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NEWS WIRE

Clinton Joins Selma March
(NNPA) — President Clinton will travel to Selma, Alabama March 5 to commemorate the 35th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

On March 7, 1965 hundreds of civil rights protesters were assaulted by law enforcement as they attempted to march across Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge, which spans the Alabama River.

Clinton will be the first president to participate in an observance marking this violent moment in history. U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), who was among the original protesters 35 years ago, will escort the President.

Exiled Professor Returns To U.S. After Pardon

(NNPA) — Dr. Preston King, who has lived in exile since the '60s when he fled the United States for a racial snub by his draft board in Georgia, was granted a "full and unconditional pardon" by President Clinton to return to the country to attend the funeral of his oldest brother, Clennon W. King Jr.

"The pardon rectifies a great injustice against Dr. King who paid a huge price in challenging government discrimination by standing up for human dignity and racial equality in the early sixties," said NAACP President/CEO Kwesi Mfume.

Through mail correspondence, an all-White draft board in King's hometown of Albany granted King a deferment in 1952 to attend undergraduate school and one in 1956 to attend graduate school. However, when he appeared before the board in person for another extension to complete his doctorate, the draft board revoked his deferment and refused to address him as "Mr. King" as it had done in prior correspondence. The board then convicted King on four federal counts of draft evasion.

Joint Center Appoints New Executive Vice President

(NNPA) — The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies has announced the appointment of Barry K. Campbell as executive vice president and chief operating officer. In his new position, Campbell is responsible for institutional management, planning and operations.

In welcoming Campbell's appointment, Eddie N. Williams, president and CEO of the Joint Center, said: "Barry Campbell's extensive managerial experience in urban economic and social development programs will undoubtedly enhance the Joint Center's reputation as the premier research institution focusing on African Americans and other minority populations."

Prior to joining the Joint Center, Campbell was senior associate at The EOP Group, Inc. where he focused on issue resolution, legislative reform, and business development. He served as chief of staff to former Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry and held several other senior management positions in the District of Columbia government. Campbell holds a master's degree in structural engineering and a baccalaureate degree in civil engineering, both from Howard University.

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies is a nonpartisan, nonprofit research and public policy institution in the nation's capital.

Kenyan Company Will Manufacture Condoms

NAIROBI (IPS) — Kenya will soon have its own condom factory, the result of a joint venture between a local company, Olag Enterprises, and the German CONDOMI AG, one of the world's largest condom manufacturers.

The project is supported by the German Development Bank (DEG) within its public-private partnership program in line with the bilateral policies of the two countries. Dubbed CONDOMI Health Kenya, the new company will be located in the capital of Nairobi, and is expected to have a capacity of 100 million condoms per year, with an initial investment of about \$2.5 million.

The local condom demand is expected to reach 650 million by the end of 2003. Besides producing less expensive condoms, the organization says it will launch intensive education program geared at changing attitudes towards condom usage. — Judith Achieng

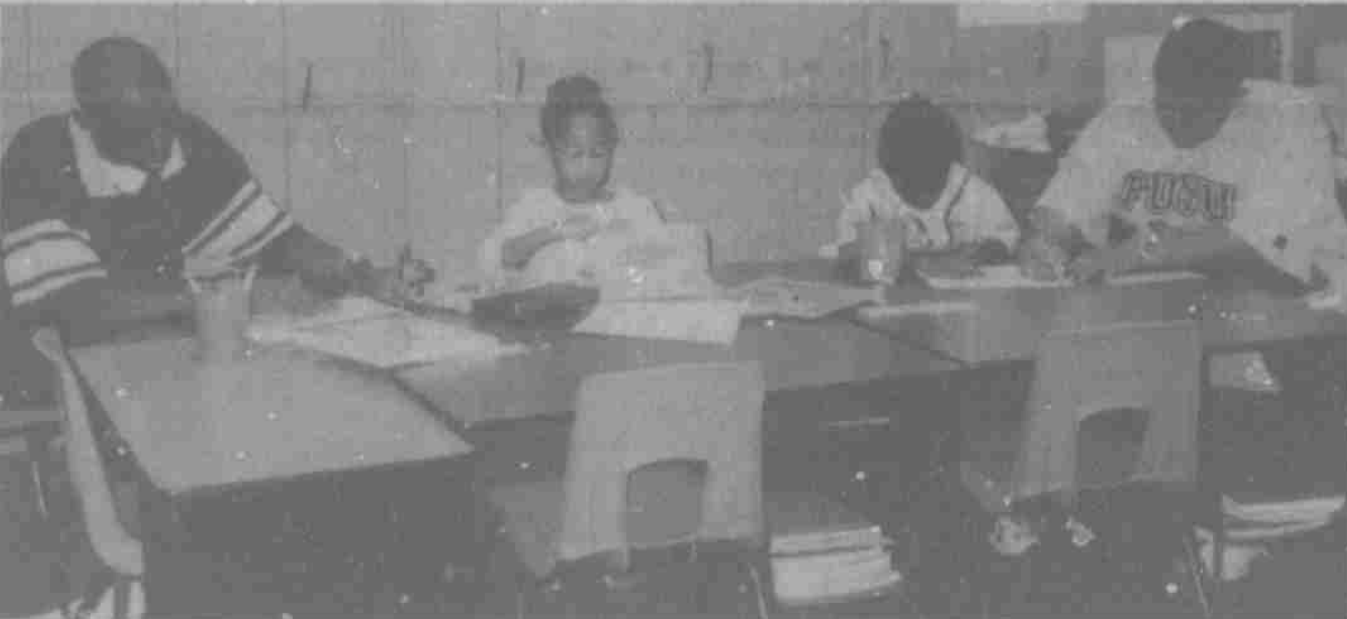
COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS' STUDENTS INVOLVED AT ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL

(Editor's Note: Here are stories involving some of the Estacado High School's students involved in the Communities In Schools (C.I.S.) program on that campus. The Southwest Digest would like to say congratulations to these young people.)

Estacado Matadors Mentoring Posey Panthers



Amber Quigley, left, is shown advising two Posey Elementary students, Amber Ellis, second from the left, and Albert Anderson, far right, who is no longer a student at Posey.
Mrs. Penny Casner, Kindergarten teacher, is observing the process.



Two of Mrs. Stacey Davis' first grade students, Quani Evans, second from the left, and Andre Norris, are being advised by Krandon Becknell, left, and Tyrone Mitchell, right.



EHS Teacher, Mrs. Beverly Finch, is seen with two of her students, LaShanda Johnson and Vanessa Luna.

Twenty-three students from Estacado High School were chosen this year to mentor the same number of students from Posey Elementary. These students from the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) classes, taught by Mrs. Beverly Finch, arrive on a school bus two times each day, every other Wednesday. After picking up nametags in the office and signing in, they go to classrooms to pick up "their" student who have been given the name: "Posey's Pride." A few minutes later, "paired" groups of students can be seen interacting as they walk down the hall and sit in various parts of the building. Some of the conversations focus on academics and conduct, with mentors suggesting and encouraging younger students to be the best that they can be. Some of the elementary students can be overheard as they ask mentors about their classes, what it's like to be in high school, and what they plan to do when they finish high school. Mentors have also been given the opportunity to tutor and reinforce skills taught in the classrooms. In the meantime, fifteen additional AVID students are in kindergarten and first grade classrooms reading to students, listening to students read, and helping one-on-one, as directed by the teacher. The time passes quickly as mentors and mentees return to classrooms, saying good-bye until the next time. The cycle starts again, but not without elementary students asking the principal, Ms. Julee Pratt, Mrs. Nettie Edward, SOI Facilitator/Consultant and teachers at Posey the usual question: "When will they come back!!?"

Myshara High Signs with TCU



Myshara High, center is shown above during her signing of her letter of intent to play volleyball for Texas Christian University. At left is her father, Gary High, and right is her mother, Laurita High.
Also standing, left, is Coach Diane Morgan and Kenneth Wallace, principal.

Estacado High School senior and Community In Schools member, Myshara High signed a letter of intent February 2, 2000 to play volleyball at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

High is a three year letterman in volleyball and basketball, and four years in track.

In volleyball, she was named "New-comer of the Year," first team All-District, and was selected to be in "Who's Who In Sports All Star High School Edition for the 1999-2000 school year."

She was captain of the basketball team her senior year. In track, High ran on the Varsity team her freshman year. She qualified for Regionals in the 100-Meter dash and 900 Meter relay.

which to Irving, Texas where they placed second in a tournament in the summer of 1997.

Along with playing basketball, High played and is currently playing Junior Olympic Volleyball with the Texas Power Elite 18's who are coached by Jeff Nelson and Brad Reichmuth. They have an opportunity to travel to Austin, State of Colorado, and Baltimore Maryland.

Two years in a row, they qualified for Regionals in Orlando, Florida and placed 4th in their division and 9th overall out of 160 teams.

High is an active member of St. John Baptist Church, where Rev. Solomon Fields is her pastor.

Estacado High School would thank Myshara High for representing her school so well. All wish her the best in all the endeavors she attempts.

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES IN THIS PUBLICATION PLEASE CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. WE PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES.

Meet Mr. & Miss Estacado High School

Here they are, "Mr. & Miss Estacado High School. They are John Dotsey and Antonette Butler. They were crowned in a Coronation held Saturday evening, January 22, 2000, in the auditorium.

Dotsey is the son of John and Margie Dotsey. A senior, he has participated in Varsity Football and Baseball at Estacado. He is a member of the Black History Club and Pride Club.

John is also a member of the University Interscholastic League Speech Club. He is happy to be a part of the Community In Schools program. "It is an honor for me to hold the position of "Mr. Estacado High School, and I will live up to this special honor," said Dotsey.

Miss Estacado High School is also a special honor. "It was just great to be chosen for this position. It is one which I will never forget," said Butler.

She is active in the Student Council and serves as secretary of this body. She is president of the Black History Club, and was a member of the 1999 Black History Bowl Champion team. She has been honored by the 100 Black Men of West Texas.

Antonette is a 3 year letterman in volleyball, captain of the Varsity volleyball team, received honorable mention in District volleyball, attended volleyball camp, and received second place for overall performance.

Antonette is also a two year letterman in basketball, and is the Varsity basketball manager.

She has been active in the Medical Magnet Program for three years, a member of TAFE,

Community In Schools, and is a Yearbook photographer. She was a 1999 Homecoming Queen candidate, and has been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She has been nominated for the United States Student Council Award.



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. The doors are always open to those who are looking for a church home. Do come by and visit with us during our morning services. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Brothe Brother Ernest Swain, superintendent, presiding. All teachers and students were in their various classrooms for 30 minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a. m., all reassembled to the main auditorium marching and singing. Prayer and high points of the morning lesson were given by Adult Classes No. 1, 2, 3 & 4. It was a very good presentation.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner with an offering of \$34.65.

Adult Department — Adult Class No. 1 lost the Attendance Banner to Adult Class No. 4. Adult Class No. 2 won the Offering Banner with an offering of more than \$1,000.00.

The Sunday School presented Brother Virgil Johnson a gift in Sunday School for a job well done when presiding as Superintendent for 3 years.

Sister Joan Jones and Brother Johnson were honored last Saturday, March 4, 2000, at Texas Tech University.

The morning devotions were conducted by Brother John and Sister Callie Howard. They did a super job as the Prayer Team.

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song "Life Is Like A Mountain," was sung. The scripture was read by Brother Billy Dailey. Another song, "What A Friend," was sung.

The responsive reading was done with the congregation, and led by Brother Robert Cork. The morning hymn was "Pass Me Not." Pastoral observato

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. A song, His sermon was entitled "In A Crisis, Don't Panic, Pray!" His scripture text was Daniel 2:14-18. He preached a very good sermon as he gave us enough to feast off during the week. Every sermon gets better and better!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them is Sister Annett Phillips who had surgery last week.

Sister Rosie Reddic lost a sister last week. Services are pending at this report.

Cora Simmons' husband, Harold Simmons, passed away last week near Fort Worth, Texas. Let us continue to pray for this family.

Church Note: New Hope Baptist Church had several to come down to the altar last Sunday morning. They came for prayer. Another came to restored back to the church.



Todd R. Klein 2000

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Todd R. Klein

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CAMERON SIGNS WITH I-AA SHCOOL



Wichita Falls, Texas ... (Special) .. Hirschi High School senior John Cameron has signed a letter of intent to play football with Mississippi Valley State College, a Division I-AA university in Itta Bena, Mississippi, according to Huskies head coach Danny Edelman.

Cameron, who played linebacker, was a second-team all state pick by Texas Sports Writers Association. He was also a two-time all-district choice and made this year's Red River 22 team.

"One thing we'll miss about John is the great work ethic he had as a member of Hirschi. He was definitely one of our leaders on defense," said Edelman.

Cameron is an usher at First St. John Baptist Church.

Rev. Billy R. Delaney, pastor. He has been an honor student and mentor. He is employed as a host at Bennigan's.

Relatives in Lubbock, Texas include two brothers, Randy and Anthony; and a sister,

Myeisha. At present time, he lives with his father, John T.

Cameron, owner/operator of Shalon's, who is also employed at Holiday Inn after resigning recently from his post as General Manager for Comfort Inn in order to devote more time to his family.

Army & Air Force Hometown NEWS

Army Pfc. Stephen W. Cavanaugh has deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Leesville, La., as part of a battalion deployment from Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Cavanaugh, a cannon crewmember, is the son of Jake T. and Beverley J. Nichols of 3007 68th, Lubbock, Texas.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

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OBITUARY Walter McCullough

Detroit, Michigan — Final rites were read for Walter McCullough on Friday, February 4, 2000, at the Greater Rock of Ages COGIC with Rev. James Cofield officiating. Elder Fred L. Mitchell is pastor.

Mr. McCullough was born in Lubbock, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. (Mary) McCullough on April 11, 1944. He passed away Friday, January 28, 2000.

He accepted Christ at an early age, and it was May, 1999 when he became a born again Christian. He was a member of the Word Church of Christ. He was educated in the public schools in Lubbock.

Mr. McCullough was a deeply loved son, brother, father and husband.

He moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1968, and went to work for the Chrysler Corporation. He was a faithful member at Chrysler for thirty years. He worked dutiful at his job until illness forced him to retire in November, 1999.

Mr. McCullough was married twice: first to Ella Mae Bibbs and then to Delores Forbes, whom he remained married until his passing.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Delores Forbes McCullough; six children: Kenneth, Brain, Eynette, Walter, Jr., Kimberly and Phillip; eleven grandchildren, his mother, Mrs. Mary McCullough; two sisters, Lorine Williams and Rose Ross; three brothers: Arthur, Larry, and McKenley McCullough; one daughter-in-law, Toya; and a host of other relatives and relative relatives as well as many friends.

Lubbock Christian Student Shares Black Poetry with Hunt Elementary Kids



LUBBOCK, TX—February 24, 2000—In an effort to educate elementary students about black poetry as a part of Black American History Month, eight LCU elementary education majors presented a unit on black poetry to 5th grade students at Hunt Elementary school last week. The two-day project centered on the work of black poets Phyllis Wheatley and Langston Hughes. The children wrote their own poetry with these two famous poets as their inspiration. Their original poetry will be compiled into a book and published. The poetry books will hopefully be ready for the kids to see during National Poetry Week in April. The book will find a permanent home in the Hunt library. Hunt Principal Melissa Geuhart said, "The kids were very excited not only to learn about these famous black poets, but that they could write poetry that would actually be put into a book."

The LCU students are a member of the Methods of Teaching

class. They presented this project as a part of their teacher preparation program at LCU. Lubbock Christian University has an excellent teacher preparation program. The curriculum is very practical and performance-based. Students find themselves working in schools from their very first professional education course. Before they graduate, pre-service teachers have had experience in schools as tutors, teacher's aides, unit presenters, and, of course, as student teachers. The Methods class found the project at Hunt to be a great experience. According to Jana Avery, "The kids were very confident and receptive. They jumped right in and got involved. And I just loved Mrs. Bush their teacher." Another member of the Methods class said, "Some students I worked with didn't know that Wheatley Elementary was named after a famous poet. The kids thought that was pretty cool." The group plans to revisit the class once the book is back from the publisher.



CYD Community Youth Development Program 79415

On February 22, 2000 Congressman Larry Combest visited the Community Youth Development Program. Congressman Combest arrived at Carazos Junior High School at 3:20 pm. for his one hour visit (it became an hour and forty minutes), this is the site of the Inercambios Program, carried out after school Monday through Thursday. The program teaches

students to become computer literate and to, safely and efficiently, use the Internet. Inercambios is a valued and important part of the Community Youth Development Program.

After meeting Cavazos Principal Alex Torres and some of his staff, Congressman Combest was guided to the Inercambios teaching lab. Here after an in-depth interview for the school

paper, the young people explained the program and demonstrated some of the materials used in the instruction. The Congressman then got the opportunity to participate in some of the activities. The budding computer geniuses were very impressed with the Congressman's computer knowledge.

Congressman Combest was also very impressed. Not only

with the program and equipment the CYD provides, but also with the interest and enthusiasm that Kids exhibit toward this program. He stated that being computer literate is going to be a must in the future and commended CYD and Inercambios for the great job we are doing. He further stated that program like CYD is what will make the difference in the lives of children and their ability to have a

sound and prosperous future. We thank Congressman Combest for his visit. It indicates an interest and concern that young people involved need to see. It provides everyone involved in the project the knowledge that there is support for our efforts and thus, with the impetus to continue our work with renewed vigor. Cowboy Fred Ortiz, CYD Project Director.

Student of the Month in Lawton, Oklahoma



Marcus Chatman, center, is shown receiving a certificate for being chosen "Student of the Month" and is being prepared by Jim Cantrell, President of City Bank. Susan Wilcoxson, the teacher who nominated Chatman, is at right.

Lawton, Oklahoma (Special) The Southwest Digest is always looking for stories which involve young people who are making a positive contribution to their community, school and family.

During the month of February, Marcus Chatman was chosen as "Student of the Month" for the Elementary School Level. Chatman is a student at Washington Elementary School. He was nominated for this honor by Susan Wilcoxson.

Jim Cantrell, President of City National Bank of Lawton, made a special presentation to Chatman. This bank sponsors this monthly program for the area schools serving the Lawton community.

According to Cantrell, "The objective is to reach out to the youth in the community and be a part of shaping tomorrow's future." "We request the teachers from the

three school levels—elementary, junior and high schools—select a student from the classroom and nominate that student to represent their school. The student's improvement, academic performance, behavior, attendance and the reason the student is being nominated are the criteria."

A panel of Lawton citizens was chosen by City Bank to select a "Student of the Month."

Each student selected receives a \$50.00 savings bond and a tee shirt, and the teacher who recommends the "Student of the Month" receives \$100 for classroom use.

Chatman is the son of Michael and Michelle Chatman of Lawton, Oklahoma. His grandparents are the late Dr. J. A. Chatman and Mrs. Emmaleane Chatman, and Mr. Howard and Mrs. Katie Bartee, all of Lubbock, Texas.

USAF Delays Lubbock Airspace Decision

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-TX) announced that the United States Air Force (USAF) has agreed to postpone their decision to select airspace for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTT) in Texas. By delaying the decision, the Lubbock community will have a chance to ensure that their concerns are fully considered before a final judgment is made. The original decision was expected to be made on Monday, March 6, 2000. Rep. Combest and officials from both the Lubbock airport and city will be meeting with Air Force representatives next week to discuss practical solutions.

Rep. Combest expressed concern over the current proposal. "This proposal could seriously affect commercial flights and general aviation in Lubbock and the surrounding area. The Air Force has agreed to

hear our concerns and I am optimistic that, together, we can reach an agreeable solution that will allow all air traffic to operate reasonably within the designated airspace," he said.

A recent Environmental Impact Statement released by the Air Force selected the Lancer Military Operating Area (MOA) to the southeast of Lubbock as its preferred alternative for the RBTT. The Lancer MOA is a designated air space which would be used by the Air Force to conduct bomber training exercises. It will be made up of the existing MOA to the southeast of Lubbock, previously used by Air Force trainees at the former Reese Air Force Base. Pending further meetings with Combest, Lubbock Airport representatives and the FAA, the Secretary of the Air Force is expected to make his final decision within the next few weeks.

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WHAT IS 4th CORPS?

4th Corps is a youth employment program that offers courses/training in understanding the free market system and effective employment skills. The cadets are provided valuable work experience in community service projects such as Habitat for Humanity, the South Plains Food Bank, graffiti removal, and housing restoration. This program will also emphasize the importance of the work ethic, self-discipline and responsibility. The 4th Corps Cadets will provide a portion of the work force for the 4 On Broadway Celebration and the annual triathlon at Buffalo Springs Lake.

NEW THIS YEAR - 4th CORPS IS A TWO PART PROGRAM

THE TWO-WEEK CAMP - JUNE 21 THROUGH JULY 6, 2000
The 4th Corps Camp is a two-week military styled camp and has been recognized by the Texas Attorney General as an outstanding youth program. It is designed for all youth (male and female) between the ages of 13 and 18. This year's camp will open on June 21st and close with graduation ceremonies on July 6, 2000. Cadets are housed in the Residence Halls of Texas Tech University. Adult supervisors will stay with each group of cadets throughout the program and offer them instruction in drill and ceremony, calisthenics, team building and leadership training. Cadets are paid \$500.00 for this two-week camp.

THE EXTENDED PROGRAM - OPTIONAL

Cadets who successfully complete the two-week camp may participate in the extended program. Beginning in September and continuing through May, 20th cadets meet one Saturday a month for community service work and employment workshops. Cadets are paid an additional \$500.00 for their participation in this part of the program.

HOW CAN A STUDENT APPLY TO 4TH CORPS?

Applications are available at all area Junior and Senior High Schools, Lubbock County Courthouse, and District Attorney's Office. Interviews are set for April 11 and April 13 at Lubbock High School Auditorium. Consult the application for times and additional information on the program. Questions regarding the application process should be directed to 4th Corps at (806) 795-0797.

Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS N THAT

BIG VOTE MARCH 14TH! THIS N THAT is encouraging those of you who are REGISTERED VOTERS to cast your PRECIOUS VOTE in the upcoming MARCH 14TH PRIMARY POLLS will open at 7:00 A. M. and will remain open thru 7:00 P. M. BE SURE YOU VOTE in this important election. There are some interesting elections and you can make a DIFFERENCE. So GO OUT AND VOTE TUESDAY March 14th!

EARLY VOTING PAYS OFF! THIS N THAT learned that there more than 200 VOTERS who voted in the EARLY VOTING BOX at United Supermarket on Parkway Drive Just goes to SHOW YOU people will participate if the opportunity arise and it was proven last weekend with the EARLY VOTING BOX at United. THIS N THAT was glad to see this move. With this experience it appears as though this should be AN EARLY VOTING BOX in all LOCAL ELECTIONS i.e. SCHOOLS CITY COUNTY and STATE ELECTIONS. It's just a POSITIVE INVESTMENT!

CHECK OUT BAR-B-QUE EXPRESS! THIS N THAT has mentioned the BAR-B-QUE EXPRESS operated by BROTHER TOMMY CAGE but we want to mention it again as Brother Cage has something GOOD GOING ON. He is located at EAST 19TH STREET & MLK BLVD. It is the LITTLE RED STRUCTURE with all the GOOD EATING So go by and let BROTHER CAGE You want to SUPPORT HIM and do it TODAY!

UPCOMING 46TH ANNIVERSARY! THIS N THAT hopes you are all making PLANS for the upcoming 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERATION CHOIRS. It will take place on SUNDAY AFTERNOON March 26, 2000 beginning at 2:30 p. m. at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church What a celebration this should be as there will be NO MASS CHOIR but each CHURCH CHOIR will be featured. This should be a GLORIOUS AFTERNOON so mark this date on your calendar and be present.

VERY GOOD MARCH! THIS N THAT would like to THANK ALL OF YOU who participated in the 75TH MARCH AGAINST DRUGS & GANGS last Friday evening. It was quite an effort and we must continue. With a goal of 100 MARCHES there are only 25 more needed. So will you be a part of this continued effort YOUR HELP is needed and you are very important to what we can do. Will you HELP?

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HAVE YOU VISITED A SCHOOL YET? THIS N THAT is still ENCOURAGING YOU to visit a SCHOOL You'll be surprised with the OUTCOME VISIT a school today.



A Good Reserval

By Eddie P. Richardson

had first hand information and knowledge of the function of the Chamber.

Dwight took the lead in keeping the Chamber afloat. Some of the activities were not Chamber operations, but they (activities) kept it active until better times would come. Dwight had people around him who did not know the complete function of a Chamber, but they managed to hang on until a better day would come. And it did!

Finally, Rodney Moore put together a plan of action for business assistance and helping acquire a building which are two of the most important aspects of Chamber. First, business assistance which includes business recruitment, start up, and retention, plus a physical plant for people to come for assistance.

One of the most important thing occurring in America today has to be the U. S. Census Count. The failure of the 1990 Census Count was it was not an accurate one in regard to the Texas population.

Not doubt about it, Black people were seriously short-changed. It affected the Federal Funding Texas should have received during the past decade. Texas was required to utilize those funds for schools ... roads ... health facilities ... housing ... and other important services for people who were not counted by the U. S. Census. This shouldn't have happened, but it did. Let's be counted! Here is some important data:

State Net Under Count ...486,028
 Net Under Count of Children 228,300
 Net Under Count of Whites 279,954
 Net Under Count Asian & Pacific Isl..... 8,572
 Net Under Count American Indian ...1,877
 Net Under Count Hispanic of Any Race247,420

The U. S. Census is the most important event in our lives, which controls every aspect of our lives. It is of the most importance we be counted. Much more later!
 Nuf Sed! Why Not?

WHITE SUPREMACY IN DIXIE

by Dr. Manning Marable

(NNPA) — How far has America actually progressed toward more constructive race relations? Judging by some recent events, not much.

During this year's legal holiday marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I was invited to speak at a small, predominantly White Southern college. For decades, this school had been racially segregated, like other all-White public educational institutions. The college's first Black faculty member had been hired only in the early 1980s. Nevertheless, the initial reception I received was friendly and positive, from administrators, faculty and representatives of the student government association, who had sponsored my visit. Nothing up to that point had prepared me for what I would soon encounter that evening.

My lecture that night was before an audience of perhaps 500 people, consisting mostly of students and a significant number of African Americans from the surrounding community. I spoke about the enduring legacy of Martin, the necessity to achieve social justice, and the urgent need for constructive dialogue across America's racial chasm. As I concluded, most of the audience responded favorably to the message, but many sat in silence.

A White male student jumped out of his seat even before the audience had stopped clapping, and raised his hand to ask the first question. When I acknowledged

him, the White student launched into an attack against affirmative action, which was characterized as "reverse discrimination." He insisted that both he and many of his friends had lost scholarships and jobs to unqualified minorities. I replied that statistically less than two percent of all university scholarships were "race-based," that is, designated for Blacks and Hispanic. Affirmative action was necessary because job discrimination was still rampant, and Blacks frequently were unfairly charged more for goods and services than Whites. I cited one major study illustrating that Blacks who negotiated and purchased automobiles at White car dealerships were charged significantly more than Whites who bought the identical cars.

The White student was unimpressed and unapologetic. His precise words were unclear, but his essential response was, "then the Blacks ought to shop somewhere else!" Suddenly, a significant number of White students burst into applause, and a few even cheered. Surprised and saddened, I quickly responded that this discrimination was illegal and morally outrageous, and that Blacks shouldn't have to shop in another country in order to be treated fairly in the market place. Don't misunderstand my point here. As a middle-aged Black man, I spent many summers in Dixie during the 1960s. I experienced Jim Crow segregation firsthand, and White racism is hardly a new phenomenon to me.

But the White students at

this formerly segregated college had no personal knowledge of what Jim Crow was about. They never saw Black people being denied the right to vote, or signs posted on public restrooms reading "White" and "Colored." Yet they felt no hesitation, no restraint, to proclaim their prerogatives as Whites, over and above any claims that Black people made for equality. In effect, this was "White supremacy": blind to the historical dynamics and social consequences of racial oppression, jealous of any benefits achieved by Blacks from civil rights agitation, and outraged by the suggestion that racial minorities should be compensated for their exploitation. The twisted logic of White supremacy is that reformers who champion racial equality and social justice are the "real racists." And as I subsequently learned, a number of white students were e-mailing administrators and others the next morning, after my talk, demanding to know why this Black "racist" was invited to speak at their campus!

What particularly struck me by this incident was the deep anger displayed by some Whites in the audience. One can disagree with someone else's political perspective, yet behave in a civil manner. Something I had said, or perhaps, what I represented, had generated White rage bordering on irrational hatred.

This same kind of White bigotry has been at the heart of the recent public controversy over the flying of the Confederate battle

flag over the South Carolina statehouse. When the NAACP called for the flag's removal, State Senator Arthur Ravenel referred to the organization as "the National Association of Retarded People." When this racist remark generated widespread outrage, Ravenel apologized to "retarded people" for mistakenly linking them with the NAACP. In January this year, 50,000 people gathered in Columbia, South Carolina to call for the flag's removal. But you'd never guess this from the hypocritical and opportunistic behavior of the Republican Party's presidential candidates. Arizona Senator John McCain first described the Confederate battle flag as "a symbol of racism and slavery," but he soon reversed himself claiming it was also "a symbol of heritage." McCain's top strategist in the state, Richard M. Quinn, is a proud leader of the "neo-Confederacy movement." Texas Governor George W. Bush's response to the controversy revealed his political cowardice and moral bankruptcy. Bush refused to demand that Ravenel apologize. He held a political rally at Bob Jones University, a racist institution that forbids interracial dating on campus, and is openly hostile to Roman Catholics. Back in Texas, Bush has done nothing to prohibit the widespread displays of Confederate flags in state buildings and even public schools.

Why have McCain and Bush refused to condemn a flag that journalist Brent Staples has

described as "a symbol of choice among neo-Nazis, skinheads and other bigots?" For the same reason that the White students became outraged when I talked frankly about the history of White privilege and racial discrimination. Many White Americans refuse to honestly examine their history, because if they did, they would have to confront the moral equivalent of the Nazis who ran Germany's death camps. They would have to acknowledge the vast murders and rapes by their foreparents, and their own complicity in profiting from today's system of racial injustice. It is far easier to "boo" a Black historian lecturing about racial equality, or to denounce the NAACP as "retarded." By taking away their

rebel flag, we may force these whites to finally come to terms with their own oppressive history, and themselves.

America as a nation has been essentially "silent" about its racist history. As legal scholar Patricia J. Williams eloquently stated in the Nation recently, "It would be better to feel ourselves unsettled by the full truth of these historical horrors before we commend ourselves for having buried the past. As we peer into the unmarked graves of the ghosts that haunt America still, perhaps the path to peace lies not only in dreaming a better future for Black children but in awakening White Americans to their own history..."

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Public Notice

The City of Lubbock approved the following amendments to the 1999-2000 action plan and amendments to the city's consolidated plan on Thursday February 24, 2000. Comments on these changes will be accepted until March 31, 2000.

An Optional Relocation Policy to be revised into the City's Consolidated Plan, and 1999 Annual Action Plan. The policy will assist renters in the North Ovalton area being displaced through the acquisition by private parties for the Center project. Details on the plan are available at the Community Development office, or your public library.

Reallocation of \$300,000 HOME block grant funds to the City Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Reallocation of \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant funds from City Housing Rehabilitation Program to City Optional Relocation program.

Allow a request by the Lubbock Housing Authority to change the use of \$141,000 received in 1998, and \$141,000 from 1999 from Amendment to reallocation. Reallocation of \$325,000 Community Development Block Grant funds to the following projects:

City Parks & Recreation Restroom Enclosure	\$225,000
Lubbock Bay & Gay's Club Theaters Plaza Parking Lot	\$35,000
Tom Pickett Building Acquisition	\$30,000
Lubbock Habitat Initiative	\$35,000
Community Development Administration Training & Travel	\$10,000

Comments are welcome on these changes. No comment or for further information or special assistance you may contact the Community Development Department at 735-2301. Comments should be addressed to Community Development P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79402. Comments will be taken until March 31, 2000.

Notice of Mobile Early Voting Location

March 14, 2000 Primary Election

Early Voting by personal appearance for the March 14, 2000 Primary Election will be conducted at the following MOBILE EARLY POLLING LOCATIONS ON THE DATES AND TIMES LISTED BELOW:

March 1, 2000 and March 2, 2000 Wednesday and Thursday	Episcopal Church Episcopal Community, Texas 9:00 am - 6:00 pm United Parkway Drive 21014 10th St, Lubbock, Texas 11:00 am - 6:00 pm United Supermarket 421 E. 19th St., Lubbock, Texas 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
March 4, 2000 and March 5, 2000 Saturday and Sunday	United Parkway Drive 21014 10th St, Lubbock, Texas 11:00 am - 6:00 pm United Supermarket 421 E. 19th St., Lubbock, Texas 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
March 7, 2000 and March 8, 2000 Tuesday and Wednesday	United Parkway Drive 21014 10th St, Lubbock, Texas 11:00 am - 6:00 pm United Supermarket 421 E. 19th St., Lubbock, Texas 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

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.

The Blues Foundation Honors Malaco Songwriter George Jackson



Jackson, MS-February 9, 2000. The Blues Foundation recently announced six new inductees to be immortalized into The Blues Hall of Fame. Award-winning Malaco songwriter George Jackson will be honored for his classic blues recording, "Down Home Blues," made popular by Malaco artist Z.Z. Hill in 1981. Inspired to write the song after over-hearing two maids at a hotel talking about having some 'down home fun' on their weekend off, the tune quickly became the biggest blues hit ever. The cut inspired radio programmers nationwide to add more Blues to their play-lists and the LP strayed high on Billboard's R&B charts for over 70 weeks, while the single, a traditional Southern song, accomplished the unheard of task of receiving wide exposure on urban radio programs throughout

the Northeast. The song also revived blues singer Z.Z. Hill's flagging career as it was quickly christened a Blues standard. Almost twenty years after it's release, fans worldwide still request "Down Home Blues" to be played on the radio and by their favorite Blues artists. The Blues Foundation will hold its gala induction ceremony on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lisner Auditorium, at George Washington University, Washington D.C.

As a teen in the 60's, Jackson ventured into the music business as a performer, singing with Gospel choirs in his native Greenville, MS. After moving up the road to Memphis, he recorded a few singles for Stax, Goldwax, and Hi Records and began song-writing and producing as well. Though the name

George Jackson may be obscure to some, every generation since the 60's has been humming his music. He has written more than 1000 songs, enjoyed several No. 1 hits, been voted songwriter of the year by Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) and has had top rock, pop, and blues artists record his music. Several of his songs became signature songs for these artists such as "One Bad Apple," sung by the Osmonds and "Old Time Rock and Roll," by Bob Seger (this song also garnered much notoriety in the film Risky Business with actor Tom Cruise). Other artists who have cut his tunes include James Brown, Tina Turner, Otis Clay, Yazz, The O'Jays, James Carr, Clarence Carter, and Candi Staton. As a Malaco staff writer, he has written for Johnnie Taylor, who recorded Jackson's soon to

be classic Blues song "The Last Two Dollars," as well as Bobby "Blue" Bland, Shirley Brown, and the rest of the Malaco family.

With roots in the Motown, Memphis, and Muscle Shoals sounds and a natural gift for writing songs based on everyday experiences, George Jackson continues to maintain a positive, upbeat attitude and deliver original Blues songs for Blues lovers world-wide. His legendary status culminates from four decades of song-writing and hard-living while his goal remains to keep tradition alive for generations yet to come.

For more information on George Jackson, his catalog and accomplishments, please call Greg Preston at Malaco Music Group: 601-982 1522.

Flores Seek s Third Term as County Commissioner, Pct. 3



Gilbert A. Flores, a native of Slaton, Texas, is seeking his third term as Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3, subject to Democratic Primary on Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Vying to continue working untiringly for the citizens of Lubbock County, Flores says, "I will continue to work for all the citizens of Lubbock County."

A father of five children and 8 granddaughters, Flores was elected to the Lubbock County Commissioner Court, Precinct 3 in November, 1992, and took office January 1, 1993. He serves on the Metropolitan Planning Organization. He appointed two residents of East

Lubbock to the Board of Directors of the University Medical Center. They were Ms. Joan Y. Ervin and Raymond Gallegos. He admits his involvement in the development of a UMC Primary Care Center in East Lubbock, MLK and East 4th Street.

Mr. Flores has served on the following organizations: Human Relation Advisory Committee, Lubbock Planning & Zoning Commission Crime Line, Enterprise Zone Committee, Urban Transportation Policy Commission, and Base Planning & Infrastructure Commission.

A Lifetime member of the NAACP, he has been a member of LULAC, COMA, and Arnett

Benson Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Flores has received the following awards: Recipient of the 1st George Woods Award, "Retailer of the Year" Award for 1990, twice elected as Outstanding Businessman of the Year, 1977 and 1981, honored as COMA's "Member of the Year - 1989" and a recipient of the Rotary Community Service Award.

Mr. Flores was self-employed and owner of Gilbert's Auto Supply for 28 years.

He is married to the former Kathy Cantu. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.

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Applications are now being evaluated by The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7 - 19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participant's include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Raleigh, NC, Bolding Springs, NC, Riverside, CA, Bahson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Champaign, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Aitchison, KS, Georgetown, KY, Northfield, MI, Rochesler, NY, North Canton, OH, Commerce, TX, Farmville, VA. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form call (704) 372-8610 ANY-TIME.

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Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00-9:00 PM
First Foursquare Church 10701 Indiana Ave. Lubbock, TX 79423

Thursday, April 6th 7:00 9:00 PM
Calvary Baptist Church 5301 82 St. Lubbock, TX 79424

Friday, April 7th, 7:00-9:00 PM
Temple Emmanuel Assembly of God 4201 Ave. J Lubbock, TX 79405

Saturday, April 8th, 10:00 AM- Noon
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- Cervical cancer (women only)
- Prostate cancer (men ages 50-65)
- Testicular cancer (men ages 18-35)

For registration or more information, call 765-2600 ext. 228. Medical service provided by Covenant Health System.

Screenings will be held at the
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IN JESUS NAME

"Jesus is the Answer!!!"

Psalm 2:1,2, Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain (Foolish) things? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the lord, and against his anointed (Jesus), saying, Let us break their bands (be free) asunder, and cast away their cards from us.

Jehovah has blessed America, it became great even with its wealth; but man has gotten high minded; saying he done it himself!!

Deuteronomy 11:14, 16, The Lord said, I will give you the rain of your land in due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in the corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve others Gods, and worship them.

As you blessed Adam and Eve in the garden; they did the same; America disobeyed your voice as they did: Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

Roman 1:22, Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. *****Will America Rob God? *****

America wanted right for her people; mostly the black race; but Jehovah wanted the gospel preached; salvation by grace.

Mark 16:15, 16, Jesus said, go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

(The rights of the devil: woman rights, gay rights, children-runaway rights, drug rights, abortion right, kill the abortion doctor rights, No spanking rights, No prayer in school rights, drugs in school rights, black rights, white rights, gay rights, kill the teachers and classmate rights, Comdons in Kindergarten rights, Bomb the Federal Building rights, shoot a suspect 31 times rights, Kill the family rights, suicide rights, and many more!!!)

*****Did th Right Rob God?*****

Galatians 6:7, 8, Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

The rights have made America crazy; Doctors and their analyst; they've tried: but no way can they get the problem licked.

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

A 6yr old killed his classmate; because things was not right; the rights to show killing on T.V.; he though it was all right!!!

Luke 13:34, Jesus said, O Jerusalem (church), Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and sonest them that are sent unto thee: How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings (smart), and ye would not!

And man who want on a rampage: killing and shooting whites; the hate in hid heart told him; killing was part of his right's!!!

Jeremiah 17:9,10a, The heart is deceitful (polluted) above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, and I try the reins.

I am just a nobody, trying to tell everybody, about somebody, who died for everybody; and can save anybody!!!

God is not through with us yet. So Let Pray for one another always. Written By Evangelist Bill B.J. Morrison, 111, Your Brother in Christ Jesus!!!!

City Wide Ushers Will Meet

The members of the City Wide Ushers will meet at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, on Saturday, March 11, 2000, beginning at 5:00 p. m. Rev. Billy J. Moton is the host pastor.

Let the word go out, we need all ushers who can come once more. We want to thank the City Wide Ushers who helped out at St. John Baptist Church and Bethel A. M. E. Church.

Please don't forget your two cans of non-perishable food. Why you contribute really helps someone in dire need in our community.

If you are not a Usher for the Lovely Sunse: District Convention, then come anyway. The more the merrier. So please come and join us. You will have a good time in the Lord!

Brother Robert Cork, president; Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

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from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

"Gifts from God"

A few days ago I was disturbed over former Ku Klux Klansman David Duke's formation of a new civil rights group for white. This newly organized group is to be called "The National Organization for European American Rights."

My cheeks tighten with pity and frustration by David's statement that white folk face "massive discrimination" from the nation growing population of minorities. I also was negatively amazed at his declaration: "The destruction of a specific entity of people, it call genocide ... If the present immigration rate continue ... The European American people will basically be lost as an entity. We are losing our heritage and our way of life."

Friday, March 3, 2000, I was taken aback as I watch the "psychological con game" of Bob Jones III, President of Bob Jones University in South Carolina on CNN, "Larry King Live."

Bob said that his school would drop its ban on interracial dating. Jones believes that the blending of worldwide governments, ethnic groups, and religions would signal the coming of the antichrist. The University did not allow blacks to attend the "lily white" school until the IRS revoked its tax-exempt status.

Saturday morning while drinking my usual cup of black coffee, I thought, God made honeybees and they make sweet honey. He also made beetles and a certain type of the species love to partake of and work with elephant dung and stay to themselves.

As I continued sipping my coffee I looked out the window

deciding to count the gifts from God, I saw an evergreen tree that nested blackbirds and sparrows, I notice squirrel's hopping from the cable line into apricot blossoms, I saw sunlight flooding wind-touched leaves and making moving shadows.

On the side of the window where I stood, I saw bookshelves I had purchased that were made by one of God creatures. However, the material came from a tree, and "only God can make a tree."

I looked in the mirror and I saw a human frame, tall, strong, ebony, handsome, yet fearful, and seasoned by the elements of time. I thought, there is no thing as a self-made man. I may have polished my intellect a bit; I may; have shaped my personality within limits, however, whatever I am, it's a gift from God.

Suddenly! The Holy Ghost reminded me that God has still better gifts for us (even David Duke and Bob Jones III): forgiveness, new birth, and eternal life.

Redemption is God's gift. God's gift is free, but it is not compulsory. No one gets it that does not want it; no one gets it that does not value it; no one gets it that does not believe in the giver. The gift is given freely by God's grace, but it is received by man's faith.

Thank you Father God for the gift of being able to determine the difference between a honeybee and a dung beetle of the order Coleoptera.

THE OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Brother and Sister Sanco Nash at 9:00 a. m. The services began with songs of praise. The scripture, Mark 16:17-20, was read. Prayer was given by Sister Dorothy Nash and Sister Elnora Jones. Sister Annie Mae McBride gave the closing prayer.

Sister Nash cooked and served a very delicious breakfast fit for Kings. She is one of the best cooks in the West. We were able to eat spiritually and physically. What a glorious time. Come by and eat with us. You're invited. There will always be a standing invitation for you.

Are you hurting anywhere in this city or the sur-

rounding areas. If so, this prayer is for you.

"Let's Pray For Healing"

Father, in the name of Jesus, we confess your word concerning healing as we do this. We believe and say that your word will not return to us void, but will accomplish what it says it will. Therefore, we believe in the name of Jesus healing belongs to all who are suffering in this world, according to I Peter 2:24. It is written in your word that Jesus, himself, took our infirmities and bore our sickness, therefore, with great boldness and confidence. We say on the authority of that written word. We are redeemed from the curse of sickness, and we refuse to tolerate its symptoms.

"Satan", we speak to

you in the name of Jesus, and say your principalities, powers and your spirits who rule the present darkness, and your spiritual wickedness in heavenly places are bound from operating against the people of God. In any way, they are prosperity of the Almighty God whose powers no foe can withstand.

Now Father, because we reverence and worship you, we hope that assurance of your word that the angels of the Lord encompass around us and deliverers from the evil works. No evil shall befall these, your people. No plague, calamity shall come near our dwellings. We confess the word of God abides in us, and these and delivers the perfect soundness of mind and wholeness in body and spirit.

Your word is meditation, and life to our flesh for the law of the spirit of life operates in us and makes us free from the law of sin and sickness.

May each of these, your people, have faith in the word, fixed in full assurance that health and healing, now is theirs today. In the name of Jesus, we pray. AMEN.

Read your Bible, it will make a believer out of you. Write us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Thank you, Brother T. J. Paterson, Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Ernestine Fraizer, secretary; and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary.

Parkway Manor Happenings!!!

The residents and staff of Parkway Manor Care Center would to give a special "Thank You" to Sister Elurd Devenport, Eddie Richardson, Eric Strong, and Sister Emma Sanders for their dynamic speeches on Black History.

All did a job well done. Thank all of you very much!

*** Parkway Manor would also like to thank Rachel Johnson for her donation. Thank you!

*** We would like to welcome Bernice Kelly to our home. Ms. Kelly has been an outstanding Cosmetologist for many years in the City of Lubbock. Welcome, Bernice, to our family. Her niece, who resides in California,

visited here February 21, 2000.

*** A special prayer is being sent to our loved ones in the various hospitals.

*** It was an outstanding closing for the month of February.

A special "thank you" to Edward Higgin for his music which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, Edward!

*** Our doors remain open for those organizations who would like to participate each month at Parkway Manor Care Center. Do come by 114 Cherry Avenue, and become a part of our effort.

*** Gloria Newman is Activity Director.

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Lubbock County commits to Ensure Safety for Employees, saving \$45,714 on Workers' Compensation bill

Lubbock County officials took a pro-active stance on improving workers' safety by adopting a resolution to participate in a safety incentive program. The program provides for a comprehensive safety effort on the part of Lubbock County in exchange for approximately \$45,714 off their 2000 Workers' Compensation bill.

This resolution was adopted by the County Judge, Hon. Tom Head, Hon. Commissioners Hon. Kenny Maines, Hon. James Kitten, Hon. Gilbert Flores, Hon. Nathan Ziegler and also endorsed by County Sheriff,

Hon. David Gutierrez. A board of the county officials oversees the County's partnership with 300 other Texas counties and public entities in a non-profit Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool, and has cut the projected Workers' Compensation bill for the County by approximately \$45,714 in exchange for the enhanced safety effort.

The board has "invested" this money with the county, confident that the comprehensive safety effort will pay off for Lubbock County their employees, and other members of self-insurance pool.

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which administers the program is providing safety specialists at no additional charge to the County to assist in realistic, cost-effective measures for accidents prevention.

TAC's Mike Strawn, who oversees this initiative stated, "I applaud these county officials for taking their safety effort seriously."

He added, "There are so many things that county officials can let fall though the cracks and unfortunately, many taxpayers would never know. Safety programs usually fall

into that category, so seeing this commitment is a testament to these officials working together to prevent unnecessary accidents and save on Workers' Compensation costs to taxpayers."

Strawn also stated, "Our board has thrown in these immediate incentives on their Workers' Comp bill, which should lead to some really substantial long term savings. Sometimes, the best thing that comes out of these programs is keeping people from getting hurt on the job and seeing improvement in morale and productivity."

TO PROTECT AND SERVE AMERICA'S LANDMARKS CLEAR SCENERY FOR FIRST BLACK PARK SERVICE DIRECTOR



(NNPA) - Most Black people don't know that a Black man is in charge of protecting Old Faithful, the Washington Monument, and New York's Statue of Liberty. If that's the case, they probably don't know the same man preserves the route of the Underground Railroad, the home of Frederick Douglass in the nation's capital, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s church and birthplace in

Atlanta. If Congress approves the request, and Al Gore wins the White House, Robert G. Stanton, the first Black Director of the National Park Service in its 83-year history, could soon also be in charge of such civil rights landmarks as Little Rock, Arkansas' Central High School and the Tuskegee Army headquarters.

Some would burst with pride—maybe even with a

pinch of arrogance—over being named lord of such a domain. But for a man as humble and personable as Stanton, who manages millions of acres, it's just another day doing what he loves: maintaining the nation's historic and natural treasures.

'Unfortunate' That Blacks Don't Know

"When I speak about the scope and the breadth of the area we administer, many people are surprised," asserted the 59-year-old Ft. Worth, Texas native. He calls the fact that most Blacks don't know about the varied work of the National Park Service simply "unfortunate."

A division of the Department of the Interior, the service is in charge of maintaining and preserving America's national parks and those historic landmarks under its jurisdiction. It also recommends to Congress when a historic site should be placed under its management.

After putting in a little more than 30 years at the agency, Stanton retired in January 1997 as a regional director. He was in charge of overseeing local landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial and the White House. He told a reporter then that he was going home to spoil his now-8-year-

old grandson, Jordan. "like crazy." Retirement was short-lived. The call came from Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt for the top job. The Senate confirmed his appointment, and he was sworn in that August.

Beginnings

The appointment marked the summit of Stanton's National Park Service personal trail. It began when he first worked his way through college as a seasonal ranger in Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. His first summer there was in 1962. Shortly after, then-Interior Secretary Stewart Udall decided to integrate his department. The agency sent recruiters to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. One of them was Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, where Stanton was an undergraduate. Its president, J.J. Seabrooks, and a dean recommended Stanton and a few other students for consideration.

Stanton believes he was one of 50 to 60 Blacks nationwide sent to work for the agency that first year. He took his first train ride from Texas to Wyoming. "It was a new day. .. It was a new experience," he said. The director said it was "interesting to see the look on a lot of [the vacationers] coming into the

entrance station" when they saw the race of their uniformed park ranger. "They seemed to be looking like, 'What's going on here?'" recalled Stanton, breaking up the heavy rhythm of his voice with laughter. His decision to make the service a career in 1966 was due in large part on the professionalism he saw in Grand Teton's staff.

Many Priorities

In a wide-ranging interview in his office, Stanton told the NNPA of just some of his many priorities.

The preservation of some HBCU buildings—especially those that are national historic landmarks, such as the home that civil rights pioneer Mary McLeod Bethune lived in when she served as founding president of Bethune-Cookman College, and Fisk University's Jubilee Hall—is a mandate of the agency, he said. The Department of Interior has set aside almost \$30 million in assistance to at least 12 eligible Black colleges, according to Stanton, and is asking for more funds as part of President Clinton's proposed budget submitted to Congress earlier this month.

"A lot of these buildings are old, and they need to be cared for," declared Stanton.

"They are part of our cultural heritage and they need to be preserved." Stanton wants to push harder for more park volunteers and more involvement of young people. The National Park Service now has more than 100,000 volunteers, and the number increases 5 to 10 percent each year, he announced. His two youth initiatives would put service materials—including online sites with realtime video, such as the agency's recent Web-camming of "Old Faithful"—into classrooms, and push for more hands-on youth conservation work in the national parks by getting Congressional authority to employ teens as young as 15.

The latter has always been a priority for Stanton, who feels today's youth need to be shown that keeping historic lands clean and preserved takes hard work.

"You don't just push a button and something is preserved," he declared.

If such training can be done, Stanton believes, more youngsters—"the future stewards of our nation's heritage"—will continue to preserve the nation's lands.

But for right now, the Services current steward is finishing his chosen life's work—for the second time.

From "Roots" to "Branches" to Cyberspace

By Kuwana Hausley



In our search for a voice of historical authority and truth, African Americans are much in need of a figure like the African griot. The griot can tell us not only of our individual lineage, but also our shared past. He or she can give back to us the ancient meanings of traditions that we may have long since forgotten. Without a griot, Alex Haley could not have gotten the story of his African family, which became the center of the recently reaired "Roots" television miniseries.

When the television miniseries "Roots" premiered on January 23, 1977 it attracted an unprecedented 130 million viewers. It broke television records all over the globe and some of these records have still not been surpassed.

Haley once commented that "Roots" was not meant to be a history per se, but an exercise in mythmaking. The griot preserves those myths that contain our collective sense of what it means to be human.

With the anniversary of the miniseries this month and

the re-airing of "Roots", the legacy of Alex Haley and griots need to be dusted off and re-examined by those of us who feel that their has to be some better ways of telling who we really are as people.

"What 'Roots' gets at in whatever form," Haley said "is that it touches the pulse of how we human beings are when you get down to the bottom, beneath these man-imposed differences." It is the same search for truth and the universal human spirit that ties "Roots" so succinctly to the novel, Branches: The Human Spirit in Search of the American Dream by George Davis and to the Branches-related web site www.americangriot.com.

Davis, a former journalist with The Washington Post, The New York Times, Essence and Black Enterprise, is the author of Coming Home, Love, Black Love and co-author of Black Life in Corporate America and several other books. He is a professor and researcher on Spiritual Intelligence at the Newark Campus of Rutgers University.

In Branches, recently published by Author Ink Press and available at online book-

stores, Davis draws us into the turbulent mood of the 1960s. The novel then invites us into the of eight students in the 1965 graduating class at Howard University.

President Lyndon Johnson spoke to the graduating class and promised them the same chance as all other Americans to reach the American Dream. To do this book Davis cast himself not as an author but a griot, a kind of electronic griot. Using tape recordings of hundreds of interviews he took over a fifteen year period, he stitched together a fast-paced story of fun-filled college life, and the richness of African American community life.

The segregated black communities from which these students came had been more or less unified up to that point, being held together by ancient spiritual bonds. However, integration, while promising to open up the doors to education, job opportunities and social equality, threatens an unintended backlash! the destruction of the bonds, widening the doors to confusion materialism and greed.

For most of us born

after the exuberant and violent passions of the '60s faded- the words, people! places and beliefs have been repeated so often that they've taken on a cliché, almost fairy tale like quality. Inside our homes, inside our churches, inside our own skins, we carried on lives just as full and rich as anybody else's did. But at the same time, we also seemed to be hearing from many of the elders around us that our entire experience in this country up to that point could be summarized in two words: racial injustice.

As important as they were -The Civil Rights movement, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, power to the people, us against them gave us a vision of our collective life almost as limited message the one we got from the culture at large.

The American media bombarded us with images of criminals, down-trodden single mothers, destitute families struggling to feed themselves. These images could do nothing so much as hide from us all sense of our humanity. Very rarely do we ever get to see the richness of the universal human spirit represented in people who look

like us. Davis dares to make the spiritual search for love, peace and joy of life take precedence over the racial turmoil each character is confronted with. At the web site www.americangriot.com there is a quote from Black Elk, a Native American, which states the first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their oneness with the universe. And that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us."

Branches is about each character's the search for the first peace told in the form of a novel that is fun to read, with a wonderful way with a yarn. This search is at the center of the concept of Spiritual Intelligence as it is defined at the web site, where site visitors can also get more details about the novel.

Branches and the web site join in cyber space to give us a better sense of who we were before the spiritual bonds of community were weakened by confusion materialism and greed.

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