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# Bingo Fight Livens Up

by Denise Kinner

The battle lines have been drawn in the upcoming April 3rd election, in which a proposition to legalize bingo in Lubbock County will appear on the ballot.

Last week groups for and against the proposal held news conferences to promote their position on the issue.

The Lubbock Digest had an opportunity to interview representatives for the Citizens Against Gambling and Citizens For Bingo.

Dr. D. L. Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church and chairman of the anti-gambling committee made up of ministers and laymen told the Digest that legalizing any form of gambling, including bingo, will make it easier to introduce more gambling which will inevitably "attract undesirable elements such as organized crime."

Lowrie also pointed

to a Congressional study of gambling to support his position against the legalization of bingo.

"The study indicated that bingo is a \$2 billion industry in this country. It also found that the number one group, in terms of participation and in terms of how much money is spent on bingo, was people whose salaries were \$5,000 or less. That says to me that bingo is a form of gambling that appeals to those who can't afford it," Lowrie said.

But such is not the position of Lubbock attorney Kenneth Jones, who represents Citizens for Bingo, which includes the American Legion, Elks, church groups and others.

Jones says he resents the fact that civic groups are being charged with being forerunners of organized crime.

"Many members of

these groups belong to these churches that are against bingo and contribute to those churches. You don't see those ministers not accepting those contributions saying its unclean money," said Jones.

If passed, Jones says the county bingo law will be the best regulated law in the State of Texas.

"The Bingo Act clearly states that only non-profit organiza-

tions whose predominant activities are for the support of medical research or treatment programs and have been organized for 3 years and have an IRS exemption, and are approved by the comptroller, can operate charitable bingo," Jones concluded.

On April 3, citizens of Lubbock County will go to the polls to vote on the proposition.

## Oliver Seeks School Board Post

"I am a retired military person. I am willing to serve my community to insure Lubbock's greatest asset - Children. I have time to serve." These were the words of Don Oliver, 61, who filed for Place 7 on the Lubbock Independent School Board.

He told the Lubbock Digest that he filed for his office when he saw that the local school board president, Monte Hasie, didn't know what was going on. "This president talked about something he didn't know about," said Oliver who was referring to Hasie who didn't know there was a morale problem among teachers in the district.

"Someone needs to come in and find out what's going on," he said. He continued: "I am amazed about the lack of maintenance on the buildings in the school system."

"I have been in Lubbock only six months, and I've discovered that the local school board has received more news coverage than any other school board I have ever seen. The board should be concerned with policy and budget decisions," said the secretary of an



Don Oliver

organization called Animal Protection Institute, based in Sacramento, California. There are over 200,000 members in this organization and has been in existence since April, 1968.

In talking about evaluation local school teachers, Oliver said: "I do feel that the teachers' evaluation system is rather cumbersome. I ask - How can the U. S. military use only one sheet of paper to evaluate their officers and enlisted men? But here it's different."

He is a 28 year veteran of the military, and his wife teaches at Posey Elementary School.

Oliver will face not only Hasie, but Dan Seale and Rev. Roy C. Jones in the Place 7 race which is on tap for April 3rd.

## Announces For State Representative

Delwin Jones has filed for the Democratic post of State Representative. He will challenge Froy Salinas who is seeking a fourth term.

"I filed as a Democratic candidate for State Representative, District 83, late Friday afternoon," said Jones.

He concluded: "Because of an earlier travel commitment, I will be out of the state for the next 7 or 8 days. When I return, I will release a more comprehensive statement."

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## Pythian-Calanthean Anniversary Sunday

The Knights of Pythian and Court of Calanthean will celebrate their Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Sunday afternoon, March 21st, beginning at 3 p.m. The Reverend Tony Williams, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving message at his church.

Mrs. C. E. Fair is Worthy Counselor of the Evening Joy Court; Mrs. Charley Mae Harris is Worthy Counselor of the Running Rose Court. George Woods is



DISCUSSING GIRL SCOUT BUSINESS - Recently at the Green Fair Manor Community Center, local Girl Scout officials took time to make plans for a big month. Pictured above are members of a community team who are working hard to reach some new goals for the organization. They are (from left to right): Mrs. Deborah Childers, Mrs. Buelah Winters, Mrs. Shirley Cleveland, Mrs. Peggy Sogarek and Mrs. Cheryl Garritsch. (Photo by Ulak Elkudo)

## City Negotiate Purchase Of Yellowhouse Water

Last week Mayor Bill McAlister announced that the city will carry out negotiations to buy the Yellowhouse Canyon Water System.

Residents of Yellowhouse Canyon have pursued a long campaign to get better water service to their homes. The Texas Department of Health has backed the residents' claims that the water system is inadequate.

The city staff has been instructed to enter negotiations with the water system owner, Travis Martin, on the sale of the system, which will be finalized at the March

25 meeting. City Water Utilities director Sam Wahl stated that no exact figure has been established for the purchase of the system.

The city has been asked to assume some obligations accrued by the utility, and Martin has indicated he wants to retain some property.

## Community Groups Fund Raiser

A special fund raiser will be held at the Merchants of the Panhandle Fair Grounds on Saturday, March 20, 1982, from 5 p. m. to 12 p. m.

This is a project of Community Groups. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. This will include supper and entertainment.

## Preliminary Studies Underway For Traffic Signal Systems

Preliminary studies began Monday on the new computer controls for the traffic signal system. Consultants will spend the next two weeks examining the conditions of 20 miles

of electrical cable that interconnects more than 100 traffic signals. Motorist may notice temporary changes in the coordination of traffic signals during this period. Cable will

first be inspected along 19th Street and Avenue Q. Later inspections will be along 34th Street, along 50th Street and finally in the downtown area.

## Annual Career Day On Tap

Home Economics Cooperative Education will have their annual career day on Tuesday, March 22. This will give students exposure to various types of work environments. The day will begin at 8:30 a. m. with breakfast at the Southern Seas Restau-

rant. Mayor Bill McAlister will be the guest speaker.

A vocational counselor from each of the five high schools will attend. Also four H. E. C. E. teachers, and the homemaking consultant from the LISD will attend. They are: Kathy

Hale, Lubbock High; Henriann Swafford and Mary Lou Thurman, Dunbar-Struggs; Katie Pettyjohn, Estacado; and Erie Etta Williams, LISD administration.

An eight-member advisory committee for the program will also attend. They are: John

Logen, Chamber of Commerce; Leta Smith, Methodist Hospital; Lynn Valentine, Valentine's Janitorial Service; Johnny Lurdin, Burger King; Priscilla Sims, Southern Seas Restaurant; Elaine Ybarra, Day

## Absentee Balloting Begins This Week

Absentee voting began on Monday for the April 3rd election to fill city school positions and to decide whether Lubbock County will have legalized bingo.

Registered voters who would like to participate in the election, but who plan to be out of the city during the official balloting have until Tuesday, March 30, to vote absentee.

City and school district residents may obtain absentee ballots at the city secretary's office, in City Hall, Room 206. Voters residing elsewhere in the county may obtain ballots from the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

The upcoming elec-

tion will include five municipal government positions, two Lubbock Independent School District trustee positions and a proposition seeking to legalize bingo in Lubbock County.

For those voters who are confined in their homes may write to Evelyn Gaffga, city secretary, for city-school and bingo ballots to be mailed to them. County voters who live outside both the city limits and school district may obtain ballots by mail by writing Frank Guess, county clerk.

Mail-in ballots must be received by April 1, 1982.



TALKING BUSINESS - Mr. D. C. Fair, Jr., executive director of the Lubbock Housing Authority, is shown above talking to the board chairman, Mr. Julian Simpson, at the recent "Open House" of 96 West. Local officials and scores of Lubbock citizens came by to see the new concept in public housing. "We are proud of what has been accomplished, and will continue to make contributions in this area," said Mr. Fair. (Photo by Ulak Elkudo)

# Special Services At Tech Faces Ax

by Denise Kinner

Over the past few years, hundreds of students have come to depend on the tutoring services provided by the Special Services program at Texas Tech University.

They also provides counseling services for the university's low-income and handicap-

ped students. But, it could all come to an end very soon, according to program director Mary LaFontaine.

"We were visited about two weeks ago by a representative of the Department of Education. He was in town to audit another federally funded

program. The representative asked such questions as what would happen if the program lost its federal funding. We told him that the University would probably take on the program. The DOE official was not interested in what services we provided

or what we had accomplished. He was only interested in what could happen if we lost our funding."

LaFontaine was told by the official that in order for Special Services to maintain its funding the University would have to provide 100% financial aid for

low-income students in the program, a burden that the University says it cannot support.

"Last semester we had 300 students. I'm concerned about where these students will go to get help if we are not funded. We do a valuable job for these students," she added.



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## Social Security Tips

### Your Social Security And You

by Jewel M. Love  
Service Representative



### Service Is Goal Of Social Security

The goal of the local Social Security office is to provide the best possible service to people in this area in all matters pertaining to Social Security, Medicare, or supplemental security income.

The importance of Social Security to this area is quite apparent. For example, Social Security benefits go to about one out of 6 people in the United States. Outlying areas are served by representatives who visit other communities on a regular basis.

In the office, there is a specially trained unit that can take applications by telephone. This unit also handles other matters such as changing addresses, receiving notices of death, work, and other events that affect receipt of Social Security or supplemental security income checks.

Because the programs administered by Social Security are so important to the people in the community, an active public information program is conducted by the office staff. Free publications, describing Social Security, Medicare, and supplemental security income can be obtained at the office. People are available to speak before civic and social groups when invited.

Courteous and efficient service to all members of the public for all their needs relating to Social Security is a goal toward which all members of the staff constantly work. Information can be obtained at your local Social Security office at 1205 Texas Avenue and the telephone number is 762-7381.

## Publisher Enrolls Secretary In Unique College Program

Attorney John L. Edmonds, Publisher of the New York Amsterdam News has the distinction of sponsoring the first student to enroll in a unique two-year, non-residential college program leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Miss Allen is a high school graduate who aspires to become a lawyer, but cannot easily take the usual four years time needed to earn a college degree.

Known as A-C-P, the Accelerated College Program is a new national joint offering of South Eastern University in New Haven, Connecticut and Curriculum Concepts, Inc. (CCI), the nation's largest developer of curriculum materials for schools.

Dr. Clyde Bowman, President of South Eastern University, welcomed Juliette Allen, as the program's first enrollee, saying "Miss Allen is the kind of exceedingly bright and mature person whom we feel the Accelerated College Program is ideal. There is no need for a young woman with a growing national leadership role, such as Juliette



Attorney John Edmonds, Publisher of the New York Amsterdam News (right) presents his secretary, Juliette Allen, to Dr. Clyde Bowman, President of the South Eastern University in New Haven, Connecticut, for enrollment in the Accelerated College Program (A-C-P).

Allen exercises in religious and other circles, to have to leave her work and enroll in four years of largely-routine academic exercises in order to become a college graduate.

"The Accelerated College Program (A-C-P) provides an extraordinarily solid grounding in the development of those skills and experiences required for entry into graduate school or the professions. Most

importantly, persons like Juliette Allen may continue their work, stay at home and earn an outstanding college education in two years or less.

Dr. Bowman continued: "We are offering no credits for so-called life experi-

### Mission Program

A Missionary program will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

All local missionary societies in the community and members of all of the churches and neighbors in East Lubbock are invited to come out.

### Evening Joy Meets Here

The "Evening Joy" Court of Calanthe No. 414, met on last Tuesday with their Worthy Counselor C. E. Fair presiding over the meeting.

The drawing was held for tickets sold for a special project. The members are happy to announce and present to the name of the lucky ticket holder. She is Cynthia Lemons. She received a beautiful "Queen Size Comforter."

The members of "Evening Joy" extend to all an invitation to their annual Thanksgiving program on Sunday, March 21st, at 3 p.m. at the Community Baptist Church, Rev. Tony Williams, pastor. He will also deliver the message of the hour.

"Come and witness this great affair," says Mrs. Fair. Elnora Dyer is reporter.

## Dunbar-Struggs Choir Does Well In UIL



DUNBAR CHOIR PARTICIPANTS -- Pictured above are the students of the Dunbar-Struggs High School who participated in UIL competition on March 9th.

Students are: Felicia Barnett, Ralph Bryant, Earnest Cash, Shantel Coffey, Michael Chatman, Dawn Crumpler, Patty Gonzales, Shaun Harris, Linda Harpe, Kerri Henderson, Karla Hill, Melanie Daniels, Darnise Jackson, Kim Jackson, Linda Johns, Sufronia Johnson, Lisa Laing, Stella Luera, Albert Macias, Regina McConic, Rhonda Millman, and Ronnie Millman. Also Yolanda Norris, Beverly Phenix, Patricia Pitts, David Powell, Michael Riviera, Gevie Robison, Sammy Rodriguez, Rileta Satterfield, Brad Stiggers, Tanya White, Royal Willard, Doug Wilson, Tyrone Young, Helen Zarazua and Adorfus Bell.

Director is Donna Chambers. Assistant is Mrs. Don Walker; and student teacher, Mr. Dennis Bortz.

Not pictured are: Adorfus Bell, Shantel Coffey, Darnise Jackson, Regina McConic, Michael Riviera, Rileta Satterfield and Gevie Robinson.

The Dunbar-Struggs High School Choir competed in UIL contest at Lubbock High School on March 9. They received a "I" in Concert and a "III" in Sightreading.

Choirs from Lubbock and the surrounding areas participated to show their musical abilities and flexibilities. For the choir, this was the highlight, main goal and peak experience of the year, according to Donna Chambers, choir director.

The choir, according to one judge, "blended control, diction, intonation and tone together to sing musically."

In Sightreading, one of the judges said the music that Dunbar received was a hard piece to sightread and perform.

Another judge commented: "You are living up to your Dunbar reputation -- nice to see."

Chambers says, "I

was very pleased with the overall performance of the choir."

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## VIEWPOINT



**JULIAN BOND**

### The unskilled need not apply

By Julian Bond

There were 47,858 people out of work in metropolitan Atlanta last December. But one Sunday newspaper during that month carried 25 pages of help-wanted ads listing jobs waiting for someone to claim them. Why can't the people in the unemployment line get together with the positions in the paper? Those 25 pages of ads included four columns asking for people with accounting skills, eight looking for data processors, six looking for nurses and 14 looking for salespeople. I gave after page of tiny type solicited employees with special skills, sophisticated training and a relatively advanced education. In contrast, there were only four requests for janitors, one for a handyman and one for a porter. There were 11 ads for warehouse workers, one for a groundskeeper and none for construction workers.

In Atlanta, at least, unskilled workers need not apply. The help-wanted ads moved to the front pages recently when President Reagan mentioned that that the past Sunday's Washington Post had contained pages of them. These listings were the president's answer to high unemployment among blacks.

He seemed to suggest that anyone able to read the newspaper could soon be earning a paycheck and that only laziness separated job seekers from the many jobs listed in any newspaper in America.

But the mismatch between skilled job openings and unskilled job seekers is getting wider.

The budget cuts in job-training programs during Reagan's first year in office have made it harder for the unemployed to move into available employment.

As the recession worsens, another 500,000 Americans are expected to join the 9.5 million already out of work.

A recent Sunday New York Times contained a 25-page special section on jobs. The first page alone listed jobs for systems and software engineers, long-range planning specialists, auditing vice presidents, corporate tax analysts, food traders, interior designers, sales engineers, computer leasing account managers and commodity account executives.

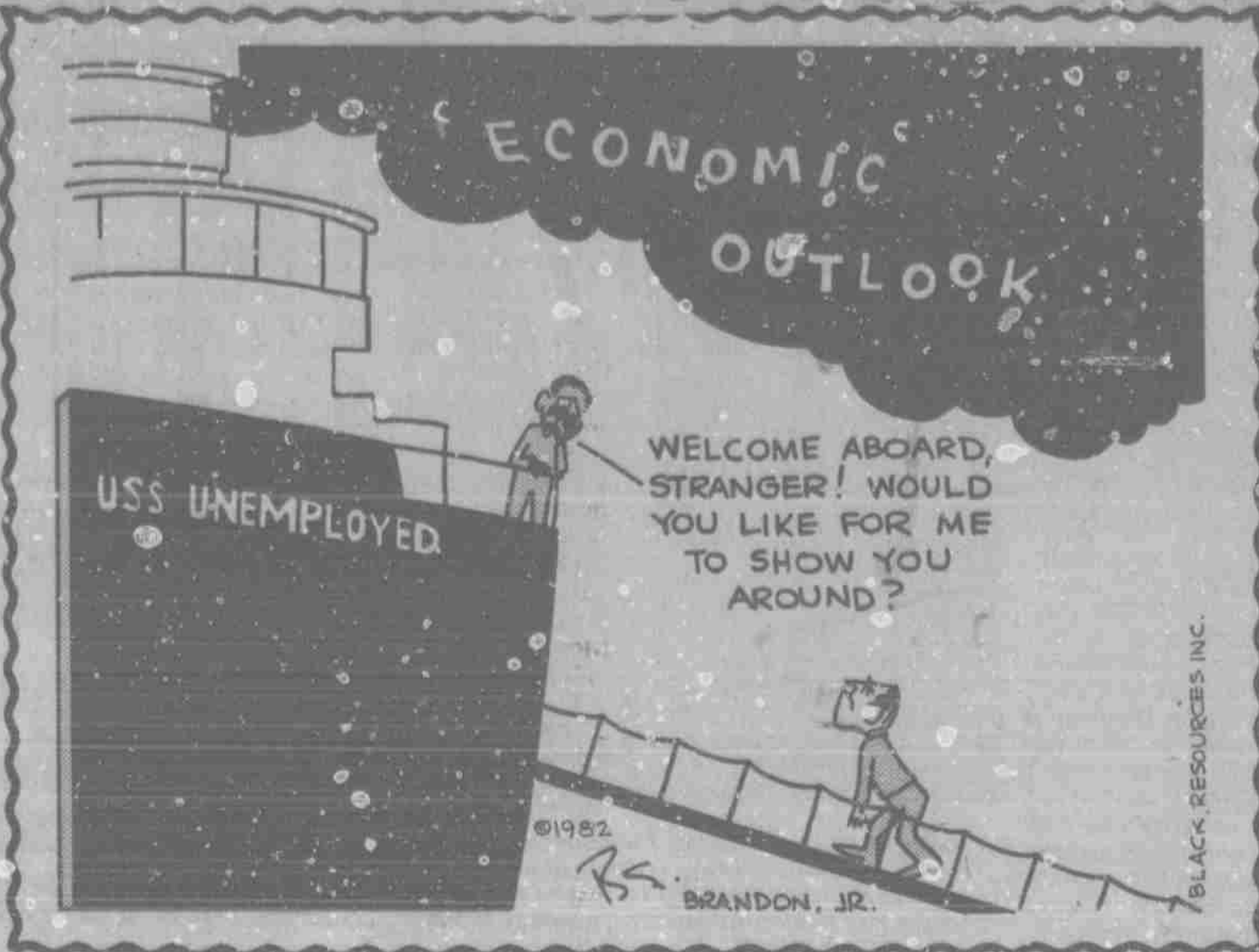
Although nearly each advertiser boasted of being an equal opportunity employer, few of the available jobs were suited to the skills of the black high-school dropouts whose unemployment rate is the highest.

In fact, nobody whose education stopped with high school could hope to qualify for any of these positions. And no college graduate could expect to get his or her foot past the personnel department's door without several years of additional education and experience.

And now dropouts and other unskilled job seekers have to face competition from the auto workers who were laid off last year and the white-collar government workers who are finding pink slips in their pay envelopes as the Reagan budget cuts trickle down.

No, Mr. President. The help-wanted ads are no substitute for a healthy economy or an aggressive job-training program. It doesn't matter how thick the want ads are if the unemployed don't have the skills to do the jobs.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)



### Ringing The Bell



by Bob Ticuel

**From a Black Point of View: Reagan is OK -- All Blacks in this country do not agree that the present Reagan administration is hurting poor blacks and whites too.** Lawrence Davis of Amherst, Massachusetts, thinks that the Reagan Administration may be the best thing that has happened to Blacks in recent years. He states: "We've gotten so used to government assistance that many Blacks have begun to lose sight of their ability to succeed on their own. If you think about it carefully, you will realize that government subsidies can be a subtle, but deadly form of slavery," he added.

America's prosperity is being barricaded by Reagan's mismanagement of the economy. Evidently Reaganomics believes in beating the country down to depression will set the stage for a successful increase in productivity by election year 1984.

In the meantime, making the lower and middle-class miserably in their unemployment is not a consideration for changing the current conservative "war budget" goal of the Generals surrounding the White House. Half of the economic advisers, at least to the president, are hell bent on driving the nation into a depression. They are doing this job well. Well, at least all of the minority groups are at or over the depression levels of unemployment of white Americans during the Great Depression. That's the good news! The bad news is that the program of the President will put white people in the same gun boat barrel.

Be sure the Administration will begin to rebound about a rebound in the economy by the first of next year. Not 1982. The Administration will not address itself to the ailments of the economy until mid-1983. Your guess is as good as the guys guarding the White House whether or not the economy will edge up by November 1984.

The U.S. economy has had an unusual pattern in recent years. We had a short credit control induced recession in 1980 followed by a shorter recovery and then another recession beginning in 1981. Presidential presumption is that this current collapse will disappear once the high inventory levels of business are reduced to rational levels. The hope is for a quick reduction in this first quarter of the year. Then, the theory goes, the U.S. economy will move into a normal cyclical recovery over the balance of the year, with extra help coming from the major individual tax cuts in July and increasing defense spending.

Public attitudes are crucial to 1982 economic projections. Polls now show that more than half the people surveyed expect a war in the next several years involving the United States. Some grave disappointment over the Reaganomic program have finally begun to appear in the general public's mind. Promises of economic gains expected to be realized by October 1, 1981 have been broken. The "collapses" of David Stockman, the abandonment of the balanced budget by 1984, the continued high level of interest rates and slowing of growth of the economy have created a related general public disillusionment. Depression is contagious. Albeit delayed.

A keystone of the Reagan economic program was the "supply-side" approach which would stimulate investment in plant and equipment which in turn would modernize U.S. productive capacity thus lowering inflationary pressures. However, in spite of tax incentives accorded business under the new law, there is little reason for business to build new plants or modernize when the economy is operating well below capacity as is currently true. It will take a "big boom" to get the economy eventually turned around in the right direction. Don't count out war with the President, polls, and public in their present frame of mind.

An Independent View from Capitol Hill

BY CON. GUS SAVAGE  
First Black journalist ever elected to Congress



### Can the Country Afford More of Reaganomics?

Last year when Congress was being steamrolled time and time again by the occupant in the White House I, in a speech on the House floor during debate on the fiscal year 1982 budget, predicted that the American people would eventually wake up and recognize the President's economic policies for what they really are -- prescriptions for disaster.

Remember, for a moment, back to the last months in 1981, a time when Reagan and his surrogates, in triumphant flourish after twin budget and tax cut victories, confidently claimed that economic recovery would begin almost immediately. Well everyone knows that the economy has never taken off in the manner Reagan assured us it would, but few know just how badly the economy is actually faring under his reign of incompetence.

Since the Reagan administration is into report cards, of sorts, I have come up with an Economic Report Card on him, and virtually every economic indicator of any consequence bears bad tidings.

**Long Term Interest Rates:** Those for corporate and municipal bonds, car notes and home mortgages, are higher now than when Reagan assumed office.

**Unemployment:** More than 9.3 million Americans were out job hunting in December 1981, more people out of work since 1928. Unemployment among Blacks and other minorities stood at 15.7% in December, the highest rate since the Great Depression.

**The Gross National Product:** This key economic barometer of the state of the economy dropped from a plus 8.6% in the first quarter of 1981 (before Reagan's policies were in place) to a minus 5.2% in the fourth quarter of 1981.

**Bankruptcies:** Business failures rose from 277 per week in January of last year to 396 per week this January, a whopping 43% increase.

**Farm Prices:** The prices that farmers get for the sale of their crops and animals fell 13% between January and December 1981, the very first time in history that farm prices decreased for twelve consecutive months.

**Housing Starts:** The number of new homes being built dropped from 1.7 million in January 1981 to an annualized figure of 894,000 in January 1982, a 46% decrease and the lowest number of starts in this industry since 1946.

**Industrial Production:** Output in the industrial sector fell 8.6% between July 1981 and January 1982, the largest decline in this industry since the recession of 1974-75.

All these important indicia point to the inescapable conclusion that Reagan's successes are bringing about the ruination of our country, something that more and more objective fair-minded Americans are coming to appreciate.

In terms of his personal popularity, Reagan is beginning to slump in his saddle a bit, and his keepers of the flame in Congress are increasingly showing signs of coming down with a severe case of jitters, with the projected budget deficit for fiscal year 1983 being what it is and this being an election year. As a result, many of his most faithful followers in Congress last year are silently scurrying for cover and trying to distance themselves from administration economic policies.

While not oblivious to all this, Reagan and David Stockman over in the Office of Management and Budget (I think a more appropriate appellation for this agency would be Mis-management and Cut-It) are increasingly showing signs of classic bunker siege mentality regarding the FY 83 budget, saying that they will resist attempts to cut into swollen Pentagon spending and that they frown upon rescinding outrageous tax give-aways to big business. Of course the administration's position begs the obvious question: If not the Pentagon, and if corporate welfare-ism is sacrosanct, where should Congress look to pare down the largest projected deficit in the history of our country? Domestic programs too; a severe beating last year, and the administration is looking for even deeper cuts in these programs for fiscal year 1983. Even if Reagan gets the cuts he seeks in this area, which is by no means certain, the swelling tide of red ink will exceed \$157 billion if you use the more realistic economic assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office.

I think the clock is running on Reagan, his policies and his blindly loyal supporters in the political arena. This is another year and the facade of Reaganomics is increasingly losing its luster for peoples of persuasions. The political actions will bear me out.



Black writer Langston Hughes was the most prolific writer of the literary movement called the Harlem Renaissance.

**BLACK MEDIA INC.**

**Business in the Black**

By Charles E. Belle

### War is one way out President, Poli and Public Prepared

It is with a weird sense of humor you have to watch Washington these days. Declining Gross National Products (G.N.P.) (all the goods and services produced in the country), confuses even conservative economists and Republican egotists. Everyone wonders if the pathway of A-

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# FROM CAPITOL HILL

By A. Madison

Even A Good Man Needs to be Knowledgeable

In the President's recent press conference, Mr. Reagan showed that he is a good and decent man, but that he is highly in need of knowledge and a through analysis of important issues that are currently confronting both the country's domestic and foreign policy.

At the conference the President was informed that blacks perceive him as resurrecting state's rights through the block grants without any guidelines, being against affirmative action and wanting to prove intent in the Voting Rights Act. They see these as setting civil rights back. So the question was doesn't that not only harm blacks but hurt the Republican Party as well, as was evidenced by the recent Virginia election?

The President stated that some are trying to give that impression because they disagree with his policies, but he emphasized that his Administration is dedicated and devoted to the principles of civil rights. Yet he does believe in returning much of our federalism system over to the states. He also stated that the prime responsibility of government is to see that no citizen is denied his constitutional rights without the Federal government coming in and guaranteeing those rights.

No one has quarrels with the President's dedication to civil rights principles-but his methods of securing these principles, in reality, are undermining civil rights gains. There is overwhelming evidence, at pre-

sent, to prove that the states and state out injustices and inequities to blacks in every phase of life, and his failure to set up guidelines in administering federal funded agencies and institutions, leaving everything to the good will and honesty of the state officials which have not changed, is just simply reverting to the old states' rights policy. The President's policy requires the aggrieved person to, individually, bring his case to the attention of the authorities, which is a long and arduous task and very expensive. Even if the individual is successful, that case won't prevent the same thing from happening to others. Without guidelines, every individual will have to secure his rights for himself.

The President showed that he has taken a stand against affirmative action without even knowing very much about it. When he was asked if he agreed with the statement of William Bradford Reynolds' of the Justice Department that he feels the Weber decision is wrong and he wants to see it overturned, Mr. Reagan said he was not familiar with the case. There have only been about three landmark affirmative action cases, and for the President of the United States to be completely devoid of knowledge about them while affecting a program about the issues in which these cases played a major role, is just an unpardonable sin. However, after the reporter explained the case

to him, the President said that he agrees with the decision. This really knocked William Bradford Reynolds' right out off the pitcher's mound. The President was also reminded that while he wanted intent proved in the Voting Rights Act, that the Administration, in testifying on the investment proposal, said that even though its intent maybe good, it could not accept the effects. The question was-why accept effect in some cases and disavow intent and vice versa in others? Mr. Reagan said intent might result in setting up quotas, which would mandate proportional election representation. Once again, the President showed his unfamiliarity with the Voting Rights Act, Section 2 of the Act spells out clearly that if members of a minority group are not elected in number equal to the proportion of the population, no violation of the Act exists.

The President is, usually, briefed thoroughly before press conferences, but it was quite evident that he had not been briefed, at all, on civil rights, nor that he has made any serious study of the reasons for its existence or of methods for securing the civil rights. Mr. Reagan is in dire need of a strong black person-or someone who is fully informed, on the reasons that gave rise to civil rights in the first place, and measures for correcting the ills which have caused its existence. Knowledge and analysis of these

could, quite likely, cause the President to alter his civil rights policy.

The President needs to explain who are the "somes," whom he says is trying to give the impression that he is turning back the civil rights clock. Does he mean that there are some silver-tongued, high powered sales persons who are selling people, who are so stupid, that when they go for jobs in either private or public sector, and they are not hired, but whites with the same qualifications and sometimes less qualifications get the jobs, they don't realize they are still jobless, or that in every phase of American life preferential treatment for whites is plainly seen and still, many are so unintelligent they can't recognize these differences? What about the black man in one of the back woods counties of Mississippi, who recently informed the "somes" that the district line was drawn through his bedroom, requiring his wife to vote in one district and him to vote in another. He knew this to be wrong. Are these the people whose intelligence, Mr. Reagan is underestimating, those whom he feels the "somes" are giving false impressions? It just might be that the Administration can be considered in that group of high-powered sales people, who for different reasons, is trying to get these people to accept and admire his beautiful new clothes, while he really has on nothing at all.



# BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.  
Human Rights Activist

Influencing The Black Community

It is said that when the family of President John F. Kennedy had amassed more than sufficient millions of dollars to enjoy, the most important unachieved goal left to them was that of acquiring influence and power in the nation's public life.

Power or influence is a mightier resource than money. Money can help us to acquire things. But it cannot of itself influence the quality of the communities or the nation in which we live. One of the ultimate purposes of money, then, is the development of power. Money is a means. Power or influence is an end or goal.

Right where you are there is the possibility of tremendous power or influence for you. It is at your service with no basic consideration of money. It calls for no resources on your part other than integrity and a provenly effective commitment to the betterment of the quality of life for those in the community in which you live.

This power reserve or source of influence is symbolized by your local black press. The black newspaper in your community is perhaps, more often than not, one of the most underutilized and most greatly underestimated resources

for community betterment and building which you may ever hope to find. What is necessary for you to do is to see that resource for what it is, for what it can do for your life's goals, and then to offer to do your part in harnessing that power or influence for the purposes of which you have dreamed.

Our local black newspapers have served, from the very beginning, as a means of pulling together the black community. Whatever you may do, desire to do or be interested in would probably pay off immeasurably more if you and others in the black community could communicate in the fullest possible—again an optimal—way about your shared concerns.

You should see your local black newspaper as potentially the most effective means to share your concerns and to learn of the concerns which others like yourself would wish to share with you.

Ideally, every basic segment of the black community and its every basic concern ought to be dealt with in your local black press.

Bring a community newspaper, your local black press must depend upon a team of trustworthy and highly

competent volunteers to report and reflect upon all local happenings and hopes.

The black press, in this sense, is not a money-making machine. It is, rather, your best broker in terms of the far more important element of developing influence or power in your own local community and perhaps beyond it, too.

If you know of ways by which the local news reporting may be more balanced or more complete, these concerns should be shared with your local publisher or editor. If you know of fresh and ready ways for the wider and more complete or effective distribution of this incomparable source of local power or influence, this too should be shared.

You should see the black press, then, as your best vehicle or means of local communication. In different localities, publishers vary in their styles of achieving community involvement and of stimulating community commitment. But in every instance you may be assured that your ability to add to the betterment of your community is your local black publisher's basic concern.

In some communities where there have been no

local black newspapers, new and exciting experimental styles of community participation are being tried.

Whatever the method of involvement may be, your local black press can be of the greatest benefit to your community when senior citizens are actively and enthusiastically involved in, represented by, and are committed to its operation. So also with our youth, the churches, the schools, parents organizations, helping hands in every form and obviously our business, civic, fraternal and social groups who are community-building in their orientation.

We all need to salute our local black publishers. Practically all of our black newspaper publishers must support themselves from supplementary or other more basic forms of work. What our publishers do is to take a primary risk for you. There are few, if any, records of a black publisher who made a sufficient livelihood, let alone struck it rich, on his publishing work alone.

The black press is like a venture resource for you. Cling to it tightly in spirit. Honor it appropriately; and use it wisely and well.

# HISTORY-MAKING THIRD WORLD TRENDS

Semi-Monthly Summary...

## International News...

**South Africa**—The South African Council of Churches is upgrading its pressures on persons in friendly foreign nations to exert the same kind of international concern for longstanding repression in South Africa as for the recently renewed repression in Poland.

In the United States, under the primary aegis of the American Committee on Africa, two weeks of protest were scheduled to begin on March 21 with the end date of April 4, the anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination.

The American Committee on Africa at 198 Broadway, New York City (212-962-1210) has invited regional participation in protests, and it anticipates

that a wide range of religious, social, civic and political groups will join in this major protest witness for freedom in South Africa.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus providing leadership for the Spring action include Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-Calif.), Rep. George Crockett (D-Mich.), and Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.).

The South African Council of Churches meanwhile is generating interest in other nations to keep up pressure on South Africa for the denial of human rights in South Africa and the denial of independence to Namibia.

## Kenya—The World

Bank recently published figures focussing on the severe shortage of imports and foreign exchange in Eastern Africa. These shortages have escalated dramatically in the past two years.

Per capita income in Eastern Africa has been a continuing concern, with pervasive poverty in all but 5 or 6 nations. Above a crisis level in income are Botswana, Mauritius, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe and possibly Kenya. The chart below details the present picture of Eastern African incomes.

## National News...

**New York City**—For aspiring black actors and actresses, Toni Morrison's new Broadway musical, *Storyville*, which will open

in the fall of 1982, promises tremendous opportunities. The cast is now in the process of being selected.

*Storyville*, New Orleans' notorious red-light district in the early 20th century, will be the subject of a new Broadway musical entitled *Storyville*, in which Toni Morrison, the award-winning novelist, will make her playwrighting debut. *Storyville*, produced by Kevin Geibhard, will be directed and choreographed by Donald McKayle, who created the original jazz ballet

"District *Storyville*" upon which this new musical is based. *Storyville* will open on Broadway in the fall of 1982.

The music written in and about *Storyville* is some of the best to ever come out of the South. The musical *Storyville* will use these same songs, but with new lyrics created to integrate the music with the story. Geoffrey Holder, a multi-Tony Award winner, will design the *Storyville* costumes.

As New Orleans gave birth to jazz, so did its short-lived red-light district, *Storyville*, cradle many of the new music's future stars. The musical *Storyville* is the story of one of its charges, Beau, a young teenage musician who is drawn into the District in search of his father, whom he finds ensconced in a house of prostitution run by Ann La Premiere, the reigning queen of the demi-monde. La Premiere, as she is known throughout the city, is a shrewd yet flamboyant business woman who boasts that her house can cure your blues with "some of the handsomest and most intelligent young ladies in these United States."

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# LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

## Civil Rights Update

A study of the Federal Court System shows that while 61 percent of its 11,700 employees are women, only 5 percent of its 1,300 Federal judges are women, according to a UPI report...By 1985, Dade County's (Miami, Fla.) Latin-American residents will barely outnumber non-Latin whites, 42 percent to 42 percent, according to a recent county study reported by AP.

A Labor Department survey of 2,000 Federal contractors and 400 handicapped workers is being undertaken to see how contractors accommodate disabled employees and at what cost. Findings are expected to be released in early 1982. The number of black farm residents declined by 65 percent between 1970 and 1980. Today, only one percent of blacks and three percent of whites are farmers, according to a joint Agriculture Department/Commerce Department survey. In 1920, half of the black population and a quarter of the white population lived on farms.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed the largest number (89) of Age Discrimination in Employment Act lawsuits in Fiscal Year 1981 since the Act was passed in 1968...Recently, leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations reasserted solidarity between black and Jewish communities and called for support of a strong Voting Rights Act extension bill and the maintenance of affirmative action policies.

The Education Department has proposed that colleges and trade schools that receive no direct Federal aid, other than student loans

and grants not administered by college officials, be exempt from Federal rules barring discrimination on the basis of sex, race and handicap, according to a Washington Post report.

Cathie Shattuck, a Denver attorney and former EEOC staffer, is expected to be named to one of that Commission's three vacancies, according to a recent Wall Street Journal report...David A. Rust was switched from being executive director of the White House Conference on Aging to Commissioner of the Administration on Aging, according to a Washington Post report. Betty Brake is the new head of the Conference on Aging. She was in charge of the Foster Grandparent Program at Action.

Hugh Joseph Beard Jr., the new deputy general counsel of the Education Department, headed the North Carolina fund for Individual Rights. He has filed reverse discrimination suits in his home state, according to a Washington Post report. The Transportation Barriers Compliance Board recently delayed a decision to do away with the rule mandating that government buildings provide more access for the handicapped, according to a Washington Post report.

Education Department studies conclude that the Federal government should no longer focus its efforts to aid non-English-speaking students primarily on bilingual education...According to a recent Washington Post report, decisions on which programs to use to aid non-English-speaking students should be returned to state and local school officials and the burden of proving program effectiveness in civil rights enforcement should be shifted from the local to the Federal govern-

ment, said the report. The study has come under attack from supporters of bilingual programs, according to a recent Washington Post report...Education improved after two years of court-ordered busing in a Delaware school district but racial attitudes did not, according to a Michigan State University study reported by AP.

The Supreme court has agreed to consider the following civil rights cases:

**School busing**—Two busing cases, *Washington v. Seattle School District No. 1* and *Crawford v. Board of Education of Los Angeles* deal with whether citizens' votes to overturn the actions of state and local governing bodies discriminate against blacks. The justices will consider the constitutionality of successful antibusing initiatives by voters in California and Washington State, according to a Washington Post report.

**Taxes**—Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. excluded students who were unmarried blacks and anyone known to be a partner in interracial marriage or affiliated with any group advocating interracial marriage or dating. In 1970, according to a Washington Post report, the Internal Revenue Service started moving against discriminatory private schools by revoking or denying the tax-exempt status given non-profit educational institutions. Bob Jones University argues that the government action violates its religious rights. It lost its case in the lower courts.

**Civil Rights Suits**—In the case of *Platt v. Board of Regents*, the Court will

decide whether a person can sue state officials under the Civil Rights Act of 1871 without first trying to resolve the dispute through administrative procedures. In the case, involving a charge of race and sex discrimination, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit imposed the "administrative exhaustion" requirement. Civil rights lawyers, according to a New York Times report, contend that the exhaustion requirement undermines the usefulness of that Civil Rights Act.

**Voting Rights**—In *Rogers v. Lodge*, the Court will consider an appeal by the Commissioners of Burke County, Ga from a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In its ruling for black plaintiffs, the circuit court held that circumstantial proof of discrimination was adequate without the evidentiary equivalent of a "smoking gun."

Have you written to one of your local, state or national elected officials this week? Remember, your elected officials need to know where you, their constituents stand on the important legislation that they must consider.

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<p><i>Texas Green</i></p> <p><b>CELERY</b> <b>49¢</b> Each</p>	<p><i>Texas Ruby Red</i></p> <p><b>CABBAGE</b> <b>19¢</b> Lb.</p>	<p><b>MEATS</b></p>	<p><i>Rancher Brand Whole</i></p> <p><b>SUMMER SAUSAGE</b> <b>\$1.29</b> Lb.</p>
<p><i>Sunkis</i></p> <p><b>GRAPEFRUIT</b> <b>\$1.00</b> 4 for</p>	<p><b>BEAUTY AIDS</b></p>	<p><i>Bounce</i></p> <p><b>FABRIC SOFTNER</b> <b>\$1.09</b> 20 Count Pkg. 15¢ Off Label</p>	<p><i>Boneless Beef</i></p> <p><b>STEW MEAT</b> <b>\$1.69</b> Lb.</p>
<p><b>LEMONS</b> <b>49¢</b> 4 for</p>	<p><b>PRODUCE</b></p>		