in any personal benefits. Since the withdrawal from the case, I have yet to receive one word of correspondence from any attorney involved in the case, nor has any attorney requested any Black input from me.

You failed to mention that before this "first rate" attorneys came along there were other Black warriors who supported this cause. Has anyone ever mentioned Dr. Floyd Perry, Jr., who was involved in the case before the original petition was drafted and who gave his full support including his money, something so few Blacks in Lubbock did? How about Ed Deo? This warrior who has supported me since the day I first arrived in Lubbock. He was there in the courtroom when Judge Woodward asked, "Where are those Black people you say you represent?" Rev. Roy C. Jones is another warrior who was in the courtroom on the day. You know of his involvement in the case. Joan Ervin and Kate Noble are two of the female warriors who were involved before the League of Women Voters. There were others including Attorney Samuel T. Jackson of Amarillo. He was a student at Tech at the time and he was in the courtroom as was my secretary Lynda Fields. And now I ask you, what other Blacks were there?

In conclusion, the suit was filed in April of 1976 and I moved to Dallas in May of 1978. I didn't just up and quit the case as your article seems to imply. I did not desert the cause nor have I lost my identity as a concerned Black citizen. I have simply changed locations, nothing else.

Very truly yours,  
Gene Gaines

**Editors Note:** The purpose of the editorial was not to take anything away from Mr. Gaines or his ability but to point out that he was the "originator" of the suit and in all the fanfare, after Judge Woodward's ruling, attorney Gaines was never mentioned when he was the reason for the suit in the first place. The word "former" referred to former "Lubbock" attorney.

This newspaper writer has always been and always will be a supporter and friend of and to attorney Gaines. Nor was the article meant to take away anything from the early supporters. This writer supported the *Ward System* even before Mr. Gaines came to Lubbock and the single member district was introduced. In the summer of 1969, this writer proposed that Black people succeeding from the city and forming our own government if we did not get a ward system, electing our own mayor and council. At that time, some of our leading Black citizens walked out of the Booker T. Washington American Legion Hall because they thought it crazy and unworkable.

### Open Letter to the Community

By popular demand of individuals and civic organizations interested in minority activities, the Human Relations Commission, with full approval and cooperation of black, brown, and white organizations worked together to organizing the public meeting to introduce the new heads of the law enforcement agencies.

Since other officials in law enforcement, judicial and administrative functions are routinely invited to special programs throughout the year, it was felt advisable to limit the honorees to the new heads of the Lubbock Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Criminal District Attorney. Personal invitations to the meeting were sent to all other officials including Justice of the Peace, the Sheriff's Office, local federal, state, county and city judges, etc.

Thank you all for preparing food, providing entertainment and your attendance.  
Sincerely,  
Frank Gonzales, Co-Chairman  
Human Relations Commission.

Dennis Brice, Co-Chairman  
Human Relations Commission

## Ringing The Bell



by  
Rob Ticeul

**Black Feedback:** The Pecos, Texas *Daily Enterprise* in a recent editorial states that it all began with Carl Stokes. He wasn't the first to give it a try. He had, in fact, made a run at it himself two years earlier, and had come within some two thousand votes of the prize. There were also a few black incumbent mayors in smaller cities in different sections of the country.

Nonetheless it was Carl Stokes' Cleveland victory in 1967 that captured national attention and made history. He was the first black elected mayor of a major American city. Since then, history has repeated itself with some frequency—in Detroit, in Newark, in Los Angeles, in Atlanta. Now history has caught up with Chicago adds the *Enterprise*. Harold Washington, a black congressman, was the winner of a tight three-way Democratic mayoral primary race. Washington edged, with a bit more than a third of the Chicago vote, incumbent Mayor Jane Byrne and Cook County prosecutor, Richard M. Daley. It could be argued objectively that in the upset outcome, Chicago's electorate lucked out with the most qualified candidate, believes the *Enterprise*.

And so it may well be that "tenth-month" election may be redefined in the April 12th general election, even though it has been more than half a century since a Republican made decisions in city hall. Yet with Washington's nomination, suddenly big campaign money is available for Republican candidate Bernard Epton and Sister Jane Byrne will conduct a "write in" campaign. Question: will this develop into a black and white race, which would be new for Chicago? We will see.

In Old Testament tradition, the "acceptable year" came only once every 50 years. The Hebrews called it the Year of Jubilee. They had a special feast; it was an occasion for celebration. Jubilee, from a Hebrew word that means the ram's horn, was always hegan by great blasts from the trumpets, signaling the time of rest and celebration Jubilee is breaking of chains of oppression and hatred and disease.

The Old Testament Jubilee celebration was only a foretaste of lasting and permanent Jubilee. Jesus came as the Jubilee Giver. He is Jubilee, no longer are we bound only to laws and regulations as the Israelites of old. Jesus came to set us on higher ground, to deliver us from oppression, to be our Master King to Jubilee. We do not wait 50 years to claim our full inheritance. Of course, sometimes we will stumble and fall. Sometimes bad circumstances will get in our way. But bellringers we are one with God and all His has is ours. We can act on that promise.

It was great to have talked briefly the other night to an old friend and retired newsman: H.M. Baggary, former publisher and editor of the *Tulla (Texas) Herald*. He was known in many parts of the world and by friends as "The Country Editor", having published several great books and a personal friend of several U.S. Presidents. We have invited the "country editor" to do a future column for us and to let us know what's going on now in his retirement years. Word comes that there is a grass roots campaign developing in A.M.E. circles and that our old friend R.H. Reid, Jr. will be beneficiary. Reid is editor of the A.M.E. Christian Recorder and an Editor for Bishop clubs are forming thruout the nation. Although he is a great editor we bet he will not discourage formation of these clubs. What do you think Bellringers?

### Mayor Promotes City

Dear Mr. Richardson:

While Gary's convention services and facilities have attracted the interest of numerous national organizations, I was particularly pleased to learn of the National Newspaper Publishers Association's decision to bring the 1983 Convention to Gary.

I was encouraged by your decision because of our common commitment and dedication to improve Black America's quality of life. In many ways, both black publishers and editors and myself, as a black mayor, have been the undeserving victims of the same kind of racism which purports a lack of professionalism and proficiency in our respective spheres.

I view then, the '83 NNPA Convention as a clear and unique opportunity to demonstrate to ourselves and the rest of the country, what can be accomplished when we as Black Americans turn towards, instead of upon, one another.

When the '83 NNPA Convention comes to Gary, as Mayor, I can guarantee it will be your most enjoyable convention. Unlike other cities, all of Gary wants the NNPA here in '83. The City Administration, the Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations would be delighted to host events for the delegates.

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For all these reasons and more, I sincerely hope that the NNPA will honor its previous commitment to Gary. Your decision represents an opportunity to reaffirm your commitment not just to the City of Gary, but to all of Black America.

Sincerely,  
Richard Gordon Hatcher  
Mayor, City of Gary

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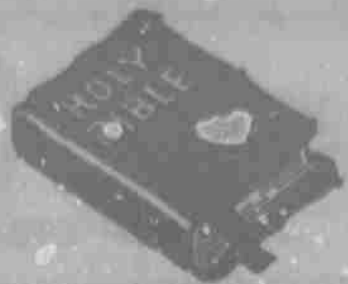
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Opening scripture Psalms 100 with C. Hyson, M. Bogus and M. Ward participating. Morning devotion consisted of prayer meeting and testimonies from M. Ward.

Scripture St. Luke 23:21-31 - but they cried, saying, crucify Him crucify Him. And He said unto them the third time, why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in Him: I will therefore chastise Him, and let him go.

v 28 But Jesus turning unto them said, daughter of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

We find no fault in Jesus. How about you?? Thought: The recogni-

tion of sin is the beginning of salvation. (Think about it).

Breakfast was served with you in mind.

Our guest were: Mrs. McCreary, Mrs. Lenora Douglas, and Mrs. Christine Hyson. Please come again!

Sick list: Mrs. Hattie Sitingler, Community Hospital, rm. 124B, Lupe Rodriguez, Louis Jean Drayton, of California, Rosie Lee Minters, Lubbock General Hospital, rm. 419, Venable Williams, Pearlie R. Bonner, Mrs. C.E. Fair, Mrs. Artie M. Washington and Mr. Andrew Williams.

There are others I'm sure not mentioned in this report. (Let's pray): We thank you, Father for the hope you have given us through the resurrection. Help us to understand more thoroughly than ever before that if Jesus was raised from the dead, then we are of all men most miserable. We thank you for the testimonies that Paul,

haven't seen the risen Savior, bears to the resurrection. May the dramatic transformation of his life be an example and a source of healing and encouragement to all of us. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN.

If we have touched your life in any way or if you have a prayer request, write, Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1222, Lubbock, Texas.

The blessing went out to Mrs. Jessie Mae Collins.

Is there anything too hard for God??

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## Post, Texas Pleasant Home Baptist

by Annie V. Gilbert,

Sunday School was at its usual hour and good throughout all service. Sister Carolyn Whitehead, the youth, taught the lesson. Rev. James taught the juniors. The lesson subject was "Good News For Outsiders," Acts 8:25-38. Devotion was led by Sister Wynn and Deacon Jim H. Osby. Sister

Wynn read Matthew 27:1-11. Altar Prayer was very spiritually prayed. Rev. Kelly poured out his heart and soul to God. Every one was at their post of duty. The Junior Choir sang praises to God. Rev. James read I Corinthians 13:1-12. The Senior Choir sang praises out of their hearts to God. Rev. Kelly

preached from Acts 2:1-4, 14 & 15, his text was "Can't Nobody Do Me Like The Lord." Rev. Kelly, at his post of duty, delivered a mighty helpful message.

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## "I Thank God For Jesus"

"Lord That's Incredible"

Part III

Genesis 1:1,27 In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth, So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

I Thank God He made Heaven and Earth. Then He made me, and I can never to thirst. He put me in the middle of the Garden of Eden.

He said I am your help in time of need, but I am never satisfied, and never pleased, satan wild me to eat off God's forbidden tree. Lord; That's Incredible I've sinned against you, and I am so ashamed, but I won't ask forgiveness in your holy name.

Genesis 4:8,9 And Cain talked with his brother Able; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Able his brother, and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, where is Able thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Lord; Cain killed able, satan's hate was sin, now it's world wide, will it ever end? Lord; That's Incredible We don't know we're our brother's keeper,

we're the christian leaders, we're now sleepers.

Proverb 6:9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

Judges 13:24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Sampson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

Lord; I read of Sampson, of whom You blessed, and how satan's love put him in a mess. She gained and wined him, to get his secret was tough,

but he got weak on a sin called lust. Lord; That's Incredible Lord; you allow sin to put us down, and your son Jesus to pick us up. Lord that's called love; your love is too much.

John 3:16 For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Lord; That's Incredible brothers and sisters whether you're a prostitute, killer gambler, or dope dealer, try Dr. Jesus Christ He is the healer. I tried Him He healed me and "That's Incredible. God loves you too.

## Lord; Now That's What's Incredible

Directed, Arranged, Produced and Guided by My Lord Jesus Christ. Written by Billy B.J. Morrison, III, your brother in Christ. God is not through with us yet, let's pray for one another always. AMEN.

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Hebrews 10:24,25  
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Baptist Training Union (BTU) ..... 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p. m.  
— Week Activities —  
Mission ..... Monday ..... 7:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting ..... Wednesday ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Brotherhood Breakfast .. Saturday ..... 7-10  
Youth Program .. Second Sunday ..... 3:00 p. m.  
"Come Let Us Reason Together Saith The Lord" Isaiah 1:18

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