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NATIONAL NEWS

"Operation Return"

The Afrikan American Association for International Trade and Commerce, Inc. (AAITC) has announced plans to sponsor a trip to Dakar, Senegal, West Africa, Gambia and Ghana for 500 African-American adolescents and young adults ages 12-20. The trip, which is scheduled for March 28 through April 7, 1997, is to "reconnect our youngsters to their African cultural, spiritual, and emotional heritage and, this, inspiring and uplifting them to achieve and influence change, direction, and foster development of greater responsibility in their lives and [the] lives of their peers," said organizer the Rev. Dr. J. Stampley. The trip will cost a total of \$3600 for each young adult. Fees include chaperoned travel, room and board, and on-site visits. You or your business can sponsor, or help, sponsor a youngster's "return" to Africa by mailing contributions to: AAITC, "Operation Return," 2821 N. Fourth Street, Suite 100, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212. Call 414-374-4115 for information.

The Burned Churches Fund continues to grow

A fund to help rebuild the several churches burned across the country has been given a boost, receiving thousands of dollars of donations this month. On Oct. 15, an interfaith coalition contributed more than \$112,000 to the Burned Churches Fund, established by the National Council of Churches (NCC). The fund also received a grant of \$250,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Rev. Dr. Mac Charles Jones, NCC associate general secretary for Racial Justice who heads the Council's rebuilding efforts said "[if] we don't rebuild community in America, we will forever be rebuilding churches and mosques and synagogues." As of Oct. 16, the Burned Churches Fund had received \$4,696,679 in cash from foundations, church bodies, congregations and individuals, along with commitments of in-kind resources valued at \$3,400,394, putting total available resources at \$8,097,073. Meanwhile, Oct. 17 a predominately white church in Ottumwa, Iowa with a ministry to Mexican immigrants was voted a total of \$555,700 in rebuilding grants.

CIA AND DRUGS?

By Bernice Powell Jackson

Conspiracy theories are nothing new in communities of color. I remember the rumors circulating after the riots of the 1960's that the government was building concentration camps for black folks. Preposterous? What happened to Japanese Americans during World War II? What about the government's experiment with black syphilis patients in Alabama during the 1950's and later?

Now, we read in a respected daily newspaper that for most of a decade the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) supplied crack cocaine which was sold to street gangs in Los Angeles in order to funnel millions of dollars in drug profits to a CIA-backed guerilla army in Nicaragua. The crack cocaine provided in this scheme, we are told, helped spark a crack explosion which devastated the African American community not only in Los Angeles, but across the nation.

It's almost too diabolical to believe, but according to the San Jose Mercury News, that is "exactly what happened. A recent series done by this California newspaper examined the actions of a Los Angeles

crack dealer named Ricky Donnell Ross and his connections with drug dealer Oscar Danila Blanton Reyes, who allegedly had ties to a Latin American-based CIA agent who told them that they were raising money for the Contra revolution. That revolution, you may remember, was supported by the Reagan administration but received only limited funds in its early days of operation. It was the need for additional funds to support the Contra's guerilla war that caused the linking of cocaine sales and the war.

The series in the San Jose Mercury News examines how Blanton's boss in the cocaine operation, Juan Norwin Meneses Cantarero, has never spent a day in a U.S. prison, even though the federal government has known of his drug dealings since 1974. Indeed, agents from four government law enforcement agencies have complained that their investigations were hampered by the CIA or unnamed "national security" interests. Even a U.S. Senate subcommittee was unable to pierce the wall of secrecy surrounding these operations.

One of the most frightening aspects of this story is the decision by Blanton, the middleman, to make cocaine, which had been only available to the rich, affordable and available to the masses in the African American community in South Central Los Angeles. Within only a few years, crack cocaine had devastated the African American community across the nation.

Using the Crips and Bloods street gangs as distributors, Blanton and Ross were able to devise an extraordinary marketing strategy. As a result thousands of young black men are now serving long federal prison sentences for selling mere handfuls of the drug and thousands of African American families are in crisis.

During the Congressional Black Caucus fall meeting, a hearing was held on these allegations and several thousand jammed into a hearing room to hear more about these charges. As a result Congresswoman Maxine Waters, in whose district most of this occurred, and other members of the Black Caucus met with CIA Director, John Deutch. Mr. Deutch said he had no reason to believe such allegations, which would

have taken place before his tenure. But he expressed his outrage at the charges raised and pledged to get to the truth in this matter. He assured Caucus members that an independent investigator will look into the allegations and make a report within two months.

Is this just another conspiracy theory? Or did agents in the CIA conspire to sell drugs in the African American community to fund their own guerilla activities in Nicaragua? For the sake of all of us, we must find out the truth. ###



Bernice Powell Jackson

Citibus Updates Fleet with 36 New Buses

Citibus is the proud owner of 36 new buses. Twelve of the 36 buses are already in Lubbock, and the other 24 will arrive within the next two weeks. The new buses will be on display at the Civic Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 30. The City Council and local media will get a tour of the new vehicles. Total cost for the new buses was \$8.3 million. The City of Lubbock's share of this cost was \$94,000. Along with the low cost, the buses will save \$55,000 per year on fuel expenses. It is expected that the buses will also save an estimated \$300,000 per year in maintenance and labor. These new buses meet all ADA requirements. The new features include lifts into the bus, two wheel-chair tie-downs and a

lighted stop request sign. Kneel-down capabilities will allow the front of the bus to lower closer to the ground for easier entrance. The buses have state of the art emission systems meeting EPA specifications. Also, the exhaust will now be released from the top of the bus, rather than the standard exhaust pipe located in the back of the bus. These buses are state of the art in the transit industry with several new features. Tapeplayers and radios are included in each bus. Also, a computerized fare collection system has been installed. These buses are even complete with Texas Tech double T cloth seats. Many of the new buses will be in service this next week. For more information, call Citibus at 762-0111.

Annual Harvest Festival

Minister Ralph McCormick, a native Lubbockite, the son of Ms. Maxine McCormick and the grandson of Mrs. Catherine McCormick (Mother of Smith Temple) is the featured speaker.

Ralph was a 1988 honor graduate of Dunbar-Scruggs High School where he served as the Student Body President for the 1987-88 school year. He enrolled in the University of Texas at Austin where he received his undergraduate degree. Minister McCormick has been accepted as a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas and will become a full-time student beginning January 1997. Currently, Ralph is employed with the Office of Attorney General - State of Texas at Austin as a Disability Determination Officer. Ralph's spiritual journey began at Bethel A.M.E. Church and his ministerial journey at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, June 11, 1995. Mrs. Gwen Huat is program chairperson.

Smith Temple Community Church's annual Harvest Festival will be observed Sunday, November 10th at 3 p. m. at 6508 Avenue P (Avenue P and 66th Street). The festival theme is Old Time Religion: Struggling for Our Faith - Genesis 32:26.



Minister Ralph McCormick

"HAS THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DECLARED WAR ON BLACK AMERICA?"

Tony Brown's Journal, one of the nation's longest-running television series, will examine the controversy surrounding the allegation that the CIA played a role in launching the crack-cocaine epidemic in the inner cities of the United States, the week of November 8-14 (check with local PBS stations for exact date and time).

This story reached national notoriety when the San Jose Mercury News began publishing a series alleging that the origins of the crack cocaine epidemic among inner-city Blacks was started by two Nicaraguans. The article stated that the Nicaraguans raised millions of dollars for the CIA's contra army in Nicaragua by selling large quantities of cocaine to a South Central Los Angeles dope pusher who converted it into crack. The implication was that the CIA was aware of a scheme to introduce crack cocaine to raise money to fight communism while devastating American communities. The CIA denies any involvement and mainstream news organizations such

as The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times reported that there is no evidence to support a CIA role or a master plan to traffic drugs in South Central Los Angeles in 1983.

However, PBS commentator Tony Brown examines the charges and the relationship between the federal government and Black America within a broader historical framework. "If the allegations about a CIA-sponsored crack-cocaine epidemic that wrecked entire Black communities in the 80s and 90s are true, it could represent the continuation of a government policy that began in 1917," says Tony Brown.

Using documentation that he gathered for his book, Black Lies, White Lies: The Truth According To Tony Brown (William Morrow & Company), Brown examines the Military Intelligence Division's campaign against Black America during WWI. This domestic spy network was the largest ever assembled in a free country.

It is documented that this government intelligence against Blacks continued into the 1960s, and perhaps beyond. Brown noted that when the spy network was organized in 1917, President Woodrow Wilson and the government assumed that because Blacks were discriminated against, they would not be loyal to America during times of war. This domestic intelligence operation served as a forerunner of the COINTELPRO FBI-led counter-insurgency program of the 1960s, and perhaps others.

Brown examines the connection between the Army's spy network and the U.S. intelligence community's surveillance of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. He reports that military leaders mobilized and dispatched troops, including snipers, and scouted 124 cities as war zones in preparation for an outbreak of war with Black America, led by Martin Luther King, in April 1968, the month King was

assassinated.

Also examined is the infamous Tuskegee Experiment, a study in which government agencies, the U.S. Public Health Service and the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, used Black men as nonconsenting guinea pigs in a syphilis experiment.

Appearing on the program to discuss the ramifications of the drug allegations against the CIA are Elombe Brath of the Patrice Lumumba Coalition, and Jamaal Goree, a community activist and producer of "Front Page" on KJLH Radio in Los Angeles.

Editor's Note

The Southwest Digest would like to express its most sincere apologies to Lubbock County Commissioner Precinct 3 Candidate Gilbert A. Flores for the misspelling of his name in last week's edition of the Southwest Digest. This was a major mistake on the part of the newspaper and no disrespect was intended. To Mr. Flores our apologies.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church is the "Church Where The People Really Care,"

and is located at 2002 Birch Avenue. Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Assistant Superintendent James Sterling at his posted duty. The classes had thirty minutes of instructions, and reassembled singing "Old Time Religion." High points of lesson were given by Class No. 3 with Sister Cooper as teacher. These remarks were very well explained.

Secretary Report: Youth Department -- Intermediate Class won the Attendance Banner and the Kindergarten Class received the Offering Banner. Adult Department: Class No. 1 won both banners, and made it clear they will continue to receive both banners...

The morning devotional period was conducted by Deacon R.J. Givens and Deacon E. Swain.

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Alter prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "I'm Going Down To The River of Jordan," was sung. Scripture was read by Sister Lena Sheffield, with prayer given by Sister Billie Caviel. Another song, "Hold On!", was sung.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Flowers. The morning hymn was "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Pastoral observations were

given by Pastor Moton. Another song, "Lord, I Thank You!", was sung. The hymn of preparation was "Old Ship of Zion."

Pastor Moton's anniversary began last Sunday, and it is the 7th one. Our own Rev. Jeff Brown brought the morning message last Sunday morning. His subject was "A Life Worth Living." His scripture text was Jeremiah 20:7-11. This writer wonder if you listen what he had to say...If he stays around his Father in the Gospel, Pastor Moton, he'll just make you act like that. God is smiling on you, Rev. Brown. New Hope loves you!!

The Anniversary theme for Pastor and Sister Moton is "Love." John 3:16. Last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., New Hope Baptist Church presented Rev. & Mrs. Billy R. Moton and daughter, Pamela. It is his 7th Appreciation Service. Lyons Chapel Baptist Church and Rev. Wendell D. Davis were guest. Rev. Davis brought a fine message. Next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., Community Baptist Church and Rev. Larry Brooks will be special guest. On November 7th at 7:00 p.m., Rising Star Baptist Church and Rev. F.R. Bell will be special guest.

Keep praying for our sick and shut in. Let us pray, because prayer changes things!

This writer hope you took the advantage of voting last Tuesday, November 5th. Keep in mind if you didn't vote, then you don't have nothing to complain about when things don't go the way you'd like for them to go.

GLADYS KNIGHT HONORED BY AUNT JEMIMA BRANDS, NCNW WITH FIRST 'DREAMMAKER AWARD'

CHICAGO, IL — Entertainer Gladys Knight has graduated from corporate endorser to enterprising award recipient by accepting the first "Dorothy I. Height Dreammaker Award" from Chicago-based Aunt Jemima brands and the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW).

"The Dreammaker Award is an extension of our devoted effort to support the African-American community," said Stephen Lalofide, assistant vice president for Aunt Jemima brands. "NCNW and Dr. Height place a premium on recognizing and celebrating positive role models and we are excited about sharing in that vision."

The presentation was the highlight of the Tribute to Black Women Community Leaders national awards ceremony, a corporate/community partnership between Aunt Jemima brands and NCNW. Dr. Dorothy I. Height, NCNW president and chief executive officer, also was in attendance to present the award to Knight at the Washington Vista Hotel.

"Gladys is a phenomenal individual who has not allowed her international celebrity to interfere with what is truly important in life: generosity, caring, sensitivity to those less fortunate and a vision of a better world," said Dr. Height. "She is a shining example of womanhood and of the spirit of community service."

The ceremony also honored four African-American women, who, through community service, have contributed greatly to the well-

being of their neighborhoods. Saluted were student honoree Jilila Jefferson of New Orleans, LA; Marla Davis, Philadelphia, PA; Dr. Priscilla Thomas, Savannah, GA; and Mary Watts, Sacramento, CA.

Knight is a well-publicized Aunt Jemima brands spokesperson. Accompanied by her grandchildren, she appeared in television ads for the company in 1994, touting its maple rich syrup products.

Knight received the "Dreammaker Award" for her humanitarian efforts, such as her work benefitting AIDS research, the American Cancer Society, programs for abused women and children, as well as for the homeless. As a supporter of NCNW, Knight has participated in the Black Family Reunion Celebration and hosted the Black Family Reunion television special.

The legendary singer gave an inspirational acceptance speech with praise for both NCNW and Aunt Jemima brands. "This honors me, it honors my family, it honors my music. Everything in my life," said Knight, who currently resides in Las Vegas, NV.

She spoke at length to the audience of 400 in a fiery fashion similar to that of her husband, motivational speaker and former talk show host Les Brown. Knight and Brown are co-owners of a company called Music and Motivation, Inc., which manages all of the couple's joint appearances.

African Americans Set Economic Records

by William Spriggs, William Rodgers, Susan McElroy and Mark Turner

Are you better off than you were four years ago? This is the question political candidates ask every election cycle. President Clinton claims this is the best economy in 30 years, and Senator Dole tries to argue it is not. He thinks the economy would be better off if we returned to the supply-side tax cuts of the Reagan era. The economic status of African Americans has always followed behind the rest of America. So to answer the question of are you better off, African Americans need to look closely at the official statistics.

*Median family income is a good measure to start with. Half the families make more than the median, and half make less. Adjusting for inflation, the median income for black families was at \$22,720 when Bill Clinton took office. In 1995,

using the latest data available, median income reached \$25,970 a record high.

*What do the numbers show for families at the bottom of the income distribution?

When Bill Clinton took office, 31.3 percent of Black families lived below the official poverty line. By 1995, the poverty rate had fallen to 26.4 percent, a record low.

*When Bill Clinton took office, adult African Americans had an unemployment rate of 12.5 percent, and the last time their

unemployment rate had been in single digits was in June, 1990. In September, the unemployment rate for African-American adults was 9.1 percent, and it had not been above single digits since June, 1994. It has been more than 20 years since adult unemployment remained so consistently low.

The record high for median family income and the record low for family poverty allow African Americans to proclaim this is indeed the best economy in 30 years. Significantly, the greatest gains have come for African Americans with lower, not higher, incomes! During the 1980s, the share of African-American families in the middle of the income distribution shrank, while the share of families at the bottom increased. This suggests that families were falling down the income ladder. Now, the bottom is shrinking and the middle is growing. That suggests that families are beginning to climb their way up to the middle again.

Undoubtedly, a long spell of low unemployment levels is helping families. Today, the share of African-American adults who are employed is at an all time high. Less time spent unemployed, means greater income, and has been especially true for lower-income families.

Part of the growth in African-American family income stems from advances in education. African-American adults now have a high

school completion rate that is equal to whites. Today, an increasing share of college students is young African Americans. If that trend continues, then the gap in college completion may also shrink one day.

Some recent policy changes may allow President Clinton and the 103rd Congress, the last one under Democratic leadership, to take some claim for the success as well. The budget, passed by the last Democratic Congress, increased the tax benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit. Consequently, many African American families got a huge cut in their tax liability. Because legislation ties the tax credit to earnings, it helped make work pay for more African-American families.

When President Reagan became president, adjusting for inflation, median family income for African Americans was at \$22,439. That is not very different from the \$22,720 it was when President Clinton became president. Eight years later, when President Reagan left office, median income was only at \$23,775. Compare that with \$25,970 under President Clinton. Though African Americans started in roughly the same position, the policies of the Reagan administration did not lift family incomes as high as they are now with President Clinton. That further suggests that the President's policies are making a real difference for African Americans, and that supply-side policies probably are not as helpful

for African Americans.

The long-term economic health of the African-American community also is on track. Black-owned businesses continue to start in record numbers, and the business they do with the federal government continues to climb to new highs. While President Clinton has continued to support affirmative action in government contracting, Senator Dole sponsored legislation to end the federal government's affirmative action programs in employment and contracts.

Election day is this coming Tuesday. To arm yourself with the facts, visit your local library and look for two annual publications from the U.S. Census Bureau, Money Income in the United States, and Poverty in the United States. Also, look for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly publication, Employment and Earnings.

Or, if you are computer inclined, visit those statistical agencies' web sites in the Internet.

*The U.S. Census Bureau reports on income and poverty are at <http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/hhes/www/index.html>

*The U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics data on employment and unemployment are at: <http://stats.bls.gov/bls/home.html>

The date suggests that policies in Washington make a difference. Your vote can make the difference about who is in Washington.

The Affirmative Action Debate: Americans Speak Out

by Jennifer Agwunobi

In a book about one of the most controversial debates in America today — affirmative action — influential Americans speak out on all sides of the issue and give a provocative look at affirmative action from its history to present day political implications on the 1996 presidential elections. The Affirmative Action Debate was edited by George E. Curry, editor-in-chief of *Emerge* magazine, and is a collection of 29 articles, most of which are published for the first time.

The anthology includes essays from proponents of affirmative action such as the late President Lyndon B. Johnson and President Clinton, as well as prominent individuals such as Harvard Professor Cornell West, NAACP Executive Director Kwesi Mfume, Elaine Jones, director-counsel to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and opponents Linda Chavez, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity, and California Governor Pete Wilson.

Affirmative action has more potential to divide our nation or bring it together than any other program, writes Curry. He notes that the context for today's affirmative action debate was provided by a report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights that found, "Historically, discrimination against minorities and women was not only accepted, but was also governmentally required. The doctrine of white supremacy, used to support the institution of slavery, was so much part of American custom and policy that the Supreme Court of the United States in 1857 [in the Dred Scott decision] approvingly concluded that both the North and South regarded slaves as being of an inferior order, and altogether

unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

Curry also noted that women too have suffered discrimination along with African Americans and other racial minorities. Recognizing affirmative action as more than a Black-and-white issue, this book includes the voices of women, Latinos, and Asian Americans who are also affected by it and often ignored.

Although it is a relatively new term, the concept of "affirmative action" is not. According to Manning Marable, history professor and director of Columbia University's Institute for Research in African American Studies, the concept of affirmative action was "a series of presidential executive orders, civil rights laws, and governmental programs regarding the awarding of federal contracts and licenses, as well as the enforcement of fair employment practices, with the goal of promoting the practices of bigotry." At the heart, Marable continues, was the Civil Rights Act of 1866, which stated that "all persons shall have the same right...to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, give evidence, and to the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of persons and property as is enjoyed by white citizens."

Other presidents to follow the 1866 Act through executive orders were Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Republican President Richard M. Nixon, who 25 years ago instituted a program which we now know as affirmative action.

Today, the concept of affirmative action is more controversial than ever. It has developed into a major divisive issue in the 1996 presidential election, and is now under the threat of being eliminated. Governor Pete Wilson stated in his essay that "affirmative action can no longer be justified" because discrimination for the most part has been eliminated. However, President Clinton, in his "Mend It, Don't End It" essay wrote that "when affirmative action is done right it is flexible, it is fair, and it works."

In a recent address at the National Archives, which is reprinted in the book, President Clinton said we must not say no to those who use affirmative action as a political strategy to divide us, and say yes to those who raise legitimate questions about the way affirmative action works. The book, *The Affirmative Action Debate*, provides many of those answers.

Other prominent Americans have spoken out to preserve affirmative action, including a consortium of women lawyers called Americans for a Fair Chance. The Consortium is comprised of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the Mexican American Legal

Defense and Education Fund, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the National Women's Law Center, and the Women's Legal Defense Fund. The Consortium hopes to dispel myths and provide facts about affirmative action through its public education campaign. For more information contact (202) 833-9771.###

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The Film Iran Attempted to Withdraw from Academy Award Consideration, The White Balloon, Comes to Texas Tech

Young Razieh, tiny heroine of the 1995 Iranian film, *The White Balloon*, has been repeatedly warned that girls her age should not watch the snake charmers in the market. And, just as that small child was warned by her mother, the Iranian government warned the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences to withdraw *The White Balloon* from consideration for the 1995 Best Foreign Film Academy Award. But like Razieh, who immediately snuck off to watch the forbidden snake charmers when she was left unsupervised, the Academy ignored the advice of the Iranian government, and kept *The White Balloon* in contention for an Oscar.

The plot of *The White Balloon* is delightfully (albeit deceptively) simple. The film follows the adventures of Razieh (Aida Mohammadkhani), an adorable, self-reliant seven-year-old, whose heart is set on buying a particular, plump multi-finned

goldfish for her family's traditional Iranian New Year's celebration. With her brother's help, she convinces her mother to relinquish her last bank note for the extravagant purchase. Instructed to return with plenty of change for their household necessities, Razieh ventures alone to the hectic market to buy her special goldfish. However, in the crowded streets of the bustling city, Razieh loses her money. Her search to recover the bank note becomes intertwined with the lives of vendors, merchants, an indignant tailor, a friendly soldier on leave far from home and an Afghan refugee selling balloons.

Beneath this charming facade, however, lies a deeper tale about the cultural woes of an oppressed country. Inasmuch as this film subtly explores prejudice, poverty, and other Iranian social and political tensions, *The White Balloon* offers a fascinating insider perspective on Iranian

culture, one often censored from media attention. In fact, every Iranian film is censored by the government, and the government alone determines which movies are suitable for release. Perhaps this is why Iranian films, like *The White Balloon*, are so seldom seen by US audiences. *The White Balloon* is only the second Iranian film in history to be submitted for Academy Award consideration.

Because, contrary to the fate of most Iranian films, *The White Balloon* has been so widely released, its ultimate achievement has been its quiet attack on the stereotypes that have tarnished the image of Iranians in the Western media in recent years. As represented through a likable cast of characters, passionately redefines Iranians as a people capable of a vast range of emotions, who, in many respects, are no different from us.

This beautifully spare and emotional film is the

promising directorial debut of Jafar Panahi. Winner of the Camera d'Or Award and co-winner of the International Critics' Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, *The White Balloon* was acclaimed by audiences and critics at the Montreal, Tokyo, Toronto, Telluride and New York Film Festivals. *The White Balloon* was written by Iranian director Abbas Kiarostami, based on an original idea by Jafar Panahi and Parviz Shahbazi, and directed by Jafar Panahi, Kiarostami's former assistant.

The White Balloon will be presented by Texas Tech UC Cultural Events on Friday, November 15 at 7:30pm in the University Center Allen Theatre. The film is in Farsi with English subtitles, is unrated and is 85 minutes long. For tickets or more information, call 742-3610.

IHOP'S "DREAM UP OUR FLOAT" CREATIVITY CONTEST ENCOURAGES KIDS TO LET THEIR IMAGINATIONS TAKE THEM PLACES

GLENDAL, Calif., Oct. 11, 1996 - Calling all kids! In conjunction with its role in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, International House of Pancakes (IHOP) announces the start of its annual "Dream Up Our Float" contest. The contest, now in its sixth year, challenges kids to create an original float design to be used as IHOP's parade entry.

Based on the contest theme, How I Have Fun, children ages six through 12 are being asked to sketch their float ideas and write a brief description of their concepts. The winning idea will be transformed into IHOP's float for the 1998 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

Through a new feature this year, young computer users can learn more about the contest beginning

on December 1 by visiting Blackberry Creek, the kids' creativity community on America Online. Entry forms are available at participating IHOPs and elementary schools nationwide. The contest entry deadline is January 31, 1997.

Seven regional finalists will be chosen, with the grand prize winner selected from among them. Teachers who submit the most entries in each of IHOP's seven regions will also earn prizes.

Kids Can Win A Computer, Bicycle and a Trip to the Rose Parade

The grand prize winner receives a computer, a bicycle and a \$200 United States savings bond. Plus, he or she receives a pancake party for 30 friends. The regional finalists will also each receive a bicycle, a \$200 United States savings

bond and a pancake party.

"This is an idea contest, not an art contest," explains Steve Pettise, IHOP's vice president of marketing. "We'll be judging the entries on four criteria: originality and creativity, our ability to execute the idea, neatness and clarity of expression, and relevance to the 1998 contest theme."

Classroom Project Can Earn Prizes For Teachers

A trip for two to Pasadena to attend the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game awaits the elementary school teacher who submits the most contest entries nationwide. The teacher who submits the most entries in each of IHOP's seven regions also receives a \$100 gift certificate for school supplies.

For further details on the "Dream Up Our Float" contest, please call

(818)240-6055 or visit your local IHOP. America Online subscribers can find contest information by using the keyword "blackberry."

International House Of Pancakes, based in Glendale, Calif., has more than 685 locations across the United States, Canada and Japan, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu features omelets, cheese blintzes, French toast, and more than 16 pancake varieties, including the restaurant chain's award-winning buttermilk pancakes and Country Griddle Cakes. Guests may also choose from an assortment of sandwiches, salads and homestyle dinners.

Dunbar Alumni Association to Meet Saturday

The Dunbar Alumni Association will meet Saturday, November 9 1996 at 4 p.m. At Dunbar Junior High band room. Members please make plans to attend.

Obituary

LOREAN HODGE

Funeral services were held last Saturday morning at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for Mrs. Lorean Hodge with Rev. Johnnie Bailey officiating. Rev. N.H. Franklin is pastor.

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

Mrs. Hodge died Saturday, October 26, 1996 at her home after a long illness.

A native of Lorena, Texas, she was born

January 8, 1923.

Survivors include two brothers, Johnnie Lee of Lubbock, Texas and Ralph, Jr. of San Francisco, California; a sister, Julia Mae Burns of Lubbock, Texas, other relatives and friends.



GERTRUDE WORMLEY

Final rites were read for Mrs. Gertrude Wormley last Saturday afternoon at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, October 27, in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born October 9, 1918 in Redwater, Texas. She married John

Wormley in Lubbock. He died in 1985.

Survivors include three step-grandchildren and three great-stepgrandchildren.

as and Ralph, Jr. of San Francisco.



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THIS N THAT

IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!! THIS N THAT...reported last week of...CARS HAVING THEIR WINDOWS SMASHED OUT ON THE CAMPUS OF ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL...and it happened again last week after the...LAMESA GAME... on the campus of Estacado High School...when cars belonging to...persons in the...ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL BAND...had their...WINDOWS SMASHED OUT OF THEIR AUTOMOBILES...Now something has to be done about this...PROBLEM...THIS N THAT...would encourage the...SCHOOL OFFICIALS...to have someone from the...LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT...to patrol this area...when our...YOUNG PEOPLE...leave their valuable possessions on the campus for a school event...It just doesn't make any sense for this to continue...In looking at the results of the previous smashing of car windows two weeks ago...it would appear to be the work of some...INEXPERIENCED KIDS!...who really don't know what they are doing...What they need to know that if they are caught...their tune will change...because we hope they will be...CHARGED AND MADE TO PAY FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE...Anyway...PARENTS...if this area is not patrolled...THIS N THAT...would encourage that you...ADVISE YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT HOME...where there is a safety net for their car...Anyway...THIS N THAT...hopes something will be done about this situation...because this city doesn't need to have these kinds of things to happen and nothing is done about it...

CONGRATS TO LUNA FOR A JOB WELL DONE!! THIS N THAT...would like to say...CONGRATS...to the...LUBBOCK UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION...for a...JOB WELL DONE...in their...FOURTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP & NEIGHBORFEST...last Saturday at the...First Presbyterian Church...There were...SPEAKERS...in various areas...which gave representatives an opportunity...to listen and acquire knowledge they could take back to their

association...THIS N THAT...believes in the efforts of the...LUBBOCK UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION...and would continue to...ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS...to go back to their association and continue to implement...MORE PROGRAMS...which will continue to make their...NEIGHBORHOOD...a much...SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD...

THE MARCHES HAVE HELPED!! THIS N THAT...was happy to know that the...YOUNG PEOPLE...who reside in the...PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOOD...had a...VERY GOOD TIME...last week in...TRICK OR TREAT...Several months ago...prior to the death of...a young man...this would not have happened...without the help of these...CITIZENS WHO HAVE MARCHED AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS...There hasn't been a...MARCH IN SEVERAL WEEKS...but they will be coming back...As...THIS N THAT...believes there is a need for those...MARCHES...to continue...Hope there are those who will march again...There will be a...NEW TWIST...with the marches... Just stay tune...and hear what will take place...

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HOW ABOUT THOSE MATADORS!!! THIS N THAT...would like say...CONGRATS...to those...MIGHTY ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS...who will be in competition this week against the...FRENSHIP TIGERS...on their campus...Now let's all go to this...BIG GAME...which will be held...FRIDAY NIGHT...November 8th...in Wolforth, Texas...If the...MATADORS...win and we believe they will...THEY ARE IN GOOD POSTURE...to go further...in this year's competition...Hope you'll be there at 7:30 p.m., Friday night...The...FIGHTING MATADORS...along with...THIS N THAT...will be looking for you...

"Are You Happy"

Eddie P. Richardson



Hope your candidate won. If so, I know you feel good and exercised your right by going to the polls.

If you did not vote, then you have no reason to complain as Julian Bond wrote a column recently titled "To Wear The Crown You Must Bear The Cross." So true, Julian. Nothing comes free. You must pay for everything one way or another.

Politics and elections bring out some strange things. Some of them hard to understand. For example, City Councilman Victor Hernandez elected by the people of the city of Lubbock as well as his wife also being elected by Lubbock County. Voters go outside the City of Lubbock to pick a Senatorial Candidate for the state Senatorial District 28 office. Especially when you have five Candidates from Lubbock alone in the race.

That's what you call politics!

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ROUNDING FINAL TURN, BLACK PATRIOTS MEMORIAL EYES FINISH LINE

Congress Passes Commemorative Coin; Memorial Clears Final Approval Hurdle

(Washington, D.C.)—A week of extraordinary achievement brought the dream of the first African American Memorial on the National Mall several steps closer to reality. The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation announced a host of impressive breakthroughs that bring the project within striking distance of groundbreaking.

"The accomplishments recorded this week show how deeply America cares about this project and how she will not let it fail," stated Wayne F. Smith, executive director of the Black Patriots Foundation, which is working to build a memorial to the 5,000 African Americans who served in the Revolutionary War. "While we still have a distance to go before completing our mission, these propitious developments put us well on our way to ultimate success."

Capping the progress was today's Congressional passing of a bill that authorized the striking of 500,000 Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coins. The coin will depict the 275th anniversary of the birth of Crispus Attucks, a black man who was the first American to die for our nation's independence. Profits from the coin will be dedicated to the Black Patriots Memorial. Also today, the Congress passed legislation that extends the authority of the Black Patriots Foundation for an additional two years, allowing the Memorial's

fundraising to be completed. The twin legislative accomplishments will allow the Foundation to bring the vision of the Black Patriots Memorial to fruition. Connecticut Representative Nancy L. Johnson, a key supporter from the outset, remarked, "The minting of the commemorative coin will significantly help the Foundation achieve this powerful memorial."

Yesterday, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPCC) unanimously approved architectural and design plans for the Black Patriots Memorial, which will honor the more than 5,000 African Americans who served in the Revolutionary War. John Parsons of the National Park Service and member of the NCPCC commented: "We are extremely excited about this powerful and eloquent memorial. It will tell a story that needs to be told." Thus, the Memorial has now cleared all four artistic and architectural vetting hurdles required for national memorials.

In addition, the Foundation announced the last remaining feature of the Memorial's design had been finalized. A quotation by Phyllis Wheatley, the noted black poetess of the Revolutionary War era, which was provided by scholars at Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, will be inscribed on the Memorial's granite wall. The powerful yet simple passage reads as follows:

"In every human Breast, God has implanted a

Principle, which we call Love of Freedom; it is impatient of Oppression, and pants for Deliverance..."

The Memorial will enjoy a superb location at Constitution Gardens, symbolically placed between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial and looking out on the Declaration of Independence Signers' Memorial. It will consist of two curved and sloping walls facing one another in a classic "yin and yang" motif. One wall will be cast bronze depicting the African American presence in North America from the landing of the first slave ships to the close of the Revolutionary War; the opposing granite wall will feature the moving Phyllis Wheatley quotation.

The final task remaining for the Black Patriots Foundation is raising the additional \$5.8 million dollars needed to build and maintain the Black Patriots Memorial. While sales of the Crispus Attucks Commemorative Coin will help, the Foundation continues its active efforts to gain the financial support of Americans of all races and from all walks of life.

Said Smith of the Foundation: "This week's progress was made possible because of the perseverance and hard work of so many

supporters over the years. But having come this far, we're asking others to join our history-making endeavor by giving as generously as they are able."

Contributions can be made by calling the Foundation's toll-free hotline at 1-800-888-9811.

Among myriad backers of the cause, The Black Patriots Foundation would especially like to thank the following for their bipartisan support, active leadership and stalwart assistance:

- * Senator Carol Moseley-Braun
- * Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell
- * Senator John H. Chafee
- * Members of the Senate Banking Committee
- * Representative Floyd H. Flake
- * Representative Nancy L. Johnson
- * Representative Donald M. Payne

Letter to the Editor

Dear Eddie,

We want to thank Bernie Foster for the opportunity to reach you directly concerning our media study.

We just released our 1996 media study Who Leads?, a portrayal of leaders and leadership in the media. Also enclosed is an example of the media's reaction to the study is receiving. The results of the study may not be new to you. From your personal story you may already perceive the outcome. The study shows that the term leader was most often

used of the story was about a person in a top political or military position and/or a white male. Which leaves out a whole lot of other individuals who are currently and actively contributing to their communities as ordinary citizens and from their positions of leadership.

We would welcome the opportunity to talk with you, just call our office and ask for a time to talk with me or my business partner Marsia Gunter. You can obtain the entire study through our website

address: <http://members.aol.com/breaktrap/ls>

der/bip.html or by calling 503/244-6701. I encourage you to use the study, and share it with others. The web site encourages a dialogue, so there will be follow-up later in the year. And, if the release or the report generates any questions for you, please call, write, fax or e-mail me.

Sincerely,
Karen L. Samahan
President

WORDS+POLITICS+MUSIC+HUMOR= THE GENIUS OF GIL SCOTT-HERON

NEW YORK, N.Y. (NNPA) - When you read poetry you don't understand, said Gil Scott-Heron to his Harlem audience, you say, "Hey, this must be deep." Laughter.

As deep as his hypnotic voice and jazzy chords? As vast as his symbolic and metaphoric lyrics? As rich as his in-your-face poetry? As serious as his commitment to place art and humanity and world peace above artistic prostitution for 26 years, all of it presented to you through the Bluesology frequency on his Midnight Band?

As amazing as his ability to place words together in ways that boggle, create laughter, disturb, or provoke serious thought about our society and our times?

"The military and the monetary/Get together whenever they think it's necessary/They're turning our brothers and sisters into mercenaries/They're turning

the planet into a cemetery."

Gil Scott-Heron. Forget televised revolutions. This was no re-run, brother; I saw him LIVE in concert recently as the Schoenberg Center for Black Culture in Harlem kicked off its 1996-1997 performance season. The Harlem resident was on his never-ending tour with the Annesha Express, his latest band.

I was sleepy, and drifted, eyes open, lost in the sound of percussion, drums, drums, DRUMS.

Words-As-Power. Blues-poetry+groove= a happy crowd. The only sad part about seeing Scott-Heron was, well, SEEING him. He looks and physically acts almost 20 years older than his 40-something self. His hair, hidden under a baseball cap, is all gray. His tallness and skinniness seem about to cross the line to gaunt.

And it felt a little unsettling to know that ironically, what he called his "song of celebration" is "The Bottle," his mid-1970s classic on alcoholism. He sang it as an encore.

It jammed, as did the whole concert. Intellectually. Musically. Spiritually.

"Celebrate your life!" he sang. He didn't have to tell us twice.

Will we ever understand Gil Scott-Heron? How someone so gifted could have obviously abused his body so, but remaining—even as a shadow of his former self—more powerful, filled with more clarity, more life than we?

Probably not. But that doesn't matter. For after all, to be poetic, joked the Bluesologist, "is to have a little part of [the poem] no one understands."

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

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"A Million Reasons, Precious Few Answers:" Examining the legacy of the Million Man March

By Sidney E. Morse

It has been a year since a million African-American men descended upon the nation's capital to observe a day of atonement and solidarity. Countless more sent their spirit and heartfelt emotion as this day of purging promised to symbolize a new beginning, a shedding of the image that had positioned them as the object of all that's wrong with America.

But since that declarative day, what has occurred speaks less about the good intentions of those who made the journey, than the volumes it reveals about the near structural vacuum of leadership that continues to stand in the way of real progress in the African-American community.

A year ago, Minister Louis Farrakhan was making believers of those who had discounted him before as he effectively demonstrated his abilities in organizing the triumphant march. Today, confusion surrounds his foreign tour of countries suspected of state-sponsored terrorism, giving rise to questions about his purpose, the clarity of his vision and whether or not this voyage was a prudent move in service to the African-American community. Now, instead of focusing on the message of self-help for African Americans, he is consumed in a battle of whether or not he must register as a foreign lobbyist for a country whose activities are currently illegal.

Since the Million Man March Kweisi Mfume has become the president and CEO of the NAACP, ushering in a new generation of leadership. Since assuming the position for the nation's oldest civil rights organization, he has enjoyed something akin to a "honeymoon" with the media which seems to almost place him as a credible and willing participant capable of filling the rather obvious leadership void.

But while Mfume appears to have efficiently reduced the financial deficit left by his predecessor and engineered certain new organizational dynamics, the challenge of demonstrating the relevance of the NAACP to the lives of contemporary African Americans remains a question largely unanswered.

Since "the March," the Reverend Jesse Jackson for his part, has championed the issues of the under-representation of African Americans and other minorities in the film entertainment industry, the Mitsubishi sexual harassment debacle, the discriminatory nature of the closed markets of Japan, the minimum wage issue, the California anti-affirmative action initiative, voter registration and welfare reform. Amidst all this, he managed to give a

rousing speech to delegates and the nation at the Democratic National Convention. But despite gallant attempts, Jackson's efforts are all still "works in progress."

What is glaringly clear is that the enormous excitement that was generated as a result of The Million Man March did not translate into the kind of leverage that marks the beginning of real change in the African-American community. Since that event, except for the aggressive attack on affirmative action in California, no clear themes have emerged that allow us to see the future or galvanize African-Americans nationwide to seek change.

In light of current "conventional wisdom" that President Bill Clinton does not appear to be in any eminent danger of losing control of the White House, the agent that might fuel the development of both common themes and subsequent action around which African-Americans might coalesce, is not likely to be revealed this year.

Instead, the agenda of African-American leadership seems to be levied by a constant barrage of attacks on the gains of the civil rights movement. Frequently finding itself at "effect instead of cause," dealing with the only choice immediately present, that of reaction.

As African Americans, it is time to acknowledge that the "Freedom Train" has reached its last stop. There is a "Ship of Empowerment" waiting for us to board. The legions that attended "The March" would suggest that many of us, both men and women, want to become "self-empowered," but have been hesitant to board "the ship." African-American leaders have been slow to lead the way to our disembarking one and boarding the other.

The Million Man March could have and still can symbolize the line of demarcation that denotes that transfer; one we are compelled to make if we will participate in the 21st century. What is needed is a "strategic focus" to serve as a "compass for progress." It has to begin with individual and personal commitment which must be the foundation for leadership.

The two things that each participant at The Million Man March pledged to do was to vote and to become involved in their communities.

Will the greatest demonstration ever conducted in the United States merely leave a datemark in history or will it leave a legacy of result and achievement?

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Gilbert A. Flores



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Football Sweetheart Toshia Scott and Cheerleader Sweetheart Wyatt Ward, II, are seen at a recent Friday morning Pep rally at Estacado High School.

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The annual Christmas in November program "A Homespun and Heartfelt Christmas" sponsored by the Lubbock County Extension Service and the Family & Community Education Council will be held Wednesday, November 20, 1996 at the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, 2901 Avenue A, Lubbock. A complete agenda for the day is attached. Early registration is a must and is due November 15th. Call the County Extension Office at 767-1190 for additional information.

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Revelation 3:17, Jesus said, Because thou sayest, I AM rich, and increased with goods, and need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and MISERABLE, and POOR, and BLIND, and NAKED.

America is in trouble; and any blind man can PLAINLY SEE, SHE'S WALKED AND RAN TO GET AWAY FROM GOD; NOW LOOK AT HER MISERIES.

Deuteronomy 31:18, THE LORD SAID, I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought (DONE), in that they are turned unto other gods.

America can do: HEART, EAR NOSE KIDNEY, AND LUNG TRANSPLANTS; THINKS SHE'S WISE, BUT THATS WHAT THE BIBLE CALLS A FOOL; WHEN SHE'S GREAT IN HER OWN EYES.

Proverb 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth (LISTENS) unto counsel is wise.

The whole country is in TROUBLE; same as GOD SAID: DONT EAT OF THE TREE, WE DIDNT LISTEN TO GOD NOW; THAT SO CALLED RIGHTS; IS WHY WE'RE IN MISERIES.

(America's rights are wrong. Woman rights, Gay rights, No spanking rights, Run away rights, Abortion rights, White rights, Black rights, No prayer in school rights, Drugs in schools rights, Cut off the penis rights, Drive by shooting rights, shaking rights, KKK rights, Child molestation rights, Condoms or rubbers in Kindergarten rights, Kill the Abortion Doctor rights, Kill the Family rights, Suicide rights, Federal Building rights.)

THE ONLY RIGHTS GOD GAVE TO PEOPLE; THE RIGHT TO WORSHIPPED HIM, THAT'S WHY JESUS WENT TO THE CROSS; SO MAN'S SINS, COULD BE FORGIVEN THEM.

John 3:17, Jesus said, for GOD sent not his SON (JESUS) into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him (JESUS) MIGHT BE SAVED.

Now that the ELECTIONS OVER; the country is VERY SAD, THE STREETS ARE YET FULL OF SIN; AND IT WILL INCREASE VERY BAD.

2 Timothy 3:13, But evil men and seducers (IMPOSTORS) shall wax worse and worse, DECEIVING, AND BEING DECEIVED.

BUT ONLY IN JESUS; CAN ONE FIND: PEACE, JOY, HAPPINESS, GRACE, MERCY AND LOVE, MR. CLINTON IS YET THE PRESIDENT; BUT THESE THINGS COME FROM UP ABOVE.

John 10:10b, Jesus said, I AM come that they might have life, and that they might have it MORE ABUNDANTLY (RICHLY).

It didn't matter who, this country choose as PRESIDENT, MR. DOLE, MR. CLINTON OR MR. PEROT; MONEY RULES; WHO EVER IS SENT.

1 Timothy 6:10a, For the LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL; which while some coveted after, they have erred from THE FAITH.

TO SOLVE THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS; IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN MERE MAN. ONLY GOD HAS POWER TO FIX IT; LETS PRAY AND PUT IT INTO HIS HANDS.

2 Chronicles 7:14, GOD SAID, IF MY PEOPLE (THE CHRISTIANS), which are called by MY NAME, shall humble themselves, and PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, and turn from their WICKED WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.

GOD is not through with US YET. So lets PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS.

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"It Is Not What You Have Lost..."

"And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness" Zechariah 8:8.

The story is told of a young soldier named Billy in World War I who was severely wounded. He awoke to consciousness in the hospital one day to realize that both his hands had been amputated. The horror and shock of the discovery was almost too much to bear.

As he dwelt on his hopeless condition he became very despondent. What kind of life awaited him in the future without hands? It seemed all his ambitions and dreams had crumbled around him. His future looked very, very dark.

Then one day an old friend of the family came to the hospital and paid Billy a visit. This friend had suffered a similar amputation during World War I. He counseled Billy to ask God for help to conquer his bitterness and loss, and to learn to accept his condition. "Remember," his friend said, "For everything you have lost, you have gained something else."

For days Billy thought much about his friend's advice, and after praying accepted his condition. Bravely he returned to his home and seeking strength from the Lord, he courageously began to build his life again. And he succeeded.

Without hands, Billy Vaughn became a successful writer of books, which soon brought a demand for his story on lecture tours. He learned to use his artificial hands to drive a car, and play the piano. The young vet lived a full rewarding life as a happy husband and father. On many occasions, to those facing crushing tragedies he advised, "It is not what you have lost, but what you have left that count."

Seventy years of captivity had passed for Judah in Babylon; and for those who longed for their homeland, it was a long hopeless experience. Then the Persian King allowed fifty thousand of the remnant to return for the rebuilding of the Temple.

Upon their arrival they found the city to be a deserted rubble. The holy Temple at Jerusalem was a desolation. Its walls were broken down; and the whole aspect was a discouraging sight.

However, God saw far beyond what it once was to what it could be. He not only promised to bring His people back, but He promised to dwell in their midst in faithfulness and righteousness.

God gave His People a new vision, an ideal to work towards. He wanted them to look beyond the devastation to what would be a wonderful transformation. For God had a glorious purpose for Israel's future.

This gracious word gave the people hope and inspiration to work hard and to rebuild the temple. Is this not a picture of what God will do for His people today?

Disappointments, failure, the crushing hopes and dreams often occur in our lives. But with God all things are possible. If we sincerely pray to Him, He will give us a glimpse into His desire for our lives. And we will understand that even sorrows and grief and failures can work together for our good if we sincerely pray and believe His word.

Like Billy Vaughn, as we face the future God has promised to give us the courage to move ever forward rebuilding that which was "torn down." God has promised "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." The future is bright when God is in it.

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Ushers, before we can serve the Bread of Life to others, we must feast on it ourselves. We will have a two minute talk from someone. Our theme is: "Family In A Crisis." II Corinthians 3:1-5,4:34. It's going to be good, so come and be with us for only one hour -- from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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Prayer Breakfast**

Met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dorothy Hood. Open with songs of praise at 9 a.m. Scripture by Sister Christine Burleson October 1. Prayer by sister Ethora Jones, morning scripture lesson by Sister Linda Smith; Revelation 7:1-17, the 144,000 marked by God. Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds from blowing so that not a leaf rustled in the trees, and the ocean become as smooth as glass, and I saw another angel coming from the East, carrying the great seal of the living God, and he shouted out to those four angels who had been given power to injure earth and sea. "Wait! Don't do anything yet - hurt neither earth nor sea nor trees - until we have placed the seal of God upon the forehead of his servants.

How many were given the mark??? I heard the number. It was one hundred and forty four thousand out of all twelve tribes of Israel.

This crowd is composed of those who remained faithful to God throughout the generations, this sister said.

Our salvation to our God and to the Lamb. These are they that have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

This sister is truly anointed to teach the word and we love that, God bless you Linda.

Thoughts:
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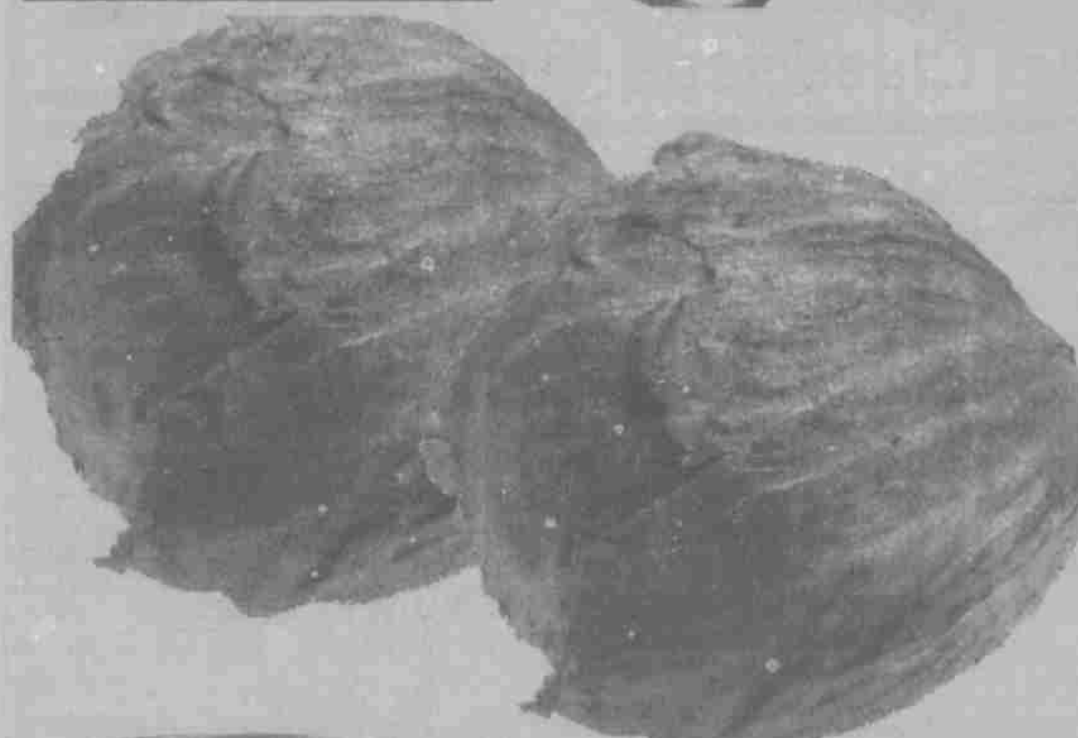
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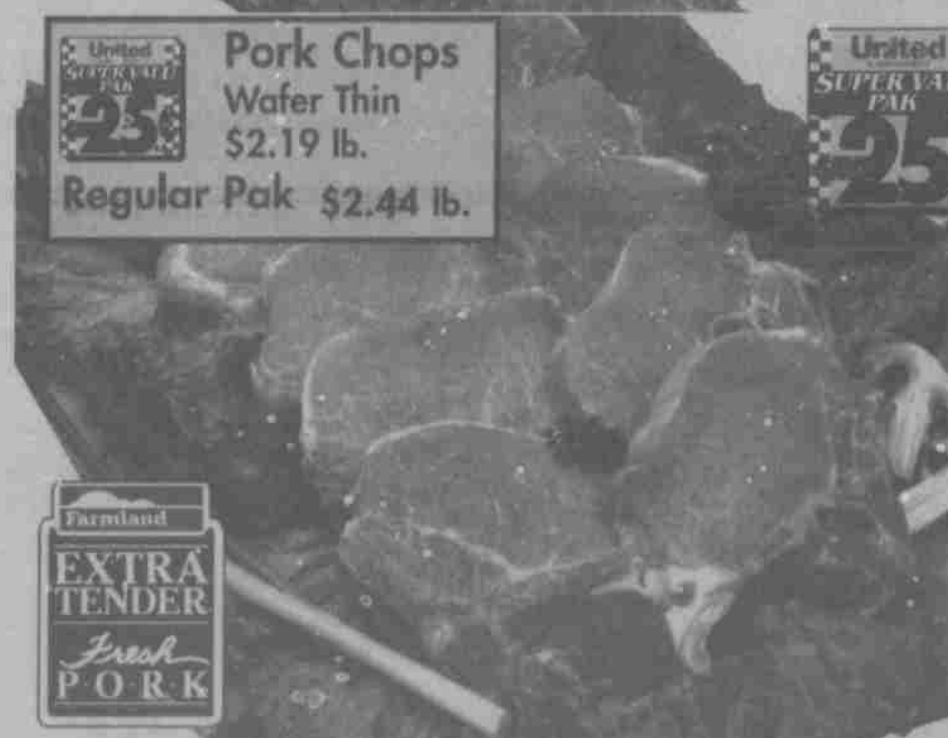
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