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Town Hall Meetings Set By State Rep. Ron Givens

District 03 State Representative Ron D. Givens will host Town Hall Meetings for district residents and other Lubbock residents interested in meeting with the representative Saturday, April 20, 1985.

Rep. Givens will host four meetings on this date: 9 a.m., Station VFW Post 572; 11 a.m., Estacado High School; 2 p.m., O. L. Staten Junior High School; and 4:30 p.m., Friendship High School for Paralel and Wolfleth residents.

These meetings, according to Givens, are for the people to speak, to get clarification on the issues currently before the legislators, to get first hand answers.

"I don't plan to take up all the time talking, I want the

constituents to tell just how they feel," in no uncertain terms. That way, when I return to Austin, I will know how the people who elected me and other people of Lubbock, who think enough of their district and city, to come to my meetings, feel towards a particular issue.

"When the people have an

opportunity to speak directly to their elected officials, they should take advantage of it. Therefore, I encourage District 03 citizens to

attend one of the Town Hall Meetings," continued Givens.

For further information, contact Dwight Pierce at 783-1666.



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The National Weather Service has requested the assistance of South Plains Association of Governments and of each individual local government in observance of April 21-27 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

During the past two years the South Plains has not experienced its customary frequency of severe storms and tornadoes. There is evidence that, as a result of two consecutive mild storm seasons, there is public apathy about severe weather warnings.

While little can be done to prevent property damage in the event of a tornado, loss of life can be minimized. According to the National Weather Service, it was a well functioning warning system and proper public response which avoided any loss of life in the tornado which

devasted Matador last year.

We are asking that, as part of your observance of severe weather awareness week, you publicize its observance, review your own emergency plans or procedures and discuss them among your employees and associates, make people aware of the existence and location of shelters, and promote or encourage appropriate emergency drills in school and other public places.

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Dual 'Mr. Esquire Winners'



Rodney Davis

The Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. announced last week the 1985 Mr. Esquire winners -- not winner -- were Rodney Davis and Patrick Johnson.

"Because of the effort of both young men, the chapter felt as though they were both winners," said Soror Gwen Titus.

Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Davis is a senior at Estacado High School. He is an active member of Parkway Drive Church of Christ, and has been active in State and National Youth Conferences. Rodney has also been a member of Graphic Art organization



Patrick Deon Johnson

and a three year member of the Student Council.

Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson, is a senior at Coronado High School. He is a member of the Varsity Basketball team and has served as Student Council representative for his homeroom

for two years. Patrick is an honor student and his favorite subjects are typing, English and government.

The affair was held Saturday, April 6, 1985 at the Hilton Inn. Music was furnished by the Roy Roberts Band.

Lubbock's Will Be Designated Friday

Lee Storey, West Texas Program Officer of the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission, will be in Lubbock Friday, April 19. Storey will present Lubbock's designation as an official Texas Sesquicentennial community and the city's Sesquicentennial flag to Mayor Henry at 10:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 1625 13th Street.

The City Council has appointed a 21 member Sesquicentennial Committee to direct Lubbock's celebration of the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence as a republic and progress as a state. Dr. David Murrah is chairman of the Lubbock committee. Lubbock will join the rest of the state in

celebrating the historic, cultural, environmental and social aspects of Texas.

Included in Lubbock's plans for 1986 are a project to encourage heightened awareness of Texas history in Lubbock schools through participation in the Sesquicentennial, wildflower and tree planting programs to beautify our city, and development of a multi-media presentation on the history of

Lubbock to be made available to civic groups and clubs during 1986. Acquisition of exhibits on Texas themes to be shown during the Sesquicentennial year is also part of the plan. The committee is planning a city-wide celebration on Texas Independence Day, March 2, 1986.

The committee urges the community to participate in state-wide as well as local events. Among these are the Lubbock

visit of German Friends of Texas, a group of West Germans that will visit Texas in March, 1989. The Sesquicentennial Wagon train will arrive in Lubbock May 3, 1986 and camp overnight in Yellowhouse Canyon. Plans are being formulated for a Lubbock Stop by the Texas Independence steam train.

Other local organizations are tying ongoing annual events to the Sesquicentennial theme for 1986. For example, the Lubbock Arts Festival, the Great Yellowhouse Race, and the Taste of Lubbock are included on the city's calendar of Sesquicentennial events. Additions to the calendar are encouraged, and any organization that wishes to participate is urged to contact the city

program.

On April 25, the winning child's poster on fair housing will be selected and awarded a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. All children ages 5-15, are welcome to enter. All posters must be 8" x 11 1/2" or smaller and may be in any media. The posters should depict an aspect of fair housing, the free choice in housing in the rental, purchase, and financing regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The Lubbock Board of Realtors will also have a fair housing display in the offices, 5015 Knoxville, during the week of April 21 - 27. All questions about fair housing practices may be made at the Community Housing Resource Board public office, 1111 Avenue J, Lubbock, Texas 79401, or phone 744-4294.

Fair Housing Week Events

April 21 - 27 has been declared by City of Lubbock as Fair

Housing Week in Lubbock. The Community Housing Resource Board of Lubbock will celebrate the 17th anniversary of the Civil Community Housing Resource Board of Lubbock will celebrate the 17th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title VIII, the Fair Housing Act, and is scheduling events to inform the citizens of Lubbock about fair housing practices and how to purchase their own home.

April 23, 1985, Tuesday, a fair housing seminar will be given at St. Patrick's Church, 1633 Cherry, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with a Lubbock Board Realtor, Frank G. Lubbock Board Realtor, Frank Gonzales, speaking on how to purchase and qualify for the 10.95% mortgage money

Clean Ups Set In Cherry Addition

Good news! No, we are not giving anything away free, but the members of the Neighborhood Watch has some good news for you. Saturdays, there will be a city truck in our area to pick up large pieces of junk from our alleys (like old chairs, beds, or mattresses) that you don't have any use for, so you won't have to drag them in the alley and lock at them every time you take out the trash.

The truck is free; it won't cost a dime! All you have to do is clean around your

homes and be willing to put the bulky refuse on the truck. If your area is not reached this Saturday, it will be on the following Saturday. If you wish to know more about what's going on in your neighborhood, please attend the Neighborhood Watch meetings held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 515 North Zenith Avenue.

Happy Go Library Week

"Happy Go Library" is the theme for National Library Week, April 14 - 20. Elementary students in the Lubbock Public Schools will participate in a variety of activities that promote library usage and reading enjoyment. Those activities will include a bumper-sticker contest, creating sticker books and "Happy Reader" games. Secondary students will observe the week with special activities also. Book talks, trivia quizzes and "no time" days will be held on the secondary level.

For more information about National Library Week, call Carol Bramlett, instructional program administrator for library services, at 747-2641.

equivalent and between the ages of 18 and 25.

The deadline for entrance in the National Final MBA Pageant is May 1, 1985. Interested applicants should contact their participating local Black newspapers, call (215) 844-6872 or write National MBAP Headquarters to apply P.O. Box 25660, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

Child Protection Program

The Eta Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be having a Child Protection Program Saturday, April 20, 1985 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center. Children will be fingerprinted free of charge. Literature on child protection and crime prevention will also be provided.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a national public service sorority dedicated to scholastic achievement and community service.

1985 Miss Black America Pageant Teams Up With Black Press

"Miss Black America entrants sponsored by Local Black

Newspapers will be featured on the 1985 Miss Black America Pageant and Television Special." J. Morris Anderson, Executive Producer of the 18th annual event, announced from his Germantown, Pennsylvania offices.

Anderson said, "the newspapers, its location and a few positive words about the organization will also be announced on television when the Local Queen is introduced. The Black newspapers have always supported the Miss Black America Pageant and Television Special, a showcase for the beauty, talent and poise of Black women between the ages of 18 and 25, will air on the Black America (Nationally Syndicated) commercial television Network

(NAB) between August 24 and September 28, 1985. Check local TV guide for a listing. Anderson said, "Lydia Garrett, from South Carolina, the winner of the 1984 Miss Black America Pageant and TV special received a 1984 Ford Mustang convertible and a one thousand dollar cash prize from the Ford Motor Company; a two thousand dollar cash career award from the Proline Corporation; and a one thousand dollar cash career award from the Eastman Kodak Company, and a host of other prizes.

"The pageant has placed its 1985 emphasis on causing its sponsors to increase the cash career awards to the winning contestants," Anderson reiterated.

Applicants, other than those entering through their local Black newspapers, may enter the National MBA Pageant directly as contestants at large. Entrants must be high school graduates or

EHS Banquet

The Estacado High School Athletic Banquet will be held Friday, April 19, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Speaker for the banquet will be Gerry Gray, standout for the University of Texas Longhorns and an All-American defensive back.

Tickets for the event are \$6.00 each. For more information, call Joe Gonzales at 799-4182. Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Student Activities Director's Office at the Estacado High School.

"We are urging all Estacado Booster Club members to attend and support this event," said Mr. Gonzales, president of the Estacado Booster Club.



KING COBRA ROLLS OUT - Albert R. Cummings, senior product manager of the new King Cobra Premium Malt Liquor from Anheuser-Busch, Inc., shows promotional materials for the new King Cobra product. Cummings recently held meetings with regional Anheuser-Busch marketing personnel to review marketing and promotional activities for the new malt liquor brand. With him are Joel P. Martin at left, president of J. P. Martin Associates, the black-owned advertising agency of record for King Cobra; and at right is Holly Bee, the model seen on King Cobra promotional materials. After a year in 12 test markets, King Cobra was recently introduced to some 150 markets in 22 states.

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by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



"My Dates Lose Interest in Me"

Two weeks ago, I revealed to you excerpts from a letter that I received from a reader who expressed complete unhappiness with her dating experiences. She said that she "won't date" anymore because of the disappointing experiences that she has had: men want only sex and lose interest in her after the sex act; men appear, initially, to be "nice" but after the first date, they show the "bad" side; her relationships with men have all been short-term and frustrating experiences; she "fears" developing an emotional attachment to a man only to be disappointed when he loses interest in her. Her question to me was: What should a person look for in a mate?

I presented 17 ways to build a lasting relationship in my previous column. This is a continuation of that advice.

1) Don't confuse infatuation with love. In most cases of failure, partners in the relationship have different understandings about the meaning of the vague concept of "love." In an understandable sense, love is the emotional feeling that two people feel who mutually fulfill the needs of each other. It means different things to different people. There is no mysticism involved (except in your mind). After you experience a fulfillment of your emotional needs, you develop an emotional dependency on the person who fulfilled them. This, in essence, is love. It's not mysterious.

2) Don't use too few factors in judging the other person. Although most of us are rather easy to understand, once we grasp an adequate number of characteristics of each other, people who are emotionally involved with one another fail to look for the traits that are not exposed to them. Thus, they judge you on too small a number of characteristics and get an inaccurate evaluation.

3) Don't let your emotions run wild until your tastes and attitudes are adequately developed. Give yourself time to find out how the other person responds to pressure. How would you react if the other person criticized you or had moments of tantrums? Could both of you maintain emotional control or would you take out your frustrations on each other? You'd better find out before you let yourself "fall in love."

4) Don't let money or other material possessions be the deciding factor in the relationship. More and more people are judging each other by the type of job they have, amount of money they make, style of car they drive, type of clothes they wear, or kind of physical features they possess. None of this may have any impact on the longevity of the relationship.

5) Don't let your frustrations drive you into a relationship that you will regret later (and that could cause you even more frustration). Some people get involved in tormenting relationships because they are: Acutely lonely, bored with their lives, lack social experience, pity the other person, have spite for those who oppose the relationship, are rebounding from a previous loss relationship or, simply trying to prove something, are rebounding from a previous loss relationship or, simply trying to prove something to themselves and others. These are among the worse reasons to enter a relationship.

6) Don't allow your need to be possessed to be the basis for your relationship. Most people have never experienced what could be called "love." They are ready to submit to anyone, sight unseen, who displays the least amount of interest. They need to be "owned." They need to feel that they are good enough to be wanted by somebody. Anybody.

7) Don't expect to emulate those wonderful soap opera relationships that you see on TV. Too many people are unrealistic with respect to their expectations in a relationship. The real world is very different from what those loving couples experience on television. Be sure of this: No matter who your mate is, you are going to have problems. This wise person will select someone who is compatible before developing the relationship with that person. This way, you decrease the possibility of "knock down, drag out" arguments that could destroy the relationship (you never eliminate the possibility). The best way to deal with a problem is to be prepared for it when it arrives. So, do your research on marriage.

8) Finally, don't try to be loved. In other words, don't manipulate others into seducing and loving you. You may get loved. And, then you'll get left.

Christ Temple Sponsors Program

Sunday afternoon, April 21, 1985, the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ Senior Choir will sponsor an "Evening of Gospel Singing." This special program will feature local talents.

Sister Myrta Haynes, president of the Senior Choir, invites the public to join in with the choir and witness a spiritual blessing. Bishop W. Q. Haynes, pastor, says: "You are all invited to worship with the Christ Temple Church family - the place where the spirit will meet you, and the saint greet you."

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the spirit-filled home of Mrs. Queen Ester Hiddings with Mrs. Jeanita Sewell, president, presiding.

After a brief business session, the meeting was filled with prayers, mainly for the Revival and those who are ill as well as afflictions. Our Lord said, ask and it shall be given. We are believing the word for answers. To God be the glory.

These ladies were on fire for the Lord last Saturday. We sure wish you could have been present. That is, those of you who are reading this column. Each of you are so special and we care about you.

Friends, don't forget the Prayer Revival May 1 through 3, 1985 at Lynn Chapel Baptist Church, Rev. Tom Collins, host pastor. Prayer meeting will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. If you have no transportation, call 747-7326 or 762-3347. Ways will be provided for you. Please call in time so that arrangements can be made for you. If you are short on, we will visit in your home. Prayer is truly the answer and faith is the vehicle.

Thought of the week: "There's a lot of talk about separate Church and State. How are you going to separate? The Church is in us, the same participation in the State; is in us; try and separate and eventually we want have a State, but the gates of hell cannot perish against the Church. That's you and I and God and whosoever." Think about it. Help this group. Pray this week. We have some rough days ahead, but we have made everything alright. We must continue to walk by faith and not by sight.

Our sick and shut in list includes: Robbie Roberts, Mrs. Roberts, Samuel Curtis, Mrs. Carruthers - mother of Mrs. C. C. Peoples; Willie M. Washington, Artie Mae Washington, Marjorie Brown, Mrs. Hattie Henry, Mrs. Mayne Whitfield, Bennie Whitfield, Mrs. Daisy Ester, Gene Larson, Mother Ford, Mary Williams - Mother of Mrs. Donna Mary Graves; Rosie Lee Walker of Oklahoma; Jamie Toltive; William Baldwin, II of Abilene, Texas and Josie Bonner.

Our bereaved families include Mrs. Mary Ward who lost a loved one. We're sure there are others but until next time ... You can make it.

Faith being the proof of things we do not see and the convictions of their reality. Then we can't look to the senses to find out where we are with God. That's a trap. We can't look to our bodies to find out whether or not we are healed. You're going to have to put his

word out relative to the condition that you have in your bodies or in your condition.

"Let's Pray"
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Have mercy on these and us. We pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

Prayer scripture is II Chronicles 7:14. Thanks for your prayers and donations. We love you!

We will meet in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hood, 2132 East 30th Street, Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Be there! Mrs. Jeanita Sewell, president; Mrs. Christine Carlson, vice president; Mrs. Mildred Boges, secretary; and Mrs. Dorothy Hood, reporter.

Baby Pageant Set

The South Plains Chapter of the March of Dimes is sponsoring a Baby Pageant for all children and infants six years of age and under.

Registration will take place Tuesday, April 16 through Sunday, April 21 at 1223 34th Street or by calling 793-0574. A registration fee is not required and children need not be present to register.

A variety of events are scheduled for the participants. A formal coronation will be held at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Eight \$100 savings bonds will be awarded along with ribbons, diplomas and trophies. Proceeds from the pageant will benefit the South Plains Chapter of the March of Dimes. For more information call 793-0574 or 795-1384.

Stokes Parker District Meet Set For "Hub City" April 19th

Plans are almost completed for the Stokes Parker District Convention which will be held April 19, 20 and 21, 1985 at the Holiday Inn in downtown

Lubbock, 801 Avenue Q. The opening welcome program will be at 7:30 p.m. April 19. The official opening will be held on Saturday at 9 a.m.

The public luncheon, fashion show and debutante talent hour will be held at noon on Saturday, April 20, 1985. Tickets are \$6.00 each. During the evening hour, an awards banquet, installation of

officers, presentation of debutantes and banquet dinner will be held.

Stokes Parker District was federated with the National Federated Women's Clubs in 1959. The National Headquarters is located in Washington, D. C. District president is Mrs. Lillian Deaver of Odessa, Texas; state president, Dr. Ruby Moritz Epperson of Midland, Texas.



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There Is A Way!! AOIP!!

by
Eddie P. Richardson

The past two weeks we have given you information on a national program, National Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP). We will be giving you information on the program from the program manual. This writer would invite your comments about the program. It is our hope that local Black Churches and Pan-Hellenic groups and others will get involved with such an effort. On the national scene, all organizations who affiliate with such efforts should have been advised of such program. Anyway, let me hear from you.

The Role of White Assistance Bodies:

Many efforts had been made by those outside the Black community to provide for Black Americans to become more "comfortable" within a system of education and support designed for a differently-situated majority population. Almost all efforts were focused on "symptoms" and on "service" to the Black community. These were not designed for a fundamental change in the nature of Black Americans' ego diminished image of themselves and secondary status among others.

However, no other formal and massive efforts to look at the "root causes" ever were either investigated and/or begun to be instituted with cooperation by any major governmental agency until the early 1980's. That is when the distinguished leaders of the community-building organizations affiliated with National Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) interfaced with the policy makers of the U. S. Department of Education in an historic two-day exploration process. It resulted in the initial findings of a new, much-needed and hopefully-continuing partnership relationship to devise ways to look at, and to put into effect, policies and programs designed to deal effectively with the unique and unremediated root causes of illiteracy among Black Americans, a predicament for which all Americans - both Black and White - pay an enormous price. AOIP is designed to remove those burdens from both Black America and White America.

AOIP's Conception

The national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) had its conceptual roots established in January of 1980. That is when a group of publishers associated with Black Media, Inc. (BMI), meetings in New York City, were made aware by a report from the U. S. Department of Education that approximately 44 percent of America's Black population could neither read nor comprehend beyond the fourth grade level. That same report from the U. S. Department of Education indicated that these Black young and older adults were thus classified as "functionally illiterate," and considered unemployable.

The publishers reasoned, in part, that if an increasingly large number of Blacks 1) could not read, and 2) did not have enough ego strength or self pride to become supportive of their own, there would be a corresponding lack of interest in their media. (Presently, according to more recent data from the U. S. Department of Education issued in 1984, that adult Black illiteracy rate has increased almost to the 50 percent level. This is a rate of functional illiteracy three (3) times as high as the estimated rate of 16 percent among adult White Americans.)

These media owners also were aware that our Black churches, our Pan-Hellenic groups and almost all of our other community-building organizations have had remedial reading and/or education enhancement programs in place for many years. A good many - but by no means all - of these programs were oriented primarily to the more gifted. However, until AOIP, few, if any of these organizations had ever seemed able to work together on a long-term commitment ... and this dilemma of non-collective commitment existed for at least two important reasons:

1. There was no common, overarching issue around which these organizations could all agree was "the" most significant crisis; and

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Southwest Digest Examines

Liberalism and Black Inequity

Our latent and occasionally verbalized contempt for Black people is but an unconscious manifestation of our contempt for life as we experience it in general. Society tends to seek order, while individual life seeks fulfillment. When the two purposes do not agree, difficulties inevitably follow. So it has been in America. New groups of people have poured in, making constant adjustment a basic condition with which we have had to deal. Had our vision of a "melting-pot" been different from that of a type of "puree-production," and more in the direction of "the creation of a tasty and variegated stew," we would not be faced today with the inevitable frustration that comes from any attempt to make all life alike.

The White people who have come to America are not all alike. Many have kept some semblance of their basic ethnic character and integrity and have continued to greatly enrich our common life. But the un-critically examined predisposition toward conformity is a sad sign; for life at its best involves the continuing unfolding of new possibilities, further enhanced by the interchange that can only come from the persistence of healthy diversity.

In America we have sought to make Black people carbon copies of White people. Such a task has been impossible. We could not - or cannot - wish away the difference-producing effects of centuries of enslavement. Nor can we simply wish away the low status and lack of social power that the maintenance of an enslaved person's mentality of dependence upon others has produced for America's Black people as a whole. Until several generations ago, Black people may have had to bow to circumstances beyond their seeming con-

trol, and so depend excessively upon the charity of others. Such has not been the case, however, in recent years. A culturally and historically conditioned perception of helplessness marks off Black people in America as different from the rest. This represents a tragic fact of life we cannot afford to gloss over.

Yet we have sought to deal with differences by overlooking them. This is in part a legacy from an unfortunate aspect of liberalism that was evident in the days of Queen Victoria. Victorian liberalism had within its character the regrettable tendency toward seeking to make things good by wishing they were so. The Victorian of goodwill saw the good in people and in situations, at the expense of seeing life situations entirely. The deeply religious and compassionate Queen herself could weep for the thousands of her Irish subjects dying from a potato famine and then respond with an infinitesimally small contribution from her personal purse.

Post-Victorian liberalism with respect to Black Americans has tended likewise to confuse hopes with their achievement. Black people have been nurtured for their goal of freedom under the post-Victorian liberal mind. Those possessed of his mindset have had the best intentions. They have planned for and have protected Black people, when Black people seemed to be in no condition to plan for or to protect themselves. Until our present day those of the same White liberal tradition have sought to do all that was or is in their particular power to bring Black people into the center of national life...with the White liberals maintaining the controls.

The White liberal mindset tends, unfortunately - out of an abundance of falsely-

focused good will - to ignore the gross inequities which are central to the problems which we face. The White liberal method of approach has included the viewing of racial realities through tinted glasses. In this process, the effective indolence or abject hopelessness of Black people, occasioned in large part by the centuries' long experience of giving one's best efforts for unjustly meager rewards, was ignored. If much of the inherited hopelessness and pre-conditioned indolence of Blacks in many sectors are not being recognized, neither can their causes be faced and dealt with. This is also true of the high degree of socially inflicted Black self-hate and irresponsibility born of cynicism and despair. The glossing over of historically rooted differences between White and Black Americans, in this way, has been one of the basic causes of our failure to make Black people into anything other than "problem people."

WHITE NEWS MEDIA

UNFAIR TO THE PUBLIC

A. Madison

I was stopped by one of the white Capitol Hill guards, who said "why is it that the televisions and big newspapers haven't carried the Congressional Black Caucus budget? The television only said a few words about it and the papers had a very short article on it; that's the only budget that really makes any sense." This guard also said that he listens every year to the account of the Caucus workshops and the speeches that are made at their annual affair and the news media don't give that good coverage. He said that what the Caucus is doing and saying is more important to this country than anything else that's done on Capitol Hill.

Ron Nichols, the Black Caucus press secretary, received a letter from a white USA Communications employee in Detroit, who stated "Black Caucus, you are the only group with insight and guts to challenge the direction our country is going...in service of usury, money and war. Please scream louder, we are with you."

A few days ago, Representatives Fauntroy and Rangel testified before the Senate Budget Committee. They presented the Caucus' Constructive Alternative Budget, that has been offered to the American people.

In his testimony Mr. Fauntroy stated that the Congressional Black Caucus, over the years, has been seeking to have the nation address the basic problems that confront us; the kinds of problems President Reagan has indicated that he wants to address through his recovery plan. "However," said Fauntroy, "the Caucus differs with certain aspects and provisions of the Reagan plan." He stated that the Caucus plan, like the President's, addresses problems of balancing the budget, reducing inflation, stimulating the creation of jobs and reducing the tax burden. Their alternative plan does all of these things in a much better way than the President's.

Congressman Fauntroy emphasized very strongly that they believe the Administration's solution, which cuts government spending and government regulations is inflationary; that it will increase unemployment and place more people on the federal dole. He also told the committee that the Caucus takes exception to the President's policy that foreign problems lend themselves to military solutions. The Caucus views them as social, economic and political.

Representative Rangel made it very clear that while the President had presented a budget, that constitutionally, the final budget responsibility resides in both houses of Congress. Rangel also stated that the Administration's shifting the social programs to state and local governments, with a reduction in federal funds for them, without any guidelines will be of little help to the aged and poor.

Senator Armstrong who was chairing the committee during these hearings said to the Black Caucus witnesses, "I could not help but be impressed with the scope and detail of the recommendations that you have presented. I do not know the extent of the staff, that is available to the Black Caucus, but I have some idea of the magnitude of wrestling with the budget document." He also stated that the Caucus, instead of generalizing and going off into a rhetorical never-neverland, has really put the numbers on

Ringling The Bell

by Bob Vinsel



Irony of Afro-American History - A Bicentennial Primer and the author is Dr. Robert Henry Reid and editor of the A. M. E. Christian Recorder for some ten years. In his introduction to the book, Dennis C. Dickerson, Ph.D. who is associate professor of history at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts states: "The origins of the A. M. E. Church and related events are discussed... Henry Turner, Richard Cain, John A. Gray and Russell Brown... are key figures both in Black history and in the denomination's past. Editorials from the A. M. E. Christian Recorder appear and demonstrate the continuing importance of this the oldest Black newspaper still in the business of enlightenment and advocacy for Afro-Americans... The book comes from the pen of a veteran pastor, educator, and editor who takes seriously his God-given task of enlightening people to higher intellectual and spiritual heights."

About the Author: Reid is a native of Kentucky and was trained at Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary. He has been a columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, Ohio State News, and the Ohio Sentinel. He is a former president of Wilberforce University Alumni Association and was named one of the ten "Top Men of the Year" by the Columbus Citizen newspaper. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, a life member of the NAACP and served for thirty-five years as a successful A. M. E. pastor. He has visited Europe, Asia and Africa on several visits and was a special invited guest to Liberia, West Africa for the inauguration of President William V. Tubman.

"I thrill at the initiative taken by my brother, Robert, to open our eyes and make real the tremendous thrust of the way Black people through faith in God, have become survivors in the midst of the darkest and toughest situations of life," states W. I. Reid, A. M. E. pastor and brother of Robert H. Reid, Jr.

According to TV Week - USA for Africa, with its soul-stirring song and video of "We Are the World" is the biggest ever in rock charity events of the decade. Some of the top stars of the nation are included and if you have not purchased this hit record, do so today. It's not music and you will be helping in feeding the starving people of Africa and the hungry in our own nation too.

Mary White Ovington, a white ex-social worker, was one of the original founders and considered the "First Member" of the NAACP. She was the second person to serve as secretary and became the Association's first female board chairman in 1919. She served in that capacity until 1932.

Editorial Quote: The struggle for Black equality in America began many decades before the modern civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s. Many organizations have participated in that struggle. Among them are the National Urban League, the Black Church and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and, of course, the NAACP that has waged the longest struggle and most effective one in recent years." From Tony Brown's Journal.

Dear Bob: - Life is for living, one day at a time, for the rest of our lives, and retirement is the beginning of a new way of life which should include some freedom from wage-earning responsibilities, and plans for

activities which are useful and fulfilled to yourself. The secret to a good retirement is to be positive. Stay young, active, happy and healthy. Slow down. Rid yourself of anxieties and time-tables. Learn to be patient. Learn to read for pleasure. Awaken every morning to the thought that here is another beautiful day and that you are going to use it with purpose and fulfillment. Retirement is not a state of mind. While one individual faces it with anger, fear and anxiety, another faces it with joy, eagerness and happiness. Remember this is your retirement, and you must spend it the way you want. God bless you. A Beltinger, Sophie V. Jaramillo.

Note (Bob) Thanks so much. Most encouraging lines. Will try to remember.

paper and applied them to specific budget functions.

Mr. Armstrong asked the Caucus members to explain how \$1.5 billion can be picked for foodstamps out of the three martini lunch, and that being a member of the Senate Finance Committee he might become interested in sponsoring legislation along that line.

Mr. Rangel responded by saying a tremendous amount of revenue would be gained if the type of business deductions under the present law were disallowed; that a 50 percent cap should be put on

the allowance. He stated that the other budget acts as though there is no connection between the track that deals with tax package and the budget cut track. The Caucus cannot see how any one can look with asstance at a 43 cent lunch and overlook the revenue shortfalls as a result of the three martini business deductions.

The Caucus also explained to the committee that since the Congressional Budget Office has said that balancing the budget would save only

Can't on Page 8

Be Informed On The Issues



Read The Editorial Pages of the
Black Press

THIS N THAT

SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE YHENE! There's no doubt about it — **HOME CHURCHES** — should have been **REPRESENTED** — in the 67th Celebrating of **MOUTH GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH** — last Sunday afternoon — For those who **DON'T KNOW IT** — by now — a **HISTORICAL MARKE** — has been presented to this **HISTORIC CHURCH** — **THIS N THAT** — wishes — **MORE**

CHURCHES — could have been present — Can remember when **WHEN SOME-THING LIKE THIS WAS TAKING PLACE** — the house would have been full! After all — **MT. GLEAD** — has been here longer! Anyway — **IT'S HISTORY NOW!** **WHY SWITCH??** **TH IS N THAT** — would like to ask — our friend — **KENT HANCE** — why would he — **EVEN** — consider — **CHANGING POLITICAL**

PARTIES — at this state in the game?? Remember what happen to — **JOHN CONNALLY???** **PHIL GRAMM** — is just — **TRAVELING** — the South Plains — having fun — He probably — **WISHES** — he didn't switch!

YES!! ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!! THIS N THAT — in talking with **ROSE WILSON** — proxy of the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP — his other day — quipped — **WE NEED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** — in East Lubbock — The she mentioned — **"WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A BLACK OWNED-OPERATED — SHOE SHINE PARLOR HERE!!"** Really — **IT'S** — something to really think about — Not even — **ONE BLACK OWNED SHINE PARLOR** — This is a means of — **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** — **ECONOMIC SPEAK-ING!!** Are there any — **YOUNG BLACKS** — who would like to get — **INVOLVED** — in growing — **FRESH VEGETABLES & THE LIKE???** On some of these — **VACANT LOTS** — in East Lubbock — If so — call — **THIS N THAT** — 762-3612 — **TODAY!!** **GOOD TO SEE!!** It is just

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D. C. KINER THE BARDEN SAYS: "It is so easy to — **COMPLAIN** — but what are you — **DOING** — to help the — **CHATTER???** Are — **YOU** — a part of the — **PROBLEM** — or — **SOLUTION???**"

C. B. STEPS BY!! A few weeks ago — one of our friends — **C. B. STUBBLEFIELD** — who is a legend — in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas — **STOPPED BY** — the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** — office — **THIS N THAT** — had such an — **INTEREST-ING TALK** — about many — **THINGS** — You name it — we'll claim it — **STUBBS** — says he's doing alright — in Austin these days — but in talking — he still misses — Lubbock — He still asks why — **BLACK PEOPLE IN LUBBOCK DON'T RECOGNIZE THEIR PROBLEMS AND DO SOME-THING ABOUT THEM!**

For Singles

Ask Aunt Dee Dee

Do you really expect Aunt Dee Dee to have All Answers?

DEAR AUNT DEE DEE:

There I was, minding my own business, shopping for groceries in the local supermarket. Suddenly, I locked carts with Gaylord, this jerk I once went out with a couple of times. The relationship never went beyond that, mainly because I felt he was much too immature (at 30, he loved running around in jogging outfits) and far too cheap — his idea of a great date was to look at the hockey game on my color television set.

Aunt Dee Dee, Gaylord spent half hour trying to convince me that he had changed and that if we took up where we left off, that things would be different. Do you have any clever explanations as to why my female intuition told me to pass on this opportunity?

could it possibly have anything to do with the fact that you might have had an extremely difficult time getting rid of him last time out?

It's those immature types who take to calling you all hours of

the night with hopes of disturbing your rest and tend to possess distorted notions of their desirability.

Or maybe, it could have been that the chemistry wasn't work-

ing that day. Do you really expect Aunt Dee Dee to have ALL the answers?

DEAR AUNT DEE DEE:

After just a three month courtship, I am considering proposing to Emily, the most beautiful, kind, sweet and generous woman I know. You could say that I have been swept off my feet, and without a broom, either. But, there's just this one little problem.

Emily's grammar and diction makes it quite obvious that she didn't finish high school. On the



By Eddie R. Pittman

other hand, both my parents are Ph.D.'s while my brother and sisters (and I, also) have earned masters in various disciplines. Aunt Dee Dee, Emily has continually asked when she will meet my family, but I am too ashamed of her speech patterns to introduce her. If it weren't for this one little flaw of hers, I wouldn't waste another moment getting her to the altar. What can I do, at this late date, about the street language that comes out of her mouth?

PERPLEXED SINGLE:

Aunt Dee Dee is of the distinct impression that an educational snob such as you (and your family) probably doesn't deserve Emily, who you describe as kind, sweet, and generous. And don't forget beautiful!

Please do Emily a big favor and end the relationship before she discovers you're really Kormit the Frog and not the handsome prince!

(Perplexed singles are encouraged to write Aunt Dee Dee at P.O. Box 95A, St. Louis, MO 63168. She will be unable to give personal replies but your questions will appear in future columns. All letters will be handled confidentially.)

PLEASE, WORLD... LISTEN TO ME!



State Rep. Gives Speak

by State Rep. Ron D. Givens

The indigent health care debate continues to dominate the halls of the state Capitol this week. The major issue is the source of revenues available to finance an indigent care program statewide. While funding of indigent health care is a constitutional responsibility of the county governments, there remains many indigent citizens not receiving care. Two major proposals for a solution to this problem relate to taxes being placed on hospital revenues. While I am not personally convinced that additional taxation is the only solution to this problem, it does appear that support for this solution is growing.

The Senate Education Committee last week accepted an amendment to S. B. 525, the omnibus education reform bill, that will delegate rule making authority relating to the "no pass - no play" suspension period to the State Board of Education. It appears likely that a week period will be set in lieu of the current 6 week suspension. H. B. 525 has not yet been considered by the full Senate.

With only six weeks remaining in the legislative session and a host of major issues still to be decided, I have scheduled four Town Hall meetings for Saturday, April 20th. These meetings are vital to me because they provide an opportunity for me to hear your concerns directly and attempt to answer your specific question. Please make every effort to attend one of the meetings scheduled.

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If you were 65 or disabled on January 1, 1985 and have not previously filed for the over 65 or disability homestead exemption, you will need to make application this year.
Or, if you have never received a residence homestead exemption on your present homestead, an original application must be filed with the appraisal office on or before April 30, 1985.
Applications for partial or total exemptions not previously granted must be filed on or before April 30, 1985.

LAND PRODUCTIVITY VALUATION
If your acreage was appraised based on productivity for 1984, it will not be necessary to file a new application for 1985 unless you receive a written request in the mail from the appraisal office.

RENDITIONS
"Business Personal Property" rendition is mandatory according to state law. Real property rendition is an option available to owners of real property.

DEADLINE
ALL FORMS must be filed on or before April 30, 1985 with the Lubbock County Appraisal District Office at 1715 26th Street, P.O. Box 10542, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Said forms are available upon request and should be filed at the address shown below. You may request forms by calling 762-5000 or writing:

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Worship as a Family This Week

Rev. & Mrs. Tom Collins' First Anniversary Set

The members of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, cordially invite their many friends to their first anniversary services of their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Collins, April 14 through April 21, 1986.

Theme for the event is: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling." Phil 3:14. The conductor is Rev. Larry Brooks.

The Anniversary Hour guest speaker will be Rev. A. L. Patrick, pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Guest churches include: Rev. I. Polk, Sr. and congregation, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church; Rev. Herman Phillips and congregation, Rising Star Baptist Church; Rev. L. Armstead and congregation, St.



Rev. & Mrs. Tom Collins

Mark Baptist Church, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and their respective churches.

Honorary guests will be Rev. A. L. Dunn and Rev. A. W. Wilcox.

"We would like to express our appreciation to our guest pastors and churches, members and friends for your fellowship and support. We are so proud this time has finally arrived so we can show how we appreciate our pastor. We want him to know how much we appreciate him and truly love his family," said Sister O. Hollins, chairperson.

"In speaking for the Deacon Board, Choirs and all members - including all parts of the church - we love you, Pastor Collins. This is a privilege and a command by our Lord," conclude Sister Hollins.

"The Feet of Jesus." Closing thought: "Christians are called to be imitators of God, especially as he is manifested in Christ." Rev. B. F. Roberts, Jr., pastor; Linda W. Harper, reporter.

St. Matthew Baptist Church Pastor's Aide Will Sponsor Special Program

The Saint Matthew Baptist Church Pastor's Aide will sponsor a special program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, 1986 in the church auditorium. Special

churches, pastors and members who will be present are: Rev. A. L. Patrick and church, Rev. C. Mullins and church, Rev. L. Hastings and church, Rev. Tony Williams and church and Rev. James Cavanaugh and church.

There are other churches who have been invited.

Special guest will include: Jackie Boy Foster and family, Annie Helen White and family, Armitha Isaac and family, Mrs. L. S. Graves, Mrs. Hannah Patterson and families, Mrs. Velma Pool, Mrs. Zella Pool, Mrs. Edna Reed, Mrs. Ruth Byrd, Mrs. Lawanda Allbrooks, Mrs. Alma Ray Henderson and Mrs. Rose Wilson. Chairperson of the Pastor's

Aide is Mrs. Ruth Bonner and other co-workers - plus others who are responsible for the special program - Mrs. Bernice

Jim and Andrea Thompson received word last week their grandson, Aaron, in San Antonio, Texas, had surgery at Antonio, Texas, had surgery. At this report, he is reported to be doing nicely.

Cobbie Roberts was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital last Saturday.

Sister Mary Williams is home, and is staying in the home of her daughter, Donna Mary Graves.

Mrs. Ethel Blake is home from Methodist Hospital.

Members of the New Hope Baptist Church are invited to worship with the members of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church in the anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Tom Collins, Friday night. The Youth Ensemble Choir will sing several numbers.

Sunday, April 21, 1986, Pastor Nash is asking the entire church to go with him to Mount Olive Baptist Church in Staton, Texas. Pastor Nash will be preaching the closing services of Rev. C. C. Peoples at 3 p.m.

May 5th at 3:00 p.m. is New Hope Baptist Church's 50th Church Anniversary. Each member is asked to give one dollar for each year.

District 83 State Representative Ron Givers will hold town hall meetings Saturday, April 20, 1986 at 11 a.m. at Estacado High School; at 2:00 p.m. at O. L. Staton Junior High School.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Tiewel of Hobbs, New Mexico, were in the "Hub City" last Thursday visiting her sister, L. C. Streger, and brother, L. S. Porter.

Whisper a prayer for all sick and shut-in members of the community. Please do not forget the bereaved families also.

If you would like to subscribe to the Southwest Digest, then advise us at any time. Only \$15.00 per year!

Auxiliary Will Meet Saturday

All members of the Women's Christian Auxiliary will meet Saturday, April 20, 1986 at the George Woods Community Center from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

It is very important that all members be present.

During the Easter season, members of the auxiliary presented the Easter story to residents of the Parkway Nursing Home.

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The title of the Sunday School lesson last Sunday morning was "Acknowledged As Lord." The scriptures were John 20:26-28; 21:15-22; 20:31; 20:24-28; 21:25. The purpose of the lesson was to show that belief in Christ will result in new life.

Responsive Reading for the morning was taken from II Chronicles 7:12-18.

Rev. Clarence Walker was the speaker of the hour during the morning worship services. His scripture was Luke 7:36-38; Matthew 26:6-13. His subject was

We Thank God For Jesus

Lord, I've Been Born Again!
I'm Yesterday's Sinner!

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Lord, since the beginning of time, Satan has been the deceiver of the minds.

Lord, the apple in the Garden of Eden was the first time he deceived.

Lord, he deceived me! With wine, pills & wood. He used diamonds, flesh, metal and material to help deceive (sin makers).

Deuteronomy 11:18 - The Lord said: take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.

Lord, but you love me! For all my wrong reasons. And for a sinner like me. "You gave your Son Jesus." Lord, many times while committing sin, I could have been killed.

But I thank you for keeping death away, it wasn't your will.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

II Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Lord, "My idol gods," got heavy on me, carrying them gods put me to pressures.

Lord, the smoking and drinking, so called having a good time.

It was slow death, destroying this body of mine. Lord, the devil said, it's your life; do what you want to.

I didn't know that this body belonged to you, Lord, like the prodigal son, walking in the hog pen. "I" didn't walk! I rolled within.

Matthew 11:28-29 - Jesus said, come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden. And I will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and learn of me; for I'm meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest for your souls.

I Corinthians 6:19 - What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the holy ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Lord, my friends say, "If God save B. J., he'll save anybody." (I know that's right)

I'm back in the father's house and all my needs, God's got it.

I Timothy 1:16 - This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acception, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom, I'm chief.

John 8:32 - Jesus said, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

"Free at Last, Free at Last, thank God for Jesus, I'm Free at Last!

God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another always. AMEN

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Written by Billy "B. J." Morrison, III

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OBSEQUIES

Mr. Elony Knight, Sr.

Denver, Co. - Funeral services were held for Mr. Elony Knight, Sr. Friday, April 5, 1985 at the Pipkin Chapel of Peace, Denver, Colorado, with Rev. A. L. Bowman, officiating.

Mr. Knight, son of Willie Lee Knight and the late Emma Knight, was born November 27, 1926, in Loanoak, Texas. He grew up in Loanoak until he was ready for high school when he moved to Lubbock, Texas. As a very young man, he was united in holy wedlock with James Emma Thompson July 8, 1945.

Elony was also inducted in the U. S. Army Air Corps during the latter part of World War II, from which he received an honorable discharge.

He first moved to Denver in 1977. After three years he moved to Portland, Oregon, but returned to Denver just last year.

He was an accomplished chef and had cooked at a number of fine restaurants. At the time of his death, he was serving at the Cottage Inn.

Elony Knight was kind and loving person with a keen sense of humor. He often teased his sister about cooking for him because he wanted to eat someone's else cooking.

He suffered a massive stroke early on the morning of March 29, 1985. He passed away a few hours later.

He leaves to mourn his death: his father, Willie Lee Knight of Greenville, Texas; eight sons - Mervin Knight of California,

Zachary, Elony, Jr., Jed, Todd and O'Ann Knight of Texas; Ronnie Knight, with the U. S. Navy in Philadelphia, Pa. and Anthony Knight, with the U. S. Navy in Guam; seven daughters - Kenyatta Barnes, with U. S. Navy in San Diego, California, Glenda Knight of West Virginia, Renie and Rhonda Knight of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Pam and Shelia Knight of Texas, and Jan Knight of Denver, Colorado; two brothers, Otis James Knight

RUBY JAY'S CORNER

All services, last Sunday, were carried on in usual manner. This was Youth



Day, and the Youth were in charge. The Angelic Choir was responsible for the music of the hour.

The Youth will sing Sunday, April 21, 1986.

At the absence of Pastor S. C. Nash, Rev. John Wright of Bishop College, Dallas, Texas brought the morning's message. His scripture was Luke 21:7. His sermon's title was "And It Came To Pass."

Mrs. Brenda Nash and family, Rev. M. Surleson and other brother and wife attended the funeral services of their grandfather, Rev. Tom Surleson, in Martine, Texas last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentis Wayne Dyer, his mother, Mrs. Precious Brown, attended the funeral services of his aunt in Paris, Texas last Thursday.

It was good to see Brother Wilson Campbell at church services last Sunday.

Mrs. G. H. Davis came home from the hospital last Sunday.

In Grateful Appreciation

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral piece. If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, and just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our heart, we thank you so much whatever the part.

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NYORK CITY — Utilizing a rhythmic flow of words and music for better than one hour, Mariemite, who knew her best, accelerated a moving acknowledgment of "Mother" Clara Hale, the nationally acclaimed "American S-Hero." Her life of goodness, as a foster mother, an antidote against the dope poisoning of addicted born babies of like mothers, is top listed among the 7-wonders of our time. Her investment of love and light into this dark side of life's neglected is an unsurpassed world class legend. Her 80th birthday observance was a warm and deserving event. It spotlighted the great good she continues to do through Hale House in Harlem and how beautiful a person can be when their heart is dedicated and in cadence with a divine drum beat. It was a major people's event without the usual political rhetoric one would expect at such an event. Coordinated by Mr. Patrick, it was black tie and held in the Art Room of the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Bldg. The other media didn't pounce on it with optical lenses, mikes and pencils. After all it did show the silk side of Harlem in honor of a lady whom the president of the United States has just recently declared "An American Hero."

NEWS BEAT: — Cap. Police Commish Wilhelmina "Billie" Holiday would like to set the record straight that Rev. Jesse Jackson came to town to accept the Pioneers of Excellence Award from the World Institute of Black Communications and CBS Records for his wife, charming Jacqueline Jackson, and not to present her with hers as reported by the sfay press. Is columnist, Coler Memorial pill factory praise agent, lovely Eleanor Haynes getting ready to walk those aisles again. If not houn the frantic hurry to redo her L.I. manse. There's no question that Al Edmond, Jr., Big Red's mgr. ed. plans to wed eye arresting Sherri Reese comes Sept. The Committee to Honor Black Heroes is once the verge of victory in Brooklyn. Sonny Carson, the org's chperson and founder, is planning a big time in the old Boro when the city fathers reframe Reid Ave. Malcolm X Ave. The comm. is also working on having a school named in his honor. It will also honor the slain civil right activist's spouse, Dr. Betty Shabazz and the hard working Deputy P.D. Commish. Billie Holiday Hayes, top cop, Commissioner Ben Ward, the best of NY's Finest, and Officer Marvin Blue, president of the Guardian Ass'n, having traded write hands over the patrolman's charges that "Blacks in NYPG are Under Attack." The commissioner used solid facts to write holes in the charges, despite the fact that the charges were level at a time before he became NYC's first **TINSEL CITY TALES:** — Good news for Sidney Potter's legion of fans, he's going to confront the flick camera's lens again, the first confrontation since '77 when he co-starred with Bill Cosby. This new script, of which he told interviewers, he's most excited about, is suspense-terrific. However local theatres will have problems spreading it across the marquee. Its title is "In the Hall of the Mountain King." Sidney's role will be that of an FBI guy. The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, which starred Cicely Tyson and won 9-E Emmy Awards,

will be some video released in May for a \$59.95 suggested retail price. Tina Turner's concert in Birmingham, England is gonna be HBO'd for a back hoe eye/ear hour-long see/hear in June. The verdict is yet to reach this corner as to whether or not Jennifer Holliday was a blessing replacement for Aretha Franklin as the star of "Sings Mahalia Sing." The musical about the life of the legendary gospel delineator, Mahalia Jackson opened in DooCee a column ago. R'ochelle's Paul Dennis celebrated a b'day to bring him closer to retirement as the city's youth director. That city's 1st Deputy PD Commish, Alex Toona, has been invited to China. Molley Moon has been released from the hosp. none the worse for the heart problem which sent her there.

WHITE FOLKS PLACES: — Can you picture yourself sacheting (they say that's French) along the Riviera, swilling down champagne and digg'n' all that beautiful live jazz. Ann Sneed can and she has a trip for you with the International Art of Jazz, Inc. The package includes the Nice Festival and two home side summer events like the Arvell Shwa and the Armstrong Legacy. Ed Polcar and the Eddie Condon All Stars with Maxine Sullivan and George Kelly and the Jazz Sultans. Wouldn't you know that apartheid South Africa would have the greatest interest in "The Atlanta Child Murders" documentary. Some 80 international markets, home video and networks, have big eyes and ears ready for it. Cab Calloway will be closer to 77 than his current age when he hi-de-ho his ork and daughter Chris into Disney world in mid-July. Maurice Hines, with talent at both ends of his body, has been inked to choreograph and direct the Tropicana's initial revue to open its cpharet in Atlantic city. If you recall a write hand pointed out several columns back that astute biz lady and publisher Gephelia DeVore Mitchell would be appointed to a Kennedy Center Cultural Commission by Prez Reagan. Well it has come to pass...**STAY LOOSE.** Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

Puppet Show Set Thursday

"Mary Alice, Operator Number Nine" will be the featured puppet show during the Kidstuff program Thursday, April 18. It will be held in the Mahon Library Community Room at 4:00 p. m.

Based on the book by Jeffrey Allen, the puppet show is about Mary Alice, the telephone operator who gives the caller the time of day. Everyone thinks

Mary Alice is perfect until one day when she catches a cold. Boss Chicken sends her home to recover and then begins hiring and firing a long line of applicants for Mary Alice's job. The result — pandemonium.

Also on the program are two stories, "Greedy Zebrs," and African folk tale, and "The Wizard the Fairy, and the Magic Chicken," from the book by Helen Lester. A film version of "Billy the Kid" will also be shown.

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TOWARD EMPOWERMENT

Community-Building Through Group Power

Editor's Note: We are deviating for the first time ever from our policy of the past by sharing space in this previously "saved" column with distinguished national leaders who are as equally committed to Black solidarity as an essential means of achieving the equity and justice needed for our nation's overall good as we who are opinion molders in the Black press. There never can be equitable empowerment for all people unless Black needs are addressed from the unique Black perspective just as White needs always have been addressed from the White perspective. The only predicament has been that—in the past—our point of view was left out with the result that there is a great imbalance in the bargaining power of Black Americans. In order to help correct that grave imbalance, we urge our readers to share these columns widely with persons within and without our communities. This week's guest opinion leader is Dr. Edith V. Francis, national president of the National Sorority of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. The opinions of each columnist are their own and not necessarily that of every individual in their organization.

Because of a concerted and carefully-planned effort by many of the leaders associated with the national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP), increasingly there is recognition among the masses of Black people that a shift is needed in the long-standing focus of Black group concerns. Ever since Emancipation, the continued emphasis of Black Americans has been largely upon simply keeping the Black community alive—i.e., jobs, welfare, etc.

Such a past emphasis has been understandable. Black people were not allocated the earned and deserved "40 acres and a mule" to help get them started securely on the road to self-sufficiency as were White Americans, with the Homestead Act and many other governmentally-sponsored provisions.

A Process of Deliberate Genocide

Also throughout the Black experience in America, there has been a process of deliberate genocide of various kinds. This took the form of openly condoned rape and lynching for nearly three hundred years. Of late, such anti-Black genocide has been evident in economic isolation—including the proliferation of "dependency welfare"—and through the "cruel and inhuman" tactics of the nation's criminal justice system.

The upshot has been that the leaders within our organization—and many others within the Pan-Hellenic body and elsewhere—have concluded that

there is an urgent need for a change in Black strategy away from a traditional focus on survival. Most Black Americans are looking for the kind of approaches that will enable Blacks to function as peers rather than as perennial pawns in our nation's life.

In order for this kind of a process to come to pass, a vastly different focus would need to be developed by those who assume Black leadership roles.

This would include, perhaps foremost, the sense or spirit of Black Americans as being a kind of "caucus of the whole." The power of Blacks, as a Black racial or ethnic group, would need to become the center of attention.

The Dynamics of Group Power

All other ethnic groups in American life practice the dynamics of group power. They are not entirely or primarily separatist in that their group-centeredness is exercised in much the limited or practical manner of a caucus.

In this sense, Black Americans may have the need to make somewhat new definitions of their racial or ethnic situation. As with their ethnic groups, Blacks may need to see themselves in many—or even most circumstances—along largely segregated lines. They must take the stance of invisibility. That is, of melting into the whole Black-White (but largely White) community.

At other distinct and practical times, Blacks must see themselves as a caucus.

A caucus comes together as the need arises. When Black Americans see the common need to act in a common or ethnic group case, for the duration of the need, Blacks must become seen as distinctly and primarily Black.

The Failure of Black Americans

It has been the failure of Black Americans to caucus as Black people around the special racial needs of the Blacks that have marked the major difference between Black people and other ethnic groups who always have "caucused" around their needs. These other groups have moved far beyond merely "community service" and the survival needs of their people. They have moved to "community-building service" for their shift to the final independence needed for a strong and equitable voice in America.

In this sense, Black Americans may be said to have failed the nation, even as they have failed themselves, in their not adding to the strength and cohesiveness of

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AN EDUCATOR'S OPINION



Cutting Student Aid Rips Our Social Fabric

By Mary Hatwood Futrell, President **nea** National Education Association

For Jules Chometzky—dedicated teacher, respected scholar, director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Massachusetts—these are troubling times. The massive student aid cutback proposals now before Congress create the very real threat that higher education institutions will soon witness a tragic exodus—an exodus of students who ask only for the chance to strive for the kind of excellence exemplified by outstanding academics like Jules Chometzky. Prof. Chometzky, an NEA member, recently prepared some comments on the potential crisis, and I'm pleased to be able to share them with you below.

Last month, the *New York Times* reported the discovery of a remarkable letter in which Mark Twain offered to pay the cost of boarding a Black student, Warren T. McGuinn, at Yale Law School for two years. The letter, dated 1885, is extraordinarily interesting on several counts—most notably as an expression of Twain's fervid anti-racist views (a matter some dispute even now).

But Twain's letter is also relevant to the issues of our day. The student Twain aided later shared adjoining offices in Baltimore with a youthful attorney named Thurgood Marshall—the same Thurgood Marshall who now serves with such distinction on the U.S. Supreme Court. Marshall considered Mr. McGuinn "one of the greatest lawyers who ever lived." We can imagine that McGuinn exerted considerable influence upon his younger colleague. In effect, Twain's aid to a needy student indirectly but decidedly enriched our national life.

On the same day that the story about Twain's letter appeared, I received a letter from one of my graduate students, who wanted to explain his recent absences from my seminar. "I am receiving next to nil in the way of financial aid," he wrote, adding that he is working 30 hours a week as a carpenter in one western Massachusetts town and part-time as a doorman in another.

"Recently," the student's letter went on, "my body and state of energy have been reflecting this

pace," and the day of our seminar has become "a day of collapse." The student hopes to recover during spring break—not with a beach party, but with a week of normal eating and sleeping.

This letter prompted me to seek other students' views of the proposed financial aid "reforms" advanced by the White House. Anxieties poured forth. Students spoke of bleak prospects if aid were curtailed. They deeply resented the notion that students and their families could finance a decent education by diverting themselves of those infamous cars, hi-fi's, and three-week binges at the beach.

I understand the students' bitterness. I teach at a state university, and luxury certainly doesn't fit any profile of the students we serve.

If financial aid is diluted, the "truly needy"—young people who may have hoped to be the first in their families to reap the blessings of higher education—will find their dreams shattered. The resulting homogeneity of our student population will stand as a shameful reminder that our nation was willing—in the name of fiscal expediency—to forsake democratic ideals.

These reflections return us to Mark Twain. What a loss to our society if we deny our promising youth—of both sexes, of whatever class, from every part of the racial and ethnic mosaic that is America—equal access to quality higher education. Ironically, a few days before the Twain story appeared, President Reagan addressed the National Association of Independent Schools and quoted at length from *Huckleberry Finn*. "In the decades to come," the President concluded, "may our schools give to our children the skills to navigate through life as gracefully as Huck navigated the Mississippi."

I applaud the sentiment behind that felicitous statement. But I fear that if this Administration's plans for education become a reality, the Hucks and Jims of our society will have to "light out for the Territory," as Huck says at the end of that novel... because there won't be any place for them in our colleges and universities.

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During the worship hour, devotion was led by Deacon Burleson and Sisters Madie Johnson and Iona Smith. Sister Johnson read the Book of Psalm.

Number 24.

Altar call was prayed spiritually by Pastor Arthur Kelly. The choir sang great praises to our Father.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Kelly. His subject was "God Will Provide." His scripture text was St. Matthew's 7:7-11. He truly did

preach as always. God is still in his Holy Temple.

We had two lovely visitors. You know who you are.

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Signs Examined

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two-tenths of one percent, that the budget balancing play is more psychological than substantive.

Senator Domenici said that the Black Caucus had done what President Reagan asked those to do who did not agree with his plan and that was to come forward with an alternative. The Senator said he has seen no other alternative budget. He told Represen-

tatives Fauntroy and Rangel that while their proposals will not be passed in their entirety, some parts of it will certainly have an impact on the budget process.

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Even though our organization has developed many programs of service such as our vital "Stork's Nest" and other services under the leadership of Mildred Bradham, Isabel Herson and Janice Kissner, we recognized that we had to go far beyond this. We see that we needed to become part of AOIP which is, in effect, our Black caucus of community-building organizations...and we are proud to say that we were among the very first to begin complying with all the community-building needs of AOIP.

At AOIP's forthcoming national community-building awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on February 22—and at many similar local ceremonies across the nation during this month, all of our AOIP-affiliated organizations will be stressing the need for Blacks to support Blacks. It is being done symbolically via our requesting every organization to present plans for a membership-wide continuing program to support the Black hair care and beauty aid manufacturers. Again, the National Sorority of Zeta Phi Beta will be in the forefront...and we urge all other thinking Americans—both Black and White—to support this urgently-needed route to community-building through group power.

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