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National News At A Glance

From NBNS
Communications

African-African-American Summit

Saying, "We will never be separated again," Reverend Leon Sullivan has announced that the Third African-African-American Summit will be held May 1-5, 1995, in Dakar, Senegal. The Summit is a movement which was launched in 1991 to develop business and social linkages between African-Americans and leaders on the African Continent. According to Sullivan, who is the founder of OIC, Inc. and a major American leader in the movement to eliminate apartheid in South Africa, "Summit delegates help develop solutions in the areas of: Business, health care, education, women's issues, youth concerns, agriculture, democratization, economic development and corporate initiatives to benefit the future of Sub-Saharan Africa. Tuskegee, Alabama Mayor Johnny Ford, another convener of the Summit, says, "This is a chance for African-Americans to join in the building of a bridge of support from America for Sub-Saharan Africa. The Summit brings together an unprecedented cross section of the African-American community with African leaders for historic discussions and planning relating to advancement for Africa and themselves." Ford reports that the African-African-American Summit committee has made arrangements for seven days and six nights room accommodations, Summit registration and chartered transportation from Philadelphia International Airport to Dakar and return for \$2750.00. For information call the African-African-American Summit Office free at 1 (800) 335-3530.

John Hope Franklin: "History Will Not Be Kind To African-Americans"

John Hope Franklin, America's pre-eminent African-American historian says that race relations have moved backwards and blacks' current behavior does not give him optimism for the future. The 80-year-old icon told the *Charlotte Post*, in a Black history Month interview, that young African-Americans have lost a thirst for knowledge. "Once you (young blacks) beat yourself against a brick wall for such a long time, you lose faith," Franklin told the *Post*. Franklin says the problems African-Americans are experiencing today is deep in the ethos of America. "They are rooted in slavery. We've come 300 years and not done the right thing yet," Franklin said. He said, "As a nation we endorse violence. It's a shame that the underground economy (drugs and gangs) are the ones who seem to prosper." Franklin said unfortunately the underground economy is what some youth see as a means of becoming prosperous. "They should look at the big picture. Set up a big goal and go for it," he said.

Black Corporate Pioneers Honored in Washington

At a Business Policy Review Council program in the nation's capital, corporate executives of Fortune 500 companies from across the U.S. came together to pay tribute to early pioneers such as retired Greyhound Corporation Senior Vice President, Joseph "Joe" Black, and nine others. Black was a

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Making Black History Come Alive

by Bernice Powell Jackson

I recently attended a play entitled *I Am a Man* at the Karamu Theater in Cleveland. It was the story of the union organizer who worked with the sanitation workers in Memphis during their strike in 1968. This was the strike which brought Martin Luther King Jr. to Memphis and to the Lorraine Motel, where he was assassinated.

Today the Lorraine Motel houses one of the nation's finest museums, which chronicles the civil rights movement, particularly the 1950's and 1960's. Called the National Civil Rights Museum, it houses 10,000 square feet of exhibitions, an auditorium, a courtyard, a gallery, a museum gift shop and administrative offices.

The exhibits of the National Civil Rights Museum make African-American history come alive, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Freedom Rides, the March on

Washington, student sit-ins and the Memphis sanitation workers strike. A ten minute introductory audio-visual program focuses on the Constitutional rights we all have as U.S. citizens; other audio-visuals place the viewer in the Birmingham jail cell where Dr. King wrote his famous letter and allow the viewer to hear the stories of the Little Rock Nine, who integrated schools in Arkansas.

Rooms 306 and 307, which Dr. King occupied on that fateful day in April, 1968, form an emotional focus of the museum and are the historical climax of the exhibits. These rooms have been recreated as they were when Dr. King was there.

Another treasure chest of African-American history is the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio. Located on the campus of Wilberforce University, a historically black

university, it includes a permanent exhibit which chronicles the period in American history from 1945 to 1965. This exhibit has cars, barber chairs and straightening combs and even a reproduction of a church from those days. It looks at the migration of millions of blacks from the South to the North and at African-American family, work, community and religious life.

In addition to this permanent exhibit, the National Afro-American Museum has changing art and photography exhibits and special exhibits of black dolls and for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Black History Month and Kwanzaa. The 35,000 square foot building, which opened in 1988, also includes a gift shop, an audio-visual presentation on black music and a collection of manuscripts and library materials.

For our children to really know and appreciate

African-American history, we must find all kinds of ways to make history come alive. Plays like *I Am a Man* or museums like the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio are critical to telling our stories.

African-American history is important for all Americans all year long. As you plan trips for your family, include these museums on your itinerary. As you try to tell your children about African-American heroes, include black theater productions and black art exhibits in your plans. Let's make African-American history come alive for our children. It's not for the sake of our past, but for the sake of our future.



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed the third annual "Women of Courage" awards luncheon hosted by the National Federation of Black Women Business Owners on Wednesday, February 8, 1995, in Washington, D.C. Pictured with the First Lady are Mary Walker, President NFBWBO; Shirley Caesar, famed gospel singer; and Alexis Herman, director, White House Office of Public Liaison.

Census Bureau to Survey Area Households

Local representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau will visit selected area households beginning March 1 to conduct its Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). Alfonso E. Mirabal, director of the bureau's Dallas regional office, announced today.

SIPP is a continuing nationwide survey introduced in the fall of 1983. It is one of the nation's largest, with about 60,000 households participating.

The Census Bureau publishes periodic reports with information from the survey. Subjects covered include the following:

- Jobs and earnings The economic effects of unemployment, disability, and retirement.
- How taxes affect personal spending.
- Participation in programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, and pension plans.

Information from SIPP helps policy-makers and administrators determine how well government programs are serving the public and how changes in programs and policies will affect the public.

Here are some facts about persons and their health insurance between 1987 and 1989, based upon findings from the survey. (The sample size limits accurate reporting to national figures only):

Twenty-one percent of all U.S. residents—approximately 50 million—lacked health insurance for at least a month during 1987.

The average monthly total of uninsured persons in the final quarter of 1990 was 13 percent of the population or about 32 million.

• Twenty-eight percent of men lacked continuous health insurance between 1987 and 1989 compared with 25 percent of women because of higher levels of Medicaid and Medicare coverage among women.

• Forty-six percent of Hispanics lacked insurance for at least a month between 1987 and 1989. Among racial groups, the percentages lacking insurance for at least a month were 40 percent for African-Americans and 24 percent for Whites. Private health insurance covered 91 percent of Whites and about 75 percent of African-Americans and Hispanics for at least one month between 1987 and 1989.

• One-half of persons aged 18 to 21 had no insurance for a month or more. For those aged 25 to 44, 73 percent had continuous coverage compared with 82 percent of those aged 45 to 64, and 99 percent of those aged 65 and over.

Miss Classified's Employ Houston Career Fair

Apply for jobs and network with representatives from local, state, and national corporations at Houston's largest employment event, "Miss Classified's Employ Houston Career Fair," Saturday, March 18, 1995, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at the Astroarena (in the Astrodome complex). Don't miss a career fashion show at 11:00 a.m., plus job search and resume skills seminars at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Admission is free; Astroarena parking is \$4; use the Naomi Street entrance.

SBA Assists in Growth of Rapidly Developing Company

LUBBOCK, TX.—Steven L. Peterson was forced to pursue another career in 1989 due to the decline of the oil industry. So he started Cartridge Plus, Inc. in his garage and spare bedroom. Initially, his business specialized in servicing and repairing laser printer cartridges. The company quickly developed a very positive image in the market place with the "pet-seal" system they developed which prevents spilling and leaking of printing toner during shipment of rebuilt laser printer cartridges. In order to more fully serve his remanufactured cartridge customers, he added laser printer repair in 1991.

After only ten months in business, Mr. Peterson obtained his first U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 7 (a) Guaranteed Loan in the amount of \$30,000. The SBA 7(a) Guarantee Loan program promotes small business formation and growth

by guarantees of amounts provided by commercial lenders.

In 1991, a laser printer repair training school, Trans American Tech, was added. This "hands on" training facility is well known throughout the world as one of the best. In 1992 Mr. Peterson obtained his second SBA loan in the amount of \$120,000. To better serve customers another subsidiary company was started in 1993, Copy Care, to handle copier and fax machine service.

Currently, Cartridge Plus, Inc. employs 40 people. This company is selling products manufactured in Lubbock, training persons nationwide to service and repair laser printers and repairs both copier and fax machines. The continued goal of the company is to provide superior service, quality products to their customers and provide excellent training in laser printer repair.

Boy Scouts of America Lifetime Achievement Award Conferred on L. Ron Hubbard

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored author-humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard with its coveted Lifetime Achievement Award for "his humanitarian works for the betterment of mankind." Celebrity and civic leaders joined together at Los Angeles' posh California Club for a black tie awards ceremony which was highlighted by a performance by internationally renowned concert pianist Mario Fenninger, who first met and worked with L. Ron Hubbard in 1950.

Presentation of the award was made by Edward Jacobs, president of the Boy Scouts Los Angeles Area Council, who lauded Hubbard for "his numerous contributions towards philosophical breakthroughs in such areas of vital humanitarian and social concern as education, literacy, drug treatment and rehabilitation, and moral conduct and values."

Noting that the late humanitarian and bestselling author became America's youngest Eagle Scout in 1924 at the age of 13, Mr. Jacobs said that the Lifetime Achievement Award was also conferred in recognition of "L. Ron Hubbard's steadfast commitment to principles of personal industry, perseverance, initiative and social and civic responsibility."

Previous recipients of other Boy Scout

awards have included former President Gerald R. Ford, former California Governor George Deukmejian, industrialist John K. Northrop, and such entertainment luminaries as Bob Hope, Jimmy Stewart and John Wayne.

Formal congratulations on the award presentation came, meanwhile, from Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan. Citing "The Legacy of L. Ron Hubbard," Riordan said he joins with other members of the community in recognizing the author-humanitarian's "life's work and achievements."

Opera diva Julia Migenes, winner of the Grammy for her vocal performance in the film *Carmen*, was on hand as well as one of South America's top fashion models and recording stars, Carina Ricco. Emmy award winning actress and the voice of Bart Simpson, Nancy Cartwright, was on hand and also met with the scouts from Los Angeles' Troop 555 and Hollywood's Troop 8.

The Boy Scouts Life Achievement Award was accepted in Mr. Hubbard's honor by Fred Harris, Director, L. Ron Hubbard's Public Relations Office International, during the ceremony hosted by NFL tight-end and San Francisco 49er alumni, Bob Adams.



Former pro football player Bob Adams (right) and John T. Cardis (left), Chairman of Los Angeles Council of the Boy Scouts of America, along with members of Troop 555 and Troop 8, honored American author-humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for his philosophical and technological contributions in education, literacy, drug rehabilitation, and moral conduct and values. Fred Harris (center), director of the L. Ron Hubbard Public Relations Office International, accepted the award which was, for the first time, presented posthumously.

National Federation of Music Clubs Offers Summer Scholarships to Chautauqua Music School

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., February 9, 1995—The National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC) is offering NFMC Summer Music Scholarships of \$400 each for study in piano, strings and orchestra at Chautauqua Music School in Chautauqua, N.Y., June 26 through August 14, 1995, with the deadline for applications April 1, 1995.

To be eligible for the NFMC Summer Music Scholarships partially funding tuition to Chautauqua, applicants for the piano and orchestra scholarships must be at least 14, but no older than 25 years. There are no age qualifications for violin scholarship applicants. Applicants must be a native or naturalized United States citizens. The winners will be selected by type or live audition.

Applications and additional information on the NFMC scholarships are available by contacting Richard R. Redington, vice president for education and planning, Chautauqua Music School, Box 28, Chautauqua, NY 14722, (716) 357-5232. For information on the NFMC, contact Lucy H. Mulard, 23C N. Craig St., #205, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1540, (412) 621-6305.

The National Federation of Music Clubs supports and develops American music and musicians. One of the world's largest music organizations, NFMC was founded in 1898 and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1998. It has junior, student and senior members in over 5,300 organizations, as well as individual members nationwide. NFMC contributes over \$725,000 in scholarships and awards annually at the national, state and local levels to talented students and artists to help fund their musical educations and support their careers.

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Ruby Jay's Corner



Ruby Jay, superintendent, was at her post of duty. Brother Henry High did preside.

Services at the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor, began with Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Sister Thelma Brown, superintendent, was at her post of duty. Brother Henry High did preside.

Services began with a song, "There's A Fountain." Prayer was offered by Brother High. Another song, "Down At The Cross," was sung by the Sunday School. After that, the classes marched to their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instruction.

After reassembling, the classes marched in singing "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?" High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 3, which Sister Cooper is teacher. Sister Vickey gave remarks.

Secretary's report: Youth: Intermediate Class lost the attendance banner to the Senior Class. The Junior Class received the offering banner.

Adult Class No. 1, Men's Class, received both banners.

Devotional services were led by Brother and Sister Swain at 10:45 a.m.

The Youth Choir marched in the processional at 11:00 a. m. They marched in singing "All I Know Jesus Is Real." Altar prayer was given by Brother Clarence Ervin. Another song, "Bless The Lord,"

was sung. Sister Jean Y. Ervin read the scripture. Another Tharrington sang a song. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "My God Is Real."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. This was followed by the singing of "Holy Spirit."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Just Ask." His scripture text was St. Matthew 7:7-12. It was so wonderful. It seems as if the spirit came to the church with everybody.

After the invitation to discipleship, one came for baptism and another by Christian experience.

Among the visitors last Sunday morning at New Hope were the three grandchildren of Brother and Sister Barrow. Also the granddaughter and family of Brother and Sister Beatty.

Our sick and shut-in list is still growing. Let us keep praying for all who are ill.

Our bereaved families include Isaac Ross who was funeralized at New Hope Baptist Church last week.

Sister De Ethel Grimes services were held last Friday at the St. James Baptist Church.

Debra L. Curry's services were held last Thursday at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ.

Sister Callie Howard's uncle was funeralized in Marlin, Texas last Friday.

The Dyer family lost a relative.

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renowned baseball player who pitched for the Negro Baseball League and was the first African-American to win a World Series game, with the Brooklyn Dodgers, before he began his career with Greyhound. Also honored was Dorothy James Orr who in 1975 was the first black woman appointed as a corporate officer for the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Orr established the first Equitable office of Social Responsibility and served as chief liaison between The Equitable and Historically Black Colleges. Other honorees included: Lee Archer (Kraft General Foods); Frederick H. Black (General Electric); Henry H. Brown (Anheuser-Busch, Inc.); Levi Jackson (Ford Motor Company); Harvey Russell (PepsiCo Inc.); Thomas Shropshire (Miller Brewing Company); James "Bud" Ward (Marriott Corporation) and Abraham "Abe" Venerable (General Motors Corporation). Venerable was Executive Director of Urban Affairs for GM and is widely known for having dedicated himself to improving the position of minorities in all facets of GM's operations.

New Car Costs Up
According to *African-Americans on Wheels*, the average costs of a new car is \$20,000 and the average term of financing is now 55 months.

Counting Black Judges
According to the National Bar Association, there are a total of 1,309 black judges in the U.S. California has more African-Americans judges (149) serving in federal and state courts than any other jurisdiction in the country. Texas has more judges of color (409) than any other jurisdiction.

Number of Elected Officials Exceeds Half Million
The Census Bureau reports the total number of popularly elected officials was 511,039 in 1992. Less than 4 percent were in federal and state governments, with 96 percent in local governments. African-Americans represented 2.8 percent of elected local government officials.

Kentucky State Senator Slept With MLK, Jr.?
In a new book, *I Shared the Dream*, the only black woman ever to serve in the Kentucky Senate reveals that she slept with Martin Luther King the night before his assassination. In addition to being with MLK at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968, Senator Georgia Davis Powers says in her publication that she had a year-long sexual relationship with King. "I Shared the Dream" was released nationwide February 1st.

New GOP Leadership Fails NAACP Report Card

By Julian Bond

(NNPA) Report cards give Mom and Dad a chance to measure how well their children are doing in school. All "A's" are great, but most kids can't do that well all of the time. When they slip into the "C" and "D" range, Dad and Mom have a right to be worried.

But if the students are not children, but the men and women who will guide the national legislature for the next two years, and they consistently get "Fs" in subjects you need to have them get "A's" in, you have to be more than worried—about your future, and the future of your children.

You ought to be terrified that these failures are now in a powerful position to make your life less successful, your future less hopeful, and your children's chance dimmer.

The newly inaugurated Republican leadership of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives fails a "Legislative Report Card" compiled by the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The "test" was how they voted in 1993 and 1994 on 10 issues the NAACP thought were important to African-Americans nationwide. With 100 as a perfect score, the new Senate leadership ranged from a high of 70% to a low of 10%. New Senate Majority leader Bob Dole of Kansas scored 30%. The average score for new Senate Chairs is 36%.

At the Armed Services Committee, Georgia's Sam Nunn, who scored 50%, will be replaced by South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, who scored 40%. New York's Alfonse D'Amato, at 60%, will replace Michigan's Donald Riegle, a 90% scorer. Thirty percent: New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici will replace Tennessee's Jim Sasser, who scored 90%. Democrat Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island scored 80%; his replacement is a 20% scorer, North Carolina's Jesse Helms. Delaware's Joseph Biden scored 80%; his replacement is 10% scorer Orin Hatch of Utah. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas—at 30% will replace Massachusetts' Edward Kennedy, who received an 86% score.

Among new House committee Chairs, scores range from 70% to 0%. The average score for new House Chairs is 21%. Subtracting New York Congressman Benjamin Gilman, the new Chair of the International Relations Committee: who scored 70%, the new Republican chairs average only 17%.

On the NAACP Scorecard, 60% is a "D". The Senate and House Leadership's average score gives them a collective "F".

New House Speaker, Congressman Newt Gingrich of Georgia, a former college professor, scored only 10%.

The NAACP's Report Card is drawn from selected

votes in the 103rd Congress on issues of concern to African-Americans.

Included are six bills which passed Congress and were signed into law by President Bill Clinton:

- the Motor Voter Act, called by the NAACP "the most significant civil rights victory of the 103rd Congress". It requires all 50 states to establish procedures allowing citizens to register to vote when they renew a driver's license, to register by mail, and to register at public benefit sites, like welfare offices.
- the Brady Handgun Prevention Act, mandating a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases during which police can make background checks on gun buyers for criminal records.
- the Elementary and Secondary Education Act providing additional federal resources for public schools.
- the Clinton Budget which included a \$21 billion expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit which substantially aids the poor; creation of nine Empowerment Zones, and important child immunization programs.
- the Family Medical Leave Act which provides benefits of up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job protected leave for workers who need to be away from their jobs in support of family members who need assistance, and
- the School to Work Opportunities Act of 1993 which authorized \$300 million to aid young people in their transition from school to the workplace.

If voted upon only by the new Republican leadership, all of these measures would have been defeated.

House Speaker Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Dole voted against all six measures. Two of the new House Chairs—the Budget Committee's John Kasich of Ohio and Veteran's Affairs' Bob Stump of Arizona—voted against all ten.

One reason—among many—the Republicans control the Congress today is that fewer blacks who were registered turned out to vote last November 8. Those absent voters—like parents who never go to PTA meetings or parent-teacher conferences—left the future of their children—their country—in someone else's hands.

If you value your children—and your country—make sure you show up the next time their future is being voted upon.

Between now and then, organize to insure that these failing students improve their grades. Our common future depends on their doing better.

(Julian Bond is a Distinguished Professor at the American University and a Professor of History at the University of Virginia.)

CHILDWATCH What the Black Community Must Do for Children

By Marian Wright Edelman

If there is a single lesson taught by our four-century struggle in this country, it is that we as a community always have had to do for ourselves and for our children because no one else would. That lesson is more important now than ever.

There is clearly a war in this country against children and a battle to be fought against the return to past unjust policies. The Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) needs your help in seeding a new movement to heal our nation by healing our children—all of them. Each of us must keep planting seeds and plowing and watering the ground to ready it for a new social movement, which God will make grow in His own time. We as a community must not get impatient or give up when setback after setback occurs or nothing seems to happen. There were a lot of Black people who sat down in the "White" seats of buses without sparking a movement before Rosa Parks' feet got tired and her tolerance of indignity was spent.

As Black adults, civic and fraternal leaders, businessmen and women, and parents we must:

Care—Every Black parent, adult, and organization must act to reclaim and protect Black children whether anybody else in America wants to help or seeks to hinder, and regardless of the political weather.

Be Accountable—Conduct a personal audit to determine whether we are contributing to the crisis our children face or to the solutions they urgently need.

Organize—Collaborate with other organizations to celebrate and support our children in your community.

Vote—Hold your political leaders accountable.

Insist that government, at all levels, does its part to provide a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, and a Safe Start, and urgently resist cruel budget cuts and dismantlement of effective children's programs.

We must fight for community economic investment to provide JOBS. We must rebuild the tattered economic and housing base in our central cities and let's see how well our communities are meeting the needs of our children. Let's begin by asking ourselves a series of questions:

What activities in our communities are available for children and youths before and after school, on weekends, and during idle summer months?

What activities are there for parents and children together? What activities are free or cost very little so poor families can participate?

What is available, right in our neighborhoods, for families lacking transportation?

What supports and activities are available to parents in your congregation and business?

Do your employers provide health coverage for employees and their children?

Our children are waiting. Every sector of the Black community must join forces to save children and we must act now. We must keep lighting our small flickering candles of service, holding them closer and closer to each other, until they ignite a great light that can transform our nation and world.

Marian Wright Edelman is the president of the Children's Defense Fund, a leading voice for children, and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), whose mission is to leave no child behind. For additional information on how you can join the Crusade, call 1800-ASK-BCCC.

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The Lubbock Black Chamber will sponsor a Black History Parade on Saturday, February 25, 1995, starting at noon. The parade will form in the Dunbar Junior High School Parking Lot, proceed to MLK Blvd., to Estacado High School. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 MLK Blvd., presentations and displays will be available for the general public.
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Parkway Manor Care Center News

A Day visited the residents of the center last Monday afternoon, and had a wonderful time together.

The Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church No. 1 i.e. Hannah, Martha and Emice Circles, had seven members to come last Tuesday evening and held worship services for the residents. They also visited with the residents.

Bessie Walker visited Geneva Walker and Jala York. So did Annie Sanders. They did this on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. J. H. Stephens held his 10:15 a. m. Wednesday morning Bible study. All had a wonderful time learning more about the Bible.

Parkway Drive Baptist Church came and held worship services for the residents last Wednesday evening. They visited with the residents after the service.

Hayward Lewis visited his brother, Artis Lewis, several times last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Brown visited his brother, John Brown, last Thursday afternoon.

The Greater St. Mark Baptist Church had eight members to come and hold devotional services for the residents last week. They sang from their hearts, and visited with the residents after services.

Willie Hereford visited with Beryl Sanders and Lewis Walton last Thursday afternoon. What a time they had together.

Brother Birmingham, a member of the Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited the residents last Saturday morning.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast had six members to come last Saturday morning, and held their regular monthly services. The Lord was lifted up. All had a great time in the Lord. It would be very appreciated if some of you would meet with us sometime. You will be glad you did. We (Outreach Prayer Breakfast) meet the third Saturday morning of each month at 10:00 a. m. Think about it.

Lethie Alexander and Susie Ludd, who are members of the Alexander

Chapel COGIC, where Elder Lennel Thurton is pastor, visited the residents last Sunday evening.

Orn Jean Keys visited the residents last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. A. D. Pine and daughter visited Soome Moore last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Debra Jackson of Las Vegas, Nevada visited Scottie Moore last Saturday afternoon.

As many of you may know, Rev. W. H. Stephens has been adopted as "Grandpa" by the Future Homemakers of America of Dunbar Struggle Junior High School. They didn't visit him this week. The sponsor, Mrs. Castle, was sick last week. She did greet him with a huge Valentine card. What a surprise and appreciation.

We hope each of you had a happy Valentine day.

The residents thank each of you for your support each week.

BUSINESS EXCHANGE

by William Reed
Queen of the Kings

Along with Lady Bird Johnson and Priscilla Presley, she is one of the most famous widows in the country. When it comes to world-wide recognition, she exceeds President Lyndon Johnson's and Elvis Presley's widows in popularity. With the passing of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the queen of the King family of Atlanta, Coretta Scott King, is the greatest "Weeping Widow" symbol of America's last half-century. The wife of Martin Luther King, Jr. has made a living for herself, and family, from governments, foundations and corporations wishing to cash in on "The Dream." But, with the recent fight between Mrs. King and the National Park Service, she, and her family, may be on the verge of losing their popularity with the public and the cash flow from the "Legacy" that they'd marketed as a commercial commodity for years.

Twenty-seven years after M.L.K., Jr.'s assassination the fight over a tourist attraction in his name has revealed there are limits to his hometown's once unswerving adulation for the King family name. At the heart of what is being called "The King Site Fight" are plans by the National Park Service to develop an \$11 million King-themed visitor's center across from the King Center in the Atlanta neighborhood where King grew up. Reports allege that the King family opposes the project and wants to build and sell tickets to its own museum on the site. While she remains Queen of the Kings and still calls the shots, publicly Mrs. King has turned over the reins of the King Center to her 33-year-old son, Dexter, for what many say signals the start of a series of entrepreneurial ventures that will allow the King family to profit handsomely from his father's legacy.

"We deny allegations by the National Park Service and the Atlanta Journal Constitution that our only justification for defending this district against the ambitions of the National Park Service, is that my family wishes to profit from the establishment of an interactive museum. Let me set the record straight, the interactive museum we are proposing is a non-profit venture. The National Park Service would like the nation to believe otherwise," said Dexter King at a recent press gathering. King Park, reportedly a privately funded \$100 million venture, is what the King family is fighting to develop on the government-owned property. The Park Service has already received Congressional funding for a nearly \$12 million project on the same location and

has been conducting tours on the site for 11 years.

The King Center is already Atlanta's top tourist stop, attracting 3.5 million visitors annually. The Park Service, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell and many citizens in the district want the Park Service's plan to go forward for completion before the 1996 Olympic games, so that the site can accommodate an expected 100,000 visitors a day and local residents can have a renovated district after the Olympic Games are gone. The King family has been taken to task by the press and a majority of the surrounding Forth Ward community. A black Atlanta columnist has charged that the proposed King Park amounts to nothing more than a "I have a dream-land." "The King Center or Mrs., King, somehow got the notion that they're the only ones who have the right, divine or otherwise, to do something with interpreting Dr. King's life and accomplishments," said Atlanta State Representative Bob Holmes. "People have given them deference since 1968, now people are thinking in terms of their community and they will not let them (the Kings) have their way," said Holmes. Congressman John Lewis, who was once a top aide to Dr. King, says of the Kings, "You simply don't go around repealing a decision of Congress, and you don't go around kicking out the Park Service from an historic site. It would be like saying the Lincoln Memorial is no longer an historic site." Joseph L. Roberts, Jr., the current pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached, has accused the family of being "dictatorial" and motivated too much by profit.

Others are making money off the King Legacy, a female Kentucky State Senator has released a book, *I Shared the Dream*, in which she reveals that she slept with M.L.K. for over a year prior to his death. If Mrs. King, and family, were more up-front about their enterprises most people would give them support. For example, a recent site visitor said of the issue, "I don't consider it profiteering. The man did something, and they want to take advantage of it. That's part of America. If the King family can profit, let them do it." Surely this lady makes a good point about being unabashedly capitalistic, but if Mrs. King is going to do her business the American way she should take a glance at Mrs. Presley's bulging checkbook and form a privately funded profitmaking enterprise and take her hands out of the government's pocket.

MARTIN versus MALCOLM - MANO A MANO

by Eric H. Kearney

Martin is like your dad. He drives an Olds. Malcolm is like your cool older brother who drives a GMC Yukon with the stereo (with CD player, amp and box) booming, fat tires waxed to a high gloss and all the glass tinted (even the rear view mirror).

This is largely the dichotomy in the African-American in the interpretation of the images of the two major African-American heroes of this century. It even overwhelms the "two-ness" of which W.E.B. DuBois wrote.

When we think of Martin Luther King, Jr., his name is usually preceded by either the word "Dr." (recognizing that he has obtained a Ph.D.) or the word "Rev." (recognizing the fact that he was a minister and his close relationship with God).

When we think of Malcolm, his name is followed by an "X." It is supposed to recognize his religious faith, but the way that it is used now the "X" could mean "extreme" or "x out." The only degree for which Malcolm X is recognized is a graduate degree from the school of hard knocks.

Dr. Martin Luther King represents the struggle of the middle class to obtain the economic advantages that the United States of America. Proponents of Dr. Martin Luther King join clubs. They work within the framework of the system. They put out the trash early in their suburban, tree lined, civic association neighborhoods.

Malcolm X represents the fight and struggle required to move out of and beyond poverty. With Malcolm X, power, opportunity must be snatched. Supporters of Malcolm belong to factions. They see life in extreme

terms of black versus white, rich versus poor, and have versus have-nots.

While neither image is entirely true, the African-American community has sharply limited and divided the images of these two men to make it seem, as if, you cannot support both of them and have a sane mind. If you support Martin then you are viewed as passive and a sellout; if you support Malcolm then you are labeled an extremist and too volatile.

In a way, each man's life took different turns. Martin started out preaching of pacifism. Later he spoke out against the Vietnam War and economic inequality. On the other hand, Malcolm X spoke of the "white devil." Before his death, he preached of love between people of different backgrounds, races, and religions.

The fight over the images of these men is waged in academia and popular culture. Think of the uproar that Spike Lee caused when it was suggested that someone white might direct a film about Malcolm X. Scholars such as Michael Eric Dyson (*Reflecting Black*), Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and James H. Cone (*Martin & Malcolm & America: A Dream or a Nightmare*) have written about this divide in the African-American community over these two icons.

Each man is a different embodiment of the path of empowerment for African-Americans. The manner in which they are molded and twisted from a historical perspective will determine how we view one another.

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OBITUARIES

Isaac Ross

Final rites were held for Isaac W. Ross, 72, last Friday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Known to his friends as "I. W.", he passed away Monday, February 13, 1995 in St. Mary Hospital. A native of Huntsville, Texas, he had worked as a

bootmaker for the Lusk Boot Shop years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nettie Mae Ross; seven sons: Earl, Isaac Dwyne, Malcomm Theodore, Bobby and James, all of Lubbock, Texas, Robert White of Fort Worth, Texas and Isaac Brown, Jr. of Arlington, Va.; a daughter, Billie Jean of Detroit, Michigan; three grandchildren, and other relatives.



De Ethel Grimes

Funeral services for a well known Lubbock citizen, Mrs. De Ethel Grimes, were held Friday, February 17, 1995 at the St. James Baptist Church with Rev. Kado Lang, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial park under the directions of Jamison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Grimes died here Sunday, February 12, 1995.

Among her survivors is her son, Sam Price; and other relatives and friends of the community.

Debra Curry

Final rites were read for Mrs. Debra Lynn Curry last Thursday afternoon, February 16, 1995 at the Ford Memorial COGIC with Elder H. C. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Curry passed Sunday, February 12, 1995.

A graduate of Estacado High School, she was born January 11, 1957. She married Henderson Curry, Jr. on August 1, 1979.

Mrs. Curry was a familiar face at the Fiesta Supermarket as she was always present to greet its

many customers.

Mrs. Curry was choir director at Ford Memorial COGIC, and she had served as youth director at Tree of Life COGIC.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Henderson Curry, Jr.; a son, Henderson Curry, III of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Pamela and Prashous, both of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Mrs. Connie Coleman of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Heather Coleman of Lubbock, Texas; and other relatives and friends.

An Open Letter to Our Children During Black History Month

by Bernice Powell Jackson

Dear Young Sisters and Brothers,

All of you are our future and our survival as a people and this world depends on your survival and your hope. Many of you understand that and go to school every day, learn something every day, do something positive for the universe every day. We don't read about you in the newspapers or see you on television, but you are there and you are our hope and we salute you.

Some of you, though, are already lost to the streets, caught up in a downward spiral of violence and pain, headed toward prison or a wheelchair or death. We see your pictures on television every day and we weep for you and for ourselves.

All of you need to know that you come from a proud people, a determined people, a creative people, a prayerful people with a history rich with accomplishment and a love and respect for each other. All of you need to know that history because in that history there is hope for you, in that history there is meaning for you, in that history there is love for you.

The outside world would have you believe negative things about yourselves. The outside world would have you believe that the place for black men is prison, when black men have been doctors and lawyers and teachers and inventors and architects and writers and composers and mayors and astronauts and men of God.

The outside world would have you believe that all black women are lazy or promiscuous, when black women have been doctors and lawyers and teachers and inventors and architects and writers and composers and mayors and astronauts and women of God.

The outside world would have you believe that you have inferior minds, when a black man took a peanut and invented dozens of ways to use it. The outside world would have you believe you cannot learn math, when black people in Egypt invented math. The outside world would have you believe that you can not speak English properly, when you come from a people who spoke many languages when they were snatched from their land and then learned English while shackled to their brothers and sisters. The outside world would have you believe that college is no place for you, when a black woman started a college for her people with only a few dollars in her pocket and a determination that we would have the opportunity to learn.

You are young, gifted and black. Despite those images, despite those negative messages, you are young, gifted and black. Despite the poverty, despite the pain, you are young, gifted and black. Despite the guns, despite the drugs, you are young, gifted and black.

We who are adults have failed you. We have not put up those

protective shields that our parents and their parents built around us. We have allowed those negative images to get past a wall of protection and love and into your psyches and your souls. We have allowed the outside world's message that what is important in life is money and cars and jewelry and possessions to invade our community's being when we know that what is important in life is truth and love and respect, none of which can be bought and all of which are the essence of our humanity.

We who are adults have failed you. We have abandoned you all too often. We have left you to the vultures, to the drug dealers, the con artists, the thieves and the carriers of death. We have not taken you by the hand and led you through the valley of darkness to help you see that you can achieve, you can learn, you can find a place for yourself in this world, as difficult a place as it may be.

But during this Black History Month, the lingering spirit of our ancestors call us to rise up and tell you the stories—the stories of our past, the stories of our hope, the stories of our love. And in telling you these stories, we can reclaim all of our children and ensure our future.

My young sisters and brothers, you are young, gifted and black. The future is yours—may we help you teach it?



Welcome To Our 2nd Black History Supplement Issue

by Eddie P. Richardson

First, let us tell you, you know a merchant is friendly and appreciates your business when he or she advertises in your newspaper. The Southwest Digest. You will do yourself good when you spend your dollars with them. Train your dollars to go where they are appreciated. The advertisers you see made this special issue possible—thank them!

We need to recapture our communities and rebuild them. The initiative and leadership must come from within. We must work together for the good of all of us. This new emphasis or priority will have to involve getting our Black community's need for Black bricklayers, Black carpenters, Black electricians, Black street sweepers, Black policemen, Black teachers (especially elementary), Black firemen, Black doctors, Black lawyers, Black merchants, etc. It also calls for new forms of partnership whereby we can simultaneously 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 an equitable manner. There must be reassessment of our immediate goals

and priorities. Something must be done immediately to change our past and present policies of paternalism, largess and irresponsibility. Encouragement that fosters dependency into positive politics call for and encourage excellence in education, equitable opportunities for achievement and community pride that builds self-pride, self-realization and independence. 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, the Digest and other community, civic, social, politics, organizations, churches, and all concerned with Black community will have to examine every possible way we can to "pull up our communities by whatever bootstraps" we have, as we seek the long overdue and deserved support required of the white community. However, the leadership to make our communities the responsible and self-sustaining market-places must come from within our community.

Closing thought: "Why search all over the world for the goose that laid the golden egg when it is in your own back yard?"

THIS N THAT

YWCA NEEDS TO BE MORE SENSITIVE!! THIS N THAT... would like to advise the local... YWCA... of the lack of sensitivity with the... upcoming... perhaps this Wednesday... **WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS**... no doubt... is a very good thing... but when there are no... REPRESENTATION... of an... AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN... in the selection... makes one wonder... Surely... each year... there is someone from the... AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY... who would fit the qualifications for such an honor... Anyway... as we read this concern... the presentation has come and gone... but it needs to be made aware of this apparent... **LACK OF SENSITIVITY**... when it comes to people of color... No doubt... the eight women honored... are deserving women... and THIS N THAT... is aware of their accomplishments... but to leave out one of us... makes one really think... Anyway... hopefully... next year... maybe this kind of an effort will include someone who looks like... THIS N THAT... and... African-American WOMAN...

GOOD TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HERE!! THIS N THAT... is very happy over the decision to bring... PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL... to our... HUB CITY... THIS N THAT... did some research... and found that there were... those in the African-American community... who played on... BLACK HUBBERS... in the years of 1949 thru 1953... and they were... VERY GOOD... So... PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL... has been here before... Those African-American brothers... who are still living and played for the... BLACK HUBBERS... are... FRED WRIGHT... EUGENE LAWSON... H. C. KINNER... OREO MATTHEWS... ESSIE SMITH... JOHN HENRY CHILDRESS... D. C. KINNER... AND LARRY MOLDEN... Also... one of our... HISPANIC BROTHERS... RAYMOND FLORES... played with the... BLACK HUBBERS... Wouldn't it be nice if the... LOCAL PROFESSIONAL TEAM...

would honor these persons... come the opening of their hamegame in May?? More on this in the future...

WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THEIR MOTHER!! THIS N THAT... has received a... NOTE... that plans are underway to... HONOR... one of our finest citizens... who has passed on... for her many contributions made in the field of music... She is... MRS. DESMA MOORE... According to our info... a... WORKSHOP... would be part of this honor... More on this later as it apparently being temporarily set for MARCH 31st & APRIL 1st... More on this in the very near future...

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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

It appears more and more apparent to me and many adults that I know that our young people have a desire to be adults too soon. It further appears that this burning desire is what leads to so many anti-social activities on the part of our young people.

The desire to be an adult too soon is learned from prime time television programs and observation of "role models." The observation of adult activities thus gives young people the idea that the only way to be involved in any activity is the adult way. Our children are no longer enjoying childhood.

Because children mimic the activities of adults,

some adults believe that they are mature enough to make adult decisions and engage in self-discipline without the benefit of adult supervision. Consequently, too many of our young people are on their own. They are not just "latch-key" children, they are rearing themselves because their parents are not aware of the consequences of children "fending for themselves."

We need to get "in cinque" and realize that children are children and need guidance until their minds and emotions are on par with their physical maturation. If they are not old enough to vote, they are not old enough to be without adult supervision.

Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Dream for Sale?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Ph.D.

Quincy's national holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. should have been a time for renewed reflection and discussion on poverty and racism in America. Instead the talk this year is about the decision by the King family to "evict" the National Park Service from the King home and land park sites in Atlanta. The family charged that the federal government "encroached" on, and "annexed," the King legacy. This came finally, since 1983 the Park Service has paid the King Center a half million dollars to protect the King land park and conduct tours through the Center.

Each time I have visited the King site, the park service guards were friendly and informative. They did not try to rewrite, reinterpret, or misrepresent King's life or the civil rights struggle.

More than three million tourists annually visit the King Center, Ebenezer Baptist Church, and the King home. They are paying customers. Evidently this has not been lost on the King family. They announced an ambitious plan to build a high-tech, interactive museum directly across from the Center. The family plans to operate it. They will reap a tidy sum from the revenues. Many blacks have asked whether the King family is more concerned with protecting the King legacy or profiting off the legacy. If King were alive, he would ask the same question.

The moral contradictions and inconsistencies between King's public image and private life style have piled up since his assassination in 1968. King has been accused of plagiarism, purveying smut, and engaging in sexual hijinks. But King was consistent on one thing. He abhorred personal wealth and the ownership of private property. For years, the King family lived in what charitably could be described as a ramshackle house. As his family grew in size, friends and family members begged him to move to a larger house. King resisted. An exasperated Coretta Scott King explained that he "felt that it was inconsistent with his philosophy" to own property. In 1965, King gave in and paid the grand sum of \$10,000 for a bigger home. But he continued to complain that the house was "too big" and "elegant."

He railed against the penchant for lavish personal spending, luxury apartments, and fancy homes by some staffers in his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. King increasingly incorporated anti-capitalist rhetoric in his speeches, and denounced American society as greedy and materialistic.

On several occasions he told friends and SCLC staffers that he believed in "democratic socialism" for America. King often expressed admiration for the writings of Karl Marx. By 1968, he had strayed far from the goals of civil rights and moderate political

change. He called America "corrupt" and demanded "a fundamental redistribution of the wealth." He accused the United States government of waging an "imperialist war" of domination against the Vietnamese peasants.

The red centers and professional King haters branded him a Communist. The Lyndon Johnson White House tried to isolate corporate and foundation supporters slowly turned off the money spigot. This left SCLC in deep financial trouble. During his last days, King spent much of his time fund raising and defending his policies against the critics within and without his organization. But he refused to back down. He launched even more frenetic attacks on what he called America's "property centered and profit centered" lust.

Today, King would be revolted by the self-indulgent grab for expensive cars, clothes, and colfers by the MTV generation. He would be horrified by the get rich quick "gagaga" lifestyle of many young blacks.

The irony is that King did much to make that indulgent lifestyle possible. When the civil rights movement broke the back of legal segregation, the doors of corporations, colleges, and government agencies swung open to blacks. Since the 1970s, there has been a 52 percent increase in the number of black managers, professionals, technicians, and government officials. Nearly one-third of blacks have incomes in excess of \$35,000. In 1993, the top 100 black businesses had gross sales of \$11 billion. Nearly one out of four blacks have the cash to flee the "hood" and live in the suburbs. In 1993, 75 percent of blacks graduated from high school. Thirty two percent attended college.

This generation has gotten a bite of the American economic pie and wants more. To them ideology has not only come to an end, as sociologist Daniel Bell warned, it has become a dirty word. In the era of conservative revolt by angry white males, King's relentless demand for massive government funded programs for the poor sounds like a bad joke. The sad truth is that King was a man for his times, but not for these times. If psychologist Eric Fromm is right, that in a capitalist society "things are expressed as commodities," then it was inevitable that the King legacy would be turned into a commodity, packaged, and sold to the public. It may be the American way, but, lest we forget, it wasn't King's way.

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An African Night

The Missionary Society of Greater Luke Baptist Church would like to invite the community to join us as we celebrate Black History Month. We are having African Night for men and women, February 25, 1995 at 6 p.m. at the Church, 306 East 26th Street.

There will be exhibits, costume show and refreshments. We are asking everyone to dress in African attire. Our guest speaker is Bro. Vernon Blake of St. Luke Baptist Church. Please come and be blessed. Pastor Rev. J.H. Ford, Presidents Sister Lois Evans, Annie Sanders, Jewel Love

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Your True Voice: A Black Poll

By William Reed, NNPA Director of Communications

Louis Farrakhan is the person the majority of readers of black newspapers rate as the most effective African-American leader. A "Your True Voice" national poll among black readers also reveals that "The most pressing problem where they live" is not racism but the lack of economic development. Over 70 percent of the respondents feel only "Somewhat" or "Not safe at all" in their neighborhoods, and drugs are rated as causing crime and forcing residents of inner-city areas to be afraid of being murdered or robbed.

Over 1300 readers of The Black Press returned filled in copies of polls that were in their local publications to the National Newspaper Publishers Association to record their true voice to issues and people that affect their lives in America. The poll was undertaken because African-American opinions, values, desires and problems are often misquoted in general market media, such as daily newspapers, national magazines and local and national broadcasts. Farrakhan, for instance, is often portrayed in a negative vein by general media, but tops the black readers' poll. The poll showed that 42 percent of black readers view general media newspapers as a "credible source of information" about them, with 32 percent and 31 percent of them citing black-oriented magazines and newspapers as most credible. The poll appeared in over 100 black-oriented newspapers across the country.

The poll helps us to illustrate, accurately, the quality of life that our readers experience such as their neighborhoods and safety. And, change agents such as politics, leadership, organizations

and institutions in our lives, communications and self-help," says Dr. Fred Black, of F.H. Black and Associates, who tabulated the poll data. The poll was designed by the National Newspaper Publishers Association and was recently presented at the organization's Mid-Winter Conference in Tampa. The poll contained 15 multiple choice questions.

Personal and community safety was mentioned in numerous ways in the poll. Numbers for random murders are up, primarily in inner-city areas. Police attribute the trend to trade in illegal drugs, growth of urban gangs and the younger ages of gang members; a general loosening of social strictures against aggressive behavior; the proliferation of weapons and the greater firepower of guns on the streets. More innocent bystanders are being killed, officials in several cities say, most are residents of neighborhoods where gang members and drug dealers do their work.

The poll showed a strong trend toward local organizations for civil rights remedies and other suffrage problems. Forty-six percent of respondents are dues-paying members of Civil Rights organizations. The three traditional Civil Rights organizations, the NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and National Urban League, are mentioned by respondents in addition to the church. It is interesting to note a trend toward other organizations. In fact, 34 percent of respondents mention other organizations/institutions as opposed to church, job and school as being "Most important in their life and pursuits." Mentioned predominately in the poll

are: the National of Islam, Nation of Yahweh, clubs and fraternities, suggesting a trend toward local leadership.

Non-mainstream leaders, Louis Farrakhan and Yahweh Ben Yahweh, captured over one-fifth of the votes of respondents. Jesse Jackson received 10 percent of votes along with NAACP chairman William Gibson, former Congressional Black Caucus chair Kweisi Mfume, SCLC head Joseph Lowery, Urban League head Hugh Price, journalist Carl Rowan, former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, activist Al Sharpton and local community leaders received from one to five percent of the votes each for "The most effective African-American leader."

Most respondents did not rate the U.S. Congress as doing a good job. Over 70 percent rated the congress as "Doing a fair job," or "Not doing a good job." Locally, the respondents' congressional representative was rated as doing slightly better toward their wishes and desires. Over 60 percent rated their local representative as "Doing a good job," or "doing a fair job." However, the political savvy of respondents was not too accurate. When responding to the question, "Of the 535 members of the U.S. Congress how many do you estimate are African-Americans," less than 20 percent answered correctly "Less than 50." The actual count is 42. While the Democratic party outpaced the Republicans, 30 percent to 10 percent, the majority of respondents opted for the category "Other," in relation to the question, "What political party do you think has the most potential for African-Americans."

Lowery Says "Same Old FBI" Whitewashes Mississippi Jail Lynchings

A national black leader has lambasted that the "same old FBI" has failed to find any wrong doing in 47 jail hangings in Mississippi from 1987 to 1993.

"In spite of all the hoopla about transformation in the FBI," says the Reverend Joseph Lowery, head of the Atlanta based SCLC, "it looks like, sounds like, and acts like the 'same old FBI' that repeatedly find no wrong doing in cases 'where rights are obviously violated.'"

"An FBI that seems so efficient in enticing a distressed young daughter into responding to shrewd entrapment about conspiracy to assassinate, continues to fail the cause of justice in clear and obvious assaults on citizens, particularly African-Americans, in and out of prison, Lowery angrily continued.

Lowery presided over two days of hearings in Jackson in 1992 where witness after witness implicated jail officials in the hanging deaths, including the death of a young black man after the "lights in the jail mysteriously went out and the young man had supposedly hanged himself with a belt he did not wear. The man had been openly dating a young white woman who testified about threats on his life and hers.

"Our office has not heard one single word from the FBI since we urged the investigation and now we read in the press that the investigation had ended and no violations were discovered," he said.

"How could the FBI conclude that the prisons had untrained staff, horrible conditions, neglectful practices, but no civil rights violation?" concluded Lowery... "Same old FBI!" he lamented. "The FBI auto may have a new driver, but it runs like the same old car," says Lowery.



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A man dreamed that he was at home alone, and as the day wore on he began to hear voices in the basement. Eventually he went to investigate and discovered a man working in a basement office. From the equipment in the room and the drawings that were around, it was obvious the man was an architect. As he conversed with him, he revealed that he was the architect of this man's house. The man not only expressed surprise that he was the designer of the home but also that he had been oblivious to the fact that someone had an office in his basement. The architect told him that there was something else which he had not known. There were more rooms in his house than he had explored. The architect gave him a tour. He opened door after door, showing him rooms he had not known were there. The most striking thing the dreamer remembered of the rooms was that there were no walls, no boundaries, and no limits. Then the dream ended.

What does this dream mean to us? The dream is representative of each of us. The house is each of us. The architect, the designer of the space, is God. The message is that God has created many more rooms in the house than we are aware of—rooms that have no boundaries, no limit.

What then does this life of ours mean? Is there a purpose in history? Why are we here? What can we make of this vast universe? Are we just drifting along on tide that breaks on no shore and ends in nothingness or are we moving toward a destination—some far-off divine event?

We Christians believe that God, who is the ruler of nations and the sovereign lord of life and death, has created mankind for fellowship with himself and to live in harmony with his will. That is our high calling and our true destiny. God's high purpose gives meaning to our lives. We live our lives within the framework of his love and power.

However, when we look at the world about us and think of the horror, the hatred, the selfishness, the suffering, the misery, and man's inhumanity to man, aren't we left to wonder whether the creator of all does really care and is at all interested in our human agony?

It is a choice of faith against despair, of trust against doubt, and of hope against pessimism. Those of us who have been "born again," believe that love is stronger than hate, that goodness will conquer evil, and that the cross will outlive the sword.

Something happened one day on the hill called Calvary, where a man died with love in his heart and forgiveness on his lips, that shatters to micro-dust a kingdoms founded on blood and fear and hate. In the face of the darkness and suffering and tragedy of life, Jesus stood and uttered his beautitudes. Such words fling their rainbow colors across earth's darkest cloud into our rooms that have no boundaries, no limits and lighten our heaviest load, and take the sting out of our severest pain.

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Isaiah 1:4a, Ah sinful nation, a people laden (WEIGHED DOWN) with iniquity, a need of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken THE LORD.
LORD, I know the way, for I was raised up in a CHRISTIAN HOME, But I got tired of CHURCH; and I got my rights, so I LEFT CHURCH ALONE.
Proverb 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it—(TRAIN, DEDICATE AND DISCIPLINE)

I heard about MY RIGHTS, AND I WANT TO DO MY OWN THING, BUT ALL THAT I'VE DONE SO FAR, SEEM TO BRING, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.
Psalm 4:2, 3, O ye son of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after after leasing (LYING)? Selah. But know that THE LORD hath set apart him that is godly for HIMSELF: THE LORD will hear when I call unto HIM.
MY DAD AND I fell out the other day, we had A BIG, BIG FIGHT, I TOLD HIM: I am now 17 years old, and you've got to RESPECT MY RIGHTS.
Exodus 20: 17, Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which THE LORD thy GOD GIVETH THEE.
And when THE POLICE came, they did also agree with ME Saying: I'M OLD ENOUGH TO DO AS I PLEASE; I'M NOW FREE!
Isaiah 9:16, 17, For the leaders... of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Therefore THE LORD shall have no JOY in their young men, neither shall MERCY on their fatherless and widows: for ever one is an HYPOCRITE AND AN EVILDOER, and every mouth speaketh folly (STUPID). For all this his (THE LORD'S) anger is not TURNED AWAY, but his hand is STRETCHED OUT STILL.
LORD, I moved out; and in with my PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND AND HER PARENT, I THOUGHT: now I would be HAPPY WITH HER, AND NOT HAVING TO PAY ANY RENT.

Job 30:15, 16, TERRORS are turned upon ME: they pursue my soul as the wind: and MY WELFARE (FREEBEES) passeth away as a cloud. And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
When I thank back, O MY RIGHTS: AND THE TIME THEY TOOK PRAYER OUT OF SCHOOL, NOW THE CITY AND LAND IS FULL OF SAVAGES; I ASK WHO IS THE POOLS?
Roman 1:21, 22, Because that, when they (THE LEADERS) knew GOD, they glorified him not as GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL, but became VAIN in their IMAGINATIONS, and their FOOLISH heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.
LORD, THE WORLD: gives the impression; THAT ALL YOUNG ARE DOING DOPE, I STARTED ON THIS THING CALL, LITE BEER AND CIGARETTES; LOOKING FOR HOPE.
Isaiah 5:20, THE LORD SAID, Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness: that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.
Many of my SCHOOL MATES, ARE DEALING, DYING OR DOING HARD TIME, SOMETIMES I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT; I WAKE UP IN A COLD SWEAT, I DREAM I AM DYING.
Proverb 15:10, Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way; and he that hateth reproof shall DIE.
LORD, I CAN SEE THIS NATION FALLING; I'M YOUNG AND RESTLESS, I ASK WHY? I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO ENJOY LIFE; SOMETIMES I THINK OF SEIZURE.
Matthew 11:28-30, JESUS SAID, Come unto ME, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST. Take My YOKE (THE HOLE BIBLE) upon you, and learn of ME; for I AM meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. For MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.
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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Met Saturday at 10 a.m. at Parkway Nursing Center. We were blessed as usual. Sis. Burleson & Sis. Rogers were responsible for devotion, which was very uplifting to all. Our pastor, Rev. W.H. Stephens, brought the morning scripture message.

St. John 15:4—Take care to live in Me, and let me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me.

Jesus makes a distinction between two kinds of pruning: 1) Separating and 2) Cutting back branches. Fruitful branches are cut back to promote growth. In other words, God must sometimes discipline us to strengthen our character and faith. But branches that don't bear fruit are cut off at the trunk. They are not only worthless, they often infect the rest of the tree. Those who won't bear fruit for God or who try to block the efforts of God's followers will be cut off from the divine flow of life. Fruits are not limited to soul winning. In this chapter, prayer, joy, and love are mentioned as fruit. These are qualities of the Christian character.

This teacher said, rely on everything the Lord tells you in his word and you will bear fruit. Beware of unbelievers, they are dangers. Stay in the vine, bear fruit.

Rev. Stephens extended the invitation to all present. We're interested in those who are lost.

We thank God for you, Reverend. God bless you. See you third Saturday in March.

Thought for Black History Month:
When was the first African-American newspaper in the U.S. published?

The answer: Feb. 16, 1827, *Freedman's Journal* began publication in New York City. Its founders were Samuel E. Church and John Russwurm.

I bet you already knew this.
Those who are ill, read II Chron. 7:14, Mark 11:22-26. Read your Bible every day. It's a vitamin that makes you strong with much energy. They are called *Word Vitamins*.

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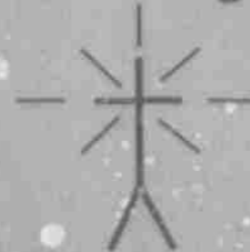
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ARAMARK's Bruce the Moose plans '95 Visit to Lubbock

PHILADELPHIA—As part of National Nutrition Month in March, ARAMARK Bruce the Moose will visit 20 elementary schools in the Lubbock Independent School District the week of February 27th, delivering a message to students of why it's important for them to eat well.

Designed to teach elementary school children the basics of good nutrition, the ARAMARK program features Bruce, a magic-loving moose from Maine, and performer/educator Bill Wood, who created the character.

Wood and his companion tour on behalf of ARAMARK, the international managed services company, which provides food service management for 1 million students daily in some 300 districts nationwide.

This is the second visit in Lubbock in the current school year for Bruce the Moose, who visited 21 Lubbock elementary schools in the fall of 1994.

"As the largest provider of school nutrition services, ARAMARK has long recognized that educating kids about nutrition is just as important to their health as serving them well-balanced meals," said Mike Cayton, ARAMARK's Food Service Director at Lubbock.

Cayton said nutrition education at the school district level is especially important and timely as schools across the country are acting to incorporate new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutritional regulations into their menus.

Since 1989, Bruce the Moose has been ARAMARK's good nutrition mascot. In their travels, Bruce and Wood use magic tricks, balloon sculpturing, humor, audience participation and story telling to impress on their young listeners the benefits of good eating habits.

"The students really identify with Bruce the Moose, and Bill Wood has a unique ability to grab hold of his audience and instruct them in such a way that learning is fun," said Cayton.

During their upcoming visits, Wood and Bruce the Moose will include in their program The Pyramid Pals, six fuzzy friends who represent each category of the food pyramid—fats and sweets, grains, protein, dairy, vegetable and fruit.

This expanded program addresses different nutrition and wellness topics each month through instructional and display materials featuring one of The Pyramid Pals.

"We feel it's important to educate students not only about the A-B-Cs of nutrition, but to provide them with the tools they'll need to make healthy lifestyle choices both inside and outside the school cafeteria," said Sandy Powers, ARAMARK Marketing Manager.

ARAMARK School Nutrition Services has been a partner with the Lubbock Independent School District since 1987, serving an estimated 26,000 meals daily at 56 schools.

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ARAMARK has over 140,000 employees serving 15 million people at 500,000 locations in 11 countries every day. The company is employee-owned with 1994 sales exceeding \$2 billion.

DATE/TIME	SCHOOL	LOCATION
Monday, Feb. 27		
8:30-9:30	McWhorter	Cafeteria
10:00-11:00	Mahon	Cafeteria
12:30-1:30	Bean	Gym
2:00-3:00		
Tuesday, Feb 28		
8:30-9:30	Murfee	Cafeteria
10:00-11:00	Wester	Cafeteria
12:30-1:30	Whiteside	Gym
2:00-3:00	Parsons	Cafeteria
Wednesday, March 1		
8:30-9:30	Parkway	Cafeteria
10:00-11:00	Posey	Cafeteria or Library
12:30-1:30	Stubbs	Cafeteria or Gym
2:00-3:00	Overton	Cafeteria
Thursday, March 2		
8:30-9:30	Bowie	Cafeteria
10:00-11:00	Honey	Cafeteria
12:30-1:30	Stewart	Gym
2:00-3:00	Harwell	Cafeteria
Friday, March 3		
8:30-9:30	Hardwick	Cafeteria
10:00-11:00	Wright	Cafeteria
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Foreigners Often Get New Medicines First

By Larry Lucas — Special to NNPA

There is good news and bad news about prescription medicines. The good news is that 23 new medicines were approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) last year and are now available. The bad news is that, due to the slow pace and cumbersome nature of the U.S. drug-approval process, people in other countries can get drugs before we do.

First, the good news. Among the new drugs approved in 1994 are:

- The first new oral diabetes drug in 20 years
- A new antiviral medicine for AIDS
- A new epilepsy drug for preventing partial seizures
- A drug to prevent liver transplant rejection
- The first new chemotherapy for non-small-cell lung cancer in 20 years
- An eyedrop medicine to prevent glaucoma
- A genetically-engineered medicine to prevent artery-closing blood clots after coronary angioplasty

Now, the not-so-good news. Two of those drugs have long been available to patients in other countries. Glucophage, for non-insulin-dependent diabetes, has been available since 1959 in Europe and Canada, according to the American Diabetes Association. Over the last two decades, it became available in more than 80 countries worldwide while patients here still couldn't get it.

Also, the newly approved treatment for lung cancer may be new for Americans, but patients in thirty other countries already had access to it. In France, for example, it was approved in 1989.

What's more, there are quite a few drugs that people in other countries can use but that we still can't get here. For example:

- A new antibiotic for ear infections, bronchitis, and sinusitis, is on the market in 14 countries—but not here.
- A new drug for staph infections, is available in Europe and Australia—but not in the U.S.
- Photofrin, for bladder, esophageal and lung cancers, is approved in the Netherlands, Canada and Japan, but

U.S. patients can't get it.

- A new medicine for low blood-pressure, is on the market in 35 countries, including Canada and the United Kingdom, but not here.

- Precose, for diabetes, is available in the U.K., France, Germany, Sweden, Japan and 30 other countries, not including the U.S.

- Sabril, for epilepsy, is on the market in the U.K., France, Italy and Canada—but not here.

- A new vaccine for hepatitis A is available in 40 countries but—you guessed it—the U.S. isn't one of them.

Part of the problem is that it takes longer to get a drug approved here than in other countries. And, because there's more red tape involved in the approval process here, companies often seek approval overseas before they tackle the FDA. For example, in order to starting testing a new drug in people here, a company has to submit a stack of data about 2 feet high. European regulators, by contrast, require only about one inch of material.

Everybody wants medicines to be safe. But there's no indication that regulators in other countries are cutting corners on safety or that people have been endangered by new medicines.

In fact, the opposite is true. People here may be endangered by foot-dragging at the FDA. For example, the only treatment for a fatal form of kidney cancer was approved in 1992, after a wait of 3 and a half years. During that delay period it was approved in France, Denmark and seven other European countries. The FDA's own figures show that the delay may have cost about 3,500 American lives.

Drugs can save lives—but only if people have access to them. Excessive caution and bureaucracy may be cheating Americans of timely access to medicines developed by U.S. drug companies. For a copy of "New Drug Approvals in 1994," write to PhRMA, 1100 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.



PUBLIC ENEMY—Flavor Flav and Chuck D of Public Enemy perform at the House of Blues™ on the Sunset Strip on Dec. 27, 1994 before a sell-out crowd. The group was recently nominated for a Grammy for Best Metal Performance for the single "Bring the Noise." Public Enemy, The Fugees, The Radators and Mixed Knotts headline the Friday, Feb. 24 edition of LIVE FROM THE HOUSE OF BLUES at midnight (ET) on TBS Superstation, with an encore presentation scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25 at midnight (ET).

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The Past Was Great, The Future Can Be Greater!!!

African-American History Month is here once again, one month dedicated to honoring the greats from our past. One month to feel good about our selves and our past accomplishments. But, what about our future, what are you doing to help develop the future Charles Drew, Benjamin Banneker, Madam C. J. Walker...NOTHING, if you are like most African-Americans. We are TALKERS not DOERS, when will we WAKE-UP?

Many of our future greats will come from the Hi-Tech field of Computers, we as a community must commit ourselves to helping to make this possible. Inner City Computers has made that commitment. Now is the time for you to do something other than talk.

The "Information Superhighway" is here now, and we in the African-American community is not on the "On Ramp" to the superhighway. Inner City Computers is helping to improve this deficiency. In less than one year we have placed more computers in the homes, businesses of inner city residents, than any other company in the country.

The "information Superhighway," formally known as the National Information Infrastructure or NII, doesn't actually exist in its fully developed form—yet. But New technologies in telecommunications and computer innovation are making the "Information Superhighway" more of a reality each day. The NII is a plan for developing the transmission of information via fiber optic or wireless networks that will be available to an individual anywhere he or she desires to receive it—in the home, at school, in the car, at work, or wherever a person is in contact with a personal computer. Understanding the implications of these new technologies and possessing a personal computer today, will greatly contribute to our survival in the future. The "Information Superhighway" will permanently change the way we conduct businesses, educate ourselves, shop for products and services, pay bills, and organize our activities.

Many are still unaware of the platforms of the "information Superhighway" that already exist today. For example, Internet, a global information network, was developed by the federal government to exchange data for research purposes. Today, it is the largest data network in the world, providing 20 million computer users with inexpensive access to information virtually anywhere in the world. Anyone with access to a personal computer should be learning about and seeking a connection to Internet, which could serve as the training ground for the future superhighway. Other examples can be seen in on-line services like Prodigy, On-Line America and Genie which provide a variety of information services that can be accessed through a personal computer.

Presently, the people of the inner city community are at the bottom of the scale of computer literacy and least prepared to ride on the "Information Superhighway," while other groups are either on the ramp or started down the highway headed for the "Superhighway." Our joint participation and commitment in this technology revolution will ensure our future survival and success, and reverse this trend. Those who are equipped with a personal computer and a modem will be ready to travel on the "Information Superhighway" and reap substantial benefits. Those who don't will literally find themselves stranded down the road.

Over the past 24 months, virtually every newspaper and magazine in America has ran articles about the "Information Superhighway." Undoubtedly, it is a topic that will dominate the news and our imaginations, for years to come. Considered by many to be humankind's last unconquered frontier, this superhighway promises to transform our society as profoundly as did the

Industrial Revolution in the late 19th Century. During the Industrial Revolution the African-American community did not fully participate. We had no industrial base, we were worker, not owners.

Inner City Computers will help make the results of this revolution entirely different. Inner City Computers has introduced a new concept in the computer world, by offering complete computer systems with installed software programs for as low as \$300. There's a computer system for every budget. These famous computer systems have established Inner City Computer as the industry leader and trendsetter, going where other computer stores dare not go (our inner city neighbors), leaving an untapped market for Inner City Computers to serve and conquer. Inner City Computers (known as the "Home of the \$300 Computer") has revolutionized the computer industry with their business plan, by incorporating a business philosophy that brings affordable computers to groups of people that under normal circumstances would not have an equal opportunity to computer ownership and access to the "Information Superhighway."

Inner City Computers has established a reputation as a business organization that is making a major contribution in enhancing the quality of people's lives. The company gained overwhelming support from community leaders, educational institutions, business organizations and the general public. Inner City Computers business mission of providing affordable computers at the best quality, value and price, has received praise from everyone who become aware of the company's vision.

Inner City Computers realizes the essence and cruciality of computer ownership for the people of the inner city in the present time, if they are not left behind as the computer age progresses. Computer literacy is becoming a necessity for education, employment, business and management of one's life. Inner City Computers has combined all of the components to help individuals break out of their shell and release the inner energy and vitality that is within one, to allow a more refined, polished and successful person to emerge. Caring and sharing is not only a philosophy—with Inner City Computers, it's a way of life. This caring and sharing attitude is evident in every aspect of their business. Thanks to Inner City Computers, now all family members can realize their dreams with this invaluable assets.

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The majority in the African-American community is too contented they leave the growth of the community to a precious few. What gains we have made, have come from the hard work and dedication of the core and not the masses.

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REALITY

David Rousseve

Creole women, flying children, pop dreams and tears come together to title the works created and performed by David Rousseve/REALITY. This unique expressionistic dance/theater troupe, will perform a collection of their work from 1989 to present at the Texas Tech University's Allen Theatre on Tuesday, February 21 at 8 pm.

Excerpts from "Colored Children Flyin' By," "Pop Dreams," "Dry Each Other's Tears in the Stillness of the Night" and the opening monologue of "Urban Scenes/Creole Dreams" will be fused into a night's performance and surrounded by the music of Marvin Gaye and Tammy Terrell, Jackie Wilson and Nina Simone.

Founded in 1988 by Rousseve, REALITY is a seven-member, primarily African-American and primarily female dance/theater troupe that addresses topics such as the hopes of the oppressed, roles of Black men, the universality of loss (including losses to AIDS), relationships, and social intolerance. Rousseve says, "I'm trying to create a unique form of expressionistic dance/theater that uses the African-American culture I grew up in to communicate universal matters of the heart. REALITY is a group of divergent individuals, outspoken on issues of race, gender and humanity, trying to maintain our individuality while finding the deeper, intangible ground that unites us."

David Rousseve/REALITY is a Mid-America Arts Alliance program. Mid-America Arts Alliance is a

non-profit regional arts organization whose partners include the state arts agencies of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas, the National Endowment for the Arts, and private contributors.

Also known as a dynamic teacher of both dance and theater, David Rousseve has served on the faculty of Princeton University, Bates Dance Festival, the University of Maryland, and Randolph-Macon Women's College. He has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts (1990-1993) and the New York Foundation for the Arts (1991).

David Rousseve has been commissioned to create works for Pittsburgh's Dance Alloy, Xenon Dance Company and the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble. In the spring of 1992, the PBS series "Alive TV" commissioned a film adaptation of Rousseve's "Pull Your Head to the Moon," which was broadcast nationally and went on to win "First Place: Film Choreography" at the IMZ International Dance Film Festival in Frankfurt, Germany.

Tickets for David Rousseve/REALITY, go on sale Monday, February 6 at the University Center Ticket Booth and all Select-A-Seat locations. Tickets are \$8.00 for Texas Tech students and \$14.00 for all others. (Student tickets are not available at Select-A-Seat. Add a \$1.50 service charge to tickets purchased at Select A-Seat). Call 742-3610 for more information.

GIVING CHILDREN A HEALTHY START TO A BRIGHT SMILE, BRIGHT FUTURE



Colgate-Palmolive Company "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures" Program and Healthy Start formed a new partnership for National Children's Dental Health Month (February) that will administer comprehensive health services to children and their caregivers, providing vital maternal and child health materials and dental information. This new partnership was recently announced at a luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. On hand to promote the new partnership were (from left): Dr. Marsha E. Beiler, D.D.S., Director of Global Oral Health Improvement and Consumer Education, Colgate-Palmolive Co.; Cathryn Phillips, National Program Manager, Oral Health Improvement, Colgate-Palmolive Co.; and Dr. Thurma McCann, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Division of Healthy Start, Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration. (Photo by Jason Micoletto Johnson.)



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