

Black Chamber State Meeting Successful!

The State Meeting of Black Chambers was a huge success. Black Chamber spokesperson Eddie P. Richardson told the Digest even though the crowd was not what we looked for the quality was much more than we expected. Fulton Berry a participant said brother it was not playtime but a time for work. The people that attended was serious and they took leave time; sick days, vacation time, etc. because they really wanted to be here.

Brother Thuston of Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ did a tremendous job as the luncheon speaker Friday. Dean Stem of the College of Business of Texas Tech University did a splendid job, we also had representatives of S.B.A., South Plains Association of Government and various resource persons from across the South Plains, as well as the state of Texas.

Richardson said we have only just begun there is so much more on the drawing board. We are in the process of putting together a black business and professional directory. The

resource people made outstanding presentations Friday. The Saturday session included workshops, planning sessions for a state wide effort. Eddie P. Richardson was one of five persons appointed to a State Wide Planning Committee along with Mrs. Tina Collins of Midland, Texas, Ms. Tracy McDaniels of Austin, Texas, Mr. Odell Crawford, Odessa, Texas and Mr. William Toliver of Waco, Texas. Mr. Calvin Stephens of Dallas Minority Business Development Center was the workshop spokesperson for the Saturday session.

The committee will meet in Austin to plan for the upcoming State meeting set for March 1988. At that time the President of the National Black Chamber of Commerce from Oakland, California is expected to be present. Richardson told the Digest we are expecting great things on the local, state and national level as for Black people's in the leadership and economic development field. More information and photos later.

Job Picture for Lubbock Looks Flat

Lubbock area employers forecast few hiring prospects for the first quarter of 1988, according to a survey released today by Manpower Inc., the world's largest temporary help service.

Manpower's latest Employment Outlook Survey reports that 7% of local employers surveyed plan to increase staff during January, February and March, 7% expect cutbacks and 79% anticipate no changes. The remaining 7% are uncertain of hiring plans.

"Employment prospects traditionally subside following the favorable holiday hiring pace," said Anthony Hogue of Manpower's Lubbock office. Three months ago, 15% forecast more hiring and 7% expected reductions. A year ago, 17% indicated plans to increase their workforce, while none predicted fewer job opportunities.

Across the nation, the outlook is brighter for the first three months of 1988, as 21% of the more than 13,000 employers polled intend to hire and 12% foresee declining employment levels. In the South, 23% look forward to staff increases and 10% plan to reduce personnel.

In Lubbock, staff reductions are "evident in the education sector. Wholesalers and retailers are reporting mixed hiring intentions. Other industries should remain stable.

On a nationwide basis, survey results indicate that hiring activity in the traditionally slow post-holiday period will be as strong as that seen in any comparable period of the current 60-month recovery and will reflect vitality in all business sectors and geographic areas.

Furthermore, hiring plans of U.S. business firms for the first quarter of 1988 were virtually unaffected by the recent drop in stock market prices, according to a Manpower re-survey conducted following the October financial crisis. Of those respondents polled again in mid-November to determine if attitudes or plans were changed by market conditions, 90% reaffirmed their original projections.

The labor market, exhibiting a life and character of its own, at the moment is robust and optimistic despite the negative signals from the stock market.

In addition to the generally bright hiring picture, there is particular hiring strength shown in the Durable Goods Manufacturing and Services industries—the two largest employment sectors.

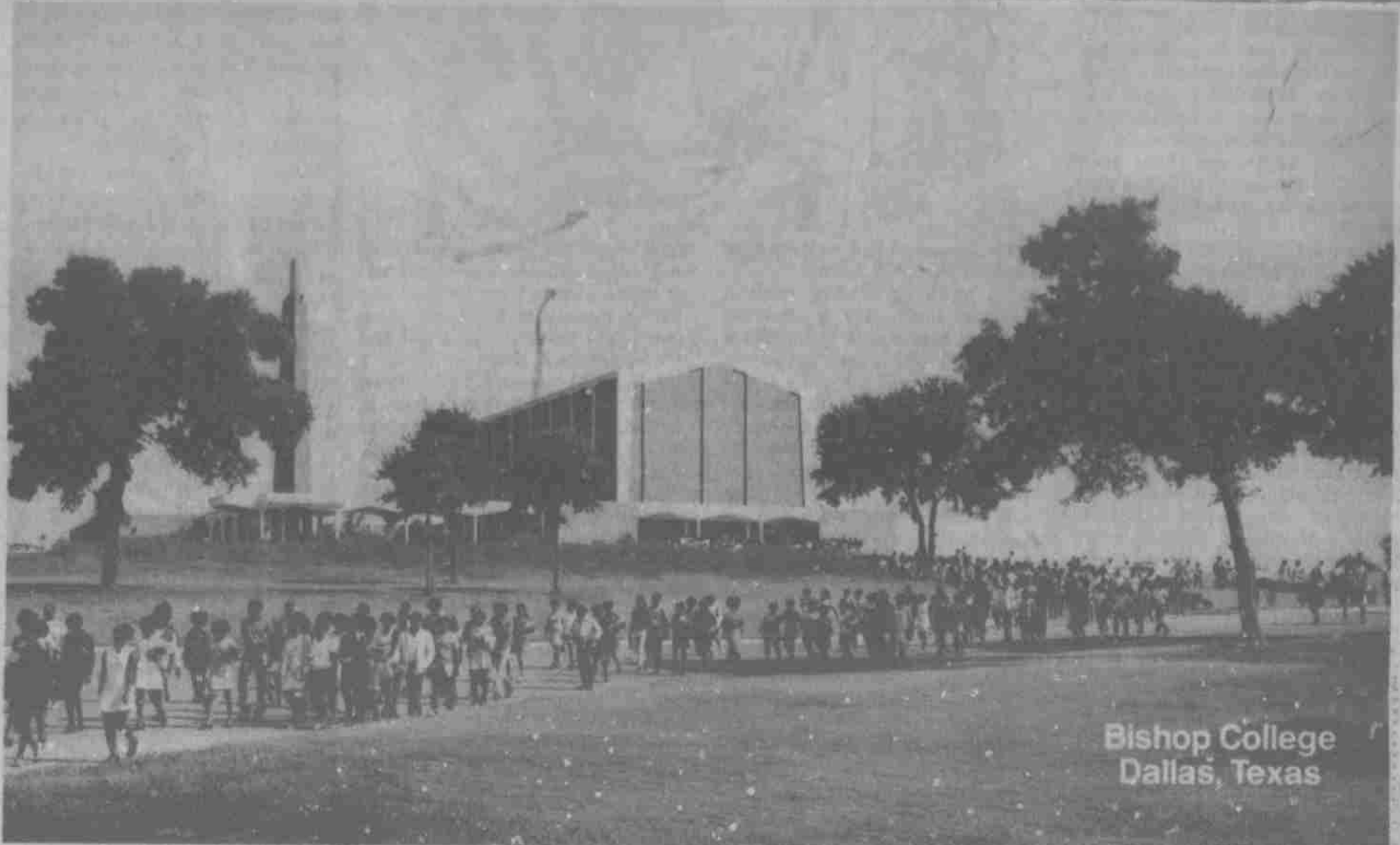
Geographically, the Southern states show signs of recovery from the hiring slump in the energy industries. However, all areas are more optimistic than in the comparable quarters of recent years.

Construction

Always the victim of winter weather in cold climate areas, the Construction industry is not as pessimistic as usual. A total of 19% of the firms contacted plan to add to employment rolls, while 22% expect declines. A year ago, 16% foresaw increases and 26% predicted staff cuts. The picture is brightened by an especially favorable outlook for winter construction in the South, where 27% will be adding staff and 16% will be trimming down.

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Bishop College
Dallas, Texas

Can Bishop College Survive?

by Trina Darden

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This series is written by Trina Darden, a graduating senior at North Texas State University, Denton, Texas.)

In spite of its problems, Bishop has rendered valuable service to the black community. Founded in 1881 by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Bishop faced tremendous obstacles. Located at first in Marshall, Texas, the theme was to "promote Christian piety." The school was very religious-orientated and organized to provide Christian learning.

Bishop was supported by both blacks and whites in the community. Financial support stemmed from the white community and the blacks were given the opportunity to get more education. With the help of concerned white citizens, black administrators, teachers and friends, Bishop rose from a institution of promise in 1881 to a full-fledged college in the early 1970s.

Throughout the school's history, it has made major contributions to both the black and white communities and to society in general. While in Marshall, Bishop created several community service programs, such as helping to eliminate illiteracy within the black community and providing nursery schools for poor families' children. In 1961, Bishop moved to Dallas. The move enabled the school to more effectively serve the city with Texas' largest black population. Even though there was white opposition at first, Bishop survived. There was a shortage of funds even then, but with the help of the General Education Board, the school overcame the problem.

After having received its accreditation years before, the school's curriculum did not advance until the move to Dallas. The curriculum was upgraded and expanded, so that courses in other

areas were offered instead of only liberal arts courses. More community service projects for the Dallas area was created. These included free courses to enhance the personal and professional growth, such as child care, data processing and typing.

By 1974, Bishop was the "second largest, four-year, degree granting institution of higher education in the Greater Dallas Metropolitan Area." It provided an educational alternative for blacks that would not have been available otherwise. The school developed programs designed to meet the special needs of the black communities it served.

Even during this period of success, Bishop was struggling to survive financially. Support came from all directions — the government, the faculty, the students, as well as the community.

Today, this support is declining at all levels. The students are becoming disgusted with the whole situation and leaving the school. Curtis Lindsey, *sophomore at Bishop* the spring semester of 1987 said, "It may have been necessary for the school to do what it has done to survive, but I did not stay around to see if it did. I transferred this semester."

The government has cut off most of its funding due to the school's large debts and the community has lost most, if not all, of its confidence in the school as a learning institution.

Bishop's oppressive debt and faulty management history has undermined the school's academic effectiveness in a way that it cannot and perhaps should not survive under its current structure, said Claude Watson, appointed by the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce to head the "Save Bishop College Campaign."

Watson said the administrative structure should be re-established. Other administrators said the

school is just fine as it is and will always be there. "I truly feel that God meant for Bishop to survive and be here," said Dr. Edison Folks, chairman of Bishop's natural sciences and mathematics department.

There is much disagreement about the causes for the crisis at Bishop today. Most say the shortage of funds is the main cause. However, former and present Bishop officials cite poor administration and negative press for the crisis. Black colleges all over the United States are suffering from the same problems.

At one time, Bishop grew, packing the dormitories and nearby apartments with students from everywhere. But today, a visitor walking on the campus will encounter buildings with broken windows and stained walls. It was once considered to have the newest and finest facilities in the region. For many years, it turned out a high percentage of black professionals. By far, its most important aspect was that Bishop offered many blacks their only chance at higher education.

Today, Bishop's main goal is to reorganize and get back its accreditation. "Bishop has tightened its budget and taken steps to restructure," said Levi Watkins, interim president of the school. He said the main thing is to get enrollment back up, which

has fallen drastically during the last few years.

This is not likely to happen without accreditation. For this reason, Bishop must get back up its original standards as quickly as possible, Watkins said.

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Many seem to think that Bishop cannot survive the latest set of tragic events. They think the school has fought a good fight, but now should gracefully back down and close its doors. This school of thought comes from those who feel the government should close the doors on all predominantly black schools. In many states, the government has been enlisted to do that very thing.

"Fortunately, we have not come to that point," Watson said. If Bishop and its supporters could raise its own funds and not bother the government too much, I think we'll be o. k."

Others believe that the problems Bishop is facing now are merely stepping stones to overcome so that one day the college will be even greater than it was before. They feel the school must continue to fight for its existence because the black students of tomorrow are depending on it for their future.

If Bishop does not survive, one thing is certain, it will not be from lack of trying.

Holidays For Safety

Because traffic accident trends increase greatly during the holiday season, the Holiday Safety Program has been developed by B.E.L.T.S. at Texas Tech in order to make a safer Lubbock.

Accidents don't just happen, they are caused. They are caused by individuals who fail to yield the right of way, who fail to signal, who fail to stop at stop signs, who speed, and who drive while intoxicated, just to name a few. Reduction of these hazards can only be accomplished with each citizen's efforts.

Goals for the program are:

1. Reduced accidents, injuries, and fatalities on Lubbock streets.

Through November 30, 1987, there has been one accident every 1 hour and 15 minutes one injury every 2 hours and 45 minutes one fatality every 10 days.

2. Reduce drunk driving. National statistics still indicate that 50% of traffic fatalities have alcohol involvement. Texas rate was 37%. When we have identified something that accounts for up to 1/2 of the total accidents, we must take action.

3. Increase seat belt usage in Lubbock. A recent survey in Lubbock indicated that 59% of the citizens are using restraint.

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For Santa's Helpers: User-Friendly Stocking Stuffers

Is Santa Claus computer literate?

The question arises because so many people now have personal computers of so many different brands and styles that trying to put a little something under the tree for the computer-user in your family may be yet another exercise in frustration.

Is it possible to find something for a personal computer user, even if you're not really sure what kind of computer he has, or what type of software she uses? Something that costs less than \$20, comes in a small enough box to be gift-wrapped and won't make you look foolish when it's opened on Christmas morning?

In other words, are there such things as "one size fits all" computer accessories for non-computerized Santas?

"Absolutely," replies Tim Carr, market development manager in charge of more than 50 accessory products for 3M, the world's largest supplier of computer storage media.

There are a number of useful computer products that even the least knowledgeable computer shopper can stuff in a stocking or slip under the tree with confidence that they'll be appreciated. And used.

For instance, almost every computer has a screen. A computer screen can create fatigue after extended periods of time. Some people get red eyes, tired eyes, even headaches. The dirtier the screen gets, the harder the eyes have to work. The screen gets dirty because it generates static, which attracts dust and debris just like the screen of a television set. Yet very few people clean their screen.

Screen cleaning kits cost less than \$10. Most contain pretreated, disposable cleaning pads designed to remove dirt and debris while at the same time eliminating static buildup. 3M's system, called CleanT'Safe, comes in a handy box that can be



attached, removed and reattached to the side of the CRT screen.

As a stocking stuffer with a handsomer touch, try a Diskrite permanent felt-tip pen, but writes in permanent gold ink with a specially designed soft tip that allows it to be used safely even on the black PVC jackets of computer diskettes.

If Santa's Christmas fund is a little larger, a static control strip or pad can be a nice "touch." When the user touches the keyboard, static in the body can drain into the computer, zapping data or even ruining a delicate computer chip. An anti-static mat or strip is grounded, so touching it first allows the user to channel static away from the computer. Mats go under the computer or keyboard; 3M's anti-static strip can be positioned unobtrusively on the keyboard itself. They all sell for around \$20.

Most computers are hooked up to printers, for which there are lots of inexpensive printer accessories to choose from. A sturdy plastic Universal Printer Stand fits the printer,

regardless of the style or brand being used, allowing paper to be stored and fed to the printer from below.

For platen (the black roller on typewriters, printers and sheet and envelope feeders), there are cleaning kits like the CleanN'Safe platen cleaner and restorer pak. Cleaning the platen extends the life of that important part by restoring its "grip." That, in turn, prevents paper from sliding and also eliminates the transfer of ink and oils from the platen to the back of the paper going over it.

Does Santa need more ideas? How about a non-magnetic copyholder (magnetic fields can distort and destroy the computer user's data) that puts work at a comfortable eye level while saving desk space, and 3M's version can be folded up for compact storage when not in use.

Santa's helpers don't have to be full-fledged computer users to choose something a computer user will appreciate. Most computer stores and office supply stores carry a wide selection of computer accessories to fit almost any need or budget.

A Citizen's Opinion

America the beautiful, opportunity, freedom and hope. What has happened to you? Where has all the hope, opportunity and freedom gone? Big government—big government at the local, state and national levels has eroded the bright, sparkling promise that was yours, America. From seas to shining seas, the overwhelming tax burden casts its dark shadow. From majestic mountains to flowing grain on the plains, governmental entities search for ways to increase this burden.

Along with taxes goes control—increasing control into every aspect of life. There is no escape. Oh, but these controls are good for us. They provide for us 'the good life.'

As we rush blindly through our days, we seldom have time to think about the broader philosophy of world and national happenings. All news is bad news, it seems.

Life is time. Time is life. Life is the combined total of all those moments we possess, whether working or playing or resting. But we've lost control of those moments. The complex demands on our time grow. Rush. Stop. Rush. Do this. Take care of that. Telephone. Intruder in the office or at home's door. Buy. Above all, buy. We must keep our economy strong.

Ever stop to ask why? What is a strong economy? One which supports the different level of government? Or one which

provides the goods and services you, as an individual, want?

Remember the slower, simpler days of childhood? Whose childhood? Not the hurried, harassed child of today. School days may have been happy days somewhere in the distant past; not today. Today's child is subjected, almost from birth, to the stress of rush, wait, rush, do this, do it NOW. We must go; we'll be late. Time, the very fabric of life, belongs to 'the system,' not to the individual.

Think. Act. No, don't think; just

do as you are told. Learn to obey. Haven't we been here before? Germany in the 1930's maybe? And before that? A thousand times. Civilizations come and go. They begin with an idea, a growing set of beliefs and practices. They begin with an idea, a growing set of beliefs and practices. They are fresh and young. Ideas spread, change, are polished. Other people are attracted. Stagnation begins somewhere along the way. Set bureaucracies are too

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Dianetics Helps Eliminate Holiday Stress

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Rather than the happy celebration it is supposed to be, Christmas and New Years are often a very stressful time for people. And with new discoveries linking stress with illness, we now know that it can also foster sickness.

"During the Christmas season, it is not unusual to find people getting colds, flu, and other illnesses," says Dr. Paul Jaconello, a medical doctor, nutritional specialist and Dianetics expert. He began studying the relationships between mental factors and disease long before the current wave of scientific investigation

linked stress with a reduction in the effectiveness of the immune system.

"Dianetics," first documented what other studies are now proving conclusively," he says. "Mental factors can predispose a person to germ and virus caused illness. Perception of disease, the ineffectiveness of the immune system to fight germs and viruses which are always present, is intimately linked with one's mental well-being."

"Research, detailed in the New York Times best-seller 'Dianetics' by L. Ron Hubbard, determined that it was possible, using Dianetics technology, to mentally proof up a person against illness so that he or she rarely got ill. Someone in such a state of awareness, can develop what would generally be considered a very high tolerance of stress, in fact almost viewing stress-filled situations as an invigorating challenge."

Jaconello says that a better understanding of the nature of stress can help one ensure that the holiday season is the pleasant and happy time it should be.

In addition to reading 'Dianetics,' Dr. Jaconello suggests that people will enjoy the holiday season more if they don't get overtired and if they watch how much they drink. "Taking vitamin B1 can help to minimize the after effects of alcohol and this is depleted when one drinks," he says. "Also, keeping down one's sugar intake can generally help keep one feeling in better spirits."

The Christmas season should be a time for strengthening the family; it should be a time for seeing and enjoying the company of friends; it should be a celebration of the best of men, not only as a race but as individuals as well. There is no reason that it won't be if one keeps stress to a minimum and takes steps to avert any bad "side-effects" of Christmas as soon as they start to emerge.

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devices. That means that 41% are not wearing the protection provided in their vehicles. The sad fact is that child restraint usage is under 50%. Seat belts are your best defense against drunk drivers and other drivers' mistakes.

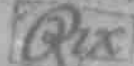
4. Increase defensive driving techniques among Lubbock citizens. Of all the accidents that occur, there are 99% that could be eliminated with a simple evasive action, such as stopping at a stop sign, yielding the right of way, or following at a reasonable distance. Some ways that citizens can help accomplish these goals are:

1. Setting a safe driving example.
2. Discussing traffic safety with those they meet.
3. Asking businesses to emphasize traffic safety to their employees.
4. Putting up posters, and supporting traffic safety ideas and programs.

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Though for the Season: Many waters cannot quench LOVE, neither can the floods drown it. (song of Solomon 8:7) thank about it!

Fruit sacks was prepared to hand out to children, no matter where, color or denomination you may be it doesn't have anything to do with it. This week end we are giving out food baskets as many as we are blessed to prepare to those in need of food.

Let us Pray: Season Prayer - Our Father give us a clear vision through your word, help us Lord to humble ourselves not to thank of ourselves more highly than we ought to thank. You have already paid a great debt with your life, help us to walk free in love, peace and happiness. In a world that you made for mankind, every soul you made have a purpose in this world and its to make this world a better place for your people. Thy kingdom come on this earth as it is

in heaven, help us to realize this can only be done when we come to ourselves and realize there's plenty in this world for all. The one that plots evil in his heart now to destroy the property, joy and peace of others, we bound up that evil mind at this moment in the name of Jesus. We thank you Lord for your healing power, that's ministering healing to the mind and soul and spirit today. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Think if it had not been for the birth of Jesus we would not have a reason to celebrate. Thank God for a Christ who paid the price for you and I. Catch a clear glimpse of the facts, and you will walk into this Christmas Season a new person. Every day should be a celebration of love, forgiveness, peace and happiness.

Have a faith filled Holiday Season. We walk by faith and not by sight. The memorial prayer tower building fund donations are Sis. Dorothy Nash, \$10.00. Can any good come out of Nazareth?? Thank you for your seed gift, also thank the people of Lubbock or your prayers. Sis Christine Burleson, president. Ruby Henderson, Vice president, Annie Johnson, secretary and D. Hood, reporter.

Senior Adult Literacy Project

The Texas Department on Aging awarded \$2,000 to the South Plains Area Agency on Aging to help develop a senior adult literacy project in Hockley County.

Literacy councils are local non-profit organizations that raise money for literacy programs, recruit teachers and obtain educational materials for use in classes. Because they are staffed by

volunteers, literacy councils are able to operate at minimal cost to taxpayers.

With the help of Texas Department on Aging staff, the Hockley County project, based in Levelland, will seek to increase private and public interest in literacy classes for the elderly, and to make these programs self-sustaining.

Department on Aging Executive Director O.P. Bobbitt said senior literacy programs were needed because, "Approximately one third of the 2.2 million Texans over 60 are functionally illiterate, and we have to find a way to reach these people."

"A good first step is to recognize that older men and women feel more at ease learning with their peers than with people much younger. In a seniors-only environment, teachers can change their materials, schedules and methods in recognition of the different ways in which the young and old learn."

"Senior adult literacy councils help provide this unique environment."

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established, too powerful, to eliminate. Overtaxation begins, continues, grows. Controls are needed. Or so it is said. More controls. New ideas are reduced to ashes. Individual initiative is lost, crushed.

When we fail to learn from history, we ultimately fail. When we are too busy making history, to contemplate both the past and our present, we are in danger. When time, life itself, becomes the property of government; when we are so busy being productive, being evaluated, to enjoy the moments of the changing seasons, the moments of our children's progressing from infancy to adulthood, we have lost the essence of life. We become puppets, controlled by the necessity to earn a living, to meet society's varied demands.

We're there. Is this what we truly want America to have become? Do we still have the energy to unite and attempt to change things? Or, have we become so accustomed to being told what to do and how to do it that we no longer question the 'authorities'?

The most despairing part is that no other country wants a disenchanted American unless that American is either rich or highly skilled. There is nowhere to go.

— Opportunity —

Applications are being accepted for the position of finance officer at South Plains Association of Governments. Applicants should possess a degree in accounting or finance and have experience in the operation of automated accounting systems. Fund accounting experience is a plus. This is not an entry level position. Interested persons may submit a resume and letter of application including salary requirements and/or salary history to: Executive Director, South Plains Association of Governments, P. O. Box 3730 Freedom Station, Lubbock, Texas 79452. Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Truth About Drugs Aired Across The US

John Duff, Executive Director of Narconon International and co-author of the book, "The Truth About Drugs," announced in Los Angeles that "in a continuing effort to educate people about the harmful effects of drugs and how to handle the problem in the community," his group will be expanding their radio interviews across the Nation.

Duff says, "In the past eight weeks, Narconon, which is a non-profit organization has provided nearly 100 hours of radio interviews in the US in an effort to help communities with drugs and related problems."

Most of these interviews have been done on radio stations in Los Angeles, San Diego, Boston, Denver and Oakland which are also areas where Narconon delivers drug education lectures to thousands of young people and their parents.

Duff says that, "For about the last eight years out of the twenty years that Narconon has been handling Drug Abuse, we have been very strongly committed to an educational campaign with Drug Education Lectures and Celebrity Allstar appearances. The intention was to help young people understand the consequences of drug abuse."

But Duff adds, "now we are reaching an even larger

percent of the population in major cities with our radio and TV interviews, the interviews have been very well received because we provide information which is exact and can be used to handle the drug problem. We are licensed to use the information and successful drug rehabilitation technology developed by the best-selling American author and researcher L. Ron Hubbard."

Among those who have been interviewed, besides Duff, are Executive Directors Stan Gerson in San Diego, Jack Farland in Denver, Narconon lecturer Bobby Wiggins in Boston, and Narconon drug-free Celebrities such as John Travolta and former boxing champion Carlos Palomino.

Duff said that Narconon will continue to expand the Narconon radio interviews as well as television in the US, and welcomes inquiries to the international headquarters in Los Angeles. For more information contact John Duff at (213) 384-0606.

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It Needs To Be Said

by
The Mystery Writer

"What have you done lately" is a good question to ask yourself as this year comes to a close. Did you achieve any of the goals you set for yourself last year? If you didn't why not? Be serious with yourself, just why didn't you accomplish what you wanted? Sometimes we expect too much of ourselves and we really can't achieve our goal. Sometimes we short change our own talents and abilities, therefore what we do accomplish leaves us unfulfilled.

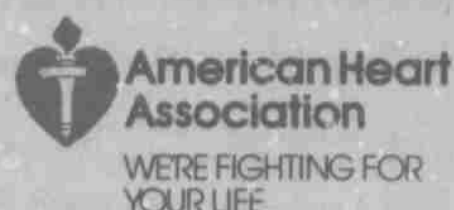
Too often we spend so much time pleasing ourselves that we fail to see the joy of pleasing others. We must learn when to please self and when to please others. Too much of one can leave you confused and unfulfilled.

Can you say, for 1987, I feel good about my interactions with others. People like your neighbor, did you show concern for your neighbors rights to peace and privacy? If something had happened next door, would you have noticed something was wrong before the police or other emergency vehicles arrived? What type of community contribution did you make? Did you take a few minutes of your time to pick-up some trash that was in the street or help a senior citizen keep their property clean. Just what have you done lately to make your community a better place in which to live.

Can you say, for 1987, I feel good about how I treated myself? Did I spend my time, money and energy wisely? Did I spend my time doing constructive things or did I spend it talking about things I should be doing? Of the money I spent, could I have spent more within the community, could I have spent more with a black business, could I have donated more to help those less fortunate than I? Did I take care of my health or did I fill my body with drugs and alcohol, eat too much, carry too much weight, know I have illness but refuse to go to the doctor? Am I a day to day person, with little hope for tomorrow? Was I always the only person of concern? Could I have turned some of my interest into us, we, or they interest?

In 1988, if each of us in east Lubbock would honestly set a personal and community goal, actively work to achieve that goal, imagine the type of year there could be for east Lubbock. If we would set goals like painting our homes, being more neighborly, spending more time with our kids, becoming more involved in youth activities, to take better care of our bodies by not putting so much unnecessary stuff into it, to contribute more money to our community, and there are many other goals we can establish individually, that can make east Lubbock a much better place. One key goal each of us should make for 1988 is to become more involved in our community. It will take more involvement by more people to make any progress in eliminating our crime, drug, teen pregnancy and school drop-out problems. Little things like having a neat and clean home to come to, someone that shows a sincere interest, having someone that you TRUST to talk with, those small things can be the difference in a youth going straight or going astray.

1988 will be a new year, why not seriously consider this year as the START of a new attitude for east Lubbock? Let become a WE community. Let's develop attitudes of we can because we want to and because we want to, WE WILL.



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NOTHING TO FALL BACK ON

WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!

Letter To the Editor

I wish to comment on a recent study linking sickle cell trait to an unusually high risk of sudden death in Black recruits during basic military training.

The study was an examination of unexplained sudden deaths occurring among recruits during basic military training between 1977 and 1982. The study found 12 sudden deaths in 37,200 Black recruits with sickle cell trait, 5

unexplained sudden deaths among Black recruits who did not have sickle cell trait, and 11 unexplained sudden deaths among 1.6 million recruits who were not Black. The investigators concluded that the risk of

An Educator's Opinion

A Message Long Overdue

Thinking, reasoning, problem-solving, creating. Developing these skills is key to the learning process.

But schools today, note a number of recent reports, aren't doing enough to foster these basic abilities. One reason, these reports explain, is bureaucratic obstacles that limit teachers' opportunities to exercise their best professional judgment on their students' behalf.

We in NEA are doing our best to break down the bureaucratic obstacles so rightly lamented by studies such as the recent *American Memory: A Report on the Humanities in the Nation's Public Schools* from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

We're particularly proud of one of our efforts, the NEA *Mastery in Learning Project*. Through this initiative, teachers in 27 pilot schools across the nation are developing new approaches to learning that emphasize the true mastery of subject matter. Facilities in *Mastery in Learning* schools are beginning to break the confines of the traditionally structured school day, moving their classes beyond rote memorization, helping their students grasp the critical thinking skills so essential to meaningful learning.

Hillside Junior High, outside Los Angeles, is one of the schools in the NEA *Mastery in Learning* network. A few years ago, Hillside was hardly a candidate for model school status. The scores of Hillside students on the standard California Assessment of Progress (CAP) test were the lowest in the school's district.

NEA members at Hillside Junior High, working through the *Mastery in Learning* project, set out to change that. But Hillside teachers didn't want to "teach to the test." They didn't want their students to merely parrot back a piece of information to questions on the CAP test, information that would be forgotten as soon as the exam was over. Instead, Hillside teachers wanted their students to learn how to analyze test questions and reason their way to thoughtful answers. The Hillside teachers called their plan to develop these critical thinking skills *Zap the CAP*.

For the next two months, at the start of the second period of each school day — the time

when Hillside teachers had determined their students are the most alert — every teacher in every Hillside classroom worked with students on projects and exercises to strengthen thinking skills. At the end of the two months, the Hillside students took the CAP. The results were substantial. Hillside student test scores went from the bottom of the district to the top.

But the faculty at Hillside didn't stop there. Building upon what they had learned through the *Zap the CAP* program, teachers set aside an "advisement period" every day to give students the opportunity to work with faculty advisers on honing basic study skills. Students in this program now work with a single faculty adviser for the entire academic year, and this continuity helps students make an easier transition from the elementary grades, where students have one teacher all day long, to the multi-teacher junior high curriculum.

Hillside teachers are taking seriously the National Endowment for the Humanities report's recommendations. They are building on their students' newly developed thinking skills by increasing depth in subject matter. During the next two months, in an "Integrated Studies Project," a control group of students will have science, history, and art integrated into their English curriculum. This group will be pre- and post-tested with other classes that have not taken integrated subjects. If the results are positive, the program will be expanded.

What do Hillside teachers think about their NEA *Mastery in Learning* Project experiences? "There are a lot of great programs out there, but every school has its own learning needs," says Hillside teacher Deni Byrnes. "The *Mastery in Learning* Project gives teachers the research and other resources they need to develop and choose programs that are valuable for their students and their schools."

Summe up Byrnes: "I used to think of myself as a teacher in just my own discipline, arts and crafts. Now I see myself as a total teacher and the kids as total students — not just arts and crafts students as they are in my class, but students studying English, science, math, and history."

That unity is what real learning is all about.



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Jingle Bells And Holly Wreaths . . .

Jingle bells and holly wreaths,
And stockings in a row;
Christmas trees with pretty balls,
And playing in the snow. . .

Colored lights and candy canes,
And downy angel wings;
Carols sung by boys and girls,
And other lovely things. . .

Baby Jesus in the hay,
And shepherds with their sheep;
Mary sitting by her child,
Who lies there fast asleep. . .

Choirs of angels in the sky;
A brilliant evening star—
Wisemen with their precious gifts
Arriving from afar. . .

Christmas time is here again,
And joy fills all the earth;
Oh come, dear friends, and share
with me.
Our blessed Saviour's birth!!!

Hope C. Oberhelman



unexplained sudden death was 28 times higher for Black recruits with sickle cell trait, than for other Black recruits, and 40 times higher than for all other recruits.

For two reasons this study should not be interpreted to mean that individuals with sickle cell trait in civilian life are at a similar risk. Firstly there are aspects of military basic training that recruits undergo that are quite different from circumstances that individuals encounter in civilian life. These include rapid conditioning of poorly developed muscles, severe exposure to conditions that cause heat stress and loss of water from the body during exertion, and frequent and prolonged exertion. Secondly, in the military there is no evidence that after basic training the risk of sudden death is greater for individuals with sickle cell trait.

Therefore there is no need for civilians with sickle cell trait to take precautions during exercise that are different from what is recommended for the general public. Everyone - whether they have sickle cell trait or not - should take adequate fluids when exercising, and should rest at reasonable intervals. Also everyone should be sure that the extent to which they exercise is in keeping with their physical fitness.

Since persons with sickle cell trait are not at greater risk for "sudden" death in civilian life there would be absolutely no justification for individuals with sickle cell trait to be disqualified for jobs or to be required to pay special insurance premiums. If you are aware that either is occurring please report this to our national office (800) 421-8453.

We want to remind the readers that sickle cell trait is not a disease. In some individuals the red blood cells can be changed from a round to a sickle shape. Individuals who inherit this tendency from one parent have sickle cell trait. Persons with sickle cell trait do not have sickle cells in the blood stream under usual living conditions and do not have a disease. In some individuals with sickle cell trait, sickling in the blood stream may occur under conditions with severely decrease the amount of oxygen in their red blood cells such as high altitudes (10,000 feet) and extreme exertion. About 8% of the Black American population have sickle cell trait. By contrast individuals who have inherited this tendency from both parents have sickle cell anemia, they always have sickle cell anemia is present in about 0.2% of the Black American population.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Absence from Church is A Vote To Close its Doors



FROM THE PEN OF
PARSON D. A. SMITH

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Who Can Measure Up?

Last week at the state wide conference for Black Chambers that was held here in our city, I had the opportunity to hear one of the invited speakers: Dr. Carl Stern, Dean of Texas Tech University, College of Business.

Dr. Stern emphasized to the group that our economic environment is radically different today than it was yesterday. The 1981-82 recession that was close to a depression, post recovery did not have the economic catalyst to produce and upswing, leaving some businesses in worst shape than they were before the recession. The theory behind the development of this radical change in the economic environment was stated to be **technological**. Because of modern technology, businesses can be competitive in the marketplace; handle their clientele in a more personal way; and give high quality goods at a competitive price. The marketplace does not play favorites but, buy from whomever can deliver or **who can measure up**.

The question to you in this Advent Season is, "Can you measure up for Christ's return?" Are you prepared to meet the perfect man Jesus, the glorious Son of God, the savior of the world. You cannot measure up by yourself or on your own efforts. Like the businessman needs programs of education enabling him to compete, we need God to help make us the kind of people we need to be at Christ's coming.

We Thank God For Jesus

**"Lord, I'm Accused of Loving You!!!
I'm Guilty"**

Psalms 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? **2 Peter 3:3** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Lord, I know I was like the prodigal son, wasting time thinking of fun, I tried what the world called its best, but I was liking something inside: "I couldn't find no rest."

Lord, but I thank you for giving me; of all my many sin's, you've allowed me to chance, to start all over again.

Mark 1:15 Jesus said, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and be baptized in the Gospel.

Lord, I remember reading your word's, and loving what it says, "It is food for my soul; and water for my spirit, everyday."

Matthew 11:29-30 Jesus said, take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Lord, after reading & studying, "The holy spirit told me why", your plan is for me, to speak your word's; to open man's ears and eyes.

My sister Dessie May reminded me, in the 60 I rapped filthy words, & with the rhythm of a beat, it was the best to be heard.

Isaiah 6:5a then said I, woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips. (I was raised in Queen City).

Lord, I thank you for changing and cleaning my words, and giving me your's to preach and teach, that "the Gospel is Heard."

Romans 8:28,30 and we know that all things work together for them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. Moreover whom he did predestinate, then: he also he called: and whom he called, them he also justified: whom he justified, them he also glorified.

(Brothers and sisters: you know my mother Pollie Thomas had a stroke in November 1981, the doctors said: "she'd be paralyzed", because blood had been from the brain too long. But I prayed "Lord I didn't want a paralyzed mother, and she's not. The doctors was so amazed, they had to give God the praise. The Lord has "blessed" me with this wondrous wife Jeffereth Marie," but that's not where my joy in the Lord is; my joy in the Lord is, that my name is writt'n in the lamb's book of life. Why'd the prodigal son leave the father???)

Luke 10:28b Jesus said, but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. Lord, I love you the most; but I must say you love me first. **John 15:13** Jesus said, greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another.

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Your Brother In Christ Jesus Always!!

Lyon's Chapel Presents Annual Christmas Program

The music department of the Lyon's Chapel Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas program on Sunday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m.

The program will depict the coming of Christ, it will be a true celebration of Christmas in songs and narration. We invite our many friends to

these special services. As we remember that "Jesus is the Reason of the Season". Minister of music Samuel Curtis choir presidents Dorothy Hood,

Sheryl Snell and Craig Miller, youth director Gwen Titus, Sis. Bettye Miller, musician and director Bro. Thomas Payton, organist.

New Hope News

The New Hope Baptist Church located at 2002 Birch Avenue, The Church were People care. Services were carried out as usual Sunday. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. service began 10:35 a.m. Radio announcer Mrs. Ida Johnson, church announcement sister Anita Henry. The choir sang Christmas Carols and the service was beautiful.

Sermon by pastor Nash, Prechristmas Foundation Wrapped Up in Our Savior, Luke 1:26-31, Luke 2:11. Keep praying for our sick and shut-ins Mr. Ralph Alexander is a patient in Amarillo, Texas at the Veteran Administration Hospital.

Our love sympathy and prayers go out to all the bereaved families everywhere also the Gani family, John S. Evans family, Hooker family and Robert Terry family.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School director Harris, teacher bro. Coppage bless the School with a well taught lesson from the Gospel of Matthew ch 1:17-25 what a time in the Lord.

The Lord bless us with a beautiful testimony service which started the worship hour with everyone giving thanks to God for their many blessing. We thank God for the work or his Holy Spirit in the house.

Pastor Gentry brought to the church body a blessed message, (A full time church and a Part time membership). His text was taken from (St. John 9:15-17). We praise God from whom all Blessing flow. We have on our sick list, Sis. Ida Coleman, Ms. Nellie McCoy, Ms. Bula Lewis is in the hospital. Mr. Percy Carr is ill at home among others, lets pray for all the sick and shut-in.

Galilee Youth Department will be having their Christmas Program the 20th of December. The prayer week at Galilee starts the 28th through January 1, 1988. Lets all join one another in prayer for the entire world. Sis. Laverren Fullbright, reporter.

Y.O.R.C.

Youth Activities

The YORC - Christian Athletic will be playing their 1st Annual Toy Bowl-Football game, Saturday, December 19, 1987, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the Alderson Jr. High Football-Field. Admission will be the donation of a small toy for some underprivileged kid, to make them happy and also have a nice Christmas.

Saturday night December 19, Rev. Phenix the director of YORC will be sponsoring a Special Youth Fellowship Service at the Youth Outreach Center. Located on Parkway Drive.

He will be giving away Fruit Baskets to the youth. Everyone is invited to come out to be a part of this program at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

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CHRISTIAN CURSING

I. Introduction

We approach a delicate, yet important, subject to all the saints today and especially to those in the Lord's churches, that is: the matter of "Christian Cursing." The Christian of today thinks nothing of taking upon himself the ways and appearances of the world. In our society nearly every one professes belief in the Lord but few give evidence of repentant, converted hearts that is characteristic of all who are truly saved. An area that points out this pseudo-Christian trend is the utilization of the language of the world. To directly accuse professing people of using God's Holy name in vain as an outright, deliberate curse word would be an overstatement. Yet, many euphemisms for God are heard every day and often truly born-again saints are guilty.

A. What is a Euphemism?

Let me give Daniel Webster's report: "...to use good or auspicious word for an evil or inauspicious word..." — of good sound.

1. It is the use of a word or phrase that is less expressive or direct but considered less distasteful, less offensive, etc. than another.

2. A word or phrase so substituted. Thus, it is a form of cursing that replaces a direct curse word with a more acceptable word which in effect does the same thing.

B. The question must be asked of modern-day Christians: Do you ever use the name of the Lord in vain?

The word "vain" means "empty," "as nothing," or "lightly." When referring to the subject at hand, it applies to "false-swearing" or "light-swearing." These are words that have little meaning, or an empty purpose or something that is said lightly. Some will use the name of the Lord, yet, go on to defend their position by saying, "I didn't mean anything by it." Others make a defence by claiming that God knows our weakness and therefore will forgive us. However, premeditated sin in God's sight is inexcusable.

C. Are we responsible for our words?

What does the Scripture say in the 3rd commandment? Ex. 20:7, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." The words, "in vain" mean empty, without thought, or lightly. This is clearly a violation of the 3rd commandment and that is a transgression of God's law which is SIN in God's book! The TRUTH is that God still holds all of us accountable for our words: Matt. 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Your swiftest defence may be to quickly bring up the fact that God's saints will not stand in the judgment of sinners. That is true. But beware that words have a way of describing what is in the heart. Matt. 12:34, "O generation of vipers, how can ye being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." While the truly saved will not be judged as to their eternal position in Christ by their performance of words, it is difficult to believe that born-again saints, those changed by the Spirit of God within and have been taken out of the pig-pen of sin, will want to return to it. Scripture says that a pig returns to the mire but that is because of its nature. Therefore, the person who says he is a saint of God but by nature loves the practices of the world and is not convicted of the use of sinful words of the world, that one is of the world.

Ignorance is no excuse to sin when we have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit to keep us in truth. So, let us develop and identify some words. This will not be an exhaustive list but rather examples.

II. Words that are used which involve God's name in vain or with lightness. These definitions will be according Webster's Dictionary.

Any good dictionary will give you all of these.

A. Euphemisms of God.

1. Gosh: "...an interjection, an exclamation of surprise: a euphemism for God." The word would make light of the use of this word but the saints ought to heed the meaning of words. It is the using of the word "gosh" in the place of the word "God" to make it seem less offensive.

2. Good: (used by itself or together with other words as in "good-night," etc.)

a. The word "good" is often used as an adjective with a descriptive intent by comparison. However, the etymology of the word shows that it is not an innocent word when used as an interjection. Etymology: from the word "gode;" Anglo-Saxon, god, akin to German, Gut.

b. Used as an interjection: "In some exclamatory phrases expressing surprise, consternation, etc. (e.g., good-gracious! good-grief! good-night!) Good is an euphemism for God." That includes forms of the word good-as, even when we personalize and say "good-as me," there is a wrong connotation and it is just a replacement for being able to use the name of the Lord.

3. Golly: "it is an interjection, an exclamation of surprise, etc.: a euphemism of God." It is a milder, socially acceptable way to use God's name in vain. This

also includes all the shortened forms as in "gol" (gold-darn).

4. Gracious: "as an interjection, an exclamation of surprise, it is a euphemism of God."

5. Gee: "it is an interjection (a euphemistic contraction of Jesus), (slang), an exclamation of surprise, etc." All forms of Gee, Geez or Cheez, Cheese, Cheeze, Sheeze, still relate back to the Lord Jesus Christ when used as an exclamatory remark.

6. Jiminy Crickets: has been used by many professing people, however, it is also a euphemistic expression of Jesus Christ. It is just a way to try to exchange acceptable words with which to euphemistically use our Lord's name lightly. It is an interjection.

7. Many forms of expressions as: Great day, Toler'o, etc. While the words may not in themselves mean anything wrong, their usage makes them a replacement for the Lord in an exclamatory remark.

8. The expression "man at the wheel" has a direct reference to the Sovereign God of the universe who is in control of all things, but here euphemistically applied and taken lightly or disbelieved altogether. It is not a light thing to acknowledge God's sovereignty in an empty statement. For He is Sovereign.

9. Egad: "(igod, egad) interj. (prob. ah God), a softened or euphemistic oath."

B. The usurping of God's authority of judgment or making light of His character.

1. Darn: (all forms of this word included) an interjection, a euphemism of the word damn and is a form of a curse. A curse is never inflicted seriously except it call upon God to do the damning. It places the curser in the seat of authority in God's place to sit judgment over the one being cursed and makes God subordinate to the one using the curse word to inflict damnation at their will. It is calling God to take one's own side and condemn the other person to Hell. It matters not whether the person says, "dag-nabit," or "gosh-darn," or "damnation," all of these words use God's authority and name lightly and wrongfully.

2. Holy Cow: Holiness is an attribute, a perfection of God in which we view God separated from all sin (morally and spiritually). A cow has no soul, it is a-moral and is without a spirit. These kind of words have a way of making light of God's character. There also is nothing Holy about smoke. It too, is a euphemistic way of using a word with a wrong intent to make it seem acceptable, and with lightness (in vain).

3. The Lord willing and the creeks don't rise: is a mockery of the Lord's sovereignty. As a matter of fact He does control the creeks, therefore, the two are not contrasts.

(Beware of telling of jokes that use the person of God as a character within a joke. And while it need not directly attack or directly mock His being, it does use Him in a lightness or manner of foolish jesting.) Eph. 5:4, "Neither filthiness, or foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

III. Conclusion:

There is no intent to go into all the foul, filthy words of modern-day vocabulary, it should not be necessary. Eph. 4:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Col. 3:8, "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

The Jews, as was their human custom, would use God to call upon Him to be their witness in oaths. They refrained from using His Holy name in conversation because of His power and Holiness. They had first-hand historical experience for regarding His Holiness. Yet, because they were not born-again their actions were often only legalistic in nature and not because of their love and relationship to the Lord. They were commanded to "not swear" in lightness. Matt. 5:34, "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by Heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King..." (vs.37), "But let your communication be yea, yea; nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Israel was taking oaths lightly and calling on God to back their position. Jesus said just say yes or no and back your word with action.

What's wrong with using sound proper words? Why do Christians need the crude, rank, unwholesome, blasphemous cursing language of the world? Look at Col. 4:6, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

To use euphemisms for God is the same as if His own name were used. Christian cursing and cursing is getting more popular and socially acceptable as the world infiltrates the circle of the Lord's people. Many of the New Evangelical churches (which are no more than some type of religious organization of people) are using this modern jargon to identify themselves with the world and to show them that they are just like them. Well, maybe they are. But that does not justify us.

Remember, it is not always the words by themselves that we use, but often it is the intent of the expression, whether anger, frustration or disagreement that we feel toward God.

Now what can we do? It is simple. Don't use words (actual or euphemistically) that will break fellowship with our Saviour. And as important: learn to direct our thoughts, words, and feelings to the Lord. He is Sovereign. He is coming soon!!

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Worship Services 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship Services 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Services 8:30 p.m.



You'll breeze through the holidays with quick easy-to-prepare party ideas like delicious "Pecan Cheese Crock."



Yuletide Greetings

We've a sleighful of holiday wishes to all our good friends and neighbors. Be merry!



Quick & Easy Meals

by Mildred B. Griggs, Ed.D.

HOLIDAY PARTY IDEAS

It's that special time of the year. The family's coming from far and near to reunite at your house to trim the tree, sing songs by the fireside or go caroling through the neighborhood.

With a simple, eye-catching menu you can keep everybody happy and be carefree enough to join in the fun. To keep the activities moving, use plenty of finger foods that can be eaten while you work and play. "Pecan Cheese Crock" is quick and easy and is made the day before serving. "Quick Quiche" can be baked just before the crowd arrives and is simple to serve. And, when the evening settles down by the fireside, nothing tops off an evening of fun like a smooth cup of "Hot Cranberry Punch."

PECAN CHEESE CROCK

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 (9 ounce) can Frito-Lay® brand Mild Cheddar Flavor Cheese Dip
- 10 ounces bleu cheese, room temperature
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 1 cup broken pecans, toasted
- 3 tablespoons sherry

In a large bowl, beat cheeses with a mixer until fluffy. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pack into your favorite crock and refrigerate for at least 24 hours. Serve with corn chips or sliced green and red apples. Serves 10 to 12.

QUICK QUICHE

- 1 (9-inch) baked pie crust (prick with fork before baking 10 minutes)
- 1/4 pound cooked bacon or ham
- 1 small sliced squash or zucchini
- 5 mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 pound grated Swiss cheese
- 3 eggs, beaten well
- 1 1/2 cups evaporated milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Scallions, chopped

Preheat oven to 425°F. In a medium mixing bowl, blend meat, vegetables, and cheese and pour into pie shell. Set aside.

In a small mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk, pepper and scallions. Blend well and pour over mixture in pie crust. Bake 15 minutes; reduce oven temperature to 350°F, and bake 30 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

HOT CRANBERRY PUNCH

- 1 quart cranberry juice cocktail
- 1 (12 ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a Dutch oven, combine all ingredients. Mix well. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat and simmer until mixture is thoroughly heated. Serve hot. Makes 2 quarts.

For more instant party recipes, call 1/800-352-4477.

BODY WATCH Bulletin

GOOD SHOT

By Dr. James "Red" Duke Jr., Prominent Physician

For nearly 200 years vaccines were hailed as a public health miracle, until recently when some were linked with side effects. Now, scientists are developing new vaccines—destroying their harmful characteristics by changing their genetic make-up. Until these new safer vaccines are available, however, parents should always keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **Take your child for all recommended vaccines.** Remember, effects are rarely as damaging as the diseases they prevent. And the risk of serious disease is many times greater than harm from reaction to the shots.

- **Talk to your doctor.** Find out about each vaccine and its possible effects. Ask what symptoms are most common to each type of shot.

- **Watch for side effects.** It's perfectly normal for a child to be irritable with some localized swelling and itching, and perhaps to run a small fever just after receiving a vaccine. But if they start having trouble breathing, suffer-



ing from extreme fever, or showing signs of extended problems, take them to a doctor immediately.

- **Keep records.** In case you move or switch doctors, you'll want to know exactly which vaccines your children have had. Keep a list of all shots and dates they were received.

For more information and other ideas for health living, tune-in to BODYWATCH, the PBS-TV series funded by the NutraSweet Company, that brings you health and fitness ideas you can live with. A viewer's guide to the series is available through: The NutraSweet Center (BWII), P.O. Box C1115, Skokie, IL 60076. Check local PBS-TV listings for show times.



While Shopping, Don't Forget Your Most Precious Package
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PVAMU Kicks-Off 110th Anniversary With Campus Celebration

Prairie View, TX --Amid music and fireworks at Prairie View A&M University, a gathering of students, faculty, staff and friends expressed their support for the University as it began a year of celebration of its 110th "renaissance anniversary". Dr. Percy A. Pierre, PVAMU President, paid tribute to the University's history--recognizing Prairie View's kinship with Texas A&M University as Land-grant institutions, intended to provide higher education to those who had been denied that opportunity. "Today we celebrate that tradition and renew our commitment to it," said Pierre.

Pierre pointed to the need to redress the imbalance of black Americans who receive half the college degrees in Texas as they should. "At a time when the greater Houston area is seeking new economic opportunities, we must be a part of the solution, by providing some of the essential human capital for economic growth."

Pierre said that the university has accomplished a great deal in spite of being grossly under funded for most of its history. He gave tribute to those in the Texas Legislature who worked to make Prairie View A&M University a part of the Permanent University Fund. After honoring the accomplishments of students and faculty in recent years, the President called for the support of friends to increase the university's endowment and gifts. Pierre said the University's fundamental goal for the year 1994 is "recognizing academic excellence".

Representatives of PVAMU's many constituencies express their support for the university in its annual fund campaign goal of raising the symbolic amount of \$110,000 for its anniversary year 1988. Speakers included Mr. Louis A. Bedford, Jr., President of the National Alumni Association; C. Ray McClain, McDonnell Douglas Corporation; Ms. Helen George representing State Attorney General Jim Mattox; and Ronald Leverett, mayor of the city of Prairie View. Proclamations by U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, and State Attorney

General Jim Mattox were read, which saluted the University's accomplishments and pledged support.

After the program, the assembly gathered outside

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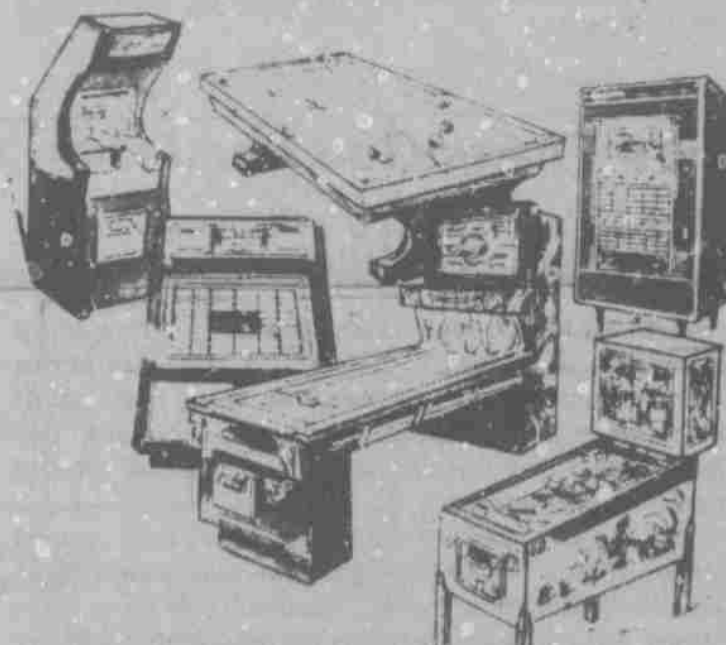
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NAACP Attorneys Win Acquittal For Ex-Army Officer Convicted Of Robbery

It took more than five years for justice to be done, but finally on November 19, 1987, in a Texas courtroom, a black former U.S. Army lieutenant, once convicted of the armed robbery of a convenience store and sentenced to seven years in prison, had his claim of innocence vindicated by a jury as it reversed the earlier decision and set him free.

The long nightmare of Dennis Roy Butler, 26, who now lives in Biloxi, Miss., ended because of the tenacity and skill of NAACP attorney's who entered the case at his request and convinced the 11 white and 1 black juror the wrong man had been convicted.

Butler's travail in its basic dimension resembles a made-for-television movie in which an innocent man is found guilty because of an inadequate defense counsel, and has to live with that burden until a group of dedicated lawyers take on his case, challenge the system, and in a dramatic courtroom confrontation rip the state's case to shreds.

In May, 1982, Butler had no idea of the troubles that lay in store for him. He had a job he liked— an officer in the U.S. Army—and was looking forward to a long military career.

He had been commissioned as a second lieutenant two and a half years earlier, after graduating from Alcorn State. He had just recently been assigned to Fort Hood in Texas, and was living off the post in the nearby city of Killeen with a fellow officer Captain Roger Sims, and his wife, Lorraine.

Located near their apartment was a convenience store which Butler visited on an almost daily basis. On the morning of May 8th, a black male allegedly entered the store, asked several questions about merchandise, pulled out a gun, forced the young female clerk to lie on the floor and then fled with less than \$200.

This was at approximately 7:45 A.M. Sometime after 8:15 A.M., a Killeen policeman, who had received a radio call about the robbery, stopped Butler's car some distance from the robbery site. Informed that the police were looking for a robbery suspect, Butler allowed a search of his person and his car, but the cop came up empty handed.

Two weeks later, two detectives and a uniformed officer came to the apartment and told Butler they wanted to question him about the robbery at headquarters.

Certain of his innocence, Butler went willingly. He told police that

on the day of the robbery, he had gotten up between 7:00 and 8:00 A.M., showered, dressed, talked to Mrs. Sims before she left for work, called his sister in Wichita Falls around 8:00 A.M. and talked to her until about 8:10 A.M., when he left the house for breakfast.

After an hour of questioning, the police took a polaroid picture of Butler and showed it to the clerk, Wanda Vilhauer. She identified him as the robber and he was charged.

Worried now, Butler turned to the yellow pages and picked out a local lawyer, Bill Looney—and that proved to be a major mistake.

At Butler's trial in 1983, the state relied on the testimony of the store clerk to finger Butler as the bandit, and with only one witness called on his behalf, the young soldier was convicted and given seven years.

He spent some 40 days in prison before being released pending an appeal. Meanwhile he had been "involuntarily separated" from the service—a move that devastated him as he saw his military career go down the drain.

It was at this point that Butler turned to the NAACP, and specifically the president of the Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches, A.C. Sutton, and Gill Pennington, President of the NAACP's branch in Belton, Texas.

Through the persistent efforts of A.C. Sutton, this case came to National Headquarters for our involvement," said Grover G. Hankins, National General Counsel for the Association. "Everytime I saw him he talked to me about the case. He called me constantly. I reviewed the documents thoroughly and discussed it with George Hairston, one of our former staff attorneys and determined that we should process with representation of Butler."

Another attorney, Louis Rosenberg of San Antonio was located to handle the appeal. In February, 1983, the trial court denied a Motion for a new trial, but in May, 1984, the Texas 3rd Court

of appeals agreed Butler had received ineffective assistance of counsel and a new trial was ordered.

The prosecutor offered Butler a deal that if he entered a "no contest" or "nolo contendere" plea, the court would place him on a three-month unadjudicated probation. Realizing this would be a tacit admission of guilt and preclude the possibility of being reinstated in the Army, he rejected the option.

At his new trial, Butler was represented by George R. Collin of Dallas, and George Hairston of New York City, both retained counsel for the NAACP. Completing the defense team was Edward A. Haines, Jr., Assistant General Counsel for the NAACP.

Hairston had been involved in a similar NAACP case several years earlier when he represented Lenell Geter, who was similarly wrongfully convicted of aggravated robbery in Texas on the basis of a mistaken identification. Cross-racial identification errors represent a recurring problem in the criminal justice system were, as her, the alleged victim is white and the perpetrator is black.

In Butler's defense, his attorneys introduced three key witnesses. One, Ella Jane Goen, a clerk at a laundromat adjacent to the convenience store, testified she saw a man leave the store seconds after the robbery and he was not Butler. She said she had seen the man whom she believed to be the robber on several occasions since the hold up.

Retired Army Sgt., John Williams testified he was outside the store when the robbery took place and the man he saw running from the store was not Butler. Finally, Mrs. Sims, in whose apartment Butler had been staying, testified he was in her apartment at the time of the robbery.

Also introduced were the phone record of the long distance call Butler placed to his sister at approximately the time of the robbery, the testimony of the sister and several character witnesses. Concluding a three and a half day trial, the jury was out for less than two hours and returned with an innocent verdict.

"I breathed a sigh of relief," Butler said. "I felt that the DA was going to make the robber me, but the NAACP came through. They just had too much evidence."

Employed by the Mississippi Employment Service Commission in Biloxi, Butler's next goal is to have his Army record purged of the "involuntary separation" entry, and to get on with his life without the cloud of a prison term hanging over his head.

Mr. Hankins response to Mr. Butler's innocent verdict was "The NAACP is heartened when justice seeks its appropriate level. We shall continue to pursue Lt. Butler's situation until he is fully vindicated by the U.S. Army."



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