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AKA'S 1999 Debutantes Presented "Sponsored by Eta Delta Chapter"

The Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presented its 1999 Debutantes at the 17th Debutante Ball held Saturday evening, January 9, 1999 at the KoKo Palace. The theme was: "Wind Beneath My Wings." The 1999 Debutantes are:

KaShondra Barber, "Queen", who is the daughter of Linda Barber, and granddaughter of Emma Rayford. She is a senior at Estacado High School, and plans to attend the University of Texas at Arlington. Her escort was Taodrick McGraw.

Erica Curry, "First Maid", is the daughter of Ossie and Ruth Curry. She attends Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Her escort was Jason Sanders.

LaToya Na'Chole Britt, "Second

Maid," is the granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Britt, and the niece of William Britt. She attends South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. Her escort was Darrell Jones.

Dawn O'Koro is the daughter of Lee E. and Gwendolyn F. Bagley, Jr. She attends the University of Texas at Austin, Texas. Her escort was Arun Srinivasan.

Shanna Washington is the daughter of John and Daisy Washington. She attends South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. Her escort was Cedric B. Washington.

Pearlene Williams is the daughter of Linda Williams and Robert Griggs. She attends South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. Her escort was Robert DeShawn Griggs.



KaShondra Barber "Queen", escorted by Taodrick McGraw



Erica Curry "First Maid", escorted by Jason Sanders



LaToya Na'Chole Britt, "Second Maid" escorted by Darrell Jones



Dawn O'Koro, escorted by Arun Srinivasan



Shanna Washington, escorted by Cedric B. Washington



Pearlene Williams, shown with her parents, Linda Williams and Robert Griggs

Lubbock Citizens Will Be Roasted!



Mrs. Annie Sanders



John Washington



Mrs. Gloria Carter



T.J. Patterson

The entire citizens of Lubbock are asked to join in a city-wide "Black History Month" Celebration. The event will be the roasting of two men and two women.

The roast will be held Saturday evening, February 6, 1999 at the McInturff Center at the University Medical Center, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Honorees for the event are: Mrs. Annie

Sanders, volunteer with Meals on Wheels; Mrs. Gloria Carter, English teacher at Lubbock High School; T. J. Patterson, city councilman; and John Washington, Lubbock Independent Assistant Superintendent.

This event is sponsored by the Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may be purchased at Caviel Pharmacy, 1719 Avenue A; J & J Beauty Supply, 1813 Parkway Drive;

Clinton and Gore Announce Largest Lending Discrimination Settlement In American History

On January 18, 1999, President Clinton and Vice President Gore announced the largest lending discrimination settlement in American history — \$6.5 billion in mortgages and special programs designed to help 78,000 minority and low- to moderate-income families become homeowners.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development negotiated the record settlement with Columbia National Inc., based in Columbia, MD. The mortgage lender, which operates in 28 states, was accused of violating the Fair Housing Act by discriminating against minorities seeking home mortgages. Under the settlement, Columbia agreed to make \$6 billion in home mortgage loans to minorities and low- to moderate-income families over the next five years.

The lender also agreed to spend \$529 million over the five years on the following programs: \$489 million in closing cost assistance programs and bond programs that subsidize interest rates for minority families and low- to moderate-income families; \$36.5 million in home rehabilitation loans that will be available through HUD's Federal Housing Administration (FHA) 203k program; \$2.6 million to advertise the availability of its home mortgages in minority oriented media; and \$1 million to train its staff to deal with fair lending and diversity issues.

The settlement closes HUD's investigation of the lending



Standing from left to right: President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore joined by two AmeriCorps volunteers. (Photo by White House Photo Office)

discrimination charges, which grew out of a November 1997 complaint against Columbia by the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission. It is the eighth and final settlement involving testing done by the commission with a \$ 100,000 grant awarded by HUD to determine whether there was racial discrimination in lending in the Fort Worth, Texas area.

The eight settlements, including Columbia, total \$10.1 billion. Previous record-high lending discrimination settlements were negotiated by HUD in 1998 growing out of the same \$100,000 grant. Those record settlements were for \$2.1 billion from AccuBanc Mortgage of Dallas, Texas and \$1.3 billion from Temple-Inlan Mortgage of Austin, Texas, with most of the funds going for mortgages targeted to minorities and low- to moderate-income home

buyers. Congress passed the Fair Housing Act in 1968, six days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who spent years working for passage of the measure to outlaw housing discrimination. Many of those voting for the measure at the time said it was a tribute to Dr. King. The President and Vice President made the announcement at Regency House senior health center, where they worked with 15 AmeriCorps volunteers to tear down a wall. This project marks the beginning of full scale rehabilitation of the senior health center by AmeriCorps members. Regency House is a 160-unit high-rise apartment building for low-income seniors, administered by the D.C. Housing Authority. This year, more than 700 AmeriCorps members will serve with more than 8 projects across the District of Columbia.

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer Named To New Democratic Leadership Team

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer has been recommended by President Bill Clinton to serve as a member of the new leadership team at the Democratic National Convention (DNC).

At a weekend meeting of the DNC's Executive Committee, Archer and Rep. Loretta Sanchez of California were named General Co-Chairs-designate. Roy Römer, former governor of Colorado, remains General Chair of the DNC while Indiana Democratic Party Chair Joe Andrew has been named National Chair-designate, replacing Steve Grossman.

Römer said, "Our ability to communicate our positive message will be the key to our success in the future. Dennis Archer and Loretta Sanchez have the spirit, energy, and savvy we will need to spread that message far and wide, and I am excited to have them join our leadership team."

The full DNC will meet in Washington March 18-20 to conduct a vote and make official Clinton's recommendation of Archer, Sanchez and Andrew.

Archer, who played a prominent role at the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago by nominating President Clinton to head the Democratic presidential ticket, said, "I am enormously proud that President Clinton and Vice President Gore have determined that I might be able to add something of a significance to the Democratic National Committee. I am a proud and strong Democrat. I am reminded of Ron Brown and his outstanding service to the Democratic Party in his leadership role as the single chairman of the DNC, and what he did to bring to this nation the Clinton-Gore Administration."

Archer serves as president of

the National Conference of Democratic Mayors, a board member of the National Conference of Black Mayors, second vice president of the National League of Cities, and is an Executive Board member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He is past president of the National Bar and active in the American Bar Association.

Archer added, "I look forward to working with my colleagues and with other Democrats throughout the country to help the Democratic Party maintain control of the White House in 2000 and win the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, along with state and municipal elections. I also feel I can show how important African Americans, Hispanics, and other minorities are to the Democratic Party and how they should benefit from Democratic victories."

Archer was elected Mayor of Detroit in 1993 and re-elected to a four-year term in 1997.

NAACP President & CEO Mfume Will Not Seek Mayor's Seat

Baltimore, MD - NAACP President & CEO Kweisi Mfume issued the following statement at a press conference at the NAACP headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland:

"I am both flattered and honored that so many people of different races and walks of life throughout the greater Baltimore area would express confidence in me running for mayor of Baltimore. However, I am not actively considering anything but the work before me with the NAACP. The work I am doing with so many others to help try and create a better America for all Americans is very important to me. That work requires the full time attention of all of us involved in it. There is a lot more for me to do at the NAACP, and I owe it to the Association and

our members to stay focused...I believe in completing jobs.

Therefore, I am not now nor will I be a candidate for Mayor in this year's election.

To those who are candidates and to those soon to throw their hats in the ring, please understand the following...that the desire to lead must not be fed on ego and personal ambition. It must be founded on sincerity and one's real desire to help all

people. Baltimore needs a cheerleader — someone who is an economic visionary, someone energetic enough to lead the city, to put belief back into the community and flippe in the hearts of residents. Failing to do that, the city that we love is at risk of falling into the second tier American cities.

The NAACP is committed to not allowing that to happen.



COMING SOON

In the February 26, 1999 issue we will have a special section honoring **Black History Month**. Those interested in advertising or contribute to this section please contact **T.J. Patterson or Eddie Richardson at The Southwest Digest, 762-3612**. Ad Deadline is February 15, 1999

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 by anytime. God is good, all the time.

Services were well carried out last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a. m. All teachers and students were in their various places of instruction for 30 minutes.

Last Sunday morning was Missionary Day, and Ladies of Women Missionary Society was in charge of the morning devotional period.

Let us all be in prayer with those of the community who are shut-in. Let them know that prayer works for everything. God always knows best.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones.

Youth Recognition Banquet will be held Saturday evening, February 13, 1999, from 6:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall of New Hope Baptist Church. This special effort will honor all New Hope youth. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Let us continue to pray for the Samuel Curtis family as well as the Edward "Willie" Nickerson, Jr. family. Just remember God is able to see you through, no matter what the problem may be.

Don't forget the New Hope Baptist Church "Burning Service," which is set for the first Sunday in February, 1999. It will be held Sunday afternoon, February 7, 1999, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church, will be guest speaker. The burning of the "original loan", in the amount of \$225,000.00 will take place. You know, the members of New Hope have something to shout about!

Look forward to the Annual Black History edition of the Southwest Digest which will be published Thursday, February 26, 1999. It is a good time to subscribe to the Southwest Digest.

Africa's Silent Sufferers

QUAKERTOWN, Pa.—Some of the civil-rights leaders who vigorously denounced South African apartheid years ago are now reluctant to condemn the atrocities currently plaguing other African nations, notes author John Perazzo.

"While some of our most vocal activists quite properly denounce manifestations of white racism such as apartheid and discrimination," says Perazzo, "they appear to ignore the fact that throughout African history, powerful ethnic hostilities between black groups have regularly exploded into some of the most horrific atrocities the world has ever known."

In *The Myths That Divide Us*, a controversial new book that has drawn praise from such prominent black figures as Dr. Walter F. Williams and Rev. Jesse Peterson, Perazzo discusses what he calls "the double standard by which some civil-rights crusaders evaluate evil."

He notes, for instance, that such crusaders have said almost nothing about Africa's current crises. For example:

"In Sierra Leone, rebels are slaughtering and dismembering innocent civilians by the hundreds in a brutal campaign called 'No Living Thing.' Moreover, the rebels commonly take women and children into sexual slavery."

In Congo, government troops and vigilante mobs have hunted down and slaughtered thousands of Tutsis since last August. Among the army's allies are members of Uganda's Lord's Resistance Army, which kidnaps schoolchildren to help fill its ranks.

Sudan's National Islamic Front government is waging a genocidal campaign against rebels in the country's predominantly Christian south. Since 1983, nearly 2 million Sudanese have died from war-related causes, while tens of thousands of women and children have been captured and forced into a brutal form of slavery.

white injustice. They seem relatively untroubled by instances of black-on-black brutality."

Perazzo, who holds degrees in sociology and education, says he labored for five years over *The Myths That Divide Us* because of his passion for truth. "The truth shall set us free. By ignoring even the most awful examples of black-on-black brutality both at home and abroad, some of our most visible civil-rights leaders deflect all black troubles as traceable to white racism. Predictably, their rhetoric spawns a great deal of interracial bitterness."

Rev. Jesse Peterson, who heads the Los Angeles-based Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny (BOND), calls Perazzo's book "monumentally important." Those interested in purchasing or learning more about *The Myths That Divide Us* may call World Studies Books publishing company toll-free at 1-888-919-BOOK.

Many Working Mothers Take Home \$1 An Hour Or Less, According to National Association of At-Home Mothers

Fairfield, IA — According to a recent article in *At-Home Mother* magazine, when true job costs are tallied, many families with working mothers would actually be better off financially if Mom stayed at home with the kids.

"I was working for less than a dollar an hour without realizing it," commented Cheryl Gochbauer, author of the article "How Leaving My Job Saved Us Money."

Gochbauer added up all of the costs of working outside the home, including the obvious ones like childcare for two children, a car payment, lunch money and clothes. She also uncovered many hidden costs like co-worker gift pools, family dinners eaten out to save time, and higher taxes due on two

incomes. She found that she was actually clearing \$39 a week, or less than \$1 an hour, at her job!

And, after tearing apart her family's spending habits, "I uncovered huge amounts of discretionary expenditures, like eating out, entertainment and 'mad money,'" Gochbauer noted. Analyzing her family's spending habits, she identified \$1,566 a month in expenses her family could save by living more simply and eliminating the costs associated with a second job.

As a result, Gochbauer's decision to leave her paid job to become a full-time at-home mother was simple. "Not every mother has the option to be an at-home mother, but we have found that many two-income families can actually achieve a better quality of life by living on one income and having mom stay at home to raise the kids," said Jeanette Lisefski, Lisefski, the editor of *At-Home Mother* magazine, said "the false assumption that two incomes are necessary to survive these days, prevents many mothers from opting to stay at home."

The National Association of At-Home Mothers, publisher of the magazine, also provides a newsletter and a series of practical Information Guides to help families who want support for full-time parenting. To request a free copy of *At-Home Mother* magazine, with information on how to join the Association,

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Chapel Hill Neighborhood Association will receive sealed bids until February 19th, 1999, until 4:00 p.m. at the City of Lubbock's office of Community Development, located at 1625 13th Street, Room 107, Lubbock, Texas, for the following project: the replacement of the parking lot located at 3903 E. Baylor.

After the expiration of the time and the place as noted, all bids will be opened privately. Bidders will be notified of the results of the bidding process on February 22nd, 1999, before 5:00 p.m.

This project will be paid in part by funding from the Community Development Block Grant received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The project must comply with all applicable Federal Laws and Regulations including the payment of Federal minimum wages under the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, equal opportunity and under Section 3, Affirmative Action and Executive Order 11246.

The agency reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Beginning February 8th, 1999, plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of Community Development at 1625 13th Street, Room 107, Lubbock, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

I Have A Dream



These are special words to us all, but especially important to the members of Hub City Kiwanis and the East Lubbock community. These are words of hope for the members of our community.

Hub City Kiwanis supports our community through various programs and agencies. Youth sports, scholarships, Estacado High School Key Club, Angel Tree, Toys for Tots Campaign, Lubbock State School, Texas Tech University, Minority Faculty/Staff Scholarship, Lubbock Alumni Chapter of Huston-Tillotson College, Texas Tech University Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Camp Kiwanis, The Children's Miracle Network. These are just a few of the agencies and organizations that we will provide assistance to this year.

Our flag service allows us to help those and others in need in our community. Flags are distributed at dawn and picked up at dusk. Cost is only \$20 per year. We distribute flags on the following holidays.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	4th of July
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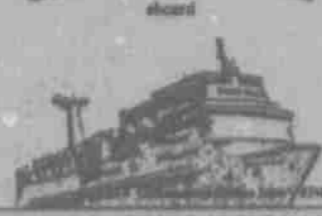
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Obituary



Edward "Willie" Nickerson, Jr.

Final rites were read for Edward "Willie" Nickerson, Jr. on Monday, January 25, 1999 at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the arrangements of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ollie Guy,

Orce Matthews, Harry Stokley, Robert Cork, John Howard, and Joe Donald.

Mr. Nickerson was born October 24, 1928 in Fort Worth, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nickerson Sr.

He moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1945. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He married Bernice Hibbler in December, 1952. He was employed by Lubbock Building Products for 36 years.

Mr. Nickerson was preceded in death by his father, Edward Nickerson, Sr.; and a sister, Ethel Mae Alexander.

He leaves to mourn his loss: his wife, Bernice of Lubbock, Texas; four daughters: Lucy Green, and son-in-law, Curtis Green, Vinnie Johnson and son-in-law, Timothy Johnson, Jeanice Summerling and Patsy Mitchell, all of Fort Worth, Texas; his mother, Lillie Nickerson of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Hattie Hill of Fort Worth, Texas; six grandsons, four granddaughters, and one great grandson.

Fighting For Martin Luther King's Dream

From time to time throughout history, great and noble men or women stand before the world to deliver a message of moral urgency. These people have the courage to tell society of its evil practices; the vision to imagine a better future; and the intelligence to plot out the path toward that future.

The message that they bring is never welcomed unanimously; often it is angrily rejected by most, at least at first. After all, if everyone accepted the message at the start, there would be no reason to bring it in the first place. Such people always put themselves in danger. Since their proposals for fundamental social reform require people to change their thinking and, sometimes, to give up privileges, they will always have bitter enemies.

And so it was with the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., killed by a cold, cruel, assassin's bullet on that motel balcony in Memphis, Tennessee, nearly 31 years ago.

On a sweltering summer day, at the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King delivered his message in its purest, most resounding form in his "I Have a Dream" speech. That hot August afternoon seems long, long ago, yet his message seems fresh today. Why is that so?

King was the leader of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. He led the Montgomery Bus Boycott against segregated seating in 1955 and 1956. He founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 to carry the fight against segregation across the South. He fought the Battle of Birmingham in 1963 against Bull Connor's dogs and fire hoses, a struggle that awakened the conscience of a nation and helped pave the way for the possible passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Two years later King and his followers joined with Congressman John Lewis, then President of the Student Non Violent Coordinating Committee, and the courageous activists of that organization to confront the brutal violence of Sheriff Jim Clark and his deputies, highlighting the need for the eventual adoption of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

These two bills broke the back of legalized discrimination in America. They fought against discrimination has changed America from a racist society where discrimination against African Americans was all-pervasive, to a society where racism still exists but many racial barriers have come down.

Martin Luther King is associated primarily with the civil rights cause. But the reason King's dream seems fresh is that it is based on broad principles that rise above specific times, places, groups, and social struggles that apply to all times, places, groups, and struggles. For his was the dream not only of civil rights for African Americans but of universal human justice, and that is a cause that never ends. As the great black labor and civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph once said: "The struggle for freedom

is continuous, for freedom is never a final fact, but a continuing evolving process to higher and higher levels of human, social, economic, political, and religious relationships." And King agreed with Randolph and Bayard Rustin, the co-founders of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, that after the battle for legal equality came "stage two, the fight for economic and social justice." After all, as Rustin once said, "When good is the right to sit at the lunch counter if you can't afford lunch."

King knew that this second stage of the struggle would be more difficult than the first. Much of the focus of civil rights activists was against the overt institutional discrimination in the South, and the movement could draw on support from the North and West. Besides, it cost no money to pull down "whites only" signs. But a program for economic and social justice would impact all of the nation and would necessitate a major allocation of the nation's resources to fund jobs and job training programs, public housing programs, subsidized health care, and greater spending on public schools. Such programs would meet vast resistance, and so blacks more than ever would need to forge coalitions, even more than during the civil rights struggle of the 1950s and 60.

To whom did King turn when he looked for allies in the economic and social struggle? He looked to organized labor, the strongest institution in America fighting for economic and social justice. As he observed, "Blacks are almost entirely a working people. Our needs are identical with labor's needs: decent wages, fair working conditions, livable housing, old age security, health and welfare measures, conditions in which families can grow, have education and respect in the community. That is why blacks support labor's demands and fight laws which curb labor."

King had time only to begin his work in the black-labor coalition. He was assassinated while in Memphis to help the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees organize the city's exploited sanitation workers, almost all of whom were black. Then came the fatal bullet that struck King down.

Since that day in 1968, the fight

for justice has faced major obstacles. If King could somehow be with us today, he would be appalled to learn that anti-labor, anti-civil rights politicians of the radical right controlled the Presidency from 1980 to 1992 and have controlled Congress since 1994. He would learn that during the past twenty years the far right has ended federal support for job training and public housing programs, cut Medicare, let the minimum wage fall in real value, cut back on civil rights enforcement, led the attack on affirmative action, and given corporate America the go-ahead to use more aggressive anti-union strategies during strikes, union organizing drives, and contract negotiations. Right-Wing conservatives are trying to privatize Social Security, downgrade public education through a phony school voucher plan, and defeat real reform of our ailing health-care system.

Ronald Reagan, Newt Gingrich, and their followers have been carrying America away from King's dream of racial equality and social and economic justice and toward a society of greed and division by race and class. They have been reverse Robin Hoods, picking the pockets of the poor to fatten the wallets of the rich. In their kind of society, the rich are "winners" and working people and the poor are "losers," to be looked down on with contempt.

But if King were with us now, his sorrow would be mingled with hope, because the black-labor coalition is beginning to turn things around. During the last two years, unions have won great organizing victories at U.S. Airways, United Airlines, and in the

Dallas public school system. Labor's political clout has grown: in 1996, the AFL-CIO led a campaign that forced a hostile Congress to pass a minimum wage increase. Subsequently the unions helped to defeat a White House request for "fast-track" authority in negotiating trade agreements, which would have removed worker and consumer input into the process and made the jobs of American workers vulnerable to cheap, exploited foreign labor. Last year the unions shocked the far right by defeating referendums in California and Oregon that would have sharply reduced organized labor's ability to influence the political process on behalf of working and poor Americans.

Finally, the right wing's hold on Congress is shaky. Newt Gingrich's majority in the House of Representatives was cut in half in 1996. Against all expectations, the radical right lost more House seats last November, something that hardly ever happens in a mid-term election to the party not controlling the White House. A major effort by labor helped bring about the result. So did a strong black turnout, up from 9 percent of the total vote in 1994 to 12 percent in 1998. The next Congressional election will be, in the millennial year 2000. That will present the black-labor coalition the opportunity to end far right control of the House. That is the goal of the black-labor coalition, and when we succeed, America will at last be on the right track once again. Martin Luther King's track, the track that will carry America toward the dream of social and economic justice and complete racial equality.



Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander Delivers the Biennial Revenue Estimate

Austin -- State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivers her first official revenue estimate to the Texas Legislature and Governor George W. Bush. Comptroller Rylander said the state's economy is sound, revenues healthy and she recommends a "family style" budget for the future. "We need to spend wisely, invest wisely and save some for a rainy day," said Comptroller Rylander.

She also had some good news for lawmakers and taxpayers -- \$5.6 billion in additional funds are available over the amount appropriated last session. The state's earnings from all revenue sources will total \$94 billion in fiscal years 2000-01. An estimate \$471 million will also be transferred to the state's "rainy-day" fund.

The Texas Constitution requires the Comptroller to release a biennial revenue estimate (BRE) before each regular legislative session. The BRE serves as a blueprint for lawmakers as they draft a state spending bill for the next two year period.



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Saga of the Black Press!!!!

By Eddie P. Richardson

Since 1827, when Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm published the first recorded issue of the Black newspaper, *Freedom's Journal*, many contributions have been made by the Black Press.

Cornish, a Black Episcopal minister and Russwurm, the first Black college graduate, began something positive for the Black community.

Russwurm stated: "We want to plead our own cause; Black newspapers have been doing just that for the last 164 years, backing and attacking leaders in the communities they serve, despite major competition from the larger, general population daily newspapers.

Advertising dollars are spread among TV, radio, daily newspapers, magazines and billboards. Struggle for our fair share has been rather difficult for the Black community newspaper.

Some advertisers are, however, learning the advantage of using the Black press.

The role of the Black press, first of all, is to provide a medium of expression ... for the African-American community. The Black Press was a bastion of Civil Rights support; it set out to break down the doors of segregation. When advertisers say, "Well, Black people read the daily papers, so I advertise in the daily, Black people also read the *Wall Street Journal*, and *The USA Today*. You're not advertising there! If you want to specifically target the Black community, you need to advertise in the Black newspapers.

DNC Chair Praises President Clinton

Washington, D.C. -- DNC National Chair Steve Grossman and Chair Governor Roy Romer today praised President Clinton for this State of the Union Address. During the President's speech, he acknowledged immigrants for their cultural support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

"The President's remarks in his State of the Union Address reinforce the President's position towards equality for all Americans," said DNC National Chair Steve Grossman. "Our Party has remained firm in supporting and embracing immigrants, while Republicans continue to intimidate and discriminate against them."

In his address, the President told Congress that in order for immigrants to fulfill their responsibilities as new residents of this country, Congress must expand their efforts to help immigrants enter mainstream America. A key way to prevent violence or discrimination based on ethnicity is by passing the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

"The President's comments are reflective of his commitment to give every person in this country an equal opportunity to succeed," said DNC General Chair Governor Roy Romer. "Our Party believes in one America, one that creates equal opportunity, fair treatment, and zero tolerance for injustice. The GOP's continued anti-immigration efforts prove that even as we near the new millennium, Republicans still don't get it and are far from abandoning their divisive and intolerant agenda."

And advertisement in the *Southwest Digest* says "We want to be in your community." It's still difficult to get some white merchants to understand that!

An advertisement's effectiveness is directly proportional to the believability the reader holds in the newspaper. *Tony Brown Journal* has higher believability than *Art Buchwald* in the Black community. Most Blacks will pay more attention to what they see on BET than what

they see on CNN.

So even if they advertise in the major daily papers, the advertisement has more equitability and believability with the audience if it's in the Black newspaper.

Black newspapers stay in the home all week long. The reader spends more time reading it. We offer an advertiser ... Black ... Readers ... who pay much more attention ... to what ... is in their newspaper ...

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



What are we going to do when the clock strikes 12:00 o'clock P. M. on December 31, 1999? We will have arrived at the beginning of Y2K or the year 2000. Will cyberspace be in total chaos or will things just roll along as usual? At this juncture, no one knows for sure what will happen, but one thing is for sure, we need to prepare for this event just in case Murphy's Law sets in, that is, that everything that can go wrong, will go wrong.

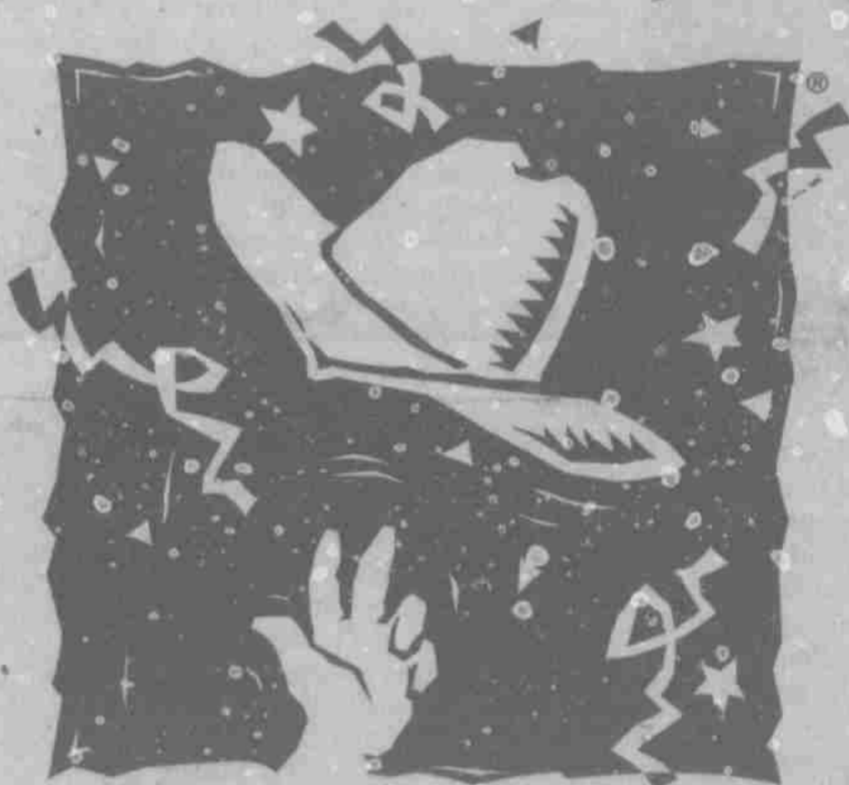
One kind of preparation which I personally stay on top of is keeping a copy of all of my records, because I am a natural skeptic. The coming of Y2K has not caused me any fright in that respect. I keep a bank book with regular entries whether the clerk wants to make them or not. I am sure that they refer to me as 'that ole nag or hag,' but being morally mature, it does not ruffle me at all, just as long as they make my entries. There have been occasions at the drive-in window where I have actually sent my book back and requested an entry because none was

made, alluding to the fact that I should receive a quarterly statement.

I am not too keen on the electronic transfer of funds either. I agree that it is quite convenient, especially for the sick and shut-in and the plain ole lady. I still like to have my check in my hand and decide how and where I want to deposit my coins, without having to check on when the funds arrived and how much etc., and then transferring them to some other place that I might want to put them. I feel the same way about those automatic monthly withdrawals to pay monthly bills. If I should get into a really bad financial situation and want to 'rob Peter to pay Paul,' it would be hard to do with those monthly drafts nipping at my bank balance.

Speaking of a bank balance, those ATMs (automatic teller machines) seem to all be located in places where any and everybody can check out your bank balance! Aside from watching you and getting your access codes, ATMs are fertile grounds for crime such as robbery and often death. The trip to the ATM may be better served inside the bank. We need to get 'in cinque' and evaluate what is important and what is not important in order that we may cope if Murphy's Law sets in with the advent of Y2K.

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The Real Crime In Washington

By Bernice Powell Jackson

I've been quiet up to now about what is going on in my hometown, Washington, D.C. But I just can't take it any more. It seems that Congress won't accept lying about sex, but lying about racism is allowed. That's the message Congress is sending out when it impeaches Bill Clinton for perjury about having a sexual affair and then lying about it, but it turns the other way and winks when the Senate Majority Leader panders to a white supremacist group and then lies about it. That's the message the main-line media sent as well when they ignored this story for weeks and only just have begun to cover it. Racism is all right, sex is not.

Some will take me to task, saying that is a simplistic explanation of it. And perhaps it is, but while sex and lying about sex got Bill Clinton impeached and got rid of Bob Livingston even before he could become Speaker of the House, Trent Lott not only still serves, but still is very much in power while lying about his ties to a racist group. And no one on Capitol Hill seems to care.

It seems that Trent Lott long has had connections with the modern-day version of the White Citizens Council, now called the Council of Conservative Citizens. The White Citizens Councils were the more "acceptable" version of the KKK in the 1950's and 60's, often being composed of local bankers, politicians and educators. Theirs may not have been the policy of violence of the Klan, but their actions provided the underpinnings of segregation and racism across the South.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which has monitored hate groups for three

Legionnaires Raising Funds for WWII Memorial

Many citizens of the United States are not aware there is no national memorial that pays proper homage and tribute to those men and women of the 1940s whose dedication, sacrifice and contributions saved the world by winning World War II, the largest war of all time and the most defining period of the twentieth century.

This memorial is long overdue and the nearly 3 million members of The American Legion have mounted a nationwide grass-roots campaign to correct this oversight. Members in every local Legion post in thousands of communities throughout the country are helping to raise the funds to make this memorial a reality.

The American Legion campaign started on Veterans Day 1998 and runs through Veterans Day 1999, and is not limited to donations from just members of the organization. Every person living today owes that generation a debt of gratitude that can never be fully paid, for their conviction, their common bond, and their high moral purpose during this period of history, both overseas and on the home front. What they did demands that Americans, now and in the future, remember.

This memorial will be the first national memorial acknowledging the commitment and achievement of the entire nation, and everyone can make a contribution to its construction. The donations will be a down payment of gratitude to the no-excuses generation that pulled freedom from the jaws of tyranny and preserved the values of that make America great.

Public Law 103-32 on May 25, 1993, authorizes the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to establish the World War II Memorial in our Nation's Capital. It will be located in a place of honor in the National Mall, east of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Co-chairs of the national fund-raising campaign are former U.S. Senator Bob Dole, and Federal Express CEO Frederick W. Smith; both are veterans and are dedicated to this worthy project. They are asking for everyone's help: Schools, businesses, and private citizens can make individual or collective donations by sending a contribution.

The American Legion is one of the torchbearers, helping the ABMC collect donations which can be made to any local Legion post or sent to: The American Legion, P.O. Box 781138, Indianapolis, IN 46278-8138. For more information, visit the WWII Memorial Website (www.wiimemorial.com)

Every American can help the American Legion and the American Battle Monuments Commission meet this challenge.

decades or so, the Council's newsletter is replete with "a steady stream of anti-black and anti-homosexual columns." The newsletter's readers are encouraged to study biological determinism, eugenics and other so-called "scientific" views long ago shown to be the racist nonsense they really are. They often also read Trent Lott's syndicated newspaper columns which are frequently carried in it as well.

Indeed, Mr. Lott seems to have a long history of connections with the Council of Conservative Citizens, often speaking to their group and being photographed with its leaders. Some wonder whether he has not, in fact, been a member himself. When, finally, the mainstream media began to question Mr. Lott about his ties to this racist organization, he began to try to distance himself from it, claiming that he was unaware of the organization's racist views. But Lott's own

uncle said otherwise.

The evidence is pretty clear. Trent Lott, the Majority Leader of the Senate, has close ties with a known white supremacist group. If the Republican party really wants to prove that it understands the vision of the 21st century, then they will have to do more than put J. C. Watts up front. It will have to tell Trent Lott that he, too, like the dinosaur, must go if the Republican party

really wants to prove that it is doing more than just trying to get rid of Bill Clinton for his lying about sex, then it will have to get rid of Trent Lott for lying about racism. And if the almost all white male U.S. Senate wants us to believe that it can truly represent all the people of this great country, then it, too, must show that racism will not be tolerated in its own leadership. It can't just turn its back on the one

QUARTENTH INFORMATION

Texas has once again made history by being the first and only state to establish a Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. During the 75th Legislative Session, House Bill 1216, sponsored by Rep. A. Edwards of Houston, was signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush. Thereby creating the Texas Emancipation, Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission. The Commission consists of six commissioners appointed by Gov. Bush of which one being Eddie Richardson of Lubbock, Texas; two state senators appointed by Lt. Governor Rich. Bullock; two house of representatives appointed by Speaker Pete Laney; and the executive director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The purpose of the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission is to erect monuments and markers, raise funds, establish a national Emancipation Cultural and Historical Museum, and establish a headquarters. In addition, the Commission was also established to develop effective historical and cultural programs, educate citizens on the effects and significance of emancipation, and develop leaders and role models for the citizens of Texas.

Anyone interested can be a part of the local activities. Here are the meeting dates you may look forward to: November 5, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7 and 14.

All meetings will be held at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Everyone interested in making a positive contribution to this program is invited to attend and bring their ideas and input.

All area and South Plains Juneteenth Programs are urged to contact Commissioner Richardson at 202 E. 24th St., Lubbock, Texas or 806-762-3612 to become part of the statewide and national effort. For information or to participate, call Eddie Richardson 762-5012.

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PROVERB 1:7,8, THE TEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE; BUT FOOLS DESPISE WISDOM AND INSTRUCTION. MY SON, HEAR THE INSTRUCTION OF THY FATHER, AND FORSAKE NOT THE LAW OF

THY MOTHER.

MY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND TEACHERS, WOULD SAY TO ME; HE IS SO BAD; THEN I STARTED THINKING I WAS; AND I BECAME SO SAD!!!

PROVERB 22:6, TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

AS I GREW UP THE PEOPLE AROUND ME WOULD SAY; HE'LL BE A NOBODY; THEN I WANTED TO PROVE TO THEM, I COULD BECOME SOMEBODY!!!

PROVERB 19:18, CHASTEN THY SON WHILE THERE IS HOPE, AND LET NOT THY SOUL SPARE FOR HIS CRYING.

(BROTHER AND SISTERS; I KNOW LAW SAY-DON'T ABUSE YOUR CHILDREN; AND THAT IS RIGHT, BUT SOMETIME WE NEED TO SPANK THEM; TO GET THEIR MINDS ON BUSINESS. LIKE RODNEY KING; THE PARENT DIDN'T TEACH HIM TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE LAND. WHEN THE POLICEMAN SAY; STOP, WHAT PART OF STOP DIDN'T HE UNDERSTAND. EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T DO A THING; STOP, AND IF YOU DON'T AND GET A RODNEY KING SPANKING; YOU ASK FOR IT. AND THAT IS WHAT IS CALLED; CHILD ABUSE. AAAMANNNN.)

PROVERB 22:15, FOOLISHNESS IS BOUND IN THE HEART OF A CHILD;

BUT THE ROD OF CORRECTION SHALL DRIVE IF FAR FROM HIM.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG I WAS VERY LARGE; FOR A BOY MY AGE; I WOULD TAKE OTHER CHILDREN MONEY; THAT WOULD MAKE MY DAY!!!

PROVERB 26:3, A WHIP FOR THE HORSE, A BRIDLE FOR THE ASS, AND A ROD FOR THE FOOLS BACK.

EVERY SINCE I HEARD I HAVE RIGHTS; I TOLD MOM AND DAD I WANTED MINE; I TOLD THEM EARLY. I'LL CALL 911, IF THEY WOULD SPANK MY BEHIND!!!

PROVERB 14:12, THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO A MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

I AM NOW 15 I RUN MY GANG; WE'LL GANG BANG ANYONE WE MEET; OUR MOTTO IS; DO UNTO OTHERS, BEFORE THEY DO IT UNTO THEE!!!

PROVERB 1:10,11, MY SON, IF SINNERS ENTICE THEE, CONSENT THOU NOT. IF THEY SAY, COME WITH US LET US LAY WAIT FOR BLOOD, LET US LURK PRIVIL FOR THE INNOCENT WITHOUT CAUSE.

WE'RE JUST CHILLING OUT, NOT DOING MUCH; JUST OUR THING; SAY!!! SOMEONE IS DOING A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING; O HOW GREAT THE PAIN!!!

PROVERB 1:24, BECAUSE I HAVE CALLED, AND YE REFUSED; I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HAND, AND NO MAN REGARDED (PAID ATTENTION).

WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE SAYING; I'M DEAD? NO WAY THIS CAN'T BE; I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE; TAKE THIS \$\$\$#@ (*@%\$ SHEET OFF ME!!!

JOHN 10:10, JESUS SAID; THE THIEF COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY. I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY (RICHLY). GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LET'S PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!

The Beat Goes On

All of us - whether male or female, young or old, black or white, wealthy or poor, educated or uneducated, laborer or professional - ought to stand for something. Each and everyone of us ought to live for something and have some basic principles, beliefs, and convictions that we are willing to die for. At some point each and every person ought to be able to look in the face of personal comfort, political correctness, and compromise, and declare "This far and no farther." If a number of us feel that our lives are empty of meaning and devoid of substance, the reason may very well be that we have no beliefs to guide us, no principles to which we have committed ourselves, and no convictions around which we have dared to shape our lives and upon which we have staked our future.

It was out of this principle that the African Methodist Episcopal

Denomination was born. The A.M.E. Church dates from 1787 when Richard Allen and other free black worshippers withdrew from St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church—in Philadelphia after being pulled from their knees during worship in a gallery that they did not know was closed to black Christians. In protest, "All went out of the church in a body," according to Allen, "and they were no more plagued with us in that church." This independent church movement of black Christians was the first effective stride to freedom by African Americans.

True to the ultimate commitment of our founders, we here at Greater Bethel A.M.E., are still preaching liberation and reconciliation. The liberation of persons, and the reconciliation of man with God, of person with person, of person to history and environment, and of community to community.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Choice Is Yours

"And he brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16:30-31

The grass in the front yard was not growing very well, although the azalea bush at the edge of the lawn was healthy looking. The grass became a cause for concern to Mr. Homeowner.

And analysis showed that the soil was acid and that ground limestone should be added. This was done, and the grass became noticeably greener. But the azalea bush at the edge of the lawn also received some of the lime. Gradually it became sick-looking, as the leaves yellowed and began to drop. Why? Mr. Homeowner learned to his dismay that an azalea cannot tolerate lime.

The preaching of the gospel message—like the lime, produces different results, depending on the recipient. When Lydia heard Paul preach, she responded with a wholehearted faith and obedience to the gospel commands. The Philippian jailer responded like wise. He asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Then having heard the message, he was obedient in baptism that same hour of the night.

Here Are Just A Few Challenges The Church In Perilous Times Will Face

1. The Church must wrestle with a world mind set that is increasingly secular in nature, humanistic and modernized open to old occult practices.

2. The Church may have to deal with economical and political breakdown on an increasing scale world-wide that will cause people to experience deep fear and lack of trust in anything.

3. The Church will minister to a world that has by and large lost the traditional family look, and lost traditional family values. Many more singles and single parent households will surface. The pressures on the 21st Century family unit will be difficult.

4. The Church will probably make many changes with its missions vision and philosophy in the next ten to twenty years. America and England will not be the Missionary Centers, but Africa and Asia will take over. The traditional missionary as seen in 1700's through the 1900's will probably still exist in the year 2000 but with many other new strategies and ministries.

5. The Church will face a culture that is polytheistic and syncretistic in nature. Syncretism may be defined as the eclectic form of many religions. Adults will take the best facets of each religion and form a new blended reli-

gion. Already we see this happening with the eastern religions becoming more prolific and the robbing of certain appealing aspects of Christianity thus making new and fascinating religions. It will become more and more of a challenge to the true Christian Church to establish the basic tenets of Christianity before people are seduced into these false religions. We are fast becoming a nation filled with many gods and many religions.

6. The Church must fight hard to maintain the basic spiritual values and truth that people thirty to fifty years ago believed in easily. This will take more careful articulation in the pulpit and more biblical proof to establish firm convictions in the hearts of people. Trends suggest that the importance of religion in people lives will continue its slow decline.

7. The Church will be challenged to actually produce what she has promised in the areas of relationships, spiritual power over sin and demonic powers, healing and miracles, and deep unity of spirit. Society today is looking for churches that have philosophies and programs that respond to their felt needs through highly personalized and relevant messages. People are looking for that which is fresh and exciting yet credible and substantive.

In contrast to the favorable response of these, the owners of the slave girl reacted. Instead of being drawn by the gospel to a saving faith, they flew into a rage when Paul commanded the spirit to come out of their slave. We discover, like the lime on the azalea bush, the gospel had an adverse effect upon unrighteousness. A crisis in life always make us aware of our inability. At midnight the circumstances in the Philippian jailer's life were such that he was about to take his life. But before he could, Paul, his prisoner, called out to him and stopped him. No doubt the jailer had heard Paul and Silas praying and praising God, even in their dire straits, and he saw in them a power that could bring light even in the darkest times of life. When in desperation he asked how he could know this power that Paul and Silas possessed, they told him to believe on the Lord Jesus. Then they gave him the necessary information on which his faith must rest, and told him what the Christ commanded of Him, Baptized into Christ, he found the secret of coping.

We can choose which response we will make to Jesus. Let us always make the choice that leads to life, health, and happiness.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

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You plant the seed of God's word adequately securely, and with great concern into the hearts of hurting, frustrated, and angry people. The wonderful precious spirit of God does the rest. Just as it is with a natural garden, so must you do with the seed of God's word planted into the heart. Keep working with the soul, praying over it and for it. Keep on giving it gentle care, then you'll know the harvest is soon to come.

When peace is made within the heart, the soul tormentors must take flight. When the enemies take flight, violence, crime, immorality, and sin in general decreases. God is pleased, and we're blessed. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Are you a "Child of God"? Be known as a "Child of God." Be a peacemaker! Satan loves the peacemaker!

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