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## National Scene

### Top Aide To New Newark's Mayor Is Indicted On Bribe Charges

A federal grand jury judge has charged Newark (N.J.) Mayor Sharpe James' closest aide with accepting bribes in exchange for city contracts. He is the highest-ranking official to be indicted in the two-year investigation into corruption in Newark. Federal prosecutors said Jackie R. Mattison, Mayor James' chief of staff, conspired with a Millburn, N.J. insurance broker to steer city contracts to two insurance companies. Prosecutors say the broker, who was also charged in the indictment, paid Mattison more than \$17,000 between 1990 and 1994. Last November, federal agents raided Mattison's residence and found \$15,000 in cash hidden under the floorboards. The house belonged to Mattison's girlfriend, who was cited in the indictment but not charged. Agents also searched Mattison's office at City Hall, which is steps away from the mayor's office.

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### Black And White Marriage On Capital Hill

African-American television host Janet Langhart and Maine Senator William Cohen recently tied the knot before 160 Washington, D.C. movers and shakers. Among the guests were a clutch of senators, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, Colin Powell and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan. The bride stated she would continue to keep the name "Langhart" on the air.

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### Two Louisiana Nightclubs Agree To Open Doors To Blacks

A Louisiana nightclub that was sued for refusing to admit an African-American prosecutor and a bar that denied service to an African-American teacher each have agreed to end their racial discriminatory practices. In two agreements reached with the Justice Department, the owners of La Pousiere in beaux Broussard and the C'est Ma Vie Lounge in Broussard admitted to unlawfully refusing to serve African Americans. U.S. Justice Department investigators had sent teams of whites and blacks to the clubs and witnessed the admittance of the white testers and the turning away of the African Americans. "While most bars and nightclubs in this area serve people regardless of their skin color, unfortunately some do not," said Michael D. Skinner, U.S. Attorney in Lafayette.

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### People Of Color Highest Incidence Of Poverty

People of color represent 42 percent of America's uninsured population African Americans, Latinos, Asian Pacific Islanders and Native American/Alaskan Natives, respectively account for 24.3%, 15.35, 2.2% and 9% of Medicaid recipients in the U.S. Women are the overwhelming majority of Medicaid recipients, accounting for 57% of the 31.2 million recipients in 1992.

## LOCKING UP CHILDREN AND THROWING AWAY THE KEY

by Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson



We were all shocked more than a year ago by the story of Eric Morse, the five year old child killed by two older boys, one ten and one eleven years old, who threw Eric out the window of their Chicago housing project when he refused to steal candy for them. We were shocked by the reality of children killing children.

Now we should be shocked by the sentences which the two older boys received and what it says about us as a nation. The younger boy becomes the youngest child locked up in a maximum security juvenile prison in the country. The older is also headed for prison.

Both of these boys are living, breathing examples of what happens when parents and all the institutions of society fail children. Both are living, breathing examples of what happens to children who do not know love at home and do not find caring in schools, social agencies or the criminal justice system. Both show us what happens when little children "fall between the cracks."

The younger boy has an I.Q. somewhere around 60. The older child failed every subject in the fourth grade, only to be passed on to the fifth grade by a system that had to know he was in trouble. Often a runaway, he had been picked up by police before but he had never been seen by a social worker. His father is also imprisoned. Both boys lived most of their lives in the Ida B. Wells housing project, one of the nation's toughest.

Before this horrible case appeared in the nation's headlines children under 13 could not be sent to prison under Illinois law. Now that has changed so that children as young as 10 can be locked up in Illinois. It's a trend that is being followed in state after state. Said Jay Hoffman, an Illinois state legislator, "... That's my sense of what the public very much wants."

Like much of the national debate around crime in this nation, public emotion and sentiment are often used as the rationale for get tough laws. Make no mistake about it. The murder of a five year old is a heinous crime. But it was a crime committed by children, no matter how angry or defiant or hardened they may seem to be.

Indeed, much of the debate around these two child murderers centers around whether punishment or treatment should receive priority. The judge in their case seems to have weighed in on the side of punishment. But those who are studying children and violence believe that while they should be punished, that intensive psychiatric care and old-fashioned nurturing must be a significant part of what happens to them if they are to change.

Moreover, the same laws which imprison ten year olds also mandate that the children must be freed by the time they turn 21. As Dr. Bruce Perry, a psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said, "These children have to get out of prison eventually. And when they do, if they haven't received intensive treatment and help, they will be the most remorseless, angry and skilled predators imaginable. What else can we expect of someone who has grown up in prison?"

The boys lawyers fear that they will end up in prison with 200 or more inmates and one part-time psychiatrist, guaranteeing that they will receive little help. Said Michelle Kaplan, the lawyer for the 13 year old in a recent New York Times interview, "There's this history leading up to this child being in crisis and no one has ever intervened. Now the system has finally intervened and they want to throw him away."

We're in trouble in this country. A nation where children are killing children must deal with what has created murderers out of children. A nation that locks up its young and throws away the key can only create more murderers and more Eric Morses.

## Wheatley's Winners



Groups of Wheatley Tigers traveled to Hunt Elementary to compete in this year's African-American History Bowl. Top, left to right: Joe Shaw, JoBroderick Hawkins, Kelby Thomas, Tizoc Strong, Glenn Hooper, Laqueena Harrison; bottom, left to right, Omar Jones, Alan Snell, Artemus Tennison, Billy Stiggers, Genye Horton, Andrea Favors. Their coaches are Ms. Louvier and Mr. Agnes. They began months ago preparing for this event.

Payoff came when Tizoc Strong, Omar Jones & Artemus Tennison walked away with 1st place. The 4th place position was snatched by Alan Snell, Billy Stiggers and Joe Shaw.

## Adopt-A-Beach Now A Texas Tradition, Mauro Says

GALVESTON—Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced that Texans will celebrate a decade of clean Texas beaches with an unprecedented linking of hands, dubbed Palms Across the Coast, during the Adopt-A-Beach cleanup.

Mauro also announced a special commemorative poster showcasing pictures drawn by 100 Texas school children will be produced in conjunction with the celebration of 10 years of Adopt-A-Beach cleanups, saying that the General Land Office program will live long beyond his tenure in office.

"Texas beaches are too important to let the 10th anniversary of Texas Adopt-A-Beach pass without an unprecedented celebration that commemorates this first decade of cleanups," Mauro said at a Galveston news conference, "and honors the volunteers who have made this program a long-standing Texas tradition." He has scheduled news conferences along the coast to kick off preparations for the spring beach cleanup April 27 and launch a state-wide tour touting the successful program and its benefits to the

coastal environment and the Texas economy.

"You've all heard me talk about the reasons that 157,000 volunteers have for picking up 3,200 tons of trash over a decade from Texas beaches—the economy and jobs, protecting wildlife from dangerous debris, a good excuse to go to the beach, or just because it flat looks bad," Mauro said, citing statistics that coastal tourism brings \$7 billion a year and commercial fishing \$2 billion to the coast.

"Those are a few of the reasons why Adopt-A-Beach started big and is only getting bigger—and why some 40 states and territories and 70 other countries have modeled their programs after Texas Adopt-A-Beach," he said.

On the morning of the cleanup, every Adopt-A-Beach volunteer will pause in their work to join hands in a symbolic show of support for clean Texas beaches and shores, Mauro said. "We call it 'Palms Across the Coast', and we're hoping to see a strong, symbolic chain on the accessible beaches from Beaumont to Brownsville."

## As the March Winds Blow, So Does the Dope Flow!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Let the four winds blow, so does the drugs flow. One of the flows we are so upset about is the flow just down the street from our office, where they appear to be running a drive-in between the two houses. Come and go all day, across the street from a day care and down the street from another on Globe. What a shame.

This week we have some more poison peddlers, alleged dopers, destroying our kids. Here they are. The most bothersome thing is the revolving door. Since these pictures were taken, some of these alleged drug peddlers have been in 3 or 4 times. What a shame!! Stop selling, you won't get caught. Stop getting caught, we won't have your photos to run. Think about it. Get a job!



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## Ruby Jay's Corner

Sunday, March 10, 1996.

New Hope Church Service, Sunday School 9:30 a.m. this being Youth Day. Bro. Isaac Sklef presiding as Superintendent. 10:15 reassemble. Song, "Yield Not to Temptation." High point, Intermediate Class. Very good. Sis. Brenda Gipson, teacher. Secretary's Report: Juniors—Offering, Attendance, Intermediate tie. Adult class, No. 1 Men, Attendance banner. They lost Offering to No. 4. Two visitors in Sunday school.

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Morning service, youth presiding. Altar prayer by Rev. Jeff Brown. Scripture and prayer. Youth, song "I Am Persuaded." Responsive. Morning hymn: "Keep Me Every Day." Pastoral observations. Song: "I Can't Turn Around." Hymn for preparation: "Three Sisters... The Blood." Mighty good sermon, titled "Be Encouraged, God is In Control." Holy Spirit was in New Hope. Sermon text: II Kings 2:8-23. No matter how you felt Sunday morning, you know how you felt where service was over. The message youth choir sang out of their soul. God bless you children, keep up the good

work. God is smiling on you.

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Rev. Jeff Brown's parents were visitors in the morning service, from Dallas, TX. Good to see Bro. Howard and Sis. Kendrick at services Sunday.

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Keep praying for the shut-ins. Bereaved families: Dorothy Diamond, Roberta Allen attended their brother's funeral in Greenville, TX last Saturday. You are in our prayers.

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New Hope were guests at St. John Baptist Church Sunday at 3:00 p.m. for Family & Friends Day, and the service was great. The musical was everything you could ask for. 7:00 at New Hope, Sis. Spivey, Gospel soloist. She is a sister of Elnora Dyer. Another sister was present.

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The Church Anniversary will again be Sunday, March 17th. This is New Hope's 70th Church Anniversary. Come and bring your purse. April 21st will close it out. Rev. S.C. Nash, pastor of Mt. Tabor Church, Dallas, will close out the anniversary.



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## Total

Total describes the sum of three distinct personalities, attitudes and vocal styles. Pam, Kima and Keisha are three fiercely independent young women who together, form the femme fatale group Total. The talented trio was discovered by hip-hop's super-producer Sean "Puffy" Combs three years ago and they have been busy making a name for themselves ever since.

In an industry cluttered with female groups and failed debuts, these three girls from New Jersey have risen to the forefront to claim their spot on the charts. Total took the music scene by storm with their Gold smash hit, "Can't You See" featured on the *New Jersey Drive* motion picture soundtrack; a national tour with Jodeci, Mary J. Blige & The Bad Boy Family; singing back-up vocals for two tracks on Notorious B.I.G.'s double platinum-certified album, *Ready To Die*; and a cameo appearance in Eric Sermon's video "Hit and Switches", have all fueled their eagerly anticipated self-titled debut album.

The pressure was on for Total to follow up on their gold-selling single with a slammmin' album. "We were taking our time, making sure everything was right and that we were satisfied," says Keisha. "It is worth the wait." Working with producers such as Raphael Saddiq (of Tone Toni Tony fame), Jean-Claude "Poke" Olivier, Herb Middleton and Sean "Puffy" Combs, Total clearly puts to rest any notion that they are one hit wonders. Actor Omar Epps (star of *Juice* and *Higher Learning*) takes a break from the big screen to produce the song "Tell Me", a tune particularly special to the group since Keisha and Epps are best friends.

"When you hear our music, you can't help but feel the attitude within us. In a word, it is soulfulhiphophghettofunk", explains Pam. Describing their approach to music Keisha adds, "Our attitude and music are a combination of all of our life experiences—both the good ones and the bad ones." It is apparent that the three share a strong sisterly bond. Keisha and Kima have known each other since the ninth grade. Keisha finally persuaded Kima, who was on her way to cosmetology school, to join her in pursuing music as a career. The two met Pam and the blend was pure magic.

While the CD is mostly on a mid-tempo vibe, the chemistry between these three ladies can be felt in each note they deliver, something Puffy noticed right away when they first sang for him three years ago. "After we sang for him, he acted like he didn't even like us, then he called to say he wanted to sign us," says Pam.

The group didn't get their chance until two years later after Puffy left Uptown Records and launched his own label, Bad Boy Entertainment. "I'm glad everything took a long time because it gave us time to grow and get to learn the business," says Kima.

"Total is really made up of three lead singers, and each one can hold her own," says Combs. "They have an incredible rapport with each other in the studio which comes across in their music. As far as their image, Total reintroduces the notion of bad girls who don't have to solely rely on sensual appeal to get a point across."

Total says thus far they have learned a great deal and plan to get involved in different aspects of the entertainment industry. Keisha says hopefully, "We want to start our own label, management and production company and I definitely want to get into acting."

The Bad Girls of Bad Boy have already shown that they can get you on your feet. Their mission is now to keep you there; en toto.

### Honoring Black History Every Month of the Year National Trust Spotlights Heroes of Preservation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Black History Month is a time for all Americans, especially African Americans, to pause and reflect on those citizens of African descent who have made significant contributions to their communities and country. The National Trust for Historic Preservation would like to spotlight a few of the outstanding Americans who celebrate African-American history every day of the year as our "Heroes of Preservation."

These heroes are part of a growing number of African-Americans who are honoring their long undervalued heritage by preserving and sharing it. In the process they are expanding the meaning of historic preservation and bringing new life into their communities, not just saving old buildings and sites but also empowering neighborhoods socially and economically.

Hailing from every corner of the country, from Florida to California, these heroes are tackling projects as diverse as the African-American experience itself. Floyd Bulter of Chicago, a former professional football player, now a history teacher, founded and runs an organization for kids that emphasizes the positive history of their African-American community while restoring its historic homes. N.Y. Nathiri is shining light on one prominent African-American writer, Zora Neale Hurston, a star of the Harlem Renaissance. Ma'Ynee Betsch is fighting against the corporate entity that's voraciously eating up the land of her African-American-founded community. Once Stanley Lowe recognized the significance of the historic homes in his Pittsburgh neighborhood, he stopped advocating their demolition and transformed the face of Steeltown.

"Preservation helps ensure that we don't erase marks left on our national landscape by the many people who have helped shape it," says Richard Moe, president of the National Trust. "These extraordinary people are saving important pieces of our rich African-American heritage."

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by Congress in 1949, is a non-profit organization with over 250,000 members. As the leader of the preservation movement, it is committed to saving America's diverse historic environments and to preserving and revitalizing the livability of communities nationwide. It has seven regional offices, owns historic sites across the nation and works with thousands of local community groups in all 50 states.



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## Obituary

### LONGTIME LUBBOCK EDUCATOR SUCCUMBS: JOE W. PHEA



FINAL rites were read Tuesday afternoon, March 7, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Clarence Weatherspoon, pastor of the Carter Chapel CME Church, officiating, Joe Phea, Sr., a longtime educator.

Interment was held in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry.

Pallbearers were Clarence Priestly, D.C. Fair, Jr., Louis Kelly, Lonnie Jackson, Don Jones, Homer Norville, Leslie Cross, and Andrew Nunn.

Honorary pallbearers were Prentis Williams, John Evans, Arthur Jones, Leon Bunton, Corlandus Lang, Albert Lincoln, Anthony Hall, Bobby Thomas, D.C. Kinner and Damon Hill. Also, Stewards of the Church.

Mr. Phea was born in Bonham, Texas December 30, 1924. He was the oldest son Mattie and Theodore Phea Sr.

He attended public school in Bonham. After graduation from Washington High School, he attended Texas college in Tyler, Texas. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1944. He received a medical discharge in 1945, and returned to Texas College where he graduated in 1951.

He married Mae M. Maddrey March 1, 1951. Their union was blessed with one son, Joe, Jr.

An educator, he began his teaching career in Detroit, Texas. He moved to Lubbock, Texas September, 1953. He taught in the Lubbock Independent School District for 35 years. He retired in 1986.

Mr. Phea was involved in many community and civic activities. He was a member of the Hub City Kiwanis and Omega Psi Phi Prathering, Inc. He served on the board of advisors of Planned Parenthood, Family Outreach, and was a member of Carter Chapel CME Church. He served as an usher and a member of the Steward Board at his church.

He is survived by his wife, Mae; two sons, Quinton of Atlanta, Georgia and Joe Phea Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; two nieces, Dr. Theodora P. Pinnock of Nashville, Tennessee and Esq. Angela Phea of Houston, Texas; three nephews, Alvin Chatman and Gregory Phea, both of Lubbock, Texas and Sgt. Michael Chatman of Oklahoma; four grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

His mother, father, and two brothers preceded him in death.

The family suggest memorials to the American Heart Association and Carter Chapel Building Fund.

## Ebony Fashion Fair Set Here

The 38th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair will appear in Lubbock at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater at 8:00 p.m. on March 26th. This famed traveling fashion show is produced by Ebony Magazine and sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the benefit of the Luella Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund.

More than 200 exquisite garments from the exclusive collections of Bill Blass, Christian Dior, Emanuel Ungaro, Nina Ricci and others will be featured. 10 female and 2 male models will exhibit every phase of fashion from swimwear to after 5 and bridal fashions. These famed models not only exhibit their skills on the runway but treat the audience to an evening filled with a variety of songs, dance routines and skits, all to the background music of a live band led by Broadway pianist Theodis Rodgers.

Don't miss this evening of fine entertainment. Call 794-1256 for ticket information.

### DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF YOUTH



—SEATTLE, WASH.—Kent Amos, second from left, President and Founder of the Urban Family Institute, tells members of the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners why African American youth need the guidance of their elders now more than ever. With him at the Coalition's recent conference here were: Lou R. Philips, left, Managing Director, Urban and Community Relations, American Airlines, Inc.; Sandra Henderson, Assistant Meeting Manager, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and Karl Hartfield, Associate Director of Sales, Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau. Amos encouraged Coalition members to assume an active role in mentoring and guiding African American youth. "It will take all of our efforts, on a day-to-day basis, to make a difference in the lives of those who are dying," Amos said.

## House Speaker Laney Calls for Expanded Study of Improving Health Care Access for Children

AUSTIN—Texas House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney today expanded the interim charge to the House Public Health Committee chaired by Representative Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, to include a study of improving health care access for children. The announcement was made during a press conference in Austin that included Chairman Berlanga; Dr. David R. Smith, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Health; and Dr. Mike McKinney, Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"Texas has the second largest population of children in the country and the highest percentage of its total population under age 18," wrote Speaker Laney in his charge to the committee. "Tragically, 1.2 million children have no private health insurance or Medicaid coverage. These realities point to the pressing need for a comprehensive review of health care options for Texas children, their families and employers."

Texas children account for one in 10 of all uninsured children in the United States. Children from birth through age 18 make up more than 35 percent of the uninsured population within the state.

Noting that healthy children do better in school and in life, Representative Berlanga pointed out that nearly one and a quarter million children in Texas have no health insurance coverage. "Their families, however, are not necessarily the poorest residents of the state," Representative Berlanga said. "Rather they are the children down the block, next-door neighbors and kids whose parents work hard for a living."

Approximately 23 percent of uninsured children come from families with at least one parent who is insured. "What their parents are finding today is that health care coverage is more expensive, is harder to get and often covers a lot less than they expect," said Representative Berlanga. Problems include extremely high deductibles, insurance coverage only to workers and not their dependents and parents who hold two or more jobs but are not eligible for insurance coverage.

"When children are sick, when their health problems go unnoticed or

untreated, when preventable diseases and accidents interrupt development, their capacity to learn slows or stops altogether," Representative Berlanga noted. "We begin to see children falling behind in class, missing out on important learning opportunities and even failing to graduate," he said. "The costs of these problems—to individuals and to Texas—are staggering."

Dr. Smith emphasized that the problems faced by children who have limited access to medical coverage can be tracked and the outcomes calculated and measured.

"We know that uninsured children in Texas are five times as likely as insured children to use the emergency room as the chief source of care," Dr. Smith said. "We know that children with high lead levels in their systems can show a reduction in their IQ, as can those children with iron deficiency. We know that children are being sent to school unprepared to learn because of chronic or preventable illnesses."

The bottom line, he said, is that "unhealthy children cannot grow into healthy adults," emphasizing that businesses will need a well-trained, well-educated, healthy work force in the future.

"The attention of Speaker Laney to this important issue of children's access to health care is greatly appreciated," Dr. Smith said.

All the participants in the press conference emphasized the need for a partnership of private, public and governmental groups with strong input from employers and insurers. Since the state must fund its programs within a limited budget, Speaker Laney has asked the committee to ensure the recommendations have no fiscal implications for the state.

"Improving children's access to health care means that businesses, especially small businesses, gain a healthier, better educated work force," Representative Berlanga said. "Communities get pressing needs met in a well planned way, families realize a new security and the state attracts businesses and jobs."

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## IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Our society is becoming more complex with each passing day and with each new bit of technology which is introduced into society. Technology has thrust us into a world community of international knowledge and problems. Many of us still confine ourselves to our own little world in our local neighborhoods. 'On line' means standing on a line; 'internet' means one net within another; 'a byte' is 'bite' spelled in 'new speak'; a 'mouse' is that little animal for which we bought a trap last week. 'Keyboards' used to be found on pianos, organs and typewriters. They are all obsolete now. Only the keyboard is important. Synthesizers do the job in a hundredth of the space previously allotted to the aforementioned mechanisms. Some people even believe they are more efficient. Time will tell.

As important as technology is and as dangerous as it can be, in the wrong hands, it behooves us all to find out as much as we can

about it. Too many of us are not aware of the dangers lurking in all of the new technology. We need to know! There are schools where we can learn.

Too many students leave school each day about as unlearned as they were upon entry. It is not until they try to find employment that they find out that, "They don't know nothing!" They have spent time in school being the best 'hip hopper' or 'gangbanger,' not a good student. Consequently, no job is forthcoming. The moment of truth then arrives. One must decide to GO BACK TO SCHOOL and learn what was missed or take the low road to crime.

It is time that 'the whole village' get 'in cinque' to keep our young people in school and encourage our older people to return to school in order to become and remain productive citizens in today's society.

## USE YER HEAD WHEN USING ALCOHOL

# Violence in Our Schools

The Modern war-zone of education continues to fill headlines, continues to beg a solution, but only continues to worsen as illiteracy rates climb and violence and drugs become the standard lessons of the day. The classroom has become an environment filled with violence, kids killing themselves, weapons in homeroom, police on campus, and metal detector searches of elementary school students.

The future of this planet will one day rest in the hands of our children. Whether those hands wield the tools of violence or tools of peace largely depends on the education we provide today.

Currently, quality education is more important than at any other period in history. Third World countries struggle to provide a modern education; the Western world strives to find a solution; pundits clamor and experts wail, but still modern education suffers, on the brink of total failure. It would not be an over statement to say that we are in a state of scholastic cardiac arrest.

The conditions leading up to this crisis are well documented.

"Our Nation is at risk. Our once unchallenged preeminence in commerce, industry, science and technological innovation is being overtaken by competitors throughout the world.... If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war."

These words prefaced the U.S. National Commission on Excellence in Education's report, "A Nation At Risk," and sent shockwaves throughout the country in the early 1980's.

A well-founded, wide-scale panic followed. America's educational decline, evident in falling SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores and high functional illiteracy rates, forewarned of America's demise as an industrial nation.

Unless educational excellence were rapidly restored—and then driven to even higher levels—America's future would be bleak.

The rest of the decade saw what was probably the most extensive drive in history to immediately improve the quality of education in a nation. Roughly 40 states raised high school graduation requirements. In 19 states, students now have to pass a test to receive diplomas. Forty-six states mandated competency tests for new teachers while 23 created alternate routes for teachers certification. Teacher salaries increased an average of more than twice the rate of inflation.

The result was that for three years, American SAT scores only increased slightly. But then they levelled off again, still very far from a return to 1950 and 1960 levels.

Former American Education Secretary William Bennett stated after five years of extensive reform efforts, "We're not where we should be.... We are still at risk."

"One has only to read old debates in the congressional Record or scan the books published in the 1800's to realize that our ancestors of a century ago commanded a use of the language far superior to our own," wrote educational author Paolo Lioni. "The high school graduate of 1890 was an educated person, fluent in his language, history and culture, possessing the skills he needs in order to succeed."

It is doubtful if more than a very small minority of today's high school graduates could even pass the elementary school exams of a century ago.

The results is a population of disgruntled students, rebelling against the system that is falling them.

The National Education Association, for instance, tells us as many as 100,000 students tote guns to class every day. And teaching is rapidly becoming a high-risk profession. Daily, 6,250 teachers are threatened with injury and 260 are actually assaulted by students.

Juveniles now account for 17% of all violent crime arrests. Juvenile arrests for murder increased by 85% between 1987 and 1991. And the Justice Department estimates that each year,

nearly a million young people between 12 and 19 are raped, robbed or assaulted, frequently by their peers.

Mediocrity is no longer the most troubling factor in our schools. Now it is the attendant violence that threatens to destroy our national future, and indeed our heritage as human beings.

### EDUCATION AND CRIME

The close connection between poor educational instruction and the epidemic of crime that has seized America and much of the Western world cannot be overlooked.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 85% of juvenile offenders have serious trouble reading. As well, 60% of prison inmates are illiterate. In other words, the majority of those perpetrating the dangerous conditions in our schools—and in our increasingly violent streets—are the very people that our educational system is failing most.

Fundamental reform in the entirety of the modern educational system appears mandatory.

There is no shortage of ideas or theories on how this reform can be accomplished. We are often led to believe that all it will take is money.

However, when many of these theories and ideas are put into practice, sometimes at the cost of many millions of dollars, they seem to create as many new problems as they solve old ones. Or worse, they solve nothing.

In America, for instance, get-tough retention policies and added graduation requirements appear to have raised, rather than lowered, the school dropout rate in a number of cities. The President of the American Federation of Teachers, among others, argues that such recent reforms have failed to help struggling students. "It's ridiculous to raise the hurdle for kids who are unable to jump in the first place," he said.

Many charter schools are currently revamping their curriculums in an attempt to haphazardly discover some new way to get and hold the attention of their students. But these new and sometimes desperate programs, if well-intentioned, still miss the fundamental error in the current educational breakdown.

Even in many professionally run literacy programs, roughly half drop out before completing a program. And of the people who do manage to finish such literacy courses, according to the Institute for Corporate Education in New York, about half "lapse back into illiteracy soon after their graduation." In other words, many of these programs do not work.

A sincere desire for educational improvement is not enough. Bigger educational budgets are not necessarily the answer. And simply raising graduation requirements or seeking to attract more qualified teachers have not restored educational effectiveness.

To make quality education a reality for all, to genuinely provide schooling that meets the demands of our fast paced, rapidly changing world, we desperately need a new cost-effective solution to this educational crisis, a solution that actually works.

### A BREAKTHROUGH IN EDUCATION

There is hope. The failing attempts to reform and improve education in the last decade highlighted one vital question that lies at the heart of any honest evaluation of the educational debacle. With so much attention on improving the quality of education, with so many billions of dollars spent each year to remedy educational failures, just why has there been so little improvement?

There is an answer. Quite simply, most of these efforts have been directed at solving the wrong problems, and not addressed themselves to the fundamental basic that underlies all education.

At the root of many educational failures lies a fundamental situation that has been almost universally overlooked.

Students have never learned how to learn. This is the vital missing step between basic literacy and the ability to study and understand any subject. Knowing how to learn is fundamental to

learning any subject.

We are not talking about gimmicks or memory methods, cribbing techniques or note-taking systems. What we are talking about here is an exact, precise way to go about learning any and every subject, one that ensures each student fully grasps what he or she is studying and can proficiently apply this knowledge or skill in work and in life.

L. Ron Hubbard, American author and humanitarian, recognized the failings of modern education and training many years before education horror stories began to make newspaper headlines around the world.

Mr. Hubbard began to research the field of education, and after much active investigation, made several major breakthroughs. This development which teaches anyone to effectively learn was named simply "Study Technology".

It was the first time a full handling was discovered for the barriers which stood in the road to complete understanding, and thus true learning. Study Technology handles the missing step. It makes comprehension readily available by isolating every barrier to learning, and by giving easy solutions for every barrier.

### RESULTS

Study Technology's results are unprecedented and are being recognized the world over as a revolutionary breakthrough in the field of education.

And it is an interesting observation that when intensive programs using the Study Technology handle the basic obstacles to literacy, the problems of violence and crime soon vanish. This claim may appear to be fantastic, but is in fact grounded in over 20 years of monitoring the Study Technology and its successes across the world.

For instance, one sixteen year old, who had been involved in gangs in Florida, could not even add 1 + 2 when he walked in the door of one of the World Literacy Crusade programs. He was reading at 2nd Grade level. Today, not only is he doing arithmetic and reading, but he is actually working as a volunteer tutor, helping other youngsters to learn and read. He is no longer a criminal.

The Study Technology has been applied in forums as varied as colleges and jails, businesses and homeless shelters. One for one, the individuals not only learn to overcome their barriers to study, but they also learn to make their own way, and to regain their dignity and ability. And because of this, they cast off their lives of crime.

The Study Technology, as an effective tool for learning, is provided through the international organization of Applied Scholastics. Applied Scholastics International, headquartered in Los Angeles, California, is a non-profit, public benefit organization that licenses groups such as the World Literacy Crusade, the Delphi Schools and others who utilize this breakthrough in education.

Reverend Alfreddie Johnson of the World Literacy Crusade had this to say about the relationship of the failure in education to the rampant violence and crime: "We found that underneath all the gang violence, the drug dealing, and the killing were people who could not read or write. If a people are not trained in the proper method of study they will continue to be racially, economically, morally and spiritually disadvantaged, even if you placed them in the finest of cultures and gave them trillions of dollars. The greatest treasure that we can give to any person is the ability to get understanding. The Study Technology helps make this happen. And when these students start to learn and discover real hope for the future, the violent behavior patterns disappear for good."

Our future lies in the hands of children. What we put in their hands today will make all the difference. Violence or understanding, the choice is ours. Study Technology can, for the first time ever, guarantee quality education, and a quality future for every school, community and nation in the world.

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## IT'S A LAUGH!



"REALLY? 400 PASSENGERS!  
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# Army & Air Force Hometown News

**Army Staff Sgt. Roland B. Robinson** has arrived for duty in Kunson City, South Korea. Robinson, a Patriot launcher section chief, is the son of Thelma Robinson of 2626 Globe Ave., Lubbock.



**Michael B. Sparks** 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. Sparks will report to Fort Sill, Okla., for military basic training July 11, 1996. He is the son of Laura M. Sparks of 4421 82nd Lubbock, and Stephen M. Sparks of 10433 High Hollow, Dallas.



**Army Pvt. Question L. Newell** has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapons infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad. Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Newell is the son of Clifton R. Newell of 1970 S. Park Road, Halandale, Fla., and Charliena C. Hayes of Lubbock, Texas.



**Michael E. Atchley** 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. Atchley, a senior at Roosevelt High School, Lubbock, will report to Fort Benning, Ga., for military basic training June 24, 1996. He is the son and stepson of Mrs. Mark Martin and Mr. Mark Martin of 36 Highland Drive, Ransom Canyon. His father and stepmother are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Atchley of 7101 Knoxville Drive, Lubbock.



**Coby D. Melton** 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. Melton, a senior at Lubbock Cooper High School, Texas, will report to Fort Jackson, S.C., for military basic training July 11, 1996. He is the son of Fred B. and Linda A. Melton of 5746 148th, Lubbock.



**Angela M. Womack** 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. Womack, a senior at Cooper High School, Lubbock, will report to Fort Jackson, S.C., to begin military basic training on Aug. 16, 1996. She is the daughter of Delton L. and Beverly R. Womack of Rural Route 6, Lubbock.



**Air Force Capt. Matthew W. Carter** has arrived for duty at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. Carter, a radar navigator, is the son of Lawrence and Sharon Suchy of 5713 77th St., Lubbock. His wife, Stefanie, is the daughter of John A. and Michael Fanning of 4909 58th St., Lubbock. The captain is a 1986 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock.

**Army Pvt. Isaac C. Moreno** has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Moreno is the son of Alice Moreno of Rural Route 20, Lubbock.



**Brandon R. Hughes** 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. The recruit will receive a \$3,000 enlistment bonus. Hughes, a 1992 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Acuff, will report to Fort Knox, Ky., for military basic training May 3, 1996. He is the son of Steve R. and Patricia B. Hughes of Rural Route 10, Lubbock.

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**ROOSEVELT STUDENTS CITED IN STATEWIDE CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**  
—Nine students from Roosevelt High School were recently recognized for their educational achievements during a Celebration of Excellence program hosted by South Plains College. More than 1,000 students were honored at 18 statewide locations in a special program sponsored by the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency. From left on the front row are Roosevelt honorees Aleshia Campbell, Laura Trevino, Jennifer Schoppa and Julee Aly; and from left on the back row are Jessica Bauman, Lisa Walter and John Sallee. Not pictured are Beth Cochran and Brandon Hudson.

**PARALYZED WOMAN RECEIVES \$6.1 MILLION**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FL** — After eight days of trial before a Palm Beach County jury, Dorothy Dickerson, a forty-nine year old woman, on the advice of lead counsel, Willie Gary of Stuart, Florida agreed to settle with a trucking company for a cash settlement of \$6.1 million.

Dorothy Dickerson was involved in a three car collision on I-95 in Palm Beach County on October 8, 1991. The trucking company alleged that Dickerson lost control of her vehicle when she was cut off by a phantom vehicle. The driver of the semi-trailer truck further claimed that the accident was unavoidable since the Dickerson car was out of control.

Willie Gary, lead counsel, had a different version, he contended that the defendant was speeding and failed to exercise good judgement and proper avoidance maneuvers. "The trucking company failed to properly maintain their vehicles and was negligent in hiring and retaining the driver of the truck," said Gary.

Dickerson's injuries left her partially paralyzed and with medical bills in excess of \$200,000.

Co-counsel Linnes "Pete" Finney said, "The money will not make her whole but it will go a long way in providing for the best quality of life available."

Willie Gary and Linnes Finney of the law firm of Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis & McManus teamed up with referring lawyers, William Hutchinson and Darryl Lewis of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



**GOVERNOR RECOGNIZES BLACK FIRM**  
New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman recently visited Integrated Packaging Corporation (IPC), a Black-owned manufacturer of corrugated boxes in New Brunswick, NJ. IPC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Al Fuller (left) and IPC President and Chief Executive Officer Joe Wilson (right) presented Governor Whitman with a box made at the plant filled with Diet Pepsi. Pepsi-Cola Company helped create IPC by agreeing to buy \$75 million worth of boxes from the company over the next five years.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY



## We Thank God for Jesus

"LOVEST THOU ME???"

Part 1:



Psalm 105:1, O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD; call upon his name: make KNOWN his deeds among THE PEOPLE. LORD, many people are upset; because I'M A SERVANT THAT LOVES YOU, I know I haven't always done so; and you know that is the TRUTH.

I BILLY B.J. was raised in a CHRISTIAN HOME; UNDER THE WORD OF PRAYER, BUT WENT OUT INTO THE WORLD, TO DO MY OWN THING; AND I DIDN'T WANT YOU THERE.

Psalm 139:7, Whither shall I go from THY SPIRIT? or whither shall I flee from THY PRESENCE? If I ascend up into HEAVEN THOU ART THERE; if I make my bed in HELL, BEHOLD, THOU ART THERE.

I went out with the people: MARCHING & SINGING; I M BLACK AND PROUD. WHEN MY PEOPLE WANTED TO OVERRUN THE WHITE MAN; AND SAID IT OUT LOUD.

Proverb 16:18, PRIDE goeth before DESTRUCTION AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL.

I WAS LIVING IN SIN; AND THE WORLD CALLED IT HAVING FUN, IT STARTED WHEN THE WE MARCHED AND LIED; SINGING WE SHALL OVER COME.

Proverb 14:12, There is a way which seemeth right unto man, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

(THE DEVIL; GAVE ME MY RIGHTS TO SIN, I LOVED IT, GAMBLING, THE WOMAN, DOPING, DRINKING, THE RIGHT TO DO MY OWN THING.)

Romans 6:23, For the WAGES (THE WORKS) OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Back in 1962 Plains Co-op Oil Mill BLEW UP; ITS A MIRACLE I WASN'T KILLED, STEEL AND CEMENT WAS BLOWN EVERYWHERE; AND THE PRAISE I DIDN'T GIVE.

(All my friends and the people around me; THEY WOULD SAY:BOY YOU'RE SURE LUCKY. NOT A SCRATCH; AND YOU COULD SMELL MY FLESH BURNING.)

Proverb 3:11,12 My son, despise not the CHASTENING OF THE LORD; NEITHER BE WEARY OF HIS CORRECTION: For whom THE LORD LOVETH HE CORRECTETH; even as a father the son in whom HE DELIGHTETH.

But that didn't STOP ME; BRAKE ME, SLOW ME: OR TURN ME AROUND, I WAS LIVING IN THE SUPER FAST LANE; I DIDN'T KNOW: I WAS HELL BOUND.

John 3:16, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (THAT'S ME), that he gave HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (JESUS), that whosoever (THAT'S YOU) BELIEVETH IN HIM (JESUS) SHOULD NOT PERISH (DESTROYED), BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

In 1971 the front TIRE FALLS OFF, AFTER I STOPPED, AFTER DOING 80 MPH, I WAS YET CALLING IT LUCK; NOT GIVING PRAISE, TO GOD THE HIGHER POWDER, (GOD).

Psalm 29:1,2, GIVE UNTO THE LORD,O ye mighty, GIVE UNTO THE LORD GLORY AND STRENGTH. GIVE UNTO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE UNTO HIS NAME; WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

In 1972 a man pulled a SHOT GUN ON ME; SAYING I WAS GOING WITH HIS WIFE, AND I CALLED HIM:#%\*&\* YOU CAN'T DO ANY BUT KILL ME; SO TAKE MY LIFE.

Proverb 14:16, A wise man FEARETH, AND DEPART FROM EVIL: but THE FOOL RAGETH, AND IS CONFIDENT.

THERE WAS MANY TIMES WE LIVE IN DANGER; AND ARE NOT DOING THE THINGS THAT'S RIGHT, BUT GOD KNOWS THOSE THAT ARE HIS AND WATCHES THEM DAY AND NIGHT.

2 Peter 3:9, THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE,as some men count slackness; but is LONG-SUFFERING TO US-WARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE.

The devil was out to GET ME; BECAUSE HE KNEW GOD WAS TO USE ME IN HIS PLAN, TO CRY OUT TO A DYING WORLD; TO TELL THEM THAT SALVATION IS AT HAND.

Luke 4:8 JESUS SAID, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, AND ONLY HIM SHALT THOU SERVE.

I never feared ANYTHING, BE IT MAN; MACHINE, OR THE BEAST, BUT I THANK GOD FOR THE DAY; THAT HE PUT FEAR INTO ME.

Proverb 9:10, THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM; AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY IS UNDERSTANDING. GOD is not through WITH US YET, So lets PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS.

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## Careless Preachers and Lay Leaders

"And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him. And spake to them after the counsel of the young men"—1 Kings 12:13-14a

Last Thursday (March 7, 1996) the Lubbock Chapter of the NAACP and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance sponsored a non-partisan candidates forum. This forum was held to help citizens and particularly people of color interact with the candidates in the early stages of the political process. What the candidates said and how they felt could affect the decisions they made (if elected) on the lives of the citizens of the community. The forum consisted of 27 candidates. These political hopefuls were vying for the U. S. Congressional Districts seats to the local Republican and Democratic chairmanships.

I felt good knowing that the candidates respond in record numbers to the call of the organizations that Mrs. Rose Wilson and I represent. However, what troubled me was the apathy of many lay leaders and the African-American ministers. And even more troubling was the fact that many of the preachers did not even take the time to announce the forum in their churches after receiving several notices from the two organizations.

What a great influence a person can have on those around him especially those who are leaders in a community, society or government. What tremendous responsibility is thrust upon them. The decisions they must make, the laws they must uphold influence the lives

of thousands of people for good or evil.

In the Book of 1 Kings, two young men, Rehoboam and Jeroboam stood at the threshold of their careers. Because of arrogance and pride Rehoboam lost his opportunity for service and greatness. Through his bad influence a nation was divided.

Jeroboam, whom the rebellious tribes of Israel chose as king, started out well. However, he allowed fear and compromise to undermine his good judgment. This weak king influenced the people of Israel to turn away from the true God to worship idols. His bad influence eventually brought judgment upon his people.

The poet rightly said, "No man is an island." What we do and how we live has an influence on the lives of others. Just as a pebble dropped in a pond causes ever-widening ripples around it, so each of our lives has an ever-widening influence that affects our family, our neighbors, our friend and our companions. Everyone with whom we have daily contact is influenced by our life for good or bad.

The true child of God, and even more so, a real preacher, feels a sense of obligation to his fellow man. Preachers and lay leaders, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

You as a community leader have a choice as to how your life will influence others. Will your careless living cause others to neglect and turn away from that which makes life complete? Will your careless living cause others to turn away from God? Or will your quiet consistent and involved Christian life draw others to God?

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Why did Jesus curse the fig tree in Mark 11:12-17? And also, why did he clear the Temple?

12: The next morning as they left Bethany, he felt hungry. 13 A little way off he noticed a fig tree in full leaf, so he went over to see if he could find any figs on it. But *no*, there were only leaves, for it was too *early in the season for fruit*. It was a *phony*, that's why he cursed it.

There are two parts to this unusual incident, the cursing of the fig tree, and the cleansing of the temple. The temple was supposed to be a place of worship and prayer. But *true* worship had disappeared. The fig tree showed promise of fruit, but it *produced none*. Jesus was showing his anger at religious life without *substance, phony*. If you go through the motions of faith without putting it to work in your life, you're a *phony*. You're like the fig tree that withered and died, also the money changers were *phonies* also, they had made the Lord's house a den of *thieves*. If you're using the house of God for merchandising for personal gain, you're cursed, and will never bear fruit as a child of God should do. *Christians are fruit bearers*, a tree is known by the fruit it bears. What is your tree of life bearing? Are you just full of leaves? *Looking like Christians?*

Last week we asked the question: Define true worship, and what does it involve.

Consciousness of the presence of God involves willful and total participation of our complete being—mind, soul, spirit and body. Through such consciousness of God, the Holy Spirit produces true worship. As a result we are *empowered* to worship God in Spirit and in truth. True worship is a product of the Holy Spirit, who indwells every faithful and obedient child of God. *There's so much power in true worship.*

We love all of you. *Having a problem?* Read Mark 11:22-26, II Chronicles 7:14. Just read and believe. Please believe, it will surprise you. *Faith will move your mountain.*

Saturday we will meet at 10 a.m. at the Parkway Nursing Center. Every time we meet there, a tremendous blessing we receive.

Write or come by. Write P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, TX 79408. "People, we're in this boat together, *no matter how you look at it*. So please don't rock the boat. The storms are ragin'." Say, *Peace, be still.*

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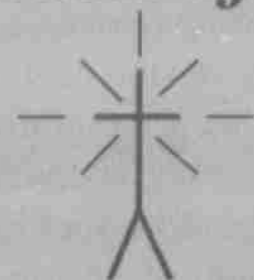
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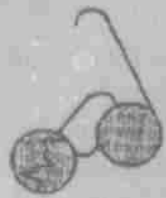
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## Groundbreaking For St. Mary Family Healthcare Center—Snyder To Be Held Thursday, March 21, 1996



Pictured above is an architect's rendering of the St. Mary Family Healthcare Center—Snyder, located at 5001 College Avenue.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS—The public is invited to attend groundbreaking ceremonies for St. Mary Family Healthcare Center—Snyder, at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 1996, at 5001 College Avenue.

"The construction of this new, expanded facility to enhance quality health care in Snyder is a major point of the St. Mary Hospital mission: to support quality health care in regional communities," said St. Mary Hospital President and CEO Charley O. Trimble.

The new, 13,500 sq. ft. facility will feature 23 exam rooms, four special procedure rooms, in-house laboratory and X-ray capabilities and a conference room.

The Center will be staffed to support Family Practitioners James Burlison, M.D.; Gary Nussey, M.D.; and Paul Thompson, M.D.

"This partnership with St. Mary Hospital presents a tremendous opportunity to increase the health care services available to the people of Snyder," said Dr. Burlison.

"Becoming part of the St. Mary Family Healthcare network gives me the chance to go back to practicing medicine on a full-time basis," said Dr. Nussey. "Not having administrative responsibilities of the office allows me more time to help Scurry County residents."

"I look forward to working closely with my colleagues, Drs. Burlison and Nussey," said Dr. Thompson. "It will be especially beneficial to our patients to be able to share our expertise and opinions about specific cases."

"This new facility will provide the opportunity for our physicians to practice medicine under one roof, while at the same time will offer easy access and convenience to our patients," said St. Mary Hospital Assistant Vice President Susan Neves.

"We feel this Healthcare Center is an important economic development for Snyder," said Neves. "Currently we have 16 employees and meet an annual payroll of more than \$500,000."

"We look to expand to 22 employees over the next 12 months and are aggressively recruiting another family practice physician to move to Snyder and join our medical staff," Neves added.

"Our commitment to help provide quality health care to Snyder began in 1987, with our partnership with Cogdell," said Neves. "The building of this new facility further solidifies that St. Mary Hospital will continue to support the people of this community."

Construction of the new facility is scheduled for completion during the fall of 1996. Project architect is Joe D. McKay AIA Architects, Lubbock, Texas. The general contractor is Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., Lubbock, Texas.

This Center is part of a network of primary care facilities St. Mary Hospital is developing throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The Family Healthcare Centers are part of an integrated delivery system the Hospital has created in which physicians and the Hospital work as a team to provide comprehensive primary and preventive care. The goal is to bring health care into the neighborhoods through a network which is patient friendly.

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### "Why Do Whites Hate Blacks?"

[Reprinted from *The Voice*, Decatur, Illinois, Wednesday, February 21, 1996.]

I am always asked this question and it is a tough one to answer. But it is obvious that whites obtain some kind of emotional fulfillment from putting black people on a lower level than they. For instance, if a white person has an argument with his boss and is made to feel small, he can always say, "Well, I may not be as good as my boss, but I am better than every black person!" This immediately lifts his spirits.

This "better than" syndrome is the apparent primary reason for whites aggressively forcing blacks into a secondary position in this society. No matter how inadequate the white person feels, he can always get an emotional uplift by comparing himself to the "inferior" black person.

Most white people, however, are psychologically tormented by the obvious contradiction in their existence. They "need" to feel superior to black people, but it is obvious to them that blacks are as capable as they. They exist side by side with black people and they surely know that black people have the ability to do anything that they can do—and blacks can do some things better. How can an intelligent, well-educated white person not know that blacks can do more than sing, dance and play basketball. White people eat as much chicken and watermelon as blacks.

White people see black lawyers, black doctors, black businessmen and good non-professionals black people every day, so they are aware of black's capabilities. They know that much of their characterization of black people is merely stereotyping and unfairly degrading to blacks. White people know that white people are prejudiced and that prejudice is ugly.

Yet, racism persists, thereby exposing another excuse for its existence—competition. Every Saturday afternoon the television showcases black sports superstars like Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley, Warren Moon, Darryl Strawberry, Mike Tyson. The list is endless. How many people have watched these stars and thought: "Wow, Michael Jordan is fantastic. I love him. I wish I could do what he can do. But, I can't. He makes me feel inferior. Look at him show-off. I hate him! I would punch him in the mouth, if I could. But, since I can't punch him in the mouth, and since he makes me feel so damn bad, I'm going to degrade the first black person I see."

This kind of thinking represents the thinking of most racists, even though those people who use subtle racism. It is obvious that black people are a superb race, capable of achieving great things when given the opportunity to do so. The multitudinous accomplishments of blacks in the history of this country (but were left out of school textbooks) prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that blacks are a glorious people in search of a chance to prove themselves. Perhaps the worst effect of racism is that even blacks have been brainwashed into believing that they are inferior.

### Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation Is Seeking Lupus Families

Scientists Are Seeking African-American Families To Participate in Studies of Disease  
Scientists at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation are seeking African-American families to participate in studies of systemic lupus erythematosus, more commonly known as lupus.

Lupus affects one in every 250 African-American adult females and occurs four times more often in African-Americans than in whites. It is a chronic inflammatory disease in which a person's immune system attacks its own cells and tissues. It can attack any organ in the body and most commonly affects the joints, skin, kidneys, central nervous system, heart, and lungs.

There is no cure for lupus, though a number of therapies are useful and clearly help.

Researchers in the Arthritis/Immunology Research Program at the research foundation have found a genetic association which seems to operate primarily in African-American families that may lead to finding the genes important in causing the disease.

Families selected for participation must have at least two members who have been diagnosed with some form of lupus. All participants will be asked to sign a consent form, complete a questionnaire, and donate a blood sample. Arrangements can also be made for participation of family members who live in other parts of the country.

For more information about the study, one may contact IDA ADAMS at 1-800-522-0211, extn. 7479 or DIANA BOZALIS at 1-800-522-0211, extn. 7972, or write to: Lupus Genetics Study, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 N.E. 13th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

### NJ State Senator Gordon MacInnes Examines How White Liberals "Have Been Undone by Race" in New Book from NYU Press

There was a time, in this century, when liberals championed the working class, when Democrats were indisputably the party of those who worked rather than invested for a living. Today, however, most Americans have come to see liberals as drifting and aimless, somehow lacking in backbone and moral fiber, beholden to radical ideologies that have little to do with the average American's life.

In *Wrong for All the Right Reasons: How White Liberals Have Been Undone by Race* (220 pages/\$21.95, cloth), to be published in March by the New York University Press, New Jersey State Senator Gordon MacInnes asks how and why liberals have allowed themselves to be so portrayed. MacInnes, a fiscal conservative and frustrated Democrat, and a man who believes deeply in America's civic culture, reveals how progressive forces have retreated from the battle of ideas, at great cost. Squarely at the nexus of race, poverty, and politics, *Wrong for All the Right Reasons* charts the sources of liberal decline and the high costs of conservative rule.

Tracing the origins of the liberal retreat to the fall-out over Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's report on the black family in 1965, MacInnes claims that white liberals have somewhere along the way stopped taking black people seriously enough to argue with them. Throughout the 1960s, MacInnes maintains, liberals "were painting themselves into a corner with their own timidity and thoughtlessness. They made excuses for violent crime, blaming government's failure to spend more money on more programs. Liberals blindly urged action against the 'root causes' of crime, skipping over the inconvenient question of what was to be done in the meantime."

Continuously put on the defensive, liberals have been unable to forge an aggressive, proactive agenda that addresses the needs of working-class and poor Americans. This has led to a breakdown of honest dialogue which to this day continues to plague liberal Democrats.

Finding room for optimism in the groundswell of grass-roots progressivism, *Wrong for All the Right Reasons* is a timely, necessary call to arms for liberal, progressive Democrats, outlining ways in which they can reverse their party's dangerous decline.

Gordon MacInnes has been involved in politics, anti-poverty programs and public and civic life for over 30 years.

### Having a "Field" Day



Sparrow recording artist CeCe Winans recently caught up with her pal Kim Fields backstage at Nashville's Tennessee Performing Arts Center during the Stellar Awards. Fields co-hosted the 11th Annual Awards Show and CeCe performed "Every Time" from her debut solo recording *Alone In His Presence*, which received a Grammy Award nomination for Best Contemporary Soul Gospel Album. CeCe will also be performing on the February 28 telecast of the 38th Annual Grammy Awards Show.

*Alone In His Presence* is currently in stores.