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NATIONAL NEWS

Black Love Day: Helping to Heal a Fractured Nation
With America gearing up for a new century, indeed, "a new millennium," much discussion is being centered on fostering better relationships within communities to stem crime, violence, and tensions between ethnic groups, as well as between whites and Blacks. Founder of Black Love Day (BLD), Ayo Handy-Clary, a community activist/educator and mother of a slain teenager, offers a celebration of love as just one solution to heal a fractured and divided nation. BLD, designed as an alternative to Valentine's Day, is celebrated on Feb. 13. Handy-Clary calls it a holiday of celebration, reconciliation, atonement and demonstration of love within and for the Black community. On this day, Blacks are asked to perform at least five specific acts of love towards the Creator, oneself, within the family, and in the community. Whites are also encouraged to demonstrate love by addressing their misunderstanding, fears and racist attitudes. BLD has been celebrated in the Washington, D.C. area since 1993. For more information contact the African-American Holiday Association at (202) 310-1430.

Memorial Service Held For Bill Byrd
Memorial services were held in Santa Barbara, CA on Jan. 27, for William (Bill) Byrd, a partner and director of American Minorities Media, and longtime friend of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). Mr. Byrd died suddenly Jan. 18, 1997 while attending the NNPA 1997 Mid-Winter Workshop in St. Maarten. Mr. Byrd was the son of William James Byrd, III and the late Estelle Whitney of Philadelphia, PA. A number of NNPA members attended the service. They included: Hardy Brown, 1st vice president of NNPA and representative for president Dorothy Leavell. Mr. Brown read a message from Mrs. Leavell in which she thanked Mr. Byrd for his support of NNPA. "Bill Byrd was a dear friend of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and during our long relationship showed our members again and again just how to enjoy the wonderful fruits this life has to offer. We at NNPA will miss Bill deeply, for his parting has left a space that no one can fill." Also in attendance at the memorial were Brian Townsend of the Precinct Reporter, John and Geri Warren of the San Diego Voice and Viewpoint, Conchita Burpee, of HealthQuest magazine, who was with Mr. Byrd at his death and the staff of the Los Angeles Sentinel newspaper.

American Lung Association Held Briefing for African American Journalists
The American Lung Association (ALA) held a briefing for African-American journalists on the "Crisis of Lung Health Among African Americans" at one of Washington's favorite restaurants, B. Smith's. Among the issues discussed was the alarming rise in the incidence of asthma among African Americans. However, Dr. Jasjit S. Ahluwalia from the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA reported that in the last 10 years there has been a decline in the number of African-American teens who smoke cigarettes. That represents a seven percent drop versus a 15-20 percent decline among white teens in the same time period. Speakers urged the community to work together against the tobacco industry, which is now being legally challenged and blamed for causing a large percentage of the problems associated with lung diseases. One of Washington's leading Black newspapers, The Washington Informer, asked what financial remedy the ALA would recommend to the Black Press, who now receive ads from these tobacco companies and whether ALA and its affiliates will begin to advertise with the Black Press to get the message out to the community? Jacqueline D. McLeod, immediate past president of the ALA said that there was a genuine desire to establish a better rapport with the minority community and its businesses, and that the Cultural Diversity Policy Office was currently working with minority vendors and the media.

CHICKEN RIGHTS vs. HUMAN RIGHTS

By Bernice Powell Jackson

Perhaps you remember the news story. It was 1993 and 25 workers were killed in a fire in a chicken processing plant in North Carolina. Most of them black women. All of them dead because the doors to the plant had been chained by the owners, who had accused workers of theft.

Perhaps you don't remember that it was a Perdue plant in Hamlet, NC, a tiny town whose only significant employer is Perdue. A town with a majority African American population, in one of the poorest counties in the state. A county where the chief of police and school board are white and there is still a baseball park which was donated on the condition that it remain for whites only.

A recent report by the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), an interfaith organization dedicated to nonviolence and economic and racial justice, was the outcome of the work of its Women of Color in the Workplace Project and a series of hearings and interviews conducted as a result of the 1993 fire. FOR found that employees work in conditions hazardous to their health and that the plant doctors are not adequately treating injured employees.

It also found that workers are required to clean and gut chickens at the rate of 120 per minute on the processing line and to sort and pack 30 to 40 wings a minute. As a result, many of the workers are experiencing carpal tunnel

syndrome; some after only three or four weeks working on the line.

When workers report to the plant doctors, they are given pain relievers and told to return to the line. Many workers have been permanently disabled, with crippling in their hands, muscle spasms and serious back problems.

Workers reported to FOR that government officials and others routinely call the plant before inspections. Thus, when they arrive, the line is slowed down and "hand-picked" workers answer questions with guarded replies.

Some of the women also reported that working conditions are degrading in addition to being dangerous. For instance, workers are only allowed to leave the processing line during lunch and the two breaks they are given a day. Sometimes they have no choice, therefore, but to urinate on themselves. One woman, suffering from a urinary tract infection, was forced to stay on the line even after urinating on herself. When she did report to the nurse, she was refused permission to go home and change her clothes. She had to return to the line in soiled clothes, despite working in very cold conditions.

According to the FOR report, the Perdue Lewiston plant is "very clearly divided by gender and race," with 95% of the workers being African Americans who work

primarily in non-managerial positions, while the other 5% are white and work primarily as managers, doctors, supervisors or secretaries in the office. Processing line workers earn about \$12,000 a year before taxes.

There is no union at the Perdue plant, although unions have twice had votes, they did not win. Hearings conducted by the National Labor Relations Board confirmed that there had been violations in the first election and prior to the second vote, Perdue is reported to have offered workers cash bonuses of up to \$1,000. The union is seeking to have the second vote set aside as well.

The FOR report reminds us that we live in a consumer society where everything comes packaged for our convenience. We take for granted buying boneless, skinless chicken breasts, the women who work on the processing line -- in unsafe working conditions and at very low wages -- are invisible to us.

(You can write to Perdue at Perdue Farms, Old Ocean City Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801 or to the NC Commissioner of Labor and Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Harry Payne, at 413 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603. Tell them you support a safe working environment, adequate medical treatment and the right to organize without interference.)

ANHEUSER-BUSCH JOINS C.O.R.E. SALUTE TO DR. KING



Cynthia J. Moore, corporate affairs northeast region manager for Anheuser-Busch Companies, is flanked by Olympic champion Carl Lewis and veteran civil rights activist Roy Innis, national chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), during the organization's annual salute and awards dinner in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The trio was shown at a pre-dinner reception sponsored by Anheuser-Busch for honorees. Lewis, who

has compiled one of the greatest track and field records in Olympic history, received CORE's "Outstanding Achievement Award" for his accomplishments, which ended with a spectacular feat in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. The dinner, titled "Living The Dream," is held in New York City and is one of the nation's largest events to recognize the contributions and principles of Dr. King's legacy.



Nominations for the 11th Annual Soul Train Music Awards were announced at Hotel Nikko in Beverly Hills. Scott Robinson, left, senior marketing manager, Coca-Cola USA and Greg Edwards, right, manager, youth marketing, Coca-Cola USA greet Soul Train founder, Don Cornelius and actor/Rapper LL Cool J during the Sprite sponsored nominees brunch. Entertainers LL Cool J, Brandy, Immature and Sherri Headley served as

co-host of the brunch. Soul Diva Gladys Knight will join Brandy and LL Cool J as hosts of the 11th Annual Soul Train Music Awards on Friday, March 7, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. On the eve of the awards show, Coca-Cola USA will again sponsor "Sprite Nite," a pre-awards show celebrity party telecast "live" on Black Entertainment Television. Sprite is the exclusive soft drink sponsor of the Soul Train Music Awards.

LOCAL TEACHER RECEIVES ENRICHMENT GRANT

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA: Susana Carrasco, a secondary Spanish teacher at O L Slaton Junior High in Lubbock, TX, was recently awarded a Lifetouch Enrichment Grant by Lifetouch National School Studios of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Carrasco submitted an idea for nurturing creativity in the classroom, the theme for the 1996-97 program. The idea was selected by a panel of independent education specialists from over 6,300 entries.

The Lifetouch program invited educators to share their ideas for "sparking brilliance," by teaching students to become more creative thinkers. Each entry was judged on its originality, creativity and effectiveness

for developing creativity. Two hundred educators were each awarded a \$250 grant. A representative selection of the award-winning ideas will be published by Lifetouch in Sparking Brilliance: Nurturing Creativity in the Classroom, a resource book to be distributed nationally this spring.

"The grant program allows Lifetouch to provide educators with much-needed financial resources and a vehicle for networking their ideas," said Jake Barker, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Lifetouch National School Studios. "Teachers deserve recognition for their professionalism and creativity."

For over 60 years, Lifetouch

has provided photographic services for schools in North America. Each year, the Lifetouch Partners-in-Education® program awards \$50,000 in grants to teachers who creatively address current educational issues in the classroom. Past themes have encouraged teachers to share ideas for involving families in education, building self-esteem, promoting the ethic of volunteerism, discovering diversity, and reducing and resolving conflict.

To receive a copy of Nurturing Creativity, send a check for \$8.95, payable to Lifetouch, to: Lifetouch Nurturing Creativity Department M 141 South 7th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

NATIONAL TRIO DAY FEBRUARY 22, 1997

The Lubbock area TRIO Programs will celebrate National TRIO Day at Texas Tech University on February 22nd. National TRIO Day is celebrated of the positive impact the nation's TRIO Programs have on high school and college students. The TRIO Programs participating in the event include LEARN, Inc.'s Educational Talent Search

and Educational Opportunity Center, and Texas Tech's Upward Bound and McNair Scholars Program. The program entitled "Making A Difference" will be held in room 169 of the Human Science Building. It will start at 10a.m. and last until 12p.m. Texas Tech's Raider red, local high school mascots, and several speakers from Lubbock will

be on hand to motivate students to make a difference by continuing their education. For more information contact Upward Bound's Eric Strong at 742-3616, or LEARN, Inc.'s Eric Wesley at 763-4265.



African American newspaper publishers from around the country gathered in St. Maarten, N.A. at the annual mid-winter conference of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). Steve Horn, right, assistant vice-president, marketing, Coca-Cola USA and Dorothy Leavell,

second right, president, NNPA welcome Tom Burrell, president and chief executive officer, Burrell Communications Group and Rev. Charles Williams, founder, Indiana Black Expo to the opening luncheon. Rev. Williams was keynote speaker during the Coca-Cola USA sponsored event.



City Councilman T.J. Patterson, shown above, spoke to the members of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 44 during their 50th Anniversary Luncheon at the Lubbock Plaza Holiday Inn, Saturday, February 8, 1997. Patterson also presented a special recognition from the Mayor and City Council. Emory C. Wall is Commander No. 44 of the Disabled American Veterans.

Big Event For Digest Coming Soon

The Digest has a major event planned for the near future. This will be a major project. Watch the Digest for more information.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church

Where The People Really Care." Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Assistant Superintendent Virgil Johnson was in charge. All classes had thirty minutes of instruction, and then reassembled in the main auditorium singing "We Shall Overcome." This song came from last Sunday morning lesson. High points of the lesson were given by Deacon Earnest Swain. Deacon R.J. Givens spoke on Black History for the Sunday School. This was very interesting, and we need to live by what was said last Sunday morning.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department -- Senior Class won both banners. while in the Adult Department, Man Class No.1 lost both banners as Class No.2, Sister Dorothy Kinner as teacher, received the Attendance Banner.

There was one visitor in Sunday School.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Deacon and Mrs. R.J. Givens.

The Senior choir marched in the processional singing "Oh, Lord Have Mercy." The Senior Choir also sang "It's Good To Know The Lord." altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. Another song, "Glad To Be

In The Service," was sung. The morning scripture was read by Sister Vossie Ball, with prayer given by sister Kenyatta Barnes.

Another song, "I'm Blesses," was sung. The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Lurlene Taylor. the morning hymn was "On The Battlefield." Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observation. He was wondering if there were anybody on the battlefield last Sunday morning. The singing of "All My Help Comes From The Lord" was most inspirational. The hymn of preparation was "Pass Me Not."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "It Ain't Going To Be Like This Always." His scripture text was found in I John 3:2. Pastor Moton, as he always does, left something for all of us present to wonder about. What a wonderful message.

There is so much sickness and death around us. Our prayers and sympathy go out to all of those who have sickness and death in their families. God knows best.

Members of New Hope Baptist Church were blessed to have the Babara Jordan Senior Citizen Group to worship with them last Sunday morning.

Sister Dorothy Kinner broke her toe last week. let us pray for a speedy recovery for her.

FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 1997.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's campaign to plant Trees for America during 1997, the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornaments, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE BLUE SPRUCES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 1997.

INNER-CITY KIDS AND DALLAS' ELITE CONNECT

CAMP ENTERPRISE '97—The Rotary Club of Dallas will sponsor the 13th annual Camp Enterprise, August 21-24, 1997 in Midlothian, TX. Camp Enterprise is an intense 4-day program designed to introduce the brightest Dallas area High School seniors to the realities and responsibilities of the Free Enterprise system.

During the camp, High School seniors will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Dallas at Camp Hoblitzelle. There, they will interact with business and government leaders from throughout North Texas.

The students are exposed to a rigorous curriculum of lectures, computer projects, group projects and panel discussions. Students develop their understanding of business and the free enterprise system while making friendships that will last a lifetime.

Past participants in Camp Enterprise includes some of Dallas' most influential and admirable citizens. For more information on Camp Enterprise contact Darrick Eugene at 214-746-3216 or on the Internet at eugene_darrick_w@bns.att.com

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SET

The Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for the first City of Lubbock softball tournament of the year. The Shut Up and Play Registration Tournament will be held February 22- 23, 1997 at the Berl Huffman Softball Complex. The entry fee is \$50 per team plus a sanctioning fee is your team is not currently registered in league play. All divisions will be offer

such as Men's, Women's and Co-ed. Call early to sign up and please remember no cash only money orders or personal checks.

For more information please contact Jerry Brown, 767-2672 or Ivetta Eads, 767-2690.

WINDY SITTON ELECTED TO LEADERSHIP TEXAS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BOARD

Windy Sitton has been elected to a 3-year term on the Leadership Texas Alumnae Association Board as the Lubbock Regional Director.

Leadership Texas, a program of the Foundation for Women's Resources, was launched in 1983. The vision of the program is to identify and develop Texas' women leaders by providing them with essential information, an awareness of ongoing changes, sharpened skills, and an enduring network of women from diverse backgrounds. Women are selected for the program through a competitive application process which examines the leadership roles applicants have sought

and accepted in their profession and/or their community.

In the years since its inception in 1983, LTAA has become a vast network of some of the most influential and talented women throughout the state. In 1995, LTAA's activities have grown to include publications (including a quarterly newsletter and an annual directory), numerous regional events, and programming designed for alumnae. LTAA has an office in Austin, with a staff person dedicated exclusively to its business. With 1211 Leadership Texas graduates at the end of 1996, LTAA is continuing to serve its mission of continuing and maintaining communica-

tion among graduates of the program.

At the conclusion of 1994, the one-thousandth woman graduated from the Leadership Texas program. Representing both rural and urban areas, they are corporate executives, educators, community leaders, lawyers, physicians, allied health professionals, journalists, artists, entrepreneurs, and elected officials, among others. Emanating from a diversity of backgrounds and person experiences, these women reflect the ethnic, cultural, geographic, career and volunteer activities of the women in the State of Texas.

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Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new Award of Poetic Excellence poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter and open to everyone. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Poets may enter one poem only - 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any poetic style. The contest closes March 31, 1997, but poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Fall 1997 edition of Poetic Voices of America, a hardcover anthology to be published in October 1997. Prize winners will be announced May 31, 1997, and all prizes are awarded promptly. "Our contest is especially for new and unpublished poets seeking a forum that enables them to share their work," says Jerome P. Welch, Publisher. "We are looking for sincerity and originality in a wide variety of styles and themes. Many of our contest winners are new poets with new ideas." Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. C, 609 Main St., PO Box 180, Sistersville, WV 26175-0183.

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Fired Urban League Executive Files Charges of Sexual Harassment

by J. Zamgha Browne

A former executive of the National Urban League has filed charges in federal district court charging that she was sexually harassed by a top aide of Hugh Price, the organization's president. Her charges also allege unlawful termination from the League, one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations.

Sonia E. Butler alleges in court papers that Dr. Curtiss Porter repeatedly tried to coerce her into a sexual relationship with him, and because she wouldn't acquiesce he orchestrated her ouster as director of affiliate leadership development.

In her position, Butler, a Yale University graduate, was responsible for administering a \$1.9 million grant from the Kellogg Foundation to establish a leadership institute for chief executive officers, chairmen and board members of the League's 113 affiliates across the country.

On two or more occasions, Butler charges that Porter would "sit on his haunches, squeeze his thighs together, showing the shape of his penis, while telling me he was picking up some vibes from me." Butler cites another occasion when she says Porter asked her to accompany him, "just you and me," on a work-related trip to Michigan.

Butler says she always tried to ignore Porter's "unwelcome advances," but it soon became apparent to her that "sexual acquiescence" on her part was a condition for her continued employment at the League. Butler charges that her refusal to respond to the sexual advances by Porter, her immediate supervisor, resulted in "unjust criticism, harassment, and the ultimate termination of her employment" with the organization. "When I

adamantly said no and would no longer allow him to sexually harass me beyond his closed office doors I was fired on June 22, 1995," Butler charges.

In addition to sexual harassment, Butler charges that the Urban League is guilty of breach of contract. She says she decided to include Price and the National Urban League in the lawsuit because Porter is an agent of the organization and responsible for the alleged sexual misconduct and sexual harassment which she experienced. According to Butler, Price did nothing about the situation when she complained and explained the circumstances of her termination.

Porter and Price were unavailable for comment. But Gasby Greeley, a vice president for communications at the League, said that while she couldn't discuss the matter in detail "because it's in litigation," she vigorously denied the allegations. Greeley explained that the National Urban League, which has always been committed to fair and equal treatment of everyone, conducts regular training programs against the practice of sexual harassment for its employees.

Butler said that as a direct result of being sexually harassed, discriminated against and terminated by the League, "I have lost wages by reason of the League's unlawful employment practices, and have also earned less money in other jobs than I would have earned had I been employed by the National Urban League." She also said she was forced to declare bankruptcy which will remain a part of her credit history for nearly 10 years.

Butler is representing herself in court but is being advised by retired attorney Flo Kennedy.

Fighting America's Number One Killer

By Larry Lucas

I'd like to send a belated Valentine to Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. Around Valentine's Day, everybody's talking about broken hearts. Dr. Williams, a pioneering African-American surgeon and the founder of a Chicago hospital that served black people, was the first person to actually fix a "broken" heart. In 1893, Dr. Williams performed the world's first open-heart surgery, saving the life of a man stabbed in the heart during a street fight. (Yes, people were fighting each other even back then).

Thanks to Dr. Williams and other pioneers, we've made enormous progress against heart disease. Progress probably began in the 17th century, when English physician William Harvey showed that the heart is a muscle that pumps blood into the body. (At the time, prominent scientists condemned Harvey's idea as "impossible"). In 1799, the first heart medicine was discovered: digitalis, the botanical Latin name for foxglove, a common herb that can help regulate the heart's pumping action.

A half century later, nitroglycerin, which is also used to make dynamite, was found to relieve symptoms of angina, or chest pain. It is still used in medicines to open arteries and lower blood pressure. A few years later, in 1901, drug company scientists and university researchers isolated adrenaline, a secretion from the glands of cattle, which stimulates

the heart. In 1912, the first diagnosis of a heart attack in a living patient was documented, in an article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Chicago physician James Herrick pointed out that what had previously been diagnosed as indigestion or food poisoning may really be due to a blood clot in an artery that deprives the heart of oxygen—in other words, a heart attack.

In 1921 heart disease became the leading killer of Americans—mainly because drugs and vaccines were bringing infectious diseases under control. For several decades after that, there were few treatments available for heart disease. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt developed high blood pressure in the early 1940s, there were no specific drugs to treat it. All his doctors could do was to give the President sedatives to calm him down and urge him to eat a low-salt diet. In 1949, an Indian physician reported lowering blood pressure with the powdered root from a tropical plant. Three years later, drug company chemists isolated the active ingredient of the plant and made a drug for high blood pressure.

Today, physicians have a whole arsenal of drugs to treat high blood pressure and other forms of heart disease. There are drugs to help people control cholesterol, a leading risk factor in heart attacks. And heart attacks, once considered a death warrant, can now be treated with clot-dissolving drugs. During the 1980s alone, drugs—along



with lifestyle changes and new surgical techniques—helped reduce deaths from heart attacks by almost one-third. And drug companies have more than 100 new medicines in development for heart disease.

A good way to celebrate Valentine's Day is to get some exercise, cut your cholesterol, have your blood pressure checked and give up smoking. And while you're cutting your risk factors for heart disease, remember to say thanks to Dr. Daniel Hale Williams and all the other medical pioneers who led the progress against heart disease.

For a free booklet, "What You Need to Know About Heart Attacks," write to PhRMA, 1100 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20005.

Larry Lucas is Associate Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).



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THIS N THAT

How about them trees on southeast Drive?? THIS N THAT...would like to ask the question... How many of you have noticed those trees on Southeast Drive...in Chatman Hill Addition?? If you haven't paid any attention...then we should take note...Along with the...new sidewalks...in this area of the city...Chatman Hill...is getting a complete face lift...and it really looks...Great!!! There are so many opportunities for this part of the city...as well as other areas as...Dunbar...Posey...and...Parkway Areas...This part of town...is just looking great...and we should all be... very proud of what is taking place!! It is so good to see this part of the ...City of Lubbock...bounce back as we would have it would...perhaps...if this continues...there will a...more drastic change in this part of the City of Lubbock!!!

We knew it would happen!! THIS N THAT...read of a report which E shows that there is an...increase of some of the West public schools...The report...which was done by an Austin, Texas based firm...makes it known that there is a slight increase in the population of East Lubbock schools!! Now this is... great!! Could this mean that in...years to come...there may be a need to...Reopen Dunbar High School????? Anyway...it never hurts to be...POSITIVE...about something you believe in...THIS N THAT...believes this area of the city...will continue to grow...and will mean the need for another prestigious institution of learning at the secondary school level...so why not...keep in mind the name of...Dunbar High School...

Very good parade by Lubbock Black Chamber!! THIS N THAT...would like to salute the membership of the...Lubbock Black Chamber...on the...Annual Black History parade...held last Saturday...beginning at...NOON...THIS N THAT...walked the entire route...from...Dunbar Junior High School...to the campus of...Estacado high School...Now that E was a

chore...but when you think of what our forefathers had to endure...it was nothing at all...THIS N THAT...hopes next year will even be larger...and with a lot of...hard work...it can become just that!! Congrats!!!

Economic development booth at Mae Simmons!!! THIS N THAT...also says...congrats...once again to the...Lubbock Black Chamber...for the...business expo...held at Mae Simmons Community Center...it was...very positive...to see the many business' which participated in this effort...it goes to show all of us that there are so many opportunities...in our community...for people of color! This was great...and...THIS N THAT...hopes this kind of effort will continue...something like this...during the...Annual Juneteenth Celebration...would make sense in the park...as well as...at Mae Simmons Community Center...something to think about!!!

Call the roll!!! THIS N THAT...Dr. Heenan Johnson...called the names of some of the members of the...Bethel African Meth Eodist Episcopal Church...last Sunday morning...a salute to...Black History Month...this is being sponsored by the...Christian Education Department of the Church...Sister Elurd Davenport as president...here are some of the names being called...as we thought this would be good to print: Estella Pierce...Susie Hubbard...Bessie Mae Johnson...Sara Blocker...Ora Lee Jackson...Leana Goldstein...John Fair...Mattie Struggs...Andy Larkins...E.T. Hubbard...Sophronia Wright...Sarah Crawford...Darance O'Neal...Geraldine Brown...Jackie Wilson...Corine E. Fair...E.W. Struggs...and Cornelious Banks...many more have been read...

D.C. Kinner the barber says: 2 children...have never been good...at listening to their...parents...but have never failed to...act like them..."

Where or How Do We Go From Here?

By Eddie P. Richardson



With this being Black history month, which was started by the late great Dr.

Carter G. Woodson but before that we were already here cathing hell, we came here on the slave ships no one wants to admit it but we were here before the Mayflower.

The only reason before us and others was we came as slaves against our wills but others came looking for a thrill or a better way of life. Except the Indians and Mexicans in the southwest so the damn puritans which was hulgans discovered someone else's home, ain't that a trick!! If you love Columbus go to the Caribbean? Mexicans owned the southwest and Indians was already across America such as it was then think about it!! Someone come and discover your home and then put you on a concentration camp and call it a reservation camp then go to California and put thousands of people i concentrations camps our puritans need to repent!!!

God loves us all but it is imperative that we love each other and become our brothers keeper because what Bilbo The KKK and all of the other racist has stated and stood by for many years is

coming to past in the next 50 to 60 years in America.

There will not be a E Hitlers white so called pure race, with the integration and race mixing America will have a light brown race black will observe some of the white, browns will observe some of the white and then so what!!! Are we not all of Gods childrens or did God lie?

Another thing that is making this come true is Richard Nixon in 1965 when he proclaimed this hispanic thing to destroy the black male and black institutions because blacks had colleges, hospitals and other institutions.

What Dick Nixon failed to understand that 12 to 14 groups of people from Cuba, South, Central, and parts of North America do not look at skin color but culture, the heart, goals and ambitions, thanks Tricky Dick for bringing us more together and helping us to as the late caring, loveable brother former U.S. Congressman from Houston born in Lubbock chairman of the black caucus killed in a plane crash on his way to Africa concerned about the famine in Africa, the same thing happened to Commerce Ron Brown it makes was th Eese brothers getting too much visibility or power or even showing up the old boy guard or system--more next week.

LEGAL MATTERS

By Attorney General Dan Morales

and Medicaid benefits

ELDER LAW: A GROWING FIELD

AS YOUR Attorney General, I have been increasingly involved in issues that affect senior Texans: the quality of long-term care, the prosecution of elder abuse, Medicaid fraud control, and consumer fraud that targets elders. I believe we owe our senior citizens respect, protection and the highest standard of care.

In the private sector, the legal profession has seen the emergence of a new specialty: elder law. Elder law differs from traditional legal specialties in which the lawyer focuses on one body of law (taxes, insurance, criminal law, etc.). Instead, the practice of elder law covers all potential specialties that affect one particular group of people—senior citizens—many of whom live on a fixed income.

If you are a senior Texan, or if you are concerned about an elderly friend or family member, perhaps you have considered hiring an attorney. The following information may help you to decide whether an elder law specialist would be right for you.

Why is this new field growing?

In part, the growth mirrors changes in our population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 33 million Americans are now over age 65, or roughly 13 percent of the nation's population. The fastest growing segment of this group is people over age 85. According to a report by the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging, nearly half of all senior citizens will spend time in a nursing home. While many of these stays are brief, such as for recovery after surgery, many others involve long-term residence.

The field of elder law covers a wide and growing range of topics. In addition to their traditional work in probate, wills, and trust and estate planning, elder law specialists are now involved in such diverse areas as

- planning for disability or incapacity through living wills, living trusts, and durable power of attorney documents

- establishing eligibility for Social Security, Medicare

- long-term care, including patients' rights, quality of care, and long-term care insurance

- elder fraud and abuse

- grandparents' visitation rights

- age discrimination at work

- housing problems (mortgages, housing discrimination, etc.)

- conservatorships and guardianships

- retirement and pension benefits

Should you retain an elder law specialist?

Begin by asking if you have a problem that requires the services of an attorney, or if in fact you have a social services or medical question. If you are not sure, ask a trusted friend, your clergy, or a social worker for advice. You may also call the Legal Hotline for Older Texans at (800) 622-2520 (477-3950 in Travis County) for a free over-the-phone consultation. Staff at the Legal Hotline can help you decide whether your problem merits retaining the services of an attorney.

Ask for referrals from local senior citizen groups, your clergy, other attorneys, and social service agencies. While the State Bar of Texas does not certify elder law specialists, its lawyer referral service (800-252-9690) will provide you with the names of attorneys in your area for your consideration.

Before retaining an attorney, ask for references, and check them out thoroughly. Ask how much experience the attorneys have, and about the aspects of elder law that they regularly deal with. Ask about the fee you will be charged.

Planning for the future

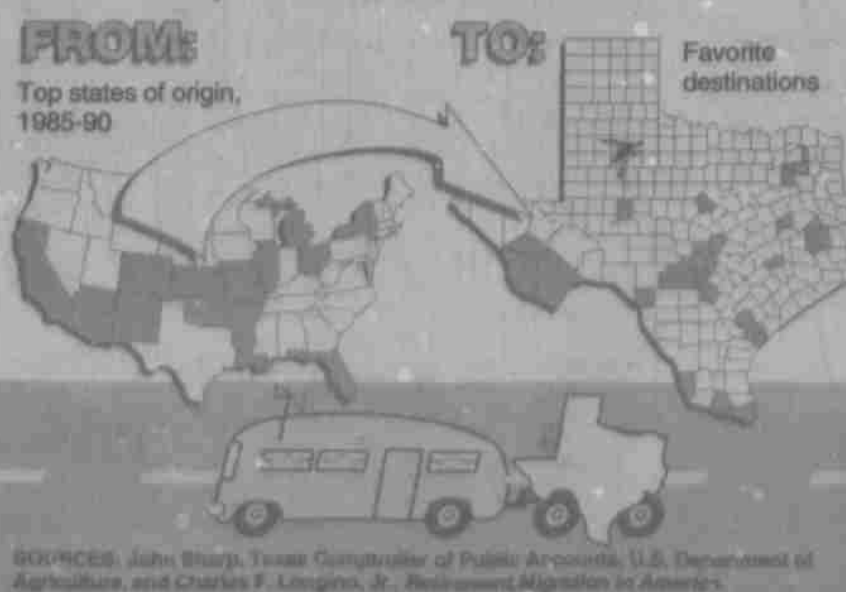
Senior citizens share common concerns: quality of life and control over their affairs as they grow older, the threat of serious illness and steep medical bills, maintaining an adequate income, and safeguarding the interests of loved ones. Unfortunately, most of us cannot know which of these concerns will be the biggest challenge we face in old age. Many elder law attorneys report that clients come to them during times of crisis. It is wise to plan as far ahead as possible before the need arises.

For more information on choosing an elder law attorney, write to the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys at 1604 N. Country Club Road, Tucson, Arizona 85716, or call them at (520) 881-4005. You may also access this information on the Internet at <http://www.naela.com>.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Retirees: Headin' to Texas

Texas lures retirees with its relatively low cost of living, low taxes, and natural amenities. From 1985-90, the state posted a net gain of more than 8,000 retirees, most of whom settled in East Texas, the Hill Country, the Rio Grande Valley, and the Mountain West.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Charles F. Longino, Jr., Retirement Migration in America.

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by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner
We Demand Racial Respect!

I was standing in line at a department store, waiting to pay for my purchases. In line in front of me were three white men. After the cashier had rung up the purchases of each of the men the cashier said, in a business-like manner, "Have a nice day, sir." When the cashier had finished ringing up my purchases, she said to me, in a "hip" voice, "Have a good one."

I frankly resented the way that the cashier addressed me because it represented the cashier's assumption that all Blacks are hip and unsophisticated. I demand to be treated in a mature, intelligent, sophisticated manner - just as whites are treated.

Blacks continually allow themselves to be portrayed as only partially civilized, and several social and intellectual levels below the average white person. Every ounce of scientific data suggests that the color of one's skin does not provide any information about the physical, mental or intellectual condition of the individual. On television "The Cosby Show," portrayed Blacks in positive social situations. It made us feel good, even though we

knew that it was entirely fictional and did not represent the average Black family.

While other shows like "Martin," and re-runs of "Mr. Cooper" and "In Living Color" give us a big laugh, some people, both Black and White, think that they represent reality. They think that most Black people are actually like Martin, Mr. Cooper or one of those hip, crazy characters on "In Living Color." These stereotypical characterizations of Black people, especially Black males, provide justification for the negative treatment that Blacks receive. It is the primary reason that Blacks receive no sympathy from anyone, including other Blacks.

When we laugh at ourselves on television, we are assisting America in destroying us. Some Black people are as convinced that Blacks are inferior, as most whites are. This negative characterization of Blacks must stop. Blacks are no different than any other race of people. The problem is that some Whites think that Blacks are different and inferior, and many Blacks have internalized

this inferiority.

Some Americans continue to justify their abusive treatment of Black people by characterizing them as unintelligent, unclean, unsophisticated, inarticulate, great dancers, great athletes, over-sexed, lazy--the negative stereotypes goes on and on.

Rebuilding the way that Black people are perceived by the public should begin with Black people. You should never allow Black people to be degraded. If you ever notice Black people being insulted, abused, made to look foolish, or in any way violated, you should quickly and energetically address the issue. Refuse to buy merchandise advertised on television, if a Black person is made to look silly. Write letters of complaint to every television and radio station and tell them that you will not listen to, or watch programs that appear on their stations, and you will not purchase merchandise sold by their sponsors until they produce as many programs that show the good things that Blacks do, as programs that show the bad.

TV ANCHORMAN, BRYANT GUMBEL TO RECEIVE PRESIDENTS AWARD ARETHA FRANKLIN, GEORGE CLINTON AND THE ARTIST (Formerly Known as Prince), ADD TO THE 28th NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

TV Anchorman, Bryant Gumbel, will receive the Presidents Award to be presented by NAACP President/CEO, Kwesie Mfume, at The NAACP 28th Image Awards. The Awards program takes place on Saturday, February 8, 1997 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 7:00 PM.

award via satellite from her home in Detroit. The Artist (formerly known as Prince) will be in attendance, and will perform the opening number for the evening's event, and receive a Special Achievement Award. The Awards program will be hosted by Arsenio Hall and Patti LaBelle, with performances by Tracy Chapman, BlackStreet, Busta Rhymes, The Four Tops, Q-Tip, and The Fugees.

The pre telecast awards dinner, hosted by George Wallace, will take place at The Hollywood Palladium, on Friday, February 7, 1997 and will include a special performance by The Four Tops.

Aretha Franklin, George Clinton and The Artist (formerly known as Prince) will add to the already stellar cast participating in the 28th NAACP Image Awards. Franklin and Clinton will share the honors of the Hall of Fame Award. While Clinton will be on hand, Ms Franklin will receive her

Other honorees include Denzel Washington, Entertainer of the Year!, Image Awards Chairman, Joseph E. Madison, The Honorable Representative Maxine Waters, and Humorist Dick Gregory will receive The Chairman's Award to be presented by Myrlie



Evers-Williams, Chairman National Board of Directors, NAACP. Sports figure Jim Brown will receive The Jackie Robinson Award, while The Corporate Award will be given to William C. Brooks of General Motors.



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Wheatley Elementary School Wins Highest Quality Award

Wheatley Elementary School recently earned national recognition for their outstanding efforts in mentoring at-risk students. The HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) Award for Quality Assurance is presented to high performing schools who achieve Exemplary status for their HOSTS Structured Mentoring Program in Language Arts. The Award is based on the HOSTS Quality Assurance Program that measures seven characteristics of an effective structured mentoring program in Language Arts.

HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) is a Structured Mentoring Program in Language Arts, Math and Spanish with the objective to help break the cycle of student failure. The program targets students (K-12) who need assistance in reading, writing, thinking, and study skills. HOSTS is not a curriculum, but an instructional strategy

that is tailored to state, district and school's language arts, math and Spanish objectives and philosophies. Founded in 1971, HOSTS is currently serving over 48,000 children and 72,000 mentors on more than 800 campuses nationwide.

The HOSTS program works for everyone (students, teachers, administrators, parents and the community) because it breaks the cycle of student failure, accelerates learning, builds self-esteem, and contains costs.

HOSTS has a 25-year track record of success as a highly recognized, nationally validated Title I program, and is the recipient of the most meaningful and prestigious educational awards in America. Among them:

- U.S. Secretary of Education - Selected HOSTS as a national mentoring model.
- U.S. Department of

Education - Designated HOSTS as a nationally validated Title I approved system, and a member of the National Diffusion Network.

- National Council of Teachers of English - Cited the HOSTS program in Billings, Montana for effective use and integration of reading into the Language Arts curriculum.
- National Center for Dropout Prevention, Clemson University- Selected HOSTS as "national model" for effective mentoring.

The end result of HOSTS is that the cycle of student failure is broken, learning is accelerated, and costs are contained. Student performance increases, while the number of dropouts and grade retention decreases.

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Luke 14:16-18. Jesus said, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, COME; FOR ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY. And they all with one consent begin to make EXCUSE. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I PRAY THEE HAVE ME EXCUSED.

THE LORD IS LIKE THAT GREAT MAN; today people don't OUTRIGHT REFUSE. They come up with the next best thing. THEY ALWAYS FIND AN EXCUSE.

The first two of them was BUSINESS MEN, in their business they do buy. Some times in business you'll have to CHEAT; YOU ALSO LEARN TO LIE.

Roman 12:10,11, Be kindly affectioned to one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; Not slothful in business; FERVENT IN SPIRIT; SERVING THE LORD.

The excuses don't make any sense; I NEED TO SEE THE LAND: I PRAY, HE COULD HAVE SEEN ABOUT THE LAND: THE VERY NEXT DAY.

The lands not going any where, IT WILL STAY IN THE SAME PLACE, PEOPLE COME UP WITH DUMB EXCUSES TODAY; WHEN COMING TO GOD'S TABLE OF GRACE.

(My daughter Myra, She has a GOOD ONE, She say I don't want TO GET SAVED NOW; I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M READY. I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES; I SEE IN CHURCHES TODAY.)

LUKE 4:19, And a Another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I prey thee have me excused.

Any man who buy oxens, should know by LOOKS; if they can plough, Any excuse is BETTER THAN NONE; TODAY IS NOT THE TIME TO TRY THEM OUT.

Proverb 12:15, The way of a fool is right in HIS OWN EYES; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Luke 14:20, and another said I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

Just because he've married this lady, IT WAS NO REASON NOT TO COME, THIS IS A GREAT SUPPER; A FEAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMING; THE WIFE IS WELCOME. (EXCUSES, EXCUSES; The man wasn't asked: TO DIVORCE HIS WIFE! He could leave her for a few hours, OR BETTER YET; BRING HER, SHOW HER OFF, THE MORE THE MERRY.)

Proverb 18:22, WHOSO findeth a wife findeth GOOD THING, and OBTAINETH FAVOUR OF THE LORD. (If you haven't seen the FUNERALS; that have been in this COMMUNITY WITH IN THE LAST MONTH; ITS THE SIGNS OF TIME. THE LORD IS YET SENDING OUT INVITATIONS; SO STOP MAKING EXCUSES! COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE AND MERCY.)

Luke 14:21-23A. So that servant came, and showed his Lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, GO OUT QUICKLY into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. Compel them to come in, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED.

(The blind didn't make excuses; I CAN'T SEE, SO I CAN'T FIND MY WAY. THE LAME DIDN'T SAY: I CAN'T WALK. THE POOR DIDN'T SAY: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WEAR. THE MAIMED DIDN'T SAY: I'M ASHAMED OF MY LOOKS.)

Titus 2:11, For the GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGETH SALVATION HATH APPEARED TO ALL ME.

(I Billy B.J. praise THE LORD; for inviting ME; TO THE TABLE OF GRACE. I WAS BLIND; WITH 20/20 VISION AND COULDN'T SEE. BUT NOW ITS: FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST, I THANK GOD FOR JESUS; I'M FREE AT LAST.)

GOD is not through with US YET. So lets PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. Written by Evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, III, YOUR BROTHER IS CHRIST JESUS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Worth of a Human Being

"And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts."—Mark 5:17

There are a great number of people who cannot afford to have Christ. They cannot afford to give up their sinful way of earning revenues for their lavish lifestyles. They must continue in the buying receiving and selling of stolen property, the commercialized vice of prostitution; the trafficking of liquor and drugs. No, they cannot afford to give up their sinful traffic for the sake of becoming Christians; and when the power of the Holy Spirit is upon them, they ask Christ to depart out of their coast.

There are thousand upon thousands of persons who are opposed to any reformatations of morals that would conflict with the physical prosperity, or the suppose physical prosperity of the community in which they live. They simply do not value the worth of a human being.

Mark 5:17 tell us that the news of the cure of the Gerasene Demoniac (Mark 5:1-20) reached the town, the citizens came to Jesus and urged Him to leave their area. We can't be sure of their motives, but one reason for their request

was the financial loss they suffered in the death of the hogs. They may have feared that Jesus' stay in their midst would occasion further losses. In other words, a herd of swine was worth more to them than a man's life and mental health.

How much is a person worth? Not very much, if we use human standards to measure a person's value. For the Gadarenes, a herd of pigs was more valuable than a man. But is modern man any better when he is willing to sacrifice human life or human well-being for profit or power or mere convenience? Only in God's Word do we get an adequate estimate of man's worth. The Scripture makes it abundantly clear that man is made in God's image. Even though that image has been marred by sin, man still stands at the top of God's creation. We should never forget this in our everyday dealings with our fellow brothers and sisters.

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We must be spirit filled. Spiritual birth is a must, if a man is to be spirit filled. When one is saved, he is born spiritually; but to live a victorious, abundant, overcoming and fulfilled life, one must be spirit filled. Through prayer, obedience to God and, sometimes, fasting, a believer can actualize the fruit of the spirit, agape love, and its attributes, joy, peace, goodness, kindness, long suffering, gentleness, faithfulness and self control. A believer will also actualize the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Spirit of God does not happen at one instance, but according to one's faith and spiritual growth in God's word. A man reaches his potential to correct his weakness. Modify corrupt affections, overcome enemies, rise above besetting circumstances, bring healing to his sickness and foster positive change in his home as husband and father, and in his community as its protector. When he is filled with the spirit of God.

Though: Satan is not out of order, what about you?? Have you ever seen a devil or demon working against another??? Think about it. We are working this year strictly out of Act 1:8

And please read these scripture II Chor 7:14; Mark 11:22-24. Spiritual warfare is upon us; "prepare" we can win.

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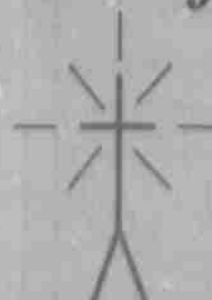
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The robbers then approached another employee at the store's east entrance. The two workers were led back into the building; one was forced to lie on the floor as the other emptied the cash register.

The three fled with an undetermined amount of money after an alarm sounded.

All of the robbers were described as black men between 18 and 20 years old and standing about 5 feet 7 inches tall. All three were wearing dark pants. Two were wearing dark jackets, and the third was in an Oakland Raiders jacket.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Texas Department of Health, Health Care Financing Association, is in the process of contracting for the following: (1) Quality Monitoring Contractor for the Texas Medicaid Managed Care Plan; (2) Enrollment Broker Contractor (enroll Medicaid recipients in Medicaid Managed Care Programs); (3) STAR Network Administrator Contractor (develop/manage Medicaid healthcare provider networks developed for the Texas Medicaid Program); (4) Medicaid Claims Processing Administrator Contractor (process Medicaid claims and perform administrative responsibilities relating to the Texas Medicaid Program); and (5) at least two Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) to provide health care services in the Harris County Service Area. Contracts are anticipated to be awarded spring and summer of 1997. The time frame of the contracts vary between two (2) and four (4) years. Subcontracting opportunities to Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) may be available in the following areas: real estate/office leasing, office supplies, temporary personnel, computer equipment/services, marketing/advertising, and foreign language translators. Interested HUBs must obtain a HUB information form from Lena Stoops, TDH HUB Program, by calling 1-800-243-7487 or E-mail at "lstoops@support.tdh.state.tx.us".

LUBBOCK MUSICIAN BUDDY HOLLY TO BE HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT 1997 GRAMMIES

Lubbock, Texas—Just months after Lubbock celebrated Buddy Holly's 60th birthday with the Buddy Holly Music Festival, the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences has announced that Holly will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 1997 Grammy Awards.

Eight distinguished recording acts and two legendary partnerships are the recipients of the Recording Academy's 1996-97 Lifetime Achievement and Trustees Awards, as announced by Recording Academy President Michael Greene.

Holly is in legendary company with music greats like the Everly Brothers, Judy Garland, Bobby Blue Bland, and Frank Zappa also slated to be honored at the 1997 ceremony. Past recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award have included Billie Holiday, John Lennon, Hank Williams, Sr., John Coltrane, and Elvis Presley.

Buddy Holly & The Crickets wrote and recorded rock 'n' Roll classics such as "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," and "Rave On." The group inspired artists worldwide, including Lubbock native Waylon Jennings, the Beatles, Elvis Presley, and the Rolling Stones.

Born in Lubbock, Texas, in 1936, the leader of the Crickets was a richly talented singer songwriter with a distinctive pioneering approach to rock & roll. Holly got his start singing country music in his hometown of Lubbock at local hangouts like the Hi-D-Ho malt shop and roller rinks.

Holly is honored with a bronze statue which anchors the "Walk of Fame" located in Buddy Holly Plaza. Holly was the first inductee to the "Walk of Fame." Other West Texas legends such as Waylon Jennings, Roy Orbison, Mac Davis, and Tanya Tucker have also been

honored.

The city also recently christened "Buddy Holly Avenue" at the Buddy Holly Music Festival celebrating what would have been Holly's 60th birthday. Rock 'n' Roll fans converged on Lubbock in September from as far as England, Australia and South Africa to join the party in Holly's hometown.

"The Buddy Holly Music Festival, Buddy Holly Avenue and the Walk of Fame all represent Lubbock embracing the Holly legacy," says Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton. "West Texas has an amazing and talented musical heritage which lives on today—one of which we are very proud!"

The Grammy Awards will be held February 26 in New York City at Madison Square Gardens. Holly's widow, Maria Elena Holly plans to attend to ceremonies to accept the Lifetime Achievement Award.

LUNA SPONSORS WORKSHOP

Lubbock United Specific information on Neighborhood Association (LUNA) and the City of Lubbock will be co-sponsoring a workshop entitled "Neighborhood Organizing 101" on Tuesday, February 25, from 7p.m. - 8:30p.m., in Room 103 of City Hall, 1625 - 13th Street. The purpose of the workshop is to guide people through the initial steps of organizing a neighborhood association. The workshop will begin with a discussion of the importance of organized neighborhood association and the successful projects accomplished by many local associations. Writing bylaws, publishing a newsletter, and developing a board of directors will be discussed. The workshop is free and open to anyone. Plan to come and learn how you can work with your neighbors to solve the needs and issues of your neighborhood. Participants are encouraged to bring several people with them from the neighborhood. To register, call Cloetta Shotts, Neighborhood Coordinator for the City of Lubbock, at 767-3082, or Holly Smith, Executive Director of LUNA, at 749-5862.

COMBEST INSPECTS CRP PROPOSAL FROM USDA

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-Texas) announced he will chair a House Agriculture subcommittee hearing on February 26 to examine USDA's Wednesday announcement of rules governing the Conservation Reserve Program. The Texas Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin Region account for 1.5 million acres at stake for re-enrollment in CRP, which protects highly-erodible acreage through conservation contracts between landowners and USDA. In fact, Combest noted that the region holds 90 percent of all Texas' CRP acreage.

"It is critical that USDA's new rules meet the need for keeping fragile soils protected," said Combest, chairman of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation Resource. "I will hold a careful but timely examination into the effect of USDA's regula-

tions on landowners with acres currently enrolled in CRP. A large amount of land went into 10-year contracts which expire this year, so a careful but timely review by my subcommittee is essential. This information is long overdue from USDA, with landowners now faced with uncertainty about re-bidding land of plowing the acreage for planting."

USDA will accept CRP bids from landowners from March 3 through March 28. USDA has previously indicated that CRP land will be selected in late May.

Combest's subcommittee examination of these new USDA regulations on CRP will be held in Washington, D.C. on February 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the House Agriculture Committee Room, 1300 Longworth Building.

HOW ABOUT A NO-HASSLE WAY TO FILE THOSE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS?

Dallas -- Filing a federal income tax return will be as simple as picking up a telephone and "letting your fingers do the filing" with the Internal Revenue Service's paperless system this year.

TeleFile, the IRS's new file-by-phone system, is now in its' second year. It is available to about 26 million people nationwide. It offers quick, easy and free tax filing for people who receive the special tax package in the mail. Last year, 246,223 Texans used TeleFile in its first year to be offered nationally. IRS officials in Dallas expect for that number to grow significantly this year. A total of 99 percent of the users say that they will use the system again.

According to an IRS 1996 study, 24 percent of all TeleFile users were 20 years old or younger. Thirty-three percent were age 21 to 25, and 29 percent were 26 to 40 years old. More than 92 percent of all users said they were very satisfied with the system.

"No matter what your age is, TeleFile is easy and paperless. And, the best part is, it's free and can be filed directly with the IRS in less than 10 minutes," Bobby Scott, IRS North Texas district director said.

To file by TeleFile, first, you must receive a special TeleFile tax pack-

age. If you do, then follow the easy directions inside the package. People who received the packages included those who:

- have no changes to their name, social security number or address;
- have less than \$50,000 in taxable income;
- have W-2 forms for all wages and taxable scholarship or fellowship grants, but no more than five W-2s;
- have taxable interest income of less than \$400;
- do not owe any employment taxes on wages paid to a household worker.

This year, for the first time, married couples, as well as single taxpayers, without dependents will be able to use the TeleFile system. "TeleFile users told us last year that they wanted the IRS to add married couples to those who can use the system. And we listened. So this year, TeleFile has been expanded to include married couples with no dependents who file jointly," said Scott.

To access and use the system, TeleFile users will need a special personal identification number inside the tax package. Once inside the automated system, the filer is asked to enter wage and tax information from Form W-2 on their phone's

keypad. TeleFile automatically calculates the total taxable income, adjusted gross income, amount of refund or balance due, and even the earned income tax credit for those who qualify. After the system pauses to calculate the totals, a recorded voice lists the TeleFile's adjusted gross income, taxable income and the amount of their refund or tax due. At the end of the call, a confirmation number is given to the caller.

TeleFile is quick. Refund checks are generally sent within three weeks. Another new feature this year lets people have their refunds deposited directly into their savings or checking account. People who owe the IRS money can go ahead and file now and pay later -- as long as it's before the April 15 deadline.

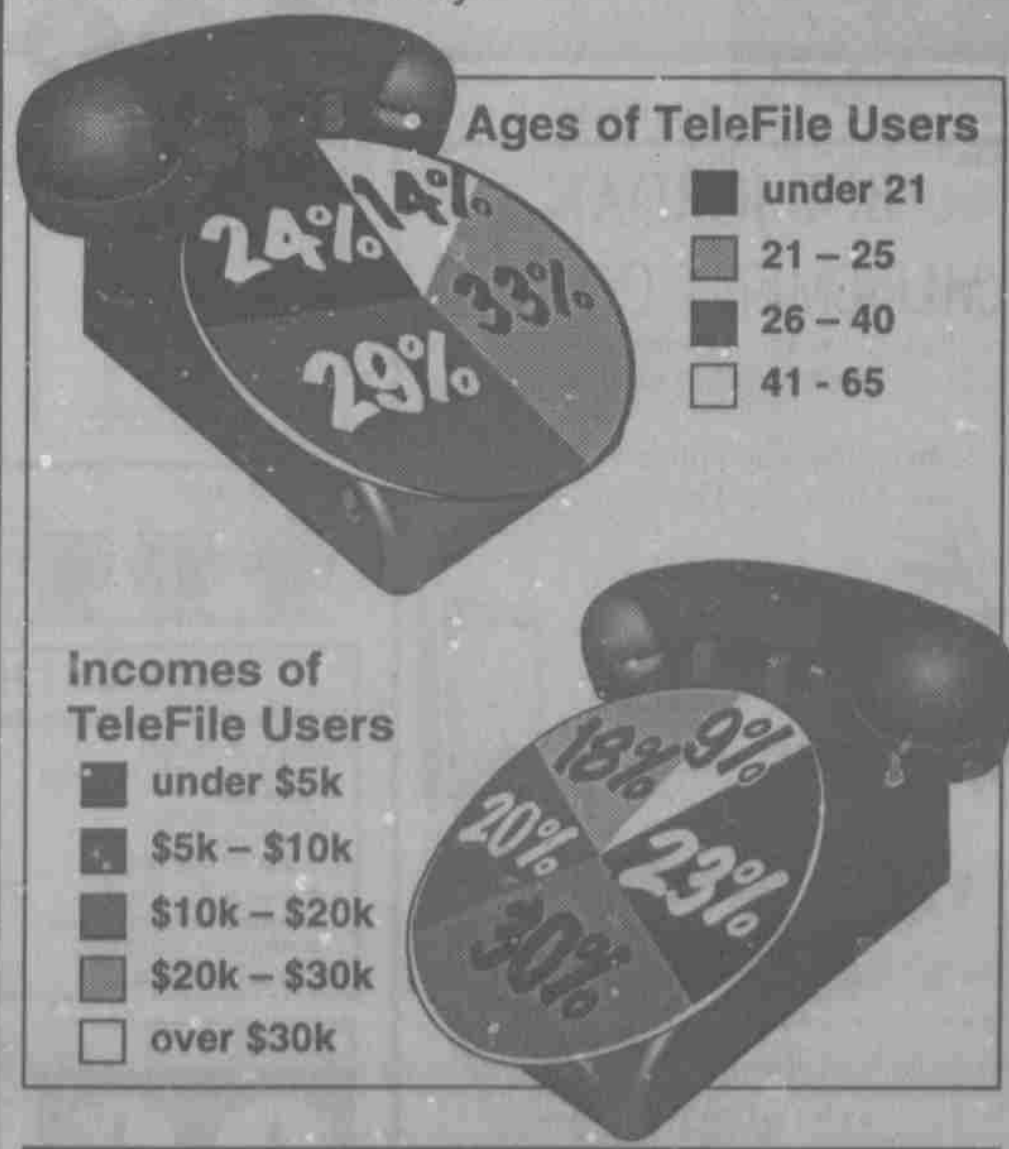
TeleFile is available for use 24 hours a day, so it accommodates anyone's work schedule. It is available for the hearing impaired who have access to TDD/TTY equipment.

So if you received a special TeleFile package, you are invited to file by phone. It makes filing a tax return as simple as picking up the telephone and calling a friend. Get more information about

TeleFile on the IRS Web Site at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

Free income tax filing by phone?

Almost 250,000 Texans took advantage of free income tax filing over the phone last year. They were among the almost three million U.S. taxpayers who used TeleFile in its first year of nationwide availability.



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