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NEWS WIRE

NAACP Calls For Justice Department Investigation For Civil Rights Violations
Baltimore (NNPA)—NAACP President, Kwame Mfume, recently said, "The NAACP strongly believes that the civil rights of Mr. Diallo were violated on the night of February 4, 1999, when he was brutally killed in an unbelievable hailstorm of 41 bullets. The fact that the accused officers were even acquitted on the charge of reckless endangerment is equally as unbelievable."

Mfume asked the U.S. Department of Justice to use all available resources to investigate the shooting for possible civil rights violations by the police officers who shot Diallo 19 times.

Mfume spoke with Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Linn Lee immediately following the jury decision and asked that the federal government investigate the shooting under the U.S. Code 18, Statute 242. He also sent letters by facsimile to Attorney General Janet Reno and Lee.

The NAACP is demanding that Congress enact legislation that would establish federal guidelines regarding a police of officers use of violent force. Local jurisdictions currently govern use of force policies.

Black Media Leaders To Issue Statement On Diallo Case

Washington, DC (NNPA) In a response to the Amadou Diallo verdict of last week, several of the nation's leading Black media owners have joined together to launch a public statement and to possibly carry out other actions.

Led by publisher Earl Graves of Black Enterprise magazine, several companies were discussing the notion of purchasing full-page advertising in national publications to issue a statement regarding the case at NNPA press time. ESSENCE magazine, Black Entertainment Television and Johnson publications had each been approached.

In addition to national advertising, Graves had also expressed interest in a national town hall meeting to be held on BET. No determinations had been made at press time.

Demonstrators Challenge Death Penalty At U.S. Supreme Court

Washington, DC (NNPA)—Over 185 supporters of jailed activist Mumia Abu-Jamal were arrested for demonstrating outside the Supreme Court last Monday. The protesters, organized by the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, were calling for a nationwide end to the death penalty. Citing the Abu-Jamal case as a pinnacle situation illustrating the faults with the death penalty, the group stood—and laid down—in civil disobedience and allowed police to arrest them.

Abu-Jamal is a Philadelphia-based African American journalist convicted of killing a police officer in 1981. Questions surrounding the fairness of his trial have been raised since the conviction and he has gained worldwide support from civil and human rights groups calling for a new trial. To date, Mr. Abu-Jamal's appeals have been denied.

"The aim was to focus on the Supreme Court with this matter and to give the nation a show of strength. Our numbers of people committed to this effort are growing," explained NCAD program coordinator Brian Henninger. "There were 95 people arrested in our protest in Philadelphia on July 4, so this clearly shows that people are coming out more."

Although Mr. Abu-Jamal has not run out of appeal options, Henninger notes that Abu-Jamal could receive a date for execution by the end of the year. "We are trying to turn up the heat on this case and all death penalty sentencing."

Henninger says, "We don't want to wait until the doors have closed on it." Henninger says that the well-publicized and controversial nature of the case has created heated polarization for both sides of the debate over Abu-Jamal's sentence. "It's a zero sum for both sides," he says. "If we execute Mumia, then the chances for our society recognizing the problems with the death penalty are significantly reduced. Because if you kill a man in spite of the fact that his trial was questionable, then when don't you kill anyone? Where does it end. On the other hand, the other side feels that if you let a cop killer go, you've opened the doors for criminals."

The group plans to continue its efforts to gain Abu-Jamal a new trial and to end the death penalty.

Congressman Rangel Says Bush Also Owes Apologies To Blacks And Jews

York (NNPA)—Congressman Charles Rangel said that the apology to Catholics by Republican Presidential hopeful George Bush was not enough.

"An apology to Catholics was needed, but it's not enough," Cong. Rangel said. "Blacks and Jews have also been offended by Bush's failure to denounce the racist policies of Bob Jones University or anti-Semitic statements by people associated with his campaign."

Black people are cue an apology because Bob Jones University has an official policy against interracial dating which is clearly aimed at Black students."

Cong. Rangel said he was similarly outraged that people in the Bush campaign or its supporters have made "incalculable comments about Jews that Bush has refused to even repudiate, much less apologize for."

Two Black Papers Merge

Minneapolis, MN (NNPA)—The late Cecil Newman founded the Minneapolis Spokesman and St. Paul Recorder in 1904. Mr. Newman was a dedicated leader of this community and identified the need to establish a media arm that could reach people of African descent. This past January, the two papers merged to become the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder.

As the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder approaches a new millennium, it will continue to serve the challenging demographics of the African global community.

Rep Waters Identified as Potential Vice Presidential Candidate



Washington, DC (NNPA)—In an article appearing in Parade magazine's February 20

issue, The White House Project identified Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) along with 14 other women—as one of its candidates to appear on a national ballot highlighting the top women leaders who possess the record and the credentials to be Vice President.

The White House Project serves as a non-profit, non-partisan public awareness campaign to change the political climate so that women can launch successful campaigns for U.S. Presidency and other key positions. It is also committed to raising awareness of women's leadership in American politics.

Created by The White House Project, the ballot brings together such top women leaders

as Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Gov. Jane Dee Hull (R-AZ) and U.S. Army Lieutenant General Claudia Kennedy, to name a few.

According to the project's President, Marie Wilson, the ballot intends to demonstrate the growing strength and significance of women's leadership.

You can cast your ballot choices by using these two venues: One, fill out and mail the ballot insert in the February 20 issue of Parade magazine or two, go on-line to The White House Project's site (www.whitehouseproject.org). Ballots will be accepted until March 15, 2000, and the winners will be announced in the April 30 issue of Parade magazine.

MR. & MRS. J. C. QUIGLEY CELEBRATE 46TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Southwest Digest is always pleased to announce a wedding anniversary.

The children and grandchildren advised the Southwest Digest of the 46th Wedding Anniversary of their parents and grandparents, Mr. J. C. and Mrs. Cleothia Quigley. This joyous occasion happened March 7, 1954.

According to one of their children, they have 24 grandchildren.

Congratulations to the couple.

They are members of the New Hope Baptist



Church where Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor. Congratulations!!

41 blows to the Gut

Another outrage has been perpetrated. They've given us 41 blows to the gut by finding the cops who gunned down Amadou Diallo in a hail of 41 bullets not guilty. If stepping to a man standing on his own steps doing nothing, wrong and gunning him down isn't murder, then what is?

Which is exactly their point. They're telling us that brutality and murder their cops commit in carrying out their duties as front line enforcers has their stamp of approval! That they need to have a police force ready, willing, able and eager to patrol our communities like an occupying

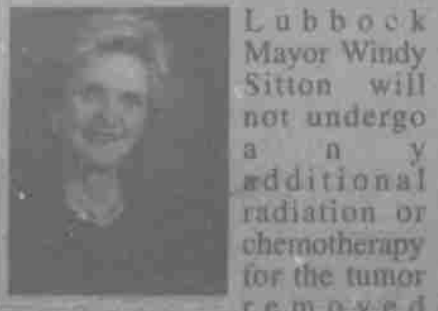
army. Then there was the trial. The cops told lie after lie, and they all went unchallenged by the prosecution. They said they had approached Diallo politely and that his actions forced them to murder him! They said they taught he was a robber and that they only fired after they saw gun fire coming from Amadou's direction, even though Amadou had no gun! They would up their case by putting an "expert" on the stand who said these cops did everything that night by the book. This was a naked declaration that police are only doing their jobs when they

murder and brutalize the people.

As a revolutionary, I say the solution to the problem of police who have a green light to brutalize and murder, and to all the other problems the people face under this system today, is that the system needs to be overthrown. It will take a revolution.

Mr. Carl Dix is a national organizer of the October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality on the innocent verdict returned on the Amadou Diallo case. He is also a spokesperson for the Revolutionary Communist Party.

No Further Cancer Treatments for Mayor Sitton



Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton will not undergo any additional radiation or chemotherapy for the tumor removed from her leg. "After consulting my team of excellent Lubbock physicians, the consensus is that no additional treatment is necessary," the Mayor said. "We are extremely fortunate to have such an extensive, first-class medical community here."

The Mayor underwent surgery in New York on February 8 when doctors removed a tumor from her right thigh. The tumor, a rare form of cancer known as a sarcoma,

was removed successfully. No further surgery or treatment is planned.

Mayor Sitton presided at the March 2nd City Council meeting, and will work from her home office for the next couple of weeks. Doctors say another month is needed for complete healing of the surgical site, before physical therapy can begin.

"I feel great," she said. "I'm able to walk without assistance, but it's going to take a little while to get the strength back in my leg."

"Going through surgery has rekindled my appreciation for the wonderful people of this community," the Mayor added. "I cannot thank the good people of Lubbock enough for their care and warm expressions of love."

Re-Charting the Course of American History

As we embark on the beginning of a new millennium it is imperative that the presidential candidates reconcile their campaign rhetoric with constitutional reality. The United States of America must go through an arduous productive process of introspection with the interest of the American people in mind.

I have filed a class action civil rights lawsuit to re-chart the course of American history in order to "Construct A Kinder, Gentler Nation" for the New Millennium. I have called upon each of the presidential candidates to make mending race relations the centerpiece of their respective efforts to win the White House.

The Government of the United States is out of sync with the Constitution that created it and more and more creditable information is surfacing every day substantiating that basic premise of my class action civil rights lawsuit.

Race has always been a central issue of domestic American politics and it has always been a hot button political issue. I see the Constitution of the United States as being the only viable solution to the most significant lingering effect of slavery

that is, "Institutionalized racial discrimination."

Racism must be challenged in the work place, schools, the media, and in every institution of American society. Social problems such as poverty, unemployment, urban decay, deteriorating educational opportunities, crime and violence are all exacerbated by the persistence of racism in our society.

Institutionalized racial discrimination in the United States is a "control thing" designed to control the political, economic and social achievements of American citizens who are identifiable descendants of former slaves.

We cannot look to government for solutions in dealing with Americas races problem because the government itself is the primary source of the problem. The problem will not get solved until black people make a meaningful attempt to constitutionally resolve America's race problem rather than leave it to white political leaders to come up with a solution.

American people's, particularly black Americans, point of reference in this time of increased racial tension must be the Constitution of the United States, as perfected by the Civil War Amendments. "In order to

form a more perfect Union, established Justice, ensure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

The Petition Clause of the First Amendment is the "Achilles Heel" of institutionalized racial discrimination in America.

The Constitution of the United States of America as perfected by the Civil War Amendments constitutionally abolished the ideological concept of white supremacy from America's political, economic and social institutions.

The Government of the United States has a constitutional mandate to accomplish that result. When officials of the United States Government fails to, or neglects to, protect, defend, or enforce,

provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and an American citizen sustains injury consequent to that failure or neglect, an American citizen so injured has an irrevocable constitutional right to "petition the Government for redress of grievances."

The destinies of the descendants of former American slaves and the descendants of former American slave owners are indissolubly linked together. The American people, both black and white, have allowed themselves to be emotionally threatened and influenced by this bizarre and uniquely American phenomena—the constitutional hoax that fabricates a theoretical illusion of democracy.


The interest common of both, black people and white people, must not permit the seeds of race hate to be planted under unconstitutional sanctions of law.

What can more certainly arouse hate? What can more certainly create feelings of distrust between black and white citizens of the United States of America?

Many have pointed to the problems, some have spoken of solutions and a few have even identified the causes. But if we keep doing what we've been doing, we're going to keep getting exactly what we've been getting. No one has come forth with a comprehensive plan to address the causes and move us to the solution of institutionalized racial discrimination in America - until now!

I am calling upon all patriotic American citizens regardless of their race, gender, ethnic identity, economic status, social class, or political affiliation to support this initiative to constitutionally construct "A Kinder, Gentler Nation."

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Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope. You will be glad you did so. God loves you.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, and all teachers and students were in their various classrooms at 9:30 a. m. After thirty minutes of instructions, all marched to the main auditorium singing and praising God.

It was another good Sunday School lesson. Many outstanding comments were made about the morning lesson.

The 10:45 a. m. devotional period was conducted by the Praise Team. What a time in the Lord we had! Praise God for the spirit!

Services began at 11:00 a. m. with the Senior Choir marching in the processional singing out of their hearts. Rev. Jeff Brown offered the altar prayer. After the singing of a song, the scripture was read and prayer was given. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing.

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. He always leaves us with something to feast on during the week. Pastor Moton preached a dynamic sermon as he always does each Sunday morning. We thank God for Pastor Moton. May God continue to bless him in all he does.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. No matter where they are, if you know of anyone who is ill, why not inform us. We'd love to place their names in this column. Let me hear from you. God knows best.

Why not be in attendance of the 46th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs which will be held at the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, on Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2000, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

If you get an opportunity, go by the St. John Baptist Church each Wednesday evening, through March 29, 2000, beginning at 7:00 p. m. It is a teaching seminar leading up to the Franklin Graham Crusade which will be here April 28-30, 2000. Pastor Solom Solomon Fields is pastor.

Why not sing in the Mass Choir of the Franklin Graham Crusade which will be held in April. Sister Mary Jo Wilson is choir director. Contact her today.

DO PEOPLE GO TO JAIL FOR FAILING TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT?

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas



The Attorney General's office can garnish wages, suspend licenses and intercept tax refunds to obtain payments. When all else fails, we work with local authorities to arrest and jail delinquent non-custodial parents.

The Child Support Court Master or District Judge presiding over a child support case can sentence a non-custodial parent to county jail for up to six months for each failure to abide by a court order.

A civil arrest, or *capias*, warrant can be issued if a non-custodial parent fails to appear at a child support enforcement hearing.

In either case, in order to get out of jail, the delinquent non-custodial parent must post bond, which is then transferred to the custodial parent.

Counties occasionally arrest non-custodial parents in large round-ups. A recent round-up in San Antonio (Bexar County) resulted in 83 arrests and the collection of \$ 79,209 which was

forwarded to the custodial parents.

County District Attorneys in Texas and United States District Attorneys can pursue felony nonsupport charges. Most County District Attorneys require arrears of at least \$5,000 and evidence of the non-custodial parent's ability to pay before presenting evidence to a grand jury for an indictment. If the grand jury indicts the delinquent parent, an arrest warrant is issued and the parent is apprehended. Once convicted, the delinquent with parent faces up to two years in prison and payment of all child support owed.

Delinquent non-custodial parents may also be charged with a federal offense for non-payment of support. Federal law requires at least \$5,000 in child support arrears, no payments for at least one year and residence in another state or country to avoid paying child support. If the residency in another state or country is not specifically to avoid child support payments, then the arrears must be at least \$10,000

combined with no payments in the last two years obligation to support their children.

A parent convicted on federal charges faces up to two years in prison and the required payment of all past due child support.

Since assuming office in January, I have been working to increase the number of arrests and prosecutions of delinquent parents.

To non-custodial parents who need assistance with job skills and employment referral services, we offer a helping hand. My office, in cooperation with the Texas Workforce Commission, has created a successful program to assist these parents in finding work.

"Dead beat" parents have the financial resources to take responsibility for their children, but simply refuse to do so. The Office of the Attorney General, in cooperation local authorities, will vigorously pursue these "dead beats" force them to meet their legal obligation to support their children.

Q: My next-door neighbor has not been paying child support and says people don't go to jail for failing to pay. However, I saw a newspaper article about the arrest of a "dead beat" and am confused. Is it possible for people to go to jail for failing to pay child support.

A: Yes. Many non-custodial parents are jailed for failing to comply with the legal obligation to support their children.

EDUCATION IS CONTROL, TEACHERS ARE COWARDS!

By Joe Williams III

(NNPA) - The children are like zombies, controlled, protected, used as pawns in a world economic system that has greed and selfishness as its foundation.

Many of the schools are similar to youth prisons, young minds being wasted. School rooms are just a way to keep kids off the streets. Even the "smart kids" can't think their way out of a "wet paper bag."

The whole philosophy of the educational system is to get enough information into the head to grow up and buy a car, a house, and raise kids. It has nothing to do with uniting humanity, or developing a world based on a collective will, nor does it address the spiritual essence of nature.

It is about making zombies to live in certain communities, to like certain people, to wear certain clothers, and to be judged by

how big your bank account develops. It is true, the more toys you have in society, the more respect you receive. And, moreover, if you are born into wealth, you can be an idiot and still demand the respect of a king.

Social values in the system is how much do you value "stuff." Many of our young people are in prisons because they are under the impression that they need a diamond ring, or a large car, to be accepted in society, or by their peers. The children who do make it through the educational system are often depressed on their jobs, in relationships just because of the collective property, and look down on anyone whose makes less money than themselves.

I was in a store the other day and watched a woman switch a price tag on a watch, as her young daughter, and

grandson, watched. As best, she saved \$20.00. God, what is the message to the children.

Most people in society don't have a social or civic responsibility. I asked the question, if education don't create rebels, then what good is it. Change should be the premises for all education. Education is a means and method of understanding and impacting on our environment. It should teach us to be investigators, not like the "3 blind mice." I will hear no evil, say no evil, see no evil, or for that matter, see or hear or say no good, as well.

If you train a child to be a doctor, and that doctor turns away a dying man because he was poor, or broke; then you haven't created a doctor, you have created a machine.

If you create a super market owner who choose to dump food rather than serve the homeless,

than you have developed a "thing."

My grandmother used to say, "a fool with an education is just an educated fool." I understand the dilemma of education, as an instructor, or educator, it is not in the interest of the institution to teach students to "question authority." It is painful for a "professional" to admit that, "Yes, I may be wrong."

So, we grade kids with A's to F's and the F's are locked out of society, no matter how much talent they may have in other areas.

So, the major message from the rulers of society is that if you want to get somewhere in this material world, "Study for your tests and keep your mouth shut."

Garden and Art Center Announces Classes

Lubbock, Texas- The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Art Center offers a creative line-up of affordable art classes and workshops coming up for teens and adults. All classes meet at the Garden and Art Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, and interested persons should call 767-3724.

Local artist Wayne Greene will instruct Figure Drawing, an adult class in which students will explore the techniques of drawing the human figure in a variety of spaces. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings, March 21-April 6, from 9:00-10:30 a. m. Figure Drawing costs \$50 and a supply list is available.

Exploration in Clay, taught by local ceramist Oliver McRea, will allow each participant to explore the sculptural aspect of clay. McRea will introduce a variety of slab and coil methods along with techniques of modeling, texture and glazing and emphasis will be placed on the creativity of form, surface design and the development of individual ideas. This class will meet Thursday evenings, March 16-April 6, April 20th and April 27th, from 6:00-9:00 p. m. The cost for this class is \$85 and all supplies are provided by McRea.

On Saturday, March 25th, from 9:30 a. m. - 3:00 p. m., local artist Helen Jarman, will lead a PaperMaking Workshop. Jarman will teach students the fundamental skills and techniques in making and designing sheets of paper and paper objects. The cost for this one-day workshop is \$35 and all supplies are furnished by Jarman.

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New Kids Cafe helps feed Lubbock's hungry Children

Seven-year-old Brittany used to arrive at George Woods Community Center every day after school begging for a snack. Sometimes that snack would be a granola bar, other days it was a handful of hard candy. The snack, purchased on the Center's small budget, rarely was enough to satisfy the hungry stomach of a child who wouldn't eat dinner that evening.

One out of every four children in Lubbock and throughout the South Plains is at

risk of being hungry. The South Plains Kids Cafe was created to change that. The South Plains Food Bank has joined forces with community partners to create the South Plains Kids Cafe, which provides safe after-school environment and free, hot nutritious meals to the children who need them the most. Currently, Kids Cafe serves fifty to seventy-five every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The South Plains Kids Cafe is a community-wide effort.

Its first site open in conjunction with the Lubbock Housing Authority. Other organization, schools, churches and after-school programs are interested in housing future South Plains Kids Cafe sites. Teenagers from junior high and high school help serve the younger children and clean up after the meals. Churches, neighborhood association and Texas Tech University have agreed to provide volunteers and several local restaurants, including Domino's Pizza,

Santa-Fe Restaurant, Schlotzsky's Deli, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, have already begun to donate child-friendly meals.

South Plains Kids Cafe hosted a press conference Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 4 p.m. at the Lubbock Housing Authority Building, 515 North Zenith Avenue. Food Bank staff, community partners and about 50 children was on hand to celebrate the successful start of the South Plains Kids Cafe at its pilot location, the George Woods

Community Center.

Kids Cafe is a national program of America's Second Harvest, the national network of food banks, and is designed to provide children at risk of hunger with the healthy food and safe environment they need to learn and grow. In Lubbock, thousands of children and adults never know where their next meal will come from. At many of Lubbock's schools, more than 90 percent of students qualify for free or reduced school meals;

for many of these children, the only meal they eat are the meals they receive at school.

Today, instead of a granola bar to tide until breakfast the next morning, Brittany can enjoy full meals and endless seconds helping, meals like pizza, pasta, macaroni and ham, or enchiladas. Thanks to the efforts of community members, churches, schools, and businesses, the South Plains Kids Cafe plays a pivotal role in the fight against childhood hunger.

Patch Adams will Speak at Texas Tech

Whether it means putting on a red clown nose for sick children or taking a disturbed patient outside for a stroll down a hill, Adams will do whatever deems necessary to help heal. With that in mind Adams, M.D., a social revolutionary, has devoted his career to giving away health care.

Dr. Patch Adams was born May 28, 1945, in Washington, D.C. and raised in Northern Virginia. After a brief stint at Sewanee University, Adams attended George Washington University, receiving his undergraduate degree in 1967. He received his medical degree from the College of Virginia in

1971.

After serving a one-year pediatric residency at Georgetown University in 1971, Patch Adams and a few of his colleagues founded the Gesundheit Institute in Northern Virginia. During the next twelve years, they operated a home-based family medical practice and managed to treat more than 15,000 people without payment, malpractice insurance, or formal facilities.

Because Adams has dedicated his life to the belief that "healing should be a loving human interchange, not a business transaction," he continues on his mission to achieve the

goal of building a full-scale free health care center that will be open to anyone in the world. Ambitious? Yes. Impossible? Not for those who know and work with Patch Adams.

In order to concentrate on coordinating plans and raising \$2.5 million needed for the Institute's permanent home, a health community, on 310 acres in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, Patch Adams ceased treating patients. The institute was designed to include a 40-bed hospital, theatre, craft and exercise rooms, vegetable gardens and an orchard.

Today's high-tech medicine has become too costly, imper-

sonal, and grim. Adams' lectures and workshops challenge both health care providers and consumers with creative solutions-loving, creative, humorous human exchange-to the major issues in health care delivery.

Patch Adams will speak in the University Center Allen Theatre on the Texas Tech Campus on Wednesday, March 22nd at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact the University Center Ticket Booth at (806) 742-3610 or e-mail UCTICKETBOOTH@TTU.EDU. This program is brought to you in part by the Student Service Fee and the University Center Fee.

South Plains College

17 Lubbock Area Residents Named to Who's Who Among Students

Seventeen Lubbock area residents were among 56 students from South Plains College who have been named to the 2000 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Selection is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential

for continued success. They join students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since 1966.

"It is important that we recognize our students for their outstanding achievements and hard work," said Dr. Gary

McDaniel, SPC president. "It is also helpful for our students to receive recognition for what they have accomplished. Honors like this help stimulate further accomplishments and commitment."

Students represent the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses.

Recipients are Adriane Aguilar, Nita

Barnes, Lydia Brock, Pamela Lofland, Vanessa Morris, Angela Odum, Tracey Porter, Kimberly Scott, David Smith, Tommy Wheeler, Josh Chilton, Les Lawless, Heather Meeks, Robert Parker, Marcy Taylor, Todd Woolery and Richard Hudgins, all from Lubbock, and Kelly Temple from Wolfthor.

Lubbock Chick-fil-A Operator Recognized with Chain's Two Million Dollar Award

LUBBOCK, Texas (March 1, 2000) - Chick-fil-A, Inc. recently recognized Tanne Clepper, Operator of the South Plains Crossing Chick-fil-A restaurant in Lubbock, for her impressive sales efforts in 1999.

In acknowledgment of her sales success, Chick-fil-A awarded

Clepper and her South Plains Crossing restaurant with its Two Million Dollar award at the company's annual seminar held in Orlando in late February. The Two Million Dollar award is presented to restaurant Operators whose restaurants' sales reached \$2 million for the first time since their open-

ing. Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A, Inc., the nation's third-largest quick-service chicken restaurant company, has more than 900 restaurants in 35 states and South Africa. Chick-fil-A serves nutritious food products in malls, free-standing units, drive thru-only outlets,

Chick-fil-A Dwarf House, and Truett's Grill, full-service restaurants, and through licensed outlets in hospitals, college campuses, airports, businesses and industrial sites.

Additional information about Chick-fil-A is available on the chain's Web site, located at www.chick-fil-a.com.

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NNPA Editorials: No More Diallos

To say that race had no bearing in the Amadou Diallo case is a lie.

The thing that killed Mr. Diallo in the doorway of his own home was nothing short of naked fear brought on by sheer racism.

There were four Black jurors and that fact is pointed out frequently within mainstream media. A less publicized fact is that each of them are from law enforcement families.

The police claimed that they feared for their lives. That can happen to anyone. But police officers are trained professionals who are given the power to use extreme force in situations where it is warranted. They are expected to use judgment, caution and objectivity in a crisis. Forty-one bullets by four officers aimed at one man (with one bullet entering through his foot) is no example of police professionalism. When John Hinkley shot former President Reagan, he left the scene in handcuffs, riding comfortably in the back of a law enforcement vehicle. He

was not shot and killed. Use of force was adequate for the situation. That is what makes the Diallo shooting insufferable. At best, it was fear and panic. At worst, hate. Either way, New Yorkers cannot afford to have men of such poor judgment and caliber roaming neighborhoods with guns and a license to kill. Anybody can be a panicked killer. We cannot give license to that. There is a simmering outrage growing in Black communities throughout the nation. There were no riots in the Bronx. But there were protests outside the United Nations headquarters—taking the case to the world court as Malcolm X noted over 30 years ago. Black media owners have come together in nationwide appeal to end this legalized savagery. Black communities and leadership have grown up and are demanding more than Band Aid solutions to police brutality. The solutions start with firing the officers. They do not have the professionalism to conduct themselves competently. Next, there must be a federal investigation into this

tragedy and the New York City police department with regard to race. In an election year, there should be no problem in fast tracking the Diallo case. Republicans, democrats, and independents should be on top of this case with both feet.

We call for the establishment of a federal review board to investigate and analyze cases of police brutality and questionable shootings.

Finally, we call on the people of New York, and every other community plagued by racist police practices, to hold their leaders accountable. Politicians who tolerate this sort of behavior should not be tolerated themselves for they endanger the lives of the very people they have sworn to serve.

Our sympathies go out to the Diallo family and to all other families of those who were victims of police violence. We will be more sorrowful if the people of the United States allow this type of raw hate to continue.

IT HAS TO BE US, BY US, FOR US!

BY EDDIE P. RICHARDSON



Too often, do we hear what are they going to do for us/me? The real answer is: "What are we going to do for us/me. We set around and wait for the U.S. Government or others to do for us what we must and should be doing for ourselves.

For our long denied communities to become the self-sustaining market places, it should be the leadership and initiative must come from us. No one can truly

do for us what we must do for our self. It just won't work. We know our needs, problems, and wants best, more than anyone else. We do not need the U.S. Government or others leading us around with a ring in our nose.

What we need from the U.S. Government and all others are resources, information, planning, guidance, and, over all assistance in getting our neighborhoods to become a level playing field. We need them to give us the ball, but we must take it, and run, make our own plays, and rules.

No one can save us from us, but us. It has to be us; We can make a difference, but we have to take the lead, and no complaining, no groaning about what others are not doing for us. We need others to assist and work for us, but not leading us. We must take the lead. Others will be glad to help us when we take the first positive steps.

Charles Saunders recently

pointed this out in a press conference, in no uncertain terms. He made it perfectly clear, on the U.S. Federal Building steps, that institutional racism still exists. Yet, most people are unaware, because the traditions have been around since the beginning, and the racist practices are traditional and just a part of the system and a lot of it is unnoticed and taken for granted.

For us to start making a change is to register and vote if you do not vote, then you have no reason to complain. You see, you have failed the system by not exercising your right.

The next important thing to do is to be counted in the 2000 U.S. Census. Everything that has to do with the quality of life is affecting us by the U.S. Census Count, i.e. politics, all funding, schools, governmental representation, and everything else. So be counted. Everything depends on it!

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Thank you, Ms. Vaughn!

If anyone would like to be in this special service, then remember you are welcome.

Here are the residents who had birthdays during this month of March. They are Bernadette Barber, March 19th; Susie

Joiner, March 23rd; and Scottie Moore, March 31st.

A Resident Birthday party will be held Friday afternoon, March 24, 2000, beginning at 2:30 p.m. All family and friends are welcome to attend. Our special guest will be Mr. Edward Higgin, our piano and blues singer.

The Staff and Residents would like to say thank you to Mrs. Vernell Williams for her donation.

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We may be critical of some things that are written, but, at least you will have the satisfaction of knowing they are truthful and to the point.

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Politics - The Rules of the Game

by James Clingman

"There are reports to the effect that in some sections the Black man has difficulty in voting and having counted the little White ballot which he has the privilege of depositing about twice every two years. But there is a little green ballot that he can vote through the teller's window 313-days in every year and no one will throw it out or refuse to count it. The man that has the property, the intelligence, the character, is the one that is going to have the largest share in controlling the government, whether he is White or Black, or whether in the North or South. It is important that all of the privileges of the law be ours; but it is more important that we be prepared for the exercise of these privileges." Booker T. Washington, Indianapolis Sentinel, April 23, 1896.

Another election is upon us and, at least in my neck of the woods, much of what I hear is the same tired rhetoric about the importance of simply casting a vote. This time, so they say, we must show up at the polls in great numbers. This time we must make sure that as many Black people as possible cast their votes. This time, we can change the political landscape of this country - if we only "get out the vote" - this time, as we have been told so many times before.

Well, once again it seems Brother Booker T. was correct. But, when will we heed his lessons? He and others have repeatedly warned us not to place all of our eggs in the political basket, but there are some that would have us believe our salvation lies in politics alone. We elected some 8,000 public officials

during the 30-year period from 1960 through 1990, several of whom were mayors of the largest cities in this country. But ask yourself how much economic progress we made during that time? Sure, we needed to be involved in the political system, but we also needed to make significant strides in the economic system. In other words, while we were busy gathering our "civil rights" we should have also been actively engaged in obtaining our "silver rights."

This is not a criticism of those who fought so hard during those years and those who have held public offices. Although some of them did absolutely nothing to further the economic status of Black people in general. It is a clarion call for us to finally stop putting most of our emphasis on politics and so little of our energy on economic empowerment.

One thing is for sure: Economics runs politics. As much as we would like to believe the contrary, Black people will not gain the kinds of political benefits that accrue to other-groups until we learn how to play the political game. We will never move beyond the pomp and circumstance phase of politics until we put our money where our mouths are—that is, contribute to the campaigns of Black candidates as well as others that act in our best interests. No contributions - no accountability, no quid pro quo. That's the rule of the game.

The other reality is that if we do not create our own economic base, ownership of land, development of vertically integrated businesses, and the establishment of

business organization, such as Black Chambers of Commerce — we will still be an afterthought when it comes to political concessions and benefits. I cannot think of any group in this country that has made significant political progress without first building an economic infrastructure from which to leverage political favors. Can you?

According to Marcus Garvey, "The most important effort for the exercise of independent effort (is) economic. After a people have established successfully a firm foundation they naturally turn to politics and society, but not first to society and politics, because the two latter cannot exist without the former."

T. Thomas Fortune said it this way: "No people ever became great and prosperous by devoting their infant energies to politics. We were literally born into political responsibility before we had mastered the economic conditions which underlie these duties."

How many more lessons and warnings do we need? Sure, another election is upon us, but we cannot continue to think that by casting our individual votes that everything will be all right. We cannot continue to vote and then retreat to our homes, back to business as usual - maintaining the economic status quo. If we are going to play in the political game we must play by the rules, and MONEY rules the political game. If you are not willing to put some of your money on the table, you may as well fold your hand.

Concentrating on politics alone will continue to keep Black people where we are now - at the

bottom of the economic heap, depending upon someone do throw a few crumbs our way. We will continue to be at the mercy of those who have well-established economic systems which allow their dollars to circulate among themselves several times prior to leaving their communities.

Do you want to see another two years go by during which time Black people wring our hands about what the politicians are not doing for us? Do you want to see us continuously whining about the political inequities that abound in our neighborhoods? Do you want to our children grow up with the same political pipe dreams in which many of us were taught to believe?

If your answers are "NO," while you are in that voting booth next month (and that is certainly where you should be), think also about what you will do to build and sustain our economic interests. Think about the comments of Booker T., Marcus Garvey and Thomas Fortune. Learn about the many other brothers and sisters who have promoted economic strategies for Black people and tried with every fiber in their bodies to make us understand the importance of self-help, ownership, and control of resources. Learn the rules of the game, before it's too late. If we build a strong economic system for Black people, we will no longer have to worry about our politics.

James Clingman is the former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper. He is the founder and executive director of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce and author

of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement - We have a choice."

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Census 2000 operations will get fully underway in mid-March when most Census forms are mailed to the United States; over 100 million have regular city-style addresses and they will receive their Census form in the mail. But to make sure everyone receives their Census 2000 questionnaire, the Census Bureau is hand-delivering the questionnaire to all those remaining households that don't have standard street addresses.

Once the Census forms are delivered (either by Update/Leave

workers or through the regular mail), the Census Bureau is asking that people fill out their questionnaire and mail it back as soon as possible—preferably before April 1st. The black-and-tan colors census forms have been designed to be easier to read and fill out (often taking just ten minutes to complete), so the Bureau is hoping most people will quickly send back their completed forms. For all those households that don't send in their forms, the census Bureau will send out its army of Census Takers in late April to go

door to door and they will continue through July to find and interview all households that never mailed back their Census questionnaire.

If people would like more information about Census 2000 operation, they are encouraged to call their local Census office 806-785-6740.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

A mass choir is being assembled to minister through music at the Franklin Graham Festival each night, April 28-30, 2000. No audition is required. Anyone age 14 and older wishing to sing in the choir is welcome to attend the rehearsals. Attending the rehearsals does not obligate you to sing at the Festival.

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For information about the City's Census efforts, please call 775-2105, or, for a Census presentation, please call the City's Speaker Bureau at 775-2095. Visit the City's Census website at www.ci.lubbock.tx.us/census. A message from the City of Lubbock Complete Count Committee.



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Community Health Center of Lubbock's Cancer Screening Extravaganza



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IN JESUS NAME "Why The Children Are Dying!!!"

ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION (AMERICA), A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD.

IT STARTED IN THE 60s, WHEN THE CHRISTIANS MARCHED FOR MAN'S RIGHTS; THEY DISOBEYED THE LAWS OF THE LAND: NOW CHILDREN DO IT DAY AND NIGHT.

ROMANS 8:5,6, FOR THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE FLESH DO MIND THE THINGS OF THE FLUSH; BUT THEY THAT ARE AFTER THE SPIRIT THE THING OF THE SPIRIT. FOR TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH; BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE.

*****YES THE CHRISTIANS DID ROB GOD!!!*****

THE CHRISTIANS FOLLOW FLESH: THE MAN SAYING: I HAVE A DREAM; DIDN'T STAY WITH THE BIBLE; NOW THE NIGHTMARES COME FROM THAT DREAM!!!

GALATIANS 6:7, BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP.

(THE THING ABOUT SOWING AND REAPING: YOU ALWAYS GET MORE THAN YOU PLANTED. YOU CAN TAKE A BUCKET OF CORN TO THE FIELD, AND PLANT IT; BUT WHEN YOU REAP IT: YOU WILL NEED A PICK UP TRUCK TO BRING IT IN. AMERICA SOWED A LITTLE OF "MY RIGHTS" IN DISOBEYDENTS; AND IS REAPING TROUBLE ALL OVER THE LAND!)

THE CHILDREN ARE ROBBING, KILLING, AND STEALING; THEN GO TO JAIL; THEIR LIVES ARE RUINED; SOME OF THEM CAN'T EVEN MAKE BAIL. DEUTERONOMY 28:41, THE LORD SAID, THOU SHALT BEGET SONS AND DAUGHTERS, AND THOU SHALT NOT ENJOY THEM; FOR THEY SHALL GO INTO CAPTIVITY. THE BIBLE SAYS: TRAIN UP A CHILD, IN THE WAYS THEY SHOULD GO: LIKE PARENT; LIKE CHILDREN, STUDYING OF THE BIBLE; THEY DON'T KNOW!!

LUKE 6:39, JESUS SAID, CAN THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND? SHALL THEY NOT BOTH FALL INTO THE DITCH?

THE DEVIL GAVE OUT EQUAL RIGHTS, IN THE GARDEN: BUT THEY WAS WRONG; HE IS NOW PASSING THAT LIE TO EVERY GENERATION; WHOEVER COMES ALONG.

(THE ONLY EQUAL RIGHTS IN THE WORLD: IS THE EQUAL RIGHT TO COME TO CROSS OF JESUS. NO COLOR OR RACE IS LOOKED DOWN ON.)

JOHN 3:16, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (EVERYBODY), THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER (EVERYBODY) BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

OUT OF THE RIGHTS PROGRAM: A 6YR OLD GIRL IS KILLED IN SCHOOL; FROM THE RIGHTS TO SHOW KILLINGS ON T.V; WHO NOW IS THE FOOL???

ROMANS 1:21,22, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY (THE CHRISTIANS) KNEW GOD, THEY GLO-RIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS (DREAMS), AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED. PROFESSING THEMSELVES (THE CHRISTIANS) TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

PRAYER IS IN THE MIND OF A CHILD; IT NEVER LEFT THE SCHOOLS; THE DEVIL BRAIN-WASHED THE CHRISTIANS; I ASK; WHO IS THE FOOLS???

1 SAMUEL 16:7a, THE LORD SEETH NOT AS MAN SEETH; FOR MAN LOOKETH ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT THE LORD LOOKETH ON THE HEART.

MARCHING AND SINGING ON DRUG HOUSES; THAT IS NOT THE WAY. THE WAY TO REMOVE THE DEVIL AND HIS WORKS; GO TO THE LORD; AND PRAY!!!

2 CHRONICLES 7:14, THE LORD SAID, IF MY PEOPLE (THE CHRISTIANS), WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS (IN FLUSH); THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR (THE CHRISTIANS) SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, 111, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

"The World Didn't Know Jesus"

When we read the first chapter of John we discover the "disciple whom Jesus loved" tells of the coming of Jesus into the world and of His rejection by the people of the world He had created. This tenth verse which swings from the first moment of creation to the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, tells the incredible story of the Creator of the universe who came to earth. And that creation—specifically the people of that creation, creatures He had formed from the dust of the earth—did not acknowledge Him. When we read the eleventh verse we learn that when He came to His own chosen people, Israel, they did not welcome Him.

That rejection, which began when He was forced to be born in a stable, continued throughout His ministry. True, there were thousands who believed in Him as a special prophet. And some even caught a glimpse of His divinity and acknowledged Him as the Son of God. But there was more rejection than acceptance. He died in loneliness surrounded by a jeering mob and a handful of courageous but distraught disciples. Even those who were closest to Him could not fully understand His life and mission. Why did His people not

receive Him? After all, He was the Messiah for whom they had prayed and waited throughout the long and difficult centuries. He was promised by the prophets and anticipated by ever devout follower of God. Certainly, it would seem that whole nation would echo the joyous pronouncement of Simeon: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentile and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Sadly, that was not the reaction of the majority. At other times it was outright rejection and persecution.

Should this surprise us who are entering into the twenty-first century? Is our situation much different from theirs? Today after almost two thousand years of the gospel in the world, at least the majority of the population of the world does not know Jesus.

So the question is not just "Why did the Jews reject Jesus?" is also, "Why do so many still reject Him today?" Have you rejected Him? Do You really want to know Him so He may become the center of your life? If, so go to church on Sunday and let God's man tell you about this rejected Jesus.

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If you want power, don't fall into the hands of the one who is

the author of lies. He is a defected foe, and you will be also if you continue to listen to those voices, and prey on your own senior people and do them harm. If you are not into something where you only can operate at night, it's wrong! Do you know - there's an evil eye watching you. You can't hide nor get away. He sits high and looks low. He sees all you do. When you destroy yourself, you are troubled and hurt and the same happens to those around you.

You're loved by more people than your home boys. So, precious young people, pull off your colored glasses; pull off your colors

and caps; pull your pants up, and help to make this world beautiful. This is the reason you're on this planet. You're not here to destroy it. Help us make this world a better place for your family and others. If you don't know how snap back, go to the nearest person who's doing the right thing. You can go to your Mother, Father, Preacher or Priest, and ask Jesus to come into your life where you are. Time is running out. John 3:16. In the Holy Bible it is recorded: "God loves you and we do too."

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Re-Charting The Course Of America History

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I am calling upon all patriotic American citizens regardless of their race, gender, ethnic identity, economic status, social class, or political affiliation to support this initiative to constitutionally re-chart the course of American history in the construction of "A Kinder, Gentler Nation."

Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2000 will be the date for Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association to have it's monthly meeting. Time: 6:00 p.m. Our guest for the meeting will be a representative from Parks and Recreation. He/she will tell us how to go about naming a park or lake after an individual. If you have someone in mind you will need to attend this meeting. We are still meeting at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Building.

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The Real Issue: The Widening Gap Between Rich and Poor



I think it is absolutely atrocious that so much time, effort, and taxpayers' money continue being spent on all kinds of investigations in Washington while the very real and raging issues facing our nation are adroitly side-stepped—issues like the terrifically important findings published earlier this year by the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation in their study, "The Millennium Breach." The upshot was:

"The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and minorities are suffering disproportionately."

As reported in the Daily Challenge, New York City's only Black daily, this study cites mountains of statistical evidence showing the appalling economic plight of millions of people, many of them African-Americans, in our country today. They found, for instance:

"While the national jobless

rate is below 5 percent, unemployment rates for young men in places like South-Central Los Angeles have topped 30 percent; the child poverty rate in America is 4 times higher than the average of Western European countries; and 43 percent of minority children attend urban schools, usually where more than half the students are poor."

These things make me even more fervent about having everyone know what I was so fortunate to learn from Aesthetic Realism, the education founded by the great American philosopher and economist, Eli Siegel, for it can end the terrible anguish as to money so many persons are enduring now.

Most particularly, I want people to know what Ellen Reiss, the Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism, wrote with powerful clarity and immense compassion in her editor's commentary to issue #1267 of the international periodical, The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known (TRO) about the horrible discrepancy between America's rich and poor—which should have been front page news in every daily in America! I love this commentary and am proud to quote Miss Reiss now:

EXCERPT FROM 'THE EVAD-ED QUESTION' BY ELLEN REISS

A National Hatter, Evaded
I comment on a national matter about which there has been a purposeful non-clarity, an evasiveness—just as individuals can be inwardly evasive and tricky about their own purposes. This evasiveness, which is making for massive

pain in America now, is about how to see the fact that some people have a great deal of money and others have very little, sometimes agonizingly little. And it is agreed by economists that the gap is widening between those with wealth and those in poverty: that is, more and more people are poor.

Though press and economists tell us steadily that the U.S. economy is "robust" and "vibrant," the New York Times printed an article by Louis Uchitelle which noted that America...is nevertheless a nation of "stagnant wages," "income inequality," "spreading poverty"; that "10-hour workdays are common," "holding onto a job now takes precedence over upward mobility, or getting decent annual raises," "longer hours on the job have displaced the...goal of more leisure time," "job insecurity—'cowed labor'...—has become...accepted."

Uchitelle reports these facts. Yet he does not do what would be honest: he does not say: What I am reporting here gives the lie to what the press has been saying for years—the U.S. economy is not doing well; and this paper has been trying to deceive you on the subject.

He does not say what the Times and other media organizations have long known: Eli Siegel explained as early as 1970 that profit economics has failed, irretrievably failed after hundreds of years, because its basis is contempt. Its basis is the seeing of a man, a woman—even a child desiring food—in terms of how much profit can be made from this person: from

his or her labor, his or her life-needs. And the reason people are being forced to work long hours at low-paying jobs (often two or more) which they are terrified of losing, the reason millions of Americans are being humiliated and tormented this way, and rooked, is that the profit system has failed—thousands of businesses have gone under, and those that survive are trying to make big profits by using people as contemptuously as possible.

This Question Needs to Be Answered

The question I am presenting now as necessary for America to answer, the deeply evaded question underlying so much pain is this: Is it evil for some people to be rich and others poor? This is a burning question. When it is answered straight there will be both kindness and real prosperity in America.

Economists and politicians will wiggle and squirm and do anything to get away from giving a straight answer to this question. A politician, asked by Roger Citizen, "Do you see it as evil that some people are rich and others poor?" might say, "Well, I am proposing certain measures which I think will do away with some unfortunate inequities."

R. Citizen: "Sir, you have not answered the question. Is it immoral for there to be an upper class and a lower class?" Politician: "Surely a person has the right to be successful." R. Citizen: "That is not the question. There are now two babies, both lying in cribs. One is very rich, in a bright, opulent room. The other, Deirdre, is in an awful room, with roaches in it. Her mother's name is

Cally. And Cally is now sitting with her head in her hand watching Deirdre cry for food, and Cally is thinking, tormented, about whether she should dilute her baby's formula with water—because what the infant cries for is more than Cally can afford, even though she goes to work every day, leaving little Deirdre with her own mother. The question is, Is it evil—completely, utterly evil—just because of how these babies were born, for one to have so much and the other so little?"

When you don't get to the essential questions, when you want to evade them, you can dress up brutality and fakery to seem somehow acceptable. Eli Siegel always, beautifully, courageously, got to the essential questions. The question he said was necessary for America to answer is this: "What does a person deserve by being a person?" The question I am asking is a form of that question. It precedes matters persons find it more convenient to discuss—like what should be done about the budget deficit.

Aesthetic Realism is very clear: it says it is evil—strictly, completely, unmitigatedly evil—for some people to have a very great deal of money and others very little. It is evil—not just regrettable or sad—for a woman to have to worry about feeding her baby while some people can spend huge sums of money in a restaurant; and the situation should and can be remedied immediately. In his 1970 lecture The Soul Is with Labor Mr. Siegel said, "God never wanted anybody to be poor for an hour...Millions of people

have suffered, and they didn't have to!" (TRO 952).

The Only Solution

And Mr. Siegel showed that the only solution—the only ethical and practical solution—for America's economy is aesthetics, the oneness of opposites: "national sameness and differences as one. This means the economy has to be based on each person thinking about other persons in America and feeling, "You are different from me, but you are like me too—your feelings are as real as mine are. And you deserve as much of this beautiful American earth with all its wealth and possibilities as I do. I also see that every person is in a relation of sameness and difference with this land itself: we are different from the American earth, of course, but it is rightfully ours; we need what it has, to be ourselves; and each of us deserves to own it. That includes Cally, now in a Chicago apartment, feeling she must give her baby, Deirdre, less than Deirdre's crying body needs—she must give her diluted milk, when the American land has milk and milk and milk enough to make little Deirdre happy, and strong. Deirdre should be in a true relation of sameness and difference with that milk; it should be able to become her, have her grow.

This is the knowledge that can end the suffering in our country, and I want everyone to know it!

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National Education Association Honors Samuel Ethridge as "A Civil Rights Hero"



A TRIBUTE TO AN 'UNSUNG HERO'—National Education Association (NEA) President Bob Chase (2nd from left) presents the Association's highest award to the widow of Samuel E. Ethridge, Mrs. Cordia Baylor Ethridge. In a special Black History Month program, Ethridge, who died this past January, was honored for his outstanding leadership during a 20-year career at NEA. Participating in the NEA Memorial Tribute to Ethridge were (left) NEA Vice-President Ray Weaver, Chicago civil rights attorney Thomas Todd (center), who was the keynote speaker, Mrs. Sybil Connally, Chair, NEA Black Caucus, and John Lucas, honorary member of the NEA board of directors.

Washington, D.C. —The National Education Association (NEA) board of directors celebrated, at its annual board meeting, celebrated Black History Month by holding a special memorial tribute to Samuel E. Ethridge, who was described as "one of the unsung heroes of the modern civil rights

movement." Ethridge, as the top African American official at NEA, led the fight for the desegregation of teach organizations and brought NEA into the center of the civil rights movement. Ethridge, 76, had been invited to participate in the tribute to his historic life and for

his many contributions to NEA. However, he had been ill from diabetes and died on January 14, 2000.

NEA President Bob Chase said, "NEA is indebted to Sam Ethridge for his enduring work for quality public for all students; from 1964 to 1984, during a 20-year career as an Association executive,

Sam served as a major civil rights leader who centered NEA within the civil rights movement."

Chase said Ethridge was instrumental in the desegregation and merger of white and black teacher groups, "negotiated delicate issues, such as NEA's participation in school desegregation litigation, employment of staff in the formerly dual Southern states, correction of inequitable and unequal racial treatment of educators and students, and insuring that NEA would remain committed to human and civil rights."

According to Chase, Ethridge's historical legacy is becoming more acute in light of the current trend of racial resegregation of public schools.

At the NEA Memorial Tribute, Chase presented NEA's highest award to Mrs. Cordia Baylor Ethridge in recognition of her husband's outstanding leadership.

One of Ethridge's former students from his years as a public school teacher in Mobile, Alabama, renowned Chicago civil rights attorney, Thomas Todd, was the keynote speaker. Todd electrified an audi-

ence 100 NEA board members, staff and guests, in an eloquent and inspiration speech about Ethridge's life and how "Sam walked down a dirt road and impacted the lives of thousands of teachers and millions of students."

Todd shared memories of his relationship with Ethridge in Alabama and invited the audience to "leave the information super-highway and walk down a dirt road with me to put Sam's life in context." He urged the audience to consider the difference between "simply making history versus making sense."

"Clarence Thomas made history, but does he make sense?" Todd asked, "George Wallace made history, but did he make sense? Even O.J. (Simpson) made history, but he never made sense. Just because you make the headlines and so-called history, doesn't mean you make sense. But Sam Ethridge, who didn't make the front page, not only made history but made complete and absolute sense."

In other tributes, Joe L. Reed, Associate Executive Secretary of the Alabama Education Association, said: "Sam Ethridge was a mentor for teachers over the

nation, in general, and for Black teachers, in particular. Sam's fingerprints shall remain on the chronicles of public education in this nation for years to come and his footprints shall remain on the sands of time in our public school yards in our states."

Dr. Dorothy Height, Chair/President Emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, said, "I would describe Samuel Ethridge as one of the 'unsung-heroes' of the civil rights movement. He was quiet and soft spoken, but his dedication was firm and backed up by deeds."

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change commended Ethridge for being a long-time member of the King Center's Board of Directors, for promoting the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and expressed her appreciation "for his friendship, support, and advice."

Congressman John Lewis pointed out that "Beginning in the 1960's and for decades to follow, Sam brought to the Civil Rights Movement the critical resources (of NEA) and a commitment to his profession that were without equal"

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Try This

"...when you don't admit to your mistakes and deal with the consequences, you're probably going to keep making the same mistake..."

Stanley "Tookie" Williams, at 43, has spent the past 16 years as an inmate on San Quentin's Death Row in Northern California. His cell window faces the Richmond Bridge and a spectacular skyline of birds, boats, and a rippled bay. Yet he seldom looks out. "It would make the time I

spend in prison even harder to deal with," he says.

How It Started

In the spring of 1971, when Tookie was 16, he was in a very different situation. He was a high school student from South Central Los Angeles. He had a fearsome reputation as a fighter and as a "general" of South Central's west side. And, around that time, Tookie, along with Raymond Lee Washington, created what would one day be a super-gang, the Crips.

Back in the day when Tookie and Raymond founded the Crips, many of the young people of South Central Los Angeles were involved with small gangs. Those gang members roamed South

Central taking property from anyone who feared them, including women and children. To protect the community, Tookie and Raymond organized the Crips.

How It Grew

By 1979, the Crips had grown from a small Los Angeles gang to an organization with membership spread across the State of California. By this time, Crips had also become just like the gang members they had once sought to protect themselves from — Crips had become gang bangers who terrorized their own neighborhoods.

Soon the Crips lost both their leaders: in 1979, Raymond was murdered by a rival gang member, and, that

same year, Tookie was arrested. He was charged with murdering four people. In 1981, Tookie was convicted of those crimes and placed on death row.

Life In Prison

In 1987, Tookie began what became a 6 1/2-year stay in solitary confinement. After two years there, Tookie began to look at himself. He focused on the choices he had made in his life and then committed himself to make a drastic change. The long, difficult process she undertook to rebuild his character put him in touch with his true spirit, his own humanity. Only then could Tookie finally begin to care about the many children, mothers, fathers and other

family members of this country hurt by the Crips legacy and by its explosive growth. The gang is now in 42 states and on at least one other continent: South Africa. Youngsters in Soweto and other South African cities have formed the Crips copycat gangs.

Tookie Today

Tookie greatly regrets the violent history of the Crips — particularly how so many young black men have hurt each other — and he wants to do what he can to stop it. The Tookie Speaks Out Against Gang Violence book series for elementary-school-age children is the first fruit of

his longing to prevent young people of every color from becoming gang bangers, from ending up in prison, crippled by bullets, or killed.

Tookie is determined to make amends for having been a co-founder of the Crips. He intends to try in every way he can to guide those youngsters who have imitated him away from the road that led him to death row where he faces State execution. "Don't join a gang," he tells children in his books, writing from his San Quentin cell. "You won't find what you're looking for. All you will find is trouble, pain and sadness. I know. I did."