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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sedberry Funeral Chapel Closes Its Doors This Week!

With more than thirty-seven years of integrity in the funeral business, the Sedberry Funeral Chapel 1605 Avenue C, will close its doors this week, Tuesday, December 31, 1985.

Sedberry Funeral Chapel opened its doors in 1948 to serve the public. Mr. Leo Sedberry, who is deceased, and his brother, Mr. Almo Sedberry, were the original directors.

Tuesday, December 31, 1985, this establishment closed its doors to make way for Interstate 27, a new interstate which is in the process of being constructed in the location of the funeral chapel.

"It has been great serving Lubbock and the South Plains area," said Mr. Almo Sedberry. "We would like to thank those

we have served over the years. We are just thankful for the many friends we have made during

these years of service," he said. Although the funeral chapel will be closed, the Sedberry

Barber Shop and Cafe, 310 17th Street, will continue to serve the public in the same location.

Census Bureau To Survey Area Households

Local representatives of the U. S. Census Bureau will revisit selected area households beginning January 2 to conduct its Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). John E. Reeder, Jr., Director of the bureau's Dallas Regional Office, announced today.

SIPP is a major nationwide continuing survey introduced in the fall of 1983. It began with 20,000 households, now includes about 38,000, and will be among the nation's largest when its goal of about 55,000 households is reached in April, 1986.

The Census Bureau published periodic reports providing information from the survey.

Subjects covered include the following:

Jobs and earnings
The economic effects of unemployment, disability, and retirement.

How taxes affect personal spending.

Participation in programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and food stamps.

Information from SIPP helps policy makers and administrators determine how well government programs are serving the public and how changes in programs and policies will affect the public.

Here are some facts based on SIPP interviews covering the third quarter of 1984 (the sample size

limits accurate reporting to national figures only):

The nation has about three million income recipients for every 10 workers.

The survey showed 34.2 million recipients of at least one of the pension, covered in the survey. The monthly pension income averaged \$590.

Recipients included those getting pension income through retirement or disability as well as those receiving it as dependents or survivors.

About 302 million persons received Social Security payments, of whom 20.0 million had no other source of pension income.

Washington, D. C. -- Over \$300,000 will be given to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change as a result of the "Partnership of Dreams" event, Marriott Corporation said last week. The fund-raising gala was sponsored by Marriott at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis on November 16, 1985.

"We've had a wonderful

The survey showed 7.9 million persons received private pension payments, 62 percent of them also receiving Social Security.

Of the 2.9 million persons who received state and local government employee pensions, 70 percent also received Social Security.

Federal pensions went to 1.8 million persons and 1.3 million received military retirement payments. About one-half of federal recipients and 20 percent of military retirees also received Social Security.

Information collected in SIPP is confidential by law. Interviewers have credentials identifying them as U. S. Census Bureau employees.



(Left to Right) Coretta Scott King, Bill Cosby, J. W. Marriott, Jr. and the Hon. Andrew Young, following the

"Partnership of Dreams" dinner at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, November 16, 1985.

response," said J. W. Marriott, Jr., chairman and president of Marriott Corporation. "There is a lot of pride in what Martin Luther King, Jr. achieved and support for the work of the King Center."

Over 1,200 people, many who represent major corporations nationwide, attended the dinner. The Honorable Andrew Young, mayor of the city of Atlanta, joined other community leaders

who supported the event. Bill Cosby provided entertainment for the sold-out dinner through the sponsorship of Atlanta-based Coca-Cola USA.

"There is a need for ongoing cooperation between human rights organizations and the business community to utilize the free enterprise system as a means of affecting socio-economic change," said Coretta Scott King,

president of the King Center. "On behalf of the King Center's chairman and board of directors, I wish to express gratitude for the support we have received from the business community."

The funds raised by the event will be used by the King Center to

perpetuate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

\$75,000 Grant Given National Urban League



WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. -- The National Urban League, which provides job training, educational programs and other services to more than 1 million Americans each year, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1985. John E. Jacob (left), president of

the League, recently received a \$75,000 contribution from Marshall B. Bass, vice president of R. J. Reynolds Industries. The presentation was made in Winston-Salem, N. C., where RJR has its headquarters.

Winston-Salem, N. C. -- R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. has made a \$75,000 grant to the National Urban League, which conducts interracial programs to develop human resources.

The contribution was presented by Marshall Bass, RJR vice president, to John E. Jacob, president of the National Urban League, at a luncheon sponsored by the Winston-Salem Urban League on December 10.

Bass praised the Urban League's programs in education, health outreach, job training, entrepreneurship development, and family counseling. The National Urban League and its

affiliates around the country serve more than one million people each year.

"RJR shares the Urban League's concerns about equal opportunity," said Bass. "Our company's 1985 gift to the Urban League is an investment in the future. It is also a reflection of our confidence in the Urban League's ability to make this a better society."

John Jacob told Bass that "RJR's ongoing support will go a long way toward enabling us to achieve equity, foster excellence, and secure empowerment for poor and disadvantaged Americans."

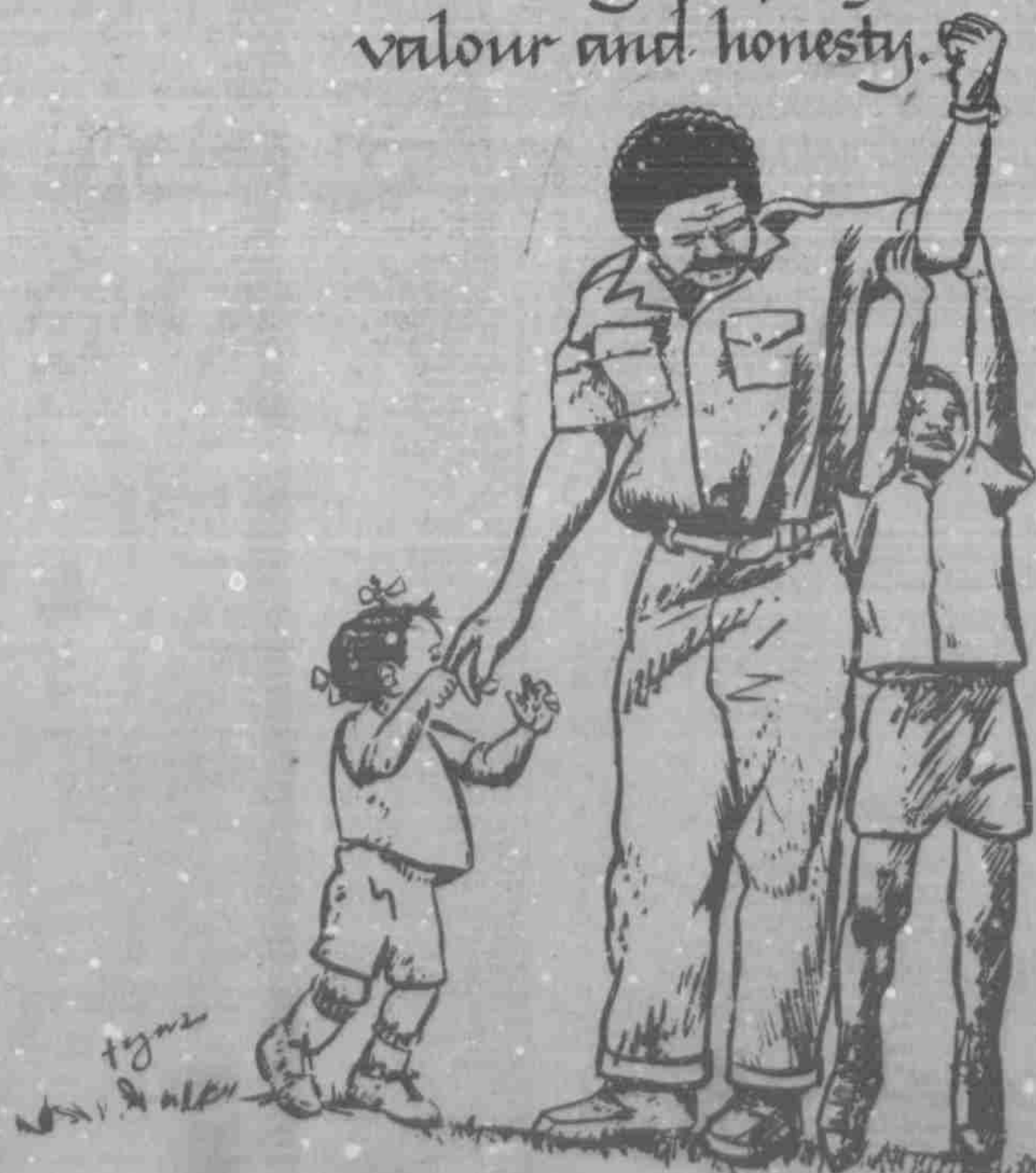
The donation was made at a

celebration honoring the completion of new downtown offices and an employment training center for the Winston-Salem Urban League. Reynolds Industries committed \$150,000 toward the \$500,000 fund-raising campaign for the new center.

R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., with headquarters in Winston-Salem, N. C., is the parent company of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Interventional, Inc.; Nabisco Brands, Inc. (cookies, crackers, nuts and snacks, confectionery, desserts, margarine and cereals); Del

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it is the father's responsibility
to train his children to
be truly people of
valour and honesty.



EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

happy new year

Goodbye 1985. Welcome 1986

by
Eddie P. Richardson

1985 is history now. Let's face it. 1985 is a reality, no matter what, how or why. Anything that was done, was done. It is history. God. So let's let it stay. Leave it there and move positively, progressively, and energetically into the task ahead of us in the year of our Lord, 1986. We know what happened in 1985. Let's recognize and accept it, and not dwell on it. We have to recognize and understand that yesterday's home, does not win today's game. Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow is not here, so let's be in love with today. Move on and forget the past. The first step to goodbye 1985 - Welcome 1986, is to face 1986 with a positive mental attitude, of "Yes I can, Yes, I will, Yes, I must, Yes, I shall, and it is to be, it is up to me," and live by this and make this our personal creed.

Negativism, negative activities and negative persons; we must strive to stay away from; let ourselves with and around positive people and activities, etc., to maintain our own positive mental attitude.

In 1986, this column promises to be your media watch dog to let you know what is going on in your community, about what affects you that we know about, negatively or positively, as long as it affects you, our readers. This includes all governmental, bureaucratic, civic, social, political, economic, private, personal, racial, religious, etc. If it affects you, and we know about it, we will tell it barring or excluding none. In the past, we have not been as fair to you as we should have been. We should have been reporting some Blacks who have not been too fair to the community and those who have been and have not said what we should have.

Our pledge and promise in 1986 is to truthfulness, fairness and most of all fairness. We will let the chips fall, right, wrong, good, bad or inadequate, if it pertains or affects our community and our readers, we shall, we will, we must, report it and inform you. Then you will have to make your own decision and act upon it. But you have our promise that you will be fair.

We are going to try to find more time for investigative reporting for better services for and to you.

Our request to you, is to read, look, listen, and participate in activities, events, and happenings that pertain to you. Study, chart-out the issues and make a decision, then act on it and then this will make it better for all of us collectively. I cannot do it alone. You cannot do it alone, but collectively, together, working for a common cause, or causes. We can change a lot of things for the good of us all. It cannot be you. It cannot be me, but together, we can make things happen, such as: voting together, fighting or supporting causes, united together. For this to work, we have to break-up our little two-member or more dynasties and tie on ropes together and get off our own little ego trips and power wagons and unite for the common good of all of us, no matter how old we are, no matter how long we have been in town, no matter what part of town we live in, no matter what we did or did not do in the past. All of that is irrelevant and immaterial unless we realize that on any given day, as far as some of the power structure is concerned, any of all of us, is just another "nigger." The sooner we realize this, no matter what our economic, social, political, educational status, that we are all in the same boat, together, we will never stay in the same hole together, we sure. We are not midgits. We are giants, standing in holes. We, we are not midgits. The holes are just too deep for us to get out of unless we put our ropes together because singly, our ropes are too short. By tying them together, we can all be pulled up, but only if we tie them together.

For this to work, we have to believe, work, trust, respect, and most of all, believe we can make anything work. If we are willing to give up our selfishness, pettiness, jealousness, distrustfulness, and tie our ropes together through love, respect, trust, and belief for each other. To waver would be like in the words of Rev. Jesse Jackson, would be to say that you are down with porno and prostitution and investing in a whore house, saying that you are against drinking and investing in a tobacco farm. Say you are against smoking and invest in a tobacco farm.

In 1986, the game should be over if we really want to see economic development become a reality. We have to find a team collectively and

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WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!

FROM CAPITOL HILL

By Alfreda L. Madisor

The President's Tax Reform Is His Warmed-Over 1981 Tax Plan

The "coast to coast corporate soup line" which was predicted by economist Dale Jorgenson, concerning enactment of President Reagan's 1981 corporate tax program, now has the president screaming for tax reform and a balanced budget. Weekly, he takes trips around the country, telling people that our taxes are "unfair, unworkable, and unproductive—it's like a daily mugging." Of course the audience cheers loudly. However, Mr. Reagan does not tell the people that his Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 just about wiped out the corporate income tax.

The Citizens for Tax Justice recently issued a report on the corporate tax breaks which occurred during the Reagan Administration. The report states that analysis of the 1984 data shows corporate avoidance during this Administration. Robert McIntyre, Director of Federal Tax Policy for Citizens for Tax Justice, said, "It is a picture of unparalleled success in beating the federal tax collector."

Depreciation and expanded tax credits coupled with leasing rules are responsible for the corporate tax shelters. Instead of expanding business, which was heralded as increasing employment, the tax credit expanded foreign business—which resulted in cheap labor and corporate mergers.

The report covered the 1981-84 period, and it found that 129 of the 275 profit-making companies paid no federal income tax in at least one year, and fifty of them paid no federal income tax during the entire period. Despite \$56.9 billion in pre-tax profits, these fifty companies received net tax refunds from the federal government totaling \$2.4 billion. McIntyre says, "the president's so-called tax reform plan would do nothing to put these corporate freeloaders back on the tax rolls." McIntyre continued, "It's a public scandal when members of the Fortune 500 pay less in taxes than the people who wax their floors or type their letters."

The report reveals that \$120 billion worth of corporate tax loopholes have failed to stimulate new capital spending by these corporations. It also states that unchecked massive corporate tax avoidance results in high deficits, growing foreign trade problems and sluggish economic conditions. It shows that our tax system arbitrarily rewards some companies and penalizes others. The flow of capital goes to the companies that do best in the political arena rather than in the marketplace. The present tax system, besides benefiting big corporations, also gave tax breaks

to high income households. 30,000 households with an annual income of \$250,000 paid less than 5 percent income tax, and 3,000 households whose incomes were over one million dollars annually also paid less than five percent income tax.

Small businesses and wage-earners greatly favor tax reform because they have a feeling of "being had." They know that big corporations and households with high incomes either pay no tax or a minimal amount.

The study says "despite the presidential rhetoric, President Reagan has not suddenly changed his views on taxes from the supply-side, trickle-down ideas that underlay his 1981 tax program." The Congressional Budget Office states that President Reagan's tax reform plan will be more generous to big corporations than the present system. This is done by his acceleration, depreciation tax allowances. It targets tax relief for households, with annual incomes over \$200,000, and leaves tax loopholes intact. The president's plan, under the guise of tax reform, does little to scale back the principal tax schemes of the rich, which actually cause a larger deficit. His plan proposes a tax on the health coverage of millions of working Americans and it calls for elimination of state and local tax deductions.

The report says, "the existing corporate tax system is a mess. It fails to produce adequate revenue, and does so at great cost to economic efficiency. What we need is a corporate tax system that produces adequate revenues with minimal economic distortion."

To achieve this goal, the report recommends a system that taxes companies on what they really earn—not on a tax accountant's imagination. This requires elimination of special credits and deductions. It means a depreciation system, which is neutral among different types of assets, and which is based on the way buildings and machines actually wear out or become obsolete. A tough minimum corporate tax of at least 25 percent is needed—a rate equal to the marginal rate the president has proposed for middle-class families—as a symbol of the minimal contribution expected from large, profitable corporations to support the nation's government.

A fair tax reform system can only be accomplished by a congress that is able to withstand big corporation lobbyists, heavy campaign contributions and a political will to provide a tax system that is equitable, just and fair to all American citizens.

TOWARD EMPOWERMENT

Being Born In A Slum Does Not Mean The Slum Is Born In You!

When presidential aspirant Jesse Jackson spoke before the 1984 National Democratic Convention as a candidate for their nomination, he directed part of his remarks specifically to young people living in poverty. He told them that he, like Jesus, had been born in a slum—"but just because you're born in a slum does not mean the slum is born in you, and you can rise above it if your mind is made up."

Jesse Jackson was well aware of the increasing poverty in both Black and White America, because earlier in his speech he had said, "there are now 34 million people in poverty, 15 percent of our nation—23 million are White, 11 million Black, Hispanic, Asian and others—mostly women and children. By the end of the year there will be 41 million people in poverty." Yet despite these awesome figures, and his own personal experience of a childhood spent in poverty, Jesse Jackson could say with conviction: "...just because you're born in a slum does not mean the slum is born in you...you

can rise above it if your mind is made up." That was a powerful affirmation of the critical importance of a positive attitude.

Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955), for whom a commemorative U.S. postage stamp is being issued, is a marvelously inspiring example of the enabling power of a positive attitude, coupled with an all-abiding faith, to overcome seemingly overwhelming obstacles.

The fifteenth of seventeen children born of parents who were emancipated in 1865, Mary McLeod Bethune intimately knew poverty. The story of how she managed to gain an education is a stirring one, but even more powerful is the story of how she founded a great institution of higher learning.

Where Bethune-Cookman College stands today, in 1904 stood the Daytona Beach City Dump, known as "Hell's Hole"—full of tin cans, bottles, garbage, frogs and thousands of mosquitoes. However, because Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune was a determined visionary

NNPA FEATURE

Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



To War or Not to War, That is the Question Why go to Geneva?

When you read this, I will either be in Geneva or have just left the city. Considering I have been to Geneva once already, 12 years ago, this column could be old hat if I discussed the city like a tourist. The topic is a serious one. WAR. When the President of the United States stopped here in November to take note of the leader of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mikhail Gorbachev, the entire world took notice. And well they should. Since these two individuals are inclined in two different humanistic directions, while at the same time empowered to destroy the world either separately or collectively, consideration for them deserves at least a cosmetic look by people of color.

Control yourself while I first explain to you the awesome number of weapons each of these two men commands at the moment. They are still for some reason that escapes me building more. Missiles. Nuclear. U.S.S.R. 1882 and counting. U.S. 1024 and counting. Those are ICBMS, the kind that hop over the ocean and waters and get you. Don't let the higher U.S.S.R. figure fool you, the U.S. also has allies who are also heavily armed with shorter range nuclear missiles with Moscow as their destiny. Dropping bombs from airplane plans: U.S. 400 or more. U.S.S.R. 360. Sitting in the sky right now over the entire world's head. In the undiscovered and untouchable sea, U.S.S.R. nuclear ballistic missile submarines: 934. U.S. 642. Again, numbers are only an indication considering the U.S.'s more modern forces are faster and fully loaded with multiple missile warheads.

While the above figures are from the U.S. Congressional Quarterly, *Soviet Military Power*, published by the U.S. Department of Defense, do not be deceived in believing them. They are merely a guideline to give you some idea of the devastation that can be unleashed by either of the two men who met in Geneva. It takes less than a tenth of the nuclear fire power published figures of either side to destroy this earth.

What then were these two men doing in Geneva? The winter wonderland of the richest people in the world? "ell it is certainly no sin for them to meet here. In an alpine meadow, there is no sin," says the Swiss proverb. Perhaps they just wanted to have a good time. The world hopes not. No one needed to travel half way around the world like the President with this proclaimed enemy without a plan for war or peace. Pity the President who found himself outclassed if his quest was for peace in the citadel of capitalist pleasure by the leader of the U.S.S.R. communist party who came with a plan for peace.

The same plan he previously offered to the President. Perhaps playing in the snow with those with Swiss bank accounts, tennis titles, oil and shipping riches was what Ronald Reagan wanted most out of his and Nancy's ski summit chic trip. To stay home and work on a plan for peace just did not seem right to Ronnie. Also Switzerland and the Alps are very pretty in the winter. We can all only hope that anyone will be able to enjoy the Summers and Winters in Switzerland 12 years from now.

who believed that "faith in God is the greatest power, but great, too, is faith in oneself," there stands today a multimillion-dollar institution, which is a beacon of hope to thousands upon thousands of Black Americans. Embodied in this institution is Mrs. Bethune's living legacy of the power of love and service—"Not for myself, but for others."

On October 3, 1904, Bethune-Cookman College humbly began as the Daytona Educational Training School for Negro Girls, with five little girls, Mrs. Bethune's five year old son, Albert, \$1.50 and a prayer. The early curriculum of practical necessity placed great emphasis on domestic and industrial training, since these were the only jobs open to Blacks at that time. The girls were taught to cook and sew along with reading, writing and arithmetic.

Mrs. Bethune's idea of a complete education was a sound body, a trained mind and heart. Her first motto for her students was CRASE TO BE A DRUDGE—SEEK TO BE AN ARTIST IN ALL YOU DO. Her timeless message was that they should glorify whatever they did, no matter how menial. And her students truly glorified all that they undertook, for Mrs. Bethune trained these five little girls and her young son into the Bethune choral group—which sang spirituals and hymns in some of the finest homes, churches, and hotels in the fashionable Daytona Beach area—to raise funds and make friends for the school.

Within two years, Mrs. Bethune's school had four teachers and 250 pupils, most of them boarding students. The heavy expense of feeding her students, in addition to paying rent on the little shack on Oak Street, the school's first home, made Mrs. Bethune decide to build her own schoolhouse.

The only location available for a Black school, at that time, in that part of Florida where education for Blacks was not considered necessary or wanted, was the Daytona Beach City Dump. But Mrs. Bethune was undaunted. She built her school in the middle of this garbage dump. When she spoke to various groups to raise money "not for myself, but for others," she frequently began by saying, "I am Black, I am beautiful and I am proud." And she never let her students forget that they were Black, beautiful and proud—and should walk upright, with their heads held high and their shoulders back.

Mrs. Bethune not only sought help from the wealthy, but she and her students made and sold sweet potato pies and fish sandwiches to the railroad workers. Teachers and students cleared the rubbish, from the land, farmed it and sold produce to tourists. Buildings, according to Mrs. Bethune, were "prayed up, sung up and talked up."

As Jesse Jackson said, "...just because you're born in a slum does not mean that the slum is born in you, and you can rise above it if your mind is made up."

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An Educator's Opinion

Vouchers: The Hoax Is Transparent

The Reagan Administration recently unveiled a plan to radically revise the federal program that targets the special educational needs of disadvantaged youngsters. This program—Chapter 1—delivers nearly \$3.2 billion to local school districts for services to improve the basic academic skills of millions of poor children.

The Administration's new plan would halt this process. Chapter 1—arguably this nation's most successful federal aid-to-education effort—would be converted into a voucher system and administered like Green Stamps. Parents of disadvantaged children would receive government coupons, then redeem them at a school of their choice, public or private.

I have said publicly that this plan is a cruel hoax. Simple fairness compels me to explain so harsh a characterization.

Massive revision of a program whose success has been amply documented is not only justified by cataloging the problems the revision will solve. This approach has been entirely absent from the public pronouncements of Education Secretary William Bennett and others who seek to revamp Chapter 1.

This gap in the Administration's argument is revealing. When doctors issue a prescription, they explain what the medicine is intended to cure. Dr. Bennett has departed from this standard medical practice. And I suspect quackery. The Administration's failure to detail the ailments that voucher medicine is designed to cure stems from one simple fact: the voucher scheme wouldn't cure anything. It's a medication in search of a disease.

Let's test this hypothesis. In the most recent Gallup Poll of attitudes toward the public schools, the American people identified discipline and student drug use as problems of crisis proportions. Would vouchers have even a negligible impact on these problems? Surely not. Troubled students—rich and poor—seldom find a welcome mat awaiting them at the doors of private schools. Poor families with troubled students will confront that tough reality the moment they try to cash in their vouchers. Private schools choose their clientele. Public schools have been—and remain—the only schools that

accept the challenge to educate all youngsters. Americans have also listed overcrowded schools and attracting good teachers as fundamental and growing problems. What difference would vouchers make here? None.

Perhaps the Administration believes vouchers will solve the problems the President's own National Commission on Excellence in Education identified with its 1983 report, *A Nation at Risk*. That document says our schools suffer from diluted standards, poor teacher preparation programs, incompetent leadership, and inadequate funding. Are vouchers the answer to these inadequacies? Obviously not.

Where, I ask again, is the problem to which the voucher "solution" corresponds? Will a voucher plan help any of the 60 percent of Hispanic students, the 72 percent of Black students, and the 50 percent of white students currently dropping out of New York City's schools? Will it halt this tragic waste of human potential that is a fact of life in virtually every major American city? Not one bit. The *New York Times* commentary on the Administration's proposal is right on the mark: To give children of poverty a voucher is not to help them—it is to taunt them. It is also to taunt millions of caring and devoted parents.

An Administration committed to these parents and their children would cherish Chapter 1 and strive to expand its scope. Sadly, the current Administration has chosen the opposite course: It has abandoned needy children, systematically slashing Chapter 1 funds. As a result, the program now serves 900,000 fewer students than it did in 1980.

Substituting vouchers for what remains of Chapter 1 signals further retreat. The intent of the Administration's proposal is not to improve but to impoverish public schools, to weaken the very institutions that have most helped the most needy. Vouchers are a hoax, a guise for funneling public monies to private schools. When this strategy is defended on the grounds that it will unleash the potential of 11 million disadvantaged children, the hoax becomes hypocritical, odious...cruel.



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Watch Meeting Set

Watch Services will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Tuesday night, December 31, 1985, from 11 p.m. to midnight.

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Those Who Are Never Troubled

As we enter the new year, most of us are looking forward to a year that is filled with joy and happiness. When we look in retrospect, at 1985, there is a sense of anguish and sadness. We, that are Christians, cannot help but express grief for the condition of the world in which we live. Our lives may be affected or have been controlled daily by those persons who are not Christians. Yet they are blessed to control our destiny by their material possessions, political clout, etc. They never are troubled. Like Cain, they are for number ones. They ask like their tribal leader (Cain), "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Perhaps in 1986, in the midst of your crises, when you were faced with a dilemma, you asked, "Is it worth it to be a Christian?" If you asked yourself this question, you are not alone. The writer of Psalm 73 noticed the inequalities in life. One of the things he noticed was that the wicked were "not in trouble" like God's people. This disturbed the psalmist so much so, that he nearly lost confidence and faith in God. He could not understand why those whose hearts were evil and devised wicked schemes, who laughed at other people, who made plans to oppress others—why God would "bless" them and pour out blessings. The psalmist was not able in himself to understand why those who were righteous, who had their own troubles and who were troubled about others, as well—why God seemed to forget. The writer said that he found his answer in the sanctuary of God, when he crossed the scriptures and prayed. In God's house, he discovered that "those who are never troubled," are to be pitied for their sin is a horrible end.

My Christian friends, in 1986, you will be faced with many challenges. With that which will seem impossible to you, and there will be dreary days and weary nights. Don't give up. Seek God in prayer. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because the people were so wicked. He wept again at the tomb of Lazarus, his friend. If we are his disciples, we will have his tender spirit, and pray for the troubled world.

We Thank God For Jesus

Lord, My Resolution I A New Me

Matthew 9:37, 38 - Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

Matthew 25:1-2 - Jesus said, "The kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps, and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise, and five were foolish."

Lord, I'm praying that the virgins will repent, and go work where they were sent. First virgin: the preacher, I pray, will say, "Lord, I'll start preaching and praying trying to save souls, and not to be so worried about the gold."

Malachi 2:12 - O Ye Priest, This commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts. I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Second virgin: the deacon, I pray will say, "Lord, I'll speak up in church, when something is wrong. I've been sitting and looking twenty years too long."

Acts 6:2 - The twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, "It is not reason (right) that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables."

Third virgin - The missionary, I pray, will say, "Lord, I want to help my brothers and sisters in Lubbock Land. Then start my foreign mission, over in France."

Matthew 23:15 - Jesus said, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay and compass (map-out) sea and land to make one a proselyte (Christian), and when he is made, ye make him twofold (twice) the child of hell than yourselves."

Fourth virgin - the Church member, I pray, will say, "Lord, I've paid three times my tithes, and it won't save my soul; I've got to be in your will, now this I now know."

Matthew 23:24 - Jesus said, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."

Fifth virgin - The choir member, I pray, will say, "Lord, I'm sorry for on Saturday nights, I dance to rock and roll, then on Sunday, I sing Zion songs to satisfy my soul."

Amos 5:21-23 - The Lord said, "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Take away from me the noise of thy songs: for I will not hear the melody of thy viols (music instruments)."

Hosea 14:4-9 - The Lord said, "I will heal their backsliding; I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him, who is wise, and he shall understand these things: For the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: But the transgressors shall fall therein."

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Sisters and Brothers met at 9:00 a.m., in the home of Brother and Sister T. Ervin. The morning consisted of Thanksgiving, thanking God for all things in 1985.

On Saturday, this group was blessed with land donated and deeded to this group. We were able to walk out on that God-given ground and pray and claim all the land around it. This Prayer Temple will be Lubbock's, for all people.

We love people and this will be a simple way that we can prove it. Prayers are being made now and will end on March 28, 1986. We are praying that your heart will be touched to give a few hours of your time, or whatever you can donate. God is in the blessing business, now. The time is now.

Write Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408, or call 747-7328 or 782-3347. We love you and thank you now.

Mrs. Peppers Speaks At Bethel

Mrs. Murry Peppers was the guest speaker at Bethel A.M.E. Church, on Sunday, December 29, 1985, during the Ma Jones Missionary Society's Morning Services.

Mrs. Peppers was introduced by Mrs. Henetta W. Howard, Area II Chairman, who spoke of Mrs. Peppers as a mother, wife, educator and speaker on God's word.

Mrs. Peppers referred to the 91st Psalm and Philippians 4:7-9; Joshua 24, and spoke on "Seeking God, as Your Refuge."

A great lesson was learned from the message, as well as inspiration for the new year.

Ms. Michelle Planks, a member of the YPD presented Mrs. Peppers with a gift, a token of appreciation for a message well delivered, because Mrs. Peppers is a dynamic speaker. Everyone left the services with a bright outlook for 1986 and more concern for a Christian life.

A thought for the new year: Keep saying, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, long after this season has passed. Thank about it.

To all of the hurting, discouraged, bereaved people out there, God Cares About You and You Can Make It!

Let Us Pray
Thank you Lord, for the Gift You gave. We will continue to praise You even more in the new year. We will not let circumstances or problems and hurts get in our way. We will keep the faith and praise you through it all. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

We will meet in the home of Sister Annie M. Johnson, 1709 East 25th Street, on Saturday, January 4, 1986. This will be the Special Blessed Breakfast. Bring a dish. This will be a full breakfast. Come.

Our closing prayer was given by Brother Earl Wheeler.

New Years Service

St. Luke Baptist Church will hold its Fellowship Family Night and Watch Meet Tuesday evening, December 31, 1985, beginning at 8 p.m.

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Mr. Jimmie Graves

Final rites were read for Mr. Jimmie Graves Saturday afternoon, December 28, 1985 at the Twentieth and Birch Streets Church of Christ, with Brother Willie Hubbard, Jr., pastor, officiating.

South Plains Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements with interment in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Active pallbearers were sons and nephews.

Mr. Graves was born November 14, 1937 in Lubbock, Texas to the parents of Aaron George and Ada Graves.

He graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in 1955. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Texas Southern University at Houston, Texas.

He married Jo Ree Headroe of Fort Worth, Texas April 16, 1960. Four sons and one daughter were born to this union. The sons are Jimmy Bernard, 25, John Aaron 21, Jay Anthony 18, and Jerome

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Alexander 12. His only daughter is Jon Annette 14.

He moved to Gary, Indiana in December 1971 where he practiced Pharmacy until his death. At the time of his death, he was

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He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; one daughter, four sons, six

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Sodom & Homosexuality

A determined effort to remove the sinfulness of homosexuality is being waged by a comparatively small but vociferous segment of society today. And the "media" is doing their share to help them to be heard. A feature article in the Sunday *Avalanche-Journal* on June 13, 1982, p. 5-9, is a case in point. Book reviews, movies, and TV interviews of authors of the books and movies are becoming more and more common. The article in the *AJ* points out that the Methodist, Catholic, Mormon, Episcopal and "Evangelical Protestant" churches each have "ministries for homosexuals and most of them have active chapters" here in Lubbock. The homosexual population of the city of Lubbock is estimated to be 15,000. This only goes to show how sinful Lubbock is getting to be, and how much more like Sodom it is becoming every day! We will discuss Sodom in a minute.

The article features an interview with Mr. Sam Archer, a minister of Homosexuals for the Episcopal Church. Mr. Archer "feels it is just a matter of time" before homosexuals are accepted in the ministry of many churches and homosexuality will be accepted "as not being a sin." All opposition to this sin and churches accepting it "as not being a sin" is blatantly branded as "outrageous discrimination." Mr. Archer brazenly perverts the Scriptures and then accuses all who disagree with him as "misunderstanding the Bible" and "proof texting" or "taking verses out of the Bible." Mr. Archer's real attitude toward the Bible is clearly shown when he says that "Paul, in our society is flat wrong." He further tries to dispense with the teaching of the Apostle Paul by denying that he was inspired. He thus repudiates the Divine inspiration of the Bible. So, in one breath, Mr. Archer pretends to believe and respect the Bible as the Word of God and in the next he is denying it and asserting his disrespect for it. This typical of all who try to justify sin by the Bible.

What Does The Bible Say?

First let us note that Sin Is Sin no matter how many people or churches decide it is not! And the Bible teaches in language clear and plain that homosexuality is a perversion of sex and is a sin. It does not matter what I think or what you think about it, that is what GOD SAYS ABOUT IT in His inspired book, the Bible.

"SODOMY" is defined: "Hebrew, Kadesh, a male temple prostitute. A Sodomite was one who practiced that unnatural vice for which Sodom became noted (Gen. 19:5). Though not named as such, it is referred to in Romans 1:27. God strictly forbade this practice (Leut. 23:17). Usually the practice was in connection with heathen worship, and its presence was a sign of departure from the Lord (1 Kings 14:24). (Zondervan Bible Dictionary, p. 801). See also, Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, 1964; Peloubet's Bible Dict., p. 640, etc.

Homosexuality in Sodom

Let us now consider whether homosexuality was the sin of the men of Sodom in Genesis 19:1-11. Let us simply read some of this passage. "But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young: all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, where are the

Men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, That We May Know Them" (vss. 4-5). Now in what sense did they want to "know" them? Let's read on, "And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, and said, 'I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.' (Would it be 'wicked' for the men of Sodom to get to know these angels in the sense of getting acquainted with them?) 'Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; (now we see the sense in which to know is used) let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; (so we see that these men of Sodom wanted to 'do' something 'unto' the angels, not just get acquainted with them) for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof" (vss. 6-8).

It is obvious to any reasonable person that this is a case of men seeking sexual gratification with other men -- homosexuality -- even to the point of turning down the virgin daughters of Lot. Now, who can read this account and sensibly deny that homosexuality was the sin of Sodom? It certainly was not the only sin of Sodom, but it was the prevalent one, and the one which brought God's wrath upon it. All of the modern libertines to the contrary notwithstanding!

Others Passages

Lev. 18:22 - "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind; It is abomination."

Lev. 20:13 - "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

This was God's law in the Old Testament, and if any seek refuge in the fact that this is found in the Old Testament, let us notice what is said in the New.

Romans 1:26-32 - "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature; and likewise the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their reward which was meet... who knowing the judgement of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, do not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Notice the words that God uses to describe the sin of homosexuality: "Vile affections." Vile means "dishonorable, despicable, degrading" and "affections" means desire or lust. Both the "desires" and the "acts" are thus described by God, and includes all such unnatural sexual acts regardless of the sex of the parties involved. Notice further, "against nature" and against the "natural use" of sex. And more "burning lust," unseemly, "error," "reprobate mind," "not convenient," or "disfigured," and "not convenient" means "not fit" and "unrighteous" means "not right."

Read also: 1 Cor. 6:9 and Jude 7, etc.

So, let the libertines keep up their evil works; let the human churches keep up their condonation of sexual perversion; let the Scripture perverts continue to pervert the Scriptures and soft peddle "his abomination." The judgement lieth ahead, and whether you believe it or not, God will not have changed His mind about this matter. His Word "liveth and abideth forever" (1 Pet. 1:23), and shall live beyond the destruction of the earth (Matt. 24:35, 2 Pet. 3:10-12). In fact, it will read at the judgment just like it reads now (John 12:48).

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Start Losing Excess Weight Now

If only I had lost that weight like I promised myself I would, my figure would be trim just like I wanted it to be."

"You just wait. Next year, I'm really going to be serious about my diet. I am going to be extremely careful about what I eat."

"After Christmas, I'll start losing weight so that I can be slender for the spring. I know that I said the same thing last year, and the year before that, and the previous year. But this time I mean it."

Sounds familiar? Does this sound like anything you have said? What will you say next year at this time? Will it be another empty promise like this year? Or are you really, really serious this time?

Do you want to be slender and trim by next spring? Want to lose weight before the nice weather returns? And do you want to, finally, keep that promise to give yourself the body you will be proud of? Now is the time to do it - or at least to get started. Actually, it would have been nice to have started before Thanksgiving.

Many people probably think it's silly to start losing weight now for next spring. Most people want to wait until Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays pass before they begin their weight loss "promise" (I mean program). Most people want to gorge themselves with delicious, fattening foods during the holidays, and add pounds of unattractive excess weight before beginning to lose weight.

Remember last year? You promised yourself you were "going to splurge just one more time" before the year ended and you were going to "really" keep your life-long promise to "finally" lose weight. Remember what happened? You gained 20 extra pounds during your "one last splurge of the year" (The splurge lasted from Thanksgiving to New Year's day). And you are still trying to lose that extra weight you gained.

But here you are, making the same promise again. Who are you fooling? Are you serious this time? Wouldn't it make more sense to start your weight control program now? At this very minute. Not tomorrow or next week. But right now.

Imagine how terrific your body will look when you control the food you consume, refrain from stuffing yourself, get some exercise (if only walking everyday) and stick to it until you weigh what you want to weigh and look the way you want to look. Imagine how your body will look if you continue to stuff yourself through the Christmas holidays and add unsightly flab. Which picture do you like, the trim one or the fat one?

You can give yourself the figure you want. What a great Christmas present next year!

What is the first thing that you should do? Make the serious decision to begin your weight loss program and stick to it. Don't begin the program until you are serious. Then answer these questions: How much weight do you want to lose, how soon do you want to lose it, and are you prepared to make the necessary sacrifice? If you want to lose one pound a week, cut your dessert in half. If you want to lose one pound a week, the sacrifice is greater, as are the health precautions that you must take. You make the decision and I will give you some tips, next week, that will help you to reach your goal.

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The KITCHEN BEAT

Creative & Colorful Desserts—A Pleasant "Must" For The Holidays

In today's Black American home, cooking is no longer the responsibility of one person. Because of busy and varied schedules, usually every member of the family at some time or another has to prepare personal meals or meals for other members of the family. *The Kitchen Beat* is designed to meet some needs of the various cooks in the modern Black family.

Family, friends and food go together during the holidays, creating a special opportunity to try new desserts.

Creative and colorful desserts are an integral part of the festivities. Fruit tarts are especially elegant, because the fruit can be selected for a variety of colors and arranged in many ways.

In these three fruit tart recipes, courtesy of *Del Monte Kitchens*, another touch of creativity has been added: each recipe can be made as is, or the crust from one can be matched with the filling from another, and topping from yet a third. We hope you enjoy them.

Ginger Cream Fruit Tart

- Crust:**
- 1/4 cup flour
 - 3 Tbsp. powdered sugar
 - 1/4 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine

Combine flour, sugar and salt. Cut in butter until pieces are size of small peas. Press evenly on bottom and sides of 9-inch removable bottom tart pan. Line with foil and fill with rice or beans. Bake in preheated 375°F. oven, 8 minutes. Remove rice and foil; continue baking 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

- Filling:**
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
 - 1/4 cup sour cream
 - 4 tsp. minced candied ginger
 - 1 Tbsp. sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients; beat until well blended. Spread evenly over cooled crust.

Topping:

- 1 can (17 oz.) fruit cocktail, well drained
- Top cream cheese filling with fruit. Garnish with whipped cream and toasted sliced almonds, if desired. (Makes 8 servings.)

Eggnog Fruit Tart

- Crust:**
- 1/4 cup flour
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts, pecans or hazelnuts

Combine flour and sugar; cut in butter until pieces are size of small peas. Add walnuts and mix well. Firmly press evenly on bottom and sides of 9-inch removable bottom tart pan. Bake in preheated 375°F. oven, 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

- Filling:**
- 1 pkg. (5 1/4-oz.) instant vanilla pudding
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1/4 cup sour cream
 - 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
 - 2 Tbsp. brandy (optional)

In bowl, combine all ingredients. Beat 2 minutes. Pour into cooled crust. Chill.

Topping:

- 1 can (17 oz.) yellow cling peach halves, slightly drained
 - 2 kiwifruit, peeled and sliced
- To fan each peach half, cut through lengthwise, leaving 1/2 inch from top intact. Repeat every 1/4 inch. Fan out slices and arrange on top of eggnog filling. Cut kiwifruit slices in halves and arrange with peaches on top of filling. Brush with melted apricot preserves, if desired. (Makes 8 servings.)

Black Bottom Apricot Tart

Crust:

By Kofi Tyus

- 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Combine all ingredients. Press evenly on bottom and sides of 9-inch removable bottom tart pan. Bake at 350°F. 6 to 8 minutes. Cool.

Filling:

- 1 can (17 oz.) unpeeled apricot halves
- 2 tsp. unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves
- 1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Drain apricots, reserving syrup. Set apricots aside for topping. In saucepan, dissolve gelatin in reserved syrup. Add apricot preserves and heat until gelatin and preserves are dissolved. Refrigerate until thickened, but not set. Fold in cream. Pour into cooled crust. Refrigerate until set.

Topping:

- Reserved apricot halves, well drained
 - 1 can (16 oz.) Bartlett sliced pears, well drained
- Arrange reserved apricot halves and pears on top of firm filling. Brush with melted apricot preserves, if desired. (Makes 8 servings.)

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- Jell-O Brand instant vanilla pudding
- Knox unflavored gelatin
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Try these plump and meaty wing sections served as Mexican Chicken Dippers. Developed by the Banquet Foods Test Kitchen. This tasty combination will make anyone's taste buds come alive.

Mexican Chicken Dippers

- 1 can (13 oz.) refried beans
- 1 envelope (1 1/8 oz.) taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 1/2 cup ripe olives, sliced
- 3/4 cup (3 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 large tomato, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1/2 cup mild taco sauce
- 2 packages (15 oz. ea.) Banquet Hot 'n Spicy Snack'n Chicken, Fried Chicken Wing Sections

In small microwave-safe bowl, combine refried beans and taco seasoning mix. Heat on HIGH 5 to 7 minutes or until hot, stirring occasionally. Spread bean mixture in bottom of 10-inch pie plate. Top with sour cream, olives, cheese, tomato and taco sauce. Prepare chicken according to microwave package instructions. Serve with dip. Makes 22 to 25 appetizers.

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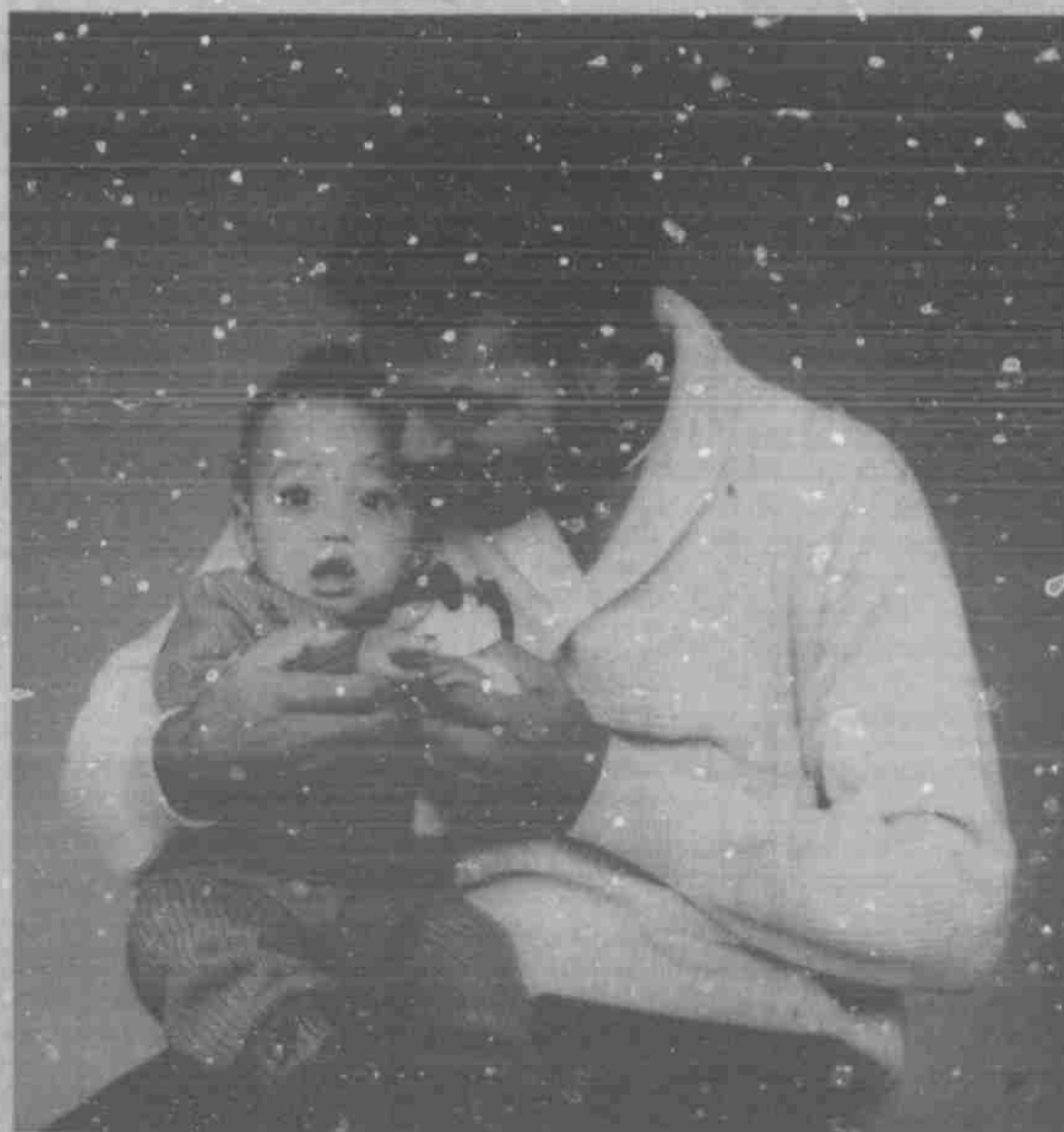
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