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NATIONAL NEWS

Campaign To Save Black-Owned Land
In August, the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (FSC) launched a national campaign to save Black-owned land. With the help of the National Newspaper Publishers' Association (NNPA), other Black media and national organizations, the FSC's focus will be to provide farmers with technical assistance and educate the African-American community with valuable information on "saving the land." Even though the vast majority of Black farmers are in the South, experts say there is a need to reach out to this entire Black community because there are numerous absentee landowners around the country. There is general agreement that five areas are key in avoiding agricultural risks and land loss. They are: production, marketing, financial, legal and human resources. These issues and others related to saving Black-owned land will be covered in a series of FSC articles designed to increase the public's level of awareness and sense of urgency. — Simon Booker Muhammad

National Worship Service To Support President Clinton
The National Coalition of Concerned Clergy is calling the nation to come together in support of President Bill Clinton during two days of prayer and action on Oct. 28 and 29. Religious communities around the country are scheduled to simultaneously hold worship services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28. On Saturday, Oct. 31, participants will gather in Washington, D.C. for the following events: a press conference at Independent Counsel Ken Starr's office, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., at 9 a.m.; a worship service at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 8th and I Sts. N.W., at 10:30 a.m.; a march from the Capitol steps to the White House (Lafayette Park) at 2:30 p.m.; and a rally and open-air meeting in Lafayette Park at 3 p.m. All churches and grassroots organizations are invited to participate. Call (215) 924-1067.

Urban League And Transportation Dept. Begin Work Initiative
United States Department of Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and Urban League President Hugh Price met earlier this month to sign a memorandum of understanding for a program aimed at promoting equal opportunity in transportation-related careers. Their goal is to inspire inner-city youth to achieve academic success and pursue opportunities in the transportation industry and to train welfare recipients and other low-income people for jobs in construction and transportation. Slater committed \$1 million to sponsor the effort. And, the league has called on its affiliates and the highway construction industry to design education, training and employment initiatives across the country. — New York Amsterdam News

Book Helps Couples Stay Married
"Staying Married: A Guide for African American Couples," published by Kensington Books, is a new relationship book by Anita Doreen Diggs and Dr. Vera S. Paster, a marriage counselor and therapist. Using real-life examples, the authors discuss many of the difficulties faced by African-American couples including white-collar women marrying blue-collar men, blended families, substance abuse, and effects of racism on the marital union. Through their examples of communication and cooperation, the authors present the tools to work through these and other difficult times. — Michigan Chronicle

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Oil Giant Had Role In Killings
WASHINGTON (IPS) — The U.S.-based Chevron oil company has admitted limited involvement in an incident in Nigeria last May that led to the killing of two community activists in the oil-rich Nigerian River Delta region. A spokesman for Chevron, speaking from Nigeria in an interview with Pacifica Radio, acknowledged that the corporation had authorized Nigerian troops and hired armed security forces to fly by helicopter to Chevron's offshore oil field where the demonstrators had taken over a drilling platform. "Chevron took them in, by helicopter," Chevron spokesman Sola Omole, told Pacifica Radio commentator Amy Goodman during the "Democracy Now!" program which was aired in the United States earlier this month. The two Nigerian activists, Jola Ogungbeje and Aroleka Irobasanu, were shot and killed when the security forces opened fire from the helicopter. The two protesters were demanding that Chevron contribute more to the development of the impoverished region where they lived. Until now, Chevron had held it was not responsible for the military actions which took place on a platform operated by one of its subcontractors. — Danielle Knight

Rebels Raid Town
Wearing Tupac T-shirts
FREETOWN (IPS) — More than 100 rebels of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) and their allies of the defunct Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) raided the northern town of Kahun, on the border of Guinea, sporting T-shirts bearing Tupac's picture. "We were awoken by sporadic outbursts of gunfire and in no time, we saw fire blazing from residential homes," recalls Issa Kano, a farmer who escaped the attack. When the dust settled, Kahun lay in ruins. Dozens of residential homes were razed, an undisciplined number of people killed and homes looted. Some people had their limbs amputated simply for refusing to set their houses on fire. The raid has prompted the people of Kahun to embark on an anti-Tupac T-shirt campaign. Anyone sporting the T-shirt is branded a rebel and thus, subject to interrogation or some form of punishment. This is not the first time that young rebels have recently entered the Sierra Leonean conflict. In the early days, rebels wore T-shirts bearing Bob Marley's face. — Leanne Fofana

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA NAMES 1998-99 NATIONAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Liberty J. Franklin, 17, of Everett, Washington, today became Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (B&GCA) 1998-99 National Youth of the Year. Cited for her community service, academic achievement and leadership skills, Franklin will serve as spokesperson for some three million Boys & Girls Club members nationwide. The announcement was made at a Congressional Breakfast, co-hosted by Senator Strom Thurman (R-SC) and Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD).

A six-year member of Everett Boys & Girls Club, Franklin was one of five regional Youth of the Year finalists in the nation's capital to compete for the honor. During their visit to Washington, Franklin and the other finalists met with President Clinton and their Congressional representatives.

For earning the National Youth of the Year title, Franklin will receive \$10,000 from The Reader's Digest Association, sponsor of The Youth of the Year program. Her duties during the one-year term will include testifying before special sessions of Congress, speaking to influential business, civic and government leaders, and traveling around the country to discuss important youth issues and the role Boys & Girls Clubs play in the lives of America's youth.

Franklin, who grew up in a single-parent home in a low-income housing development in Snohomish County where drugs, crime and violence are an everyday occurrence, managed to stay focused through tremendous faith and courage. She teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, participates in various community

service activities, plays basketball and softball, all while maintaining a 3.95 GPA. Currently a senior at Everett High School, Franklin has a class standing of 7 out of 245 and is a member of the National Honor

to become an orthodontist so that she may provide free dental care to low-income families.

For Franklin, the Boys & Girls Club is a "safe haven" where she finds solace in relationships formed



Boys & Girls Clubs of America (B&GCA) named Liberty J. Franklin as its 1998-99 National Youth of the Year at a Congressional Breakfast held recently in Washington, DC. Pictured is retired General Colin Powell, (right), Franklin, and Eddie Armstrong, the 1997-98 National Youth of the Year (right).

Society, and works part-time at a local bank. She plans to attend the University of Washington and wants

with members and staff. At the Club she developed leadership skills, improved her grades and gained a

introduced Dr. Harris as "Tech's claim to fame." Dr. Harris is a Texas Tech Medical School graduate, Texas Tech Board of Regent, and has distinguished himself in many professional endeavors, including as a NASA space shuttle mission specialist during his career as a physician/astronaut. Dr. Harris encouraged all the students by saying, "You are our future. Ten years from now, you will be the ones taking care of us. Make the



Photo by A. Limmer
Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr.

most of this opportunity." The Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. Pre Med Society represents a partnership between TTUHSC and TTU with a primary focus on enriching the undergraduate academic experience for students entering a postgraduate program in medicine and other health related fields.

Dr. Leonel Vela, Vice President for Rural Health, is the faculty advisor for the organization. Dr. Vela was himself a member of a pre med society while he was a student at Stanford University. Setting up a community clinic, developing an accredited undergraduate course to assist medical students, and peer mentoring are among some of the activities the society he belonged to initiated. Dr. Vela hopes to encourage high minority

participation. He adds, "I would not have made it to medical school without the help of the society. As a minority student, I found it to be the single most important thing I did to prepare me for medical school."

Naomi Ontiveros, president of the new organization, said, "The students are excited about the opportunity to meet and visit with TTUHSC faculty and especially the members of the Admissions Committee." She indicated that members of the Admissions Committee were invited to speak at the society's next meeting.

The society will meet in Chemistry, Room 49, on October 26 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Naomi at 747.8757.

Citizens' Approval Rating of City Services Climbs Two Percent From 1997

Sixty-nine percent of the 904 citizens who answered a recent telephone survey rated the City government's services as good or excellent. This strong approval rating reflects a two percent increase over last year's rating.

The Citizens' Survey, conducted by Southwest Research Associates on behalf of the City of Lubbock, allowed residents of Lubbock had the opportunity to offer their opinions on a wide variety of City services as well as answer general questions about life in Lubbock.

With a sampling of 904, the survey results have an accuracy level of plus or minus 3.6 percent and a confidence level of 95 percent.

General questions asked citizens to rate specific City services as excellent, good, fair, poor or no answer. More detailed questions included inquiries such as: How safe do you feel in your neighborhood after dark? and How do you rate the cleanliness of the streets in your neighborhood?

Corporate Communication Manager Tony Privett said the City routinely hears from a small number of citizens who voice their opinions on issues and services. "But taking the pulse of the entire community is vital to determining where we need to improve."

Regarding the overall quality of life in Lubbock, 72 percent rated it good or very good. An additional 24 percent said the quality of life was average or fair.

This is the second year in a row the City has conducted a Citizens' Survey. This year, however, the City included questions suggested by the International City Managers Association (ICMA). The results of these questions will be reported to ICMA and will be published later, along with results from other international cities. When this report is completed, Lubbock will be able to see how it compares to cities worldwide.

City management will use the survey results for planning and budgeting purposes. Noting that there was room for improvement in all areas, City Manager Bob Cass said, "While we are pleased with the overall positive message from Lubbock taxpayers in the survey, we are focusing on the areas where we see improvement is needed."

A DEDICATION TO MRS. JESSIE MAE EVANS

The Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association dedicated their newsletter to one of their members, Mrs. Jessie Mae Evans. She has been a very active member of the neighborhood since its organization began.

Her greatest interest is the garden and she works as hard as anyone. She complains about her shoulder hurting, but she doesn't stay of the garden.

A member of the New Hope Baptist Church, you should come by the garden and see just how hard she does work. Maybe if you would come by, it would give you an incentive to take part with the Dunbar garden committee.

Mrs. Evans not only gives of her time, she donates trees and plants as well as seeds — whatever the committee is in need at the time without going to the Food Bank farm to pick up some seed.

We want you to know, Mrs. Evans, we love you and appreciate you very much. A video was made of some of the gardens associated with Lubbock Green and was shown in Seattle, Washington at the National Garden meeting. Mrs. Evans was in the video, and we hope we'll be able to get a copy of the tape and keep as a part of the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association's history.



Jessie Mae Evans



Ex-Slave Fannie Moore

I WAS A SLAVE: Fannie Moore

Part 3 of 3

"In the Words of America's Noble Ancestors"

By Donna Wyant Howell

In the 1930's, thousands of former American slaves dictated their full life stories. This bi-weekly column gives American history in their own words, often providing little-known information.

The following quotes from the ex-slaves' full life stories are taken, along with their photographs, from the series of books entitled "I Was A Slave." Please deal well with the usage of the word "nigger" and accept it in the era of time and the context in which it is used. The following segment is from the true life story dictated by Fannie Moore who was 88-years-old and in North Carolina at the time of the interview.

"De yeah, fore de war started, Marse Jim died. He war [was] out in de pasture pickin' up cow loads [manure], a-thrown' 'em in de garden, an' he jes' drop over. I hate to see Marse Jim go, he not sech a bad man. Ater he die, his boys, Tom an' Andrew,

take charge of de plantation. Dey think dey run things diffe'nt from dey daddy, but dey jes' git sta'd when de war come. Marse Tom and Marse Andrew both hab to go. My pappy he go 'long wif dem to do deir cookin'. My pappy he say dat some day he run four or five miles wif de Yankees ahind him afore he can stop to do any cookin'. Den when he stop, he cook wif de bullets a-fallin' all 'roun' de bottles. He say he walk on dead men jes' like he walkin' on de groun'. Some ob de men be dead, some moanin' an' some a-groanin', but nobody pay no 'tention 'case de Yankees keep a-comin'.

One day, de Yankees come awful close. Marse Andrew hab de Confed'rate flag in his han'. He raise it high in de air. Pappy say he yell for him to put de flag down 'case de Yankees war a-comin' closer an' war a-goin to capture him anyway. But Marse Andrew jes' hol' de flag up an

run 'hind a tree. De Yankee sojers jes' take one shot at him an' dat war de las' ob him. My pappy bring him home. Den my pappy go back to stay wif Marse Tom. Marse Tom war jes' wounded. Effen he hadn't had a Bible in his pocket, de bullet go clear through his heart. Pappy he bring Marse Tom home an' take care ob him 'til he well. Marse Tom give pappy a horse an' wagon 'case he say he save his life.

Ater de war, pappy go back to work on de plantation. He make his own crop on de plantation. But de money war no good den. I played wif many a Confed'rate dollar. He sho' war happy dat he war free. Mammy she shout fo' jay an' say her prayers war answered. Pappy git pretty feeble, but he work 'til jes' fore he die. He made patch ob cotton wif a hoe. Dey war enough cotton in de patch to make a bale. Pappy die when he 104 years old. Mammy she live to be 105.

Ater de war, de Ku Klux broke out. Oh, miss, dey war mean. In dey long white robes, dey sech de niggers to death. Dey keep close watch on dem, a-feared dey try to do somethin'. Dey hab long horns an' big eyes an' 'mouth. Dey nebber go 'roun'

much in de day. Jes' 't night. Dey take de pore niggers away in de woods an' beat 'em an' hang 'em. De niggers war afraid to move, much less try to do anythin'. Dey nebber know what to do. Dey hab no larnin'. Hab no money. All dey can do war stay on de same plantation 'til de, can do better. We lib on de same plantation 'til de chillun all grown an' mammy an' pappy both die. Den we leave. I don' know where any ob my people are now. I knows I war bo'n in 1849, I war 88 years old de fust [first] ob September [1937]."

To volunteer for the American Slaves National Monument project or for information about this series of books containing full life stories, call 202-737-7827. Please call now while you're thinking about it. We need you.



Donna Wyant Howell

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 South Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come by and visit with New Hope Baptist Church.

Church services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Sister Benita Cooper, assistant superintendent, presided. All students had 30 minutes of instruction with their instructors. All reassembled at 10:15 a.m. to the large auditorium. Prayer was given by Sister Cooper.

The Secretary's Report: Youth Department did a splendid job as usual. Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 retained the Attendance Banner while Adult Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner.

There were three visitors in Sunday School.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Sister Callie Howard and Deacon R. J. Givens. What a spirit filled devotional period. Thank God!

The morning processional was led by the Male Chorus who was marching and singing "Give God The Glory!" After prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "We Come A Mighty Long Way," was sung. The 100th Psalm was read by Brother Ruben Wilborn. Prayer was given by Brother Harry Stokley. Another song, "Lord, Hold My Hand," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother A. J. Howard. The morning hymn was "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. They returned from Pittsburgh, Pa. last Wednesday where the first lady and daughter accompanied him to get a little rest. He's been going too much. He was able to receive some more rest Sunday morning. After his remarks, another song, "Lord, You've Been Good To Me," was sung.

Rev. Jeff Brown brought another wonderful message. His text was Ezekiel 3:4-8. His subject was "The Right Man For The Right Job."

Brother and Sister Bruce Tharrington, who were former members of New Hope, were present last Sunday. They are now living in Arizona. All members were glad to see them.

Sister Ester Josie is home from the hospital. Let us keep her in our prayers. Also Sister Bertha Ponder who is a patient in the hospital. She is the sister-in-law of Sister M. Colquitt and Sister Mable Biggers.

Brother J. H. Wilson, a longtime resident of Lubbock and member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, was funeralized Wednesday at Agape COGIC. He passed away Friday. He was a good man. More on him next week.

Last Sunday afternoon closed out the 9th anniversary of Rev. and Sister Billy R. Moton and family. Members of New Hope loves him and family. Hope he doesn't get tired and somebody else will get him. We appreciate you, Pastor Moton!

Congratulations to T. J. Patterson. This comes from the members of the New Hope Baptist Church. City Councilman T. J. Patterson became the first African American to be elected president of the Texas Municipal League last Friday in San Antonio, Texas.

Among the many present were his family members and newest grandson, T. J., III. He was there to help his PaPal.

Lubbock Habitat for Humanity

Lubbock Habitat for Humanity and Broadway Church of Christ dedicated a rehabilitated home in the North Overton neighborhood located at 2210 9th Street at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 25. This house will be the home of Loretta Lockhart Anderson and her six children. It was lovingly renovated by the congregation of Broadway Church of Christ. The property was purchased by Lubbock Habitat using the payments of current homeowners.

Loretta and her children are no strangers to the neighborhood. Years ago she and her older children lived across the street and down a couple of homes from her new home. In her wildest dreams she would fantasize about owning 2210 9th Street and being able to host friends in her kitchen with a shiny, black stove. In the reality of daylight, she never thought this home could someday be hers. Strictly by coincidence, her new home does have that shiny, black stove and she and her children will be returning to the area she remembers so fondly.

Since Lubbock Habitat was founded in 1987, the dream has been to help revitalize communities by providing decent, simple houses that are affordable. This renovation marks the 5th rehabilitated habitat home in the Overton area. Two new homes have also been started in the North Overton area which are being sponsored by the Lubbock Baptist Association and the West Texas Homebuilders and the Lubbock Realtors Association. The plan is to build three more new homes for a total of 10 Habitat homes in the Overton area.

Lubbock Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian organization which seeks to build bonds (and homes) with congregations, organizations, businesses and individuals of all religious beliefs and political persuasions.

Please come to our dedication and catch the loving and sharing spirit in our Overton neighborhood.

Democrats Launch Unprecedented Turnout Effort on African American Radio

In an effort to strengthen Democratic Party infrastructure and support from coast to coast, the DCCC is launching an unprecedented effort to turn out African American voters on November 3rd.

"Between fighting off the attacks of a Do-Nothing Congress and working to promote our own agenda of better schools and a healthy Social Security system, Democrats have a lot to talk about this year," stated DCCC Chair Martin Frost. "This radio effort will take our message directly to our voters, and remind them why it is so critical that they vote in these elections."

Working closely with Representatives Charlie Rangel, Maxine Waters, and other Democratic members of the Congressional Black Caucus and enlisting the help of state Democratic parties, the DCCC has developed a radio ad program to carry a "get out and vote" message to core Democratic constituencies in an all-out effort to turn out base voters on election day.

"The Congressional Black Caucus, working closely with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, is deeply committed to getting out the African American vote across the country," stated Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY). "Our message is simple: Democrats will raise the minimum wage, protect social security and improve our schools and access to health care."

The DCCC is directing well over a quarter of a million dollars into this effort, running radio spots in targeted markets across the country, from Louisville to Las Vegas.

President Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman John Lewis and other prominent Members of Congress are all lending their voices to this historic effort to speak to core Democratic voters in the final days of the 1998 elections.

Republicans Up to Their Old Tricks II DNC Demands GOP Stop Efforts to Intimidate Voters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The chairs of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) once again demanded the national Republican Party repudiate efforts from state and local Republican Parties to scare voters away from the polls. The latest attempt: a reprise of the Jefferson County, Kentucky sheriff's plan to station deputies in African-American precincts.

According to the Louisville Courier-Journal, Larry Forgy, the unsuccessful gubernatorial nominee in 1995, recently urged vigilance in making sure Democrats don't "steal" the election from Republicans. The paper reports that "Forgy has blamed his narrow loss on a union-backed effort to turn out African-American votes in western Louisville..." In his effort to address so-called voter fraud in 1996, Jefferson County's Republican Sheriff Jim Vaughn, who is up for election this year, described quadrupling the number of his deputies supervising the polls. Vaughn said, "that the effort helped elect Republican Anne Northup to the U.S. House of Representatives and give U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell his best showing yet in Jefferson County."

Other attempts to intimidate voters have been reported this year in North Carolina, Texas and Maryland, where a group tied to GOP gubernatorial nominee Ellen Sauerbrey is actively involved in ballot and poll-watching activities. DNC National Chair Steve Grossman pointed out that the GOP currently operates under a federal court's consent decree stemming from previous attempts to intimidate voters in North Carolina and New Jersey.

"Without an issue agenda of their own, the Republican Party is conceding that they can't compete with Democrats on substance, and are resorting to intimidating voters," Grossman said. "This is what a political party resorts to when they fail to compete in the marketplace of ideas."

Calling on Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson to end his silence on the matter and repudiate the voter intimidation effort, Grossman said, "Jim, let your state and local parties know that you won't stand for any attempt to scare people away from exercising their constitutional right to vote."

"The only voter fraud being perpetrated here is by Kentucky Republicans who pretend that this is anything other than a transparent attempt to scare Democrats," added Colorado Governor Roy Romer, the DNC General Chairman. "Halloween must be coming," he said, "because Republicans are up to their old tricks - again."

STYLE SHOW SET AT MT. GILEAD

The Deaconess Ministry of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2510 Fir Avenue, will present a Thanksgiving Fall and Winter Style Show with a buffet set for Saturday, November 7, 1998, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to come and enjoy the evening with the members of Mt. Gilead. Come and bring a friend with you.

Sister Vinia Thompson is Ministry Leader, and Rev. J. J. Johnson is pastor.

AFRICAN FASHIONS AT CARTER CHAPEL

The members and pastor of the Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church will present "African Fashions" from Ghana with Sam A. set for Saturday, November 7, 1998.

This affair will be held at Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 North Martin Luther King Blvd. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Donations are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Rev. C. D. Weatherspoon is pastor.

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DON KING HAS HIS EYE ON AFRICA



Left to Right: Minister Akbar Muhammad; First Lady of Ghana, Non A. Rawlings; Don King; President Jerry John Rawlings, President of Ghana; and Attorney Billy Murphy, attorney for Don King. Don King recently had an audience with President Rawlings of Ghana, during the President's tour of America. Mr. King is looking at making his first trip to Africa in 15 years.

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Mrs. Angela Shepherd to Receive National Republican Award

Congressman John Linder has announced that Mrs. Angela Shepherd of Lubbock has been selected to receive the National Leadership Award presented by the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Mrs. Shepherd received the award for serving as a Co-Chairman of the Committee's Business Advisory Council which was founded by House Speaker Newt Gingrich. The Advisory Council was instrumental in shaping the Republican's Balanced Budget Plan.

In making the announcement, Congressman Linder, who heads the Congressional Committee, said "We are grateful for all of Mrs. Shepherd's support of Republican ideals, particularly for her commitment to tax reform and spending cuts."

Tips For Losing Weight

- Kick those bad habits - Avoid foods high in fat - especially saturated fat.
- Develop an eating plan - Women can lose about 1-2 pounds weekly on a 1,200-1,500 calorie per day diet. Men can lose this amount on 1,500-1,800 daily calories.
- Engage in physical activity - You must use more calories (energy) than you consume. You accomplish this by eating less and exercising more.



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TPA encourages everyone to exercise their right to vote Nov. 3
"The African American Press of Texas"

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE STEPS UP AFRICAN-AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT CAMPAIGN

In an era of mounting public dissatisfaction with public school mismanagement and poor student performance, the National Urban League is escalating its on-going Campaign for African-American Achievement — an intense, coordinated, effort to raise the achievement levels and strengthen the social skills of African-American students.

The linchpin for this campaign was this month's Urban League's Do The Right Thing celebration, which took place in more than 100 U.S. cities with over 40,000 young people. The objective is to mobilize parents and community leaders for the task of building academic achievement within families and local communities.

"There are things we can do to propel our own advancement," Price says.

The central work of the campaign rests in the day-to-day education, youth and parent activities of local affiliates. Yet, the NUL will also initiate broader shared activities through its affiliates such as the establishment of local steering committees, the convening of local education summits, the instituting of the National Achievers Society; the collection and analysis of education data; community education and mobilization; and the designation of September as

Achievement Month

Filling the Education Gap

While educators, law-makers and school policy-makers acknowledge the disturbing gap in performance levels between urban young people and their more affluent counterparts, there has been little discussion on what influence community leaders and parents have on improving the dilemma.

"Until now, community leaders have relied too heavily on what school administrators could do to strengthen the academic performance of young people in public school.

Yet, there's been little overall impact," Price notes. "I am convinced that a missing ingredient is consistent and strong involvement by parents and community leaders. By mounting the Campaign for African-American Achievement, the National Urban League aims to help fill that chasm in the urban school reform movement."

Responsible Leadership to Youth

In recent weeks, the vacuum in the dialogue between established African-American leadership and African-American youth has drawn national headlines.

"Our youth need to hear from community leaders offering a positive and encouraging message that is supported by a clear and relevant agenda," Price points out. "The Campaign for African-American Achievement accomplishes that and many other goals."



(Photo) NBA Superstar A.C. Green, a Portland, OR native, led youngsters on a march through downtown Portland as a part of that city's Doing the Right Thing celebration

Calling Upon "The Village"

The National Urban League and more than 100 of its local affiliates, is being joined by leading African-American churches and many other local community-based organizations, thus building an infrastructure of the African-American village. Collectively, the community will reach out to thousands of parents and children with the message that educational achievement is crucial to lifetime success.

"We must respect, honor and support the achievements of our young people," states Hugh B. Price, President and CEO of the National Urban League. "Hence, we are stepping up this campaign to raise awareness about the true strides our students are making academically, and to encourage more of the same. Parents and community organizations have a powerful role to play in this process."

Celebrating "Do The Right Thing"

In September, for the third year, the National Urban League

has placed the spotlight on the academic accomplishments of outstanding students with glittering celebrations featuring participation by celebrities and prominent role models. The banner theme for the celebrations was Achievement Matters, a call for all young people to excel. Simultaneously, the events included motivational remarks by local leaders outlining a youth-centered agenda for reducing violence and teen pregnancy while promoting educational excellence.

In each participating city, these events were supported by a coalition of respected organizations that will implement programs for students and parents throughout the year.

"We have served notice on the public education system that its failure will no longer be tolerated," Price declares. "At the same time, these initiatives indicate that we are prepared and willing to shoulder our responsibilities for the success of our children."

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THIS N' THAT

PATTERSON WANTS "INCLUSIVENESS" FOR ALL TEXAS CITIES! THIS N' THAT ... was part of the annual conference of the ... TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) ... last Friday in San Antonio, Texas ... as he ... T. J. PATTERSON ... became the ... FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN ... in the history of the TML ... to become ... PRESIDENT ... In his remarks to the crowded hall in the ... HENRY B. GONZALES CONVENTION CENTER ... he told the group of how important ... INCLUSIVENESS ... is for every city and township ... He wants all Texas cities to have an opportunity to become a part of the process ... "IF WE LIVE IN ... DORGER ... or ... MERCEDES ... to the south ... EL PASO ... to the west ... or ... MARSHALL ... to the east ... DALLAS ... or ... WAXAHACHIE ... Lubbock ... or AMARILLO ... we must keep in mind ... WE ARE ALL TEXANS ... He wanted to make it known ... "WE MUST BE ON THE SAME PAGE ... and be on ... ONE ACCORD FOR WHAT'S BEST FOR TEXAS!" No doubt about it ... IT WILL BE AN EXCITING EFFORT ... and will TAKE A LOT OF ENERGY ... He said ... I WILL DO MY VERY BEST ... to represent as best as one can ...

THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE! THIS N' THAT ... would like to say ... THANKS ... to all who were in attendance at the ... TML ANNUAL CONFERENCE ... when Patterson became president among those who were in attendance were former Lubbock Mayors ALAN HENRY ... and ... DAVID LANGSTON ... former city councilmembers ... JOAN BAKER ... who too ... was TML PRESIDENT 1989-90 ... and RANDY NUEGEBAUER ... Also Rev. & Mrs. D. A. Smith ... MS. MOZELL WILSON of San Antonio ... R. D. JOHNSON ... and ... MR. & MRS. J. H. SHAH ... of Huntsville, Texas ... THIS N' THAT ... was elated over the turnout from Lubbock ... led by ... MAYOR WINDY SITTON ... MAYOR PRO TEM MAX INCE ... city councilmembers TY COOKE DAVID NELSON and VICTOR HERNANDEZ ... A LARGE DELEGATION ... from the City of Lubbock staff ... led by City Manager ... BOB CASS ... and ... DEBRA FORTE ... THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

THANKS TO MEICHIHIKO PROCTER! THIS N' THAT ... is happy to have her on ... THIS N' THAT'S ... A very hard working young person who loves what she does!

A SPECIAL THANKS! THIS N' THAT ... would like to say a very special ... THANK YOU ... to ... MEMBERS ... of the ... PARKWAY/CHERRY POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ... for their ... THOUGHTFULNESS ... with the ... TELEGRAM ... sent ... The telegram said: "CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW POSITION ... WE ALL TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR PROGRESS!" Thank you so very much!

THEY WERE A HIT! THIS N' THAT ... was happy to see the reception given the ... WINDSPARKS ... who provided music at the reception for ... T. J. PATTERSON ... In a very special reception in his honor last Friday evening in San Antonio ... This group ... who are known by many ... MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS ... across the state because of their presentation ... No doubt about it ... THE WINDSPARKS ... did well ... and will always be remembered for what they did ... THANK YOU ... WINDSPARKS!! WELL DONE!

A GOOD CITIZEN PASSES! THIS N' THAT ... had an opportunity of knowing a man ... who passed here last Friday ... He was ... BROTHER J. H. WILSON ... who was a ... FAMILY MAN ... A CHURCHMAN ... A VERY GOOD NEIGHBOR ... He will be missed ... Helped to make LUBBOCK A MUCH BETTER PLACE since he stopped by for a little while ... HE WAS A GOOD CITIZEN ... and a ... MAN OF GOD!

SHIRLEY CANADY THE BARBER SAYS: "WISDOM ... is the ... REMEMBERED ... one receives ... for a ... LIFETIME OF LISTENING ... when you have ... PREFERRED TO TALK

DON'T FORGET MARCH AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS! THIS N' THAT ... would hope you will ... JOIN IN THE UPCOMING MARCH AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS ... In the ... DUNBAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AREA ... FRIDAY EVENING ... NOVEMBER 13TH ... beginning at 5:30 P. M. Will you meet us at ... the corner of ... EAST 26TH & TEAK AVENUE?? THANK YOU!

Honor Veterans On Veterans Day

By Harold L. "Butch" Miller
American Legion National Commander

Democracy reigns on and is consecrated by the sacrifice of ordinary men and women who served in the U.S. armed forces. We call these special people "veterans."

On a day that marks the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the end of World War I, we pay tribute to those who did their duty as patriots. It's our moral duty to make them feel appreciated on Veterans Day. Here's how:

Start by thanking members of your own family who either served or are currently serving in the armed forces. Call your family members, as I will call my son, Craig, an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, and say: "Thanks for serving. I'm proud of you."

Next, bid a "happy Veterans Day" to others in your community who are, or were, a part of the brave legacy of the American patriot.

Then, make plans to attend Veterans Day commemorative events in your community. The more people turn out for your Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Service, the more profound the debt of gratitude to those who served.

Finally, remember veterans in your prayers, especially those who use wheelchairs and artificial limbs as a result of battle scars that will never heal as well as those who were taken captive and whose absence remains unaccounted-for.

Veterans asked very little of their country but gave everything they had. The least we can do is give them our sincerest "thank you" for a job well done.

Our children and grandchildren will follow our example. They will learn to respect and appreciate a group of special Americans who are worthy of praise, but are so modest about their service that they will settle for a simple "thank you."

Veterans are common Americans of uncommon valor and devotion to duty. They are men and women willing to spill their blood if it means Generation Xers and posterity won't be forced to spill theirs. The neighborhood baker who once served on an U.S. Navy warship. The beat cop who once kept the peace as an MP at an overseas military installation. The physician who pulled bullets out of wounded troops and sewed them back together. The clergyman who issued last rites to fallen patriots and inspirational words to the battle-weary.

Veterans in your community include Legionnaires in a local American Legion post who help veterans readjust to civilian life, remind everyone of the priceless nature of Old Glory, operate programs that instill values in all children and youth; and ensure that veterans recovering in the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital know that the community-at-large cares about them. My comrades in American Legion posts in your area could use a few more good men and women, eligible veterans, to strengthen our community service and elevate our clout in Washington.

When you think about it, there are perhaps thousands of veterans in your community—family, friends, acquaintances and other readers of this newspaper—who deserve a "thank you" on this special day. If you appreciate the freedom we, as Americans, enjoy today, then you realize why it is important to honor those who sacrificed for that freedom. That's what Veterans Day is all about.

Miller is national commander of the 29-million member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization. A resident of Woodbridge, Va., Miller is a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Miller served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1974, including assignments with the Army Security Agency and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. Miller served primarily in the Pacific Theater, including Vietnam. He recently retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington. Media Contacts: Joe March, Lee Harris, Steve Thomas, (317) 630-1253 [stthomas@legion.org].

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



Something has to happen. Schools are not ready for today's children. They are different than children of the past. Most have average intelligence and aptitude. A few children have some form of retardation; usually due to improper prenatal care. Then, we still have a precious few children whom have been classified as gifted.

Today's gifted children meet all of our expectations of how we want children to learn, interact and behave at school and away from school. They are capable of functioning in most settings into which they find themselves. They attempt to sort out the rules of the game and then play accordingly. They are capable of following directions, staying on task and producing some creative results of the task at hand. They are part and parcel of teaching and learning success. Average students can do the same things as the gifted children.

The average child who does attempt to raise his level of learning and living, usually does very well in school also. They follow the rules, apply themselves to the task at hand and in most cases are pretty successful. The majority of public school children fall into the average category in terms of learning readiness, but a category of their own, when it comes to following directions, impulsive behavior, desire to learn, and destructive actions. These things take a toll on the student and on the teacher. Some teachers cope and some attempt to cope while others die.

Dealing with and trying to teach the average student is more than what today's teachers prepared for or have the kind of stature necessary to endure. Thousands of institutes, consortiums, consultant agencies offer special classes at a fee, usually high, to teach current teachers coping skills, especially with regards to discipline.

Institutions of higher learning, should get on the bandwagon and teach the teachers how to deal with today's child instead of hoping that they will learn or adapt or take a special class in dealing with the drugs, violence, gangs and miscellaneous activities associated with today's children. It is time that we get in cinque/ and prepare teachers to deal with today's child.

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Letter To Community

Dear Local Community Members:

Did you know that this fall 25 new students enrolled to take advantage of the university credit courses offered by Wayland Baptist University's Lubbock Center, at Mae Simmons Community Center? Did you know that due to the overwhelming success, winter courses that can be used toward the Bachelor's degree will be offered at Mae Simmons Community Center November 16, 1998 through February 20, 1999?

Sincere thanks go to the American Legion Post 808 for helping to make this program a success by donating liberally the amount of \$400.00 to our scholarship program. Special thanks go to the staff of Mae Simmons, Larry Issac, Derrick White, Joyce Lacy, and Charlotte McCarty, for making us feel at home, accommodating all of our needs, and going beyond their call of duty in many instances. Heartfelt thanks go to the East Lubbock community as a whole for supporting our efforts. Perhaps you whispered a word of prayer, said some encouraging words, allowed us to make announcements in your church, or simply told someone about our program and for that we will always be grateful. We know that with God all things are possible so please continue to pray for us. Congratulatory thanks go to the students who believed in themselves enough to pursue life long dreams.

Yes, you can work toward a Bachelor's degree at Mae Simmons Community Center, from the first college to integrate, allowing minorities to attend. Graduates of the Bachelor's degree program may also wish to pursue a Master's degree at Wayland. Majors include Religion, Education, Business Administration and other fields. Classes that will be offered include:

- ACAC 0310 Introduction to Expository Writing
- CRIJ/SOCI 3303 Urban Sociology
- ENGL 1301 Composition and Rhetoric
- MGMT 3339 Theory and Practice of Supervision
- RLGN 1302 New Testament History

Day and evening classes will be offered once a week for 11 weeks. Financial aid is available. As in the past, special efforts are being made to raise enough scholarship funds to help pay the college tuition of each student that enrolls and attends classes at Mae Simmons Community Center. Work experience and credits for technical-vocational training can be used in undergraduate degree programs. If you've ever thought about going to college or continuing your education, now would be a good time to start. If you are currently enrolled as a student at any college or university, you too may be eligible to take classes and receive college credit at the college or university that you attend. Our unique combination of challenging courses in the East Lubbock community and flexible scheduling provided in a nurturing, Christian environment may be your ticket to success! For more information contact Dr. Kent Brooks at the Wayland Baptist University's Lubbock Center office, 2002 West Loop 289 Suite 200, Lubbock, TX 79407-1704, phone 785-9285. All students may pre-register in the office or by phone beginning November 1. Regular registration will be November 9 and 10, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Late registration will be November 12 and 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A late registration charge of \$10 per day will be charged after November 16. For more information, you can also contact LaFrances Richardson, 761-8434 or Larry Issac, 767-2700.

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Sincerely,
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Celebrating with Faith Evans (left) at her recent Los Angeles listening party for Keep the Faith were Bobby Brown (center) and Arista recording artist Whitney Houston.

FAITH EVANS UNVEILS FORTHCOMING ALBUM, "KEEP THE FAITH," AT RECENT LISTENING PARTY

LEAD SINGLE "LOVE LIKE THIS" IS EXPLODING AT RADIO

Bad Boy recording artist/songwriter/producer Faith Evans unveiled her forthcoming CD, *Keep the Faith*, during a recent listening party at Los Angeles' L'Ermitage. Helping Faith celebrate her impending release, which hits stores Tuesday, October 27th, were such celebrities and music industry VIP as Whitney Houston, Bobby Brown, comedian Eddie Griffin, songwriter Diane Warren (who contributed "Lately I" to Evan's album) and Bad Boy Entertainment President Benny Medina.

Keep the Faith is enjoying word-of-mouth success even prior to its release with the album's first single, "Love Like This," exploding at radio. The up-tempo dance single, which hits stores today, has a combined R&B and crossover radio audience of 59.3 million. Keep the Faith will undoubtedly further Evan's reputation as a burgeoning, diverse talent, as the artist co-produced and co-wrote 11 of her album's 13 tracks.

Evans will make several promotional appearances in support of *Keep the Faith* between now and October 27th, including a performance on the Chris Rock Show on the day of the album's release.

PROTECTING OLD GLORY... AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR

by Gary Baucr, President, Family Research Council

This is the season when many families fly the American flag in observance of some of our great patriotic holidays. We've already commemorated Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Fourth of July and now we celebrate Labor Day. It's only right that we take a few days out of each year to honor our flag and the nation that it stands for.

But it's wrong that we have no law protecting the most visible symbol of our country and the people we've fought to make us free. That's why I want Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment to outlaw the physical desecration of the American flag.

Some people think that outlawing flag burning violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of free speech. I disagree.

First, flag desecration undermines the values of respect for others, respect for our country and good citizenship. These are values that parents work hard to teach their children.

Second, the American flag is a unique symbol that deserves special protection. A nation's flag is a symbol of its sovereignty. An attack on the flag is an attack on the nation.

During the late 1980s in the Persian Gulf, Kuwaiti oil tankers repeatedly fell victim to attacks from Iranian speed boats attempting to disrupt shipping in the region. The United States responded by "re-flagging" the Kuwaiti tankers, replacing the Kuwaiti flag with the American flag, thereby placing them under the protection of the United States. The attacks immediately stopped. The Iranians knew better than to attack a ship flying the Stars and Stripes.

In addition to being an important reminder of our national sovereignty, the flag symbolizes American ideals as no other icon. The flag represents the values of freedom, representative democracy and justice under law. It also symbolizes the sacrifice of our nation's veterans, many of whom gave their lives to defend it.

Finally, a constitutional amendment to protect the flag is consistent with guarantees of free speech. We see this most clearly in the attitudes toward flag desecration among the men who wrote the Constitution.

James Madison, who is rightly called the "Father of the Constitution," opposed flag desecration. Madison regarded an incident of flag defacement in

Philadelphia in 1802 as a violation of law. And who better than one of the original drafters of the First Amendment to determine what violated "freedom of speech"?

Thomas Jefferson, who helped influence Madison's thinking on constitutional matters, also strongly opposed flag desecration. He viewed it as a "serious matter of state, not as suppression of speech." As secretary of state, Jefferson instructed American consuls to punish "abuse of our flag." He also called for a "systematic and severe" course of punishment for people who violated the flag.

For more than 200 years, the American flag enjoyed special protected status under the law. But in 1989, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ignored the founders' intent and years of legal precedent and decreed that laws protecting the flag from defacement violate free speech.

Congress responded by passing the Flag Protection Act. In 1990, the Supreme Court once again struck down legal protection of the flag by dismissing the Flag Protection Acts as unconstitutional.

It now appears that a constitutional amendment is the only hope for protecting the flag. But amending the Constitution is difficult. It requires a two-thirds vote of both the House and the Senate, as well as the approval of three-fourths of the state legislatures.

Nevertheless, there's a campaign underway to pass such an amendment. The effort enjoys strong public support. A recent *Wall Street Journal* poll showed 81 percent of the people support such an amendment.

The campaign also enjoys strong support from both political parties. Already 49 of the 50 state legislatures have passed resolutions urging Congress to adopt the flag amendment. Last summer, the House of Representatives voted 310-114 in favor of the amendment. Soon the Senate will have the chance to vote.

With such broad political and public backing, you'd expect the amendment to pass easily. But the vote in the Senate is expected to be close. That's why it's important that everyone contact their senators and ask them to support the flag amendment.

The flag is special and unique symbol of America. It deserves constitutional protection. It's the least we can do to defend the values the flag embodies, and to honor those who have made profound sacrifices to build this country and keep it free.



COUNTRY JUKEBOX SET TO AIR — Country Jukebox, South Plains College's live televised country music show, will have a performance at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 5 in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio on campus. The show, a mix of contemporary and classic country music featuring student talent, will be broadcast live on SPC-TV, cable channel 10 in Levelland. Ensemble members are (standing, from left) Jesse Brownfield from Deming, N.M.; Matt Arnold from Alpine; Cory Williams from Kress, Kyle Hind from Lubbock; Preston Eldridge from Alamogordo, N.M.; Rusty Hudelson, assistant professor of music at SPC and ensemble director; Matt Skinner from Alpine; Richie Dorman from Turpin, Ok.; Willie Whiteley from Chillicothe; and Danny Williams from Levelland (right). Seated from left are Barbara Curry from Alpine, and Allison Branch from Whitharal. The ensemble includes both vocalists and instrumentalists.



Pumpkin-Nut Bread

The irresistible flavors of pumpkin and toasted nuts will delight your little ghosts and goblins. Since Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, take time to involve the entire family in creating this delicious seasonal treat. Eat warm by itself or top with butter, cream cheese or your favorite preserves.

- 4-1/2 to 4-3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup finely packed brown sugar
- 2 packages Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 4 large eggs
- 2-3 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts, toasted
- 1-1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 egg white
- 1 tablespoon water

In large bowl, combine 1-1/2 cups flour, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt. Heat milk and butter until very warm (120 to 130 F); stir into dry ingredients. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in pumpkin, eggs and 1 cup flour. Beat at 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in nuts, pumpkin pie spice and enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Divide dough into halves; roll half into 12x7 inch rectangle. Roll up tightly from short end as for jelly roll; pinch seam and ends to seal. Place, seam sides down, on 2 greased 8-1/2 x 4-1/2 inch loaf pans.

Cover; let rise until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Brush with egg white mixed with 1 tablespoon water. Bake at 350 F for 25 to 30 minutes or until done. Remove from pans and cool on wire rack.

Makes 2 loaves.

Yes, Virginia, There Is Still Racism...

There are two types of columns I find myself periodically writing. One such column focuses on positive people doing extraordinary things despite overwhelming odds. I call those columns "signs of hope." The other type of column I haven't yet found a name for, but they are columns which show that racism is still alive and well across this nation, despite allegations otherwise. This is one of those columns about racism — this time in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Willie Bies, Jr. and Herbert Harris joined the Tuscaloosa police force in 1966 they were told that if they completed a year's probation they would have permanent jobs with full benefits. Mr. Bies did such a good job, while assigned to a difficult beat, that the police chief chose him to train rookies. Like many black workers in those early days after the passage of the Civil Rights Act, the black police officers were hired as temporary workers, and thus, denied pension benefits.

When, two years later, Mr. Bies and Mr. Harris saw that Social Security and not pension contributions was being deducted from their

salaries, they began a quest to receive the same benefits as their co-workers. In 1969, their badges were replaced with badges reading "special police officer" although they were doing exactly the same work as their colleagues. Said Inspector Dan Burroughs in a recent *New York Times* article "Bies and Harris left my office and went back out and... faced the same dangers... And they did a fine job."

In 1973 Officers Bies and Harris sued the city to be given equal pay and rank for equal work. Two years later a federal judge ordered their original badges returned. But he accepted the city's argument that the Social Security payments which the officers would receive would be equal to their police pensions.

The officers then approached local officials, including a young white lawyer who had just been elected Commissioner for Public Safety. He tried to get the two men added to the police pension plan in 1980, but ran into a blue wall of opposition by white police officers. The police and fire chiefs joined him in voting for the inclusion of

Bies and Harris, but the four elected police and fire representatives voted against them.

In 1993 Bies and Harris hired new lawyers to bring their complaint back to the federal judge whom they had faced nearly twenty years before. They showed that the pension of a police officer or fire fighter was three times that of a Social Security recipient and that since neither Harris nor Bies was 65 they could not even collect the Social Security payment. The city agreed to give both men full police pensions, but the judge ordered that both men should pay the pension fund the amount that would have been deducted from their paychecks for their entire 25 year careers. Mr. Bies would have had to pay \$36,270, an amount equal to a year and a half's salary when he retired in 1991.

But the pension fund challenged the ruling and the judge voided his ruling. The lawyer who brought the case for Officers Bies and Harris was then told by the pension fund's lawyers that they would litigate the case until it drove the officers' legal firm into bankruptcy.

One of the lawyers who worked for the legal firm representing the officers recalled going to a meeting with her clients and two dozen police officers. She equated that meeting to one of the Ku Klux Klan (one branch of which was headquartered in Tuscaloosa, by the way), recalling that one of the white officers said, "You all got off the garbage truck and that's what you wanted, so want are you complaining about?" Officers Bies and Harris never worked on garbage trucks.

Officer Harris died of pancreatic cancer this fall and never received either the police pension nor the laborer's pension he was promised. He wasn't old enough to collect Social Security. Officer Bies is still waiting for justice.

The city of Tuscaloosa can just decide to right an old wrong. It can decide to honor a man who honored the city every working day. A generation after the passage of the Civil Rights Act there are still African Americans for whom justice is denied. Racism is still alive and well in America.

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JESUS TELLS US OF THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON; HE ALSO TELLS US OF THE OTHER WORLD; THAT IS TO COME!!!

LUKE 16:19-20, JESUS SAID, THERE WAS A CERTAIN RICH MAN, AND THERE WAS A CERTAIN BEGGAR NAMED LAZARUS, WHICH WAS LAID AT HIS GATE, FULL OF SORES.

HE TELLS OF A MAN CLOTHED IN PURPLE AND FINE LINEN; HE WAS RICH; HE TELLS OF A BEGGAR; HUNGER AND FULL OF SORES, HIS LIFE IN THE DITCH!!!

MATTHEW 11:28 JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

***** THAT OTHER WORLD!!! *****

THE BEGGAR DIED, HIS SOUL WAS TAKEN TO THE BOSOM OF ABRAHAM; AND THE RICH MAN DIED, AND HIS SOUL WENT TO HELL; TO BE DAMNED!!!

JOHN 3:16,18, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. HE THAT BELIEVETH ON IS NOT CONDEMNED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD.

AND IN HELL THE RICH MAN, LIFTED UP HIS EYES; HIS SOUL IN TORMENTS; CRYING THAT HIS TONGUE BE COOLED; AND THAT LAZARUS TO BE SENT!!!

LUKE 16:25, BUT ABRAHAM SAID, SON, REMEMBER THAT THOU IN THY LIFETIME RECEIVEST THY GOOD THINGS, AND LIKEWISE LAZARUS EVIL THINGS; BUT NOW HE IS COMFORTED, AND THOU ART TORMENTED.

***** FROM THAT OTHER WORLD!!! *****

NOW WE HAVE THE RICH MAN BEGGING; WON'T TO SAVE HIS FAMILY; HE SAID SEND LAZARUS, TO MY BROTHERS; SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE ME!!

LUKE 16:29, ABRAHAM SAID, UNTO HIM: THEY HAVE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; LET THEM HEAR THEM.

BUT HE SAID NO; IF ONE WENT FROM THE DEAD; THEY WILL REPENT; BUT NO THEY WON'T MR. RICH MAN; JESUS ROSE; AND HIS DISCIPLES WAS SENT!!!

LUKE 16:31, AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, IF THEY HERE NOT MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, NEITHER WILL THEY BE PERSUADED, THOUGH ONE RISE FROM THE DEAD.

(JESUS IS ALIVE AND WELL; AND I'M JUST A NOBODY; TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY; ABOUT SOMEBODY; WHO CAN SAVE ANYBODY!!!)

MARK 16:15,16, JESUS SAID, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LET'S PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IS CHRIST JESUS!!!

ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY SET AT ST. LUKE

The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church Mission I invites the public to attend their Annual Women's Day activities beginning Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15, 1990.

Saturday's activities will begin at 10:00 a. m. with a seminar, fashion show, and a salad luncheon. The seminar will feature Sister Emma Alexander of Dallas, Texas as keynote speaker. The focus of the seminar will be "Listening to the Holy Spirit" and "Motivating Women to Building Self-Esteem."

Registration begins at 9:30 a. m. with a request for a \$3.00 donation. The morning activities will conclude with a leisure buffet luncheon which will feature a "Ladies of Grace on the Move" Fashion Show. Ladies will model garments, hats, and hair styles.

Anyone attending the seminar and luncheon is invited to participate in the fashion show. If you would like to do so, then write a description of the items she is modeling and give it to Sisters Ruth Curry and Jewel Love, coordinators of the event.

Saturday's activities will continue at 7:30 p. m. at the church with a musical which will feature the Terrell Sisters as the guest artists. These ladies are known throughout the state for their talent and dedication to the musical ministry. The program promises to be evening of uplifting and inspiring music designed to encourage Christian women and men.

The program on Sunday begins at 3:00 p. m., and this program will deliver the message in songs. This program will also feature youth group performers. The theme for the annual Women's Day is "Woman at the Well," St. John 4:1-29.

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(The Writer of "The Other World")

The question of authority is foundational in all relations between God and man. It is just as crucial in relationships between man and man. In an age such as ours in which there has been widespread rebellion against all kinds of authority, it is important that we monitor just what is involved in authority.

The usual response to the matter of authority is to raise questions about who or what is at the apex of the power pyramid. Our first concern is about who wields the power over others. But authority deals with many issues beyond this (A practical example in our community was the issue of the defeated three-cent sales tax increase.). The question of authority deals with objectives or goals. Whoever has the power to determine the goals of a society or a life largely determines the nature of that society or that life. Authority also determines the methods that are used in achieving objectives. The authority may be dictatorial, in which case the methods used to reach goals may be harsh and repressive. We see this demonstrated in Communist regimes like China, North Korea, and our neighbor to the south, Cuba. A point of caution needs to be enlarged upon here for the good of the economic disadvantaged people of color and whites to all take a stand against communism. There are those among us who allegedly would with subtlety employ a much refined version of communism clothed under capitalism to control the poor. Remember, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in the Communist Manifesto 1845 advanced the theory that human society, having passed through suc-

cessive stages of slavery, feudalism, and capitalism must advance to communism. They believed that capitalism had become a barrier to progress and needed to be replaced by a dictatorship of the proletariat (working class) which would build a socialist society.

One's claiming for authority in our society may be more democratic, allowing people greater freedom; or externally imposed authority may be almost completely absent, allowing each person to become his own authority, a situation that can lead only to anarchy. People respond to authority in different ways. Some have been so conditioned from infancy they meekly submit to any authority that is imposed upon them. Like so many sheep, they can be led easily by anyone who asserts himself over them.

Others may submit to authority so long as no serious demands are made upon them or so long as their desires are met. Some seem rebellious by nature and oppose any kind of authority. Their only authority is their own whims, which may change as frequently as the wind changes its directions.

There are still others, hopefully more than a small minority, who recognize that authority is necessary if people are to live in an orderly, rational world. These persons also recognize that this authority must come from someone or something beyond themselves, for they understand their own limitations as to power and knowledge.

As we prepare to enter the twenty-first century we need to recognize that authority that is beyond us and that command our highest loyalty. That authority is Jesus Christ!

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THE TERRELL SISTERS

CITY COUNCILMAN PATTERSON NAMED TML PRESIDENT

City Councilman T. J. Patterson became the first African American president of the Texas Municipal League (TML) in the history of the organization. In accepting the gavel before an august body from outgoing president Jimmy Burke, mayor of Deer Park, Texas, during the league's annual conference in San Antonio last Friday, Patterson called for "inclusiveness" for all cities and townships in Texas.

"If we live in Borger, Texas, or Mercedes to the south, El Paso to the west or Marshall to the east, Dallas, or Waxahachie, Lubbock or Amarillo, we are all Texans," Patterson said. "It's important we stay on the same page and be in accord for what's best for Texas."

Patterson also advised all mayors and city councilpersons to go back to their various political subdivisions and do the following: 1. take care of your local issues, 2. lobby with your state representatives and state senators, 3. be responsive in what you do. He warned that talk is cheap; one must do.

The last time a Lubbock city councilperson served as TML president was in 1989-90 when Joan Baker was president. Baker was present for a reception for Patterson as was former mayor Alan Henry who was a president of TML and former city councilman Randy Neugebauer.

Patterson, a 61-year-old co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, was the first African-American elected to the Lubbock City Council in 1984.

Organized in 1913, the TML now has approximately 1,200 member cities. One of its chief functions is to lobby the legislature on behalf of municipalities' interests.

Among family members who attended presentations last week were his wife, Bobbie; a son, T. J.; and daughter, Sheila. Their spouses were also present, as well as three grandchildren: Zairreus, Asya and T. J., III who is the youngest. T. J., III was brought to the dais by his father and was presented to the crowd and was photographed. Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Smith, former pastor of Patterson; Ms. Mozelle Wilson of San Antonio, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Saah of Huntsville, Texas were in attendance.

Patterson was elated over the large delegation from Lubbock who was present. They included: Mayor Windy Sinton, Mayor Pro Tem Max Ince, City Councilmembers Ty Cooke, David Nelson, and Victor Hernandez. City manager Bob Cuss and Debra Forte and other staff members were present.

Music for the reception was furnished by Windpark of Lubbock who did a splendid job. Now they are known by more than fifteen mayors around the state.



T.J. Patterson

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are quoting from a recent meeting. It said: "It will take a City Wide Church to win the City Wide War." Our separate, isolated efforts will not stop the tide of increasing evils in our city. If we as a Church remain isolated from each other, you may challenge that thought, but it was none other than Jesus himself who said "Any house divided against itself shall not stand." Matthew 12:25.

To the humble God who will give us grace; grace is the only way we can change, and change we must! We cannot speak to sinners with deep and lasting credibility of God's forgiveness while harboring animosity and strife against our fellow Christians. What value is it to be able to define the love of God if by our lack of love toward others we bring dishonor to the Almighty? Think about it, People!

We will add these scriptures: II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:22-26; Acts 17:23-30, St. Luke 24:46-47; Acts 19:18-20, Titus 2:11-12, I Peter 1:14, REPENT - REPENT - REPENT!

Do you have oughts in your heart?? If so, start working on them (today). We're inviting all churches, all prayer groups, all ministers and congregations. Please come on these dates: November 20th & 21st! More information will be given in the next report. Mark these important dates on your busy schedule, please!

Keep smiling and loving your Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We're waiting to hear from you today!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Rev. Sister Christine Burleson, vice president, and Sister Ernestine Freizer, secretary.

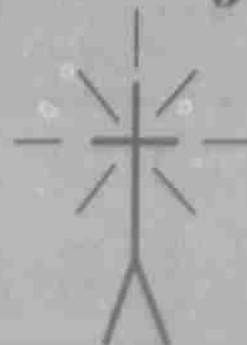


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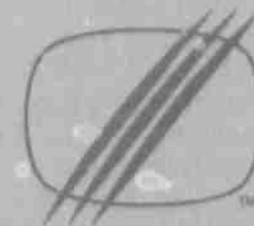
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THE THEME, "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today," fits exactly the planning that brought thousands of African American youths to Atlanta, GA, recently for the NAACP's 87th Convention. The NAACP Youth Division's several meetings were among the convention's most spirited and well-attended, attracting many adult observers as well as leaders of the half-million member national membership. Leading the way to the Roy Wilkins Leadership Luncheon were Julian Bond, (A) Chairman, NAACP Board of Directors and Kweisi Mfume, (B) NAACP President. Tavis Smiley, (C) Host, Black Entertainment Television's "BET TALK," was the main speaker. Rhonda Boozer, (D-left) National Education Coordinator for the Association's youth groups, presented Karen Mitchal, (D-center) National Account Sales Manager, Pepsi-Cola, Atlanta, with the NAACP's Appreciation Award for Pepsi's longtime support of youth development programs. Michael Hunt, (D-right) youth representative from Maryland, was luncheon's host. Smiley, the speaker, told a full audience, that education is the African American's road to success and it is reached by applications of "the three P" principles." Smiley identified the "P"s as "prepare, prepare and prepare." (30)

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TEACHING VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS

AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, I am deeply concerned about the violence that threatens our children not only on the streets, but also in the schools. Classrooms and playgrounds should be havens where young people learn about the world and each other. But today, all too often, students are distracted by the threat of violence.

The Juvenile Crime Intervention Division of the Office of the Attorney General has been involved in a number of efforts to help control and reduce violence in schools. This year, for example, the division released a new, updated edition of the School Crime and Discipline Handbook, a reference book that informs educators and school administrators about the laws pertaining to violence in schools.

Another effective approach to violence prevention is the use of peer mediation to resolve interpersonal conflicts. Many schools across Texas and the nation have found that fighting and tension are significantly reduced once a peer mediation program is established.

What is Peer Mediation?
The idea behind mediation is as simple as it is powerful. People in conflict sit down and talk about their differences. A neutral third party, called a mediator, facilitates the discussion and helps the disputants agree on a solution. It sounds too easy to be true, but experience shows that mediation programs are remarkably effective.

Mediation is a purely voluntary process. The people in conflict freely agree to give mediation a try and are under no obligation to reach or submit to an agreement that is not acceptable to them. Its voluntary nature is what sets mediation apart from arbitration or a process of adjudication.

In "peer" mediation, the mediator and the disputants are peers—equals in age and authority. In the school peer mediation programs, the

mediators are simply other students who have been trained to act as mediators. They learn to listen actively, encourage the parties to follow the rules, and guide the parties through a structured discussion of their differences.

How does it work?
If two people agree to this process, they meet with the mediator in a neutral, private setting. They first agree to some rules: not to call each other names, to hear each other out without interrupting, and to tell the truth. They take turns, with each one telling the story from his or her perspective.

A remarkable number of disputes are based on misunderstandings and can be cleared up quickly when people explain their differing points of view. They may realize they had mistaken beliefs about each other or may suddenly come to see how the situation looked to the other person.

Mediators are trained to help disputants express themselves in non-confrontational ways and to explain their feelings without blaming or accusing the other person. They also help people figure out what kinds of compromises or agreements might be reached in order to settle the issue and prevent further conflict.

In many ways, mediators themselves benefit the most by learning to be peace-makers. The skills they develop are invaluable not only in school, but also at home and, eventually, in the working world and their communities.

For more information

For a copy of the School Crime and Discipline Handbook, write to the Research and Legal Support Division, Attn: Brochure Distribution, Office of the Attorney General, PO Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548. All of the Attorney General's juvenile justice publications are also available on the Internet at www.oag.state.tx.us.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE PRESIDENT URGES BOLD REFORMS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION; WARNS DEMISE LOOMING WITHOUT QUICK ACTION

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (Oct. 15, 1998) — Citing minimal progress in urban education in the last decade, National Urban League President & CEO Hugh B. Price today urged America's urban superintendents to ensure that all children achieve their full potential by forming creative partnerships, raising teacher competence and advancing innovations and combatting the inertia that still plagues school systems.

In a passionate keynote luncheon address before the Council of Great City Schools, Mr. Price challenged America's urban superintendents to replace modest progress with real reforms and to restore accountability that parents are demanding. He warned that African-American communities are backing alternatives to public education, such as vouchers and charter schools, in record numbers and said the only way for urban schools to survive is to accelerate the pace of reform. Previous Council speakers have included Governor Mario Cuomo and Coretta Scott King.

"It isn't good enough for urban children to inch ahead while the rest of the world gallops forward," Mr. Price said. "The progress that's made must enhance the life prospects of children, not just the public image of the schools they attend."

Noting successes among educators in the audience, Mr. Price offered specific reforms for more widespread improvement including: the creation of smaller school buildings that are more conducive to learning; a greater focus on cooperative and experiential learning coupled with increased parent and community involvement; and the formation of new partnerships, particularly with the National Guard and U.S. Military.

Mr. Price also issued an Academic Bill of Rights that states every child in America has the right to:

- Quality pre-school education

that gets them off to a solid start;

- Qualified teachers who genuinely believe all children can learn;
- Access to challenging courses that help them reach their fullest potential;

- Schools that are organized and outfitted for learning instead of maintaining order; and

- Constructive after-school and summer programs that promote academic and social development while keeping them out of harm's way.

Reminding educators of the Urban League's historic commitment to children and of his own career work and push for educational reforms, Mr. Price reissued the pledge to work with those who are serious about change. "But hear me loud and clear," Price challenged. "We will go to war politically with any educators, school boards, unions and politicians who stand in our children's way."

Assessing the current state of urban schools, Mr. Price praised superintendents who have focused on reducing class size and raising teacher expectation of students. He said such progress and increased parental involvement has led to achievements such the modest progress in test scores in some cities, as the birth rate among unmarried black teenagers plunging to a forty-year low and high school graduation rates of black students now equalling that of white students.

Yet, he said educators cannot rest on such progress and that "African Americans must be obsessed with educating our children" because the overall picture continues to prove that black children are "decaying academically." The gap between urban and suburban students on Scholastic Assessment Test scores has begun to widen again, while an 'A' from an inner city school is worth only about a 'C' from a suburban school — all at a time when calls for the end to affirmative action and other measures may make it harder for black children to progress to higher

education, Mr. Price noted.

"Modest gains in test scores help politically," Mr. Price said. "But inching ahead won't prepare our children adequately for the unforgiving world that awaits them after graduation from high school."

Mr. Price outlined key practices that are proven to work yet haven't been introduced in mass scale in needy urban areas — reforms such as creating small school buildings that foster greater student and teacher participation. While politicians spend enormous amounts of money on building new prisons, wiser investments in education remain stagnant and must be demanded, he said.

Mr. Price called for state governments to "issue bonds to decommission those massive, pedagogically obsolete schools. Convert them to condos, or, if there's no alternative use, demolish them. Then appropriate additional money to create a new generation of smaller, state-of-the-art schools that are truly pupil- and teacher-friendly."

Pointing to promising practices in higher education at institutions such as the University of Maryland, the University of Colorado, Clark University in Atlanta and Xavier University in New Orleans, Mr. Price told superintendents that they too must experiment with grouped learning and hands-on teaching. He also noted the Equity 2000 project, conceived by College Board president Don Stewart, that has produced profound results in algebra and geography by challenging urban students and helping them use their critical thinking skills instead of rote learning.

"Equity 2000 proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that vastly more urban students — minority and white alike — can handle those tough courses that their schools have routinely excluded them from. Given the stakes and the standards being set by states, these patterns of exclusion are inexcusable and unconscionable," Mr. Price said.

Showing his understanding of the complexity of education today, Mr. Price reminded the educators that decades ago public schools were not even forced to deal with the needs of all children because the economy was run by a tiered system that required few managers and many blue-collar workers. He also noted that many children who could not fare well in school, for whatever reason, could drop out at age 16 and still have successful careers in the military.

The end of these options prompted Mr. Price to formulate the idea of creating a domestic youth corps for school dropouts, which was embraced by the military and formed the basis of the widely successful National Guard's Youth Challenge Corps. The Corps teaches advanced academics, citizenship and life skills to youth ages 16-18 who dropped out of school. Mr. Price encouraged the educators to follow the example of the Springfield, MA, Urban League by partnering with the National Guard to create charter schools and Challenge Academies and to expand the number of available slots in the Corps.

Mr. Price also noted the success of Urban League programs such as the Campaign for African-American Achievement, which was launched last year and has a two-fold goal of spreading the gospel that "Achievement Matters" and generating widespread customer demand for better schools.

Today's keynote address marked another milestone in a year of heightened activity for the National Urban League, which has been busy at work to improve the state of African-Americans now and into the next millennium.

The Urban League, founded in 1910, has long been devoted to equality and children's issues. Its national theme is Our Children = Our Destiny. For more information about the National Urban League, visit: www.nul.org



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