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Did You Know?

By Robert N. Taylor
NPA Feature Columnist
1200 13th Street, NW

DID YOU KNOW... that the nutritional key to combating heart disease and strokes appears to be folic acid and not any man-made drug. A British researcher reported last week that several studies show that a deficiency of folic acid is responsible for up to 40% of all heart attacks and strokes. Where do you get folic acid? Answer: By eating fruits and vegetables.

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DID YOU KNOW... that there is absolutely no doubt about it—moderate drinking is good for you. Thirty-five different studies have now reached the same conclusion. Alcohol apparently has the power to increase HDL (good cholesterol) and thus works to reduce the risk of heart disease. The experts consider "moderate" drinking to be one to three drinks a day.

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DID YOU KNOW... that last year, Americans ate 606 million pounds of potato chips. The greatest number of potato chips are eaten in the west central and the southeast parts of the country.

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DID YOU KNOW... that the richest person in the world is America's William Gates of Microsoft. Gates' wealth is placed at \$12.9 billion. He is followed by investment guru Warren Buffett with estimated wealth of \$10.9 billion. However, the other people on the Forbes magazine list of the top ten wealthiest are all non-Americans.

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DID YOU KNOW... that in the Netherlands a cooperative has been formed which teaches women are to be prostitutes. The six session course covers everything from sex techniques to bookkeeping. (The Dutch have always been a little different from the rest of the world.)

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DID YOU KNOW... that the largest circulation newspaper in America is USA Today with a daily circulation of 1.9 million. Second place goes to the Wall Street Journal with 1.8 million circulation. The list of top five also includes the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post.

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DID YOU KNOW... that there is a new, self-help financial publication in town—*Better Life News*. Twice-a-month it details how to enhance your income, secure loans, repair credit, save money and a host of other financial items. You can subscribe to this unique journal by sending \$39 to *Better Life News*, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038.

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DID YOU KNOW... that this week's favorite quote comes from Machiavelli: "You want to be both loved and feared. But if you can only have one, it is better to be feared."

All Citizens Are Invited to Attend

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Set Here



The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration—1996 will be held January 11, 12, 14 and 15, 1996, and is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Inc. This year's theme is: "Broken Chains—Yet Shackles Remain."

The annual celebration will begin Thursday, January 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, East 26th Street and Fir Avenue, where Rev. J.J. Johnson is the pastor. Guest speaker of the hour will be Elder Thomas Sawyer of Grace Christian Fellowship Church. Ms. Bobbie G. Patterson will serve as emcee. The Martin Luther King Mass Choir will sing during the program.

Friday, January 12th is Youth Night, and activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. Ms. Mary White is Youth Director. During this evening of activities, all youth will be responsible for the program. Mr. Oscar Sharpe will serve as emcee.

The City-Wide Celebration will be held Sunday evening, January 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre. Co-host will be Mr. and Ms. Eric Wesley. The program will feature the MLK Mass Choir, under the direction of Mr. Samuel Curtis, director; and the M.L.K. Youth Choir, under the direction of Ms. Mary White, director.

Guest speaker for the annual celebration will be Rev. J.W. Hanson, pastor of the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church of Odessa, Texas. Climaxing the week-long activities will be Monday, January 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where Rev. N.H. Franklin is pastor. The original celebration began at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Todd Rasberry, Pastor at Mt. Vernon

United Methodist Church, will be emcee.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Kenneth Barnes, pastor of Divine Love Church.

Also on Monday afternoon, a giant March will be held at 5:00 p.m. with all participants asked to meet at the T.J. Patterson Community Park. This march is being held in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. marches in East Lubbock against drugs and crime. For more information about the march, persons may contact either Faye Brown or Reginald Andrews at 763-4216.

According to organizers of the activities, children must remain with parents at all times during all activities. Unattended children and their parents may be asked to leave the celebration. The accident rate is too high to take wild chances. So please support by attending your children, and not allowing them to run, play and climb on objects during any celebration activities.

Lubbockite Elected to Lecture Group



[reprinted from the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*]
Katie Mae Parks of Lubbock has been elected to membership in the International Platform Association.

Parks is a member of VISTA, and is currently working with the Texas Department of Health. She is also a poet and an author and publisher of books.

Founded by Daniel Webster and Josiah Holbrook in 1831, the 5,000-member International Platform Association is the leading organization for those on the lecture platform.

A champion of free speech and debate, the platform provides an open marketplace for new and recognized speakers from all political persuasions.

The International Platform Association attracts 40 to 50 established lecturers and spokespersons to its annual Washington, D.C. convention.

Past speakers have included Gen. Colin Powell, Ross Perot, Dick Cheney, G. Gordon Liddy, and Jessie Jackson.

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Saving a Culture That Could Save Ours

by Bernice Powell Jackson

African Americans and native Americans share a common history of oppression in this country. While our stories are not the same, there are many shared themes and shared outcomes of that history. So it's not surprising that we have come to common solutions to our problems.

One solution can be summed up in the Akan word "sanfofo"—going back to our roots in order to go forward. In other words, we must reclaim our past in order to make progress as a people.

Another solution is that education can play a liberating role for our people and is critical to the revitalization of our communities. Living in a nation where information and the access to it promise to be the key to survival in the next century, both native Americans and African-Americans must find a way of equipping our children to be a part of that future economy and that world.

For native Americans the intersection of these two solutions is found in the American Indian College Fund (AICF). Modeled on the older, highly-successful United Negro College Fund, the AICF was established in 1989 by the presidents of the American Indian colleges. The American Indian College Fund now includes 29 two and four year colleges with 15,000 students, located on or near reservations in 12 midwestern and western states. The AICF raises funds for these institutions which are used to provide scholarships and student aid as well as to strengthen native American studies departments and to begin to build endowments for its member institutions.

These are some of the nation's newest colleges, serving some of the nation's poorest people. The first tribal colleges were founded during the movement of Native Americans for self-determination in the 1960's and 1970's. They were founded by native American leaders who saw that mainstream education was failing their people and that their tribes were in danger of losing both their past and their future—of losing history and culture as elders died out without passing-on the languages and culture to the next

generation and as young people succumbed to the dangers of alcohol and despair brought about by poverty and lack of self-esteem.

Historically, education was a difficult issue for native Americans. While tribal leaders had usually negotiated for access to education in their treaties with the U.S. government, those provisions were rarely honored. Instead white educators and missionaries provided education for Indian children, premised on the concept of assimilation of Indian people into the larger society. Thus, these educators often forced Indian children to live in boarding schools away from their families, while forbidding them to speak their own languages and giving them Christian names and new identities.

But the new native American colleges are grounded in traditional Indian culture and values. Preservation of tribal languages, traditions, values, music, literature and art is one of the critical missions of these colleges. Traditional college academics are offered alongside classes in Native American history, language, literature and arts.

Native American colleges are now more than institutions of higher education. They are home—centers of every aspect of Indian life—for many Indian communities. On many reservations, they operate the only libraries, daycare centers and tribal archives. They operate health care centers, employ hundreds of tribal members and produce nurses, doctors, technicians, teachers and administrators so desperately needed.

Sitting Bull, the Lakota Sioux chief, once said "Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children." The American Indian College Fund and its member institutions have taken that challenge seriously and are making it a reality.

(Note: for more information on the American Indian College Fund, write 21 W. 68th Street, Suite 1 F, New York, NY 10023.)

FOOD BASKETS HELP AREA NEEDY DURING HOLIDAY SEASON



The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and Anheuser-Busch Companies provided food baskets during the Christmas holidays for more than 350 needy families in the Houston area. The holiday baskets contained whole turkeys, vegetables and many other specialties. Anheuser-Busch has supported the center's food basket program for the past eight years. Shown holding a holiday gift turkey is Madgelean Bush (left), executive director, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, and Mick Lewis (right), corporate affairs southwest region manager, Anheuser-Busch Companies.

State Representative Jones Sponsors Seminar & Workshop

The office of Delwin Jones, working with local service organizations, has scheduled a seminar and workshop to assist Lubbock and area minority and small businesses.

Ms. Brenda Arnett, Executive Director of the Texas Department of Commerce, and some of her staff members, will be making presentations on the different programs available to help minority and small business owners. Materials, information and applications will be available for those interested. Staff members will be there to assist and to answer any questions.

The seminar and workshop is scheduled for:

DATE: January 19, 1996

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Villa Inn Annex—Hawaiian Room

5605 Villa Drive

Lubbock, Texas

For more information please call the district office of Delwin Jones at 806-763-4468.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care." The proud pastor is Rev. Billy R. Moton.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School with Supr. James Sterling presiding. A song, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was sung. There was prayer and the continuing of singing while the classes marched to their various places for instruction. The classes reassembled after thirty minutes singing "We'll Understand It Better By and By." High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 2, with Sister Kenyatta Barnes making the presentation. She did a wonderful job as it was very good.

The Secretary's report—Young People's Department—Intermediate Class won the Offering Banner and the Senior Class received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class received both banners—Class No. 1.

It was so nice to have so many of our White friends present last Sunday morning in Sunday School. They came from various churches and had fellowship with our church.

There's no doubt about it, there was great church at New Hope last Sunday morning. The spirit was definitely at New Hope. Our pastor had to show out as he usually does. Not one Sunday, but every Sunday morning. The Male Chorus sang and the spirit got hold of them also. Altar prayer was given by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Give Me Two Wings to Fly Away," was sung. Sister Billie Caviel read the scripture and Sister Sheffield offered prayer. Another song, "It's All Right," was sung.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing

and led by Sister Iida Johnson. The morning hymn was "Revive Us Again."

Pastoral observation was given by Pastor Moton. The following song was "The Love of God." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "How To Make It Through, 1996." His scripture text was Genesis 12:1-5. Thank God, Pastor Moton told us how it should be done.

All of our visitors have a standing invitation to visit when they want to visit us.

Don't forget those who are sick in our community in prayer and visit. Among them this week are Sister Annie Mae McBride and Jerry Blake who is a patient in room 344 of St. Mary Hospital.

Whisper a prayer for our bereaved families. They include the McPherson family, Sister Mathe Lee Smart, who is a member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. Also Rev. Sidney Keys who lost his only daughter in Beaumont, Texas last Friday.

Brother and Sister John Howard attended their grandson's funeral services in Denver, Colorado last week.

Mrs. Skief is home from the hospital. Also, Louise Sparks, who is a member of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, Remember Sister Anna Johnson and Sister McDaniel's mother.

The first Sunday in 1996, the members of New Hope had something to shout about as there have been many heartaches, sadnesses, trials and tribulations have come our way. But through it all, we've learned to trust in Jesus and we have learned to trust in God.

Remember Brother H.C. Kinner in your prayers. He wasn't feeling well last Sunday. Sug Johnson's stepson, Rev. Charles Johnson, was admitted to the Veteran's Hospital last week.

Brother O.C. Horton's mother passed away and services are pending at this time.

Cosmetology Pre-Entrance Exam Set

LEVELLAND—A pre-entrance exam for South Plains College's spring quarter in cosmetology is scheduled Jan. 18.

The exam will be given from 9-11 a.m. in the Student Assistance Center on the third floor of the Library building. Fee is \$10.

An additional exam is scheduled Feb. 1. The spring quarter in SPC's 12-month cosmetology program begins March 1.

Students who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of profi-

ciency and be eligible for licensure by the Texas Cosmetology Commission.

Additional pre-entrance cosmetology exams are scheduled April 1 and April 25 for the June 1 quarter and June 20 and July 8 for the Sept. 1 quarter.

For more testing information, contact the SPC Guidance and Counseling Office or Carolyn Newkirk, assistant professor of cosmetology and program advisor, at 806-894-9611, ext. 2367 or ext. 2287.

Nursing Pre-Entrance Exam Set

LEVELLAND—A pre-entrance exam for South Plains College's associate degree nursing program is scheduled Jan. 26.

The exam will be given from 1-5 p.m. in the Student Assistance Center on the third floor of the Library building. Fee is \$15.

Additional exams are scheduled 1-5 p.m. Feb. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 10 and 1-5 p.m. Feb. 16.

Students who successfully complete the two-year program will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and be eligible to apply to take the State Board Exam (NCLEX) for registered nurse licensure.

For more information, contact the SPC Guidance and Counseling Office or Marla Cottonoir, chairperson of SPC's Allied Health Department and director of associate degree nursing at 806-894-9611, ext. 2367 or ext. 2390.

National Headache Foundation Support Group to Meet Saturday, January 20, 1995

LUBBOCK, TEXAS—The National Headache Foundation Support Group will meet Saturday, Jan. 20, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Neurology Research and Education Center (4102 24th Street, Suite 501).

This is the first meeting of the Group, which is open to anyone suffering from headaches. At the meeting, the Group will decide where, when and what kind of programs they want. There will be no dues, officers/bylaws, etc.; only sharing and updates about new

headache treatments.

More than 45 million Americans get chronic, recurring headaches. Of these, 16 to 18 million suffer from migraines annually.

It is estimated that industry has lost \$50 million per year due to absenteeism and medical expenses caused by headache, and migraine sufferers lose more than 157 million workdays each year.

For more information, call Judy Ribble at (806) 796-2647.

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CLEP Exams Announced at SPC

LEVELLAND—College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests, which provide college credit by exam, will be given Jan. 17 at South Plains College.

The exams will be given at 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the SPC Student Assistance Center on the third floor of the Library building. Fee is \$42 to CLEP and \$8 to SPC.

Additional CLEP exams are scheduled Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, May 13, June 4 and July 1.

The CLEP program provides college credit in a wide variety of subjects.

For more information, contact Gracie Quinonez, SPC guidance associate and testing coordinator, at 806-894-9611, ext. 2367.

Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic

Tuesday, January 16 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Under the direction of Melanie Obiender, M.D., Pediatric Hematologist, specializing in this genetic disorder.

Did You Know:

Sickle Cell Anemia is a disease that affects 50,000 Americans.*
One out of 12 African-Americans in the U.S. has the Sickle Cell trait.*

Common Warning Signs:

- Anemia: tired, lack of energy
- Leg Ulcers: sores that don't heal — often caused by poor circulation
- Slow-growth: small size, poor general health and frequent colds
- Jaundice: signal of abnormal blood condition
- Painful joints: cause is poor blood supply to bones

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For more information about the Sickle Cell Clinic or to schedule an appointment, please call:

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House Republicans to Blame for Shutdown Consequences Democratic National Committee News

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Chris Dodd, the General Chairman of the DNC, called on House Republicans to join their Senate colleagues in ending the Federal government shutdown as balanced budget talks continue.

"As the President made clear this afternoon, the consequences of this Republican shutdown are deadly serious," said Dodd. "The extremist Republicans in the House might think it's all some political game, but the American people are paying a real price for the GOP's insistence on a blackmail strategy that hasn't worked, isn't working, and won't work. The House had another chance today to put the government back to work, but Republicans made the choice to stop cleaning up the toxic waste sites, take money out of the VA hospitals, and keep the Centers for Disease Control from responding to the Midwest flu epidemic."

Yesterday, with Majority Leader Bob Dole saying, "Enough is enough," the Senate passed legislation to put federal workers back to work while the President and Congressional leaders continue negotiations on a balanced budget. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt attempted to introduce that legislation in the House today, but was kept from bringing it to the floor on a procedural vote.

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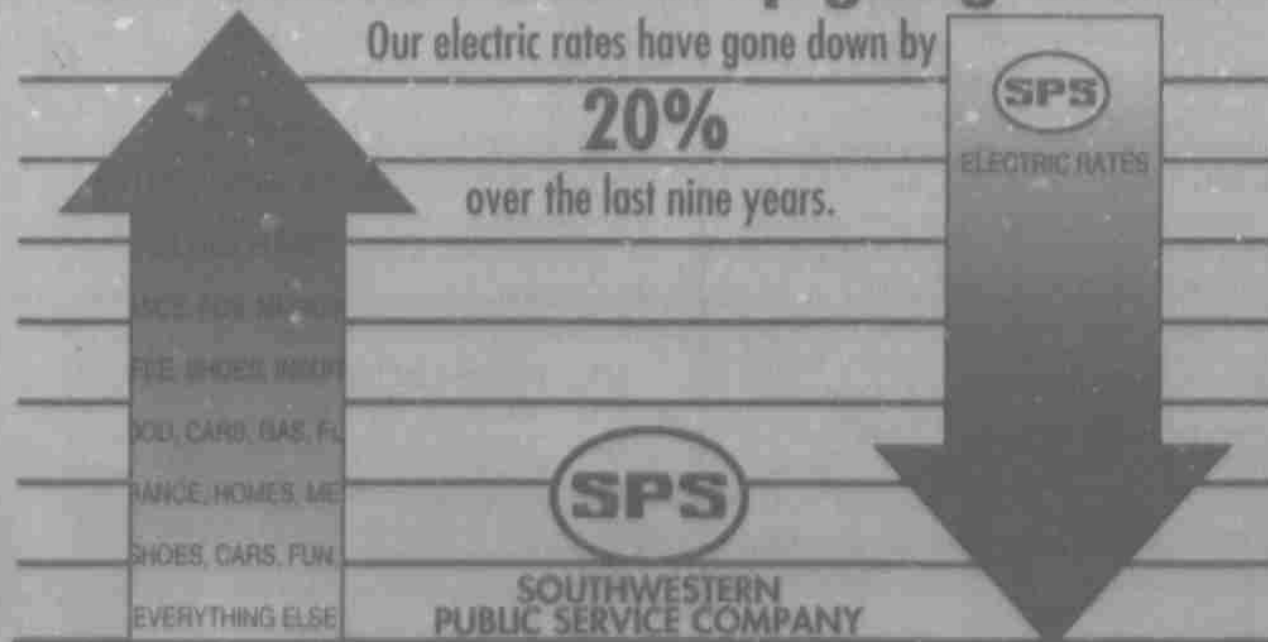
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League of Women Voters to Toast Carolyn Lanier

LUBBOCK—The League of Women Voters announced today that the League's seventh toast to be held March 29th at the Lubbock Civic Center will honor Carolyn Lanier. Carolyn is the first woman as well as the first League member to be honored at the annual toast.

Past toasts have honored such local dignitaries as Senator John T. Montford, Speaker of the House Pete Lamey, and Judge Rod Shaw.

Carolyn Lanier has brought the South Plains national attention with her on-going work to feed the hungry through the South Plains Food Bank and the Breedlove Dehydration Plant.

Tickets for the event will go on sale in February.

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Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1996.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Golden Rain Trees, 3 Washington Hawthorns, and 2 American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers—and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 1996.

The First Ph.D. Dissertation in The U.S. To Thoroughly Discuss The Issue of The Racial Origins of Ancient Egyptians and To Conclude That They Were Africans

by Dr. Mostafa Hefny

Yesterday, December 14, 1995, Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan granted Mostafa Hefny the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education. Dr. Hefny's dissertation entitled: "A Content Analysis of The Treatment of Ancient Egypt in Selected Secondary Level World History Textbooks" has made an intellectual contribution to the fields of education, history and Egyptology. It is the first Ph.D. dissertation in the United States to provide the following:

- 1) a thorough discussion of the issue of the racial origins of ancient Egyptians and the current academic debate over this issue;
- 2) a soundly researched conclusion that the ancient Egyptians were Africans; and
- 3) a citation of sufficient evidence to refute the claim that the Egyptian Copts are the descendants of ancient Egyptians (a claim which has not been addressed by any author heretofore). Additionally, in this dissertation, Dr. Hefny analyzes the treatment of ancient Egypt in the ten most widely used secondary level world history textbooks. Hefny's research shows that out of these ten textbooks, fully nine textbooks make no reference to the important issue of the racial origins of ancient Egyptians. The one textbook which did address this issue did not reflect the two major theories regarding this issue. Instead, it simplistically and unauthoritatively stated: "The first settlers of Egypt were probably people from African lands to the south and west and from the Fertile Crescent!"

Dr. Hefny is currently writing a sociology of knowledge book entitled: "Ancient Egyptians blacks or Whites?: The Opinion of Scholars From 450 B.C. To 1995 A. D." This book will examine how scholars have addressed the issue of the racial origins of ancient Egyptians over the past 2,450 years, from Herodotus (450 B.C.) to the present.

This book will quote many ancient Greek and Roman scholars, including Herodotus and Aristotle, who stated in writing that the ancient Egyptians were black. It is important to point out that many of these ancient Greek and Roman scholars had first hand experience with ancient Egyptians because they either studied or travelled in Egypt. These ancient Greek and Roman scholars would have no reason to describe ancient Egyptians as black unless this was factual.

This book will also examine the hard and soft models of the ideology of white supremacy and black inferiority since the last quarter of the 17th Century. It will also show how whitening the ancient Egyptians was one of several necessary strategies used by white scholars to reconcile this ideology with logic.

Dr. Hefny is a black Egyptian and naturalized American citizen. He was a Bilingual Resource Teacher with the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency in Wayne, Michigan from 1981 to 1994. In 1987 he was appointed by the Michigan State Board of Education to the five-member statewide Bilingual Education Advisory Committee. He has lectured on both education and black studies subjects in conferences sponsored by Michigan Department of Education as well as major universities throughout the United States. In 1993 he was one of a selected group of black intellectual and political leaders from Africa, U.S.A. and Canada to speak at the First Canadian PanAfrican Conference held in Toronto. In 1994 he was appointed to the Board of the National Afrocentric Institute.

JUST THINKING

By Maurice A. Dawkins

Class-Based Preference Born As Race-Based Preference Dies

Often the old folks used to say a new baby is born to make up for the death of an older person in the family. The funeral of grandmother leaves sadness but it is offset by the birth of a new grand baby that brings gladness. Black folks used to sing "Nobody knows the trouble I see" and then in the same breath proclaim, "Glory Hallelujah!" The irony American History is in part the joy that emerges in spite of the sadness that has to be endured.

Black progress coming in the midst of and in spite of injustice and inequality is a mystery that made Martin Luther King, Jr. followers sing "We shall overcome" while racist sheriff Bull Connor, the vicious police dogs and the power of firehoses were marshaled against them. The Bible students turn to a passage that says that all things work together for good for them that love the Lord. So it is that the dying process that has "race-based preference" in a terminal condition is matched by a creative process that is bringing "class-based preference" into the world of public policy.

A compassionate capitalism or a caring conservatism may not be at the top of the agenda in most black communities as they analyze what's happening in America today. Yet the talk around congress and the White House is that people who need help the most should be helped—people of all colors and races. Economically disadvantaged or poor people working, and non-working, should be given a hand up and not a hand out. Tax users can be converted into taxpayers if people have job training and jobs, business opportunities and a level playing field. Republicans as well as Democrats are "talking that talk" and the legislation being considered promises to make it possible to "walk that walk."

I was Just Thinking, why should the son of a white flash collector be denied an opportunity in order to give special preference to the son of a black business executive? Should equal opportunity mean all poor families of all races and colors get help based on need and all wealthy families of all races and colors do not get special preference because they don't need it? Should race and color entitle a person to special preference in the 1990's and the 21st century? Or is it better to look at the poverty classification or the economic condition as the key factor to determine what the government will or will not do to help?

Historically, race-based preference has meant "The white race gets all the preference" Then, with the advent of the civil rights movement and laws in the sixties, it was defined to mean "Black race gets some compensatory preference."

Now comes a new day, when the idealists say no race should have any preference. Everybody of all races should have the same opportunity—black or white, brown or yellow or red. Race-based preference is out!

President Clinton says: "I want us to emphasize need-based programs where we can because they work better and have a bigger impact and generate broader support."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) says he favors rewriting affirmative action laws so they favor the poor instead of certain ethnic groups.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) says he is opposed to discrimination in any form against any group. He favors equal justice under the law and equal economic opportunities for all.

In the baffle for the minds of the President and the Congress, class-based preference advocates seem to be winning. It looks like class-based preference will prove to be socially acceptable and politically popular on a bi-partisan basis. Race-based preference advocates are losing the battle. The Review Commission of the President and the Senate and a House committee scheduled to hold hearings and recommend legislation, are proceeding full steam ahead.

Just as everybody who was anybody agreed to disagree agreeably in opposition to terrorism, so it seems there will be a consensus in opposition to racism. That means everybody except the hard-liner advocates against any and all changes in current affirmative action and contract set-aside rules and regulations. Add to the list their opposite number the hard-liners who want to throw out the baby with the bath water and claim there is no need for any special consideration of any kind for anybody.

On June 12, 1995 the U.S. Supreme Court, by a 5 to 4 vote, agreed with popular public opinion in its ruling on the Adarand case. The suit was against the Department of Transportation and claimed that the equal protection component of the 5th Amendment due process clause was violated. The court ruled there must be "strict scrutiny" to insure equal protection. Justice Sandra O'Connor said: "All governments must keep racial politics out of the equation when dealing with discrimination" and there must be compelling proof of governmental interest and identifiable discrimination "despite the unhappy persistence of both the practice and lingering effects of racial discrimination against minority groups..." Government cannot have a compelling interest in penalizing one race to benefit another. So, our race based preference according to the courts. The legislators are expected to finish the job. That leaves the option of special consideration for the poor of all races. On this point, the Dole-Gingrich Republicans and the Clinton-Gephardt Democrats stand on common ground as the struggle continues. Stay tuned.

Historic Sears House Sold

Washington, DC Landmark on Pennsylvania Avenue to House National Council of Negro Women

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the primary advocacy and service organization for African-American women and their families, announced Saturday that it has acquired Sears House, one of the last remaining examples of mid-19th Century architecture in the nation's capital. The building will house the non-profit organization's national headquarters and its new initiatives, the National Centers for African American Women and the Dorothy I. Height Leadership Institute. The building once housed the studio of famed presidential photographer Matthew Brady. The purchase of the six-story, 42,000 square foot facility, located at 633 Pennsylvania Avenue, (midway between the White House and the Capitol) was made possible by a partnership between the seller, Sears, Roebuck and Company, and First Union Bank of Washington, DC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation and Chrysler Corporation.

"This collaboration is a sterling example of corporate citizenship," stated Dr. Dorothy I. Height, President and CEO of NCNW. "We now have the opportunity to consolidate and maximize resources to respond to the needs of the 21st Century. We will train and prepare a new generation of African American women leaders for the enhancement of their families, communities and organizations. This new entity will also give us a strong base to fulfill our community-based mandates."

NCNW is in the midst of a three-year, \$30 million Fund for the Future Campaign chaired by Dr. Maya Angelou. The effort was launched with a substantial contribution by Camille and Bill Cosby. The campaign will fund the purchase of the building and provide an endowment to sustain NCNW programs. The National Council of Negro Women was formed in 1935 as a community-based coalition of national organizations. Through its 34 affiliated national member organizations and 250 community-based sections, NCNW reaches out to over four million women in 42 states and works internationally through offices in seven countries. NCNW has played a historic role in the struggle for human rights and justice, preparing women to be catalysts for change in their neighborhoods and the world. "Our founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, dreamed about what could be accomplished if the collective power of African American women could be harnessed," stated Dr. Height. "We are now closer to fulfilling her dream and insuring that we indeed will leave no one behind." A formal opening and dedication of NCNW's new home is planned for February, 1996.

Some Good News About AIDS

By Larry Lucas

Last year, more Americans between the ages of 25 and 44 died of AIDS than of any other cause. All together, more than 290,000 Americans have died of AIDS since the disease was first reported in the U.S. in 1981—and more than 3,600 of them have been children under 13. And AIDS has hit the African American community much harder than the white population. Although African Americans make up only about 13 percent of the total U.S. population, they account for more than about 34 percent of the AIDS cases.

With those grim statistics, it's hard to imagine that there could be any good news about AIDS. But as we mark World AIDS Day on December 1, the 30 medicines already available for AIDS and related conditions and the 110 more in development are good news. People with AIDS are living longer, and medicines are improving the quality of their lives. Moreover, the research projects now underway provide the hope for a cure or preventive vaccine for this dread disease.

One of the most promising developments in AIDS research is

a new "family" of drugs called protease inhibitors. These drugs block a protein the AIDS virus needs in order to reproduce. Other kinds of drugs attack the virus at a different stage of development. Used together, these drugs provide a "one-two punch" against AIDS.

Another promising area of research is gene therapy. This involves putting an inactivated virus into a patient's body to prompt the immune system to react against the AIDS virus. According to a new survey by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, there are three gene-therapy medicines now being tested.

Drug companies are also testing 14 potential vaccines—some that could be used to prevent the disease and some that could help patients who are already infected. There are also 11 medicines in testing for AIDS-related cancers and 14 to treat the infections that attack the weakened immune systems of AIDS patients.

The progress that has been made is very impressive. But, as in all things, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The best way to avoid AIDS is to refrain from risky sexual behavior and



intravenous drug use. And, if you think you might be at risk for AIDS, get tested right away. The sooner you are diagnosed, the sooner you can get the benefit of the effective treatments that have been developed.

For a free copy of "Medicines in Development for AIDS," write to PhRMA, 1100 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Larry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

THIS N THAT

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION SET FOR THIS WEEK! THIS N THAT... invites all of... U.S... to help in the... ANNUAL CELEBRATION... of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION... which will begin this week... as a matter of fact... **THURSDAY EVENING**... January 11, 1996... at the... MT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH... at 7:00 p.m... Also on... **FRI-DAY EVENING**... January 12, 1996... is set aside as... **YOUTH NIGHT**... and the program will be conducted by the... **YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY**... Services will be held at the... **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**... beginning at 7:00 p.m. These young people will perform with music and voice... and we should... **ENCOURAGE ALL OF THEM**... **SUNDAY EVENING**... January 14, 1996... at the... **LUBBOCK MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER**... at 6:00 p.m... the annual celebration will be held... as the... **ENTIRE CITY OF LUBBOCK**... is invited to attend this... **GIANT BIRTHDAY PARTY**... There will be speakers and music by the... **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CHOIR**... and other important events taking place... **THIS N THAT**... reminds all of us that this... **CELEBRATION IS FOR THE ENTIRE CITY OF LUBBOCK**... and hopefully... there will be a... **LARGE ATTENDANCE**... of citizens present... **THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM**... is for all of us... **MONDAY EVENING**... January 15, 1996... the... **OFFICIAL DAY**... for his birthday... a special program will be held at the... **BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**... where the Lubbock effort began after his death... the culmination of the... **CELEBRATION**... will begin at 7:00 p.m... All of this is being sponsored by the... **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**... So be present at as many of these activities as you can... Let's go by and show our respect for a man... **WHO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ALL OF US**... He was a giant of a man... who wanted to see all... **AMERICANS**... come together... Will you... **JOIN**... **THIS N THAT**... in this year's celebration??? Hope you will!!!

BIG MARCH SET FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH! THIS N THAT... invites all of you... **WHO**

ARE CONCERNED ABOUT DRUGS AND CRIME... in the community to be present at the... **T.J. PATTERSON COMMUNITY PARK**... come this... Monday evening... **JANUARY 15TH**... at 5:00 p.m... This event is being sponsored in conjunction with the... **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**... Your presence is... **VERY IMPORTANT**... as we need to let those... **PERSONS**... who do drugs in our community... that they are not wanted with this kind of posture in the... **LAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY**... Be there... and be a part of a... **GIANT MARCH**... which will send a message that we are... **VERY TIRED**... of what is happening in our community... and are willing to do what we can to take this community back... If you want to participate... then call... either... **SISTER FAYE BROWN**... or... **BROTHER REGINALD ANDREWS**... at 763-4216... and let them know you believe in their effort... **"REACH ONE... TEACH ONE..."** Join in this march...!!!

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Letter to the Editor

A Black Nation of Hope

Let us drop our guns and join hands.
Let us drop our pride and stand with each other; we could become a powerful one.
We could use our tactics to become strong. We could guide our children to a brighter pathway of life. We could carry on a bigger and better nation. We cannot and will not succeed without strength from one another's hope. We have so little time to save one another. Each and every day we weep and cry because dirt hits another loved one.
We need to cherish our race and continue what Martin Luther King started. How can we love God, whom we can't see, and not love one another whom we see every day.
Let's not forget our ancestors and how they fought for freedom and justice for us. Can we not repay them by continuing the fight for each other? Must we kill and maim one another? It only makes it worse for those who have fought so hard for race. Let's get what our ancestors died for (a joined Black nation).

Doris Hutchison

LEGAL MATTERS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES Top 10 Consumer Complaints in Texas

In State Fiscal Year 1995, which ended August 31, our Consumer Protection Division received more than 36,000 complaints—the most ever. Nearly half of these complaints fell into 10 familiar categories; we call them the Top 10 Consumer Complaints in Texas. This year, they were:

- #1 Direct Mail Advertising
- #2 Telemarketing Companies
- #3 Debt Collection Agencies
- #4 Used Motor Vehicle Dealers
- #5 Long Distance Service Companies
- #6 General Automotive Repair Shops
- #7 Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- #8 Credit Reporting Agencies
- #9 New Motor Vehicle Dealers
- #10 Mortgage Companies

Other complaints involve businesses and services in a wide range of categories, including advertising, amusements, business opportunities, child care, clothing, and electronics.

The Consumer Complaint Mediation Program

Most of the complaints we receive at the Office of the Attorney General arise from disagreements between consumers and merchants over specific transactions, rather than violations of state consumer protection laws. State law prohibits us from legally representing either party in those cases.

But even if we do not file a lawsuit, we can help resolve consumer disputes through our mediation program. Last year, more than half of all consumer complaints that came through our office were mediated.

Simply put, the mediation process enables the two parties to resolve their conflicts through exploring mutually acceptable, reasonable resolutions. We find that most merchants want to preserve their good standing and good reputation with consumers. Most consumers just want fair treatment and fair value for their hard-earned dollars.

In 1994, more than half of the disputes mediated by our office were settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. The value to consumers, for all these settled disputes, was \$7.4 million. This was the most successful year ever for our consumer mediation program, and we look forward to continually improving and expanding this work.

If You Have a Consumer Complaint

When we receive your letter or phone call, our first response will usually be to send you a consumer complaint form. Fill it out and return it as soon as possible, together with copies of all the documents related to your complaint. (Remember, only send copies. Keep all original documents in a safe place.)

By completing the form, you will provide us all the information we need to handle your complaint. Most important, it tells us what you would consider a fair settlement of the dispute.

Our staff reviews and considers whether your complaint is suitable for mediation. If we believe we can help, we will offer to send a copy of your complaint to the business. We ask the business to respond to the complaint and the resolution you have requested.

If the business does not agree to your proposed settlement, and you and the business cannot agree on an alternative, you have two options. First, if the amount of money involved is less than \$5,000, you can take the matter to small claims court. If the amount is more than \$5,000, you will need to consult with a private attorney to pursue the matter further.

When Complaints Add Up

We constantly review the complaints coming into our office, and keep them on file for two years. If we find a pattern of complaints against a particular business, the file will be reviewed by our consumer protection attorneys for further legal action.

One recent case arising from consumer complaints involved a firm called State Recording Service. This company charged consumers a fee for filing property tax homestead exemptions, and was using official-looking stationery to mislead the public into believing there were dire consequences for not using their services. In fact, home owners can file these documents themselves for free. We obtained a court order prohibiting the company from continuing this deceptive practice.

For More Information

For more information about consumer issues, or to receive a consumer complaint form, please call your nearest Consumer Protection Office or call (800) 621-0508.

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Defendant's Final Say

by Louis Lozano

I want to put my life, body, and soul upon the mercy of this court and Your Honor, that you will grant me probation, "shock" probation, or community supervision. I'm also pleading for the mercy of this court and of Your Honor on behalf of my family, children, and parents, along with a wonderful and loving wife. For they are having a very hard time accepting me being locked up, being apart from them, and not being there to give them moral and financial support. It hurts so much that I can't explain it, but I do know one thing, that there is a lot of love between us and that we need to be together again as a happy and whole family. I will do whatever it takes or do whatever the court orders me to do to make this happen if only given the chance.

I am a disabled Vietnam veteran and have spent four years of my life to serve and protect my country. Now I need my country to help me by giving me a break and granting this probation. For I have learned my lesson well, after being locked up for 150 days and nights and losing my freedom, and not being able to work on a job like a man and being away from the ones who I love more than anything else in the world. When and if I'm granted probation, "shock" probation, or community supervision, I will have and show more respect for the law, the property and rights of others, and for the courts of this country. So I'm asking for a chance to prove myself to Your Honor, my family and to the people who have come forward and signed their names on this petition to show and say that they believe in me and support me and pray that the court will have mercy on me and grant me probation. For they know that I'm a good person and can be a good law-abiding citizen.

I am 41 years old now, and it's time for me to quit playing games with life and the laws of this great country. With this in mind I plan to better myself by doing something constructive with my life in a positive way for myself, family, and community now and in the future.

Thank you, Your Honor, for giving me this opportunity for letting me explain my feelings and good intentions. Now I will leave it in your hands, Your Honor. May the Lord bless and guide you in making a just and righteous decision, and pray that it will be the best for all of the lives that it will be affecting and helping. Thank you.

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Where's My Receipt?

(Before You Finish Reading This, Another Gang-related Shooting Will Have Occurred)

G-Vine/Capitol Punishment recording artist Dazzie Dee and super-producer Battlecat have just finished putting it down on Dazzie's debut release *Where's My Receipt?* Due out in February 22, the LP features guest appearances by platinum recording artists Ice Cube, Coolio and MC Chill of Compton's Most Wanted as well as contributions by K-Dee, Mix Master Spade and MC Squeak.

The first single from the LP, "Everybody Wants To Be A Gangsta," is due out December 95. Dazzie wrote the song to send a message to wannabee gangsta's that gang life, in Dazzie's words, "ain't no joke; just look around and peep the end result—it's either jail or death."

Dazzie did not waste his time on a generic rendition of gangsta fairy tales. His album speaks about the truth and pain of a brutal conflict between Crips & Bloods that has lasted over 25 years, claiming the lives of young men, women and children; and changing an entire generation in the process. Gang truce? There never was one, don't kid yourself.

Dazzie Dee and G-Vine Take Strides To Make A Positive Impact

Dazzie Dee and G-Vine Entertainment are in the process of developing community computer

learning centers, in an attempt to provide a brighter outlook to young people presently faced with gang life as their primary choice for survival. The centers will be set up within the communities of Compton, Watts and South Central, three communities where gang violence is most prevalent. Dazzie has well as every G-Vine artist) has committed to donate 10% of his earnings toward the creation of these computer learning centers.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS HELP FEED AREA NEEDY

The Dallas Urban League, Martin Luther King Jr. Center and Anheuser-Busch Companies provided food baskets during the Christmas holidays for more than 300 needy older adults in the local area. The holiday baskets contained food staples such as bread, rice, fruit and canned goods. Anheuser-Busch has supported the food basket program for more than nine years. Shown with the stuffed grocery bags (from left) are: George Harper, manager-seniors program, MLK Center; Shirley Walker, executive program director, Dallas Urban League; Mrs. Lloyd Tolliver, secretary, MLK Center; and Jerry Redo, special market manager, Ben E. Keith Beers Co.



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you want. For a fine place to eat authentic Mexican food in the same atmosphere, and with friendly service, the writers of this 1996 New Year's Business Review suggest that you go to TACO VILLAGE. We know you'll want to return many times.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in our first meeting of 1996 in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Peppers. What a blessing it was.

Devotional, song of praise, Scripture: 96 Psalms, by Sis. Elvora Jones. Prayer by Sis. Dorothy Nash.

Sis. Peppers was responsible for the morning scripture lesson. And the subject for the morning was: The Tabernacle.

Exodus chapters 25-31, God's Directions for Building the Tabernacle, 35-39 Instructions. And every thing, every color has special meaning. It was simply beautiful. I can't tell you, you will have to see and hear for yourself. Sis. Peppers is a dynamic Bible teacher, as most of you know. We were truly blessed to be in her home, and the topic for the morning was awesome.

Breakfast was served buffet style, with a lot of love, by this gracious host. We love you, Sis. Peppers.

Thought:

No person has to qualify by you, or earn their right to be loved. Your obligation and ours is to love them, period. "Pass it on"

Let's Pray:

Oh, God, thank you for your Word. It's alive and being manifested before our eyes every day. Thank you for your love and compassion in this new year. Give us new revelations of your purpose and will for our lives as a race, as a people. Please motivate our minds, to know there's hope for our people, and forgive us of our sins. Fill us with your Holy Spirit is our prayer, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Please write us, we would love to see you this year. Let's pray together, that's what we do. Don't look at your problem, but the solution to it. (It's in Jesus)

Write Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408.

Keep loving those unloveables out there. Remember, we walk by faith and not by sight.

President D. Hood, Vice President Christine Burleson, Secretary Ernestine Prazier.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith What A Love

Robert Ripley of "Believe It or Not" fame describes what he calls "the longest—and simplest—love letter." It was written by a Frenchman, Marcel de Lecture, in 1875 and addressed to Magdalene de Villaflore. The letter contained only one sentence—"I love you"—which was repeated 1,875,000 times, a thousand times for each year in the Christian calendar!

Ripley tells that Lecture did not write the letter personally, but hired a scribe to do the work. Instead of telling the writer to write the sentence 1,875,000 times, Lecture dictated the phrase and required the scribe to repeat it each time before he wrote it. So the phrase, "I love you," was said and written a total of 5,625,000 times! What a love.

Christians in particular know that speaking about love isn't enough. Our Father God, set the example by sacrificing His Son. And as we study the life of His Son, we realize that the one great motivating force

in His life was a yearning and a compassion for humanity. He came to this world when there was very little love shown. The cranny and cruelty of Roman rule had caused the Jewish people to become suspicious, hard, and surly. One of the leading philosophies of the day was Stoicism. It taught that people should restrain all human emotions, should harden themselves and never show their true feelings. This philosophy taught that the gods were incapable of feeling anything—so man should emulate them.

Into this kind of world came Jesus, demonstrating the love of God for mankind by all His actions. Jesus love still abounds today. He calls you and me forth to carry on this ministry of love and compassion. What a love!

If it is true that a picture is worth a thousand words in helping people grasp reality, how much is a kind and gracious deed worth in helping people to understand love and a world like we live in today.

Prison Ministry: Grace After the Third Strike

by Samuel Atchison

Legislation currently pending in Congress will, if enacted, require that an individual convicted of three violent crimes be sent to prison for life following his or her third conviction. Known colloquially as "Three strikes and you're out", the stipulation is the keystone of a much larger initiative being promoted by the Clinton administration.

Other provisions in the bill allow for increased funding for programs promoting drug treatment and prevention, boot camp style rehabilitation programs for youthful offenders, and the hiring of 100,000 police officers nationwide. Taken together the varied components of this omnibus crime bill are designed, in part, to enable the administration to appear tough on crime, while simultaneously tempering justice with mercy.

Yet, strangely missing from this dialogue is any mention of the role of the religious community, either in the development or implementation of preventive maintenance measures, or in providing service to a felon once he or she has "Struck out."

Ironically, however it is the clergy as much as any other constituency in society, who should be consulted on the issue of crime and punishment. Why? Because more than any other approach, religious programs work.

Moreover, an increasing number of secular authorities—including Ronald J. Sider and Heidi Rolland, of the Washington based Center for Public Justice, and William Raspberry, the Pulitzer Prize winning urban affairs columnist of the Washington Post—are recognizing that the key factor in the success of such programs is the element of faith in changing a person's character.

Contrary to popular belief, faith-based programs are not based on "Pie-in-the-sky" ideals, but on principles that are rooted in reality. To the extent that these principles are applied within the lives of criminals, positive results can occur.

Prison ministry programs, for example, often prove invaluable by enabling inmates to face the reality and consequences of their crimes. Because the concept of sin is very real to the average prisoner, a chaplain will often prove very effective in challenging the inmate to examine his or her habits, motives, and values, in light of a higher, indeed divine, standard. In this way, forgiveness, redemption, restoration (and often restitution) serve as building blocks through which the

individual's life can be changed.

A case-in-point is the Rev. Leroy Holmes. Twenty-five years ago, Holmes was an inmate at Rahway State Prison in New Jersey, serving time for a homicide conviction. As a result of a religious service held at the prison, he became convinced of his need for a relationship with God and became a committed Christian.

Upon his release from prison, he continued to practice his new faith, with the assistance of a community of fellow believers. In due course, he answered the call to the ministry and began working as a volunteer prison chaplain. Today, he is the Executive Director of the Community Network, an organization of chaplains, parish pastors and concerned laypersons, which provides a variety of services to ex-offenders and their families.

Were it not for the efforts of committed believers, the testimonies of people like Leroy Holmes would not exist. Such persons run programs which, though often poorly funded, dispense services that budgets don't cover.

They provide the last line of defense for the poor, the homeless, the infirm and the imprisoned. Without them, society's outcasts would never come to bat.



We Thank God for Jesus THE DOG AND HIS OWN VOMIT!!!

Proverbs 26:11, As A DOG returneth to HIS VOMIT, so a FOOL returneth to HIS FOLLY (FOOLISHLY).

LORD, I've met this man, and he is EVER SO SWEET, LOVING, AND ALWAYS KIND, All my FRIENDS AND FAMILY, and CHURCH MEMBERS, SAY MARRY HIM; IT'LL WORK OUT FINE.

Proverbs 3:5, 6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; and lean not unto THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. In ALL thy WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE (SEEK) HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

But I ASKED BROTHER MORRISON, WHAT AND HOW DID HE BELIEVE, HE SAID: I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD LET IN; AND LET HIM LEAD.

He told ME this MARRIAGE, IS NOT OF GOD; AND IT SHOULDN'T BE, BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TELLS US; NOT TO MARRY; THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Be ye not unequally YOKED TOGETHER (MARRIED); for what fellowship hath RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH UNRIGHTEOUSNESS? and what communion hath LIGHT WITH DARKNESS? And what CONCORD (AGREEMENT) HATH CHRIST WITH BELIAL? OR WHAT PART HATH THAT BELIEVETH WITH AN INFIDEL (UNBELIEVERS) And what AGREEMENT HATH THE TEMPLE OF GOD WITH IDOLS? for you are THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; AS GOD HATH SAID, I WILL DWELL IN THEM; AND WALK IN THEM; AND I will be their GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

But I told BROTHER MORRISON: HE'S A GOOD MAN; AND SWEET AS CAN BE, I'M MARRYING THIS MAN; AND I'M GOING TO BRING HIM TO JESUS!

John 12:32 JESUS SAID; And I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, I WILL DRAW (I WILL DRAW; NOT YOU!) ALL MEN UNTO ME.

We've been MARRIED THREE MONTHS NOW, THINGS HAVE CHANGED, I'M IN MISERIES, LORD; I LAY AWAKE MANY NIGHTS WONDERING, HOW DID HE GET HOOKED UP WITH ME.

I DID THINK THAT I COULD SAVE THIS WORLDLY, UN-godly MAN, HE'S NOW MY WORSE TROUBLES; THAT I HAVE EVER HAD ON MY HANDS.

♦♦♦♦♦ WILL THE UN-godly ROB GOD??? ♦♦♦♦♦

I BEGAN TO SEE SMALL MARKS, IN THE BEND OF EACH OF HIS ARMS, I THEN PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER; THAT'S WHY OUR BANK ACCOUNT IS GONE. AND SOME NIGHTS I BE PRAYING, DOWN ON MY KNEES, HE'LL COME UP BEHIND, CURSING, HOLLERING AND KICKING ME.

Proverbs 29:9, If a wise man contendeth with A FOOLISH MAN, whether HE RAGE (VIOLENT) OR LAUGH, THERE IS NO REST.

HE JUMPS AND STOMPS ON MY BIBLES; AND HIDES THEM FROM ME, LORD, MANY TIMES I ASK MYSELF, THIS IS A DREAM; THIS JUST CAN'T BE.

Romans 3:14-18, Whose mouth is FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS; Their feet are swift TO SHED BLOOD; Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the WAY OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN; THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.

LORD, I WENT TO THE PREACHER; SEEKING UNDERSTANDING, PRAYER, AND HELP. HE TOLD ME HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INTO OUR PROBLEMS; WORK THEM OUT YOURSELVES.

Jeremiah 23:1, 2a, WOE be unto the PASTORS that DESTROY AND SCATTER THE SHEEP OF MY PASTURE! SAITH THE LORD. Therefore thus SAITH THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL against the PASTORS THAT FEED MY PEOPLE; Ye have SCATTERED MY FLOCK, AND HAVE DRIVEN THEM AWAY, AND HAVE NOT VISITED THEM.

LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME, I'M BACK SLIDING INTO THE WORLD OF SIN, I HOPE AND PRAY; THAT I CAN MAKE IT BACK TO YOU, BEFORE MY LIFE ENDS.

MY MOUTH IS NOW SO FILTHY; I NOW DRINK, LIKE A TRAIN I DO SMOKE, LORD, I'M NOW HOOKED ON THAT CRACK; THAT COCAINE DOPE.

2 Peter 2:11, 22, For it had been better for them not to have known THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS than, after they have known it, TO TURN FROM THE HOLY COMMANDMENT DELIVERED UNTO THEM. But it is happened unto them according to THE TRUE PROVERB, THE DOG IS TURNED TO HIS OWN VOMIT AGAIN; AND THE SOW (HOG) THAT WAS WASHED TO HER WALLOWING IN THE MIRE (MUD).

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Army & Air Force Hometown News

Tony Martinez has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Martinez, a 1994 graduate of Lubbock High School, will report to Fort Knox, Ky., for military basic training January 26, 1996.

He is the son of Joe and Mary B. Martinez of 1617 Zenith, Lubbock.

Army Pfc. Kelly M. Beal has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments.

He also received the Expert Infantry Badge. This is the Army's highest non-combat proficiency award for infantrymen. Seventeen specific infantry skills are covered in the testing including rifle marksmanship, hand grenades, antitank weapons, first aid, military intelligence, signal communications, and a 12-mile road march with full combat gear completes the test.

Beal, an indirect-fire infantryman at Fort Benning, Ga., is the son of Homer R. Beal of 3000 N. Garfield St. Midland, and Cynthia A. Beal of 3806 43rd St., Lubbock.

The private is a 1989 graduate of Caprock High School, Amarillo.

Tina L. Timms has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

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Timms, a 1994 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Lubbock, will enter basic training at Fort McClellan,

Ala., February 20, 1996.

She is the daughter of Arnold O. and Joyce M. Mavis of Rural Route 1, Lubbock.

Shannon L. Ledbetter has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

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Ledbetter, a senior at Coronado High School, Lubbock, will enter basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., June 5, 1996.

He is the son of Kathleen Taylor and stepson of Barry Taylor of 9607 Colton Ave., Lubbock.

Army Pvt. Michael A. Adkins has completed the chaplain assistant course at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, N.J.

The group-paced course stressed religious support, development of interpersonal skills, unit ministry support to soldiers and family members, provided for services in a battlefield environment and battle fatigue casualty care.

Religious support classes not only taught students to prepare altars for Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Orthodox services, but stressed the importance of knowing about these and other faith groups represented in the Army.

Adkins is the son of Jim G. and Andrea J. Adkins of 4214 54th St., Lubbock.

He graduated in 1995 from Monterey High School, Lubbock.

Air Force Lt. Col. Brent J. Falkenberg has assumed command of the 97th Training Squadron, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

Falkenberg is the son of Irving K. and Beverly J. Falkenberg of 11611 E. 17th, Spokane, Wash.

His wife, Nancy, is the daughter of Armando and Mally Cantu of 4315 56th, Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1974 graduate of University High School, Spokane, and a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. The colonel received his master's degree in 1982 from Gonzaga University, Spokane.

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