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National Scene

Colin Powell Notes GOP's Shortcomings For Blacks

Colin Powell, one of the most prominent Republicans of our community, said his party is dangerously close to being seen as a party for whites only.

"It's certainly not seen as the black guy's party. It has not done well in the African American community," said Powell in a Fox News Sunday interview.

In comments that restate sentiments that national Black leaders have expressed to Republican Party leaders, Powell said, "I think too often the party has said 'We know what's best for you,' as opposed to listening to the African American community, understanding some of the despair that exists in the African American inner-city communities."

Powell urged his colleagues in Republican leadership circles to accept different points of view, especially on abortion and affirmative action.

The Republican National Committee plans to prominently feature Powell at its convention in Philadelphia next month. The national Republican Party is attempting to expand its base among blacks and Latinos, key components of the Democratic Party.

Though Powell has taken himself off the list for vice president, he said he "would take it under consideration" if George W. Bush wins the presidency, and asks him to serve as secretary of state.

Racial Overtones in Lakers Playoff?

During the fourth game of the Trail Blazers vs. Lakers playoff series, I was appalled to hear Bob Costas refer to Shaquille O'Neal as a 10,000 pound gorilla. Costas' superlative not only dehumanized O'Neal, but it also possessed racial overtones. Throughout American history a significant portion of the white population has disclosed the belief that blacks are innately less civilized than whites, that they are less intelligent, and that they are closer to the hominid past from which all humans have supposedly evolved. Were these ideas lingering in the back of Costas' mind when he called O'Neal a 10,000 pound gorilla? Or was the comparison simply a way to try to describe Shaquille O'Neal's power and presence on the basket ball court?

Regardless of whether or not Costas' comments were the manifestation of his ideas on race, commentators should not be allowed to use such language to describe black athletes. Racist persons have always articulated the idea that blacks are animals by calling them "monkey people," apes, or gorilla. Such species exist in Africa. Thus, racists have compared African Americans to these animals, as though they are of a closely related species to insult them and as justification for treating them on a subhuman level. In light of America's history, calling a black man a gorilla is like calling him a n-word.

I called NBC as soon as Bob Costas made his dehumanizing description of O'Neal. Apparently, so many people were calling to voice their disapproval of Costas' remarks that the lady that answered the phone knew what I had called for before I even began to speak. Many people feel as I do about Costas' remarks, yet NBC chose to sweep the incident under the rug. Since blacks do not control a major network television station, Costas' remarks has been simply ignored by the powers that be in the media. Bob Costas owes Shaquille O'Neal and the black community an apology. But, this will never occur until blacks decide that they will not allow this issue to be swept under the rug.

Pre-Labor Musical Honoring Sister Mary Nelson August 26th



Sister Mary Nelson will be honored in a Pre-Labor Day Musical set for August 26, 2000, beginning at 7:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

Sister Nelson was born in Kansas City, Mo. She moved to Lubbock, Texas in the fall of 1924. She was reared by Viola Granville. As a child, she was told Mrs. Granville was not her biological mother.

For years, Mrs. Nelson tried to determine where her biological mother lived. In 1968, her daughter wrote a letter to the Tulsa Eagle newspaper seeking assistance. Two months later, an answer came. It was the first letter she received from an aunt and the next letter was from her mother whom she had not seen in forty-five years.

After finding her biological mother and brother,

she found she had six other brothers and six sisters.

While in Tulsa, she met a lady by the name of Shirley Skogans who was the founder of the Ghetto Choir and performers of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 1971, Mrs. Nelson was instrumental in getting the Perform to come to Lubbock, and their first stop was at Dunbar High School and appeared in a special assembly. They performed that night at Trinity Church on South Loop 289. The next day, Rev. A. W. Wilson, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, opened the church for the Performers to eat breakfast and lunch. The food was donated by various supermarkets.

Shortly after the Ghetto Choir performed, Mrs. Nelson organized a choir named the Ghetto Choir of Lubbock.

Some of the former

members of the Ghetto Choir of Lubbock thought upcoming musical would be a good idea to honor Mrs. Nelson.

Some of the special guest will be brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces. Also great nephews and great nieces. There will be many other special guest. So come, the public is invited to attend.



Caring Host Families Sought For High School Exchange Students

Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit, Texas-based, student exchange organization is seeking volunteer host families for high school students from Europe these students will arrive in August to attend local public schools for one to two semesters and are eager to experience life in Texas. They speak English, have their own spending money, medical insurance and expect to share their host family daily life including household responsibilities. Interested host families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more information visit our web page at www.emfusa.org or call Marie-Claude Dijoud at (972) 495-3868 or (800) 467-8363.

East Lubbock Early Settlers Round-Up Set for August 24, 2000, at Mae Simmons

The twenty-third Annual East Lubbock Early Settlers Round-up will be held Thursday evening, August 24, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center, East 23rd and Oak Avenue.

Tickets are required for a plate which is an \$5.00 donation. The meal will be prepared by Fins and Hens.

Your donations will be appreciated and will help some Seniors who may not be able to purchase a meal. After you have read this announcement, tell someone about this upcoming event.



Retired San Francisco 49er football greats (from left) Keena Turner and Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Ronnie Lott were joined at the recent grand opening of Ronnie Lott's Tracy Toyota by Don Esmond (center), senior vice president and general manager of the Toyota Division, Tracy Toyota Managing Partner Ron Fortt and (far right) Randy Pflughaupt, general manager of Toyota's San Francisco Region. The 27,660 sq.ft., 4.1 acre two story facility has opened just off the I-205 Interstate in the growing central valley California community, which is about 70 miles east of San Francisco. Tracy Toyota partner Turner, Lott and Fortt are members of the National Association of Minority Auto Dealers. Fortt, formerly general manager of the Serramonte (California) Autoplaza, has more than 20 years of sales and management experience in both real estate and automotive sector. Lott will join his former teammate, quarterback Joe Montana, as inductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, July 29, 2000.

Coca-Cola Commemorates 30th Anniversary of Essence Communications with Original Artwork at Essence Music Festival



The Coca-Cola Company, Anniversary of Essence Communications, Inc (ECI). The Music Festival, commissioned original artwork of Essence Communications, Inc. principals Ed Lewis, Clarence Smith and Susan Taylor commemorating the 30th

at the kick-off press conference for the 6th Annual Essence Music Festival. The artwork featuring portraits of Essence principals and a pictorial adaptation of the magazine, was presented to Susan Taylor, second left, publication director, ECI and Clarence Smith, center, president, ECI at the press conference. Assisting Ms. Jones with the unveiling are Georgette Baker, left, the artist who created the pieces and New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial, far right.

PHOTO # 2
Ms. Jones also presented Mayor Marc Morial with a Moko Jumbie figure (a traditional African figure which means leader) to thank the City of New Orleans for its gracious hospitality as artist Henry Leonard looks on. For the past three years, The Coca-Cola Company has



been in partnership with Essence Communications Inc. as the presenting sponsor of the Essence Music Festival, a three-day celebration of entertainment and cultural enrichment.

Special Notice

In the very near future the Southwest Digest will feature a full week's weather forecast, sunrise to sunset times, moon status, ect. Look for it. Just think a full week's forecast each week.

DO YOU FIND MISTAKES?
In this Publication Please Consider That they are there for a Purpose. We publish something for everyone, and since People are always looking for MISTAKES!

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. Our doors are still open for those of you who are looking for a place to worship, and, hopefully, will become a member. Come and visit. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School which began at 9:30 a. m. and Supt. Earnest Swain presiding. It was another wonderful lesson. All teachers were present, and presented 30 minutes of instruction. It was another great lesson taught by our dedicated teachers. At 10:15 a. m., all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium singing "Learning On Jesus." High points of the morning lesson were given by Supt. Swain in the absence of Pastor Moton.

Secretary's Report: Adult Department - Adult Class No. 4 had a clean sweep as they received the Offering and Attendance Banners. Praise God for what they do.

There were several visitors last Sunday morning to Sunday School. Among them were cousins of Rev. Jeff Brown, and an unknown young lady. All are always welcome!

Sunday School was dismissed

The morning devotional Ervin and Brother F. J. Jenkins period was led by Sister Joan Y. They were assisted by the Prayer Team.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After the singing of a selection, Sister Dorothy Kinner read a scripture, and Sister Lottie Barrow gave a prayer. Following the singing of another selection, Sister Elnora Dyer led the reading of the responsive reading with the congregation standing.

After the singing of the morning hymn, at the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mark Culver of Community Baptist Church brought the morning sermon. His subject was "Which Way Are You Walking?" His scripture text was St. Matthew 7:22. He did a good job.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in citizens. Also, send up a special prayer for our families who have lost loved ones.

Sister Ruby Washington lost two relatives. One was Claudia Mann who lived in Lubbock, Texas. She lost another who lived outside of Lubbock.

Sister Mattie Beaty lost a niece in Tyler, Texas.

R. D. Hunt lost his mother, Mrs. Bernice "Doll" Lawson last week. Services were pending at this report.

The Matthew Roberts family, whose mother is Mrs. Ethel Blake, celebrated their family reunion last week. Relatives were in Lubbock from every direction. The Roberts children include Christine of Houston, Texas, son, Leon, who resides in San Antonio, Texas, and other relatives from California were all present. What a time each had while visiting in Lubbock.

Lubbock Hospital Executive Elected to THA Board

AUSTIN - James P. Courtney, president and chief executive officer of University Medical Center in Lubbock, has been elected to a three-year term on the Texas Hospital Associations 2000-2001 Board of Trustees. Courtney, who has been head of the Lubbock hospital since 1986, will be

installed during THA's Annual Conference and Expo, June 16 in Dallas.

Courtney has served THA as a member of the Council on Policy Development, the Teaching and Children's Hospital Constituency Council, the Teaching Hospital Constituency Council, the Committee on

Membership and the THA House of Delegates. He has a master's degree in public administration from Texas Tech University.

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to improve accessibility, quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all Texans. THA represents nearly 600 institutional members, including 429 of the state's hospitals and health care systems. THA's members employ approximately 350,000 health care professionals statewide.

Consumers Should Use Caution when Ordering Contact Lenses Online

Washington, DC - The Contact Lens Council (CLC) is advising consumers interested in ordering contact lenses online, that contact lens should only be purchased from sites that require a valid and unexpired prescription.

Recent efforts by the FDA have focused attention on the need for informed consumers to use extra caution in ordering prescription medical products online. A new FDA web page provides a number of important cautions. This page can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline/default.html>.

"The CLC is focusing our efforts on informing Internet shoppers of the safeguards they should take when ordering

contact lenses online," said Edward Schilling, executive director of the CLC. "While e-commerce may provide timesaving conveniences for those with hectic lifestyles, it is important to remember that contact lenses are medical devices that require proper fitting by an eyecare professional, and a valid, unexpired prescription," Schilling added.

The CLC recommends the following when considering purchases of contact lenses online:

- Continue with your regular vision screenings by an eyecare professional.
- Check your online order for any typing errors before you submit it.

• Do not request or accept a substitute for the prescribed lens without checking with your eyecare practitioner first.

• Check the expiration date on the product immediately upon receipt of your order.

• Make sure your prescription is current and has not expired before placing your order. The online supplier should confirm this with every order.

• And finally, if a problem results from the order, visit your eyecare professional immediately.

The CLC is a non-profit organization serving as an educational resource on vision correction and is dedicated to promoting the safe use of contact lenses and lens care products. The CLC information line (1-

800-884CLC) is a free service offering customers the most up-to-date information on contact lenses and lens care products.

The American Optometric Association, Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologist, and the Contact Lens Society of America are advisory members of the CLC. The CLC is sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Allergan Optical, Bausch & Lomb, CIBA Vision, Cooper Vision, Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Products, Inc., and Wesley Jessen.

For more information on contact lenses, please contact the Contact Lens Council (CLC) at 1-800-884-4CLC or on the Internet at: www.contactlenscouncil.org.

"On Our Way To Beautiful" Tavis Smiley Gives Us Five Lessons to Live By

Yolanda Young (E-mail: www.nnap.org)

(NNPA) -- It would be easy to envy Tavis Smiley, host of BET Tonight and Tom Joyner Morning Show commentator, but he is too nice a guy. Instead of arrogance, he generously dispenses encouragement, inspiration and spiritual wisdom. The things that separate Tavis are those the eye can easily miss, but they are lessons we can all live by.

Lesson # 1 - Don't Forget Where Your Blessings Come From

Tavis says his success is basically a blessing from God. He grew up in Kokomo, Indiana attending New Bethel Tabernacle, a Pentecostal church where his mother, Joyce Smiley is an associate minister.

The family of 13 lived in a three-bedroom trailer.

Tavis shared one bathroom with his six brothers and used cardboard to cover holes in his shoes. "I remember being 13 years of age. On my knees praying to God that if I ever got a chance to get out. I would spend the rest of my life doing what I could to empower people. I would never become selfish or make my number one goal or priority to enrich myself or spend my time becoming a celebrity."

Tavis hasn't forgotten what got him here or what keeps him on track. "I always pray, 'not my will, but Thou will be done.' If it's not his plan for me, then somewhere down the

line it is going to cause me some difficulties. If it's going to cause me to lose my mind, cause me to get heady and high-minded, if it is going to damage my integrity, damage my relationship with You, I pray that that opportunity passes right over me."

Lesson #2 - Work Hard

Tavis is up at 6 a.m. weekdays doing his commentary on the radio-syndicated "Tom Joyner Morning Show." He's back on the air live at 11 p.m. hosting "BET Tonight with Tavis Smiley." The show is a metaphor for Tavis who is part preacher, part hip hopper (be it a small part), part advocate, and part public servant. He strings this mix together with intelligence and wit. In between his two signature gigs, Tavis works in interviews, book signing and speaking engagements while fighting off drowsiness, eye puffiness, and for a while... a stalker. "If you work hard," says Tavis, "life typically rewards those who put forth a greater amount of effort."

Lesson #3 - Put Some Power Where Your Mouth Is

In case you've missed his influence, here's an update: Tavis spent the Monday before the November 3rd election day conducting President Clinton's first interview since the Monica Lewinsky story broke. He recently exposed a scheduled auction of slave paraphernalia by Christie's and a company memo that circulated at Katz Advertising discouraging advertising with Black media. In both cases, Smiley went to the airwaves, and his legion of supporters jammed phone lines, eventually forcing both companies' presidents to surrender their previous plans.

Lesson #4 - Keep It Simple

While in DC, BET pays for his plush accommodations

in one of the city's finest hotels and provides him with a beautiful Continental and his own driver, Frank. Still he stays humble. At home, his king-sized bed is held by the floor. And, under no circumstances will he ride in a limousine. "I think they're obnoxious, loud, and ostentatious. On top of all that, they draw attention to you. I have found that when you act like a celebrity, people treat you like one. They ride up in an entourage. They've got a motorcade. I have discovered that if you act like a normal human being, you'll be treated like a normal human being."

"I am very serious about maintaining my life in as close a manner now as I've always lived it. I am not trying to dramatically change my lifestyle. I don't want to travel with an entourage of people. I don't want to hang out at all the Hollywood parties. I want to stay the way I've always been. The people around me know that, and they don't get caught."

Lesson #5 - Plan Life One Year At A Time

Tavis offered me no clues to his future plans. "I plan my life one year at a time. Every year on my birthday (Sept. 13) I spend my birthday alone doing two things: one, trying to reassess how I did over the last year. Rather than set New Year's resolutions, I do it on my birthday. I then plan things out for the year to come."

I'm going to try Tavis' principles for living and see what happens next.

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JAMES WILSON

Slaton, Texas (Special) Funeral services were held Monday morning, July 24, 2000, at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ with Leonard Jarman officiating.

Burial was held in the Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors.

He died Monday, July 17, 2000, in Livingston, Texas.

Mr. Wilson was born July 11, 1973 in Lubbock, Texas. He attended Estacado High School.

He is survived by his parents, Johnnie Lee and Rose Elizabeth of Lubbock, Texas; three sisters: Theresa Ann Williams, Estelle Jean Williams and Johnna Lee Williams, all of Lubbock, Texas; and his grandparents, Aline and Lynn Lee, both of Lubbock, Texas.

ELSIE MARIE HODGE

Final rites were held for Elsie Marie Hodge last Wednesday afternoon, July 26, 2000, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Elder Johnnie Bailey officiating. Rev. Elliott Lambert, pastor, assisted.

She was born Elsie Marie Franklin on July 22, 1945, and was born to Johnnie Mae and Leroy Franklin in Austin, Texas.

Her early childhood took her to several places before she finally moved to Lubbock, Texas, where she grew up and spent her school years. She attended Ella Iles Elementary School and then Dunbar High School where she graduated in 1963. While she was a student at Dunbar High School, she won the affections of a fellow schoolmate,

Ralph Hodge, Jr., whom she was united to in marriage on June 3, 1963, right out of high school, and to this union three children were born, Rakiph Anthony, Michael Jerome and Christi Anne Hodge.

She united with Bethel A. M. E. young couple moved to San Francisco, their home for 30 years.

In San Francisco, Elsie Marie was active with many people and activities. She most cherished her work with her children and grandchildren.

She was employed with Pacific Bell and its affiliates for 20 years.

Elsie Marie was preceded in death by her father, Leroy Franklin; and two brothers, Leroy Franklin, Jr. and Robert Burton.

She passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2000, while visiting with her mother, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Franklin, in Lubbock.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Ralph Hodge, Jr.; sons, Ralph Anthony, Michael Jerome and Kenneth Maxwell; a daughter, Christi Anne Hodge; her mother, Johnnie Mae Franklin; two brothers, Johnny E. Slaughter and Larry G. Franklin; one sister, Wilma Jean Carther; five grandchildren, a special nephew, "Spanky" Arice Pittman, Jr.; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends in the Lubbock and San Francisco areas.

Active pallbearers were Larry Franklin, Milton Hodge, Ronnie Hodge, Lincoln Louis, Johnny Slaughter, Eddie Love, Ronnie Martin and Jerry Ragland.

Honorary pallbearers were Gregory Carter, Quincy White, Don A. Hunt, Joe McWilliams, Jessie Dukes, James Ray Jackson, Marvin Lethridge, and Bert McWilliams.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.



Covenant Executive Re-Elected to THA Board AUSTIN - Charley O. Trimble, president and chief executive officer of Covenant Health System in Lubbock, has been re-elected to the Texas Hospital Association's 2000-2001 Board of Trustees. Trimble, whose term will expire in 2002, will be installed during the THA Annual Conference and Expo, June 16 in Dallas.

Trimble also serves as regional president of St. Joseph Health System in Orange, Calif. A past president of the Texas Conference of Catholic Health Facilities, Trimble earned a master's degree from Trinity University in San Antonio.

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Minter & Reed Family Reunion Held at Mea Simmons Community Center

With the theme of "Millennium 2000 Family Reunion," the Minter & Reed Family Reunion united together family members to celebrate their family reunion. It was a blessing to see their various family members present. The family members came from various places in the country. There were also two special guest who did come out for this year's celebration.

The reunion took place at Mae Simmons Community Center on Saturday, July 15, 2000.

The special guest were Huland Benson and Kenneth, both are 72 years young.

The delicious meal was prepared by our dedicated cook who was Willie Minter.

Hats off to all who attended. Family members had an opportunity to meet new family

members. Among them were Ms. Bernice Nickerson, Carrie Hunt, Ora Lee Wilks, and Gerioga Walton Photos were taken of each generation. Everyone present had their picture taken. Games were played.

One of our own family members, Kwintzie Roshawn Scott, won first place in the Baby Pageant. She was born January 8, 2000.

We had 150 family mem-

bers present. The members of the Minter Family want to thank everyone for coming home this year. God is still smiling on our family. Our motto is: "Only Strong Survives."

It was reported that everyone did return to their various homes safe and sound. Isn't God good to us. Family members, let us stay connected with God.

CBC, African Diplomatic Corps and Other Unite Efforts to Aid Mozambique

Compiled by NNPA Staff (E-mail: www.nnpa.org)

Washington, DC (NNPA)—The Congressional Black Caucus, the African Diplomatic Corps and a number of groups and organizations gathered forces to continue to bring the national spotlight on flood-ravaged Mozambique and to initiate greater levels of aid to that nation.

"We want to raise public awareness about the urgency of the situation in Mozambique and part of South Africa following some of the worst floods to ever strike the region," said CBC leader Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC).

The two groups are working to raise attention, funds and relief strategy for the weather-torn nation. While CBC member and representative from the state of New York,

Gregory Meeks introduced legislation to congress (HR 431) aimed at increasing humanitarian assistance and relief aid to Mozambique, the African Diplomatic Corps worked to create coalition efforts between various bodies and organizations toward relief assistance.

"For Americans unfamiliar with this country, the physical devastation is obvious," explained Clyburn. "But what is not so apparent is the impact the natural disaster could have on the economic and political progress made in Mozambique recently."

In 1992, Mozambique ended a 16-year civil war and became a model of democratic and free market change. In 1998, Mozambique enjoyed a 6 percent economic growth

rate. Last year, for the first time, the government did not request international food aid.

"Even with our assistance," Clyburn says "Mozambique still has a long road ahead." "I applaud that recognition by the United Kingdom when it announced debt cancellation for Mozambique so that precious financial resources can be dedicated to the national relief and recovery effort. And I only hope that Americans come to the same realization."

One of the results of the gathering included a donation of \$100,000 to support disaster relief efforts in Southern Africa generated by the African Ambassadors

Group, African Ambassadors' Spouses Association and the staff of the African Embassies.

Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), along with other prominent congress people, has called for complete U.S. cancellation of Mozambiquan debt.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A special congratulations is sent to Byron and Tanika Nelson on the birth of their baby girl who weighed 6 pounds and three ounces. She is the granddaughter of Franklin and Effie Nelson. It was their first grandchild.

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INTERESTING TO SEE FILM IN PROGRESS! THIS N THAT along with several hundred ELECTED OFFICIALS at the local level in Texas attended the annual conference of the ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND WE COMMISSIONERS (AMCC) which was held in Corpus Christi, Texas last week. Not only were elected officials present but there was the filming of the new film PEARL HARBOR which will be shown on Memorial Day. It was very exciting to see the action in the hotel and viewing of the USS LEXINGTON which is in the Corpus Christi Bay. Observing the action at hand including the flying of our enemies' planes during that war. What a sight to see! It makes one really appreciate where we have come as a nation and it even encourages all of us to KEEP STRONG IN WHAT WE BELIEVE. This is AMERICA and may God continue to BLESS AMERICA!"

COMMUNITY LEADERS HEAR LESSON ON "undoing racism"! THIS N THAT was glad that our friend BOB KNIGHT, mayor of Wichita, Kansas and president of the National League of q-x Cities (NLC) stopped by Lubbock last week and spoke on the subject UNDOING RACISM." He spoke to about 50 Lubbock county and school officials about this subject at City Hall, on Friday morning and held some very positive discussions with the members of the Community Relations Commissions. Not only did he spend time in those areas but he spoke to more than 200 people during a luncheon at the Lubbock Civic Center about the same topic. If you would sum up what he was saying it was that "FRANK DISCUSSION IS NEEDED IN COMMUNITIES ABOUT RACISM and those conversations should FOCUS ON PEOPLE'S SIMILARITIES instead of DIFFERENCES. Mayor Windy Sitton added to this discussion by saying, "WE AS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS MUST BE COLORBLIND WHEN EDUCATING WHEN ENFORCING THE LAW IN DELIVERING SERVICES and IN HIRING PRACTICES." All in all THIS N THAT would say this was a very POSITIVE EFFORT and hopefully the Community Relations Commission will move in this area of discussion by TAKING MORE COMMUNITY MEETINGS and talking about this subject RACISM THIS N THAT IS VERY PROUD OF WHAT TOOK PLACE last week. It was needed.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "When GOOD PEOPLE keep quiet and look the other way the voices of evil will grow louder."

BISHOP ALFRED L. NORRIS WILL BE MISSED! THIS N THAT has welcomed the opportunity of visiting with BISHOP ALFRED L. NORRIS of the United Methodist Church. He has been reassigned to another conference in his church. He did well in this conference and no doubt will be missed as he leaves. He will be assigned to the Texas Conference in Houston, Texas. THIS N THAT wishes you the very best and may God be with you and your family.

GUESS WHAT?? THIS N THAT reminds all of our young school age children and those older that within ten days to be exact Monday morning AUGUST 14TH school bells will ring.



Could You Believe It By Eddie P Richardson

Lubbock over the past few months has been richly blessed. Let's begin by mentioning Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, Inc and Habitat International, who discussed while in Lubbock about the 21st Century. He talked about the challenge of the new century. This man is international known for his commitment to eliminating substandard housing around the world.

He spent a day in Lubbock talking to various groups about eliminating substandard housing in Lubbock. One of his key people was here a few weeks prior to his visitation talking about the same project.

"After my presidency, Rosalynn and I believed it was important for us to continue making meaningful contribution to peoples' lives. And we have, with Habitat for Humanity, Inc., we builded more than houses. We builded families, communities, and hope," said former President Jimmy Carter.

After the Habitat for Humanity focus, we had two very successful freedom functions. The Juneteenth Celebration, which was a tribute to those Texas slaves who received the message, through Major General Gordon Grainger, that General Order No. 3 -- the Emancipation Proclamation -- had been signed by President Abraham Lincoln. This was that slaves were free from bondage. This, no doubt, was a multi-cultural and multi-racial celebration of freedom by Texans of all ethnic backgrounds.

One favorite facet of this celebration is Eddie P. Richardson is on the Texas Juneteenth Historical and Cultural Commission in Austin. Not only his presence, but our own Eddie Dixon, a world renown artist and sculpture, is the sign artist for the monument which will be seen on the Capitol Grounds in Austin upon its completion.

The next freedom event was the July 4th Celebration. This was the celebrating of America's freedom from

England. Freedom was because of Black men and women could not use the freedom of slaves in Texas. Therefore, July 4th, was freedom from England for all America people from Europe, for that reason all of Lubbock celebrated freedom for one is freedom for all. The most recent event was the appearance of Bob Knight, mayor of Wichita, Kansas and president of the National League of Cities (NLC). He shared his views on "Undoing Racism." He had no magic formula. He spoke just plain old common sense, and his personal experiences. He shared some of his own experiences and mistakes, and his way and reason for rectifying the same. He gave his own testimony and his own reason for change and how bad the problem of racism is in America and the and confusion it leaves.

Lubbock has been blessed to have had this kind of events and people to visit Lubbock as making and setting good examples. Lubbock has been truly blessed. Where we do go from here? It is up to us! Nuff Sed! Why Not??



Ask A.G.

I have othe bills, How can I Pay Child Support?

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: I Have to pay property tax, county tax and income tax. Nothing is left but bills. Child support is excessive if you have a wife and other children. How can you expect me to pay this?

A: I sympathize with your situation, but you must understand that you have both a legal and moral obligation to all of your children, not just the ones in your new family.

State law outlines how much non-custodial parents are required to pay for child support. It is a standard percentage of your income based on the number of children involved. The law does take into consideration all of the children being supported by a parent, including the children currently residing with a par-

ent ordered to pay support for other children. This is not an arbitrary decision meant to punish you.

While I understand that you have a new family to support, you cannot turn your back on the children to whom you pay child support because your relationship with the other parent did not work out. All of your children, not just the ones living with you, need and deserve financial and emotional support.

Legally, you are obligated by court order to continue your payments. If you stop making payments, you may face legal actions such as a mark on your credit report, a suspended drivers license or, worse, jail time.

Q: If the non-custodial parent

is still in school and has no money, can he or she be required to pay child support?

A non-custodial parent is responsible for supporting his or her child even if that parent is a minor or still in school. The judge will look at a young parent's income while he or she is in school and decide how much must be paid.

The non-custodial parent's income can be reviewed after he or she has finished school and begins working. The judge will apply the child support guidelines in the Texas Family Code to decide what changes need to be made in the court ordered child support payment.

Q: My checks are frequently delayed or "hung-up" in the

Child support computer system. Why does this happen and can you do anything to fix the problem?

The financial computer programs are needlessly complicated and are being revised to minimize collections being held up. Some changes have been made already, but the process is time consuming due to the size of the program.

In cases in which the children previously received public assistance, federal law provides that the state and federal government receive a portion of child support payments. The splitting of these payments can result in delays in processing payments.

The Child Support Division also is changing policies that unnecessarily hold

early or over payments by the non-custodial parent that are intended for immediate disbursement. If the computer system shows that no payments are due, the system will not send the money to family and will not automatically return the over payment to the non-custodial parent.

However, the money disbursement problem is not caused solely by difficulties with the complicated computer system. In many cases, the Office of the Attorney General is unable to distribute money because we cannot locate the

custodial parent or the non-custodial parent in the case of a refund.

Custodial parents and non-custodial parents should always report address, telephone and employment changes to the Child Support field office handling their case. This will facilitate the disbursement of payments to custodial parents and refunds for non-custodial parents. For information on services offered by the Child Support Division, call (800) 252-8014 or visit the Office of the Attorney General Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Army & Air Force Hometown NEWS

<p>Army Pfc. Jacinda L. Speight Army Pfc. Jacinda L. Speight has arrived for duty at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii. Speight is a food service specialist with the 25th Infantry Division. She is the daughter of Edward and Patricia A. Croom of 2804 E. Second St., Lubbock, Texas. The private is a 1992 graduate of Estacado High School, Lubbock. Army Pfc. Eric D. Casias Army Pfc. Eric D. Casias completed a six-month deployment to Sinai, Egypt, where the soldier was part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Forces and</p>	<p>Observers (MFO). The service member is regularly assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky. The MFO, an independent agency responsible to the governments of Israel and Egypt, was established as a result of the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty. The U.S. military contingent peacekeeping mission involves operating check points and observation posts, and conducting reconnaissance patrols. Casias is a heavy anti-armor weapons specialist who has served on active duty for more than one year. The private is the son of Rudolfo S. and Mary D. Casias of 304 38th St., Lubbock, Texas.</p>	<p>He is a 1998 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock. Army Pfc. Kevin A. Chester Army Pfc. Kevin A. Chester has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Chester is the son of Boyd E. and Sandra M. Chester of 2716 86th St., Lubbock, Texas. The private is a 1993 graduate of Niagara Wheatfield High School,</p>
<p>Sanborn, N.Y. Army Reserve Spec. Xavier S. Allen Army Reserve Spec. Xavier S. Allen has graduated from the petroleum laboratory specialist course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. The student was taught to conduct laboratory tests on petroleum oils, and lubricant products. The training included disposition of petroleum products and operation of quality surveillance in military petroleum facilities. Allen is the son of Mary J. Tanner of 3502 102nd, Lubbock, Texas. He is a 1991 graduate of Lubbock-Cooper High School.</p>		

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The people to worry about are not those who openly disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know.

Goal for 2000: get Rid of Your Procrastinating Ways

by Daryl & Estraletta Green (E-mail: nnpa.org)

(NNPA) -- Teresa is in elementary school. Her teacher wants her to be the leader of her class. Teresa replies, "Maybe, I'll let Mike do it." Life goes on. Teresa is in high school. She has a big crush on Tim. Tim asks her out, and Teresa replies, "I would, but I have too much homework." Life goes on. Teresa is a now a senior in college. A company president offers her a job. Teresa responds, "I would, but I can't leave my family." Teresa enters the corporate world. Her supervisor encourages her to do a special assignment. Teresa responds, "I'm comfortable here." Teresa never gets married

or achieves any goals. She never pursues her dreams. Life goes on. Teresa is now 65 years old, living in a senior citizen home. A minister talks with her about salvation. Teresa responds, "I believe in something, I'm just not ready. I still have plenty of time." The next day the nurse finds Teresa in her bed dead. Her time has run out.

Does this sound familiar? Procrastination can rob you of your happiness. Procrastinators put off for tomorrow what should be done today. At some point, we have all procrastinated. We say, "Now is not the right time."

People don't like change. For example, New Year's resolutions continue to plague this country. We keep the same resolutions (save money, spend more time with family, exercise more, lose weight, etc.) every year. The results are usually the same. Empty promises! According to one source, about 23 percent of people give up on their New Year's resolutions in the first week (it's all downhill after that).

We don't like change. At the center of most procrastination is self-limiting beliefs. These beliefs are doubts we create in our minds that tell us we can't take action. It is a type of

fear. People generate negative ideas: I'm not smart enough, pretty enough, talented enough, connected enough, creative enough, or powerful enough. "I can't" becomes the motto. You can usually pick out a procrastinator by their phrases ("don't have the time," "I'll do it tomorrow," or "I'm just too busy").

Armed with these negative beliefs, individuals wait, and wait, and wait--life passes by. The more we repeat these self-limiting thoughts, the more we become trapped in our negative thinking. People avoid certain tasks because of fear. An inferiority complex starts to grow. We judge ourselves and

measure ourselves against other's measuring stick. This behavior creates self-doubt and makes us believe that we are not worthy --we don't deserve the best. Stop generating self-doubt. You can change your procrastinating ways to reflect a "Can do" attitude in the following ways:

- Identify the importance of your task to other activities (is it really important).
- Identify your motivation for doing it.
- Develop a plan for seeing your task through.
- Set a deadline for completion.
- Break your task down

into smaller components.
- Reward yourself for achieving your goal.
- Take action. Don't delay!

Samuel Johnson said almost two centuries ago, "When a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, he concentrates his mind wonderfully." Tomorrow is not promised to us. Now is the time for action. All it takes is a little act of courage on your part. One speaker said, "There's a fork at the end of the road. What do you do? Take one!" You are now about to approach that busy highway of life. What are you going to do?

It's the little things We do that Get Us to the Final Inning

By Yolanda Young (E-mail: nnpa.org)

I've made my way from the West coast of Florida to Ft Lauderdale where I've been watching the Baltimore Orioles in Spring Training. I've enjoyed watching my pitiful golf game get a little better, rooting for the guys from the minors who have a shot of making it to baseball's major leagues and waking to the sound of ocean waves coming in through my opened window. This morning was different because I woke from my sleep to the news that my grandfather, Aaron Smith, had died in his. Momma's words over the phone were simple and to the point, "Daddy passed away this morning." After my parents divorced, my father wasn't around much, so it was "Daddy" who picked me up from summer camp, took pictures of me at Easter Programs, and could be counted in the crowd of every basketball game, marching band parade and school graduation. So naturally, I burst into tears.

"Yolanda...Yolanda," Momma said bringing me back from the brink, "why are you crying like that?" This to me seemed a strange question. I mean my grandfather just died, it's not as though I feel like breaking out in the Electric Slide. But Momma says I should. "Your Daddy was tired and he was ready," she said. "He'd had almost ninety years of

good health, 15 kids, three times that number in grand and grand. We should be so lucky." As always, Momma was right.

Daddy had left his family the way Michael Jordan left the game of basketball, with us wanting more. I took Momma's words with me the next day to the ballpark where I watched the Baltimore Orioles and the Texas Rangers play.

The game is moving slow and some of the fielding looks weird because both the Baltimore Orioles and the Texas Rangers are working on the finer points of their game strategies. That's what baseball is really—a game of nuances. The slightest adjustments in a slugger's swing can turn a two out of ten minor league hitter into a .300 average major league sensation.

Sometimes the variances are so infantile we don't even notice them, but I'll bet there are over a hundred little things that the Oriole's Iron Man, Cal Ripkin, did every day to be able to play 2632 consecutive games. Their power slugger, Albert Belle, probably does a thousand, some so simple and obvious like being meticulous about what he eats, stretching again and again, focusing instead of talking before games (I wouldn't know, but I hear meditation does work wonders) to have had

eight consecutive seasons of 30 homers and 100 RBIs. And who knows how many little things the Oriole's Ace pitcher, Mike Mussina, has to do to stand in the eye of the storm week after week and feel confident that he can come out with a win.

It's up to the younger players to watch and learn the subtleties of the game from the veterans and learn what it takes to be successful the way I needed to watch my grandfather and all the micro-tiny, almost invisible things he did to have left this earth respected and loved.

My grandfather was a man who spent his life literally at other people's feet—on his knees praying in the deacon corner at church, in the gardens of the white people for whom he worked, and under the beat up cars he always tried to keep running. But in my eyes, he walked among giants because he was a master of the little things. Like always having a kindness and a humility in his eyes.
For another, he wasn't afraid to work. It wasn't until last year when he got sick that it occurred to me that I'd never seen my grandfather in bed. Daddy as like a squirrel gathering nuts in the summer time—he never seemed to sleep. He worked from sun up till sun down, making other peo-

ple's homes and gardens beautiful. He knew everything there was to know about grass and flowers and trees. In the summers he'd drive Ruby and me by his "yards" and tell us when he planted that monkey grass or the magnolia tree that shaded the street.

There were also little things that my grandfather did not do. It was those things that made him beloved as a husband and father, respected and well liked as a church member and neighbor and depended upon by a host of others.

He never raised his voice, the only exception being when he laughed. He never hit his children. Well, there was that one time when he swatted his youngest

daughter, Ruby Denise with his soft house shoe, but if you know my Aunt Ruby, you know that she probably deserved much worse than that.

I never heard my grandfather gossip. Though at some point he must have because there were things that my grandmother knew that she would have no way of knowing had my grandfather not confided in her. I never saw my grandfather treat anyone with cruelty, likewise I never saw anyone treat him with disrespect. I never saw my grandfather cheat, steal or lie. Not even once in my whole life did I witness him do any one of those things.

This is not to say that the old man was perfect. For one,

thing, he could covet a dollar like no one else I knew. I mean, I was doing good to squeeze fifteen cents from his pocket to buy a cup of iced tea on hot summer afternoons. No, like every great player, there was still room for improvement in his game. But I figured out how to piece together enough of the little things, those tiny gestures that we're often too busy to bother with like giving a nod to someone you pass on the street or remembering to enjoy our children more than we judge them. He got enough of those things right to be able to leave the game the way all the great ones should—in a jam packed stadium filled with screaming, shouting, and adoring fans.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY NAMES ALEX CUMMINGS TO LEAD NORTHERN AFRICA DIVISION

Nairobi, July 17, 2000—The Coca-Cola Company has named Alex Cummings president of the Northern Africa Division, based in Nairobi, Kenya. The Northern Africa Division is one of the Company's three divisions in the Africa and Middle East Group, and includes 39 countries.

Mr. Cummings, 43, currently region manager for Nigeria, joined the Company in 1997, as deputy region manager for Nigeria. Prior to joining the Company, he spent 15 years with the Pillsbury Co., where he became vice president of Finance for Pillsbury International.

While at Pillsbury, Mr. Cummings held a variety of roles of increasing responsibility including director of finance for the Green Giant vegetable business unit, director of corporate planning and analysis, and manager of planning and analysis for Haagen-Dazs Co., a subsidiary of Pillsbury.

"Alex is called to play a key role in leading our business in Northern Africa to new heights of success," said Don Short, president, Africa and Middle East Group. "His knowledge of Africa, his professional background and the leadership he brought to the Nigeria region make him the perfect choice for this position."

Mr. Cummings, who is from Liberia, holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree in finance from Atlanta University.

National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs Lubbock Independent School District 2000-2001 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The Lubbock Independent School District offers free or reduced-price meals for children from families whose income is at or below guideline levels. Parents are encouraged to purchase pre-paid meal tickets for their child at any school in the district.

Eligible families may apply at each campus at the beginning of the school year. Foster children are also eligible for the benefits.

A letter from Superintendent Jack Clemmons, containing information on the free or reduced-price meals, will be distributed to students to take home to parents. All programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available to everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap. If anyone believes that they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Under provisions of the free or reduced-price meal policy, all applications will be reviewed by the local Director of Food Services at 3501 Avenue G. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The request should be directed to Traci Robertson, Executive Director of Purchasing and Contract Services, 1621 19th Street, telephone 766-1098. The school district's policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. The following income guidelines will be used to determine the eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

		2000-2001 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES					
		Annually		Monthly		Weekly	
Household size		Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1		\$10,855	\$15,448	\$905	\$1,288	\$209	\$296
2		\$14,625	\$20,813	\$1,219	\$1,735	\$282	\$401
3		\$18,395	\$26,178	\$1,533	\$2,182	\$364	\$504
4		\$22,165	\$31,543	\$1,848	\$2,629	\$427	\$607
5		\$25,935	\$36,908	\$2,162	\$3,076	\$499	\$710
6		\$29,705	\$42,273	\$2,476	\$3,523	\$572	\$813
7		\$33,475	\$47,638	\$2,790	\$3,970	\$644	\$917
8		\$37,245	\$52,003	\$3,104	\$4,417	\$717	\$1,020
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"GOOD FISHERMAN !!!"
 MATTHEW 4:19, HE(JESUS) SAITH UNTO THEM, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

ALL GOOD FISHERMAN KNOWS THEIR BATE: THE BIBLE, TO USE IT AND WHEN, HE MUST BE LEAD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; FOR THE FISHING SEASON IS IN.

LUKE 12:54-56, JESUS SAID, WHEN YE SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YE SAY, THERE COMETH A SHOWER; AND SO IT IS, AND WHEN YE SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YE SAY, THERE WILL BE HEAT; AND IT COMETH TO PASS. YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?

WE SUPPOSE TO BE CRYING OUT; PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD; BY OUR PREACHING AND TEACHING: WE'LL HOOK SOMEONE'S HEART.

ACTS 3:19, REPENT YE THEREFORE, AND BE CONVERTED, THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE BLOTTED OUT, WHEN THE TIMES OF REFRESHING SHALL COME FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

A GOOD FISHERMAN KNOWS HIS WATERS: HIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS THE PLACE; MANY WANT TO FISH IN FOREIGN WATERS: LIKE FISHING IN OUTER SPACE!!!

MATTHEW 23:15, JESUS SAID, WOE UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YE COMPASS(MAP OUT) SEA AND LAND TO MAKE ONE PROSELYTE(CHRISTIAN), AND WHEN HE IS MADE, YE MAKE HIM TWOFOLD MORE THE CHILD OF HELL THAN YOURSELVES.

A GOOD FISHERMAN KNOWS HIS FISH: RATHER SAVED OR UNSAVED, BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS TO WHAT WORDS THEY'RE TO SAY.

COLOSSIANS 4:6, LET YOUR SPEECH BE ALWAYS WITH GRACE, SEASONED WITH SALT, THAT YE MAY KNOW HOW YE OUGHT TO ANSWER EVERY MAN.

***** ITS FISHING TIME***** TO BE A GOOD FISHERMAN: FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY; WE MUST FORSAKE, ANY AND EVERYTHING; AND THAT INCLUDES EVERYBODY!!!

LUKE 14:26,27, JESUS SAID, IF ANY MAN COME TO ME, AND HATE NOT HIS FATHER, AND MOTHER, AND WIFE, AND CHILDREN, AND BROTHERN, AND SISTERS, YEA AND HIS OWN LIFE ALSO, HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. AND WHOSEVER DOETH NOT BEAR HIS CROSS, AND COME AFTER ME, CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.

A GOOD FISHERMAN WONT SUGAR COAT THE BATE; THE WORD OF GOD; HE OR SHE WILL TELL THE PEOPLE OF THEIR SIN'S; ITS NOT HARD.

HEBREWS 4:12, FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF THE SOUL AND SPIRIT, AND THE JOINTS AND MARROW, AND IS A DISCERNER OF THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTS OF THE HEART.

A GOOD FISHERMAN WILL REBUKE; THAT LIE CALLED FREE AT LAST; IT HAVE MADE THE PEOPLE: MEAN, MAD, MISERABLE AND SAD.

JOHN 8:32,36, JESUS SAID, YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH(JESUS), AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. IF THE SON(JESUS) THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED(TRULY).

A GOOD FISHERMAN NEVER PUT AWAY; HIS FISHERMAN'S EQUIPMENT; HE KNOWS GOD'S BUSINESS IS NEVER FINISHED, TO THOSE WHO ARE SENT

REVELATION 3:15,16; JESUS SAID, I KNOW THY WORKS, THAT THOU ART NEITHER COLD NOR HOT: I WOULD THOU WERT COLD OR HOT. SO THEN BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM, AND NEITHER COLD NOR HOT, I WILL SPUE THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, JR. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Congressional Black Caucus: Right or Wrong



Wednesday, July 19, 2000, the Congressional Black Caucus verbally indicted the United States Senate of racism and sexism in judicial selection.

The Black Caucus in a Capitol Hill press conference criticized the Republican-controlled Senate of blocking President Clinton's minority and female appointees.

Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee of Texas said, "I'm saddened to make these accusations, but I will make them. The United States Senate has acted, racistly and with sexism."

The Black Caucus accusations were based on numbers showing 18 percent of black nominees confirmed by the committee compared to 42 percent of white nominees who were predominately white males. Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton, the Democratic delegate from the District of Columbia said, "the proof is in the data."

Strangely enough, the Senate approved Johnnie Rawlinson, a black female, by voice vote Friday for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Records revealed Rawlinson was sworn in a U. S. District judge in Nevada in June 1998. She was the first black woman to hold a position on the U. S. District Court in Nevada. Rawlinson spent 18 years with the office of district attorney before becoming a judge.

The accusations made by the Black Caucus chapped the hide of Senator Orin G. Hatch, Utah Republican and chair of the Judiciary Committee. He criticized President Clinton and members of the House Black Caucus for calling the Senate a racist and sexist institution for refusing to confirm minority judicial nominees.

What concern this writer and others is not Senator Hatch whom we

believe to be a honest and a fair person, but our own Senator Phil Gramm (Republican) and Kay Bailey Hutchinson (Republican). Phil had his hand in blocking the nomination of five blacks with his Georgia tactics that he brought to Texas. Kay blocked the nomination of a Mexican-American from El Paso, Texas. President Clinton made those nominations for judges to federal appeals courts. Phil did not seem to have any problem with white (Anglo Saxon) males.

Who appoint federal judges anyway? Supreme Court justices, court of appeals judges, and district court judges are nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate, as stated in the Constitution. Senators or sometimes members of the House who are of the President's political party recommend the names of potential nominees in most cases. The Senate Judiciary Committee typically conducts confirmation hearings for each nominee. Article III of the Constitution states that these judicial officers are appointed for a life term.

What are the qualifications for becoming a federal judge? The Constitution sets fort no specific requirements. However, members of Congress, who typically recommend potential nominees, and the Department of Justice, which reviews nominees' qualifications, have developed their own informal criteria.

It appears at least for the two Republican senators from Texas, that one of the criteria's for not being a federal judge is to be a black male or Mexican American. Argue the point as you wish. However as Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton, the Democratic delegate from the District of Columbia said, "The proof is in the data."

It behooves African-Americans and Mexican-American to vote and vote wisely Election Day 2000, November 7th. The next president will at least appoint 3 Supreme Court judges. Do we want a Antonin Scalia-Clarence Thomas Supreme Court? The fire in that HOT place below NO!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast have been talking about the ingredients of divine love. I Corinthians 13.

"Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I'm become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And now abide faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest is charity."

Divine love reaches beyond all circumstances. It will teach you how to divide the word of truth. You will have compassion for others. You are not self centered. The Lord of God is a teacher. Sometimes we have gilly goat spirits, but we

need to come down and listen. Faith is prepared for the best, when it looks there worst Charity suffereth long. The school of hard knocks is the best teacher.

Now we see through a glass darkly. Nobody knows everything, but the greatest of these is love. Love, Love, Love, Love! This we do know!

Thought of the Week: "You can build life but it will take God to move it." mountain in your

"Some of us as a people are in too much of a hurry going in too many directions to nowhere for nothing." "Getting wisdom is the most important thing you

can do, and with your wisdom, develop common sense and good judgement and if you exalt wisdom, it will exalt you. Wisdom can be learned while the evil man gropes and stumbles in the dark. Can't you hear the VOICE of wisdom?"

If you are hurting, read your Bible. II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

God bless you for reading. We will meet this coming

Saturday, August 5th, at 9:00 a.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hood, 2132 East 30th Street. Come and join us. You will glad you did so!

Keep praying for your neighbors, your friends, and

also enemies. You don't have to knock on any doors to let them know "Just do it!" Do it on your own way out and coming in on your way through the community. Do a drive by prayer for the church body all over this city and beyond.

Write us! Also, come by our place of meeting. You are all welcome. Our address is Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O.Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

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Ask Gwendolyn Baines

(E-mail: www.nnpa.org)

It's a hairy Situation!

Dear Gwendolyn:
 I got a divorce after being married for 18 years. The marriage was not happy and I made a promise to myself to never marry again. However, that changed two years ago when I met my fiancee. She means the world to me, although I now have a problem.

About six months ago, I started losing my hair. I paid thousands of dollars on hair replacement. My dermatologist told me last week that I have a scalp infection. He advised me to remove the hair at once.

My fiancee does not know I am losing my hair. One night when we were double dating she made remarks to the fact she did not like bald men. I am 45 and she is 25. I was going to keep the hair and tell her after the wedding. The doctor says due to the seriousness of the infection, the hair replacement should be removed immediately. What do you think I should do?

Andrew

Dear Andrew:
 Follow your doctor's advice. Remove the hair implants before they cause further damage to your scalp. In the meantime, talk to your fiancée about your problem. Her comments at dinner may not be indicative of exactly how she feels. Give your fiancée an opportunity to show her support and maturity by telling her the truth about your hair loss and the medical condition that arose.

In this present era, I find it difficult to think any man would fear losing his fiancée because he is losing his hair. Recent surveys show that "bald is in." Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley, Montel Williams and many countless others have made the clean-shaven look popular among both men and women. Baldness has lost a lot of the stigma it once carried.

Hair loss is a hereditary condition that affects many men and women. It is not a gauge of

your attractiveness or masculinity, nor should it be.

I believe you need to give this relationship more time to grow. With the 19 year age difference and the fear she will not accept your baldness, to marry

at this time would not be wise. Some things are a natural process of life; thinning hair, baldness, and loss of teeth. You were wrong to have intended to marry without discussing with her your problem.

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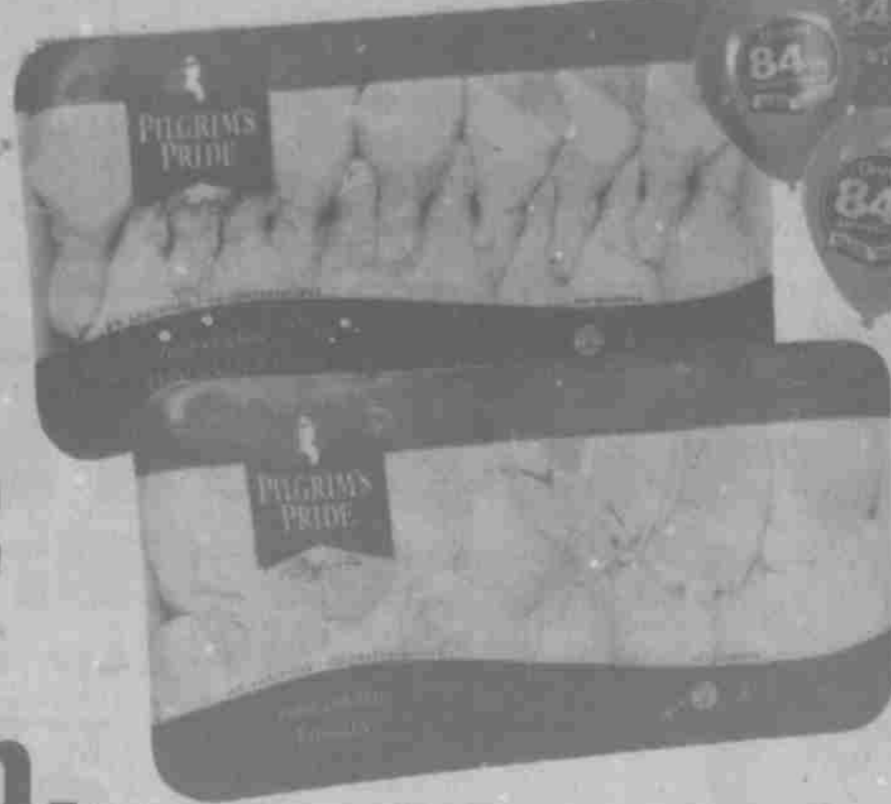
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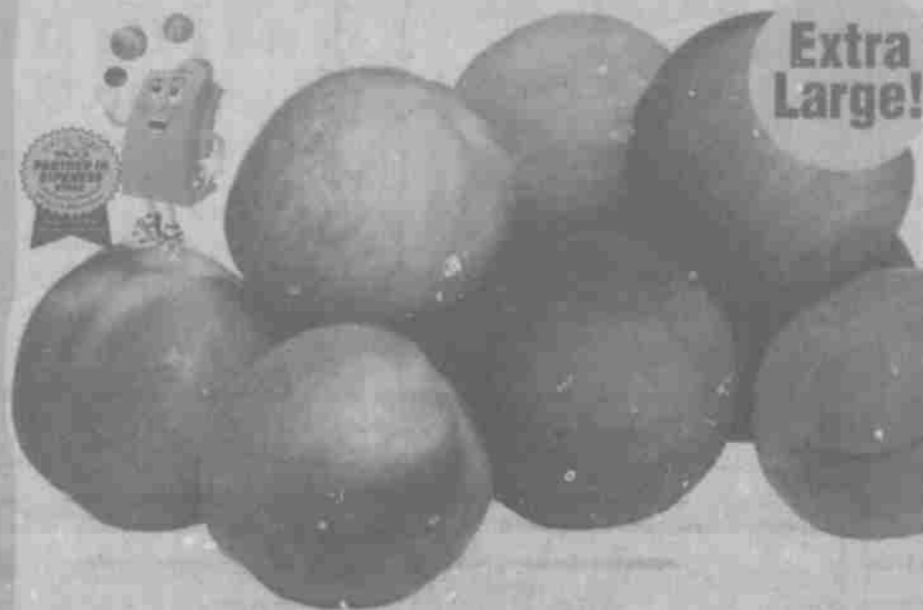
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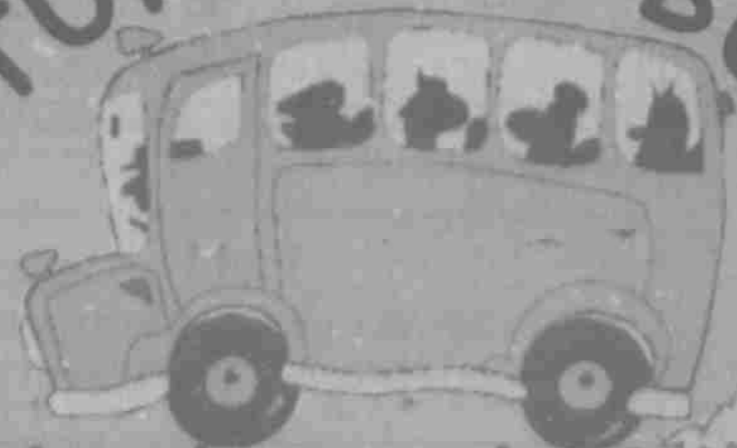
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