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"First Black To Seek Office" Announcement For Candidacy For Texas Court Of Criminal Appeals, Place I



Morris L. Overstreet

Morris L. Overstreet of Amarillo, Texas, Presiding Judge of the Potter County Court-at-Law No. 1, ended more than a year of speculations by political insiders when he formally announced his candidacy for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals at high noon on January 1, 1990.

In the Panhandle Plains City of Amarillo, Texas, before a cheering crowd, Judge Overstreet displayed a pair of cowboy boots and tennis shoes, saying that he was ready to walk and talk all over Texas and if that wasn't enough to run and shout in order to carry the message of Justice for All and having the courage to do the right thing; to proclaim the theme that no one is above the law and that no one was below the law.

He pointed out his balanced experience of (1) five years as a prosecutor, advancing to first assistant District Attorney, where he was responsible for overall office supervision and prosecution of major crimes such as capital murder, murder, rape and robbery. Overstreet also noted that he never had a conviction reversed by a higher court

while he prosecuted; (2) six years experience in private practice where he served as defense counsel in major crimes as well as plaintiff counsel for personal injuries; (3) four years (at the conclusion of his current term) as a trial judge where he has presided over more than a hundred criminal jury trials and nearly a thousand non-jury criminal trials and never had a conviction reversed by a higher court.

Overstreet stressed if elected, he would:

(1) work to reform the state sentencing laws for criminal offense to make them more definite and realistic.

(2) work to establish a speedy timetable for disposing of cases at the trial level and appellate level.

(3) work to establish mandatory victim notification in all plea-bargain cases.

Overstreet is the first Black person to seek a position on the nine member all male, all white, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. If elected, he would be the first Black person to win a statewide race in the history of Texas.

financial counselor in the basement of Lubbock General as soon as possible. Funding will only be available for two weeks beginning January 2, 1990. Cases will be handled on a first come, first come basis.

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Lubbock General now has funding available to pay off outstanding hospital bills for the needy. In order to see if you qualify, contact the

Army & Air Force News



Pvt. Brenda M. Gutierrez

Army Reserve Private Brenda M. Gutierrez has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Gutierrez is the daughter of Joe L. and Linda M. Gutierrez of 620 40th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

She is a 1989 graduate of Montorey High School of Lubbock.

Army Private Andre L. McCollough has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Goldie F. and Henry L. McCullough of 513 E. 37th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

The private is a 1988 graduate of Dunbar High School of Lubbock.

NAACP Meets Saturday Night

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday night, January 6, 1990 at 7:30 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

President Rose Wilson is asking all members to please be present. Special guest will be Travis Ware, Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney.

Census Bureau To Collect Employment Data Here

Employees of the U. S. Census Bureau will visit a sample of area residents January 14-20 to collect labor force data for the Current Population Survey, according to John E. Bell, director of the bureau's Dallas regional office.

In addition to the standard CPS questions on employment and unemployment, this month the bureau also is collecting data on displaced workers (Displaced work-

Presentation Of Miss Future Fashionetta & Mr. Future Fashion

Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. entertained parents and friends of four girls and four boys during their bi-annual presentation of "Miss Future Fashionetta" and "Mr. Future Fashion" on Friday, December 8, 1989. The theme was "Aim For The Stars" and was held at Mae Simmons Community

Center.

The girls who were presented were Dericka Renee Clark, Ashley Dawn Hunt, Alexandra Marie Phea, and Shante Russell.

Dericka is the daughter of Angela Richardson and grand daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie P. Richardson.

Ashley is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ardca Hunt.

Alexandra is the daughter of Joe Phea, Jr. and Jewell Phea.

Shante is the daughter of James and Theresa Russell.

The boys who were presented were Darius Clark, Brian L. Morris, Pernell Dupree Upshaw, and Whitney Cyril Valrie.

Darius is the son of Angela Richardson and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie P. Richardson.

Brian's parents are



Whitney Cyril Valrie
"Mr. Future Fashion"

Bobby F. and Elizabeth P. Morris.

Pernell's parents are Gary and Tammie Upshaw.

Whitney is the son of Regina Valrie.

Winners in the pageant for "Miss Future Fashionetta" were: "Miss Future Fashionetta", Dericka Renee Clark; 2nd place, Ashley Dawn Hunt; and 3rd place, Shantel Russell.

Winners for "Mr. Future Fashion" were "Mr. Future Fashion", Whitney Cyril Valrie; 2nd place, Brian Morris; and 3rd place, Pernell Dupree Upshaw.

The sorority gave \$100



Dericka Renee Clark
"Miss Future Fashionetta"

savings bond and a trophy to each first place winner. Each 2nd place winner received a \$50.00 savings bond and a plaque; and third place winners received a plaque. All participants received gifts.

Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is grateful for the support given by the community.

Proceeds from the pageant will be used for their scholarship fund, and other community projects.

Mrs. Nora Hutchinson is Basileus of the local chapter.

Reform Jewish Leader To NAACP's Ben Hooks: "We Stand With You Against Racist Violence"

In a telegram to NAACP executive director Benjamin Hooks, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations -- central body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada -- said last week "that we stand with you against threats and violence by racists and haters."

Albert Vorspan, senior

vice president of the UAHF and director of its Commission on Social Action, sent his message of support to

Mr. Hooks following the bombing murder of Robert E. Robinson of Savannah, a Georgia state legislator and local NAACP leader, and the successful dismantling of another package bomb that had been sent to

NAACP headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla.

"We share your conviction that these deeds are aimed at our entire democratic and constitutional system," Mr. Vorspan said.

"These vicious assaults cannot and will not intimidate the coalitions of decency in America or undo the gains we have made together."

Election Set For Water District

A Proposition Election for the purpose of determining the boundaries and the Area of Taxing Authority of the Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, will be conducted January 20, 1990. All registered voters of

ers are those who have lost a job because of plant closing, elimination of shifts, or job cutbacks in the past five years.)

The local data will contribute to January's national employment and unemployment picture to be

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Lubbock County will be eligible to vote on this proposition.

You may vote at any one of the following Polling Places.

1. In the East entrance to the hallway of the Courthouse building in Lubbock, Texas.

2. At Haynes Elementary School building at 3802 60th Street in Lubbock, Texas.

3. At the Shallowater Community Center in Shallowater, Texas.

4. At the City Hall building in Wolforth, Texas.

5. At the Idalou City Hall in Idalou, Texas.

6. At the Community Clubhouse at 700 West Garza Street in Slaton, Texas.

7. In the Board Room of the Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement Districts No. 1's District Office, located at the entrance to Buffalo Springs Lake, Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Davidson, County Clerk of Lubbock County, Texas, will be Presiding Judge for Absentee Voting and you may vote absentee at the Office of the County Clerk on the second floor of the County Courthouse Building in Lubbock, Texas.

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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



New Hope Baptist Church had good services last Sunday as it opened up with Sunday School at 9:40 a. m. with Supt. Swain at his post of duty.

During the morning worship hour, it began with the call to worship with Brother Swain reading 53rd Chapter of Isaiah. Following were a song, scripture and prayer by Deacon Jenkins and Deacon Swain.

The Mission offering was held and the doxology, followed by another song and announcements read by Lind Polk. Welcoming of visitors was done by Celestine Kyle.

Pastor Billy R. Moton gave his pastoral observations.

After the morning hymn, Pastor Moton preached on the subject: "How To Break Free When Something Want Let You Go." His scripture text was St. John 5:5-9. It was a wonderful message.

Brother R. J. Givens is sick at his residence.

Mr. Sammie Beaty was rushed to Methodist Hospital. He is in ICU.

Mrs. Fannie Young is home from Dallas, Texas.

She said she was feeling fine.

Let's keep praying for our sick and shut.

Brother & Sister Ulysses motored to Honey Grove, Texas last Friday to attend funeral services for Sister Bernice Kelly's aunt. Services were held Saturday, December 30, 1989. She was Mrs. Betty Temple.

Final rites were read for Mr. Arthur J. Owens of Lubbock. They were held at the Community Baptist

Church with Rev. P. B. Phenix officiating. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Curry Funeral Home.

Services for Luvenia Gould were held Saturday morning in the Church of The Living God with Overseer Willie Barber officiating. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the directions of Curry Funeral

Home.

Hoping you all had a Healthy, Happy New Year.

January 1st is Mary Ann and her daddy's birthday. She came from Dallas, Texas to celebrate with him.

Lucille Baylock is on the sick list this week as well as Katie Johnson. She was missed at church last Sunday.

Watch meeting was very good at New Hope. Thank

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1624 39th St.	494-127809-203	3-2	\$36,800	****
1939 71st St.	494-132158-203	3-2	\$48,100	****
2905 96th St.	494-108026-203	3-2	\$32,860	.
805 Ave. S	494-160062-703	3-2	\$18,950	.
5703 Brownfield	494-133316-203	4-2	\$59,450	.
606 N. Clinton	494-137851-703	3-2	\$42,600	.
1905 E. Colgate	494-157657-703	3-1	\$20,300	.
220 David Ave	494-163651-203	3-1	\$14,250	.
4610 Fordham	494-103996-235	3-2	\$35,250	.
3112 Harvard	494-127813-703	2-1	\$17,700	.
5525 Harvard	494-109230-203	3-2	\$43,200	.
2902 E. 1st St.	494-131290-703	5-2	\$22,050	**** Cash
2719 E. 3rd St.	494-121860-203	3-1	\$8,200	**** Cash
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1309 40th St.	494-108004-203	2-1	\$13,900	**** Cash
1115 41st St.	494-149348-221	3-1	\$14,950	**** Cash
2002 42nd St.	494-142246-203	3-2	\$26,550	**** Cash
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OBSEQUIES

Mrs. Katherine Lester

Final rites were read for Mrs. Katherine Lester on Thursday, December 21, 1989, at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ with Jerry Brown, minister, officiating. Interment was held in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the directions of Adams Plains Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lester was born March 7, 1924 in Gilmer, Texas. She moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1957 from Longview, Texas. She was a member of Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

Mrs. Lester departed this life Saturday, December 16, 1989 at 12:50 p. m. at Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include two



sons, Clarence and Jerry Williams, both of Lubbock, Texas; three daughters: Kathryn Ann Eldridge of Dallas, Texas, Velma Louise Price and Darlene Lee, both of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Florence Taylor and Martina Blair of Fort Wayne, Indiana; nineteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Arthur James Owens

Funeral services were held for Arthur James Owens last Friday, December 29, 1989 at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. P. B. Phenix

officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Curry Funeral Home.

He was born in Buffalo,

Texas to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Owens on August 12, 1902.

Mr. Owens passed away December 25, 1989 at Methodist Hospital from a lengthy illness.

He was a longtime resident of Lubbock, Texas for 55 years.

He leaves to mourn his death: one step-daughter, Ora Wilks of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Nannie B. Durham of Slaton, Texas; a cousin, Aretta Cornish of Lubbock, Texas; one

Luvenia Gould

Funeral services were held for Luvenia Gould on Saturday, December 30, 1989 at the Church of The Living God with Overseer Willie Barber officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the directions of Curry Funeral Home.

She was born February 28,

nephew, Terry Hunter of Kansas; a host of other relatives and friends.

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1903 to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee in Honey Grove, Texas.

She was a longtime resident in Lubbock, Texas for 63 years, moving from Wolf City, Texas. She was a member of the Church of The Living God, Pillar Ground & Truth.

She leaves to mourn her passing: one son, Robert Earl Locke of Lubbock, Texas; one daughter, Mattie Jewell Pittman of Lubbock, Texas; ten grandchildren, twenty-eight great grand-



children; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Dear friends: we would like to help clarify the article that appeared in the September 1, 1988 edition of the Southwest Digest concerning the formation of the Canyon Lakes Credit Union for Districts I and II by suggesting how certain questions of the survey might be answered to convince the League of the commitment that is being put forth by the citizens of these districts in order to help them qualify for the necessary charter for the credit union. No cash is needed at this time, just your commitment!

A. Yes for Number 4 of the survey.
B. \$50.00 or more over a 6 month period for Number 5.
C. A minimum of \$1.00 for Number 6 of the survey.
In addition to the Churches and to the Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the survey forms may be found at Joe and Paul's Barber Shop, Lee's Cafe, the Estacado Matador Barber Shop, and Parkway Neighborhood Center.

You may call David H. Sowell, president of the Board of Directors of the Canyon Lakes Development Union, at his work number, 792 7161, or at his home, 765 8679; or Eddie Richardson, executive director of the Black Chamber, 747 9804. If you would like additional information, please call either one of the above. A sample copy of the suggested survey is printed below for your convenience. Thank you for your interest.

Credit Union Interest Survey

1. Have you ever belonged to a credit union?
2. Do you currently belong to a credit union? If so, please give its name.
3. Have you ever served as an official of a credit union?
4. Would you be interested in joining a credit union if one were organized for Districts I and II?
5. What amount would you be willing to deposit initially.
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EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

Along The Color Line The Legacy of Martin Luther King

by
Dr. Manning Marable

Martin Luther King, Jr. has been dead for nearly a generation. The political environment which defined his activities, the oppressive conditions of legal segregation and political disfranchisement, no longer exist. It is easy, therefore, for those who had opposed the democratic social vision of Dr. King while he was alive, such as President Bush, to provide platitudes about racial equality and justice. In the wreckage of the destruction of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, the absence of enforcement for affirmative action and equal opportunity legislation, and the policy of ignoring the mounting tragedies of Black unemployment, homelessness and growing poverty, most white American politicians hide behind the soothing image of King as an advocate of racial peace. They fear the disturbing implications of King's economic and social demands for restructuring America's social order in the final years of his life, and pretend that this final, radical phase of his political career never existed.

Black politicians have a different responsibility to be truthful within African-American history. To be sure, Martin symbolized the struggle to desegregate the racist South, to dismantle the structures of civil inequality. His famous "I Have A Dream" speech, given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on that hot August afternoon in 1963, spoke for the democratic sacrifices and struggles of millions of African-Americans, from the abolitionists like Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth to the early civil rights crusaders like Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, A. Phillip Randolph and Ida B. Wells. Black elected officials and all Blacks who had gained some degree of success within the cultural, social and political hierarchy of white America owe part of their accomplishment to King and thousands of other nameless freedom fighters, who demanded a redefinition of democracy beyond the color line.

But civil rights was not the only issue to divide America in the 1960's. Under the Johnson administration, the U. S. had sent over one half million troops to southeast Asia. Black Americans represented one out of seven soldiers in Vietnam, and suffered disproportionately high casualties because they were unfairly ordered into combat units. While the NAACP and Urban League, fearing political retaliation, cautioned against civil rights involvement in the Vietnam War debate, King made the decision to align his political beliefs with his ethical hatred of war. Against bitter attacks, Martin urged Black Americans to reject American imperialism abroad, and the sterile logic of crusading anti-Communism. King inspired millions to oppose the U. S. war effort.

But Martin's political legacy transcended the issue of Vietnam. He began to recognize that the political program of integration was insufficient to achieve the material basis of equality for people of color within the U. S. He began to call for the nationalization of basic industries, in order to guarantee jobs for the central cities. Martin favored a plan for a guaranteed income for all Americans, and expanded social programs. To finance this domestic reconstruction, massive reductions in the Pentagon budget would be required. American foreign policy abroad would have to pull back from its support for imperialism, economic exploitation and political domination.

Martin's political vision also makes sense for the 1990's. We must advocate certain socioeconomic prerequisites



for full participation in a democracy, such as the human right to a job, the human right not to starve, the right to decent housing and free medical care. Martin would insist that the battle against racism today is being lost, and that all Americans lose when Blacks' median incomes are barely 55 percent those of whites. Poverty is directly connected with urban crime. And the answer to urban chaos, Martin would tell us, is not more police and capital punishment. The termination of drugs, crime and social unrest will come about only with the total reconstruction of the central cities, requiring the



Health Editorial: Influenza (FLU)



Dr. Heenan Johnson, III

Influenza, also called the flu, is caused by a virus that spreads from one person to another in the spray from coughs, and sneezes. Many of you are probably suffering with the flu this minute. The virus enters the upper part of the respiratory tract through the nose or mouth and may invade the rest of the tract including the lungs. Among the early symptoms are chills, fever, sneezing, headache, muscular pain as well as sore throat. Later these symptoms are followed by a dry hacking cough and often chest pains. The fever usually lasts for two or three days. Now, you may not experience all of these symptoms. You may

not have the aches and fever, but a trend, shortness of breath sensation.

Epidemics of influenza occur at unpredictable intervals. Sometimes there are five or six minutes without one, but at times there may be two or three epidemics in the same community in a single year. Lubbock is currently experiencing a mild flu epidemic. Epidemics die out when everyone who has been infected by a particular strain becomes immune to further attack by that strain. The problem is new strains are constantly developing.

You may be wondering what should be done? Influenza must run its course, but you can help ease the symptoms. Go to

bed as soon as symptoms begin, and stay there until your temperature returns to normal. Drink plenty of fluids, water and fruit juices. If your fever lasts longer than four days or if you become short of breath call your physician. You should expect to feel weak, or depressed for about a week afterwards, rest don't overdo it the first day that you feel somewhat better. Some physicians advise people who are at more risk from complications to have annual flu shots. The flu shots only protect you for one year or less. If you already have the flu DO NOT get a flu shot as it can only make you feel worse. If you are suffering from the flu, rest and drink plenty of fluids and ride it out. If you don't feel somewhat better in a few days, call your physician.

AT ISSUE

Public School Selection—Parental Choice?

Joe Nathan, former public school teacher and administrator, is a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute. He recently edited "Public Schools by Choice" (Meyer-Stone Books).



YES

Would parental "choice" of public schools benefit all children?

Yes. More than 60 percent of the public favors expanding choice among public schools. In East Harlem, N.Y., Cambridge, Mass., Prince Georges County, Md., and the entire state of Minnesota, increasing choice among public schools helped stimulate widespread improvements. In the best public school choice plans, students of all abilities do better in school, graduation rates increase, parents are more involved, and educator morale is higher. In each district cited above, public school choice helped produce significant, system-wide test score improvement. Allowing Minnesota high school juniors and seniors to attend colleges or universities full or part time benefited both youngsters who stayed in high school and those who enrolled in college. Why? High schools statewide improved programs — for example, quadrupling the number of advanced placement courses offered — since they no longer had a "captive audience."

How would this affect integration?

Well-designed public school choice programs helped produce more effective integration programs. While 60 percent of the general public endorses public school choice, support is even higher among racial minorities and low-income parents, who now have the fewest options. The best choice programs include racial balance guidelines, equal access to schools and extensive parent information and counseling programs.

How would choice affect efforts to improve other school programs?

The best choice programs complement other reforms. That's why after initially opposing efforts to expand public school choice in Minnesota, 63 percent of the teachers in the Minnesota Education Association now like the idea. Expanding choice for parents increased opportunities for educators to help create distinctive programs from which families can select. We have learned that there is no one best school for all students, or all educators.



Bella Rosenberg is assistant to the president of the American Federation of Teachers, where she handles policy initiatives. Previously, she was a research associate at the National Institute of Education.

NO

Would parental "choice" of public schools benefit all children?

All children, no — not until our poorer public schools have the resources and help they need to make parents want to choose them. Lots of choice plans assume that if parents could switch schools, "bad" schools would shape up or empty out. But that assumes "good" schools have lots of empty places, and are willing to take in kids from failing schools. There's little evidence of that. Generally, choice plans enable a few kids — the most talented or those with the most motivated parents — to switch into a better school. That's great for them, but it further destroys the quality of education for the majority of kids left behind in schools that have lost their resources and their role-model students.

How would this affect integration?

Some choice plans have helped integration; many others have not. It depends on the type of plan. The most difficult integration problem we face is not so much racial as economic class. Choice plans may benefit middle-class minorities, but few have helped poorer children. Their parents often don't have the information to make choices — and wealthier public schools, like private schools, aren't very eager to admit these kids. Let's face it: Until poorer schools are improved, middle-class parents of all races aren't going to choose them.

How would choice affect efforts to improve other school programs?

If choice is part of an overall improvement strategy, it could lead to distinctive, quality programs that meet the needs of diverse students. Unfortunately, many choice proponents act as if choice by itself will lead to improvement.

It won't. It would be like rearranging a few seats on the Titanic: a few people might get a better view, but the ship — public education — will sink. **Ed**

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St. Matthew Baptist News



Sister Imatha Isaac

St. Matthew Baptist Church Sunday School met at its proper time last Sunday morning. The lesson was well taught and reviewed. The Mission hour was great. We had as our guest speaker Sister Katie Dawson. Her subject was: "Lasting Memorial." Her text scripture was Mark 14:1-9. She told the ladies that we have a job to do, and it has to be done. Her lesson had a strong moral in it. Members of St. Matthew traveled to Pilgrim Baptist Church last Sunday. It was sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance Fellowship. We all enjoyed the service. At 10:30 p. m. last Sunday night, we had Watch meeting services. Rev. Bolden was our visitor. He is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Abernathy.

Black News Briefs

Forty Per Cent Of Black Children Live In Poverty

Washington, D. C. — Census Bureau figures released last week suggest that six years of economic recovery under the Reagan and Bush administrations have had virtually no benefit for the nation's poor. The report which focused on the number of poor under age 16, found that 40% of Black and Hispanic children are growing up in poverty compared to approximately 19% of white children. The government considers a family of three "poor" if it earns less \$9,435 a year. Experts believe that the single most significant factor driving large numbers of Black youth toward the illegal drug industry is poverty. Echoing this view Black politician leader Jesse Jackson commented, "You can only fight a successful war against drugs by fighting a war against poverty."

Texas. We had a glorious time. We are so glad we were there to witness the outgoing of '89 and the coming in of '90. Let's pray for one another! Rev. R. S. Stanelly, pastor, Sister Imatha Isaac, reporter.

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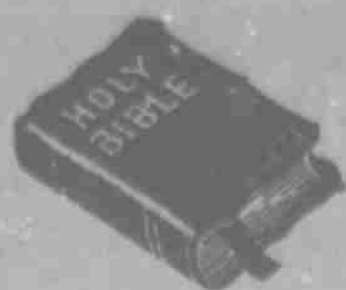


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Thought for the 90's. No favor do we seek today. We come not to ask, to plead or implore you. We just come to tell you how much we adore you; for to kneel in your presence makes us feel best, for we know that you know all our needs best and it fills us with joy just to linger with you as our souls you replenishes and our hearts you renew for prayers is much more than just asking for things.... It's the peace and contentment that quietness brings.... so thank you again for your mercy and love and for making us heirs to your Kingdom above. In the name of Jesus,

we pray. AMEN
Continue to study II Chronicles 7:14; Mark 11:22-26. These will continue to fit into the Nineties!

Our sick and shut in list includes: Brother Gary Williams, a patient in Lubbock General Hospital; Sister Charlie Bell Pratt, a patient in St. Mary's Hospital, room 308; and others whom we fail not mention. God knows where you are, your condition; he loves you. Call Him up!

We have many plans for this year, and with the help of God, they will become a reality.

We still need your support. Write: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408, or call 762-3347.

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Sister Christine Burleson, president; Sister Ardella Hardrick, vice president; Sister Dorothy Hood, reporter.

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"Lord, I'm Reborn; Shall I Speak In Tongues?"

John 3:3 -- Jesus said, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Lord, every since I was a child, I've heard people speak in tongues. I said, I wanna speak like that, "The day I get reborn."

I expected You Lord as my Saviour. Just the other day, and the spirit hit me, I began to speak in tongues: all over the place.

Acts 2:3-5 -- And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat up on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Lord, now when I go to Church, I get started: and can't stop. I say: Tat-Sai-Vat-Mum-Um-Um- Ta-Ti-Ti-Ou-Yo-Bul- "What I'm saying I know not."

I Corinthians 14:2-4; 9 -- For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth (build up) himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the Church. So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? For ye shall speak into the air.

(Brothers & Sisters, if you'll read in: Genesis 11th Chapter, the earth was of one tongue as we would say, but it was "one language;" they were going to build a tower to reach heaven and God said: Let us go down, and confuse, so they cannot understand one another's speech. And Lord scattered them all over the face of the earth. Until the day of Pentecost.)

Lord, but something comes over me; "and I began to speak." Some of the Brothers & Sisters have pulled me aside, and said "Please have a seat."

I Corinthians 13:8b; 11 -- Whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. When I was a child, I spake as a child; I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Lord, I now thank You for saving me; "and cleaning up my tongue."

John 12:32 -- Jesus said, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.

Psalms 15:1-2 -- Lord, who shall abide in the tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy Holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

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Abraham's commitment to God's call did not assure a smooth and unchallenged pathway for him. He made errors in judgement. Each experience however, strengthened his faith and brought him nearer to the point of total commitment.

Like Abraham, we cannot see into the future. We do not know what 1990 will bring to our lives. However, God has compensated for this "inability" and his compensation is more than adequate. He has made faith available for us. Faith is an experience; it is an encounter; it is the celebration of the daily, moment by moment fusion of man's will and purpose into the will and purpose of God. God has told us in His Word, how to live so that faith can be developed in our lives. God also puts us through test and trials to aid us in the development of our faith. With each victory, our faith is made stronger and we can walk into the future with courage knowing that God is there.

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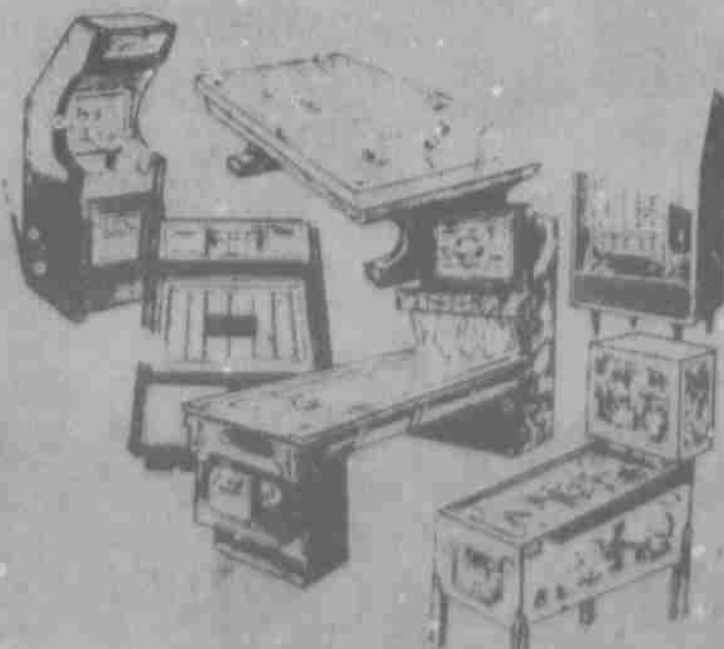
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"I am pleased that our company has implemented this program for our schools," said Bob Hurrence, Vice President of Public Affairs and Coordinator of Computers for Classrooms. "Furr's has been committed to working with the schools in our communities in other projects and this program will enable us to make a

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Any school wishing to participate in Computers for Classrooms may contact Bob Hurrence, Project Coordinator at (806) 763-0100.

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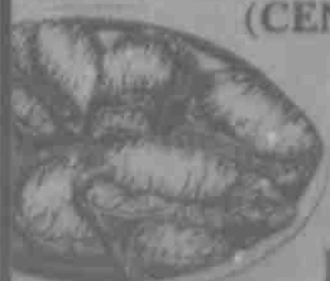
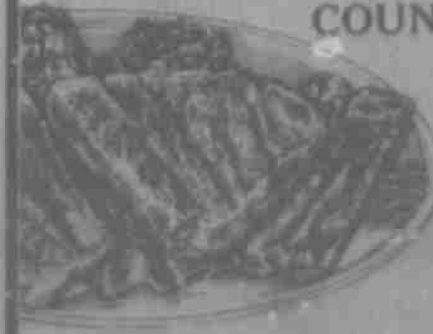
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SHEDD'S COUNTRY CROCK MARGARINE  3 LB. TUB \$1.49	CITRUS HILL ORANGE JUICE REG. OR WITH CALCIUM  12 OZ. .89	NEW RED POTATOES  3 LBS. \$1.23	RED RIPE ROMA TOMATOES  5 LBS. \$1.25 SWEET YELLOW ONIONS 5 LBS. \$1.25
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Meat

USDA CHOICE BONELESS BRISKET  MARKET TRIMMED \$1.98	FARMLAND PORK CHOPS (CENTER CUT)  LB. \$1.98	FARMLAND PORK BACKBONE COUNTRY STYLE  LB. \$1.58
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