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NATIONAL SCENE

Church burnings continue
A black church in Graham, Wash. was burned in a fire ruled arson at NNPA deadline time, while black leaders continue to condemn the burnings and the political climate they say encourages the acts. A spokesman for the Pierce County sheriff's office told the Associated Press that the FBI and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were investigating, but there was no evidence as of yet to tie it to racial matters. The AP says the fire at the Pleasant Hills Missionary Baptist Church was one of at least three occurring in the Pacific Northwest in about a month. At least 40 predominantly black churches have burned in a string of fires during the past 18 months. Authorities say there is no conspiratorial link, but many black people are publicly doubting that. At the recent NAACP national convention in Charlotte, N.C., that group's leaders said racial hate in America have symbolically and practically fueled these fires. Meanwhile, the AP has reported that black churches victimized by the burnings are disproportionately getting dropped from their insurance policies.

Military rejects four recruits who wore hate symbols

U.S. Military officials rejected four Massachusetts recruits from the Marine Corps and the Army after it was learned the four wore Ku Klux Klan symbols and swastikas during their high school graduations. The four had slogans such as "KKK White Power" on their graduating caps and gowns. The U.S. Armed Forces has a "zero tolerance" policy on hate groups.

Mfume: it's safe to 'come back home' to the NAACP

The debt is now down to about \$1 million. The leadership is new. And with church burnings across the nation, the climate is definitely there. So come back home to the NAACP, says president/CEO Kweisi Mfume. "It's clearly time to bring a new sense of compassion and a new sense of understanding to our nation," he said. "We organizations are ready, willing and able to help create that new climate than the NAACP." Mfume made these remarks during a national convention that, at deadline, expected both major presidential candidates and forums on the continuing church burnings.

Jesse: 'blue suits,' not 'white sheets'

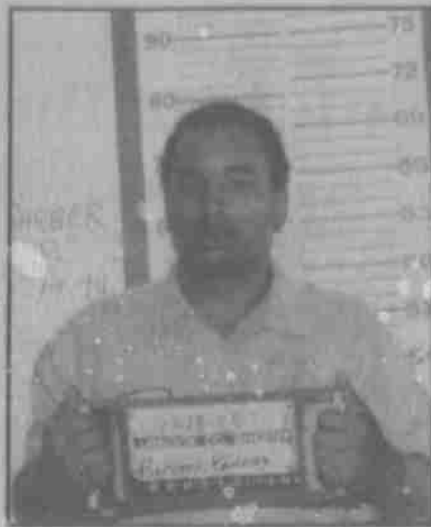
Jesse Jackson encouraged listeners at a music industry gathering to focus more on fighting within the system for empowerment, instead of blaming those outside of it. "The issue is not the white sheets, but the blue suits and black robes," he said at an "empowerment seminar" at the Essence Music Festival in New Orleans.

UCLA study: Majority of black businesses in L.A. do not use Internet services

A study conducted by the UCLA's Center for African-American Studies shows that a majority of African-American businesses do not utilize the Internet for their business needs. The study, sponsored by the center's Office for Information Equity and Research, was conducted at the eighth annual Los Angeles Black Expo. Seventy percent of the 100 business owners interviewed for the study were familiar with E-Mail, while 55 percent knew of the World Wide Web. Forty-eight percent knew what the Netscape web browser was. Other Internet services and features drew between a 15 percent and 30 percent rating.

ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS STILL A PROBLEM

by Eddie P. Richardson



Rodney Benson

Urban renewal came through in the 1950s, and it hit Lubbock hard, especially hard in the Queen city section, an old smaller part of east Lubbock.

Lubbock was one of the experimental cities for the urban renewal project. It was number two or three in the program and it removed many mom and pop businesses and families. It was called N...2 removal. It displaced many small businesses in east Lubbock for some 40 years, and never made an economic recovery.

Now that the area is on a come back recovery, there is no way

Lubbock, the community, neighbors and especially The Digest will sit by and let some alleged poison distributors destroy this long denied progress.

The majority of these so called alleged poison peddlers did not live in Lubbock at that time. A lot of them weren't even born. Get wise, your time is up. The Digest, law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, the marchers, the prayer vigils, and most important, the neighbors are fed up and tired. It goes back to our old soap box: "Don't sell it, you won't get caught." And if you are not selling and getting

caught and going to the sheriff's hotel, then we won't be able to get your picture. Our advice to all the alleged drug dealers is stop selling or leave Lubbock. Your welcome is long worn out. Listed below are some of our latest batch, some again repeaters, will they ever learn?

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Jesus Ledesma

Omission

by Eddie P. Richardson



In last weeks issue we ran a story on the Prairie View Multicultural trail Riders we ran pictures of the Trail Riders Goodnight, love trail and a brief history of Bose Iker the Lonesome Dove.

We omitted running a photo of Patricia (Pat) Bourgeois, the public relations person for the trail ride.

Pat has since spent a week in Lubbock. There is a possibility she will relocate in Lubbock if she can still ride a horse and find employment. Pat would give up the large city hustle and bustle for the quiet, friendly life of Lubbock.

Citibus works on ways to cut taxpayers costs

Citibus is becoming less dependent on taxpayer revenue by developing new methods to create operating funds in the future.

"Only 1.2% of the City of Lubbock general fund goes to Citibus even though Citibus carried over 3.3 million passengers last year. The current cost to each city taxpayer is only 38 cents per month," said John Wilson, Citibus General Manager.

Citibus currently operates the oldest fleet in the state. With 36 new buses on the way to replace the current 16-year-old buses, Citibus plans to save \$300,000 on maintenance costs and \$50,000 on fuel per year, Wilson said.

Another way Citibus is generating revenue is through advertising. Citibus is looking for companies and organizations to rent buses as a form of outdoor marketing and cover buses with vinyl graphics. Citibus currently has five vinyl covered buses in town.

The first vinyl covered bus was the Texas Tech Athletics Bus. Citibus started with the Texas Tech bus to measure reaction from the public, said Scott Mitchell, Citibus marketing director.

"The response from the Texas Tech bus was overwhelmingly positive. Because of this response from the public, Citibus decided to allow these vinyl covered buses to create a new way to raise necessary operating funds," Mitchell said.

With the changes occurring in Transit funding on the local, state and national levels, Citibus is determined to become less dependent upon government subsidies and more self-sufficient.

Due to the uncertainty of when these changes will occur, Citibus intends on aggressively pursuing all possible avenues of funding to ensure its current quality of service for the forthcoming year and beyond.

Calling all citizens: Volunteer to do time for the March of Dimes

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is calling all Levelland citizens to volunteer to "do time" to help raise funds for America's mothers and babies by participating in Jail & Bail.

Jail & Bail, to be held on August 13th & 14th, involves the mock arrest and jailing of well-known personalities and ordinary citizens for such "crimes" as "impersonating a manager" to "visual assault with a loud necktie."

"We need volunteer jailbirds, jailers and judges to make this Jail & Bail a great success," said Becky Currington, chair of the event. Volunteers will take "mug shots" of participants, handle phone calls, record pledges and provide transportation.

A temporary jail will be set up at United Supermarkets to serve as the site for Jail & Bail. At the jail, a volunteer judge will set one-hour sentences for each lawbreaker. The jailbird uses that time to call friends, associates and co-workers to raise bail in the form of a contribution to the March of Dimes.

Jail & Bail is a lot of fun and raises urgently needed funds to support programs to help improve the health of Levelland's mothers and babies. Funds raised by Jail & Bail support the Northwest Texas Chapter March of Dimes including Babies and You and Mom Mobile's.

Sponsors of Jail & Bail include Cellular One and United Supermarkets.

Anyone interested in doing time for the March of Dimes or serving as a Jail & Bail volunteer should call (806)797-6771.

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Through its Campaign for Healthier Babies, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. It invites you to attend church services each Sunday morning.

Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., the usual hour, with all officers at their post of duty. It was a wonderful lesson, and all classes reassembled at 10:15 a.m. High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 4, Sisters McBride, Reddic, Jay and Quigley making statements. The teacher, Sister Joan Y. Ervin, gave food for thought.

Secretary's Report - Youth Department - Intermediate Class received the Attendance Banner and Junior Class won the offering banner.

Adult Department - Class No. 1, Men's Class, took both banners from Class No. 4. The Men's Class has made a statement to all other classes, including the women, they are back for good!!

The morning devotion period was conducted by team of Deacon and Sister Howard.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "Glad To Be In The Service." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. Another song, "Sanctify The Lord, For He Is God," was sung. Deacon Earnest Swain read the scripture, Romans 5. Prayer was given by Brother Quigley. Another selection, "I've Been Redeemed," was sung by the Choir. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He asked a question concerning the song, "Will You Be There?" A song, "Victory In Jesus," was sung.

The hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace." Pastor Moton's subject was "Stay In Touch With Jesus." His scripture was St. Mark 6:53-56. Pastor Moton really told you how to stay in touch with Jesus! The services were just wonderful.

Keep praying for our sick and shut in citizens. Among our sick include New Hope's own Edison Jarmon and Sister Winnie Knighton who are patients in Methodist Hospital. Sister G.H. Davis and Sister Igie Scott are patients in St. Mary Hospital.

Sister Scott is suffering from a fall. Her son from California and two sisters from Texas are at her bedside.

Ann Chatman's mother is in the hospital. She lost an uncle recently. She has our sympathy and prayers.

Blake returned home from San Diego, California. She attended a family reunion. Oh, how they enjoyed it. If her son, Pat, didn't want her go without him. Just tell him what you want, and he will do the rest. Ha, Ha, Pat.

Mrs. Ida Johnson was among those who went on a vacation trip last week.

Theresa Ann Thompson and company of Dallas, Texas spent last weekend visiting her dad, Bernard Thompson, and aunt, Bernadette Thompson.

The West Texas Dedicated Women In White will sponsor a special event. This will be a tribute in memory of the past moderators. They are: Rev. A.L. Dunn and Rev. A.G. Sanders; vice moderators, Rev. A.B. Lee and Rev. B.O. White and Moderator at-large, W.J. McClendon.

Sister C.M. Howard, president, is asking each lady to contribute \$10.00. She says "thanks for all you can do."

EMT medical school slated by SPC and TTUHSC

LEVELLAND-An EMT Tactical Medical School begins July 29 at South Plains College offered by SPC and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The class will meet 7:30-9 a.m. daily through Aug. 2 in the SPC Petroleum Technology-Law Enforcement Building, room 107. Cost is \$125. Tuition is payable to South Plains College, attention George Lawless.

"This is a rigorous five-day, 58-hour course consisting of a mixture of classroom lectures, practical exercises and problem solving, always utilizing and stressing teamwork," said George Lawless, chairperson of SPC's Professional Services and Emergency Department and professor of law enforcement technology. The course is designed for EMTs and paramedics.

Course requirements include documentation of Basic EMT Certification, letter of recommendation from an EMS agency and local law enforcement agency, participation in all activities for credit, and proof of health and accident insurance. The insurance may be purchased at the college.

Advance registration is required. Registration fee is payable in advance by July 25. The class will be limited to 30 students.

For further registration information, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office at 894-9611, ext. 2291 or 743-3218.

Black women's voter crusade receives funding from AFL-CIO

WASHINGTON, D.C.-The Black Women's Voter Crusade, a coalition of more than 60 black women's organizations from throughout the country, has received funding from the AFL-CIO for a targeted non-partisan voter education and registration campaign.

The Crusade was one of the national groups funded by the AFL-CIO to conduct non-partisan voter registration programs in targeted cities and states. The AFL-CIO contribution was for \$25,000 and specifically targeted voter registration activities in the state of North Carolina and the city of Philadelphia.

Organized in September, 1995, the Crusade is co-chaired by Dr. Dorothy Height, President, National Council of Negro Women, and Dr. C. Delores Tucker, President, National Political Congress of Black Women. All 33 affiliate organizations of the National Council of Negro Women are actively involved in the crusade, along with the major sororities and women's auxiliaries of religious denominations.

In a joint statement, Height and Tucker said, "For the first time, African-American women are assuming aggressive leadership in a nation-wide, non-partisan campaign to educate African-American voters about the critical issues of the 1996 elections, mobilizing and maximizing our participation in local, state and national elections. We have been an untapped resource that now represents a powerful, collective coalition of women from every facet of life."

Height and Tucker said some of the voter education and registration programs of the Black Women's Voter Crusade include:

- * providing training on voter registration techniques and speakers at upcoming conventions of sororities and other women's organizations;
- * sharing a how-to-do-it manual on voter education, registration, and get-out-the-vote activity developed by the Crusade with black women's organizations;
- * assisting in organizing local coalitions of black women's organization to conduct cooperative and coordinated GOTV campaigns;
- * recruiting recording artists and entertainers to tape non-partisan public service announcements.

Height and Tucker said the Crusade, in cooperation with the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses, will host a meeting of African-American women leaders on Friday, Sept. 13, during the annual CBC Legislative Week, to discuss a 45-day black voter mobilization campaign to be implemented in targeted cities and states. Height and Tucker also indicated the Crusade is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a Dialogue with the two major presidential candidates and a special event in Detroit on Aug. 23 as part of Women's Equality Day.

A special committee of record officials in New York City, involving Sylvia Rhone, President & CEO Electra Records and LeBaron Taylor, Senior Vice President, Sony Music Entertainment, is working with the Crusade in identifying mainstream entertainers to promote black voter registration and participation through taped PSA's, media interviews, and concert announcements. Plans also include recruiting the spouses and mothers of sports super stars for PSA's and public appearances.

Geraldine P. Boykin, who served as a field organizer for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for 25 years before her retirement earlier this year, serves as a national coordinator. The public relations firm of Ofield Dukes & Associates is providing, voluntarily, administrative and logistical support for the BWVC.

Among the national vice chairs of the Crusade are: Coretta Scott King, Founder, MLK Jr. Center; Tennessee State Rep. Louise DeBerry, President, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Myrlie Evers-Williams, Chair, NAACP; Rev. Willie Barrow, Chair, Operation PUSH; Dorothy Leavell, President, National Newspaper Publishers Association; Dr. Yvonne Scruggs, Executive Director, Black Leadership Forum; Dr. Eva Evans, Basileus, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Bertha Maxwell-Roddey, President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Jylla Moore Foster, Basileus, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; Corine J. Green, Basileus, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; Dr. Dorothy Peck, President, Women's Missionary Society, AME Church; Dr. Cynthia Ray, President, Women's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, USA; Cleolis Richardson, President, National Beauty Culturists League; Wilma Roscoe, Vice President, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; Maria Owens, President, CBC Spouses; Dr. Betty Shabazz, Administrator, Medgar Evers University, and Marian Wright Edelman, President, Children's Defense Fund.

Other Crusade vice chair, are: Earline Parmon, President, National Association of Black County Officials; Sylvia Rhone, President & CEO, Electra Records; Susan Taylor, Publisher, Essence Magazine; Shirley Ann Barber James, President, Jack and Jill of America; Gloria Johnson, President, Coalition of Labor Union Women; Dr. Savannah Jones, President, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs; Evelyn G. Lowery, National Convener, SCLC WOMEN; Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Dee Evelyn Matthews, President, Continental Societies; Marcella L. Morris, President, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority; Minyon Moore, Political Director, Democratic National Committee; Faye Anderson, Executive Director, Council of 100 Black Republicans; Dr. Rosmona Edelin, President, National Urban Coalition, and Mrs. Rosa Parks.

The remaining vice chairs are: Barbara Anywine, Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights; Norman Hill, President, A. Philip Randolph Institute; Clayola Brown, Chair, Black Women's Roundtable; Jo Celeste Leslie, President, Alpha Phi Chi Sorority; Faye Hughes Price, President, Chums; Virginia Speller, President, The Girl Friends; Anita Baker, singer, Cicely Tyson, actor; Dionne Warwick, singer; California State Senator Diane Watson; Dyanne Williams, President, International Association of African-American Music; Cora Masters Berry, First Lady of the District of Columbia; Mary Ivy, President, National Association of Political Women USA, and Melaric Hill, Deputy Director, Operation Big Vote.

Kidstuff Programs

"String Games" will be featured at the Kidstuff program on Monday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mahon Library Community Room, 1306 9th Street. Librarian Barbara Painter will teach the children in attendance string games such as "Cat's Cradle" and Jake Harding will tell a story using string figures. The program is geared for elementary school age children and no admission is charged. For more information, please call 767-2828.

"String Games" will be featured at the Kidstuff program on Tuesday, July 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker. Children in attendance will receive string so they can learn to make string figures, such as "Cat's Cradle." Elementary school age kids are invited and no admission is charged. For more information, please call 792-6566.

"String Games" will be the theme of the Kidstuff program on Wednesday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. Barbara Painter, Branch Manager of the Patterson Branch, will show kids how to make their own string figures. This free program is open to elementary school-age children. For more information, please call 767-3300.

Kidstuff at Patterson Branch Library

On Wednesday, July 17, 179 children attended the KIDSTUFF program, a "Doobetter Day Party for Doobetter Kids," hosted at the Patterson Branch Library. Michael Daniel, aka "Uncle Mike," to hundreds of children in the Lubbock area, and author of children's book, "The Littledoobiddles and Doobetterdees" sponsored this special storytime. The book, written in the style of Dr. Seuss, teaches children the values of hard work, fair play, friendship, helping, giving, caring and sharing, among other things. Councilman TJ Patterson, the branch's namesake, was on hand to share in the festivities. McDonald's generously donated 100 helium balloons for the children. After the program refreshments were served.

At this printing we have 125 children that have read at least 10 books this summer in our Summer Reading Program. Reading is so important to an individual's success in life and we are so proud of these children! There is still time to join the Summer Reading Program. Just stop by the branch and pick up a blue reading log and begin your adventure. Again, we would like to remind parents that there will be a special group photo taken of all of our "super" readers Monday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

Every Monday evening, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. is Storytime at the Patterson Branch Library. Every third Monday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 is our "Share-A-Book" program. Each child attending this storytime will receive a free, new book to keep.

So many activities are going on at the library. We hope that you will stop by the branch and pick up information regarding the special programming, or call us at 767-3300.

Monthly Immunization Clinic

Friday, July 26th
1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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For more information, call 806.796.6667.



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LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lubbock Housing Initiative

A project administered by the Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation on behalf of the Lubbock Housing Consortium.

The Lubbock Housing Consortium is an umbrella organization currently consisting of fourteen for- and non-profit housing providers and practitioners. Its mission is to increase home ownership in Lubbock through various educational and financing programs. The Consortium recently coordinated a successful Home Buyer Fair which was sponsored by more than twenty organizations, and has agreed to represent Lubbock as one of HUD's "Local Partners in Homeownership" for which it will receive national recognition.

The "Initiative" is a proactive program which will attempt to bring about long-term solutions to problems which will occur as a result of dwindling federal funding by increasing the Consortium's membership, thus increasing the resources and expertise neces-

sary to implement effective programs, thus reducing the need for federal funds.

The "Lubbock Housing Initiative" will enable the Consortium to do the following:

A. educate the public about how to achieve the American dream of homeownership through the use of printed materials, special events, and a "Housing Hotline"

B. raise the public's awareness of affordable home ownership opportunities and successes through media contacts

C. bring together housing-related organizations in Lubbock (including builders, developers, lenders, Realtors, non-profits, etc.) in order to educate them as to:

1. the community's affordable housing needs (six of the seven City Council-targeted neighborhoods listed housing as their top need- the seventh neighborhood listed it second);

2. opportunities to participate in ways

which will allow them to meet affordable housing needs while meeting their own goals; and

3. benefits available through affordable housing (i.e. neighborhood revitalization and stability, economic development)

D. serve as a housing information center which will assist in providing the City and other organizations with housing statistics and information as needed

Through these efforts, the program should make more than 500,000 contacts with the public during FY 1996.

The program is expected to produce 300 new affordable and/or first-time home owners during FY 1996, which will result in an increase of \$70,200 in real estate taxes to the City of Lubbock. The "Initiative's" revised CDBG request is for \$65,000; however, as the Consortium grows, funding needs should be met by its for-profit members.

Joe Arrington Cancer Center to Present "I Got You, Babe" Thursday, July 25, 1996

Testimony before the Congressional Black Caucus
By Rev. Dr. Mac Charles Jones, National Council of Churches

On behalf of the National Council of Churches (NCC), which represents 32 Protestant and Orthodox member communions with 51 million members, I wish to express to this August committee of the House of Representatives our sincere gratitude to testify on one of this country's most pressing social and moral crises-the continuous series of burnings, firebombings and other acts of racist violence directed at African-American churches in several states of our nation.

Since January 1990, over 50 Black and interracial churches have been bombed, burned or vandalized in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas, South Carolina, Louisiana and other states. Twenty-five of these violent acts have occurred in 1996 alone with the most recent destruction of a Black church taking place last Tuesday, May 14 in Tennessee, the very same day an NCC delegation was visiting Nashville to speak with pastors whose churches had been burned. In the days following this most recent attack, our delegation traveled to Baton Rouge, LA. And later to Meridian, Miss., visiting the sites of churches that had been destroyed and damaged in those communities and gathering first-hand testimony from pastors, deacons and members of these churches.

These recent visits are part of a concerted effort by the NCC to combat the burnings and firebombings by carrying out our own investigations, making the general public aware of this wave of hate crimes, offering spiritual support to the victimized congregations and raising funds for rebuilding the churches, many of which were under-insured or not insured at all. The Center for Democratic Renewal in Atlanta and the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York are our partners and collaborators in this campaign which was launched several months ago.

We submit to this committee that these manifestations of domestic terrorism demand the highest degree of bipartisan attention at the federal, state and local levels. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue, but rather an American problem that should arouse moral outrage and condemnation from all upstanding and God-fearing citizens irrespective of their race, ethnic origin, religious affiliation or political orientation. Furthermore, we call for strong statements of resolve from both the administration and the Congress that this and all forms of racist violence will not be permitted to continue and that the perpetrators will be hunted down aggressively and brought to justice. The specter of the Oklahoma City bombings hangs heavily over this land. The same rightest forces that took those innocent lives with that dastardly act a little over a year ago have been clandestinely and cowardly bombing houses of worship all across the South for more than five

years now and little has been said or done about it.

Mr. Chairman, our investigations have uncovered striking similarities in all these incidents, parallels that constitute a pattern of abuses-the use of molotov cocktails and other incendiary devices, the spray painting of racist graffiti, the targeting of churches with a history of strong advocacy for African-American rights, racist notes and letters left in the mailboxes of pastors, etc.

The 17 persons so far arrested and convicted for these crimes are all white males between the ages of 15 and 45, with several of them admitting to be members of such racist groups as the Aryan Faction, Skinheads for White Justice and the Ku Klux Klan. We suspect, however, that many more perpetrators of these crimes have not been arrested and brought to justice because the investigations, to date, have focused on the pastors and members of the burned churches rather than on the violent history of the above-mentioned racist groups.

Indeed, many law enforcement authorities at the local, state and federal levels continue to deny any connections among the several firebombing incidents and say they doubt a conspiracy or motivation based on racism. Moreover, the NCC has been provided with testimony from some of the affected pastors that racial epithets scrawled onto the outside walls of churches which remained partially standing were immediately painted over by law enforcement officials without the consent of the church.

In addition to several churches in Tennessee, private homes and a lodge in Clarksville were firebombed and shotgunned. We recall that it was in the hills of Tennessee where the 'white-only' "Good Ole Boys Round-Up" meeting took place last year and among the participants were known agents of the Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATF), one of the federal agencies investigating the church bombings.

One of the most disturbing findings from the NCC's recent tour of communities in three southern states where Black church burnings had occurred was a consensus of dissatisfaction and discontent expressed by the pastors and the congregations over the manner of the investigations conducted by state and federal authorities. We encountered a unanimous dismay that the investigations are concentrating on pastors and parishioners, implying that they set their own churches on fire.

Subtle implications are made that it was for the insurance money, even though many of the churches had no insurance policies. Some of the pastors have been asked to take polygraph tests. Church records have been demanded and church members interrogated to the point of tears. Credible leads provided by the pastors have not been followed up by investigators and, to date, none of the victimized churches have been informed of the results or of the progress

of the investigations. Without exception, the victims of these hate crimes said they felt intimidated by the very forces they had hoped would provide them with protection and would alleviate their anxieties. They fear that if these crimes go unnoticed and unpunished, the perpetrators may become so emboldened as to attempt future firebombing during an actual church service with scores of worshipers in attendance.

Although many of the pastors and other church leaders have received death threats, there have been no investigations of these threatening calls and no protection has been offered to the clergy. Furthermore, there is evidence emerging that the 50-plus reported incidents are only a small indication of the number of attacks actually taking place around the country. Yet, local officials are telling victims that theirs are isolated cases, the results of accidents or electrical fires.

It is our contention, Mr. Chairman, that these are not isolated, random incidents but rather disparate pieces in a pattern of hate crimes that have been under-reported by the media and over-looked by law enforcement. It is a sad state of affairs that in 1996 this nation is quietly and, in many cases, unwittingly accepting the racist destruction of houses of worship. The frightening fact is that white hate groups are growing faster than at any time in recent history, yet most of the country remains in a state of denial that such racism and bigotry is widespread.

The National Council of Churches is determined to proceed with its campaign to put an end to these crimes of racial hatred, to restore the houses of worship that have been destroyed and damaged and to demand that thorough, impartial and non-intimidating investigations be carried out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the ATF.

In coming days, NCC delegations will visit sites where these crimes have occurred in South Carolina, Arkansas and Georgia and on June 9 and 10 we will bring a delegation of pastors from throughout the south to Washington for an ecumenical service in the nation's capital and for meetings with high-level administration officials and congressional representatives. They will come to the capital seeking answers and explanations, but more importantly, they will come seeking solutions from the highest authorities in the land.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, we wish to commend you and your committee for calling these hearings. We hope that your action will bring needed attention to this epidemic of hate that is eating away at the heart and soul of our nation. We pray that this hearing will contribute to a healing dialogue between the races and to an open, honest and frank reckoning of American racism, the main obstacle preventing us from being truly one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

T.J. PATTERSON



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Senate subcommittee approves Combust \$8.1 Million Tech lab completion

WASHINGTON, D.C.-U.S. Representative Larry Combust (R-Texas) said today's U.S. Senate subcommittee approval of \$8.1 million in funding will complete construction of the Texas Tech University Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory. On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture approved House action that was based on Combust's construction completion request. The joint Tech and USDA research program began in 1977 under the late Congressman George Mahon.

"Construction completion of the lab with this full funding endorsement will fulfill my goal on behalf of research that can reduce crop loss that is both expensive and devastating to the farm economy," said Combust. "I am pleased to help bring about the completion of a long-standing dream envisioned by champions of South Plains agriculture such as the late Congressman George Mahon. Bringing a score of scientists together for the first time under one laboratory roof provides opportunity for further advancement on the workings of individual groups working for years in separate labs throughout the Texas Tech campus."

Researchers have inserted two genetically engineered genes into cotton to reduce the damage caused by extremes of stress by cold, heat and drought. In addition, scientists evaluating genes that prevent moss from drying out have discovered new genes for developing drought tolerance in other crop varieties. Their research has also led to development of identifying an individual plant's need for irrigation and to provide the foundation of worldwide study of heat shock proteins. At the other extreme, researchers have field-tested the means to protect cotton seedlings from cold weather that prematurely kills off over half of the cotton seed planted on the South Plains.

The \$8.1 million funding measure next goes to expected full Senate Appropriations Committee approval before final passage in the Senate.

Childwatch By Marian Wright Edelman Philadelphia is Showing Its Commitment to Children

Mark Harrell came to Washington, D.C., last June 1 to Stand For Children, determined to send a message to anyone who cares about children: "Standing together for children is the responsibility of every American!"

"America is this world's greatest power, yet there are more than 8,000 children who are reported abused and neglected, and about 2,600 children who are born into poverty every day, and that's just unacceptable," says Harrell, who heads a Philadelphia youth gang and drug prevention program known as Project FLOW (Future Leaders of the World). "In the city of Philadelphia alone, over the past couple of years, we have been losing an average of 50 children under 17 each year to murder. June 1 was about America waking up and realizing that if we don't take care of our future leaders today, who's going to take care of this nation in years to come? That day was about fundamental change."

Mark, whose project is funded through Philadelphia's Department of Community Services, says his city "is serious about standing for children." Philadelphia Mayor Ed. Rendell's community services office sponsored 10 buses-carrying about 500 people-to travel to Stand For Children. In addition, Philadelphia schools sent 200 school buses and more than 8,000 schoolchildren who made the 180-mile trip to Washington.

"What started on June 1 will take the rest of our lives to finish," Mark says.

To ensure that the work begun on June 1 continues, city and school officials are asking people to "focus on something that will improve the lives of children and say, 'I can do that,' and then do it," says Mark. "We've asked them to imagine a world that's safe for children, and then see what they can do to help bring that change about. Our goal is to encourage everyone to take that extra step, make some changes in our lives and in how we associate with young people."

Mark rightfully notes that a large part of the responsibility we adults owe to our children is to get to the polls in November. Our children can't vote, he says, so we have an obligation to make sure that people get into office who have our children's interests in mind. "We're about to make some decisions in the November election that will carry us into a new millennium," he says. "We must send a strong message to the powers that create the laws that we are no longer going to sit back and allow young people to be abused and ignored."

To help citizens in Philadelphia and all across the country build on the commitment we made to children on June 1, the Stand For Children office in Washington, D.C., is distributing a free citizen action guide. The guide offers examples of ways everyone can continue to Stand For Children in his or her own community. For your free copy or other information, call 1-800-663-4032.



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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

To be young, gifted and Black, is not a rare occurrence. I watched the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) ACT-SC program sponsored by the Chicago Chapter and glowed in the presentations of the young, gifted and Black students in the Chicago land area. It occurred to me that presentations like this are being held all over the United States and in some foreign countries. These are marvelous opportunities for young people to showcase their talents.

Though I am not suggesting that all children go out and join the NAACP, though it would not be a bad idea, I am trying to encourage ALL young people to use all of their talents and gifts to help to make this world a better place for future generations to come.

It is one thing to have gifts and talents and yet another to put them to use. I doubt if a tenth of the young, gifted and Black students of America are involved in the NAACP or any other organization in which they have an opportunity to develop and showcase their abilities. Children need to be encouraged, especially by those whom they love and trust. They need to know that they need to explore, realize that they do have talent, and nourish it so as to develop into the kind of person that God intended for them to be. It is time for parents and friends of young people to get 'in cinque' and help our young people to be all that they can be in order that they have positive choices to make in life.

FOR IT TO REALLY WORK IT MUST COM FROM WITHIN

by Eddie P. Richardson



We have had police people in all cities; recent videos and testimonials have proven this to be true. Police are like any other stereotyped group—one bad apple spoils the barrel. So what's the answer? Just like neighborhoods, only a few gang bangers and dopers spoils the barrel. So are the police departments across the nation. The best way to solve the rotten apples in the police barrel is good police people. Police people are in a sense like gangsters, convicts, and others—they have a code of silence. The majority which are the good guys have to start speaking up and out and not worry about reprisals. This writer can't assure anyone, if you are a police person and the person in the squad car next to you.

You cannot be assured they will not report you if you do wrong. You will think twice before you commit your offense. And for the world, America, Texas and even Lubbock to move forward in a positive manner we all have to realize and acknowledge that wrong is wrong and right is right, no matter who the performers are, and support right and oppose wrong from the White House to the out-house, without fear or favor.

It takes someone from inside the tribe that knows the tribe, how it functions, why it functions, and what makes it function to be able to deal with the correct problem. This goes back to our previous soapbox. Lisa Toombs, our youth and gang coordi-

nator, who? and why? hired her for this job? Was it because of her educational background? Which should have been based on her ability to communicate with and relate to the barrio, the ghetto and the inner city gang banger, dopers, misguided and misdirected youth from an empathetic not sympathetic standpoint. The sister cannot do it, she does not have it. She has only been seen in the community one time, this writer had to call for her recognition and address the people, she has only been seen in the community once. People, especially the people who should know her, do not. This writer is calling for her resignation because she is ineffective. This is the wrong job for her. This is not a memo-writing, paper-clipping, newsletter, computer programming, phone-answering, and managing and administering position, but an in-the-field well-paid position. We say to the people that hired her, find her some place where she fits and can function. Just because she is big in stature does not mean she is big on dealing with gang and problem youth, even with a road map published by Quincy White. By the way, she is getting a good taxpayers' salary.

Each and every tribe has led their own to victory. No one can save us from us for us but us. No one reach the promised land but us. Jesus Christ and eleven other white men will not come and save us from us when we have to get off our knees and do for self what we expect other to do for us because Jesus says faith without works is dead. We all stereotype people. To move ahead we must take as our personal creed, "If it is to be, it is up to me!"

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RODE WITH LPD LAST SATURDAY NIGHT!! THIS N THAT...had an opportunity...of riding with Lubbock's Finest...last Saturday evening...until...3:00 a.m. While riding...throughout the entire city...much was seen...and with...ALL PARENTS...and...TAXPAYERS...could capture what is out in the community... There is...SO MUCH...to see and we...THANK GOD...we have...DEDICATED LUBBOCK POLICE...who are out in the community...24 HOURS A DAY...to see that we have protection...One incident...stands out in...THIS N THAT'S MIND...It involves a...THIRTEEN YEAR OLD YOUNG FELLA...who actually lives in...BROWN-FIELD, TEXAS...but left home without his parents knowing where he was...with tow of his...FIFTEEN YEAR OLD COUSINS...They motored to Lubbock...and he was allegedly admitted to...a local club...on Avenue H...He had proof...as he showed his admittance while at the Lubbock Curfew Center. He showed...THE SIGNATURE ON BOTH HANDS...which were given to him at the club...Can you imagine...a...THIRTEEN YEAR OLD BOY...allowed to enter a club...on a Saturday evening...where alcohol is being served...and...is apparently in the presence of his relatives...SMOKING POT...on the parking lot...THIS N THAT...were advised that his...FATHER...was woken up in Brownfield...and had to come...and receive a...CITATION...for his son...and...THIS N THAT...hopes this Father...will take note to what his little boy...has gotten into...and should try to correct this matter...Of course...there were other incidents...but you had better...THANK GOD...we have dedicated Lubbock Police Officers...working with other law enforcement agencies...to see that we have a safe community...THIS N THAT...wished...ALL citizens could ride with a police officer.

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Thornberry says additional changes needed in Meat Inspection System

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) said he would like to see proposed reforms in the nation's meat inspection program taken one step further by repealing a 25-year old provision which prohibits the interstate shipment of meat and poultry products.

"I think the recent proposal to reform the nation's meat inspection system is a wise one," Thornberry said. "But it's also incomplete. The industry is currently governed by two 25-year old laws. Both of these laws contain a provision which prohibits state-inspected beef from being sold in other states unless it's subject to inspection by the federal government."

"The problem with this provision is that state-inspected beef is already required to meet minimum federal standards. But there's another problem, as well. Because imported beef is subject to the same standards but not the same federal inspection requirements, foreign countries have a competitive advantage over states in getting their beef sold in America. What this means is that Texas beef cannot be sold in Oklahoma unless it's inspected by someone from Washington—but beef from Mexico, Canada, or any other country can. "This is both unjust and unfair. If beef from Mexico is safe to eat in Lawton without federal inspection, you can bet your bottom dollar that beef from Texas will be safe to eat there, as well."

The laws to which Thornberry was referring are the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act. Passed in 1967 and 1968, respectively, the laws established state meat and poultry inspection and required these programs to be "at least equal to" the inspection standards of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service. The laws also prohibit the interstate shipment of meat and poultry which are inspected by state instead of federal inspectors—a requirement foreign processors are not required to meet.

To address this problem, Thornberry introduced legislation on June 27 that would reverse this restriction through the following steps:

- * Texas and other states would be allowed to petition the Secretary of Agriculture for an exemption to the current prohibition on the interstate shipment on meat and poultry.
- * These petitions would be reviewed on a state-by-state basis by a procedure established by regulation.

* In exchange for granting an exemption, the Secretary would impose more direct federal oversight on state inspection activities. Specifically, this could include a review of each state-inspected plant on a random and periodic basis to ensure state inspection is "at least equal to" federal inspection.

* The intensity of the periodic and random review of individual plants would be based on an assessment of risk associated with that plant and the particular state system.

* The additional costs of the "circuit riders" providing federal oversight would be paid by the individual states which had been granted interstate shipment.

Thornberry noted that Texas Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry testified on June 26 before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry in support of repealing this provision. In his testimony, Perry stated that: "We have 364 state-inspected plants in Texas that would benefit from interstate shipments. These plants employ about 6,000 people and project adding another 1,800 employees if allowed to sell to other states. Currently, these plants gross about \$1.5 billion annually. If you allow interstate shipments, the Texas Association of Meat Processors tell me that an additional \$450 million in gross sales could be generated."

Thornberry's legislation is currently under consideration in the House Agriculture Committee.

State makes \$15.3 million available for mortgage loans at a 7.22 percent interest rate

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today announced that the agency has made \$15.3 million available to help low and very low income Texans buy their first home.

Through the First Time Homebuyer Program, mortgage financing is available at a fixed 7.22 percent interest rate for 30 years through more than 200 participating lending institutions and branches statewide.

"We encourage potential homebuyers to act fast. Since this financing has an interest rate that is more than a full point below market rate, we expect this program to be in high demand and the money is likely to be committed quickly," said Larry Paul Manley, executive director of TDHCA.

TDHCA's First Time Homebuyer Program helps individuals and families who earn sufficient income to make monthly mortgage payments but have difficulty qualifying for a

mortgage loan at the market interest rate. To qualify as a first-time homebuyer, individuals and families may not have owned a home within the past three years.

Qualifying income levels for the program vary according to geographic location and family size. For example, in Austin, a family of one to two persons can make no more than \$34,560 in annual income and a family of three or more persons can make no more than \$43,200 in annual income.

The Department offers additional assistance to help low and very low income families become homeowners. Individuals and families who make 80 percent or less of the area median income may apply for down payment assistance. The Department can provide up to two percent of the required down payment and reasonable closing costs through an interest-free loan. The loan does not have to be paid by the borrowers until the

home is sold or the mortgage is paid in full.

TDHCA expects to make additional mortgage financing available through the First Time Homebuyer Program in early Fall 1996.

Potential homebuyers may contact the Department's toll-free hotline at 1-800-792-1119 during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, for information on how to access the program.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community development and community assistance programs; and the regulation of the state's manufactured housing industry. The Department annually administers funds in excess of \$490 million, the overwhelming majority of which is derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants and federal tax credits.

14 National groups to convene in Chicago

KEY DATE: Saturday, August 3, 1996

"United for Success: Making a difference in our local communities in 1996," is the theme for the 5th Quadrennial Conventions and Meetings of the Black Congress on Health, Law and Economics" announced Ophelia Long, Chair of the 14 member national organization whose members speak for more than 1 million African American and Caribbean professionals.

Established in 1976, the Congress, headquartered in Washington, D.C., meets every 4 years, and this year more than 15,000 are expected to meet in Chicago, July 16 through Aug. 10, 1996. All of the 14 conventions and associated meetings will converge on Saturday, Aug. 3, 1996 to stage Black Congress on Health, Law and Economics Day. President Clinton and expected Republican Presidential candidate, U.S. Senator Bob Dole, have been invited to speak, among others.

"Being united in assuring the delivery of quality health care, legal services, and economic/financial guidance to the people in our local communities is the purpose of our coming together," continued Chairwoman Long.

Registration, exhibitor and vendor information for this historic assembly is available through the following participating organizations: National Bar Association, National Medical Association, National Black Nurses Association, International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, National Dental Association, Association of Black Pathologists, National Black Chamber of Commerce, African American Women on Tour, National Optometric Association, Center for Corrections Development, National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals, National Podiatric Medical Association, National Pharmaceutical Association, and Chi Delta Medical Fraternity. Many others from different professional, business, fraternity/sorority, religious and community-based backgrounds and students are expected to participate, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other volunteers. Information is also available from the BCHLE National Office, 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 910, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202)347-2800.

"There will be community health fairs, daily health fun and fitness exercises, prayer meetings, seminars on AIDS and STD prevention, managed health care, Medicaid, Medicare, conflict resolution, mentoring, rites of passage, self-esteem, teen pregnancy prevention, nutrition counseling, parenting, academic enrichment and enhancement, remediation, drug abuse prevention, fire and accident prevention and survival, community capacity building, computer and telemedicine demonstrations, how to sustain and save our money and communities, and much more. Everyone is welcome," concluded Chairwoman Long.

Dave Chappelle signs exclusive, multi-year agreement with Walt Disney television and Touchstone Pictures



Actor-Comedian Dave Chappelle has signed a multi-year agreement with Walt Disney Television and Touchstone Pictures for his exclusive performing services in pilots, series and motion pictures, it was jointly announced by Dean Valentine, president, Walt Disney Television and Walt Disney Television animation, and Donald De Line, president, Touchstone Pictures.

The agreement includes a first-look provision for any projects that Chappelle's company Pilot Boy Productions will be submitting as possible starring vehicles for him.

"Dave Chappelle is one of the great young talents in the comedy world. He will bring his unique point-of-view into our project development. We look forward to expanding our working relationship with him and we expect this to be a long and fruitful partnership," says Valentine.

De Line adds, "We're very excited about this agreement with Dave. He's someone we've been waiting to work with for sometime and both the theatrical film and television divisions are aggressively looking to develop the right vehicles for him."

This past season, Chappelle starred in his first television comedy series, "Buddies," produced by the wind Dancer Production Group in association with Touchstone Television for ABC. He also stars with Eddie Murphy in "The Nutty Professor," which opened June 28.

Prior to "Buddies," Chappelle has made over twenty comedy appearances on television series such as HBO's "1995 Young Comedians Special," "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Arsenio Hall Show." He has been profiled on CBS' "48 Hours," and has opened for both Aretha Franklin at Radio City Music Hall and Richard Pryor at Symphony Hall.

In 1994, Whoopi Goldberg invited him to appear on HBO's "Comic Relief VI," thus becoming the youngest performer in the show's history.

Chappelle studied acting at the prestigious Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, and appeared in the features "Undercover Blues," with Dennis Quaid and Kathleen Turner and "Robin Hood: Men in Tights," directed by Mel Brooks.

Pilot Boy Productions is headed by Saydeah Howard, formerly of United Talent Agency's TV/Feature literary department.

PULSE Sun Signs

By L. Silva

Cancer

June 21-July 22

You've been challenged. Called unconventional! Take it seriously! Be advised to take care in the days ahead not to lose what you've achieved in reputation and career. Hold on to reason, logic on Thursday. A beginning or ending is in the works that will hone and free talents. A critical talk is slated for Friday. On Saturday, behind the scenes action puts you in the lead. While business stinks, your love and family life blossoms. A social affair or love interest this week end is the right distraction for you now. By Monday, you're ready to ask for more money. Don't! Wait for fine print you won't see until Wednesday. Snake in the grass. Proceed with care.

Leo

July 21-Aug. 23

Sit down. Fold a sheet of paper in half. On one side list things you want in life. On the other list things you want to change or get rid of? Your life plans and philosophy need a tune-up. Thursday demonstrates this when others are turned off by your style. Friday is good for tuning up life plans and philosophy. Take care not to stretch someone else's patience Saturday. Sunday is good for further reflection, time with family. Monday you'll fine tune edges.

Virgo

Aug. 24-Sept. 22

The freedom you're after is a two-edged sword. While it helps self-assertiveness and creativity, it causes friction in reputation and career partly because you do not appear to be within the status quo. Money problems dull self-assertiveness Thursday. On Friday, the days events spur you to action on critical dilemma. Heightened stress kicks in intuition, reason, logic. By evening you'll hold the keys to solving problems. Sunday you'll feel good about a new direction, even if much is speculative. By Wednesday, hunch will turn into leadership. You find financing. Family is saved!

Libra

Sept. 22-Oct. 22

You've been walking a tightrope! Your reasons: Money, power, prestige. Have you been trying to hold up household or love affair from afar? It's spilling over to your appearance. Thursday you'll hear it all from A to Z. Your intuition wins big in work environment on Friday. Helps you act on sticky family issue. Sigh of relief indicated for Saturday. What you need, but not want will put luster back in skin tone. Agreements will read the way you want on Monday. This sparks assertiveness, speculation. Your sacrifice pays in major acquisition Wednesday.

Scorpio

Oct. 23-Nov. 22

You need a vacation. Pride in reputation and career suffers. Thursday intuition is defeated. By evening you're willing to take risks. Friday you take initiative in work environment, health and agenda. Intuition back on target! May be awarded with love, sparks of real creativity. Saturday you make important home acquisition. By evening, you entertain in casual attire with amour. On Sunday tap creative juices. Ego if lifted. You appear as changed person to work on Monday. Tuesday you shock everyone and send money home. Intrigued set for Wednesday. Call Mom!

Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21

The sociability that serves your wishes, makes waves in reputation, career. Key is to balance self-assertive achievements so they do no harm. This is evident Thursday when your experiment fails. Regroup! Take an approach that concentrates on environment, agenda. Saturday you respond emotionally to curious relationship attached to future. May spill over into your appearance. If you can break umbilical cord, love may be on the horizon. This you can achieve. New approach to experiment begins Monday, works wonders on Tuesday, and blossoms on Wednesday.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Carefree needs to turn into careful in matters relating to reputation and career. This makes you nervous about an important home expenditure. You just can't figure it on Thursday. But, by evening, a casual interaction will give you clues. Friday your intuition, timing, reason, initiative are on target. Buy a lottery ticket! Saturday family partnerships take center stage. Will run gamut of emotions, issues. Don't let stress spill over into appearance. Amour awaits. Sunday you steep in same juices. Monday you'll give ultimatums. Wednesday you make doubters eat crow!

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 19

Going to church or social event may help reform reputation, possibly career. Current philosophy may cause upset to ego, possibly children. Money may be an issue in an important family matter on Thursday. Friday finds you working out plans, details. On Saturday, you find new try at improving appearance is not working. Family still loves you though. On Monday you're back wheeling and dealing. Act on plans Tuesday. By Wednesday, family is singing praises. Opportunity arises to restore reputation and go after just dues.

Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Now that you have been approached about an acquisition affecting and/or involving relations, will you step up to the plate? You need to go along with the plan, but there is some friction from family and children on Thursday. They'll live. On Friday, you make calculated, but right choice. On Saturday, you assert yourself as leader using well thought out reason, communication. Make your move on Tuesday. Make sure you celebrate, but conservatively, on Wednesday.

Aries

March 20 to April 20

Sit back, inhale deeply, and exhale with an ahhhh! This might be your last chance at a moment of relaxation. A foul-up will have you checking the motives, and intentions of those close to you. Your reputation may be at stake! Even though urge may kill you, keep a cool head Friday morning. Be careful not to let your emotions spill into your appearance Saturday evening, or on Sunday when you'll get the opportunity to confront important issues. Things won't be sorted out by Monday. Give yourself time. By Tuesday you'll have it together. Make key moves Wednesday.

Taurus

April 21-May 20

Yes, it shows a lack of discipline, but go ahead—buy it! You need an ego lift. Lately, you've had to suck it in, maybe put up with a pesky relation or two. (Are they gone yet?) If you are a parent, expect your kid to get into the "my folks have deep pockets" mode. Thursday and Friday are good for reeling this one in and loading up the chores. Saturday and Sunday are good for telling those relations how much they cramp your style (...can't say what I want, can't do what I feel...). By Monday, you'll be doing what you love: Speculating! Wednesday you'll be closer to bank. Peace!

Gemini

May 21-June 20

Since no one views the world in the same light, wouldn't it be nice to step out of your skin and take a look at yourself. Only Gemini has this chance. A disagreement Thursday may illuminate it all for you. On Friday you'll rearrange work space, consider health, and take charge of your agenda. But hold it, tread carefully Saturday. Don't jay walk or run stop signs, and be sure to call ahead. Someone may try to take wind out of your sails. It might be the law. If you can stay clear of the slammer, you may make an interesting acquaintance this weekend. Make reservations for two Wednesday.

American Intercultural Student Exchange

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1996-97 school year. AISE exchange students live with American families and attend local high schools during their ten-month cultural exchange experiences. American host families provide these young ambassadors with a room, meals, and a loving, family atmosphere in which to live. AISE students are eager to learn about our government, our history, our customs and our language, while at the same time leaving a lasting impression of their cultures in the minds and hearts of their American host families and peers. Call AISE at 1-800-742-5464 or visit the AISE web site at <http://aiseweb.com/aise.html> for more information on hosting a foreign exchange student in your home.

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AKC offers free kit for summer travelers

New York, New York-The American Kennel Club is offering a free travel kit for the many families who will be traveling this summer. It is filled with helpful hints and travel tips that assist dog owners in preparing and planning for packing up the family dog, plus some important suggestions for boarding your dog in a kennel. The kit offers sound advice for traveling with your canine companion and should be helpful in making summer

excursions pleasant for both you and your dog! Some useful tips include:

- * You must provide the airline with a certificate of health from your vet to travel with your dog by plane.
- * Feed your dog one-third his normal amount the day of travel to reduce the chance of motion sickness.
- * When choosing a kennel, make sure it is clean and orderly. Ask the kennel proprietor

to see all areas where your dog will be kept.

This kit will assist travelers in having a hassle free and enjoyable summer holiday. To order a free copy of AKC's Travel Kit, write to AKC, 5580 Centerville Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606, call (919)233-9767, fax (919)233-3627, or E-Mail at info@ack.org.

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LaToya D. Harris has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas. The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. Harris, a senior at Estacado High School, Lubbock, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for military basic training October 1, 1996. She is the niece of Phyllis E. Johnson, 2609 Ivory, Lubbock.

Medication Aide Update Course set at South Plains College

LEVELLAND-A medication aide update course for nursing home medication aides is scheduled July 27 at South Plains College. The class will meet 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Technical Arts Building, room 101. Cost is \$20 a person. Instructor is Martha Haynes, R.N. The course is designed for currently employed medication aides who need to complete the required seven hours of continuing education. Formal registration for the course is scheduled 7:30-8 a.m. July 27. Interested persons should bring their permit numbers. To pre-register, contact the SPC Office of Continuing Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.



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Part 2



Revelation 2:7a, Jesus said, He that hath an EAR(THO HEAR), let him hear WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES. 1 Peter 4:17, For the time IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD; and if it first begin at US, what shall the end be of them that OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF GOD? The LORD has showed his PREACHERS HIS WILL; AND THEY SEE THE SIGNS, BUT THEY'RE NOT ABOUT GOD'S

BUSINESS; BUT THEIR OWN, WASTING VALUABLE TIME.

Revelation 2:11a, Jesus said, He that hath an EAR(THO HEAR), let him hear WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

Luke 12:54-56, Jesus said, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass, YE HYPOCRITES, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; BUT HOW IS IT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?

(THE CHURCHES NEED TO BE LIKE THE JEHOVAH WITNESSES' Knocking on DOORS; If you see a house on FIRE, and there were FIVE PEOPLE INSIDE SLEEP WOULD YOU WAKE THEM? WELL CHURCH ITS WAKE UP CALL NOW!!! Destructors EVERYWHERE; PEOPLE DYING WITNESS JESUS EVERYDAY! BUT WHERE IS THE CHURCHES?)

HE CHURCHES ARE BUSY; WITH BAKE SALES, CAR WASH, ANNIVERSARIES, & FISH FRY, BUT THAT ALL MAN'S BUSINESS; WHILE SOUL'S OF GOD JUST DIE.

Revelation 2:17a, Jesus said, He that hath an EAR(THO HEAR), let him hear WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

Matthew 21:13, Jesus said It is written, MY HOUSE(THE CHURCH) shall be called a HOUSE OF PRAYER; BUT YE HAVE MADE IT A DEN(CAVE-HIDEOUT) OF THIEVES.

(I'M reminded of Mother Leona Douglas, who was a MEMBER of a local church for 20 years, She went BLIND AND THE CHURCH STOP FELLOWSHIPING WITH HER. Its been over 2 years, and THE PREACHER HAVE NOT CAME BY; AT ALL! She said: Brother Morrison I'M BLIND, NOT SICK, I WANT TO HEAR THEIR VOICE'S. But NO ONE CAME BY! She said: I WANT TO GO TO CHURCH, So I went by to take her. AND WHEN I WOULD COME IN WITH HER; YOU COULD SEE THE HATE IN THE FACES OF THE MEMBERS; WHEN WE WALKED IN, BUT YET NO ONE WENT TO PICK HER UP, TO VISITED HER. WELL MOTHER DOUGLAS HAD A STROKE THE OTHER DAY; AND DON'T KNOW ANY ONE. NOW WHAT WILL THE CHURCH TELL JESUS, WHEN HE ASK WHY DIDN'T YOU???)

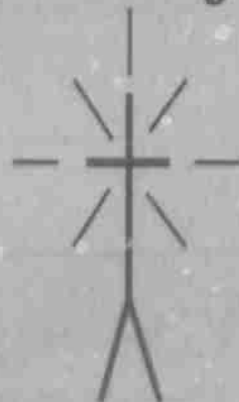
Revelation 2:29, Jesus said, He that hath an EAR(THO HEAR), let him hear WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

Matthew 25:43-46, Jesus said, I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; SICK, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, LORD, when saw we thee hungered, or athirst, or naked, OR SICK, or in prison, and did not MINISTER(SERVANT) UNTO THEE? Then shall he answer them, saying VERILY(Truly) I say unto you, INASMUCH as ye did it not to ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YE DID IT NOT TO ME. AND THEY SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT; BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO LIFE ETERNAL. GOD is not through with US YET. So lets PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. Directed, Arranged*Produced*Guided* By Evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, III Your Brother IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

What Will I Do

With all the confusion in the world today, the church had better have an answer for all of us. If it doesn't, all is hopeless. What will we do?

An add purchased by World Christian Church in Thursday, July 18, 1996 USA Today read: Is This America ??? when — without any a hearing — without any charges or government indictment — without any opportunity to defend or speak, the U.S. government in the form of one U.S. Magistrate, not even a federal judge and one U.S. assistant attorney can order a church and a church school closed, without any explanation or a sealed affidavit. You Can't Believe It — It's True — La Salle University and the World Christian Church have had all records seized and almost every church and school fund, every dollar in student tuition seized without a hearing or any federal charge.

There is a fable about a lion who strutted through the forest asking all, "Who is the king of the jungle?" "You are, sir," said a little mouse. "You are, sir," said an excited monkey. When the lion roared up to an elephant and asked, "Who is the king of the jungle?" the elephant simply wrapped his trunk around the lion, whirled him around his head, and crushed him

to the ground fifty feet away. The lion, dizzy and dazed, bobbed to his feet and complained to the elephant. "You don't have to get sore just because you don't know the right answer."

In the story that we know as "The Rich Young Ruler" (Luke 18:18-25), the young man came to Jesus and asked: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said: "You know the commandments: Do not kill, Do not steal..." The young man replied, "All these I have observed from my youth." Then Jesus hit him where it hurt—his pocketbook. "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor... and come, follow."

Jesus told him what to do. He really knew what he ought to do, but he wasn't willing at the time to do it. How often is it that we know what we should do but, we do not do it? Paul said "The things that I should do, I do not, and the things that I shouldn't do, I do."

The years pass so fast and many of us have the faintest idea why we are here or what we are to do. We need to turn to Jesus and we will see in Him what we were created to do—to be—sons and daughters of the Most High God.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Met at the Parkway Nursing Center Saturday morning at 10 AM Open with singing and prayer by Sister Burleson, also scripture Heb.13. Sister Leontina Childers brought the scripture lesson for the morning from Isaiah 40:

The book of Isaiah makes a dramatic shift, at this point the following characters discuss the majesty of God who is coming to rule the earth and judge all people he will reunite Israel and Judah and restore them to glory. Instead of warning the people of impending judgement, Isaiah now comforts them. This foretells the end of time when "Babylon" the future evil world system will be destroyed and the persecution of Gods people will end. (29) he gives power to the tired and worn out, and strength to the weak even youth's shall be exalted, and the young men will all give up, but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and

not be weary; they shall walk; and not faint.

This speaker said.

Sometimes our faith gets shaky but hold on God is our ruler and master, we get tired sometimes, but God does not get tired. Keep on trusting in the Lord, what ever we need God got it.

Thanks Sister Childers for such a dynamic message. God bless you. Testimonies by all. God is good all the time that's why these ladies can't help by tell it.

Thought: Spiritual warfare destroys demonic strongholds.

Things that will get you hooked, you need to know who your enemy is, and who can unhook you.

Write if you feel the need, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. D. Hood, President; Christine Burleson, vice president; Ernestine Frazier, secretary.

The Mounting War against African Americans By John E. Warren

Special to the NNPA from the San Diego Voice & Viewpoint

The recent United States Supreme Court decision eliminating certain congressional districts as illegal because they were drawn to increase black voter participation, as well as the recent and continued attacks on black churches are but outward expressions of a growing racial and spiritual assault on African Americans that must not go ignored.

We know from a spiritual perspective that "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12). Given this spiritual revelation, our response must be prayer-based, "for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." (II Corinthians 10:4).

But we must also be ready to act collectively and positively and we must understand history so that it does not repeat itself.

Those churches that have not done so must develop night patrols among their members. They must "watch and pray," regardless of where they are located. But each community of black churches should also start a combined Church Protection Fund. This fund could be started with a \$100 contribution from each church with the pastors of all the participating churches making up the board of directors. Each church community could then decide how to help local or other black churches destroyed by fires.

While the Church Protection Fund can accept contributions from insurance companies, the Christian right or anyone who wishes to contribute, we as African Americans have enough members in this country to finance our own needs. We must not assume the traditional posture of begging for what we need while we individually buy what we want.

The bringing together of our dollars to help each other must be one of our first steps in resisting our personal and collective destruction. We must use our Black Press as a partner in this effort. We don't need a new way of local fundraising; we need a reprioritizing of what we already spend. African Americans already buy more fast food, potato chips and butter than anyone else in America. We also buy more fast foods and soft drinks. We have the money to help ourselves. The question is will we?

African Americans should also be reminded that 100 years ago we had blacks in Congress and two blacks in the U.S. Senate, where as today we have only one. But because of Jim Crow laws, the withdrawal of Union troops from the South and a rash of laws like Plessy vs. Ferguson, and poll taxes on the right to vote, there were no blacks in Congress by the end of 1901.

We must not allow Clarence Thomas and friends on the Supreme Court to take away our rights as a people and as citizens.

This newspaper calls upon you to understand that these issues of church burnings and bad Supreme Court rulings go together. We can and must resist both.

INSTALLATION SERVICES SET FOR REV. C.L. JOHNSON



The members of the Johnson Tabernacle Primitive Church, 1525 Martin Luther King Blvd., have set Sunday evening, August 4, 1996 as installation services for their Pastor, Elder C.L. Johnson. The services will begin at 6:30 P.M. Conducting the installation services will be Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, Pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church; and Rev. Marshall Johnson, Pastor of the New Zion Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

Washington's Historic Metropolitan AME Church marks Black Patriots Sunday By Olive Vassell

WASHINGTON, D.C.—They came to worship and give thanks. Along with the rest of the nation, members of the Metropolitan AME Church joyfully celebrated Independence Day. But this year they paused to honor a special, long-ignored group of Americans—the 5,000 black Revolutionary War heroes who helped secure the country's freedom more than 200 years ago.

In a stirring July 7 service, which culminated a nationwide celebration of Black Patriots Week, members of the 1,300-strong church were told of the contributions of these brave Americans and of plans to build a memorial in their honor.

"I'm asking you to remember the more than 5,000 African American men, women and children that fought during the Revolutionary War," said Dr. George Dumas, president of the Black Patriots Foundation, which is spearheading the project.

Helping spread the word about the cause, the special service was widely covered by the media, with five television stations reporting on Black Patriots Sunday.

"I think it's important to honor the involvement of African Americans in this country's history. We felt it was appropriate as a church with the history that we have, to be involved in this effort," said the Right Reverend William P. DeVaux, former pastor of the Metropolitan AME Church, the National Cathedral of African Methodism.

With just a few months to go, the Foundation is focused on raising the additional \$8 million needed to build the memorial, which will be constructed on the National Mall in the nation's capital. So far, it has raised \$1.6 million and has until October to raise the rest or forfeit the Congressionally approved land.

The memorial, which has been designed by noted black sculptor Ed Dwight, will consist of a sculpted bronze wall of 70 figures. Two will represent "real-life" Americans: Crispus Attucks, an African American who was the first person killed in the Revolutionary War, and George Washington.

"The history books have not given credit to them for these great deeds. These men and women fought for the freedom of this nation," Dr. Dumas said.

The service, which raised more than \$2,000, was sponsored by the church's "Continuing The March" Men's Group formed last year's Million Man March, said an organizer.

"As a group of men, we felt strongly that we wanted to continue the act of atonement we began at the march by remembering our history," said Dr. Dumas, also a member of the church and the men's group.

"If every church recognition in America holds similar fundraising services, this memorial will become a reality," he added.

For the group's chair Bernard Thompson, it is the historical legacy of black patriots that drew him toward the project.

"After learning about the role that African Americans played in the Revolutionary War, it encouraged me to furnish as much support as possible. It gives us a critical point in history to refer to," Thompson said.

Longtime member and Church Secretary Paul P. Cook, who attended the service, also found inspiration in the role blacks played in the country's founding.

"As a 50-year member of Metropolitan AME, I was excited to learn about what African Americans did in the Revolutionary War," she said. Like other attendees, Cook was given a lithograph depicting the proposed memorial. It was donated by the city's oldest black-owned printing company, Gubler Lithograph Co. Inc.

Wandering past the proposed site of the memorial over Independence weekend, Judy Michaels, a white tourist, acknowledged that the memorial would be good for all Americans.

"I don't think there has been enough coverage of black Americans who fought side by side with the white Americans," Michaels said. "I think it's about time we honor those black Americans who lost their lives."

Metropolitan member David E. Garnett, vice chair of the men's group, agrees wholeheartedly. "Their excellence on the battlefield is the reason why so many of us can achieve excellence in our chosen fields," he said.

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Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held in the Lubbock County Corrections Facility at 3501 North Holly Avenue at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1996. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the implementation of enhanced programming and increased beds at the Lubbock County Corrections Facility. The facility will house offenders released on Community Supervision and referred by the Community Supervision and Corrections Department or Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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Dunbar Development Corporation to honor Core's Celes King, III



Brig. Gen. Celes King III CSMR

Celes King, III, state chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality of California and a long-time civil rights activist and businessman, will be honored by the Dunbar Economic Development Corporation at Los Angeles' historic Dunbar Hotel on Friday, July 26, 1996, 6 p.m.

King's father, the late Celes King, Jr. Managed the world-renowned black-owned hotel for many years. The hotel was purchased by King's uncle, the late James Cullen Nelson, in 1936. It became the anchor business along Central Avenue in South Central Los Angeles during the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

Billed the "Historic Renaissance of Central Avenue" the honoring of King will kick off the Central Avenue Jazz Festival beginning on Saturday, July 27 next to the hotel at 42nd Street and Central Avenue. Among the artists to perform will be Buddy Collette and Patrice Rushen.

King has been in the forefront of the civil rights struggle in Los Angeles for more than a generation. "There are no African American leaders in Los Angeles that have not been touched by his influence," writes the Los Angeles Black Pages. Actively running his successful bail bond business, he has

always found time for community-related activities.

Born in Chicago, King came to Los Angeles shortly after his father began managing the Dunbar Hotel. After graduating from Manual Arts High School, King joined the Air Force and became a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. Upon his return home, King helped build the family business and expanded the family's real estate interests. In 1951, King started his bail bond business and later became president of the most prominent bail bond association, both locally and nationally.

Well educated, King holds a law degree and two masters degrees, one in business and another in urban planning.

King's community activities include: co-founder of the Brotherhood Crusade, former president of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission; co-founder, Los Angeles Rumer Control; member, Century Freeway Affirmative Action Committee. In addition, King is a brigadier general in the California State Military Reserve.

King is married to the former Anita Lugo and has four children.

SIX-YEAR OLD BLACK YOUTH NOT TO STAND TRIAL

For Oakland, California attorney John L. Burris, the ruling that a six year black boy is not competent to stand trial for aggravated assault on a month old baby, is seen as a major victory for the black community.

As the attorney for the accused child, Burris won a ruling that the boy, who was charged with smashing a newborn baby's skull during a robbery, be placed in a group home where he will undergo psychological evaluation. The boy returns to court in about five months to determine if he is competent to stand trial. If not, he will undergo more treatment.

Burris, however, is pressing to have all charges dismissed. He does not downplay the horror of the beating. "I am a father. I can understand the rage that one could feel," he said.

"But, this kid is only six-years old and should not be in the criminal justice system."

During the court hearing and in a press conference after, Burris praised the Contra Costa juvenile referee's decision and blasted the prosecutor's decision to continue to pursue the case. "We have some loose-cannon prosecutor who wants to get vengeance on a 6 year old."

"Any person reasonable and rational who is not tarnished by blind ambition and whatever prejudice they may have could see that this small boy has the kind of problems where he could easily mislead."

Other young children have been killed and not been prosecuted," Burris pointedly observed, adding, "I could be cynical and question is the difference lay in the fact that those children were white and the 6 year old is black."

Burris said that he was fully confident that the charges against the 6 year old will be soon drop. "And then maybe," Burris said, "the troubled young boy can find the help that he needs and go on to make a positive contribution to society."

SPC to offer Continuing Education Law Enforcement Classes to Meet New Mandate

LEVELLAND-Due to a new mandate changing the content of continuing education classes for peace officers, South Plains College will offer classes beginning Aug. 26 in Cultural Diversity, Special Investigative Topics and Intermediate Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation.

The classes will meet 2-11 p.m. through Aug. 30 in the SPC Petroleum Technology-Law Enforcement Building, room 109C. Cost is \$42 per person.

Advance registration is required. A minimum of 10 students is required for the class.

Payment in full is required prior to the first day of class.

"The new mandate passed by the legislature for the 1995-97 biennium now requires that officers receive 40 hours of training every 24 months," said George Lawless, professor of Law Enforcement and chairperson of SPC's Professional Services and Energy Department. "Eight hours should include the course in Cultural Diversity and 10 hours should include the course in Special Investigative Topics. The content of the remaining hours will be determined by the individual agency."

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American Cancer Society supports breast cancer research funding

Joining the call for more federal funds to support breast cancer research, the American Cancer Society is supporting an ambitious petition drive, Campaign '96. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, and will account for more than 184,060 new cases in the United States in 1996.

"The goal of Campaign '96 is to obtain 2.6 million signatures nationwide petitioning Congress for \$2.6 billion for breast cancer research between now and the year 2000," stated Marilyn Leitch, MD, Texas Division president of the American Cancer Society. "In 1993, we supported a similar petition drive and Texans collected over a third of all the signatures collected nationwide by the American Cancer Society."

The American Cancer Society suggests many ways for Texans to get involved. Sign a petition; ask your friends, neighbors and co-workers to sign; make copies of the petition and ask others to gather signatures; post information about Campaign '96 and a petition in newsletters and appropriate office locations.

According to Leitch, "If this effort reaps the same results as past campaigns, federal breast cancer research programs will grow to new heights and America will be a better place for our daughters and granddaughters."

Campaign '96 is coordinated by the National Breast Cancer Coalition, and seeks to involve many groups and organizations. The American Cancer Society has petition forms available for individuals and organizations that want to participate. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 and ask for copies to be sent to you.

The risk of breast cancer increases with age. While research is bringing new answers, early detection is still the best protection. The American Cancer Society recommends that women without symptoms ages 40-49 should have screening mammography every 1-2 years. And, that women age 50 and over every year. In addition, clinical breast examination is recommended every year for women over 40, and monthly breast self-exam as routine good health habit for women 20 years or older.