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Urban world Film Festival Debuts Upcoming Black Movies

The annual Urban world Film Festival, billed as the "biggest and best" of all festivals featuring Black actors, wrapped up recently with general agreement that the future is bright for non-White movies.

More than 23 feature films, 20 short films, eight documentaries and 10 other films in a special Latin American section were shown at this year's festival, held every August.

The event opened with high glitz in the form of "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," a feature movie about the tragic life and death of the first African-American woman to receive a Hollywood Oscar nomination for Best Actress. It starred Halle Berry and was bankrolled by the Home Box Office (HBO) channel.

Attention-grabbers also include Columbia Pictures' "Blue Streak," starring Martin Lawrence as a jewel thief disguised as a cop, and the Dimension Productions film "In Too Deep" with Omar Epps, LL Cool J and Pam Grier.

In the past, "Urban world" has been responsible for launching such U.S. studio-backed hits as "Soul Food," "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," and independent films like "Down in the Delta."

"Our mission is to expose independent minority films and entertainment to the widest audience possible," said founder Stacey Spikes, a former marketing executive with Miramax and October Films.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Endorses National Boycott Against Crown Oil

(NNPA) - In a joint press statement, PACE International Union, Rainbow/Push Coalition and the AFL-CIO announced that Rev. Jesse Jackson has endorsed the national boycott against the Baltimore-based Crown Central Petroleum Company for its alleged unfair treatment of workers and unsafe environmental practices.

"We are asking consumers not to spend their dollars at Crown gasoline stations and convenience stores, until Crown stops its abuse of workers and addresses its race and gender problems," Rev. Jackson said.

Rev. Jackson and Rainbow/Push join a long list of leaders and organizations supporting the boycott including: the Rev. Al Sharpton, The NAACP, National Baptist Convention, Baltimore City Council, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, several ministerial alliances and numerous environmental groups.

The campaign against Crown Oil began in 1996 when 252 workers at its Pasadena, Texas refinery were removed from a contract negotiation affecting the one-third minority workforce. Since then, African-American and female employees have filed a discrimination lawsuit against the company. It is also being sued for environmental violations. In 1998, Crown received the largest air pollution fine in Texas history. The company denies the allegations and faults the employees' union for the negative publicity. -Simeon Booker Muhammad

A Story of Hatred and Reconciliation

Little Rock Photographer Portrays the Desegregation Crisis and its Aftermath

"...capture(s) the hateful and courageous moments of this major civil rights crisis...arresting photographs." - Publishers Weekly

"A hopeful reminder of how far we've come in four short decades." - Kirkus Reviews

"This book is a powerful and moving reminder of a painful time in U.S. history and the lingering legacy of racism." - Booklist

When the "Little Rock Nine" attempted to desegregate Central High School on Labor Day 1957, photographer Will Counts was there. His photograph of 15-year-old Elizabeth Eckford being taunted by a white teenager is one of the most notorious images of the Civil Rights era.

When Elizabeth Eckford and her former tormentor, Hazel Bryan Massery, met in front of the high school during the 40th-anniversary commemoration of the crisis, Counts was there to record the scene of reconciliation.

And when the Little Rock Nine receives the Congressional Gold Medal this fall, Will Counts will be the official photographer for the event.

Counts's photographs of Little Rock in 1957 and 1997 are now brought together in a new book that depicts not only the destructiveness of racial hatred but also the promise of racial reconciliation. A LIFE IS MORE THAN A MOMENT: The Desegregation of Little Rock's Central High includes text and photographs by Counts, along with essays by Reverend Will Campbell and journalists Ernest Dumas and Robert S. McCord. It will be published on September 30 by Indiana University Press.

Little Rock native Will Counts had been out of journalism school just three months and was working at the Arkansas Democrat when Governor Orval Faubus made the surprise announcement that he would send Arkansas National Guard troops to prevent nine black students from desegregating Central

High School. Wearing a flannel shirt and carrying a small 35mm camera, he was able to blend in with the crowds and move freely. By contrast, three photographers for Life Magazine, wearing suits and ties and carrying large cameras, were attacked by the mob and arrested.

Counts was on the corner of 14th and Park Streets when 15-year-old Elizabeth Eckford approached the school. "When she was turned away by the National Guard troops," Counts writes, "the courage and grace she exhibited as she walked two blocks through the mob of school-integration dissidents became one of my most moving experiences." Counts's photographs of the scene shocked the nation and moved President Dwight Eisenhower to send federal troops to Little Rock to quell the "disgraceful occurrences."

His photos were also runners-up for the 1957 Pulitzer Prize in photography. They were the reason that the Associated Press lured him to Chicago to be an editor

and photographer, and they were a factor when he was asked to join the Indiana University journalism faculty, where he directed the photojournalism sequence from 1963 until 1995, when he retired.

In 1997, Counts returned to Little Rock to photograph the 40th-anniversary commemoration of the crisis, when President Bill Clinton and Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee symbolically opened the doors of Central High to the original "Little Rock Nine." Elizabeth Eckford was one of the speakers at the event, and Counts arranged to photograph her with Hazel Bryan Massery in front of Central High.

Years earlier, Massery had called Eckford to apologize for her actions in 1957. She has said that she feels like "the poster child for the hate generation, trapped in the image captured in the photograph, and I know that my life was more than a moment."

Although they had spoken on the phone, the meeting Counts arranged between Eckford and Massery was the first time they had met face-to-

face in 40 years.

Both women have made joint public appearances to sign a poster featuring Counts's photograph of their reconciliation, and they have attended a workshop on racial healing together. But as Counts reports, Eckford cautions us not to read too much into the photograph, because it doesn't mean that all racial issues have been solved in Little Rock. "What it does mean," he writes, "is that these two women, who had a racial encounter more than forty years ago, have decided to try to put that unpleasant chapter of their lives behind them."

About the Author:

WILL COUNTS worked as a photographer for The Arkansas Democrat from 1957 to 1960. He was a photography editor for the Associated Press in Chicago, and, later, an AP photographer in Indianapolis before joining the Indiana University faculty, where he is now Professor Emeritus of Journalism.

Patrick Working On Second Novel



Denise Lewis Patrick

Denise Lewis Patrick was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana on September 30, 1957. She attended local schools and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from Northwestern State University of Louisiana in 1977.

She moved to New York City in 1977. Denise's early work experience included jobs at Essence Magazine and The New York Times. She's worked as a staff editor and writer at Scholastic Magazines, Joshua Morris Publishing, and Macmillan, and done freelance editing and writing for Children's Television Workshop.

She has written over 20 books for pre-schoolers and beginning readers, and is currently at work on her second novel for middle grade readers.

Denise lives in Staten Island, New York, and is married with four young sons.

"I come from a storytelling and talking family. My father wrote poetry, and that's what I began writing when I was eight years old. I even handwrote and bound my own books as a child. Reading was as great a passion for me as actual writing was. I went to the public library every week. Some of my early favorites included the authors Madeline L'Engle (for the Wrinkle in Time series), and poets Nikki Giovanni and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Later, I fell in love with Zora Neale Hurston, Flannery O'Connor, and Gabriel Garcia Marquez, all fantastic storytellers and masters of language. I think great writers have the incredible ability to turn ordinary words into music and song."

Pepsico And Enrico Provide Funding For Earl G. Graves/NAACP Scholarship Fund



Roger Enrico (A), Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo Inc., personally donated \$50,000 to the Earl G. Graves/NAACP Scholarship Fund at the NAACP Convention on July 15. The PepsiCo Foundation also donated \$100,000.

Graves (B) (with NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume and Board Chairman Julian Bond) created the scholarship for young African-Americans interested in studying business and entrepreneurship in college. "The scholarship fund is a reflection of Earl Graves' enormous generosity and community spirit," said Enrico.

Graves announced the scholarship while accepting the 84th NAACP Spingarn Medal.

Rev. & Mrs. J.H. Ford



The greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, will be celebrating the 18th Appreciation of Rev. J.H. Ford and family. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, October 10, 1999.

Rev. David Hil, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, will be guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend.

Lee And Bristol-Myers Squibb Receive Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 17, 1999) - The Constituency for Africa (CFA) and the Ronald H. Brown Foundation today honored Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in recognition of two historic African AIDS/HIV initiatives. Rep. Lee was honored for introducing legislation to fund the AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa and Bristol-Myers Squibb for its Secure the Future program, the largest international corporate commitment to support HIV/AIDS.

Rep. Lee and Kenneth Weg, vice chairman of Bristol-Myers Squibb received the "Constituent of the Year" awards, given to individuals or groups providing exemplary support for Africa in the U.S. at the CFA's annual African Leadership luncheon.

Rep. Lee has introduced legislation to fund the "AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa" proposed by former Congressman Ron Dellums to provide grants for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and treatment to African governments and organizations and seek to provide a replicable model to deal with the AIDS crisis globally.

Secure the Future program is a five-year, \$100 million commitment to help women and children with HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, and Namibia. The program will help Africans find

relevant, cost-effective and sustainable solutions for HIV/AIDS in Africa through funding of medical research, community outreach and education, and education exchange programs. Secure the Future is a public-private partnership with the governments of each country, UNAIDS, Harvard AIDS Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUSA) and other African schools of medicine, among others.

"Both of these programs are stunning in their vision. Secure the Future is the single greatest example of corporate leadership in the global fight against AIDS. Nowhere is the need for research and outreach greater than in Africa and we are pleased to be able to commend Bristol-Myers Squibb for their willingness to exert a leadership role globally," said the Hon. Ronald V. Dellums, chairman of the board of CFA.

"Rep. Lee's legislation has the potential to change the face of AIDS in Africa and elsewhere. We believe that her proposal, along with programs like Secure the Future, will be the key to turning the tide for the people of Africa against the AIDS epidemic. The AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa would help to establish the U.S. as a world leader in the fight against AIDS in Africa. We recognize her leadership and courage in bestowing this award," Mr. Dellums said.

H.E. Benjamin Mkapa, president of Tanzania, and Sam K. Ongeri, M.D., minister of health for Kenya, spoke at the award luncheon along with Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ).

The Constituency for Africa, a non-profit organization, educates U.S. citizens about Africa and its issues and forges cooperative efforts between American organizations, corporations, and groups and their African counterparts. Chaired by the Hon. Ronald V. Dellums, CFA seeks to build organized support for Africa in the U.S. The Hon. Jack Kemp is vice chair and members of the board of directors include Ambassador Andrew Young, the Hon. David Dinkins and Dr. Dorothy Heights, of the National Council of Negro Women. As part of the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Week each September, CFA hosts the Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series, followed by the Constituent Award luncheon.

The Washington, D.C.-based Ronald H. Brown Foundation was established in 1996 to carry on the late Commerce Secretary's vision of achievement through opportunity. Its three-fold mission includes establishing the Center for Politics and Commercial Diplomacy; a Minority Business Round table, and the creation of a Global Clearinghouse. Recently this vision has been expanded to include fostering an outreach program with African nations.



U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) (right) and Mr. Kenneth E. Weg, vice chairman, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (second from left), receive Constituency for Africa and Ronald H. Brown Foundation's Constituent of Your Award from the U.S. Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ) (left) and Hon. Ronald V. Dellums. Rep. Lee received the award for her introduction of the AIDS Marshall Plan for Africa bill. Mr. Weg accepted the award on behalf of the company's Secure the Future program, a five-year, \$100 million commitment to help women and children with HIV/AIDS in South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia and Botswana. The award was presented September 17, 1999, at a Constituency for Africa luncheon in Washington, D.C.

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch 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, come and visit with the member of New Hope. You will be glad you did so.

Service began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Supt. Virgil Johnson presiding. All classes and students reported to their various rooms for thirty minutes of instruction.

Supt. Johnson had to fill in for many of the officers of the Sunday School, because the church motored to Marshall, Texas last Sunday.

Pastor Moton left the pulpit with full service, and it was on fire for the Lord.

The morning devotional period was conducted by the Prayer Team.

The Male Chorus marched the processional singing out of their hearts. Prayer was offered and a song, "I'll Fly Away," was sung. The morning scripture and prayer were in order. The responsive reading was done with congregation standing and led by Brother Curtis Gipson.

The morning hymn was "Yield Not To Temptation." As it is the custom, Pastor Moton left a letter to the congregation to be read because of his absence. The letter was read by Brother Robert Cork. Rev. Clarence Witherspoon brought the morning message.

Rev. Witherspoon's sermon was entitled "Don't Give Up." His scripture text was St. John 20: 19-23. It was a wonderful message.

Pastor Moton and members enjoyed their trip to Marshall, Texas last weekend.

Let us keep praying for the sick and shut in citizens.

Sister Annie Mary McBride's nephew was funeralized last Wednesday in Bryan, Texas. We want to let her know she has our prayers.

Also remember the Biggers and Colquitt families with our prayers.

Let us pray for Siter Oja Jean Keys who fell last week. She is doing very well at this report. God is able.

Sister Ethel Blake is home from the hospital.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATED LOCALLY

Celebration of Mental Health week throughout the state of Texas will kick off here Sunday, October 3, with a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m. at the Lubbock County Jail. The vigil is under the auspices of the Lubbock chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in cooperation with the Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.

The major purpose of the demonstration is to alert the community to the plight of the thousands of our ill citizens who are being warehoused in jails and prisons throughout the state instead of being cared for and treated by professionals trained in psychiatric care.

The 2000 Trumpet Awards Honorees

Patti LaBelle, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Lou Rawls and Time Warner Inc. President Richard Parsons are among the honorees at Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.'s 2000 TRUMPET AWARDS ceremony to be held at Atlanta's Omni Hotel at CNN Center Monday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. and premiering on TBS Superstation Saturday, Feb. 26, at 8:05 p.m. (ET)/5:05 p.m. (PT). The TRUMPET AWARDS, hosted this year by Lyn Whitfield (Eve's Bayou) and Dennis Haysbert (Now and Again), honor African-American achievers in fields as diverse as law, politics and entertainment.

The 2000 TRUMPET AWARDS Honorees

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Local Athlete Wins State And National Award

A Lubbock student athlete has been named the winner of both the state and regional "Athlete of the Year" awards by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) in Austin.

Joseph T. Rosendo, Jr., a Lubbock High School graduate and now a student at Texas Tech, will be honored at a ceremony Friday, Oct. 1 at 3:30 pm in Room 103 in the City of Lubbock Municipal Building at 1625 13th Street.

Joseph, who is also a part-time recreation coordinator in the Parks and Recreation Department, is a boxer with the Lubbock Warriors Boxing Club. He was chosen for the award from the 17 TAAF regional winners submitted for consideration to the Recognition and Awards committee. Lubbock Parks and Recreation submitted his application. The award is based on a number of criteria including sportsmanship, attitude and effort, prior participation in local, state and regional TAAF competition, and other special attributes.

He adds the award to a long list of achievements in both athletics and academics. Joseph has won the TAAF Boxing Championship 10

times in various divisions since 1992, was the 1998 Texas State Golden Gloves Light Middleweight Champion, the West Texas USA Boxing Junior Olympic Champion and a National US Boxing Junior Cup Finalist.

The Lubbock Boy's and Girl's Club named him the 1999 and 1997 "Youth of the Year," he was named an All American Scholar last year, won the Outstanding Mathematician Award for three years and won the Distinguished "A" Honor Roll Award in 1996-98. He was a member of the National Honor Society and attends Texas Tech on a four-year Phillips 66 academic scholarship.

Lubbock police detective Cpl. Ed Hernandez is his coach. But boxing and school are not the only things keeping Joseph busy as he serves as a volunteer with the Lubbock Food Bank, a volunteer with the Salvation Army Christmas Food Program and has another part-time job besides the Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information contact Ivette Eads, Recreation Coordinator, at 775-2690.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation will receive sealed bids until October 14, 1999, 5:00 p.m., at our offices at 1901 University, Suite 401B, Lubbock, Texas 79410 for the following project:

University Pines Duplexes
Renovation Project

After the expiration of the time and at the place as noted, all bids will be opened privately. Bidders will be notified of the results of the bidding process on October 15, 1999 before 5:00 p.m.

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

Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Beginning October 4, 1999, specifications must be obtained at the office of Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation, 1901 University, Suite 401B, Lubbock, Texas 79410, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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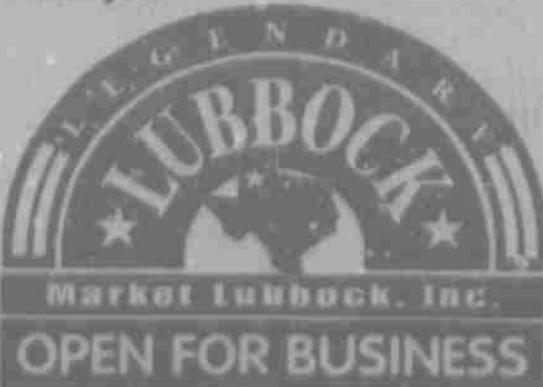
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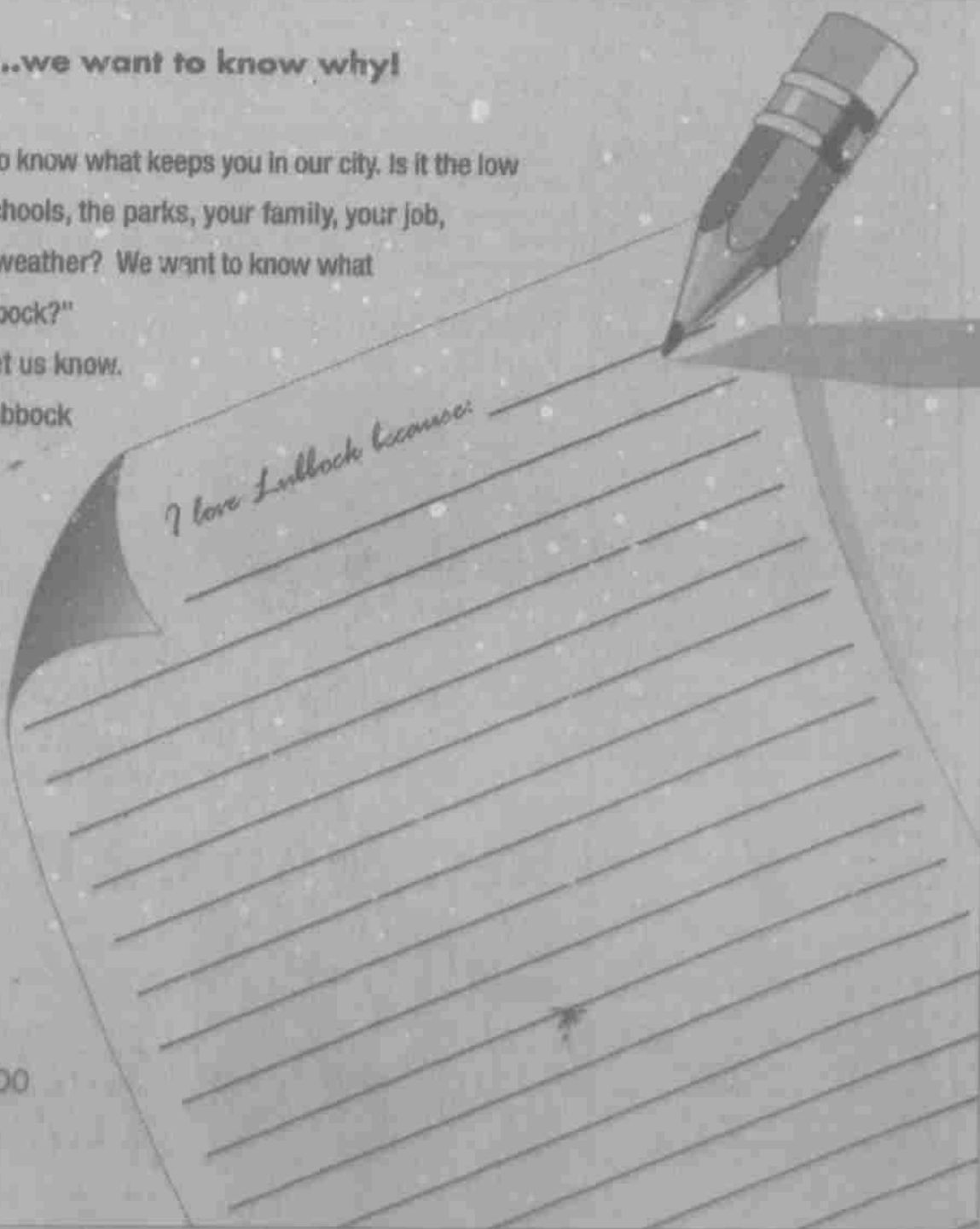
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OBITUARIES



Herbert Johnson

Dallas, Texas-Funeral services were held for Herbert Lynch Johnson last Saturday afternoon, October 2, 1999, at the Denley Drive Baptist Church with Rev. Julian McFarland officiating.

He died Saturday, September 25, 1999 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Born September 1, 1937 in Milam County, Texas, he moved to Slaton, Texas in 1941. He attended the Slaton Public School System. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lee Johnson; and one

son, Michael.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Ruth Johnson of Dallas, his mother, Mable Biggers of Lubbock, five brothers, Willie G. Johnson of Wichita Falls, Ervin, Billy Wayne and John Wayne, all of Lubbock, and Leroy Johnson of Slaton; five sisters, Barbara Love of Slaton, Clara Blakemore, Florence Turner, Glenda Wright and Ruby Moses all of Lubbock; eight sons Major Lee White of Houston, Donnie Johnson, Joe Lee, Stanley and Sammyall of Dallas, Herbert, Jr., Joannie and Hampton, all of Lubbock; twelve daughters; Gloria Lee, Colleen, Arlene Thompson, Barbara Ann and Angela, all of Lubbock, Texas, Mabel, Sharon, and Evelyn, all of Hearn, Texas, Diane, Lillie, Wilma and Mary all of Dallas, Texas; 44 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Tanna Tancy

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MISS TEXAS TEEN ALL AMERICAN 1999 is Tanna Tancy of Huntsville, who was a TOP 25 Semi-Finalist at the National Event.

Community Youth Development Program-79415

The Community Youth Development Program - 79415 will begin operation on October 1, 1999. Originally scheduled to kick off on September 1, there was a delay caused by a change in Fiscal Agent but Lubbock Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation has assumed the role and the program is back on track. The programs are free of charge to youth 17 years of age and under who live or attend school in the 79415 zip code area.

The programs selected by the CYD Steering Committee to participate in FY 2000 are as follows:

Transition to 7th Grade -

This series of programs will assist 6th grade students and their families in making the transition from elementary to junior high school. Prevents grade drop, lowers stress level and behavioral problems. Contact is Dr. Joyce Munsch 742-3000.

Intercambios - Teaches students to use the Internet and will provide access to positive role models, career awareness, after school and week end mentoring via the Internet from multiple sources, including community leaders, school teachers, Texas Tech faculty. Contact is Dr. Hansel Burley 742-1997 Ext. 264.

Parent Empowerment Program - Family therapist will train a parent educator (from 79415 zip code) and together will provide

specialized training, therapy services and strengthen family skills to at-risk students and their families. Contact is Dr. Liz Wieling 742-3000.

SEBK Program - After School program facilitated by Junior High and High School students under the supervision of adult staff. Activity stations with crafts, games, music, leadership mentoring. Contact Melanie Martinez 795-7151.

Girl Power! - Program empowers adolescent and pre-adolescent females 9-14 with little or no participation in other activities to reach their full potential, promotes negative attitudes toward use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Contact Abby Rosales 763-8763.

Girl Scouts - Teach young ladies to be good citizens through life skills training, teaches goal setting, self-esteem, decision making, leadership skills, promotes education. Contact Robin Buckner 745-2855.

Lubbock Youth Leadership Academy - Reduces negative activity through development of leadership skills, decision making, goal setting skills. Guest speakers, learning activities, hands on experiences and community involvement. Contact Marti Groves 799-2656.

For more information on these programs or on how to participate please contact Cowboy Fred Ortiz, Project Coordinator, (806)785-6713.

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Aesthetic Realism Ended My Drug Use And Made Me Happy!

by Donna Lamb, Aesthetic Realism Consultant



Digest, to know what enabled me to change, and can enable every person to have real happiness. It is the education, Aesthetic Realism, founded in 1941 by the great American philosopher and poet Eli Siegel.

Mr. Siegel defined happiness as "dynamic tranquility" and

showed that the way we can feel honestly excited and serene is in going after what Aesthetic Realism describes as the central purpose of our lives: "to like the world on an honest or accurate basis." This includes being fiercely critical of things in the world-like the hideous economic injustice and racial prejudice so prevalent in our country today-which should be hated and opposed without limit.

And Aesthetic Realism describes the greatest cause of unhappiness coming from ourselves: our hope to have contempt, to build ourselves up by "making less of the outside world."

Mr. Siegel stated definitively: "All drug use and addiction arise from insufficient like of the world with a preference for contempt."

Growing up, there were things I liked-listening to music, dancing, and reading-but not knowing how to make sense of the painful things I saw, like many children I did what Ellen Reiss, Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism, describes in the international periodical, *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*:

"People unknowingly think that contempt will make them happy - that they'll feel good if they can put aside enough, feel superior enough, have the world serve them enough."

This is what I felt. We were a family of five living in a tiny apartment in a poor neighborhood, and from as early as I can remember I was aware of a pervasive sense of struggle, frustration, suspicion. Even the good things our family got

- like the record player my father brought home - seemed isolated incidents in an essentially unfriendly world. In our home, there was displeasure and outbursts of anger. My mother seemed changeable - calm one moment, angry the next. My father would call me pet names and then be distant and cold. The world seemed confusing and fearful: I felt both agitated and dull much of the time.

Eli Siegel asked this question every child and adult needs to know:

"Is this true? No matter how much of a case one has against the world, its unkindness, its disorder, its ugliness, its meaninglessness - one has to do all one can to like it or one will weaken oneself?"

In time our family became more financially secure, and we moved to a large house in a nice neighborhood - but I was no happier. The reason, I learned from Aesthetic Realism, was because the unconscious decision I had made early on to have contempt for a world and people I saw as against me - didn't change.

There were times I felt happy - for instance, when I carefully brought home tadpoles from a pond near our home and watched them slowly change into frogs. And when I read books about Pippi Longstockings or Nancy Drew, I felt peaceful and excited as I found out about other people's feelings.

But like many children, I created a fantasy world that I saw as much better than the world around me. Here things went my way: in my world, my prents didn't puzzle me, and no one told me what to do!

I was like many children now who have decided the world can't make them happy and are looking to get away from it - through watching hours of television, playing video games, or even drugs.

In my teens, I began altering and getting rid of the world through drugs. Though I felt driven, I was also terrifically ashamed. Years later, in an Aesthetic Realism lesson Mr. Siegel was to say to me:

"In drugs you have a feeling that nothing matters too much, but at the same time you seem to control things to your liking."

I am everlastingly grateful that in 1969 I learned of Aesthetic Realism and my whole life changed! Its sheer, bedrock logic enabled me to see that, painful though it was, something in me liked being displeased with things to justify having contempt and feeling superior to everything.

As I learned about the fight in me and in every person between the desire for contempt and to like the world, there was a new pleasure, the thrill of discovery in understanding myself and what drove me. I felt a new sense of composure and energy as I studied what Aesthetic Realism teaches: that the grandeur, mystery, and structure of the world itself - the oneness of opposites - is in every person, including abandon and restraint, the orderly and free. I learned, too, that art puts together the opposites we make to make one in ourselves - I could learn from dance, for example, how to have a beautiful relation of freedom and order, rest and motion in myself.

As I came to see people - including my family - and the world itself more fairly and exactly, I felt happy beyond anything I once thought possible! The pleasure I got using my mind to know and like the world was so much greater than anything I had ever gotten through drugs because - and I can hardly say how important this is - it was pleasure I respected myself for having. Eli Siegel said:

"Man is a person who has to be happy two ways: he wants to have enough pleasure of an immediate king, and he also wants to like how he gets the pleasure."

Within months I stopped using drugs completely, and with every year my happiness increases as my education continues. This includes my happy marriage to Steven Weiner, who is a computer analyst. Together we study in classes taught by Ellen Reiss. I am proud to be on the faculty of the Aesthetic Realism Foundation, a not-for-profit educational foundation, teaching other persons in individual consultations, given in person and by telephone throughout America and the world, and in public seminars at 141 Greene Street, New York, NY 10012. For more information, please call (212)777-4494, or visit our home page on the Internet at <http://www.Aesthetic-Realism.org>.

If you're feeling tired, sad or hopeless and don't know why, you could be depressed. On Thursday, October 7th, get a free, anonymous depression screening test, for yourself or someone you care about, along with information about depression and an interview regarding the test results. No commitment is necessary. Depression is an illness, but effective treatments are available, and referrals will be made if necessary. You can be happy, and this could be the first step.

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THIS N THAT

THANK YOU, BETHEL! THIS N THAT ... want the members and pastor ... Rev. Elliott C. Lambert ... to know how much you are ... APPRECIATED ... for the kind gesture you did PATTERSON ... when he was honored in Austin at the Capitol ... Those ... who showed up were ... Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Locke ... Ms. Ruby Donaldson ... Ms. Elera Kerr ... Ms. Bjard Devenport ... Mr. Alexander Johns, Jr. ... and ... his daughter ... Shelia Harris ... and granddaughter ... Asya Harris ... Of course ... his wife ... Bobbie ... was present ... Patterson's son and wife ... T. J., JR. AND URSULA ... and ... T. J., III ... were also present ... Of all years ... Patterson ... has been involved in activities ... he will tell you ... THIS WAS MOST REWARDING ... and it will ... NEVER BE FORGOTTEN! THANK YOU ... BETHEL AM. E. E. CHURCH ... for the usage of the van ... thank you! thank you!!

PROBLEMS STILL EXIST! THIS N THAT ... just returning from Austin ... last week ... and was surprised to see that the ... UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN ... has had to ... HIRE SOME SECURITY GUARDS ... to protect the ... newly erected ... DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MONUMENT ... It's no longer surprising on what people will do ... these days ... This statue ... which stands 12 feet tall ... was commissioned by the ... University of Texas ... two years ago ... With this effort ... only the second on a university or college campus ... The other campus is ... MOREHOUSE UNIVERSITY ... in Atlanta, Georgia ... Wouldn't it be a nice effort for the ... BLACKS ... on the campus of ... TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY ... began the same ... Would also be a ... POSITIVE EFFORT ... for the local ... MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMITTEE ... to get involved with the young people on campus ... Who knows ... something may become of it...

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF "MALATHION?" THIS N THAT ... heard one of our better activist ... TONY BROWN ... speak about a chemical substance called ... MALATHION ... which is a nerve poison ... according to Brown ... which is being ... SPRAYED ON THE POPULATION OF 8 MILLION CITIZENS IN NEW YORK ... He says ... it comes from the air over a period of weeks ... until the first frost ... and ... DEET ... a repellent pesticide that is ... SELF-SPRAYED ... on clothing and exposed skin ... He also stated that ... MALATHION ... is chemically related to the ... NERVE GASES ... used during World War II ... and is now being used in New York to kill ... MOSQUITOES ... that is interesting ... don't you agree ... Want more info ... then contact ... TONY BROWN ... www.tonybrown.com. He also advises us to get our kids a ... COMPUTER ... or they will be lost in the future...

PENY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "There are ... THREE INGREDIENTS ... in the good life ... LEARNING ... EARNING ... and ... YEARNING..."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Attention...You've Heard The Saying No Pass, No Play!!! Well...As Christians We Need To Inform The School Districts That We Have Decided...No Pray, No Play!!!

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a thought that the Lord gave to my husband and I. As we all know Satan has a firm attack on our families, and he is determined to destroy our children.

God spoke to my husband, Tommie and he told him to share this information with everyone he knows.

The message is simple...We know

according to scripture, that we as Christians can pray and intervene for our children and God will shield and protect them. So...here is your opportunity to invest in the ministry that is so very urgently needed.

All you have to do is make a list of TEN children (you can certainly list more children) and pray for them each day.

YES...that's it. That's ALL you

have to do!!!

Please join us, and watch God pour out his spirit and BLESS OUR CHILDREN!!!

WE LOVE YOU!!!

TOMMIE & TOMMIE ERVIN

P.S. Please pray for all children, white, brown, red, black. All children. We are all God's children.



The Real Truth, Let's Face It, Then Improve It!!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We hear so much about racism, the man, the system for every fault or weakness we have. No one else is going to work on and correct our ills but us. We moan, we groan and blame all of our problems on racism; racism is a factor, we all recognize this fact, but most of our problems is us, we're setting around waiting for someone else to do for us what we should be doing for self. Question, is racism putting babies in our young girls' bellies, and not giving them the decency to give the babies a legitimate or legal name? Is black on black violence racism? Is drive-by shooting racism? Not respecting self and kind as well as others, no respect for community, property, elders, feelings, values of others; is this racism or us?

Let's face it, do we have a child problem or a parent problem? Parents are babies with babies, parents do not discipline children at an early age, parents do not correct, guide children in the way they should go, parents do not teach their children at an early age to respect self and others, parents do not take time to talk to and explain to children why, how, the reason for doing

certain things in certain ways, and letting them know we care and the results of doing certain things certain ways and the consequence if they fail to do certain things.

Is racism a result of our lack of respect for self and kind, our women, our vulgarity, the names we call our women and even some of them refer to themselves by—w—, what a live. We should always remember, as our friend Dr. Calvin Roalock from D.C., founder of United Black Fund, publisher of the Washington Informer and board member of AOIP (Assault on Illiteracy Program), who has been to Lubbock, was keynote speaker at one of the Digest's market and counseling seminars. His slogan is, "THE...ONLY...ONES...WH O...CAN...SAVE...US...FR OM...US...FOR...US...IS...U S!" Remember, if it is to be it is up to me.

We had a recent conversation the other day about the rap our young people, especially males, take on drugs. Her point was black people have no planes, no boats, yachts or ships, then how does it get here? Good question. Ronnie Reagan was cutting the Coast Guard budget by millions and at the same time his wife coined the phrase "Just Say No."

When you look at it, blacks own no planes, no boats, no airstrips or runways in Central and South America. As long as the dope money in one day is more than the national debt and controlled by the high and mighty, the ghettos and streets will forever be graveyards because the money is too big. Wall Street and the White House and other high places control to mass while the street punks and runners take the raps and do the time. According to a top narc, for every street runner, usually a user, who is caught and put away, there are 25 others to take that spot. The top is never touched. That's why the circle is so vicious, because so much money is involved. The big people in the game's hand stays clean while all the garbage and filth is passed down to the street punks and runners. Until the top of the tree is shaken there will never be any hope, dope will prevail unless we teach our children at a very young age and clean up ourselves. Cut down on demand. We are in for a very long haul, with no light at the end of the tunnel for a long time. Pray by Mother Teresa: "Lord, please give me the strength and courage to help my fellow man. With your guidance, I can make a difference. I promise to use any means possible to improve the lives of those who need improving. Amen."



Anheuser-Busch Supports Congressional Black Caucus

New York Congressman Charles B. Rangel (center) is joined by Lewis McKinney (right), senior director for industry and government affairs at Anheuser-Busch Companies, and Art Collins, board member of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), during the foundation's annual awards dinner. Rangel, the ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee, was among a number of CBCF members who were honored for their legislative initiatives and advocacy on behalf of African-American constituents. The annual CBCF awards dinner, which included an address by President Clinton and Vice President Gore, was underwritten in part by Anheuser-Busch Companies.

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Things Are So Bad, Clinton Looks Good!

There is a great irony in the current scandal surrounding Bill Clinton and the White House. He was instrumental in shaping the mean spirited political scene that he is now overwhelmed by.

Whatever your attitudes toward Mr. Clinton's extra-marital behavior, and whatever your attitudes toward Mr. Clinton's social policies, in my opinion, there is one unavoidable truth in this whole episode. American government and the media thrive off of scandal. They have become utterly partisan and corrupt. In fact they're so corrupt, they almost make Clinton look moral! There has been much discussion on the conduct of the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, and his prosecutorial pursuit of the Clintons. Some have questioned his decision to wire Linda Tripp for her conversations with Monica Lewinsky, before he had proper authorization to proceed with the investigation. Hillary Clinton tagged him as part of a right-wing conspiracy to get the President. Whether he is or isn't, the independent counsel's office has become far more of a political and partisan tool than the American public ever dreamed.

The democrats pushed to create an independent counsel after Watergate, fully expecting that this reform would aid their political agenda. The Clinton White House even signed off on its extension in 1994. But then, the public call for an independent counsel to investi-

gate campaign finance violations by the White House was refused by Clinton's Attorney General, Janet Reno, even though the head of the FBI favored having one. Reno was protecting the White House from a criminal investigation that she could not control. However, Reno could not turn down Ken Starr's request for authority to expand his investigation into the President's sex life for fear that it would appear to be politically motivated.

What of President Clinton? He wrote the book on opposition research and political dirty tricks. His opposition research against all the women with whom he had affairs is legendary. His manipulation of the Sister Souljah affair in 1992 to tag Rev. Jackson as an extremist is well known in Black political circles. Suspicions of a vendetta against me, including possible manipulations of government investigations to cripple my political activities have circulated quietly for years and are only getting serious attention.

These kinds of things are not unusual; they are the stock and trade of the Beltway. Clinton has been as glibly as the rest.

What good can come of this scandal? Perhaps this. We, the people, will get a closer look at how partisan and corrupted a government controlled by these two parties has become. Hopefully, we will be inspired to respond.

The people to worry about are not those who openly disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

Theme Announced For 2000 Black History Month

The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Inc., announces the 2000 National Black History Month Theme: Heritage and Horizons: The African-American Legacy and the Challenges of the 21st Century. ASALH was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson on September 9, 1915.

Interdisciplinary, probing, provocative, and wide-ranging, the theme invites sober reflection and critical examination of the broad legacy of African-American experience in the evolving context of the new century. It combines memory and anticipation, heritage and hope, remembrance and emerging challenges and responsibilities, the past, present and the future.

Involved are such key questions and complex problems as: What is the meaning of African-American life and history? What can we learn from the pilgrimage of African-Americans that will illuminate the 21st Century? What differences will the 21st century make in African-American life, history, and culture? What can we learn from the

successes and failures of the Civil Rights Movement that will be helpful in the new century? What can African-American scholarship teach us about the American historical process? What are the old and continuing problems and the new challenges and responsibilities? What are the legacies and challenges of African-American leadership-organizational, institutional, and individual? How new will the new century be for African-Americans, indeed for all Americans?

The Black History Month Kit will be distributed by the Carter G. Woodson Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH), located at 7961 Eastern Avenue, Suite 301, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301)587-5900. The kit is an excellent educational resource to plan a Black History curriculum by or for self-study. It contains teaching tools, instructional strategies, graphic prints, biographical notes, game activities, and essays. The kit is scheduled to be available December 1, 1999.

House Votes to Strengthen Crop Insurance: Bill helps farmers and ranchers protect against losses

Washington, D.C.—By voice vote, the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday approved major improvements to federal crop insurance law. H.R. 2559, The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999, makes across-the-board cuts in farmer paid premiums, provides affordable insurance that protects producers against price and production volatility, increases producers' insurable yields, and initiates new risk management for livestock producers.

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999 strengthens the farm safety net by making crop insurance more accessible to growers of all crops. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX) said this major reform effort reduces the need for producer dependence on Congress to cobble together

improvised and costly disaster assistance packages.

This is Phase One of Congress' commitment to provide our nation's farmers with the strong safety net they need, said Combest. Producers already struggle more than enough to meet the uncertainties of markets and weather, but it is too much to ask that they struggle year after year without the means to manage their risk through an effective crop insurance program. Making federal crop insurance affordable and effective is sound policy.

The changes in crop insurance contained in H.R. 2559 allow us time to review and develop a comprehensive look at our long-term farm policy, said Charlie Stenholm, the House Agriculture Committee's ranking minority member.

Features of The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999

- Strengthens the farm safety net by making crop insurance more accessible to growers, reducing the need for unbudgeted ad hoc disaster assistance.
- Helps farmers protect against declining prices and farm income by making more affordable insurance coverage that protects farmers not only against crop losses, but declining prices as well.
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The company opened offices earlier this year in Houston, Fort Worth, Waco, Tyler, Longview and Beaumont. In addition to Lubbock, Birch is opening two more Texas offices this September in Austin and Corpus Christi. By early 2000, Birch will double its Texas presence.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 is the seed from which Birch has grown over the past two years. This legislation has encouraged a competitive marketplace for local telephone service in Texas and throughout the country, said David Scott, Birch president and CEO. The businesses in Lubbock and its surrounding communities will find Birch to be a true market leader that provides the highest quality phone service and customer care to small and mid-size companies at a very competitive price.

In a landmark moment for the industry, Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in February of that year, requiring the Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOCs) across the nation, including

Southwestern Bell, to open their local networks to competitors.

Birch was formed shortly thereafter and began providing local and long-distance phone service to businesses in Kansas and Missouri. The company's approach of face-to-face consultation on telecommunications services has helped it grow to become one of the largest competitors to Southwestern Bell in the Midwest. Birch will meet its customers' telecommunications needs by offering the options they want without forcing them into one-size-fits-all packages that provide more than they need.

As an industry leader for open markets, we believe that competition for business should also include great customer service and products, as well as price, from a local office staffed by local people, added Scott. We feel that bringing the local back to local phone service will set us apart as we enter a very competitive marketplace in West Texas. Birch's Lubbock office is located at 4601 50th Street, suite 205.

A competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), Birch Telecom (www.birch.com) has grown to become one of the largest competitors to Southwestern Bell in the Midwest. Formed in 1997 in Kansas City, Mo., the 780-employee integrated telecommunications provider offers a range of services including local and long-distance phone service, telephone equipment and Internet services such as access, hosting and development.



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1 TIMOTHY 3:1,2, THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS (DANGEROUS) TIMES SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY.

THE LORD TOLD US IN HIS WORD, ABOUT THE LAST AND EVIL DAYS, THE CHURCH SUPPOSE TO BE ABOUT HIS BUSINESS, SOULS BEING SAVED.

ISAIAH 58:1, CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHEW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS.

THE DEVIL OF THE 60'S, GAVE OUT RIGHTS THAT WAS WRONG, HE DECEIVED THE PEOPLE THEN; AND IT IS YET GOING ON!!!

MATTHEW 18:14, JESUS SAID, LET THEM ALONG, THEY BE BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND, AND IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH SHALL FALL INTO THE DITCH. WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD??

THAT DISOBEDIENT MARCH, AGAINST THE LAW, WAS CALLED PROGRESS, NOW IT'S IN THE CHURCHES, THE HOMES, JOBS, AMERICA IS NOW IN A MESS!!!

ROMANS 1:21A,22,25, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY (THE CHRISTIANS) KNOW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE (MARTIN LUTHER KING) MORE THAN THE CREATOR (GOD) WHO IS BLESSED FOR EVER, AMEN.

MANKIND RIGHTS: TO STEAL, DEAL AND KILL THEN LIVE IN JAIL, IN JAIL YOU'RE A SLAVE AND MAY BE ON YOUR WAY TO HELL.

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

THE CHURCHES LOVE MONEY AND SHE IS PLAYING THE DEVIL'S GAME, CHILDREN ARE DYING ALL AROUND US SHAME SHAME SHAME!!!

LUKE 11:32 JESUS SAID THE MEN OF NINEVEH SHALL RISE UP IN THE JUDGEMENT WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SHALL CONDEMN IT FOR THEY REPENTED AT THE PREACHING OF JONAS AND BEHOLD A GREATER THAN JONAS IS HERE, IS THE CHURCHES ROBBING GOD??

TO THE IGNORANT CHRISTIANS SAYING SCHOOLS ARE WITHOUT PRAYER, PUT IT IN YOUR CHILDREN FIRST THEN IN THE SCHOOLS: IT WILL BE THERE!!!

GALATIANS 6:7, 8, BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.

YOU CAN TAKE A BUCKET OF CORN, PLANT IT BUT WHEN ITS HARVEST TIME, YOU'LL NEED A PICKUP TRUCK TO BRING IT IN, YOU ALWAYS GET BACK MORE. THE CHURCHES SOWED PEOPLES AND THEIR RIGHTS BUT NOW SHE'S REAPING BECAUSE IT WAS ALL WRONG!!!

NOW IN FT WORTH, TEXAS, THE KILLINGS THAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY, BEING IN CHURCH IS NO SALVATION BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS: YOU ARE SAVED!!!

IS THE CHURCHES LIFTING UP JESUS??

THE WORLD LOVES MONEY; AND USE THE CHILDREN, MANY WILL DIE, MANY MOTHERS WISH THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY, AND MANY WILL JUST CRY!!!

LUKE 23:28, 31, JESUS SAID, DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM, WEEP NOT FOR ME, BUT WEEP FOR YOURSELVES, AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN. FOR IF THEY DO THINGS (KILL) IN A GREEN TREE (JESUS), WHAT SHALL BE DONE IN THE DRY (YOUR CHILDREN)?

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, 111 YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Wayside Seeds"

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up. -Matthew 13:4

Jesus walked outside the house where he had warned His critics neither to blaspheme the Holy Spirit nor to ignore the signs of visitation and had sat down by the sea. There were such a great number of people, he decided to get into a boat in order to teach them.

Jesus teaching in parables seemed to be a new phase in His ministry after being rejected by the religious leaders. Now He used familiar situations to illustrate abstract truths. With parables He could prick people's consciences. Therefore, He begins with the parable of the sower.

The sower of the seed is a farmer. At the appropriate time of the year, he would sow his seed to grow a crop. As he scattered his seed, they would fall in various kinds of soil.

Some of the seed of this sower fell by the wayside, or on the hardened ground. The ground had been hardened from people and animal passing across the fields. The seeds scattered simply lay on top of the ground until hungry birds ate them.

Theoretically, it could be said that these birds devoured the truth we neglect to cover. If this is a spiritual truth, then let us give a spiritual analysis of these birds from the standpoint of being carnivorous and unclean, and Biblically falling into the class of forbidden food.

The first of our feathered friend we observe is the heron. This bird belongs to the family Ardeidae which have long legs, a

long strong bill that spears unwary fish and an eye keen as an eagle's, yet dim at times which cause serious mistakes. This is the bird of intellectual skepticism. It delays your acceptance of the truth with all kind of foolish questions.

There is another bird of dirty and ruffled feathers, a non-descript, but a heavy eater of the seed dropped by the wayside. This bird could be called a gier eagle. It is evil associations. This bird neutralized the influences of the Spirit of God.

There is yet another muscular bird of prey called a kite, of the family Falconidae, with curved beak that holds like a vice. It is a moth eater, ravenous, has evil habits, and belongs to a large family. It is the sin of unholy passion, unbridled appetite, and expensive adornment.

There is a bird of bad odor. Decaying flesh drops from its feathers and bill. The true carrion-eating birds of prey with naked heads and necks and with keen senses of sight and smell of the Old World belong are placed in the family Accipitridae. Let us call this bird the inconsistencies of those who profess to be Christians. This bird causes the smell at business or board meeting.

Lastly, there is a dull and heavy bird of booby order that is not easily frightened away of the family Sulidae. It is religious indecision. I would but...

The thought in Jesus parable is that before God's message can break through one spiritual dullness so that he or she may gain insight, the evil one, symbolized by birds, steals away the words that are planted.

The parable says to us today that we should be planted in the fertile ground of God's truth so that we may demonstrate true faith.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. The Lord blessed them with a beautiful morning. The meeting began by the singing of songs of praise. Scriptures was read by Sister Christine Burleson. She also brought the morning scriptures lesson. Her subject was "The Five Virgins." Prayer was given by Sister Dorothy Nash.

The parable of the Five Virgins is about a wedding. In Jewish culture, a couple was engaged for a long time before the actual marriage and the engagement promise was just as binding as the marriage vows. On the wedding day, the bride-

groom went to the bride's house for the ceremony. Then, the bride and groom, along with a great parade would return to the groom's house where a feast took place, often lasting a full week.

These bridesmaids were waiting for the parade, and they helped to take part in the wedding banquet, but when the groom did not come when they expected. Five of them let their lamps run out of oil, and by the time they had purchased extra oil, it was too late to join the feast.

When Jesus returns to get his people, his coming is going to be quickly, and we must be ready spiritually.

Spiritual preparations cannot be borrowed or brought at the last minute. Our relationship with God must be our own. Everyone must get ready today. Don't let it be too late. REPENT! REPENT! REPENT!

Only five were wise. We must all be ready physically as well as spiritually! This is important!

We want to thank Sister Burleson for a great job in teaching this lesson. This was a good word. May God continue to bless you in our prayer. We love you!

Thought for the week: "Why is America so afraid of prayer with our children?? Does it harm them or help them?" God

is shaking everything that can be shaken. If you haven't been, keep living! Think about it!

If you are hurting, read II chronicles 7:14 or St Mark 11:22-26.

Why not write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Please do your drive by prayers as well as your walk through praying for your kids... Lets take this city back for Christ! Saints, we can do it!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Rev. Sister Christene Burleson, vice president, Sister Ernestine Fraizer, secretary; and Sister Eleonora Jones, acting secretary.

Mount Vernon UMC Celebrates 74th Anniversary

Mount Vernon UMC, 2304 Cedar Ave., will celebrate their 74th Church Anniversary at 3:00 p.m. on October 10, 1999. Dr. Donald Wesson, Professor of Medicine and Chair of Internal Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, will be the guest speaker for the afternoon. Dr. Wesson received his education at MIT.



City Wide Ushers Will Meet

The City Wide Ushers will meet at the Rising Star Baptist Church, 2420 East Cornell Avenue, on Saturday, October 9, 1999, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

There's no doubt about it, we will have another wonderful time. We might just have some new faces present.

Oh, yes, members, November and December are coming up and will need the canned goods. There are many who are needy in our community. So come and bring another usher with you. Will you be so kind to do this? Of course you will, thank you!

Ms. M. Cage, president, Ms. Minnie Darthard, reporter.

We want to thank you for helping us on September 25! It was a very successful breakfast. Thank you!

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Washington University School of Medicine, and Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Wesson is a member of the American Society of Nephrology, the National Kidney Foundation, and the Association of Academic Minority Physicians. His numerous awards include Most Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Faculty Mentor, both of which were awarded at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Wesson's community activities include Chairman of the Lay Board of Central Lubbock Church of Christ, member of 100 Black Men of America, and Director of the Boys Rites of Passage Program sponsored by the 100 Black Men of America. Dr. Wesson will speak on the theme: What is Our Church Mission.

Pastor Fred Watson and the members of Mount Vernon UMC invite everyone to join them for this special occasion.

The Community Baptist Church Choir

will host its Annual Music Workshop, Tuesday, October 5th through Thursday, October 7th at 7 pm nightly. The concert will be held on Friday, October 8th at 7:00 pm. The clinician will be Dr. Gary W. Givens of San Antonio, Tx. Rehearsals and the concert will be held at the church, located at 220 N. MLK, Blvd. For registration and other information call 806-747-8708.



Sept 24, 1999-AAI Awards-New York-Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo (left), enjoys a moment with Carl Ware (right), senior vice-president and president of Africa Group of The Coca-Cola Company at the 15th annual awards dinner of the African American Institute. President Obasanjo was honored for his promotion of economic development and democracy in his country.



Sept 24, 1999-AAI Awards-New York-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma accepts an award Friday night on behalf of her country at the 15th annual Africa-America Institute gala in New York. Joining her are Mara McKean (left), president of AAI and Carl Ware (right), senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company.

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KRAFT BOYCOTT GAINS SUPPORTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY

By Charyn D. Sutton and Kathryn Mulvey

Do you know who's lurking behind your kids' Kraft Macaroni & Cheese? Many people are surprised to find out that Kraft is owned by the world's largest and most profitable tobacco corporation, Philip Morris.

Tobacco corporations have been facing a variety of pressures, but one of the landmarks of 1999 for the two largest US-based tobacco corporations has been the growth of a consumer boycott targeting the food products owned by tobacco companies.

That's part of the reason why RJR Nabisco decided earlier this year to separate Nabisco from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In a major victory for IN FACT, the national grassroots organization that seeks to reform giant corporations through citizen action, it removed Nabisco as a target of its five-year-long boycott in June once the separation was completed.

RJR's major competitor, Philip Morris, wasn't as lucky. The boycott of Kraft products escalates with a bumper sticker campaign that aims to get 5,000 "Boycott Kraft" messages on cars around the country by the end of 1999. Urging consumers not to buy Kraft Foods is the latest in a series of grassroots campaigns mounted by IN FACT since 1977. Other successful efforts included a seven-year product boycott of Nestle which convinced the corporation to end its aggressive marketing of baby formula to women in economically poor countries and a nine-year campaign that convinced General Electric to get out of the nuclear weapons business.

Tobacco industry documents

reveal how the industry developed marketing tactics targeting African Americans, Latinos, Jews and other ethnic groups. The revelation led to Congressional hearings in 1998 about the targeting of communities of color. IN FACT activist Harold Taylor, who lost his vocal chords to tobacco-related cancer, testified again at the tobacco giants.

Makini Themba-Nixon, of Virginia, an African American community organizer who formerly chaired the IN FACT board, is a strong support of IN FACT's Kraft Boycott and bumper sticker campaign. She said that while non-tobacco products of tobacco companies may seem harmless, boycotting those products is the only way that consumers can have any real impact on the highly profitable tobacco corporations.

"Tobacco companies aren't shy about using all their food products as means of leverage," Themba-Nixon explained. "It's the way that they get store owners to place tobacco within easy reach of kids, put extra tobacco ads in their stores and join tobacco marketing campaigns."

The "Boycott Kraft" bumper stickers are a way to get a message out to the public. IN FACT organizers have encountered a lot of community support in more than 100 cities where the actions are taking place. The bumper stickers and decisions by parents and guardians not to purchase Kraft Foods products, including Kraft Macaroni & Cheese - a favorite among children - provide wonderful opportunities to talk about the dangers of tobacco use.

IN FACT activist Rita McDonald of Minneapolis distributed "Boycott Kraft" bumper stickers and flyers at her church. "Everyone seemed receptive. It felt so good to know that I was doing something that was really making a difference."

The bumper stickers are just one part of a far-reaching campaign that has included peaceful demonstrations at Kraft sites, media coverage and word-of-mouth communications. The intensity of the Kraft Boycott is largely due to Philip Morris' Marlboro as the world's #1 brand of cigarettes. And the tobacco giant recently announced test markets for a new, mentholated version of Marlboro's in Pittsburgh and Atlanta that will attempt to lure African Americans by taking on Newport, the #1 favorite of Black youth smokers.

"We had millions of people involved in our Nestle and GE Boycotts," said Kathryn Mulvey, Executive Director of IN FACT. "Our Kraft Boycott is quickly gaining momentum which is one of the reasons Philip Morris is spending so much money now on advertising its 'corporate citizenship.' Boycotts are historically proven as effective strategies in achieving social justice. Boycotts affect not just the immediate bottom line, but also a corporation's image. That is one reason Philip Morris doesn't want consumers to know it owns Kraft, because Kraft is a critical source of the tobacco giant's credibility."

Philip Morris, having come under fire with the rest of the tobacco industry for targeting communities of color with its tobacco marketing

and promotion, hopes to mend its ties to these through a newly created position at Kraft Foods to focus on marketing to communities of color, and by stepping up its efforts to build relationships with organizations like the NAACP and National Council La Raza. Internal documents from the corporation reveal a sinister side to Philip Morris's charitable giving to borrow credibility from organizations it supports to help build relationships with key lawmakers in fighting public health legislation.

"As long as the tobacco companies and food companies are linked together corporately, then the food subsidiaries like Kraft are fair game," said the Reverend Jesse W. Brown, Jr., acting executive director of the National Association of African Americans for Positive Imagery, the nation's major African American tobacco control organization.

"Through this boycott, IN FACT supporters around the world are insisting that the tobacco companies follow an international code of marketing that ends the abuses of nicotine addiction that lead to disability and death," Reverend Brown said.

IN FACT supporters are calling on Philip Morris and the tobacco industry to stop the international spread of tobacco addiction, and to stop manipulating public policy in the interests of tobacco profits. Four million people around the world die of tobacco-related diseases each year. According to the World Health Organization, unless the rise in smoking is stopped, by the year



2030, the annual worldwide death toll will triple, with the majority of deaths occurring in poor countries in Africa and Asia.

Bill Robinson believes that strong and decisive actions are needed to bring about change. Robinson, one of the founders of the African American Tobacco Coalition in South Carolina, sees the educational

value of the IN FACT boycott. "The boycott of Kraft shows people just how entrenched the tobacco industry is," Robinson said. "If you open up your kitchen cabinets, you'll see that many of the items on the shelf have some connection to tobacco companies."

15th Annual Stellar Awards Honors Winans

The Stellar Awards, gospel music's version of the Grammy Awards, has honored superstar Vickie Winans with eight nominations. The celebrated gospel singer who is known for her gutsy, lively and arguably-anointed alto voice was nominated for Artist of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year, producer of the Year, Music Video of the Year, CD of the Year, and Song of the Year "Already Been To The Water."

Gospel artist Donnie McClurkin and Bobby Jones, host of BET's "The Bobby Jones Gospel Hour," will co-host gospel music's premier awards show with Vickie Winans, who also received nominations for Traditional Female of the Year and Traditional CD of the Year. The taping for the awards ceremony is scheduled for January 8, 2000 and features a parade of celebrities, including Kirk Franklin, Fred Hammond & Radical for Christ choir, and of course, Vickie Winans, who will also perform.

It has been a stellar year for Vickie Winans. First, the Detroit native synergized gospel music and the gospel music industry with the release of her trilogy project on CGI/Platinum records. Secondly, the trilogy yielded the hit sequel "Live In Detroit Vol. II." Thirdly, she had her fans rolling in the aisles and falling out in their pews with the second release, "Share the Laughter," her stand-up gospel comedy album debut. In the fall, she will release her "Woman to Woman" album, part songs of survival and part preaching about how she has come through various experiences. Until now, never has

a gospel label ventured such an ambitious project within the same year. She will also host her own gospel music video television show starting in January 2000. It will air on the new Major Broadcasting Network (MBN). She will preview videos, perform and do occasional interviews.

When you look at where Winans fits into the gospel music industry, you would be hard pressed to find anyone who disputes that she appears to be in a category all by herself. At age 45, Vickie Winans is an internationally celebrated multi-faceted performer, receiving Stellar and Dove awards and nominations, as well as earning recognition as a

Grammy-award nominee. She manages her own booking agency, Bloomfield Hills-based Vivane Inc., and she makes more than 300 concert appearances annually. Couple her business acumen with her responsibilities as a mother of producers Mario and Marvin Winans Jr., and grandmother of Mario II, and you see how she's earned the endearing title "the hardest working woman in gospel music."

Vickie Winans burst on the gospel scene in the late 1980s with her smash gospel song "We Shall Behold Him" which firmly established her career in the gospel field. Over the last five years, she has experienced career rejuvenation since signing with CGI Records circa 1994. Her 1997 album Live In Detroit featured the smash gospel hit "As Long As I Got King Jesus" which helped the album sell well over 200,000 copies. It still holds a place on Billboards Top 40 list of gospel



Leadership Lubbock Forms Alumni

The newly formed Leadership Lubbock Alumni Association is open to all graduates of leadership programs around the nation. The mission is to assist leadership graduates with information and resources needed for continued leadership skill development. This will enhance individual contributions to businesses and the Lubbock community. The membership fee is only \$30.00 annually and the group kicks-off their first event this month.

On October 14th, the Leadership Alumni event features a tour of the United Spirit Arena with Chancellor John T. Montford and Senator Robert Duncan as the guest speakers. Randy Neugebauer will give a special presentation on the "Port-to-Plains Corridor" issue that is a hot topic and at the forefront of Lubbock's economic development. Chamber and City of Lubbock officials will be on hand to address the Corridor issue and the impact it will have on each leadership alumni member. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:00 a.m. Citibus is providing continuous shuttle service from the

Ranching Heritage Center's parking lot at 4th and Indiana to the arena beginning at 8:00 a.m. Attendees are to park as far north in the parking lot as possible.

"The alumni association is an opportunity for over 700 Leadership Lubbock graduates and others that have gone through a similar program in another city to continue their professional growth and community support experience," stated Nadene Smith, Chair of the Alumni Association. Smith also added that a large number of alumni graduates have been recruited through the 22 year history of the program to form the alumni association. "We have desperately needed an educational forum to continue learning about issues facing businesses and our community as well as continued networking opportunities. We're grateful the chamber of Commerce will be the support forum to aid in the growth of this new and very meaningful group."

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