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BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Income Enhancement Principles For Blacks

Nobody's going to save you. But You Studies show that when adjusted for inflation, the average income of black families in America has not increased in 30 years. While black family income remained stagnant, white family income has continued to rise. In other words, the income-gap between black and white households got worse. Actually, Asians are the nation's wealthiest group, and the fact of their success lies at the root of the most fundamental problem facing black America - lack of wealth and economic security. More than civil rights, politics, or education, it's the lack of wealth that is the fundamental problem facing African Americans today. Economics is the cornerstone of life and anything built on a weak economic foundation is fundamentally weak, no matter how it appears on the surface. Black Americans need to get their economic house in order. Here are some steps which need to be taken by more of us now!

Get The Entrepreneurial Spirit Black people need to start and grow businesses. This is how wealth is built in America. Jobs don't pay enough to guarantee financial security. We need to sell more than our labor, and must put products and services into the market. Not only do we fail to buy from black businesses, there aren't enough of them.

Bring Another Source Of Income Into Your Life. Bringing another source of income into your life does not necessarily mean getting a part-time job. But it does mean doing more than you are doing now. It could mean a part-time home-based business activity ranging from sponsoring financial or self-help seminars to selling computers and telecommunications products.

Invest You cannot build wealth by just working for money. At some point you must make your money work for you. And that means investing. Start off with safe investments such as Individual Retirement Accounts, annuities and certificates of deposit. Then, start to take a few chances by putting funds in some promising business ventures. Such ventures offer the greatest return, but also carry risk.

Reduce Your Tax Burden The government takes too much of your money. According to The Tax Foundation, the average American has to work from January to May each year just to pay taxes. The single best way to reduce your tax burden is to own a business. The tax breaks associated with business ownership are tremendous even if the business is not profitable. Look seriously into a part-time business activity. In addition, just about every American should open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). For most Americans an IRA is still a good bet.

Join Or Form A Wealth Building Or Investment Club Pooling the resources and talents of just four or five success-oriented people can be a ticket to wealth. Organized group effort is virtually always superior to individual effort. Yes, there can be problems dealing with individual personalities and idiosyncrasies, but you must learn to assertively deal with them in order to master the tremendous power of group effort. Wealth building clubs can simply raise funds to invest in stocks and bonds or they may pool resources to sponsor a money-making event or acquire income producing real estate. The International Exchange Network, 2054 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045 offers an excellent guide on how to form a wealth building club. It sells for \$15.

#5 - Set Goals And Form Good Habits. The two most important things you can do to guarantee success are to set clear, specific goals and then form good habits for accomplishing those goals. Remember, it is not what we do occasionally that determines the course of our lives, it is what we do most frequently. The time to build personal finances and black community commerce is now. This type of economic development is being, and can be done. It's not the responsibility of the government to lift your wealth status. That's up to you, and you should get started now. (William Reed is publisher of Who's Who in Black Corporate America - Nominations being accepted)

Cracker Barrel Restaurants Sued For Rampant Racial Discrimination In Employment

Former African American Employees Allege Discrimination in Hiring, Firing, Pay, Promotions, and Terms and Conditions of Employment

ATLANTA - In a class action lawsuit announced today, twelve current and former employees of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. charged the restaurant chain with discriminating against African American employees because of their race. The case was filed in federal court in Rome, Georgia on July 30, 1999. (A companion case alleging violations of the wage and hour laws was also filed against Cracker Barrel in January of this year.)

At today's news conference, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and its President and CEO, Kweisi Mfume, along with several plaintiffs, the firm of Gordon, Silberman, Wiggins & Childs and attorney Grant Morris announced the lawsuit. Plaintiffs described widespread discrimination against African Americans in hiring, firing, pay, promotions and terms and conditions of employment in several Cracker Barrel restaurants across the Southeast. These legal proceedings could affect African Americans nationwide who have experienced a racially hostile work environment while employed at a Cracker Barrel restaurant.

"The NAACP has fought long and hard for almost a century for the right of all Americans to be treated fairly, to work and live together," said NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume. "In our struggle for equal rights we have marched, we have protested, we have taken our fight to the lunch counters, to the voter registration halls, to the streets and to the courts. We are not going to allow any company anywhere to take us back."

According to the complaint, Cracker Barrel discriminates against African American employees by: denying African American employees desirable job assignments, promotional opportunities, training, management positions, compensation, bonuses and other benefits and

conditions of employment on the same terms as white employees;

- deterring African American employees from seeking promotions, management positions and desirable job assignments;
- failing to select African Americans for desirable job assignments;
- failing to provide its African American employees regular evaluations and skills examinations;
- ignoring, and in some cases supporting, racist comments, racist jokes, and racist behavior among staff; and
- failing to enforce policies prohibiting racial discrimination.

"Cracker Barrel restaurants are promoting a separate-and-unequal culture," said Grant Morris, Esq., counsel for the plaintiffs. "This kind of blatant and shocking discrimination is reminiscent of the treatment African Americans had to endure prior to civil rights legislation. It was wrong then. It's wrong now. And it's illegal now."

Attorneys for the plaintiffs urged Cracker Barrel employees who believe they have information about incidents of racial discrimination to contact the attorneys at 1-888-NAACP-55 (662-2755).

The suit was filed by twelve current and former Cracker Barrel employees. Among those plaintiffs is Connie Regan, currently a grill cook at the Cracker Barrel in Dalton, Georgia.

CONNIE REGAN: As an African American employee, Regan has been underpaid compared to similarly situated white co-workers. Regan says that white employees at Cracker Barrel receive more frequent raises and promotional opportunities than African American employees.

Regan also alleges that the Dalton Cracker Barrel is racially hostile to African Americans - white employees continually refer to African American employees as "Boy" and "Nigger." A white manager who was aware of such an incident took no action against the white employee who used a racial epithet.

In addition, the restaurant condones racist attitudes towards and harassment of African American

patrons. White servers continually refer to African American customers as "them people" and refuse service.

RUBY MAE CAIN: Another plaintiff, Ruby Mae Cain is currently a back-up cook at Cracker Barrel in Athens, Alabama. Cain has never been informed of open positions at Cracker Barrel traditionally held by white employees and never given opportunities to compete for those positions. Although she informed her general manager about her interest in joining a special training program, she was never offered the opportunity. She also has not been allowed to participate in cross-training for promotion to grill cook.

Cain has also been subject to and observed racially hostile treatment at Cracker Barrel. In one instance, two white dishwashers left the restaurant for an unscheduled break. When an African American dishwasher informed them that there was unfinished work, she was castigated by a white assistant manager. When the white dishwashers returned, they passed the African American and told her "Work, Nigger, work." Although their comment was overheard by the assistant manager, he did nothing.

GLEN BROOKS: Another plaintiff, Glen Brooks, worked as a dishwasher at Cracker Barrels in Nashville and Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. He was employed by the company from 1988 through 1998. Brooks is currently a Battalion Personnel Supervisor with the Tennessee National Guard.

While at Cracker Barrel, Brooks noted that African American employees were overwhelmingly concentrated in "back of the house" positions, as dishwashers and cooks. During his ten years at Cracker Barrel, only three African Americans served in so-called "front of the house" positions, one as a wait person and two as assistant managers. No hosts, hostesses, cashiers or general managers were African American.

While working at the Nashville Cracker Barrel, Brooks twice asked about a position other than dishwasher. Management informed

him that no other positions were available, although over two years, several less experienced white dishwashers and prep cooks were promoted and received salary increases. Brooks received one merit increase in two years, and only after he threatened to quit.

African American employees who complain about racist treatment by white co-workers or unfair working conditions are traditionally either ignored or harassed by management. The defendant has taken no action to address any of the plaintiffs' mistreatment.

"The evidence in this case is overwhelming and the allegations appalling," said Robert Wiggins, Partner at the law firm of Gordon, Silberman, Wiggins & Childs. "The evidence suggests that Cracker Barrel has not only permitted, but sanctioned an atmosphere and workplace culture that discriminates, denigrates and humiliates. With this lawsuit, we stand together to say that we will challenge this kind of discrimination whenever and wherever it arises."

The plaintiffs' claims are supported and underscored by several white employees, whose allegations are included in the filed complaint. These allegations suggest racial discrimination at Cracker Barrel that flows from the very highest levels of the organization. One employee named in the complaint alleges that he heard CEO and Chairman of the Board of Cracker Barrel, Dan Evans, tell a racist joke at a management meeting in Destin, Florida.

"Today, in addition to announcing this lawsuit, we are asking anyone who has information about any incident of racial discrimination at a Cracker Barrel to contact us," said Dennis Hayes, NAACP General Counsel. "We have set up a toll-free number, 1-888-NAACP-55, and we encourage people to use it. We are sending a message to Cracker Barrel and to all companies that discriminate against people for any reason that we will not stand for this."

Plaintiffs in the case are seeking relief in the form of: a judgment against the defendant for engaging in

systemic racial discrimination; a permanent injunction against such continuing discrimination; restructuring of Cracker Barrel's selection and compensation process so that African Americans are able to learn about and fairly compete for promotions and pay increases; restructuring of Cracker Barrel's workforce so that African Americans are assigned to job classifications, locations and pay they would have held in the absence of racial discrimination; and back pay and other monetary and non-monetary remedies.

Cracker Barrel has more than 400 restaurants located in 36 states across the country. Those states are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The company employs approximately 40,000 people.

Founded in 1909, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its half-million adult and youth members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter registration drives and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

The firm of Gordon, Silberman, Wiggins & Childs, based in Birmingham, Alabama and Washington, D.C., is nationally known for its expertise in employment litigation and is one of the largest civil rights firms in the country. The firm's history of success in race, age, sex and disability discrimination makes it one of the leading employment discrimination firms in the nation.

The Color Complex - African American Culture

Why are some African Americans so concerned with skin color that many light-skinned blacks choose not to associate with dark-skinned African Americans? I have often tried to answer this question but it seems to have no easy answer. Just when I think skin color has ceased to become an issue among blacks, I am reminded that it will never go away. For example -

Last week, our local Black Culture Foundation hosted an awards dinner to recognize African Americans in the community. Since I am a member of the foundation which organized the event, I told my husband, Jay, that he had to go with me. I urged, "We'll have a chance to network with positive African Americans and other people who support our community." Unconvinced, Jay countered, "Or, we will just end up hobnobbing with a bunch of snooty-black people." After a bit of nagging, Jay relented and we attended the event. As much as I hate to admit it, my husband was correct in his assumption.

The awards dinner was a large event, attended by several local mayors, city council members and hundreds of other people, so individuals are pre-assigned to certain tables. Since I helped with ticket collection and registration at the door, Jay and I did not take our seats until the program was about to start. When we arrived, we acknowledged the other individuals at our table. All but two of them returned the "hello". The two who didn't were light-skinned African Americans. The others were the same color as Jay and I, with medium to dark complexions.

Having been married for three years, I knew exactly what my husband was thinking as we sat down (with Jay sitting closest to the couple who did not speak). It was definitely going to be one of "those" nights. As the waiters began to serve our meal, most of the table fell into pleasant conversation about the weather, local events, and other topics. Everyone but the one couple joined in. Instead of being part of the group, the two ate their dinner while whispering to one another. Jay began to talk around them, even slightly leaning over them to speak to the people on the other side.

Immediately after we finished dessert, the couple moved their seats. Without so much as an "excuse me" or "dog kiss my foot", the light-skinned black couple carried their belongings to another table, Jay and I were not the only ones who watched with saddening confirmation as the couple sat at a new table of people, almost all of whom looked just like they did. The rest of us silently acknowledged our awareness of the situation, acted like nothing happened and continued to enjoy each other's company. Though I did not let that event spoil my evening, I was reminded of similar situations that have happened to me in the past.

While in junior high school, I was friends with a light-skinned black woman who lived in my neighborhood. In sixth grade, we were best friends and used to play several times a week at each other's house. That all changed when we entered seventh grade. Then it became important for us to choose the clique to which we would

permanently belong. While I chose a group of young women whose skin tone ranged in color, Opal, my sixth grade friend, chose a small group of girls, all of whom had fair complexions. Though Opal's choice did not bother me at first, she quickly stopped associating with and acknowledging me when we met. To her, I was no longer worthy of her company.

A similar thing happened to me a few years later. Another black friend of mine revealed her true feelings about dark-skinned (so light that many people thought she was white) and came from a family of the same. We lived within a few blocks of one another and, since our mothers were friends, often played together. As we started to mature and began dating, Donna chose a dark-skinned black man as her boyfriend. I thought things were serious between them until I heard Donna discussing her relationship with her mother. "Of course he wants to marry you, but you can't be serious. Men that black always want a light-skinned woman. You just need to hold out for someone who is more 'compatible'." "Of course," Donna responded to her mother. "We're going to the junior prom together, but we won't last long after that."

I never said anything to Donna, but she knew her conversation with her mother had an effect on our relationship, which was even more strained by the fact that Donna's family did not like white people. They considered themselves black but didn't want to mix with people who were too black and didn't want to have anything to do with whites. It was okay to be friends with dark-

skinned African Americans but they would never consider making one part of the family. It saddened me, but Donna was like many light-skinned blacks I have met. She considered herself to be the "creme de la creme" of African Americans. Needless to say, my relationship with her ended shortly after my discovery.

I know this phenomenon among African Americans has existed for hundreds of years, but it doesn't make it any easier to stomach. The reasons for it are a bit complex. Since Africa is a wonderfully diverse continent in both culture, language, and skin color, the African slaves who were brought to the United States, had varying features. In order to divide us and keep us from organizing a unified resistance, the slave owners capitalized on the variations in our skin tone by placing the lighter-skinned slaves (those from Africa and those who were products of mostly forced inter-racial mingling) in positions which required less strenuous work. On most plantations, fair-skinned African Americans were given work in the "big house" (ironing, cooking, cleaning, rearing the children, etc.) while the darker slaves were reduced to field-work. This caused the light-skinned slaves to be better fed (they were able to eat the scraps from the slave owner's meals) and to have access (secretly or otherwise) to books and other written material. As a consequence, light-skinned blacks came to think of themselves as "privileged" (more educated or "civilized", better looking and more socially acceptable). At the same time,

dark-skinned slaves came to resent their light-skinned brothers and sisters because they later received better treatment from the slave owner. This mode of thinking led to deep divisions among African Americans, many of which linger to this day.

African Americans, however, aren't the only ones with this problem. I used to work with a woman who was born and raised in India. Often, Becky and I would talk of how she, being only one shade lighter than myself, was ridiculed by some of her Indian countrymen because of her skin tone. Several years ago at another company, I also worked with an Egyptian woman. Though she was very fair, she once commented on the class divisions in her country that existed due to skin tone. Lighter Egyptians were considered more attractive and desirable than those with dark skin. In addition, though I don't personally know anyone from Brazil, I hear the same stratification exists there. Why is that? Have most of the cultures around the world been brainwashed into thinking that lighter is better? If so, who instilled this notion? Was it the Europeans that conquered those nations, the indigenous people themselves, or a combination of both?

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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. As mentioned, from time to time, if you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the members of New Hope Baptist Church. You will be glad you took them to do so.

As members of New Hope Baptist Church are saying, if you know the Lord, meet us at New Hope Baptist Church. You will be glad you came.

Services began last-Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a. m. with Superintendent Virgil Johnson and congregation present. After 30 minutes of instruction, all classes reassembled to the main auditorium marching and singing "This Little Light of Mine. Prayer was given by Sister Lena Sheffield. High points of the morning lesson were by Adult Classes No. 1, 2, 3 & 4. All were very well given.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Primary Class received the Offering —K Banner. The Intermediate Class received the Attendance Banner.

Adult Department; Adult Class No. 4 won the Attendance Banner from Adult Class No. 1. Adult Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner.

The 10:45 a. m. devotional period was led by the Prayer Team which included Brother and Sister Earnest Swain. The Lord was in midst of this prayer devotional at New Hope last Sunday morning.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After the singing of a selection and scripture, prayer was given by Sister Pearlene McDaniel and Sister Lena Sheffield. Following the singing of another selection, the responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Sister Lottie Barrow.

The morning hymn was "Leaning On Jesus." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He brought greetings from Pittsburgh, Pa. last week. His wife accompanied him. Both reported a wonderful time. Another song, "He's That Kind of A Friend" was sung by the Senior Choir.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Don't Miss Your Blessing By Deceiving God's Word." His scripture text was II Kings 7:17-20. Pastor Moton preached out of his soul.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and bereaved families. At this report, Brother Robert Ponder, brother of Sister Clara Colquitt and Sister Mabel Biggers, is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Julia McFadden is a patient in the hospital.

At this report, Mr. J. C. Quigley's brother passed last week.

Inside AJHS:



The first six weeks of school is over and we are ready to celebrate our days of success. We have challenged more than 125 students with the most rigorous courses that our school has to offer. We are proud that more than 90% of those students were successful the first six weeks. The teachers of Alderson Junior High are dedicated to the academic success of all students. We hope that you recognize our efforts and ask you to join us in striving to reach the highest level of academic and social preparation for our students. In order for the students who attend AJHS to become the productive citizen possible, it is necessary that we demand their best. A sincere thanks goes to you who have already joined this effort! Your hard work and dedication has made and will continue to make a difference in the lives of our students. As a community, we must create and support the kind of environment that makes us proud. You make a difference!

The following students met the district standards for Honor Roll. Many of the students recognized for achievement are enrolled in the most challenging courses our school has to offer. We believe that every student is capable of succeeding at the highest level. We expect more students to meet these standards so that their ability to compete in the world of tomorrow is equal to or better than those of all other students. Join the Alderson Junior High Instructional Team in honoring the 1999 - 2000 first six weeks honor roll students.

7th Grade

GIBBS
DIDDENS
GREEN

DARNISHA
CARNISHA
LILLIAN

HASKIN
HUMPHRY
JENKINS
MANAHAN
MARTINEZ
MITCHELL
NICHOLS
PETTIES
PRICE
SANCHEZ
TORRES
WILLIAMS

8th Grade

ADKINS
BELL
DAVIS
DICKSON
FLOWERS
FLOYD
GARCIA
GARZA
GREEN
HAYNES
ISAAC
JACKSON
JACKSON
JOHNSON
JOHNSON
LUNA
MCCLEOD
MCGREW
OWENS
PARSON
PATTERSON
ROBINSON
RODRIGUEZ
TORRES
WOODARD

9th Grade

ALCORTE
ALTAMIRANO
CARSON
CASTRO
CERVANTEZ
DOTTIN
ELIAS
GARCIA
GONZALES
JENKINS
JOHNSON
JOHNSON

CANDIS
MARTHA
JASON
STEVEN
EDWARD
ADRIAN
NEYKA
CHANTEL
JADE
REBECCA
ANDREW
BRIANNA

BRYNN
LAKENDRIA
ALICIA
JIMETTA
ANTHONY
LATRICE
ALEXANDRA
KENNETH
JAMAR
LATOYA
PHYLLICIA
DANIEL
DANYELLE
SHANTELE
TERRI
MONICA
ALBERT
KENDRA
SHETARRIE
ANISSA
MERCEDES
CHRISTOPHE
CORY
NIKKI
GERREN

CHARLIE
MORRIE
ERIKA
JEANNETTE
LAKESHA
AMBER
TAMEKA
LADELTON
MAGGIE
FANCY
JUAN

MAGDALENA
SHERRY
DESTIN
REBECCA
JANNIE
MARVIN
BRYAN
MELVIN
DRAMAROUIS

Each six weeks students may enroll in the program. To get more information call Mr. Hargers at 766-1475.

We need parents and community members to become a part of our school community. Ms. Dawn Crawford is our PTA president. Call us and provide your name, number, and address and the PTA will contact you. There are many areas you can help students and teachers. Many of the ways that you can help may be done at home or after school. You are always welcome on the Alderson campus. When you arrive on the campus come to the office to get a visitors pass. Your contributions will make a difference. We look forward to having you working on our team.

Our athletic teams appreciate the support from the community. Our students and coaches work hard to prepare themselves for competition. As parents, community members, spectators, and role models, we must exemplify the type of support that makes everyone proud to be a Hornet! Students learn from both what we say and what we do. Actions speak louder than words. Give our children the respect they have earned.

Star Toyota Grand Opening



Merrillville, Indiana - Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. executives joined Larry Brown, (second from left), president of Star Toyota, in ceremonies held to celebrate the grand opening of his Merrillville, Indiana dealership on September 16. Pictured left to right are: Dave Camden, general manager, Chicago Region; Brown; Yoshi Inaba, president and chief executive officer and Don Esmond, group vice president and general manager, Toyota Division.

Contact: John McCordless (313) 259-2004

Minority college students may apply for summer program at Baylor

HOUSTON—(Oct. 15, 1999)—Minority college students and graduates considering careers as physicians may apply for a six-week summer program held at Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University in Houston.

The Honors Premedical Academy will be in session May 29-July 6, 2000. This national program, funded in part by a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, offers promising minority students who are interested in becoming physicians additional educational experiences designed to enhance their competitiveness among applicants for medical school.

Selection for the program is based on academic achievement and interest

in medicine. Students enrolled in the program spend mornings in clinical settings with physicians and afternoons in classes on anatomy and medical communications.

"Students in the Honors Premedical Academy can get a first-hand look at the teamwork and professional preparation needed in medicine," said Dr. William Thomson, director of Baylor's Center for Educational Outreach.

College credit, housing and a stipend are provided to participants. Enrollment is limited to 125 students. The application deadline is April 3. For more information, call (800) 798-8244 or e-mail mmep@bcm.tmc.edu.

Garden and Arts Center Now Accepting Registration for Figure Drawing Class

LUBBOCK, TEXAS — The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center is now accepting registration for a Figure Drawing class to be instructed by Wayne Greene, a local artist. This class will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings, November 2 - 18, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue. Participants will explore the techniques of drawing the human figure in a variety of spaces. The fee for this class is \$50 and a supply list is available.

For more information on this class or any of our classes, please call 767-3724.

Janice Noller, RRA, CCS, CPHQ, Receives First Place IN National Healthcare Association's Best Practices Awards

CHICAGO, October 11 — (Complication Rate Audit via ICD Code). Noller was Lubbock resident, Janice Noller, RRA, CCS, CPHQ, recently received first place in the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA's) first annual Best Practices Awards for her submission "Analysis of Coded Data Decreases Complication Rate healthcare Organization."

VA Clinic Offers Free Flu Shots For Veterans

The Lubbock VA Outpatient Clinic is pleased to offer FREE Flu Shots for Veterans, their spouses and Veterans' widows.

Shots will be given:

Thursday, October 14 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday October 19 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday, October 22 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 26 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Current Means Test Must Be On File

The Clinic is located at 4902 34th Street, Suite 10, in Lubbock. No appointment is necessary and the shots are FREE. Please call 796-7900 for additional information.

tell us...
tell us...
tell us!
why you live in Lubbock, Texas.

200,000 people call it home...we want to know why!

Alright fellow Lubbock-Texans, we want to know what keeps you in our city. Is it the low cost of living, the friendly people, the schools, the parks, your family, your job, or it is simply the beautiful West Texas weather? We want to know what you tell people when they ask: "Why Lubbock?"

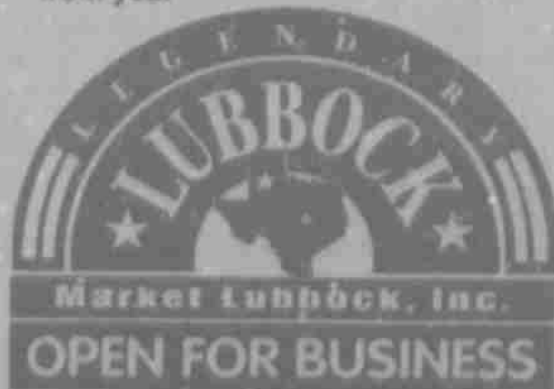
(And we know they ask!) So go ahead, let us know.

Write a few lines about why you love Lubbock

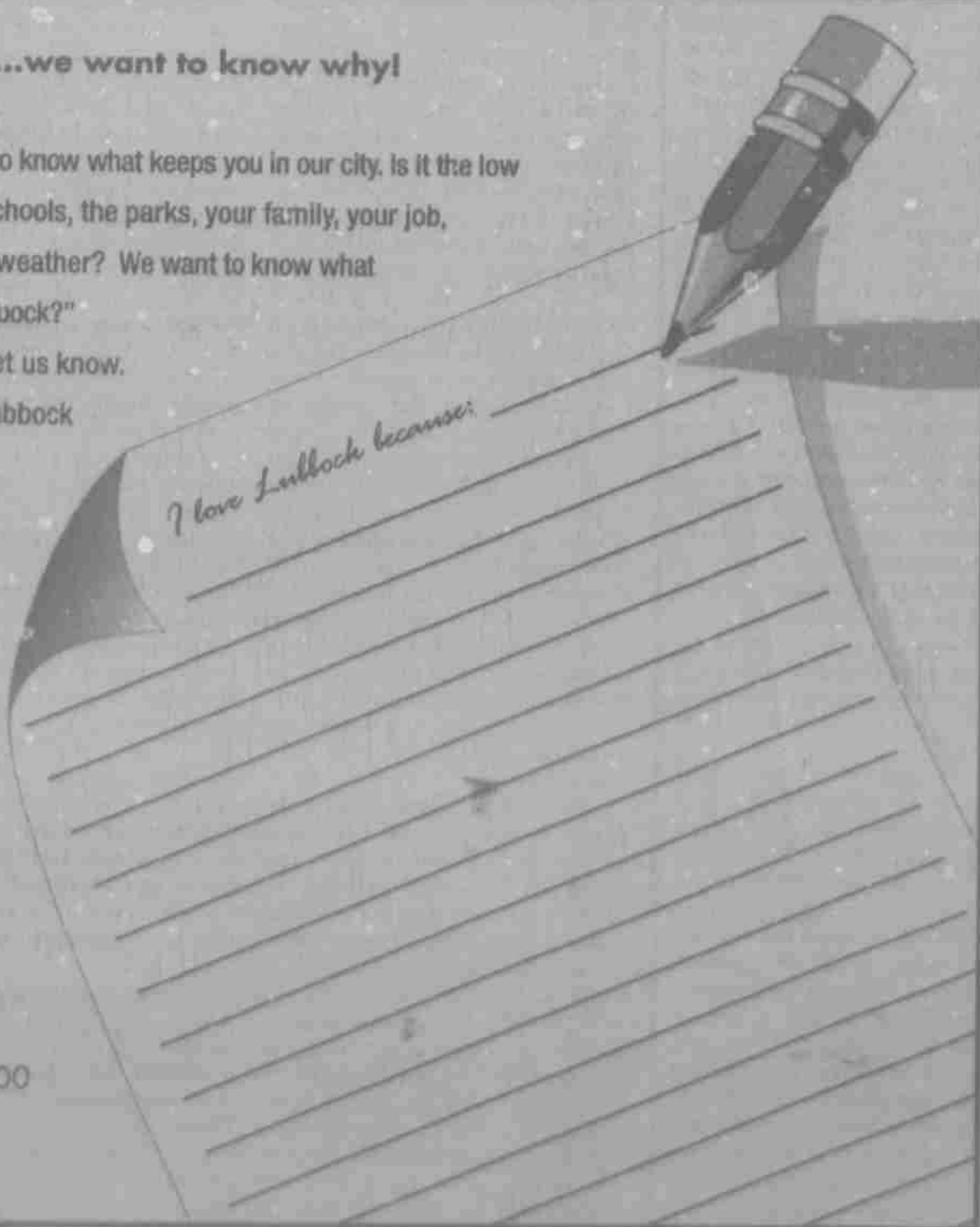
and Fax it in, mail it in, or drop us a

line via e-mail.

We look forward to hearing from you!

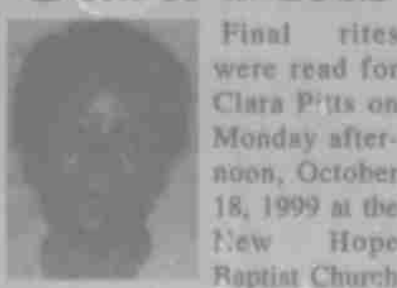


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Cara Pitts



Final rites were read for Cara Pitts on Monday afternoon, October 18, 1999 at the New Hope Baptist Church.

with Rev. Bernice McLin officiating. Rev. Billy R. Moton is

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, October 12, 1999.

Born January 14, 1936 in Roy, Texas, she married Homer Pitts on February 19, 1955. She moved to Lubbock, Texas from Quitaque, Texas 44 years ago and was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Homer Pitts of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Homer, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; three daughters: Thelma McBrewer of Duncan, Oklahoma and Darlene Pitts and Antionette Wilson, both of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Billy R. Phillips of Paris, California and Bobby Phillips of San Bernardino, California; three sisters: Thelma Griffin of Los Angeles, California, Joyce Eysa of San Bernardino, California and Dorothy Moyle of Highland, California; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

CAEDMON'S CALL TO PERFORM LOCALLY

LUBBOCK, TX—Essential Records' award winning acoustic folk-rock band Caedmon's Call launches a 62-city fall college tour in support of its critically acclaimed and commercially successful new recording, 40 Acres. Buoyed by the excitement surrounding the recording, Caedmon's Call has charted their most aggressive tour ever. Joined by special guest Jill Phillips and Watershed recording artist Bebo Norman, the tour will perform at many major universities and churches across the country, including Texas Tech University's Allen Theatre on Thursday, October 28th at 8pm. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (806)742-3610.

The band's sound, backed by a strong rhythm section delivers diverse layer of vocal and guitar performances from Derek Webb (vocals, lead guitar, songwriting), Cliff Young (vocals, guitar), and his wife Danielle Young (vocals).

"I feel like we've finally settled into sound that is us," Webb explains. "The album sounds like our live shoes because of the way it was recorded." 40 Acres is rich with the spiritual and lyrically-thick songs the band has become known for, as well as some songs that break out into new territory. Beyond their song's Caedmon's Call wants to communicate with their listeners through the live experience as well.

Almost a year in the making, 40 Acres blends the collective energy and compelling relevance of this band with the expertise and power of its new label, Essential Record, promising an exciting follow up to their successful debut. Combining the talent of producer Glenn Rosenstein (U2, Ziggy Marley, Madonna,

Mary Mc Jane) and the mix engineer David Leonard (Barenaked Ladies, Shawn Colvin, Indigo Girls), 40 Acres is the product of some of today's best modern rock and artful pop minds. Here is what Billboard Magazine had to say about the project in a Spotlight album review:

"For acoustic folk/rock music with intelligent lyrics and sensitive performances, mainstream and contemporary Christian consumers will find lots to get excited about here... the combination of the band's grass-roots efforts, Essentials muscle, and the strong collection of songs is a sure recipe for success."

"Fulfilling Billboard's prophecy, Caedmon's Call is cultivating No. 1 with its national sophomore release, 40 Acres. The album debuted at No. 1 on both the SoundScan compiled Top Christian Albums Chart and the Top Current Contemporary Christian Chart. The album held that No. 1 position for several weeks following its April 13 release. The debut single from 40 Acres, "There You Go" has also become the 5th No. 1 for Caedmon's Call and is a multi-format radio hit, landing at the top slot on both the CRR/CCM Update Adult Contemporary (AC) and Contemporary Hits (CH) charts.

Caedmon's Call made its national debut in 1997 and has since amassed a stream of accolades including resounding widespread critical acclaim, four Dove nominations and an "Album of the Year" Dove award. The band also currently receives about 50,000 web pages hits per week on the World Wide Web site located at www.caedmons-call.com

INHALANT ABUSE BECOMING MORE PREVALENT AMONG CHILDREN

HOUSTON, Texas - Inhalant abuse is a silent epidemic on the rise in Texas. A recent Texas School Survey of Substance Use indicated that about 15 percent of all elementary students in fourth through sixth grades had used inhalants. In addition, over the last three years, inhalants are the only substances that have increased in usage among Texas school-age children.

"Although these numbers don't translate into large numbers of children who may be abusing substances, they present an opportunity to take action at a time when prevention and intervention efforts are most effective," said Dr. Joan Shook, chief of emergency medicine at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"Huffing" is a form of inhalant abuse in which vapors or fumes are inhaled through the mouth to obtain a quick high. Also known as "sniffing" or "solvent abuse," this harmful activity can cause short- and long-term health problems, including brain damage.



ADDITIONAL LUBBOCK PITERS — Lubbock residents were among South Plains College students recently inducted into Kappa Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for students in two-year colleges. Lubbock initiates include (seated from left) Chelsea Holloway, Kristy Miller and Carlene Elliott, and (standing from left) Shannon Sims, Kenneth Harper, Marcus Garley and Anissa Bonds. (SPC Photo)



LUBBOCK AREA HONOR SOCIETY INITIATES — Lubbock area residents were among South Plains College students recently inducted into Kappa Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for students in two-year colleges. Lubbock area initiates include (seated from left) Barbara Taylor from Shallowater, Linsey Henderson and Tricia Burns from Lubbock, Kristie Vickers from Shallowater, Audrey Cordova and Deanna Belknap from Lubbock, and (standing from left), Amanda Hough from Ransom Canyon, Charla Booth, Roy Owen, David Smith, Cory Lucas, Anthony Burton, Michael Klein, Matthew Berry, all from Lubbock, Amy Bohn from Shallowater and Ashley Minckler from Lubbock. (SPC Photo)

Army & Air Force Hometown NEWS

Army Pvt. Christopher L. Crawford has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Crawford is the son of Craig W. and Deborah Crawford of 5228 91st St., Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1999 graduate of Frenship High School, Wolforth, Texas.

People who work closely with others need a flu shot

Houston—(Oct. 11, 1999)—Healthcare workers, policemen, firemen, caregivers, and others who work closely with people on a daily basis need to get a flu shot.

"The vaccine not only protects but prevents individuals from passing the flu to others, especially those with health problems," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen with the Influenza Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

A large proportion of high risk individuals have conditions such as asthma, bronchitis or cancer, that make it difficult for the flu vaccine to work effectively. This is why it is especially important for people around them, such as caregivers and medical personnel, to be vaccinated.

High-risk populations include:

- * Persons who are 65 years of age and older.
- * Persons with heart disease, diabetes, kidney failure, and AIDS.
- * Children and teenagers on long-term aspirin therapy, which could put them at risk for Reye's syndrome after getting the flu.

Flu season begins in November and lasts through March, so now is a good time to get a flu shot. Influenza kills thousands of people, mostly elderly, and affects millions of others every year.

Symptoms include fever, muscle pain, fatigue, sore throat and a dry hacking cough. It can keep people away from work and/or school for up to five days.

Keep in mind, it takes about two weeks after you receive a flu shot to develop protection against influenza.

"The best advice I can give is to get a flu shot," said Glezen, a Baylor professor of microbiology and immunology. "It's your best defense."

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SOUTH PLAINS FOOD BANK

This year Councilman David Nelson hosted the Mayor's Hunger Heroes Luncheon on Friday October 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the University Baptist Mission, 2420 10th Street. Winners of the Hunger Heroes Awards was presented at the luncheon. In order to receive the award, a person or organization must be nominated as one who has been active in the fight against hunger on the South Plains. In addition, churches participating in the Octoberfest donation drive for three of the past five years was honored with the Grateful Heart Award.

The luncheon is held annually close to World Hunger Day and the South Plains Food Bank's annual Octoberfest which raises funds for the Second Helpings soup kitchen program.

For more information about the Mayor's Hunger Heroes Luncheon, call the Food Bank at 763-3003.



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MATADORS ARE STILL WINNERS! THIS N THAT...is very proud of the effort showed by our...ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS...last week against the Plainview Bulldogs. It was a close...SCORE...but the...MATADORS...hung in their and gave all they could...THIS N THAT...is just...PROUD OF THEM...No doubt about it...THOSE MATADORS...are still...WINNERS...KEEP DOING WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING...MATADORS...You're developing...CHARACTER...and it will pay off...You're still our...TEAM!!

BIG MLK MEETING SET THURSDAY! THIS N THAT...want to pass on an announcement of an important meeting about the upcoming...MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION 2000...set for...January 13 thru 17, 2000...The meeting will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church...October 28, 1999...beginning at 6:45 p.m. This year's theme will be...“OUT OF ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH...STILL STANDING!” Should be a most interesting celebration...So if you want to get involved with this upcoming event...BE PRESENT THURSDAY NIGHT...at New Hope...at 2002 Birch Avenue...

EAST LUBBOCK, LET'S KEEP THE HOPE! THIS N THAT...wants to advise all...CITIZENS OF EAST LUBBOCK...to keep the...HOPE...because there are...POSITIVE SIGNS...of some good things to come...There is a lot of...GOOD THINGS...in place in East Lubbock...and if we just become a COMMITTEE OF ONE...and continue to...TELL THE EAST LUBBOCK STORY...then there's no telling what will happen...EAST LUBBOCK...is a hidden treasure...and there some good things coming this way...Don't give up the HOPE because we will get there...that is...if we would all join in and talk about the...GOOD THINGS...we have in our area...Yes...east lubbock...there is...HOPE!

Penny Hastings The Barber Says: “SELFISHNESS...destroys...CHARACTER...and will destroy a...NATION.”

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DRIVE CAREFUL ON HALLOWEEN! THIS N THAT...reminds us of the upcoming...HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES...which...no doubt...be taking place on...this weekend...either Saturday or Sunday evenings...So please be...VERY CAREFUL...as we drive to and from...in our various neighborhood...WATCH OUT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!

Letter To The Editor

Dear Southwest Digest,

I am currently looking for anyone who feels they've been ripped off by an East Lubbock auto repair shop.

I've been doing some investigating and have learned that a shop (which I do not wish to name in this letter), has a history of scamming elderly East Lubbock citizens out money.

Here's how the scam works, the repair shop asks for several hundred dollars up front to repair a vehicle. The owner claims parts need to be purchased to repair the vehicle. After several weeks the car is not repaired. When the customer asks for their money back the repair shop holds the car ransom, claiming the customer owes more money. Finally the customers, usually elderly decide to give the up front money to the repair shop. The owner then allows the customer to tow the stripped vehicle off his premises. He keeps the money and the customer pays even more to have the vehicle towed and repaired.

If this has happened to you or your elderly parents please call 254-741-5848 or send a postcard to:

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WACO, TX 76702-2636.

I am preparing to sue the repair shop which scammed my parents and would appreciate any verbal or documented cases regarding the scam. Don't forget to include your name, address and a phone number.

WHY NOT ??

by Eddie P. Richardson

This writer, in going back through the morgue, looking for ideas and history, came across this Sept. 17th, 1981 issue and saw a statement by our friend the recently departed, Rev. A. W. Wilson and saw it fitting to rerun the column. To date, little or nothing has changed.

Election time is fast approaching! The time is very near. If we do not get our thing together with Reagan and Gang and their State Rights and Block Grants, we are going into the past — very fast. This will include, of course, such things as non-equitable treatment, non-equitable share of the economic pie, non-equitable political and social activities which are a part of the American Dream...

On the local level, we must look at the recent Lubbock County Redistricting Plans as it relates to us. It's nothing but the same thing — split and left out!

Too long have others spoke for us. Now we must speak for ourselves! The fore runner is that the task has been that the Black Press, along with the Black Church, has carried the ball. To pay respect for what has been accomplished by the Black Press — for its role in the Civil Rights struggle and speaking and being the voice of Black America — is for you on Thursday

(today). September 17th, is buy only a Black newspaper. This day has been proclaimed: “Buy Only A Black Newspaper” day throughout America. Will you do this?? WHY NOT??

This column would still like to see some improvements at the Texas Tech School of Nursing. As far as Blacks are concerned in the area of nursing instructors and Black students, this writer knows — off the top of his head — there are over twenty (20) registered Black nurses in our area who would be glad to become instructors. This newspaper recommends the School of Nursing recruit BLACK STUDENTS even though Reagan and gang are in office and do not believe in affirmative action, equitable opportunity, and all of those kinds of things. Minorities have fought for decades for this kind of assistance. After all, to date, this is the law.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS — I think we should have broad representation from all sectors and races in the total city, especially

those who heavily affect minorities. We should have people who know the Lubbock political subdivision and the areas where minorities live and affects them. Issues such as the redistricting program which the Lubbock County Commissioners Court has recommended over the past few weeks; boards with people with good intentions and limited knowledge of the Lubbock power structure and organizations could be detrimental, innocently.

LUBBOCK BLACK LEADERSHIP as far as economic development, political clout, general unity and total parity of the American Dream in Lubbock is not like it should be. I have some words of wisdom from one of the masters of our community or should I say an “Old Pro” — the Rev. A. W. Wilson. He said to me (Richardson) last week, “Our Black people in Lubbock have not been taught economic development, community pride, unity and other things.” Rev. Wilson, thank you. This writer looked for that answer for years, and your wisdom has helped me. After hearing Rev. Wilson talk about our shortcomings as Black people, we can see the value of wisdom and experience.

Brother American Lee Smith — was a hard working, dedicated, stubborn, God fearing and God loving man, who has gone from our midst. A man with a dedicated life to his God, his family, his Church, the Federation of Choirs and his community. This writer and newspapers truly prays to our Heavenly Father that someone with the spirit, dedication, stubbornism, will and perseverance will replace him with what touched Mr. Smith and the late Mr. Oscar Hies. Praise the Lord for what Mr. Smith has done, and God bless the Federation of Choirs. Please continue.

“Save our youth” to requote one of our weekly correspondents. Again to requote: “Unless teachers know the legacy of their ancestors, they cannot help their students or themselves to survive and thrive...”

He continues: “It is imperative that you: understand your ancestor's great gifts...the oral and written literature...a literature so real that it has stood the distance of continents, oceans, races, places and centuries...one of their most wonderful gifts is survival with



love, dignity and humor...” end of quote from poet Mayna Angelou. NUFF SED!! WHY NOT?? For bless you Bob Tien...We are on the same side, Thank you for what you have done and what you are doing for the Black Press. Let's continue to put forward our best for the good of all of us together. Thank you, Brother Bob.

Let's pray together and we can make the BlackPress a viable force in the Black community after September 17th. Keep prying and keep working for the Black Press. After many more years than I can count, a minister of the Gospel and the Black Press. That's enough for anyone who is concerned for human and civil rights — and the soul of man. Thank Bob — our correspondent.

Lubbock Blacks — Take note of that bigot in my home state - Mississippi — Storm Thurmond had worked his bottom off to cut off all aid to poor Blacks in this state and others — causing deaths to old and young. He has voted for every program which would hurt poor people.

Reagan wants States Rights which will starve and hurt many Blacks and agencies in various states. Are you listening. (Ex-) Congressman Kent Hance — you see some of those people in Mississippi are my relatives, friends and associates. Kent, if you and your Reagan and Gang don't change, we don't want you in office anymore. The only alternative is violence and we are praying that it will not come to that type of confrontation.

Congressman Hance, remember you came from Dimmitt, Texas in West Texas where whites are not as poor as Blacks and Browns.

Take note of that bigot from North Carolina in my home state — Mississippi!! NUFF SED!! WHY NOT??

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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.

This Way For Black Empowerment Jesse Ventura Can Dish It Out: Americans Can't Take It

by Dr. Lenora Fulani

Jesse Ventura is a very honest man. He's says what's on his mind and that is refreshing. Do I believe exactly what he believes? No. But that's hardly the issue. The real question in the whole furor over Ventura's interview with Playboy is whether or not the American people can handle honesty. I think they can.

There's been a big controversy over his remarks about the Tailhook incident, and everywhere I go people ask me about it. Here's what I tell them. I

do not think that men should act out in sexually hurtful ways. I am completely opposed to that. What Governor Ventura was saying in his comments is that he can understand how men who have been trained to carry out what you might call “less than humanistic” activities find themselves carrying over those “less than humanistic” activities to social situations. Do I condone that? Absolutely not. Can I understand that? Yes. Do I see the point that Governor Ventura was trying to make? I do, indeed.

But I have to add that, as a woman, I have been most offended by men who give the illusion or have a veneer of being politically correct, but do brutal and abusive things at the same time.

Were Governor Ventura's remarks controversial? Of course they were. He's a controversial man. The American people can handle controversy. We don't have to protect the American people or the Reform Party from controversy. The American people are grownups. They can listen to divergent ideas on all kinds of issues and make their own choices. They don't need to be babied. They can handle it.

A big part of the media spin is that Ventura's remarks show that all the Reform Party does is attract nuts. It's not that all we do is attract nuts. It's that all the media likes to cover are people they can depict as nuts. We actually attract decent people all over this country who want to do something about political corruption, and Reform has succeeded sufficiently to attract all kinds of folks. We've elected a governor of an important state. We are the major minor party in the United States of America. We've only been in existence for two years, but we're in the competition for 2000. We're a third party movement with staying power.

Teaching is viewed in too many schools as a pure discipline which can be managed by anyone except the person who is assigned to do it. Teachers are assigned to take students with varying backgrounds and abilities and cause each one to

perform at genius level, or make chicken salad out of chicken bones, because parents expect their children to all make nothing but “A's.” If a teacher cannot pull such a magical trick out of some hat, the teacher is not up to standard. So, what do most teachers who want to keep a job do? They gave students A's and B's on the report cards; teach the qualifying school rating tests and now perpetuate one of the most un-American activities ever, lying and cheating. It is time that we get “in cinque” and put a stop to the farce. Our children are wise in the ways of the world, but weak in character. This country cannot survive with this course of action.

In Cinque By Renetta W. Howard

In learning the moral values of our society, the main vein has been, honesty, hard work, clean fun and play, and the realization of the American dream, a comfortable if not a luxurious lifestyle. This is the same vein from which public schools evolved. American values were taught in the home, the church and the school. Each institution reinforced these teachings while placing emphasis upon their main agenda. The home taught basic civilities, the church, reverence, and the school, the skills necessary to live and progress in society, while reinforcing the values of the home and the church. Everything has changed, especially

the schools. New school buildings have more characteristics of a maximum security white collar prison than a school. There is a cool civilized hostility present. Administrators do not believe in and trust teachers, teachers do not trust administrators are afraid of students and parents and take the blame for just about everything that goes wrong in a school. Students dislike teachers and administrators and anyone else in the school who attempts to teach or discipline them. Parents view school personnel, regardless to the position held, as insignificant public servants, because they know more than any of the

teachers or administrators, but just do not have time to have a home school. Their children would learn more if they kept them at home and taught them, themselves. However, since they do not have time for home school, they — have time to tell school administrators and teachers what they should do, especially when it comes to their child, the only child there worth teaching.

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Bank of America Makes \$2 Million Investment in Rural Development & Finance Corporation

In a move to assist small businesses in a 10-county area along the U.S.-Texas border, Bank of America is providing \$2 million in grants and loans to the Rural Development & Finance Corp. (RDFC) to be used in a re-lending program for small businesses.

Guy Bodine, president of Bank of America-Texas and Gloria Guerrero, president and CEO of Rural Development & Finance Corp., made the joint announcement today in San Antonio. Also participating in the announcement was Marilyn Rovira, vice president of Local Initiative Support Corp. (LISC) of New York, which was the financial intermediary that arranged for the investment.

"We recognize that the border region in Texas is among the fastest growing in the U.S. and that small businesses are the backbone of the region's economy," said Bodine. "As the country's largest bank, Bank of America invests in economic development initiatives such as this. And as the country's largest lender to small business, we are committed to ensuring that capital is available to this critical sector of our state."

According to Bodine and Guerrero, the \$2 million, made up of a \$1.2 million grant and an \$800,000 loan, will establish a fund that targets existing small businesses with sales between range

between \$250,000 and under \$3 million. The market rate loans will range between \$50,000 and \$250,000 and are intended for expansion of existing facilities, equipment financing and working capital.

"This generous level of support from Bank of America not only reflects a significant commitment to the Texas border community, it also reflects a commitment to the Hispanic small business community where we seek to have an impact," said Guerrero. "Thanks to Bank of America, RDFC, through our Border Development Fund, will be able to double the loan funds available for border businesses."

Bank of America has committed \$350 billion in community development lending and investment over the next 10 years. As part of this commitment, the bank has pledged \$10 billion for economic development initiatives in rural areas. This targeted effort is part of Bank of America's Rural 2000 Initiative. The \$2 million investment in RDFC marks the first Rural 2000 Initiative program in Texas.

Created in 1977, the RDFC is the only development finance intermediary focusing its resources on distressed rural areas with high concentrations of people of color. As a regional intermediary, RDFC works with national, state and local organizations to achieve its mission. In

the spring of 1994, the Fannie Mae Foundation and USDA seeded RDFC's Border Development Finance Initiative (BDFI). In its fifth year, BDFI is a unique program that combines delivery of technical assistance with affordable financing to assist rural entrepreneurs and community-based organizations in building or rehabilitation housing and start-up or expansion of their businesses in a predominantly rural ten-county area along the U.S./Mexico border. A key component of BDFI is to bring resources to this economically distressed region. Technical assistance is provided through the assistance of Bank of America and other partners including the USDA, the Rural Business Cooperative Development Service, the Fannie Mae Foundation, the Meadows Foundation and the Heron Foundation.

Bank of America, with \$614 billion in assets, is the largest bank in the U.S., serving more than 30 million households and 2 million businesses across the country. www.bankofamerica.com

For loan applications and more information about the small business loan funds, call or write the Rural Development & Finance Corporation, 711 Navarro St., Suite 350, San Antonio, TX 78205, 210-212-4552, web site: www.RDFC.DCCI.COM

Wayne Gretzky The "Great One"

Wayne Gretzky was born on January 26, 1961, in Brantford, Ontario, and began playing hockey at age six. At age 10, he gained national attention in Canada by scoring an astounding 378 goals and 139 assists in a single season.

Wayne's illustrious professional hockey career began in 1978 when he signed a multi-year contract with the Indianapolis Racers of the World Hockey Association. After only eight games, Wayne was traded to the Edmonton Oilers, which was absorbed into the National Hockey League (NHL) in 1979. Wayne instantly achieved superstar status in the NHL.

During his 20-year career as a hockey player, Wayne single-handedly redefined the game of hockey, shattered the NHL record books, invigorated the United States' interest in hockey, and earned recognition as the "Great One." Wayne played on four Stanley Cup teams and holds or shares 61 NHL records. In 1999, Wayne retired as a New York Ranger and was rapidly inducted into the NHL's Hall of Fame after officials waived the traditional three-year waiting period.

Now, in addition to spending a lot of quality time with his wife, Janet, and three children Paulina, Ty, and Trevor, Wayne is using his worldwide celebrity status to build national awareness about osteoarthritis - the number-one joint problem in the world.

As spokesperson for the OA Early Awareness campaign, sponsored by the maker of TYLENOL, Wayne is helping adults understand the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis as well as available treatment options.



Hockey legend Wayne Gretzky (left), national spokesperson for the Osteoarthritis (OA) Early Awareness campaign, discusses the importance of recognizing and managing OA pain. OA, the most common joint problem in the world, affects an estimated 21 million Americans.

Art complements healing at Texas Children's Hospital

HOUSTON, Texas — Through the centuries, art has inspired, enhanced and captivated. At Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, it also comforts.

Amid a whimsical tapestry donated by Mrs. Answer Sadat and 6-foot-tall photos of friends at play, a growing permanent collection by young artists takes center stage. Appropriately, the initiative is dubbed "The Art of Texas Children's Hospital."

"With children's art, we're trying to change the atmosphere of how a hospital can be perceived as a wellness environment as opposed to an institutional one," said project director Pamela Marquis. "Imagine you are a child, and your first experience of going to a hospital is to give a piece of your own art to make an environment more pleasant, to help other kids. When you went back as a patient, you'd see the hospital in a different light. Texas Children's sends a message to children and their parents that healing works through the mind as well as through the body."

The Texas Children's Art

Selection Committee, comprises physicians, board members and staff and has created an imaginative, yet serious agenda with a backdrop that utilizes the generous, practical use of color.

Hallways have taken on new life. "We chose clear pigments — magenta, indigo, jade, saffron, bubble gum pink," Marquis explained. "These are vibrant, uplifting colors that have a lot of vitality and give something back to the soul. The colors create an atmosphere based on stress reduction for patients and staff."

In this quest, the project enlists the ever-expanding participation of school and community groups. Examples can be found at the Texas Children's Emergency Center, the entrance for many patients. Visitors are led through a walkway swimming with tissue-paper sea creatures, encased behind Plexiglas panels, donated by the students of Presbyterian School.

Each exam room in the emergency center includes at least one framed pastel of an exotic bird, drawn by youngsters at St. John's School. Equally intriguing

is another series hanging nearby — "The Story of Jonah and the Whale" — which features watercolor triptychs by Annunciation School's first and second graders.

Short essays, paired with watercolor-and-marker illustrations, are showcased not far away in the halls. The exhibit displays the reflections of kindergarten students from Houston Independent School District's Mark Twain Elementary, who took part in a class project entitled "When I Feel Sick, What Makes Me Feel Better."

The entry to the hospital's skybridge is flanked by life-sized body tracings created by The Lighthouse students in conjunction with the Glassell School of Art. Near the skybridge corridor, displays include "Excerpts from Making a Mark," a mixed media exhibit sponsored by the Texas Children's Cancer Center. The artwork, created by cancer patients and their siblings, is not limited to Texas. Exhibits, including some illustrated Russian folklore, hail from students of the Republic Arts College in Almaty, Kazakhstan and Tyumen.

Marquis said the pride and self-esteem students feel in their art provides a reason to smile.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY



IN JESUS NAME "TRICK OR TRUTH!!!"

GALATIANS 3:1a,0 FOOLISH GALATIANS, WHO HATH BEWITCHED(TO FASCINATE) YOU, THAT YE SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH?

AMERICA STARTED OUT WANTING TO BE CALLED, THE LAND OF LOVE, BUT YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO, IT'S NOW CALLED THE LAND OF BLOOD!!!

NAHUM 3:1,3a-5, WOE TO THE BLOODY CITY! IS ALL FULL OF LIES AND ROBBERY; THE PREY DEPARTETH NOT; AND THERE IS A MULTITUDE OF SLAIN, AND A GREAT NUMBER OF CARCASSES; AND THERE IS NONE END OF THEIR CORPSES; THEY STUMBLE UPON THEIR CORPSES: BECAUSE OF THE MULTITUDE OF THE WHOREDOMS OF THE WELL FAVOURED HARLOT, THE MISTRESS OF WITCHCRAFTS, THAT SELLETH NATIONS THROUGH HER WITCHCRAFTS. BEHOLD (LOOK), I AM AGAINST THEE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; AND I WILL DISCOVER THY SKIRTS UPON THY FACE, AND I WILL SHEW THE NATIONS THY NAKEDNESS, AND THE KINGDOMS THY SHAME.

WHEN JESUS SAID, GO AND PREACH THE GOSPEL(GOOD NEWS) TO THE WORLD, THE CHURCH DIDN'T; IT GAVE OUT RIGHTS; NOW LOOK AT MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS!

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

THE CHURCHES AND THEIR RIGHTS; GAVE RIGHTS TO KILLING IN SCHOOLS, BLIND CAN'T LEAD THE BLIND; SOMEONE HAS PLAYED THE FOOL!!!

DID THE CHURCHES ROB GOD???

ROMANS 1:21,22, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY KNEW GOD(THE CHURCH), THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS(DREAMS), AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED. PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

CHRISTIANS MARCH ON DRUG DEALERS; BUT NOT ON THEIR FAVORITE LIQUOR STORE, THE GIVE A LITE-BEER PEOPLE; SELLS DRUGS DAILY: TO THE RICH AND THE POOR!!!

ISAIAH 5:20,21, WOE(CURSED) UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL; THAT PUT DARKNESS FOR LIGHT, AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS; THAT PUT BITTER FOR SWEET, AND SWEET FOR BITTER! WOE(CURSED) UNTO THEM THAT ARE WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES, AND PRUDENT IN THEIR OWN SIGHT!

AMERICA IS SO WRAPPED IN WITCHCRAFT; IT NOW IN THE HOUSE OF GOD, HELL-O-WEEEN IN THE CHURCHES??? IT THE SACRED PLACE OF THE LORD!!!

MARK 7:6b,7, JESUS SAID, WELL HATH E-SAI'AS PROPHESED OF YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONORETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. HOWBEIT IN VAIN SO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

DO MAN'S TEACHINGS ROB GOD???

(OCTOBER 31 IS CALLED THE DEVIL'S NIGHT; TAKING PEOPLE FOR HUMAN SACRIFICES; AND LEAVING A JACK-O-LANTERN. THE CUT OUT OF A PUMPKIN. HELL-O-WEEEN TEACHES ABOUT GHOST, VAMPIRES SUCKING BLOOD, SKELETONS, WITCHES, AND OTHER WORKS OF THE DEVIL. AND WE WONDER WHY OUR CHILDREN ARE THE WORLDS WORSE; OF THE BLOOD THIRSTY PEOPLE. AND THAT MAKES THEM TURN TO DRUGS!!!)

ITS HARVEST TIME!!!

THANKSGIVING IS COMING; IT WILL BE OVER RUN BY XMAS; SHOPPING AND THINGS, TIME TO START PLAYING, FAT MAN IN A RED SUIT; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

ISAIAH 1:4a, AH SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVILDOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTERS: THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Holy Ghost Power"

"But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria; and unto the uttermost part of the earth."— Acts 1:8

Minister Charles Plank's message at Smith Temple Community Church, Sunday, October 17, 1999 focus on the use of the power of God given to us. As I reflected upon the message, it came to mind that most adults in our society are self-sufficient and have great difficulty depending on others for help. Our human nature seeks to control our circumstances and power over other people. With children, this struggle for power is obvious in physical grabbing and pushing. As adults we become subtler. We manipulate and play politics. Not surprisingly, some of us Christians try to convert people to Christ on our own strength. We never really consider the true source of the power that enables us to witness and that brings people to Christ. Our claim and witnessing is powerless unless we are plugged in to the true power source. When we share the Gospel with others, our presentation may be clear and persuasive, but without the Holy Spirit's work in the heart of the one who hears, genuine conviction will not occur. If we try to manipulate and force a commitment to Christ, the change will be only superficial. The person may

change for a while, but the root problem is still there, the problem of a corrupt heart. As children of the King we must realize that our responsibility is to present the Gospel clearly, lovingly, and persuasively, in ways that speak to the specific needs of specific people. We also must realize that the results is not of our making, but are from the responsibility of Holy Spirit. It is God's power that transforms a person into a child of God.

If we try to live our Christian life in our own strength, we can expect failure, disappointment, and frustration. On the other hand, if we depend upon the power of the Holy Spirit, God Himself will strengthen us to be like Christ and to tell others about Him. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to be witnesses for Christ by providing them with spiritual discernment, courage, and love. The Holy Spirit changes the character and life of believers, transforming them into the image of Christ. If you want to be a witness for Christ, you have the assurance of knowing that the Holy Spirit works in the heart of those who hear the Gospel. Jesus promised that when the Holy Spirit would come, He would "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). It is our responsibility as Christian to share the Good News. When we tell others about Christ, we are not trying to "make the sale"; we are sharing good news with the power of conversion.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast is asking its readers the following question: "What is prayer?" We're doing this, because we believe this (prayer) is the most powerful weapon we have on earth.

To us, prayer is the soul's sincere desire uttered or unexpressed the object of a hidden fire deep within the breast. Out of the depths of our hearts, we cry Jesus draw me. In the past, men have prayed in closets, on the sea, in the air, crowded subways, in the streets, in sickness, on a job. Prayer is truly the soul's sincere desire. Some say God feels the sparrow. Yes, He does, but He doesn't throw the feed in their nest.

Faith and works go together.

You have something to do in order for your prayers to be answered. Prayer has power when it is connected to God's power. Prayer is a developer. It develops to the fullest. We cannot grow in grace until we grow in the knowledge of prayer. Develop a prayer life?

Some are sitting on the devil's chilly benches in bathing suits. Necked in sin. As God's people, we should be fully dressed at all times, having on the whole armor of God, breast plate of righteousness, and your feet shed with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

You see, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness

of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore, we have to continue praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit.

Jesus prayed in public and private. Why shouldn't we work it on it. Let's get to the point where if you walk out your door, you will here the name of Jesus lifted up in prayer all over this city. Remember, you don't have to make a sound in some cases. But be sure your heart and soul is in order.

Please don't forget your drive by prayers and walk through prayers for your home. They are really working!

"Let's Pray"
Father, we thank you for the precious Holy Spirit, and all He

has and will do in our lives. Help us to yield to him and open our spiritual understanding to him. AMEN.

Take a little time and write. If you feel that prayer is working things out for you. If you work it, it will work. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

The third Saturday meeting at the Parkway Center was another marvelous one. Thanks, Brother T. J. Patterson. Without your help, what would we do. Thanks again!

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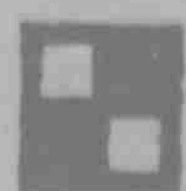
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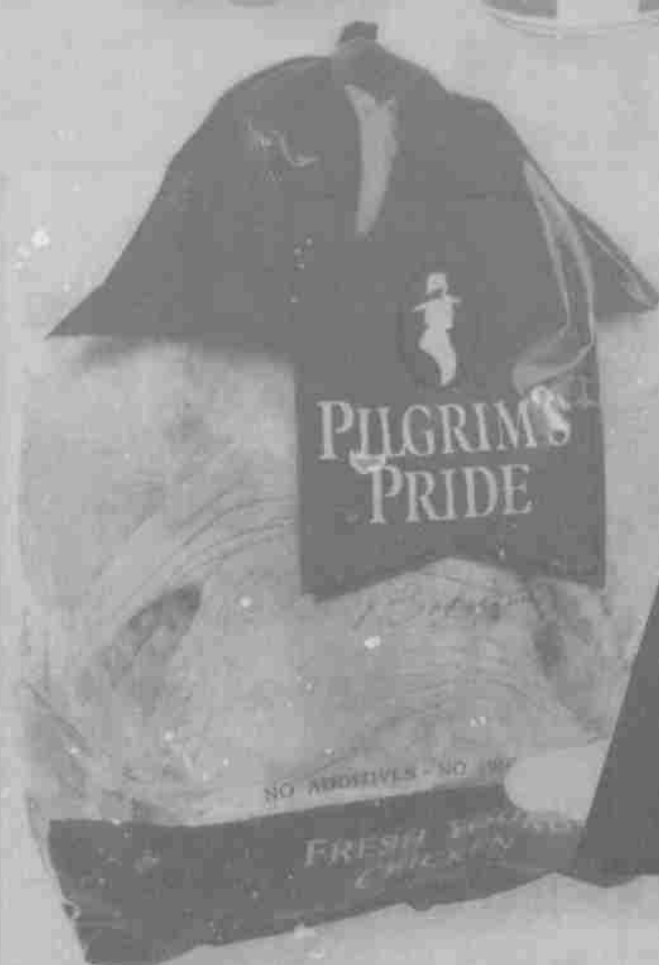


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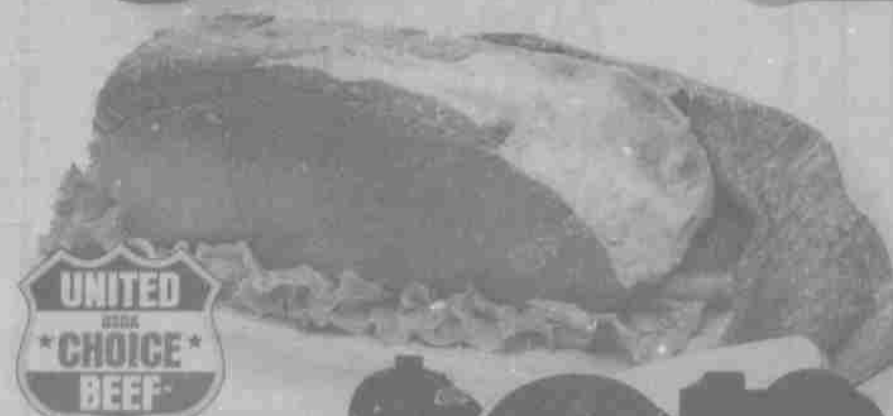
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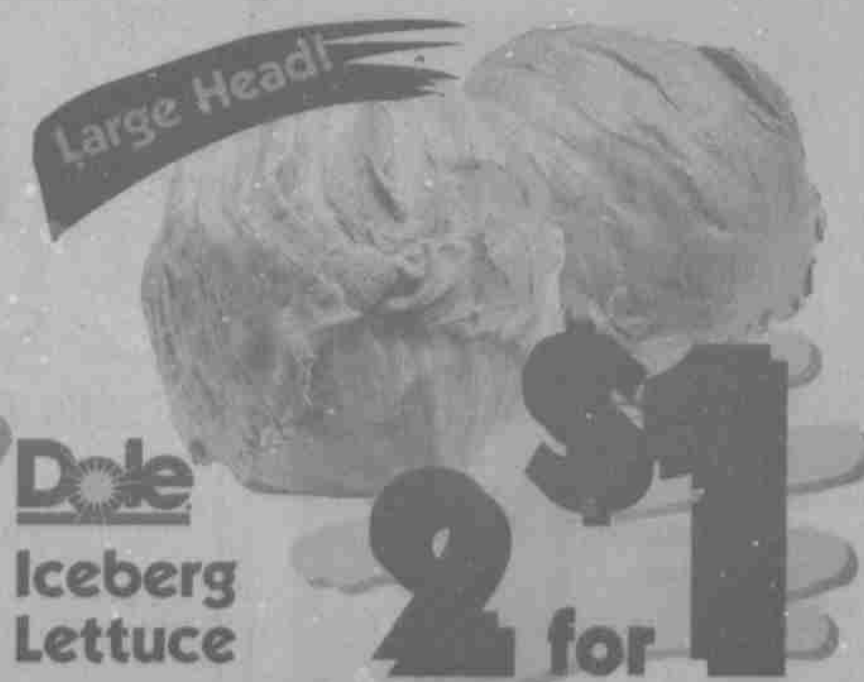
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