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Southwest Digest Identifies Citizens Who Made Contributions

The Southwest Digest, celebrating the beginning of ten years in business, identified citizens from throughout the City of Lubbock whom has made outstanding contributions to the welfare of all of its citizens. This revealing was made known last week during their celebration.

"We know we would perhaps leave some people out, but we had to let the entire community know how much we appreciate what they have done for this city," said Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher.

Person identified were: Black Community - A. Gene Gaines, attorney and organizer of the effort toward the Single Member District case; Adolphus Cleveland, ran for City Council and concerned about the welfare of citizens; Joan Y. Ervin, first Black elected to the Lubbock School Board of Trustees; Rose Wilson, Lubbock Branch NAACP president and plaintiff in Single Member District case; Harold M. Chatman, worked hard to see justice prevailed in the Black community and president of the Juneteenth Committee; Dr. Heenan Johnson, first Black to serve on Library Board, City of Lubbock; Ed Deo, voter's registration activist and political action activities; George Scott, Jr., first Black employed as an administrator at Texas Tech University; Al Caviel, quiet, untiring community activist; Oscar Jones, young, energetic Black activist; Quincy White, young energetic Black activist who served as spokesman during unrest in the 1970's; Rev. A. L. Davis, Lubbock OIC and political activist; Rev. A. W. Wilson, first Black to run for City Council in Lubbock; Rev. M. T. Reed, NAACP president and activist. Also, Lubbock Ministerial Alliance, Rev. Kado Lang, president, community involvement; Harry Stokley, quiet, efficient organizer in Black community; Roy Roberts, educator and disciplinarian who touched the lives of many Black youth through music; Carroll "Butch" Thomas, strong Black administrator and disciplinarian; Rev. Otis Cooks, strong religious activist and watchdog at City Hall in days when it was unpopular and very outspoken; Theorin Cole, chairman of the Human Relations Commission, first Black; Soul Patrol - William H. Britt, Fulton Berry and Floyd Price who were dedicated to young people and reached many through their weekly radio program over KSEL; Annie Mae Jones, Roberta Bascus, all three were untiring Senior activists for Blacks; Willie Myrtle Washington, concerned about the welfare to all people; Dr. F. L. Lovings, UPAL president and organizer as well as strong NAACP supporter who worked untiringly; Bert McWilliams, attempted to life up Blacks who had made outstanding contributions in city; George Woods, soft spoken, but effective Black leader; Charles E. Brown, educator and hard worker for Black efforts.

"We just wanted to identify some people we felt has done something which we all can be proud of today," continued Richardson.

Next week, the names of Hispanics and Whites, who also made outstanding contributions to the welfare of citizens of Lubbock.

"We are happy to pat these persons on their backs for what they have done. Some have passed on, but we wanted to make these names known," said T. J. Patterson, co-publisher.

Certificates of appreciation will be presented to these persons at a later date.



HERE SHE IS! 1986 Senorita Fiestas Queen, Sandra Gutierrez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armando Gutierrez, was crowned on September 14, 1986 at

7:00 p.m. when the Senorita Fiestas Pageant climaxes in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre.

Congratulations!



Sheri La-Shan Price

CONGRATULATIONS SHERI!
Sheri La-Shan Price is a 15 year old sophomore at Coronado High School, and was recently elected Head Cheerleader for the Junior Varsity squad.

The other cheerleaders are Tonya Garza, Erin Leager, Michelle Vitale and Fonda Soliz.
La-Shan is the daughter of Clyde and Rudene Price of Lubbock.

Navy Celebrates 211th Anniversary With Ball

Mayor B. C. "Peck" McMinn and Congressman Larry Combest will help celebrate the 211th Anniversary of the formation of the U. S. Navy by presiding over the Fourth Annual Navy Ball to be held at the Holiday Inn Civic Center October 4th, at 7 p. m.

The Ball, which is open to the public as well as active, reserve and ROTC naval personnel, will include a dinner and dance, a hospitality suite, a speech by Congressman Combest and a traditional cake cutting ceremony.

"The Navy Ball is an opportunity for people to come together, civilians, those who are serving in the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve, to celebrate the Navy's birthday," explained LCDR Stan Halter, Commanding Officer of the Lubbock Naval and Marine Reserve Center.

the Reserve today is to prepare to respond again, if called," Halter added.
Reservations are required. The cost is \$15 for individuals or \$25 per

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couple. Dress is military summer whites or semi-formal.
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NAVAL COMMITTEE PLANNING (left tonight) Naval Reservists SKI Charles Mayers, CDR Lee Sears, PN2 Sara Griffin, YN1 Terry Richardson.

District Two Will Meet

City Councilman T. J. Patterson, District Two, has announced there will be a District Two

meeting Wednesday, October 22, 1986, beginning at 7:30 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

Polk-Wakins Nuptials

Congratulations are in order for a former young Lubbockite, Sgt. Robert E. Polk and his new bride, also formerly of Lubbock

as they were recently united in marriage.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Billie Mae Polk and the bride, Cheryl Wakins, has relatives in Lubbock.

The ceremony, which was white and lavender,

was preformed by the Rev. Robert Burks. It was held on the patio and lawn of Mrs. Monzelle Wakins during the evening of August 16, 1986.

Sgt. Polk attended Durbar High and later graduated from Roosevelt High, after which he

entered the armed services in 1983. He is a member of the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Mrs. Polk attended college and the University of Louisville, where

she studied pre-law. She is currently employed at National Linen, Inc.

The couple honeymooned in Texas before returning to Kentucky where they will reside.

LISD Sponsors College Night '86

The Lubbock Public Schools, in cooperation with the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, is sponsoring "College Night '86" Monday, October 6, 6:30

8:30 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Exhibit Hall.
The purpose of "College Night '86" is to provide junior high and senior students and their parents in Lubbock and

the surrounding area with an opportunity to visit with recruiters from colleges around the nation.

Molly Milsap, LISD coordinator of guidance, states, "Most of the universities represented at college night will be Texas schools. However, colleges from Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico will also be represented. Local alumni will be representing schools such as Notre Dame and Harvard."

According to Milsap, a new format will be used for this year's college night festivity. Students and their parents will be allowed to browse through all the information that is on display. Tables will be set up for each school. Recruiters will provide printed information about cost, scholarships, and related facts about each college or university. Some will also feature video presentations.

"In the past, we've had college night in each of the five high schools. We felt like moving it to a central location will give us more room and will allow an atmosphere when participants can browse instead of being limited on who they can visit," she said.

Parents are especially encouraged to attend "College Night '86." Letters were sent home to parents inviting them to get involved in the college night activities. Through the college night experience, students will be able to share in the choosing of a college or university.

"It is our belief," adds Milsap, "that if parents show interest, students will become interested. Not only that, parents will be prepared to ask questions that possibly a student might not know to ask concerning a particular school. The choosing of a college needs to be a joint effort on the part of a student and his/her parents."

"College Night '86" is also being made available to area high school students. Other school districts invited to attend include: Abernathy, Anton, Brownfield, Crosbyton, Frenship, Hale Center, Idalou, Levelland, Littlefield, Lorenzo, Shallowater, Slaton, Smyer, Sundown, Roosevelt, Tahoka, Whiteface, Whitarral, Wilson, and Wolforth.

Our Apologies!

We regret that we in error, omitted from our special edition of last week, the following names: Mr. James and Mrs. Katie Parks; Attorney Dan Benson, Texas Tech University School of Law; Rev. Charles Tanner, Hope Deliverance C. O. G. I. C.; Mrs. Rose K. Wilson, President, Lubbock Branch NAACP.

Our special thanks also go out to Dr. Jim Granberry, Nathan's Maid Service, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Knox; Bishop W. H. Watson and Ford Memorial C.O.G.I.C. and all others who helped to make our anniversary celebration a success.

American Legion Post 808 To Meet

There will be a call meeting Sunday evening, October 5, 1986, at the American Legion Hall regarding the 19th District Fall Convention, which will be hosted by the Booker T. Washington Post 808 and Unit.

The convention will be held on October 11 and 12, 1986, at the Koko Palace. Members are expected to attend.

It is time again for new membership cards.

Please get your 86/87 card now if you have not already done so. Come out and support your organization.

Boy State Omission
The American Legion Post 808 wishes to

apologize for the omission of the name of Michael Smith, a student at Estacado High School, from the list of Boy State participants. Pardon our blooper!



Sgt. & Mrs. Robert E. Polk

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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Sunday School began at 9:30 a. m. last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church. Supt. Swain presided over the session. This was Promotion Day in classes. Only two were able to be promoted.

During morning worship hour, Deacon Swain and Deacon Givens led the devotional period. Radio announcer for the morning broadcast was Mrs. L. F. Barrow. Offering the announcements for the morning was Anita Henry.

The choir sang in a very beautiful way. Pastor S. C. Nash delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "What Happens When The Church Prays." His scripture was Acts 12:1-10. It was a very helpful message.

The Youth Ushers of New Hope Baptist Church looked so pretty last Sunday morning. There were ten of them working for the Lord. Keep up the good work, Sister Dora Johnson. You all were beautiful.

The Federation of Choirs was good last Sunday afternoon at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Next host church will be the New Hope Baptist Church in October.

Our love sympathy and prayers go out to Charity Davis, Lucille Richards families. Also Mrs. Brenda Nash who lost an uncle in Midland, Texas last week.

Mrs. Fannie Price attended her aunt's funeral in Dallas, Texas last week.

Mr. Clarence Ervin is a patient at V. A. Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Wilson Campbell went home from Methodist Hospital last Sunday. He had surgery while a patient.

It was nice to see Mrs. Rebecca Anderson at church last Sunday. She has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Berry, Sr. of Pittsburgh, Pa., had a nice visit with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Berry, Jr. They reported a lovely visit to the "Hub City."

Just an encouraging word to Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Male Chorus, keep up the good work! If you haven't heard them,

please make a point to do so. You will be glad you did. Brothers, you are great!

Oh, by the way, New Hope Baptist Church is working on a Male Chorus!

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the Strong and Phillip families in the lost of their loved ones recently.

Rev. Melvin L. Robinson and the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas will be at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday, October 5, 1986. They will be special guest during this Joint Annual Day. This day is being sponsored by the New Hope Choir, Solace Committee, Christian Education Committee and the New Hope Ushers.

Why not come and be a part of this great program?

Don't forget to attend the Book Review of Mrs.

Singers Will

Appear Here

The St. Matthew Baptist Church presents its "Usher's Annual" October 5, 1986, beginning at 3 p. m.

Special guest will be the Wayside Travelers of Lubbock. Special guest speaker will Sister C. D. Collins.

Please come out and enjoy this day with us.

Katie Parks Sunday, October 5, 1986, at the St. Luke Baptist Church beginning at 3 p. m.

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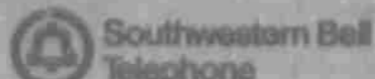
Since 1944, the United Negro College Fund has raised money for 43 black colleges and universities, including 6 here in Texas. It's this money that enables these colleges to charge tuition fees substantially below average.

Over the years, more than a million people have graduated from colleges funded by the United Negro College Fund. People who have gone into medicine, law, engineering, and other professions that touch all our lives.

At Southwestern Bell Telephone, we're glad to support the United Negro College Fund as part of our overall effort to contribute to the community. We're also proud of our many employees who invest both time and money to help support this special organization.

Because even though it's an investment that won't benefit us financially, we believe it will pay off in ways that are priceless.

We're here to help.



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ASST. FLAVORS
1/2 GALLON
\$1.38

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ASST., GAL.
58¢

PATTY CAKE CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES
2 CT. PKG.
4 \$1 FOR

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GRADE A
18 COUNT
98¢

FOOD CLUB MARGARINE
1 LB. QUARTERS
4 \$1 FOR

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42 OZ. CAN
78¢

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EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

Black Self-Help & The Role Of The Black Press

by
Eddie P. Richardson

The thesis of the Black owned newspapers of The BMI Corporative is that the major leadership and direction for rebuilding our communities into responsible and self-sustaining market places for the good of all in America must come from those who live in... and are heirs to the conditions imposed upon... our communities.

Our focus is on unifying our communities, so that we can take that needed lead in encouraging everyone to be a part of "pulling our communities up by whatever bootstraps" we might have.

The unique premise on which the BMI newspapers work together all across America is that, by continuous investment in our communities, we build greater benefits for others and for ourselves. The design of this collective mind-and-action-refocusing effort by our media is oriented toward:

- a) lessening the need for massive welfare
- b) reducing the felt-need for crime and
- c) adding to the productivity of everyone in our community.

The result is the sealing and setting in motion of a much broader outreach that not only tends to make America's Black Communities more self-sufficient but also unquestionably makes a major contribution to the general security and prosperity of every community in America as a whole.

The role of the Black press, therefore, extends far beyond a simple quantitative reach within the Black community. The Black press plays the dual role of both identifying empathetically with the vastly different needs of the Black community and providing positive leadership of those communities that impels us toward needed self-reliance and independence. Both roles of the Black press means much to the white business community, because: 1) The Black-oriented press reaches Black consumers at a sales identification, or empathetic level, comparable to that which white oriented media reaches white consumers emphatically, and, 2) This Black leadership that promotes responsibility and productivity for independence reduces the dollar and security burdens now threatening everyone in America.

The social structures and consumer market in every community is a two-part system... comprised on the one hand of those of largely European background whom are identified as white, and made up on the other hand of "affected class" minorities, (largely Black) whom the government recognizes as never having been allowed to identify with White Americans in many ways.

Therefore media that are basically reflective of... and primarily oriented to... White consumers (A.J.) do an excellent job of identifying with their consumers and selling them at an empathic level. By the same token, Black oriented media, (SOUTHWEST DIGEST) identify with the unique needs and lifestyles imposed upon these consumers... thus, the only means of reaching them at the same kind of empathic level as White-oriented media do for White consumers.

Blacks Still Need The Black Press More Than Ever!

We have a lot of years in the Black Press of America. We are the oldest, on-going, Black business in this country. Most of you probably know that the Black press started in 1827 with Samuel Cornish, the originator of the first Black Presbyterian Congregation. Cornish participated in many reform movements and he was an active member of the Anti-Slavery Society.

The publication he founded was Freedom's Journal with John B.

Don't let the Black community become a jungle



WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!

Russwurm. Later, Russwurm became involved with the colonization movement but Cornish continued to publish the paper for the next 20 years. Freedom's Journal played a major role in shaping a social and economic philosophy for Blacks. Such gifted persons such as James McCune Smith, Alexander Chummell, Martin R. Delany and David Ruggles used the Journal to express their opinions.

Cornish as editor, fought relentlessly for full rights to citizenship and equality of Blacks. As a trustee of the free schools in New York, he energetically promoted higher education for Blacks. Participating in many reform movements, he was an active member of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

On one occasion, he voiced his contempt for a group of prominent Philadelphia Blacks who at that time urged the free people of color to drop the adjective "colored" which was then used and preferred by Blacks from an identification standpoint in preference to the term oppressed Americans. We still, at this time, have the same term referred by the massive "Black" being rejected by the same type today! More Black publishers have been lynched, mobbed, beaten, and killed than any other profession which Blacks have undertaken. The Black press is there! We have our ups and downs and it gets tough sometimes, but most of the pressures we receive come from within the communities. We strive to serve through misunderstanding of what we are really about and petty jealousy and envy. As stated earlier, we have our ups and downs, but all business have their ups and downs, but we are beginning to understand more and more as we become involved in mainstream America, that we are involved in this Capitalistic system as a business and we are endeavoring to convert our newspaper from a sociological phenomenon to a marketing tool to keep pace with the times and still do the job that was set out to be done by Cornish and Russwurm in 1827.

As we do this, we will understand more about the profit motive so

that we will be able to survive and will not have so many downs, but more ups. We will just keep going up. The Black Press, church and community organizations will have to take the leadership and initiative in this upward move. It takes us all working collectively for the survival and good of all of us. The advent of the Black Press is a many splendorous thing! If you do not believe it, check history! Certainly we make our mistakes and certainly you criticize us and give us a tough time, but we want you to know that we are hanging in there and we are doing the best we can for the quality of life for Blacks, other minorities and other poor and disadvantaged people. We will continue to image build those who would not otherwise be recognized. We will continue to inform you of things that affect us which are not good or in our best interest as well as inform you of the things which are good and in the best of interest for us.

That is our duty. That is our Creed!

NNPA FEATURE

Business in the Black

By Charles E. Belle



You Got To Get A Better System

UNEMPLOYMENT PAR FOR THE COURSE

You Got To Get A Better System
An I'll take the low road
But I'll be in Scotland before you.
Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland...

Lee Eldr., Charles Sifford, Jim Thorpe and thousands of Black American golfers, as well as every Scotland, dream of breaking par and winning a tournament on the first golf course in the world - The Old Course, located in St. Andrews, Scotland home also of the oldest university in Scotland, the 572 year old St. Andrews University.

It is not that the Old Course is so difficult, but set in such ancient tradition and turf, that it takes more than skill and intellectual talent to tackle the trying bunker barrier course and come out a winner. It means for those who are not part of "the old schoolboy network," a breaking of the system, not just a

breaking into the system. Indeed, at the moment it is a public golf course gone strolling park on Sundays. A situation about to be ended with the conversion of the the Course into a private country club as a sign of these conservative bent Thatcher (a la Reagan) times.

Paying the modest green playing fees of 17 1/2 pounds (\$26.25) to play does not encourage local interest nor does it make you a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club which prohibits people from merely entering the stauisque building which dominates the course. And being a member of the club is really what counts. That way you can always work and play. Over the years, being able to WORK and play is still the name of the game.

Unemployment on a national basis in the United Kingdom is as much a disgrace as it is in the Black American community, hovering around 15% for adult males. In pockets of Scotland, it has soared to 20 plus percent, placing people on the dole who are desperate for moving on to make a honest living out of the country. Thus the Scots have a score to settle as stepchild to their Southern English rulers and a saying worth heeding to one and all. "When the able-bodied are out of work, it is often for reasons beyond their control."

Churchism, not Religionism, a fate of Scots, as well as Black Americans, comes under scrutiny in stressful times of high unemployment for its involvement with maintaining traditional values which prevent the people from prying away from a property protectionist system. Striking against the system is the only solution for suffering men and women under Reaganism or Thatcherism.

Those who know a "dovot" made by an iron in the grass from the hole in the ground still get excited by the prospects of employment. Work being their aim, play their pastime. Oh, Yes - my golf score. Revolution would be par for the course.

Blacks & Financial Mistakes

We began our series on the ten most common financial mistakes made by Americans. We indicated that most of these mistakes were especially prevalent among Blacks.

The mistakes and suggested courses of corrective action addressed last week included:

- No. 1-Failure To Set Specific Financial Goals.
- No. 2-Failure To Pay Yourself First.
- No. 3-Misuse of Credit, Especially Credit Cards.
- No. 4-Failure To Invest/Or Start Businesses.

This week, we will begin where we ended. The failure to establish an investment fund apparently flows from two factors: 1) The perceived lack of funds and 2) the mistaken belief that simply having a job can provide one with financial security.

The way to correct the false impression that you do not have enough discretionary cash in order to establish an investment fund is to remember this: If you are earning any money at all, you have money to invest. In other words, a person seriously interested in achieving financial security must correct financial mistake No. 2: Failure to pay yourself first.

This can be done by religiously setting aside 5%-to-10% or more of everything you earn into a savings account and simply allowing this account to grow until you have enough to start investing. Remember: You can start investing with as little as \$500.

For a free prospectus on excellent investment opportunities for Blacks, simply call this special recordline :202-562-1251, leave your name and address and a free packet will be sent to you.

No. 5-Failure To Keep And Organize Your Financial Records.

About the only time most of us get a good idea of exactly how we are spending our money is around income tax time, if then.

Given the amazing degree of impulse buying which goes on in America, it is virtually impossible to know exactly how your money is being spent if you don't keep good records.

For example, how much is your monthly grocery bill?

If you are similar to the clients with whom I have worked to help set-up financial plans, you will have a

CHILD WATCH

by
Marion Wright Edelman



A Roof Over Our Heads

What happens to a family when its most basic need - a roof overhead - is taken away?

The experience is "extremely traumatic," according to Dianne Betsey, whose family, along with dozens of other (mostly black) families received eviction notices from their Maryland apartments in 1980 when their building went "all adult." The Betsey and nine other families fought back, eventually winning a \$125,000 settlement in court this July. But they have had to deal with the difficulty and inconvenience of finding new homes.

Too many black families today cannot count on their homes being there tomorrow. And most families at the lower end of the income scale can often do little or nothing to fight back. Increasingly, black families are caught in a housing crunch caused by many factors they cannot control:

Fewer affordable homes are available. Our nation is simply not building enough affordable homes to keep up with the demand. Construction starts for multi-family housing - the units low-income families are likely to be able to afford - fell from 456,000 in 1978 to 283,000 in 1983. The decline is expected to continue.

Rising costs and tighter budgets. For the very poor, the problem of coming up with the rent money or the mortgage payment has gotten far worse in recent years. Lingering unemployment, falling incomes among the poor and near-poor, and continued cutbacks in a range of government income support programs have put the squeeze on the family finances.

But rents and mortgage payments continue to rise, with the result that they are taking a bigger and bigger bit out of the family budget. Between 1975 and 1983, the number of lower-income households paying more than half of their incomes for rent and utilities rose from 3.7 million to 6.3 million.

Less government support than the rich. Housing costs are a large proportion of most families' budgets. However, the government has stepped in to help primarily the wealthy. Billions of dollars each year in federal tax to help primarily the wealthy. Billions of dollars each year in federal tax relief through the homeowner's tax deduction help the rich far more than the poor, for the simple reason that the poor are less likely to be able to afford to purchase homes in the first place. Only three percent of the federal tax break for owner-occupied housing goes to households with incomes of \$15,000 or less.

Direct federal housing help for low-income Americans, always short of the need, has been cut deeply in recent years.

Persistent discrimination. Regrettably, laws against race discrimination have not put a stop to it everywhere. As occurred in a Maryland case, too many landlords are now using a range of tactics - including a bar against families - to keep out minorities. Given the growing adults-only trend, black families now face double discrimination in looking for homes.

The Reagan Administration is not helping but hurting by drastically cutting back on housing and other help for poor families and opposing efforts to strengthen fair housing enforcement. Our job is to fight back on their behalf and to hold our federal government accountable to its decades-old promise of "a decent home for every American family."



firmly quick answer to that question. But in all probability your answer will be up to 25% off the mark.

The only way to correct this mistake is to start keeping records.

We suggest the following:

Today, write down your best estimates of what you spend your money on and how much in each category.

And then starting tomorrow and continuing for a four week period keep a written record of EVERYTHING you spend. Every time to write a check, use a credit card or go into your wallet, pocket or purse write down how how much you are spending, on what, why and whether or not the expenditure was planned.

This process is not as tedious as it sounds and the results may truly amaze you. This four week exercise can help you financially for the rest of your life. In fact, there is virtually no other way for the low-income to middle-income person to spot financial waste, reduce impulse buying and start a financial security plan based reliable facts.

Next, we will continue with this look into how to correct the ten most common financial mistakes. Meanwhile, if you are interested in detailed guide to correcting financial mistakes and how to achieve greater financial security send for the Financial Security Guide (\$16.95) from my friends at Law Tay, Inc., P. O. Box 54041, Washington, D. C., 20032.

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Blacks Helping Blacks

Washington, D. C. - The National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (NCNE) today announced a nationwide program of volunteer assistance to the low-income black community at its conference - From Our Strengths: A National Forum on the

Black Family at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. "What we are launching is a new movement - Operation Reachback - that could be as important to the black community as the Civil Rights Movement," said NCNE President Robert L. Woodson.

"People want to help each other; this program will provide a structured vehicle to enable them to reach back and help," he said. The new program will create a national family-to-family network that would employ volunteer neighborhood resources in a coordinated attack on all facets of black family problems according to

Woodson. A major component of the program is a structured campaign to involve successful blacks directly in the development of indigenous self-help efforts. "Too often, the middle class becomes geographically and psychologically removed from the problems of those still trapped in poverty. The result - all too often - is a division between working and middle income blacks and the black underclass," he said.

"Thus, Operation Reachback will establish a process through which successful blacks can share their achievements and their affluence with others who are less fortunate and simultaneously assist with the self-help efforts of low-income blacks nationwide," Woodson said.

"This strength of the black family, which for generations shared with the black the primary role as a stabilizing influence within the black community, has been steadily eroding. It is now being recognized, belatedly, that the disincentives inherent in

federal and state welfare programs have exacerbated this trend. "Concerned citizens in government and the private sector sense the urgency of the problem, but despair over the apparent absence of workable solutions to it. Yet, at the neighborhood level where these problems exist, there are countless examples of indigenous volunteer efforts that are successfully addressing many aspects of the crisis facing the black underclass.

"Over the past five years, NCNE has been identifying and tracking such groups. There is ample evidence from their work that these dedicated, 'non-professionals' are succeeding where trained professionals have failed, and at substantially lower costs. "Operation Reachback will coordinate and adapt these successful efforts in neighborhoods throughout the country," Woodson said.

NCNE's prototype Reachback chapter was created in Washington, D. C., last May, resulting from a meeting of about

30 families to hear about College Here We Come, a local self-help effort started by residents of the Kenilworth/Parlside public housing development, which has been responsible for assisting more than 580 public housing students with college admission. Before the parents and residents came together to help in 1974 only two youngsters from Kenilworth's 464 households had ever attended

college. "The families and individuals attending the College Here We Come session were so turned on that they formed an Operation Reachback

chapter and called themselves Friends of College Here We Come (FRIENDS). "FRIENDS began with the 29 families, each

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Strengthened By Testing

A minister friend and I were talking about the recent job related experiences. My friend was upset over the fact that he was not able to do his work as he desired because of peculiar situation that dealt with the damnable sin of homosexuality. He wondered why he was ever placed in such a position -- a position where he spoke out against such an evil that it would lead to his demise in that congregation, but if he went along with the program he would do well.

I looked at my friend as the tears rolled down his cheeks. I could see in his face the agony, the pain, the hurt. I said to him, "Hold your head up! To die for the cause of Christ is gain." I told him this story that I had read of a giant oak that had met disaster in a thunderstorm.

Lightning had struck the tree. As the tree was being removed a man counted the rings on the end of a log sawed from the trunk of the tree. He called his friends who were standing nearby and said, "This tree is over 250 years old." Then he called their attention to a strange scar that ran halfway across the heart of the sawed-off end of the log. He explained to them: "Sometime in the first fifty years of this tree's life it was injured; perhaps, another tree as driven up against it by a violent storm, but the injury did not stunt its growth. This tree has battled with storms, now and ice for 250 years because it was strong and sturdy."

As Christians, God test us to make us strong. Paul said, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong?" (II Cor. 12:10).

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We Thank God For Jesus

Lord, Do Anybody Care Anymore? Yes!

Mark 1:23-25 -- And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, let us alone what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God, and Jesus rebuked him, saying, hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Lord, I was raised in a Christian home, but when I got grown, I wanted to be on my own.

Lord, I wanted to walk my way, and feel free. I just didn't want anyone to rule over me.

Lord, I wanted to do what the world was doing. Now I'm in trouble on drugs! My life is ruined.

Matthew 11:28 -- Jesus said, come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Lord, I'm lost; I've got no place to go. So I enter the church to find rest for my soul.

Lord, the saints see me in the condition I'm in; they roll their eyes and snare their nose, because I'm sin.

Lord, Do Anybody Care Any More??

Proverbs 22:6 -- Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Matthew 19:13-14 -- Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray, and his disciples (saints) rebuked them. But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for such is the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, where are all those joyful, and smiling faces?? I've looked for them in cafes and worldly places.

Lord, (that's the love that I truly miss, (A Smile). I sometimes wonder do they yet exist!

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3, 8 to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to brake down, and a time to build up; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war; and a time of peace.

Lord, Do Anybody Care Anymore??

Lord, I come looking for forgiveness, from all of my sins, but from the look in some saints eyes, I'm not wanted within.

Lord, please send me your lover's (Saints) I need them today, I've tried everything, and suicide is not the way.

Matthew 15:7-8 -- Jesus said, ye hypocrites, well did E'sai'as prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

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

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OBSEQUIES

Mrs. Charity Davis

Final rites were read for Mrs. Charity Davis Wednesday, September 24, 1986 at Ford Memorial COGIC with Rev. Elder Eddie Scott, pastor of Scott Temple COGIC, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under Memorial Park under the directions of South Plains Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were C. Johnson, E. Akins, James Berry, Matthew Scott, Fred Scott and Curtis Lilly.

Mrs. Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron & Goldie Davis, was born November 27, 1916 in Frankston, Texas.

She was a faithful member of Scott Temple COGIC. She also was an active member of A. A. R. P., a Senior Citizens program.

Mrs. Charity Davis is survived by: three daughters -- Mrs. L. E. Williams of Lubbock,



Texas, Miss Carolyn Skies of Dallas, Texas and Miss Evelyn Richardson of Dallas, Texas; four sons -- B. D. Smith and Tommie Lee, both of Dallas, Texas, Major Rose of Chicago, Ill. and James Rose of Lubbock, Texas.

She was the proud grandmother of twenty-five grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Celesta Strong



member for many years. Those pearly gates swung open at 1:00 a. m. Friday, September 26, 1986, to receive Saint Celesta.

Mrs. Strong is survived by her husband, Bryant J. Strong of Lubbock, Texas; her brother, James E. Goode of Lubbock, Texas; her

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Celesta Gertrude Goode Strong Monday morning, Sept. 29, 1986 at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church with Rev. William Williams, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Strong was born April 29, 1926 in Bettie, Texas. She was the youngest of five children, one of whom was her twin sister who died shortly after birth. Another brother, Roscoe McLemore, who died in 1973. She was the daughter of Dudley Goode and Gertrude Dansby McLemore Goode.

Her childhood years were spent in Kilgore, Texas where she was reared by her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah King Dansby. At age 14, upon the death of her grandmother, she moved to Bettie, Texas to live with her father.

She lived with her father until she married her husband of forty-two years, Mr. Bryant J.

Strong. Shortly after their marriage in 1944, they moved to Lubbock, Texas.

She attended Odessa Long's School of Beauty and shortly after began a hairdressing career which was to last over forty years. She attended Texas College in Tyler, Texas. She received subsequent a beauty degree from Prairie View. She also attended school in the Kilgore Public Schools.

Shortly after coming to Lubbock, she joined Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church where she was a very active

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the beautiful and spacious Fellowship Hall of the Word of Truth Church at 9 a. m. last Saturday morning. President Juantia Sowell presided over the weekly session.

Opening devotion scripture was read by Sister Tammie Ervin. Her scripture was Eph. 6:10-18. Prayer was offered by Brother B. J. Morrison, III.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Adelia Hardrick. Her scripture text was Psalm 34:1-3. Her subject was "Come, Let Us Exalt The Lord."

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall

continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

(3) O' magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

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Our bereaved families include the Strong and Burleson families. There are others who are not mentioned in this report, but God knows.

"Let's Pray"

We call now in the name of Jesus that resurrection power that will heal bodies and broken hearts; penetrate each home where there's a physical problem. Or

deep sorrow exist, reach out now and touch Jesus. There's healing in His name. We thank you, Lord for your healing power for we ask in your precious name. AMEN.

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Announcement

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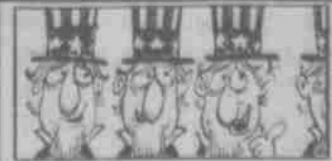
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Mrs. Lucile Richards



her husband, M. D. Richards; her sister, Leola Morgan of Rockdale, Texas; a brother, W. T. Bacy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Lubbock pallbearers were Selva Crawford, Arthur Watts, George Smith, Jr., Arthur Curry, Albert Curry, Charles Deo.

Rockdale pallbearers were Clarence Crawford, James Johnson, Jr., Curtis Pride, Henry Miller, Willie Major, Bennie E. Clark, David E. Smith, and Harry McBride.

Funeral services were held at the St. Luke Baptist Church last Tuesday morning, September 23, 1986 for Mrs. Lucile Richards with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Services were also held at the New Hope Baptist Church in Rockdale, Texas with Rev. C. Dixon, pastor, officiating.

South Plains Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements here while arrangements.

Mrs. Richards was born in Rockdale, Texas January 24, 1912 to Mr. and Mrs. U. Bacy. She grew up in Rockdale and graduated from Aycock High School and attended Prairie View A&M College.

In 1938, she moved to Lubbock, Texas where she united with Caldonia Baptist Church which was later changed to Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Sister Richards was faithful to her church where she served as Secretary for many years for the Senior Choir, and she was also a member and Secretary for the Dorcas Circle.

She leaves to mourn

Blacks Helping

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contributing \$100 or more annually to the program. In addition, each member encourages other families to join, who in turn get others to join," Woodson noted.

Following the conference, NCNE will be introducing Reachback programs to communities across the country. Operation Reachback programs might include any program that strengthens the black family—foster care and adoption, teen pregnancy reduction, improved education, crime prevention and housing, and many others.

NCNE will coordinate this national effort and provide technical assistance to each chapter participating in the Operation Reachback network.

For more information about Operation Reachback, write NCNE at 1367 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., 20036 or call Pam Taylor or Randi Payton at (202) 331-1103.

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GAMBLING

After being condemned as a social evil for years, gambling has now become an acceptable practice. State lotteries and "church bingo" have promoted and dignified gambling so as to make it appear as a harmless past-time, a respectable recreation. Pressing financial needs and the reports of multi-million dollar lottery winners have whetted the appetites of many who hope to win a fortune.

It is estimated that the yearly amount of bets in the U.S. equals one-third of the gross national product. Two-thirds of all Americans participate in gambling. One of the nations leading authorities on gambling is Washington attorney, Rufus King, who was Chairman of the American Bar Association and counsellor for the Presidents' Crime Commission. In his book "Gambling and Organized Crime," he says, "...there seems to be general agreement that the total sum spent annually by Americans in all forms of illegal gambling (the yearly 'handle'), runs in the range of \$15 to \$25 billion (that was in 1969). Some reputable estimates double those figures. But, let us say \$20 billion! If the 'take' of the gambling promoter amounts to one-third of this, (and the patron in illegal gaming assuredly gets no breaks), the income shared by those who control this form of criminal activity would be between \$6,000,000,000 and \$7,000,000,000."

He then goes on to illustrate the significance of a billion dollars by saying, "...if you piled a million dollars in new thousand dollar bill one upon another, you would have a handsome stack 8 inches high; if you did the same thing with a billion dollars, the stack would extend 111 feet above the top of the Washington Monument."

Gambling is a much more serious problem than many suspect! Based on reports from John Hopkins University, in 1980 pathological gambling was certified as a mental disorder by the American Psychiatric Association. In the mid-fifties the Gamblers Anonymous organization was established to help people deal with their gambling problems. In a recent phone conversation with their representative of the Cincinnati chapter, I was told that they get from 12 to 15 new members each week from the Cincinnati area alone!

Of course, most gamblers never seek help, nor do they consider their condition as abnormal or their actions as morally wrong. It is a "closet problem" that few people ever talk about. The highly respected magazine, "Today's Health" said, "Gambling is America's most unrecognized, social cancer. It is unrecognized because most of it is done secretly and goes undetected, thus, it never becomes an awareness."

I. GAMBLING IS HARMFUL TO ONESELF

1. It defiles our character.

Henry W. Grady, in an editorial in the Atlanta Constitution on Sept. 20, 1884, said, "Never gambler. Of all the vices that enthrall men, this is the worst, the strongest, and most insidious. Outside of the morality of it, it is the poorest investment, the poorest business, the poorest fun. No man is safe who plays at all. It is easiest never to play. I never knew a gentleman and man of business who did not regret the time and money he wasted in it. A man who plays poker is unfit for every other business on earth."

Judge Michael L. McKinley, past Chief Justice of the Cook County (Ill.) Criminal Court, said, "Gambling has grown gigantically as a business which produces nothing but grafters, embezzlers, forgers, confidence men, pickpockets, burglars, and bandits." You can think what you will about gambling, but those are the facts!

Before the casinos opened in Atlantic City, there were an estimated dozen prostitutes — after only a few weeks, more than a hundred were counted. Also, the city's rescue mission had to quadruple its bed capacity. It is a well known fact that the most vile members of society participate in gambling. That alone should tell us something!

2. It destroys our compassion.

The Bible teaches us to love one another, which means that we should gladly sacrifice to meet the needs of others. But, gambling puts self-interest first. It builds resentment and makes enemies. It removes love from society and creates a spirit of unconcern for others.

3. It develops the hope of getting something for nothing.

Gambling destroys initiative. Instead of rolling up his sleeves and going to work, the gambler hopes to live off the misfortune of others. This attitude of something for nothing is destroying America.

Tom Anderson, in the publication "Straight Talk," tells of the rangers in Mount Rainer National Park who caution the visitors against feeding the animals. He says, "The ranger explains that the deer grow accustomed to visitors' handouts and lose the ability to fend for themselves. Bears, he says, come to believe that free food is their due — and become grouchy and violent if they don't get it. Chipmunks and squirrels congregate where the handouts are supplied and thus, upset the balance of nature."

The 'balance' of our country is likewise being upset: The leeches are taking over." He then goes on to say, "One reason the welfare rolls grows is because it is more profitable for millions of our people to stay on welfare than to work."

"There are millions of third generation welfareers whose grandparents, parents, as well as themselves, have never found a 'suitable job.' There is no suitable job for a bum. Our government has made bums out of millions of our people."

I haven't forgotten my subject — it's gambling, not welfare. But, the fact is that they both lead to the dangerous attitude of wanting something for nothing. The welfareers consider it their right to live at the expense of others and the gambler hopes to prosper on the losses of others. By the way, gambling has put more than its share on welfare!

The Bible says, "that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess. 3:10) and "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" (Gen. 3:19). God intends that we earn our living by honest labor.

II. GAMBLING IS HURFUL TO SOCIETY

1. It destroys families.

The gambler loses, children go hungry, wives do without, bills go unpaid, tension builds, arguments increase, and eventually the family is destroyed. The gambler doesn't have time for his wife and children. He

would rather be at the race-track or the poker table than with his family. The compulsion to gamble destroys a man's compassion for his family to the point that he is willing to neglect them to satisfy his own carnal desires.

2. It divides friends.

The Bible teaches us that friendship is a precious thing that is to be carefully guarded. But gambling causes you to take advantage of others. Your friend becomes your victim. He's look upon as a villain standing between you and something you want. Even if the gambler could control his feelings toward others he cannot keep his victims from becoming bitter toward him. Our concern for others should far exceed our desire for financial gain.

3. It decreases respect for the law.

When pressed for funds people will resort to all sorts of illegal activities to finance their gambling habit. They will steal from their loved ones, write bad checks, and even commit armed robbery.

Also, those who promote and prosper from gambling will go to any lengths to protect their interest. The "Presidents' Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice" in 1967 reported that "law enforcement officials agree almost unanimously that gambling is the greatest source of revenue for organized crime...Estimates of the annual intake have varied from \$7 to \$50 billion...Analysis of organized criminal betting operations indicates that the profit is as high as one-third of the gross revenue."

Of course, some think that the answer is to legalize gambling and put it under the guidance and control of government. But, that isn't the answer. Such foolishness only further corrupts the government.

Rufus King said, "No public authority can long withstand the pressures and corrupting effects of legalized gambling enterprises...Lotteries began to emerge after the turn of the 19th century as what the Supreme Court was prompted to call a 'widespread pestilence'; corrupting the legislators and public officials who authorized and administered them and subjecting the public to a variety of increasingly out-rageous frauds and scandals...Nearly every large community had its much-publicized bankruptcies, embezzlements and suicides attributable to profligate spending for lottery tickets..."

"Widely in the last three decades and occasionally today, the gambler-gangster has managed to hit an even higher target: instead of corrupting and capturing local police forces, he has been able to gain control of local governments..."

"When Kentucky closed out coin-machine gambling in 1966 by a new state law, the gamblers made so strong a come-back in the next session of the General Assembly (under a new Governor and with new faces in the State House in Frankfort) that only a spirited press campaign coupled with rumors that bribes had reached a choking seven figure aggregate, enabled anti-gambling forces to effect a cliff-hanger rescue of the new law."

"The Kefauver Committee exposed patterns like this in small cities such as Covington, Ky., and Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley which it chose almost as random samples."

If you think the promoters of gambling aren't serious about this matter, listen to what Mr. King says: "To attribute half the gang killings and mob violence of the forties and fifties to battles over control of this gambling empire would be a very conservative speculation."

III. GAMBLING IS HEINOUS TO GOD

1. It disobeys the commandments.

It is written in the Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt not covet..." (Ex. 20:17). Our legal desires are limited to our necessities. The Bible says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have..." (Heb. 13:5).

The ambition for worldly goods has destroyed many lives and is strictly forbidden by the Lord. That doesn't mean that it is sinful to prosper. God has often blessed his people with material goods, because they gave him top priority. But, that doesn't give us the right to seek wealth. We are to serve God and then be satisfied with what He gives us.

2. It denies God's law of order.

According to the word of God, work comes before wealth, sowing before reaping. But, the gambler seeks to reap what others have sown. Of course, not wanting to do things God's way has always been a characteristic of the world. When parents teach their children to gamble, they are teaching them to ignore what God demands. And this disrespect for God then affects every other area of their lives.

3. It deadens sensitivity toward spiritual matters.

While our precious Lord was being crucified, wicked men cast lots for His garments. Their desire for personal gain blinded them as to what was really important. When a person is consumed by self-interest, as is the gambler, he will never be sensitive to the will of God for his life.

4. It distracts from the important things of life.

Solomon said, "Treasures of wickedness profit nothing..." (Prov. 10:2). What seems to be gain is a mirage when God's law is violated. No one ever truly prospers when he disobeys God's word.

As stewards of God's property, we have no right to gamble with that which has been entrusted to our care. If we waste our time, neglect our responsibilities, offend our neighbors, and squander our goods, we cannot expect God to bless us.

Think about the number of missionaries that could be supported with the money that is spent on gambling. If 50 billion dollars annually are spent on gambling, that amount could be used to support 2 million missionary families in the amount of \$25,000 per year!

In conclusion, let me remind you that prevention is easier than cure. A world of pain and misery could be avoided if folks would steer clear of the gambling trap. Whether its matching for a coke, playing bingo, betting on a ball game, or buying a lottery ticket, we should refuse to participate. It isn't the amount of money involved, it's the principle. Don't be fooled! "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7-8). You can be sure that following Christ is no gamble. No one is a loser who receives Christ as Saviour and follows Him as Lord.

Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Worship Services	10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship Services	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Services	6:30 p.m.



Quick & Easy Meals

by Mildred B. Griggs, Ed. D. TM

Who says that an attractive and delicious dinner—even when prepared for guests—has to mean hours spent in the kitchen with lots of dirty pots and pans.

One-dish meals are a natural when you're looking for an impressive recipe to serve guests. They not only fit the bill for fare that's quick and easy to prepare, but they can also help get you in and out of the kitchen in time to pretty yourself up for company.

Today's selections include 2 one-dish meals that are colorful, delicious and, best of all, can be prepared in a single baking dish. Until next time, good cooking.

SALISBURY STEAK SKILLET SUPPER

- 1/4 cup crushed Frito-Lay® brand Potato Chips-No Salt Added (measure after crushing)
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup catsup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 lb. ground beef round
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- 1 can (10 1/2 oz.) condensed golden mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 can (1 lb.) whole new potatoes, drained and sliced or sliced potatoes, drained
- 1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen Italian green beans

In medium bowl, with fork, combine crushed potato chips, egg, catsup and salt until well blended; mix in ground beef. Shape into a large patty, about 1-inch thick. In large skillet, over medium-low heat, heat oil; brown beef patty, or Salisbury steak, on each side. Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix soup and wine. Drain excess fat from skillet. Add soup mixture, potatoes and frozen green beans around beef patty in skillet. Cover, and simmer 10 minutes longer, stirring vegetables once during cooking. Makes 4 servings.

CHICKEN WITH SPANISH RICE

- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- 3-lb broiler-fryer, cut into eight pieces
- 1/2 cup frozen or fresh chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can (14 1/2 or 16 oz.) stewed tomatoes
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 pkg. (4.6 oz.) Spanish rice mix
- 1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen artichoke hearts
- 1/4 cup pimiento-stuffed olives, halved crosswise (about 10)

In a large skillet, over medium-high heat, heat oil; cook chicken pieces, skin side down, until browned—about 10 minutes. Add onion; cook 5 minutes more. Stir in garlic; cook 1 minute more. Add tomatoes and oregano, breaking up tomatoes with spoon if necessary. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 15 minutes. Uncover skillet; turn chicken pieces. Add water, rice mix, artichoke hearts and olives. Stir, and cook 10 minutes longer, or until rice is tender. Makes 4 servings.

Dr. Griggs is a professor at the University of Illinois and is a past president of the American Home Economics Association. She is also a consultant to Frito-Lay, Inc. Dr. Griggs invites you to send your suggestions or questions to: Quick & Easy Meals by Mildred, Sage Feature News Service, 3101 Martin Luther King Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75215.

BLACK POETRY

A Railroad in Disguise

Oh Harriet Tubman
How beautiful, how brave.
Oh Harriet Tubman
You toiled to free the slave.

Oh Harriet Tubman
How intelligent, how wise
Oh Harriet Tubman
Your railroad in disguise.

You knew deep in your soul
No man, no woman,
no child should be a slave
Not you, not me,
no one of history
No man of present day,
And no man yet to be.

You knew within your heart
How very very smart!
No man should be a slave
And lose his native name
With no appreciation for
his mother land.

No ancestor of mine
should ever have been
a slave.

Harriet Tubman, you knew
no man of your time
and no descendant of
yours should ever be
a slave.

How very very kind
You toiled to free the slave
Your railroad in disguise—
so wise! so wise!

No man, no woman,
no child should ever
have been misused
and abused by
a government.

No people should labor
and labor and labor
and labor upon this soil
without reward.

No man should bear
the pain
the suffering
the misery of slavery
As my foreparents have.

You helped to relieve
the pain
You toiled to set man free
Your railroad in disguise
so wise! so wise!

From south to north
And back and forth,
Your railroad in disguise—
so wise! so wise!

Harriet Tubman,
Thank you
Thank you for your
railroad in disguise

You were so beautiful—
so wise!

—Naomi Brogdon

Outreach Prayer

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Saturday morning, we will meet in the home of Sister Tommie Ervin, 2905 East Baylor, at 9 a. m. Come, we love you; really we do!

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See you this week, okay?

President, Sister Juanita Sowell; vice president, Sister Christine Burleson; acting secretary, Sister Linda McClain; and reporter, Sister Dorothy Hood.

District Meeting

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with the business at hand and see what are some of the problems we need to talk about as a district," said Patterson.

"A lot has happened over the past few months, and we will discuss some of the accomplishments of the City of Lubbock," continued Patterson.

Everyone is asked to invite someone to come out with them.

"Bring someone with you, it will be most beneficial," concluded Patterson.

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