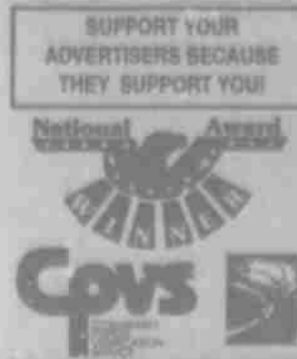


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## NEWS WIRE

**NAACP, ABC Announces TV Grants For Minorities (NNPA)** - The NAACP and the ABC television network announced they would work together to increase the number of people of color working in "all network operations," the civil rights organization announced.

The network will find its new talent in writing, directing, acting, promotion, professional services, procurement and program production within the next six months by creating grants to find and support applicants of color.

"This agreement is another step in creating greater opportunity in network television," said NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume.

Under the terms of the agreement, ABC will also buy more ad time in minority media using minority media placement firms. NBC also has announced a pact with the NAACP.

The announcement was the latest step in the NAACP's campaign to pressure the networks to hire and promote non-Whites. It began to criticize the four major commercial television networks—NBC, CBS, ABC and FOX—last year when their new fall lineups for the 1999-2000 television season had no people of color in leading roles.

**Black Leadership Forum Asks Clinton to Return Cuban Boy (NNPA)** - The Washington, D.C.-based Black Leadership Forum has asked President Clinton to "expedite" the return of 6-year-old Eilan Gonzalez to his father in Cuba.

"We believe that everyone who supports family values should favor reuniting this small child with his father, and we feel shame for the zealots who have made this boy a political pawn," said the Jan. 7 letter, signed by BLF chairman Joseph E. Lowery and more than 20 Black political and business leaders, including NNPA president John J. Oliver Jr., Jesse Jackson Sr. and Ramona Edelin.

The letter says Clinton should follow his administration's pattern of returning refugees "because we recall in graphic detail the current public policy which mandates the immediate return of Haitians to Haiti, even as they, too, seek the protections of asylum in the United States."

"We feel that failure to expedite Eilan's return to his Cuban home will reinforce the already strong perception that the Administration's action against Haitian refugees reflects selective bias in the application of U.S. immigration policy," said the letter.

The boy has been at the center of Cuban-American and Cuban politics since he was found in the Atlantic Ocean last Thanksgiving. His mother drowned trying to emigrate to America. A vocal portion of Miami's powerful, and politically conservative, Cuban American community has demanded Eilan stay with his American relatives, regardless of U.S. policy, while his father has asked for his return.

At NNPA deadline, Eilan was scheduled to stay in the United States at least until Feb. 10—thanks to Rep. Dan Burton's (R-Ind.) issuing of a subpoena for the boy to appear at a House committee hearing.

**Blacks, Women Awarded \$1.3 Million in Discrimination Suit Settlement (NNPA)** - A New Jersey-based construction company has awarded \$1.3 million to about 100 African-American and female employees to settle a racial and sexual harassment suit against the company, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announced.

The settlement with Foster Wheeler Constructors Inc. ends an EEOC lawsuit filed two years ago in United States District Court in Chicago after the federal agency received harassment complaints at a company construction project in Robbins, Ill. The complaints included racial and sexual-oriented graffiti in portable toilets.

"This case ought to serve as a lesson to the construction industry at large," said EEOC trial attorney Gregory Gochanour. "Racial and sexual harassment, including racial and sexual graffiti, is no more acceptable at construction sites than at other places of business."

## TCTA gives Lubbock principal Administrator of the Year!



**AUSTIN** - Richard Molina, principal of Dunbar Junior High School in Lubbock, has been selected

as the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's 1999-2000 Administrator of the Year in the middle/secondary school category. TCTA presents administrator awards annually in three categories to honor exemplary education leaders.

Molina will be honored at a Feb. 26 awards luncheon in Houston, being held in conjunction with TCTA's 45th annual convention. He will be recognized with other TCTA award recipients, including three others from Lubbock who were selected for statewide recognition. Others from Lubbock to be honored are Roscoe Wilson Elementary Magnet School Principal Samuel J. Ayers, named TCTA Administrator of the Year in the elementary school category; Stephanie Rhode of Lubbock, named TCTA Friend of Education in the private citizen category; and the Lubbock Avalanche Journal and former reporter Elaine Gibbs, recognized for excellence in reporting on

education issues.

Some 600 educators from across the state will attend the TCTA convention to discuss such topics as special education inclusion issues, new considerations in dealing with sexual harassment complaints, school law, and accountability implementation issues. Delegates to the convention will elect the Associations 2000-2001 statewide officers and district directors, and they will make policy decisions for the 43,000 member nonprofit organization.

Molina has been with the Lubbock Independent School District for his entire 27-year career in education. He spent 10 years as a junior high school teacher/coach and 10 years as an assistant and associate principal before becoming Dunbar Junior High principal in 1993.

In nominating Molina for the award, the Lubbock CTA praised him for being approachable and receptive to ideas, and termed the nominee "compassionate and fair, yet firm in his decisions." Molina is credited with being relentless in his efforts to get what is best for teachers and students, leading with a clear vision for excellence, and providing strategies/workshops to help teachers be their best. Under his leadership, passing scores on Texas Assessment of Academic Skills

(TAAS) tests rose dramatically between 1994 and 1999, with math passing scores jumping from 22 percent to 76 percent, writing section passing rates going from 45 percent to 75 percent, and passing rates on the test's reading portion jumping from 44 percent to 78 percent. He has initiated the team concept, which values collaboration communication, and the building's code of conduct (called Vision Management) has been so effective it is now a model for other Lubbock schools as well as schools outside of the city.

In selecting Molina for the statewide award, judges noted that his philosophy, "Leadership is a verb, rather than a noun," has brought energy and vitality onto the campus. He was lauded for teaching his staff to enhance personal and collective power and for encouraging excellence from everyone on campus.

TCTA has presented Administrator of the Year awards since 1981. Nominees are evaluated according to their leadership skills; their relationship with teachers; their commitment to site-based decision making; their support of teacher participation in professional activities; and their interaction with community leaders and district parents. Nominations may be submitted by any of the Associations 204 local

affiliates. A "blind judging" process is used to ensure the impartial selection of a winner all names and identifying markers are omitted from the nomination before being submitted to the judges.

In addition to honoring award recipients from Lubbock TCTA will present a Friend of Education award to Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, winner in the public of final category; an Administrator of the Year award to James H. Smith of Angleton, selected in the central office category; the School Board Trustee of the Year award to Bruce Bennett

of the North East ISD in San Antonio; the Retiree of the Year award to Reynaldo C. Gonzales of San Benito; and awards for media excellence will be presented to The Bryan-College Station Eagle and reporter Kelli Levey, and KMID-TV in Midland and managing editor/anchor Mike Barker.

TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional association that was founded in 1927. It is the only Texas education association that limits Active membership to public school teachers and related professional, non-administrative personnel.

## Murry Peppers is now Dr. Murry Peppers!



It was Thursday, December 3, 1999

when she was conferred the Sacred Degree of Doctor of Theology from the International School of Ministry, a chartered Shalom Bible College and Seminary of West Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Peppers was awarded Magna Cum Laude

upon graduation of the earned Distinction of Excellence in Divinity.

She is the wife of Raymond Peppers, and mother of two youth, Major Marilyn Peppers-Jones of the U. S. Air Force in Clovis, New Mexico and Anthony Peppers, head trainer and teacher at Lubbock High School.

When asked elated was she over this new degree. Being the modest person she is, said: "Glory be to God!"

## Chamber Considers LISD Bond Package

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce will consider the LISD Bond Package at their board of directors meeting tomorrow. The \$24 million program would focus funding for technology upgrades for every school in the district. "In order to prepare a skilled workforce that bus-

iness needs to succeed, we must consider equipping our schools with the tools to do the job," said Chamber Chairman Alan Henry.

After months of review, the special committee charged to examine the package will present their findings to the Chamber

board of directors. Meetings with LISD administrators, and the citizen's advisory council who drafted the proposed bond package led to their recommendations. The committee felt that the technology upgrade would prove crucial for students education and preparation to

enter the workforce. "To survive in any workplace today, you must consider how we will get the technology skills of the future," said Henry.

Henry added that it is not only the students who may benefit.

"Businesses will not

grow if we do not have enough trained workers. Financial incentives and tax abatements may help attract businesses, but it's all for naught if we can not provide an adequate workforce," said Henry. Election Day is set for February 1, and early voting begins January 18.

## Buy Back Program Sponsored by the City of Lubbock

The City of Lubbock Solid Waste Department and the County of Lubbock will offer a Large Item Buy Back Program the week of January 24th through January 29th in an effort to clean up the mattresses, large furniture items and appliances illegally dumped into the alleyways, vacant lots and county roads. This will be the eleventh buy

back program offered by the City and the eighth joint City and County effort. To date the city has paid out \$96,220 and collected 48,110 items. This amounts to over 4.3 million pounds of materials that have been cleaned out of the alleys and taken to the landfill for proper disposal or recycling.

City and County of Lubbock residents can bring

old mattresses, box springs, couches, chairs, appliances and other household items that are too large to place into the dumpsters. This program is not for businesses and items from commercial establishments are not eligible. The City and County residents will be paid \$2.00 for each large item that they bring to the landfill for proper dis-

posal. The City and County reserve the right to limit the number of items accepted each day.

Drop-off hours and location are as follows:

**CITY OF LUBBOCK LANDFILL, 8425 NORTH AVENUE P**  
Monday, January 24th 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 25th 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 26th

3:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 27th 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 28th 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 29th 8:00 a.m. to noon

The buy back program is an ongoing program that is held the last week of the month during the months of January, April, July and October. In case of bad weather, call 775-2482 for an alternate dropoff location.

## Lubbock Habitat for Humanity 20/2000 Project

Lubbock Habitat for Humanity has embarked on a very ambitious project for the year 2000. The second week of September is designated by Habitat for Humanity International as Building on Faith Week, and a worldwide goal of building 10,000 houses has been set. Building on Faith Week is designed to focus the attention of the faith community of the desperate need for affordable shelter for families all over the world. Lubbock

Habitat, in conjunction with the worldwide effort, has set a goal of building 20 houses in one week.

To accomplish this ambitious goal, Lubbock Habitat plans to mobilize 4,000 volunteers from Lubbock and surrounding areas with up to 1,000 volunteers on site each day. Lubbock Habitat wants to make this a visible and tangible witness to faith and love in action. The project will be a step toward

the goal of eliminating poverty housing in the City of Lubbock.

Habitat is a ministry of God's people, to God's people and with God's people raising awareness of the need in Lubbock, Texas for decent, affordable housing. Houses are made affordable to low to very low income families through the use of Volunteers in the construction of homes and through zero percent mortgages. Payments made

by Habitat homeowners go into a fund used to build more houses.

To invite local families to a workshop sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. A workshop is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, January 22nd, at St. Luke's Baptist Church, 306 E. 26th St., to brief families who want to live in Habitat homes on the advantages and demands of home ownership. The news conference and the workshop will also serve to

promote "Building on Faith Week" this fall.



## Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Motou is the proud pastor. The doors of New Hope are always open to anyone looking for a church home. So come and visit at anytime. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Sunday School Superintendent Virgil Johnson at his post of duty presiding. All teachers and students were in their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15a. m., all reassembled to the main auditorium marching and singing "Glory To His Name." Prayer was given by Sister Dorothy Kinner. Secretary's Report: Youth Department — Junior Class received the Offering Banner with \$31.50. Adult Department — Adult Class No. 2 retained the Offering Banner. Adult Class No. 4 received the Attendance Banner.

The morning devotions were conducted by Brother and Sister Ernest Swain. What a time in the Lord! Praise God for the spirit filled devotional period.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts souls. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After the singing of a song, scripture was read by Sister Dorothy Kinner with prayer given by Sister Julia Swain. A song, "He'S That Kind Of A Friend", was sung. Responsive reading was done with everyone standing, and led by Sister Clara Blakemore. The morning hymn was "Work With Me, Lord. Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Motou. He always has something good to say. Praise God for Pastor Motou. After the singing of another song, "Somebody Ought To Testify," was sung. Pastor Motou preached on the subject, "You Can Be Released From Your Prison." His scripture text was Acts 12:7-11. Pastor Motou told the congregation of what they must do to get out of prison. This message gave all present to have something to feast on all week. What a sermon!

Let us remember our sick and shut in residents with our visits and prayers. Among those who are sick include Sister Bernice Kelly and Sister Vinnie Hibbler. Of course, there are many others who are ill. Don't forget our bereaved families.

The first meeting of the Federation of Choirs was held at the St. John Baptist Church. The spirit was there, and all had a shouting good time!. The next meeting will be held at St. James Baptist Church on Sunday AFTERNOON, February 27, 2000.

The Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association will sponsor the Annual LincolnDouglas Tea on Sunday afternoon, February 13, 2000, beginning at 4:00 p. m. at the Mae Sommons Community Center. The theme will be "Focusing On Youth In The New Millennium."

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# South Plains College Courses

**SPC SCHEDULES COURSE IN PHLEBOTOMY LEVELLAND, TEXAS**—South Plains College's Levelland campus has scheduled a 42-hour course in phlebotomy Monday (Jan. 10)-Feb. 24.

Classroom instruction is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the SPC Technical Arts Building, room 101. Clinical instruction is scheduled 8-10 a.m. (required) and 10 a.m.-noon (optional) Monday through Thursday at a location to be arranged.

Tuition is \$250 and instructor is Deborah Langwell, a certified phlebotomist. The course covers theoretical and practical aspects of specimen

collection for clinical labs, professionalism, ethics, medical terminology, related anatomy, physiology and use of lab equipment.

The course also covers the necessary skills for work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments.

Prospective students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus and have a current TB test.

Enrollment is limited to 16 students.

An additional session begins March 6.

To pre-register, contact the SPC Office of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-8949611, ext. :2341.

**SPC OFFER COURSE IN CERTIFIED NURSE AID TRAINING**

An 80-hour course in certified nurse aide training begins Monday am. (Jan.10) at South Plains College's Levelland campus.

The classroom portion will meet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 4 in the SPC Technical Arts Building, room 112. Clinical instruction is scheduled 8 a.m.-5 p.m. three Saturdays at a location to be arranged.

Tuition is \$250 and state exam fee is \$64.75. Instructor is Linda Newman, L.V.N. Students

will compete 56 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical instruction and then take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.

The course will include skills necessary for work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments.

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## Parkway Manor Happenings

The staff of the Parkway Manor Care Center would like to say welcome to Kandi Dye, our administrator, and Don Lori Reasoner as well as our three new LYN's. They are Eula Cooper, Dovie Fountain, and Mable Coleman.

Without a doubt, all residents had an g outstanding New Years Eve Party which was hosted by Bobbye Bilibrey.

Friday, January 7th, Miss Ann Schooler took time out to come and play dominoes with the residents. The residents really did enjoy this so very much.

Friday, January 14th, David Wilson, and wife, Gloria Wilson, brought his grandson to visit with him. Brother Wilson was so happy to see him. What a time all had together. It something we call "Family!"

Residents who were blessed to celebrate their birthday in January. They are Lewis Lawson and Marlina Hernandez. May you

## Garden and Art Center Announces "Art from the Heart" Valentine's Day Workshop for Children

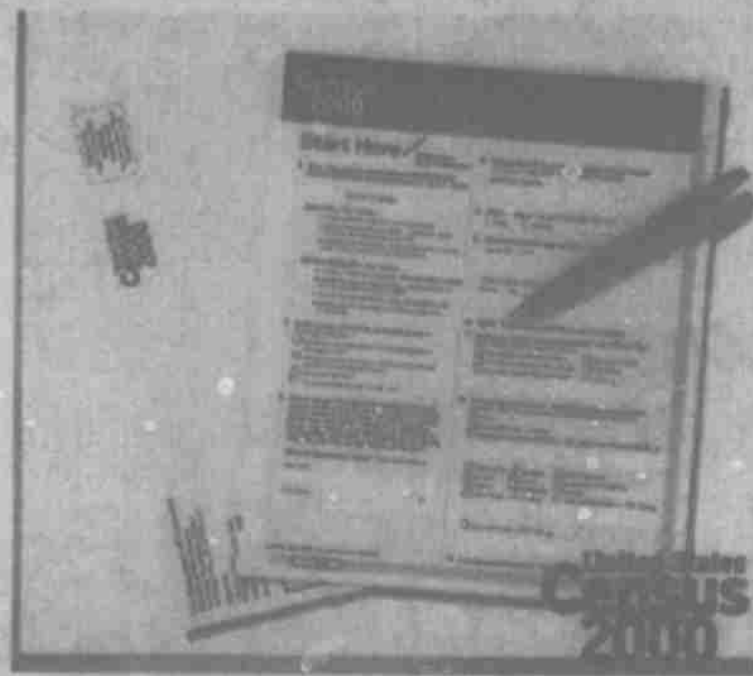
LUBBOCK, TEXAS - The Garden and Arts Center will host a special " Art from the Heart" Valentine's Day workshop for children ages 6 - 12, to be instructed by local mixed media artist Florence Lawrence. Participants will create a special valentine using a variety of art media's including clay and paint. This workshop will take place on Saturday morning, February 5th, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. The fee for this workshop is \$15 supplies provided by Lawrence.

For more information about this class, to register or for a complete class schedule, please call the Garden and Arts Center at 767-3724.

## Dunbar Alumni Meeting

We want to invite all members of the Dunbar Alumni Association meeting set for Saturday 12, 2000, beginning at 4:00 p. m. The meetings will be held at the Dunbar Alumni building building at East 27th Street and M. L. K. Blvd. L. V. Andrews is president; Sandra Sutton-Dailley is secretary.

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## Bishop Carlton Pearson: A Pastor to Pastor Evangelist Uses Oldtime Gospel to Forgive new Racial Harmony

Evangelist Third "Live At Azusa" Album Brings Bigger Message Than The Music



Since his early days as an Oral Roberts University World Action Singer, the evangelist Bishop Carlton Pearson's mission has been to eradicate racism from Christianity. His annual Azusa conference has become an interracial magnet for thousands of pastors and church leaders to obtain spiritual rejuvenation. As a result, Pearson has become a pastor to pastors. Someone they can talk to when they need counsel. In fact, Pearson is presiding bishop over 600 churches through the U.S.

For years, Pearson has quietly nurtured budding ministries. Among the scores of leaders Pearson has counseled is Bishop T. D. Jakes. When he was an unknown preacher from West Virginia, Pearson had Jakes speak at the Azusa conference. His "Behind Closed Doors" sermon riveted the crowd. Pearson aired Jakes' sermon on his Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) TV show and Jakes started to get offers to speak around the country. "We encouraged him to go on television and we helped edit his first television programs," he recalls. "When I went off TBN the very spot I had at 3:00 p.m., T.D. Jakes bought my time and he took off."

Of course, every shepherd's advice is not heeded. He politely warned PTL Founder Jim Backer to "live clean" a year before the 1986 PTL scandal, but Backer ignored his premonition. "The FBI and the IRS are monitoring big ministries that have not been scrupulous in their financial dealings," he says. "I've been warning the brethren to dot every

I and a every T and to live clean because when it hits, it hits." Most others solicit and heed Pearson's advice. Charisma magazine publisher Steven Strange sought Pearson's advice on his starting a black Christian lifestyle magazine. Pearson's advice was to integrate blacks into Charisma instead of segregating them to their own magazine. "He did what I suggested and I recently wrote him a thank you note because there's not an issue of Charisma that doesn't have some black story in it," he says. "My stance all along has been to expose the body of Christ to itself."

Returning to the subject of Azusa, Pearson reflects. "I started mixing the speaker lineup at Azusa to further expose people to men and women of God they would not ordinarily gravitate to. We pulled in a James Robinson or an R.W. Shamback, and paired them with a Richard Henton or an Emestine Cleveland Reems. For the music, we had Michael English and CeCe Winans trying to integrate the body of Christ."

Pearson's successful "Live at Azusa" albums grew out of the conference worship experience. Atlantic Records just released the current *Live at Azusa 3: Reminding the Saints of the Hope* which features guest appearances by Fred Hammond on "Jesus Be A Fence," Marvin Winans on "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" and Beverly Crawford on "He Lives," among several others. "On the last album the songs that went over were old church songs like Bye and Bye" that I opened with the Mother

Sherman story. I didn't think the label was going to leave that story in. I just told it to introduce the song. And that was the song that went over, not the studio-crafted songs. The inspired songs were the ones that I loved for years. A large portion of our church is non-black and never heard those songs, but there would always be an awesome sentimental anointing on those songs when ever rd tear into them. People were crying, I would start crying. These old songs are the ones that really seemed to touch people the most and they helped tear down

those racial divisions that often separate us. They also remind us of the hope. If elt those old songs gave us a sense of stability and a sense of security and safe keeping because that's what kept us through the Jim Crow lines, civil rights riots and the assassinations of Dr. King and President Kennedy in the sixties."

Pearson's advocacy of racial reconciliation grows out of the social urgency he heard in those old songs when he was growing up. He's not just about singing, but using the music to bridge communities. When President Clinton and the Reverend Billy Graham went to Oklahoma to comfort the community where the bombing took place, Bishop Pearson was right there with them. He knew the bombing was fueled by hatred of some sort and as one of the leading pastors in the state, he was there to lend a shoulder. As a black man, Pearson has also taken positions that have put him at odds with some black leadership like the Nation of Islam. He was adamantly opposed to the Million Man march because he kit it polarizing black and whisk men. When tele-evangelists recently called the murder rampage that killed several people at a Baptist church in Ft. Worth Te-cas tla latest in a rising tide of "anti-Christian" vigilantism, Pearson suggested that Fundamentalist churches have alienated themselves from the community with their self-righteousness. "This is a time to reach out, not kick out" Pearson says of Fundamentalists' ostracism philosophy.

Pearson trumpets the whom of racial harmony because the Bible commands him to, but also because he feels the church should be an active participant in making people's lives a little happier. "The one thing the church has emphasized is saving of souls," he says, "but we've neglected saving of lives. We want to get everybody into heaven and let them live in hell on earth. I want to change that."

For more information, contact Bill Carpenter at 202-986-0693

## Sony Music Announces Spoken Word Scholarship Contest Winner

Sony Music Entertainment Inc. has found the voices of a new generation! Sony Music Corporate Affairs is please to announce the winners of the 1999 Sony Music Spoken Word Scholarship Contest:

The judging was recently held at the Sony building in New York City. Out of nearly 200 qualifying submissions the following are the top prize winners: first

place \$2,500 scholarship goes to Mr. Kamal Sym-onette-Dixon of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia for his piece entitled, Formal Education. Second place \$1,500 went to Mr. Travis Johnson of New York University for his entry, The Misappropriation of Lauryn Hill. And the third place winner of a \$1,000 scholarship is Ms. Chia-Ti Chiu of Sarah Lawrence College in Bron-

xville, New York for her entry entitled, Horizon Risen'.

Sony Music Entertainment Inc. would like to thank the many students from across the country who participated in the contest.

Be sure to log into [www.sonymusic.com](http://www.sonymusic.com) for information on future contests.

## Dunbar International Alumni Association

Dear Dunbar Alumni and supporters:

We are proud of the response and support that you have shown toward our efforts to beautify and complete our alumni building. We must continue to show pride in doing things for ourselves and not totally depend on others for help in our mission.

Dunbar Alumni International Inc. is busy preparing for ALL CLASS REUNION V, which will be held the second weekend in July, 2001. Your association is NOT involved in any way with any other class reunion efforts.

Again, we emphasize that Dunbar Alumni International Inc. is protected by its charter with the state of Texas and is dedicated to coordinating and soliciting continued support for the ideals, tradition, and founding purposes of Dunbar High School. We stress pride and cooperation, and we welcome all who are interested in preserving the positive contributions and history of

Dunbar High School, its faculty, and its alumni. The past positive accomplishments of our association reflect such efforts.

We invite all alumni and supporters to join us in our efforts by attending our meetings and embarking upon an attitude of cooperation, not division. We ask

that you come with a positive attitude toward working for Dunbar within the framework of our by-laws: your former teachers and administrators will be proud!

Sincerely, Dunbar Alumni International Inc. L. V. Andrews, President

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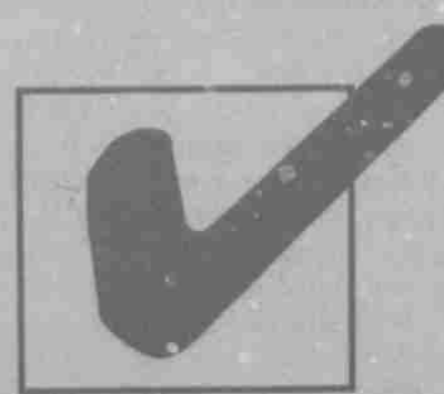
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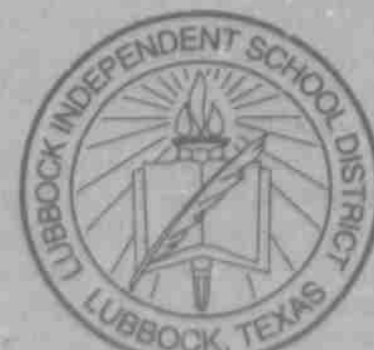
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## THIS N THAT

**KID CAFE IS OFF AND RUNNING!** THIS N THAT had an opportunity last week to visit the OPENING of a KID'S CAFE, 515 North Zenith Avenue. More than 45 KIDS attended the opening last week meals are served at 4:00 P. M. with food and drink. This program fills a need for young people to have something to eat when school is out for the day. THIS N THAT was also advised that MANY OF THESE KIDS will not have anything to eat until they return back to school for FREE BREAKFAST and also FREE LUNCH. So this KID'S CAFE will serve a real need. This is an initial effort and is being co-sponsored by the LUBBOCK HOUSING AUTHORITY and SOUTH PLAINS FOOD BANK. There are several LOCAL BUSINESSES who have donated FOOD At this time, however there is a need for VOLUNTEERS So if you will volunteer then go by, NO PHONE CALLS and help with this well needed program. At this report the KID'S CAFE is off and running and we must keep it going! Are there those among us who will help? If so then let's get busy that is for our KIDS DO YOU WANT TO OPEN YOUR RESTAURANT?

THIS N THAT want to advise you of a special INFORMATIVE SEMINAR which will be designed to help those who want to go into a business to do so this SEMINAR which will deal with "BUSINESS PLANNING FOR FOOD SERVICE" which will be held Friday January 29, 2000 beginning at 11:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center, East 23rd Street and Oak Avenue. The COST for the seminar is \$15.00 and will include a meal Cost at the door will be \$20.00. For reservations call (806) 767-2700 and ask for Larry Isaac or you may call Reggie Davis at (806) 795-9164 So if you want to OPEN YOUR OWN RESTAURANT then attend this seminar which is being sponsored by the LUBBOCK BLACK CHAMBER ANNUAL LINCOLN/DOUGLAS TEA SET! THIS N THAT is asking you help keep the ANNUAL LINCOLN/DOUGLAS TEA going again As many of you may recall this was an ongoing program of the late MS. ROBERTA THOMPSON This event will be held Sunday February 13, 2000 beginning at 4:00 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center. There is a PANEL DISCUSSION set and music will be sponsored by the VISIONS OF LIGHT of Texas Tech University. So keep this date in mind and help with this program. PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "IT IS U. S. CENSUS Taking time OUR FUTURE depends on all of us to be COUNTED."

HAVE YOU VISITED A SCHOOL YET? THIS N THAT is still encouraging ALL WHO CAN to please visit a school Let our KIDS know we really care about them and what they are doing.

## In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard



The working man and woman of America are still the poorest people in America. The presence of or lack thereof, of insurance, especially medical insurance often makes the difference. Some Americans are insurance poor. You may ask "How can this be?" The cost of medical care has risen so sharply until there are instances in which simple tests, such as a blood test, exceed the cost of a car note or house payment.

This is not hearsay, I had a blood test for which the cost was \$646. The bill was finally \$598 because a test was done for which the doctor had not requested, thus \$48. If assignment is accepted, the amount approved by Medicare is all that the source is entitled to. If one has a supplemental insurance, it will usually pay the difference in what Medicare pays and approves. If you are not working and eligible for one of the welfare programs, AFDC of SSI, Medicaid will take care of the bill, just as long as it does not exceed Medicaid limits for a given period of time. Then the medical sources make sure one does not exceed the limits if they have to make you wait until you are eligible for them to be paid.

Most working people cannot afford these kinds of expensive when they have medical insurance. You must meet a deductible of several hundred dollars before the insurance will kick in and pay approximately 80% of the bill. Your 20% can still run up into the thousands of dollars. Woe is he whom does not have insurance.

On the other hand, if you are 65 or older and covered by Medicare, you may have help if the medical source accepts assignment. If assignment is accepted, the amount approved by Medicare is all that the source is entitled to. If one has a supplemental insurance, it will usually pay the difference in what Medicare pays and approves. If you are not working and eligible for one of the welfare programs, AFDC of SSI, Medicaid will take care of the bill, just as long as it does not exceed Medicaid limits for a given period of time. Then the medical sources make sure one does not exceed the limits if they have to make you wait until you are eligible for them to be paid. It is time for the working poor to get 'in cinque' and apply pressure on the medical sources to be real or insurance companies to get real or our federal government to apply some limitations on the cost of medical care.

## Letter to the Editor

It is almost time to present Annual Founder's Award for Outstanding Service to Youth, sponsored by the Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Centers. This award is given to an individual in Lubbock who has demonstrated outstanding service to and concern for young people Neighborhood Centers in our community. The winning nominee will be honored at the Third Annual Award Banquet on April 13, 2000, at the McIntuff Conference at 7:00 pm.

The award established in honor of Barbara Sornmerville, the founder of the Centers, is given to the person who exhibits selfless dedication, enthusiasm, optimism, and caring concern for youth. These traits were demonstrated by Barbara during the 32 years she served the Guadalupe/Parkway Centers.

Individuals may be nominated for work done as a volunteer or as a paid employee and may be of any age, from any setting or walk of life. Recognition will be given for work done in one setting or a variety

of settings; however, the work must have been done in Lubbock County.

The final recipient will be chosen by an award committee composed of Centers staff board members and members of the community at large. All nominees will be recognized at the banquet which will also feature a speaker, volunteer recognition, and entertainment. The award will be presented by Robin Buckner, 1999 Founder's Award recipient.

Enclosed you will find a nominating form to be completed and returned to the Centers by February 11, 2000. Please send us the name of your outstanding nominee and plan to be with us for the award banquet April 13, 2000. We'll be sending you a special invitation with more information in the very near future!

Sincerely,  
Larry Joe Wilson, Executive Director  
Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Centers

## This is of Black Empowerment

# Reform Gets "Dangerous"!

Two controversies generated by the Reform Party's unique position in American politics are shedding light on the titled electoral playing field. One is the debate over whether the Reform Party presidential candidate will be admitted to the televised debates in the fall. The other centers on the issue of public financing and is largely a dispute over whether independents should be availing themselves of public money, just as the Democrats and Republicans do.

So far, it's the public financing that has drawn the most fire. Media commentary on the Reform Party's eligibility for \$12.6 million in general election funding began during the summer. The negative refrain at that time was how the "pot o' gold" would attract political gold diggers.

Of course, that was the whole point. The 1974 legislation which created the public financing program was designed to make sure that minor parties and candidates could compete in the two-party dominated arena. Having \$13 million available to its nominee helps the Reform Party attract bigger and better candidates—candidates who can compete more effectively with the Democratic and Republican nominees. Those nominees, by the way, are guaranteed \$60 million a piece in public funds. No doubt John McCain, Bill Bradley, Al Gore and George W. Bush found the chance to win \$60 million for their campaigns attractive.

But in the eyes of the media, they're not gold diggers. They're statesmen. It's kind of like when a mother on welfare takes an off-the-books job clean-

ing houses to supplement her public assistance. She's a welfare cheat. But the major corporations which avail themselves of esoteric loopholes in the IRS code (loopholes their lobbyists wrote) and avoid paying hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes are just good businessmen.

Lately, Reform's eligibility for public money is being criticized because, as some commentators have noted, Pat Buchanan and by (illogical) extension one of his key endorses-me—could be the beneficiaries. Some, like Roger Pilon, opined in the New York Times that the Buchanan/Fulani spectre was one more argument against any public funding at all. Others, like Alair Townsend, of Crain's New York Business who are supporters of public financing, are disturbed that the Buchanan campaign might receive the \$12.6 million because... well... she thinks that Buchanan and I are "dangerous". Moreover, she's worried the money will go for my "party-building" efforts.

First of all, should Pat Buchanan become the Reform nominee, the money will go to his campaign committee to be spent in accordance with FEC guidelines for presidential campaigns and will be carefully audited by the FEC. Will the effect of Buchanan's candidacy be to build the Reform Party? I sure hope so. We're not a major party. We're a minor party. We're in the business of party building. That's what the 5% threshold is for—to allow minor parties a shot at becoming major. Otherwise, public financing would be nothing but a ploy to maintain the status quo and keep incumbency permanent. That's supposed to

be unconstitutional—even though it's standard practice in electoral politics.

Still others, like Sean Wilentz of The New Republic, have protested the "quirk" in campaign laws that enables Reform to receive the money in the first place. Let's go back to the basics.

After the fundraising excesses of Watergate and the resignation of Richard Nixon, Congress set about instituting a series of reforms designed to "limit the actuality and appearance of corruption" in federal elections. It passed a series of amendments in 1974 to the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971 and to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 which established public financing for presidential candidates for the first time—a matching funds program for the primaries and public election funding for the general election. Congress conjoined this public funding with contribution and expenditure limits in an effort to make fundraising for the presidency more transparent, accountable and democratic.

An important element of FECA's public funding was establishing categories of "major" and "minor" parties at the national level. A major party polled 25% or more for its presidential candidate. A minor party polled between 5% and 25%. Major parties would be entitled to public financing for their general election campaigns up to the full expenditure limit, which is currently around \$66 million. Minor parties would be entitled to a proportional share based on their percentage of the vote. Ross Perot's 81/2% in 1996 established the Reform Party as a new national minor party—the first party

to qualify as such since the amendment of FECA and the IRS code.

Any public financing program which funded only the status quo (i.e., the Republicans and Democrats) would be unconstitutional. The minor party category was established in order to make access to public funding fair and equitable in accordance with basic constitutional principles of equal protection and the First Amendment. That's not what you'd call a "quirk".

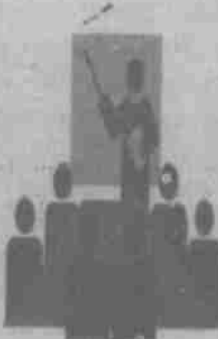
What is really bothering Townsend and Wilentz and a gaggle of other commentators is that the Reform Party finally accomplished what the post-Watergate reformers put down on paper, but never believed could be done. Now that it has happened, its "dangerous". It's opening a Pandora's box of novel questions that the two partyists thought they'd never have to answer.

Here's are some. If the taxpayers are funding the Reform Party's candidate, don't they have the right to see that candidate in the televised presidential debates? And what about the fact that the debates are sponsored by an organization—the Commission on Presidential Debates—that receives a tax exemption because it purports to provide a nonpartisan educational service to the public? Shouldn't that organization be required to be nonpartisan, rather than bipartisan? Doesn't it have the obligation to take the particular realities of minor party participation into account just the way Congress and the Supreme Court had to?

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# A Love Supreme

## Real-Life stories of Black Love



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— Bill and Camille Cosby

Each day we are bombarded with media images portraying lack of marital commitment in the black community. Whether it is a sensationalistic talk show coaxing young black females to fight over their 'baby's daddy' or the evening news which too often portray black males in a negative light, the African-American family unit is seen as deteriorating or even non-existent. In hopes of dispelling these harmful stereotypes and providing real-life examples of the existing and prevalent sanctity of black marriage,

authors and married couple, Ta'Ressa and Calvin Stovall, have created a testament of love.

A LOVE SUPREME: Real-Life Stories of Black Love (Warner Books/February 1, 2000; \$23.95) is evidence of the beauty, presence and power of marriage and life long commitment. The Stovall's begin their love anthology with an inspiring foreword by actress and activist, Ruby Dee. Ruby Dee and her husband, renowned actor and activist, Ossie Davis have been married for a little over fifty-years and are one of the most endeared and respected couples in the black community, as well as in the entertainment business. Ruby Dee's positive words precede stories that speak of a relationship and connection that crosses boundaries, sur-

mounts challenges and inspires a deeper spirituality, which transforms lives.

In a LOVE SUPREME you will bear witness to the secrets of successful marriage, there are stories told by celebrities as well as every day people of varying ages, professions and backgrounds. Some of the couples you will encounter include:

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The Stovall's also include examples of how partnerships are rebuilt and loving marriages are sustained through prison bars as well as how a

twenty-something couple can have a love more mature than folks twice their age. Complete with lovely black and white photographs and Adinkra symbols, images of the Akran people of Ghana, West Africa which lead the reader into each story, A LOVE SUPREME illustrates how sweet, satisfying, challenging, and enduring committed love can be.

A LOVE SUPREME is for those who are looking for the love of a lifetime as well as those who are in the midst of creating their own everlasting love. It is also a useful resource in combating the myth of non-marital commitment in the black community. As Ruby Dee states, "Now, more than ever, we need passion. We need commitment. We need examples. We need survivors. We need A LOVE SUPREME"

## Thoughts for Success by Herbert Harris

# The New You for the New Year

(NNPA) — Look at your present situation. Examine all aspects of your life: spiritual, physical, personal, family, professional, financial, emotional, relationships, social, community, etc. Take each aspect and ask the following questions: 1. What were my goals for this year? 2. Am I happy with my performance this year? 3. If so, why? 4. If not, why? 5. What could I have done to improve my performance? 6. What will I not do again? 7. What must I do to improve my performance next year? 8. What will happen if I do improve my performance next year? 9. What will happen if I don't improve my performance next year?

Take a sheet of paper for each of the nine aspects of your life. Write the aspect being studied at the top of the page and answer the above nine questions

each one. Once you have answered the above nine questions in writing, you should have a good idea of what you must do in each area of your life to make next year the way you want it to be. This is the basis for the lessons you must learn and personal adjustments you must make.

The first basic learning is that you don't have to wait until the New Year arrives to start working on it. You must get busy right now. Face the facts. Review and evaluate where you are in each aspect of your life. Determine your learning and personal adjustments you must make right now. Write them down on a separate sheet of paper for frequent review.

The second basic learning is that you must take full responsibility for all aspects of your present life in order to

change them. This is your wake up call. If you keep doing what you've always done, you'll keep getting what you've always gotten.

Once you take full responsibility for every aspect of your life, you can ask yourself, "What were the thoughts, habits, and associations which brought about the results I am now experiencing? For example, your challenge may be tardiness. You are always late for everything. Ask yourself, "What happens when I am late?" Write it down. "What does not happen when I am late?" Write that down also. List what happens when you are on time. Which is better?

Rather than blaming other people, circumstances, or conditions for your present situation, take responsibility for finding a way to win in spite of them.

Don't waste time fighting alligators. Drain the swamp. The third basic learning is for things to get better, you must get better. Recognize and acknowledge your situation. Determine the areas you need to work on to get better. Commit to do the work. Do it until it is done. If you don't fix it, it will stay broke. Prayer for growth and improvement: Help me to be better than I have been. Help me to be as good as I can be. Help me to be as great as you want me to be. In your name, Father. So be it, Amen.

Based on The Golden 12: Universal Rules for Achieving Success, a new book by Herbert Harris. Published by Marlowe & Co., it is available at Barnes & Noble and most local and online bookstores. Call (800) 788-3123. To contact Mr. Harris, e-mail: livingskill@earthlink.net

## Opinion:

# Internet nonsense

Some people are willing to believe anything, as authors of bogus Internet messages have found out. But seldom does a claim which doesn't even rise to the level of a half-credible rumor gain such widespread currency as the ridiculous "report" Congress, in 2007, will repeal the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The Awakening an email in circulation for more than a year, declares: 2007 Congress will decide whether or not blacks should retain the right to vote. In order for this to be passed, 38 states will have to approve an extension... What many blacks before us forgot and even died for is well as the milestones that we, as blacks, have achieved, this can be taken away from us AGAIN!"

The zany charge spread so far and deep into many areas

of the black community throughout the U.S. that offices of blacks lawmakers in Washington and elsewhere were being flooded with calls from anguished constituents.

Finally, black leaders had to call a news conference to (hopefully) quash the lie.

"As many of you may know," said Rep. John Louis, D-Ga, who was joined by several other black legislators, "false information about the Voting Rights Act is being widely circulated...Congress does not have the power to take away the right to vote for African Americans."

It's constitutionally guaranteed. That will come up for 2007 congressional renewal, however, is that peculiarly discriminatory action of the voting Right Act which requires Southern states to get Justice Department "pro-clearance" for

any changes they want to make in their voting and redistricting laws.

The word is, the black lawmakers let it be known, that the extension will be for 50 years. Yes, 50 years! This isn't Internet nonsense either. The extension should have been repealed years ago. All states should be treated equally.

After this decade's redistricting foul-up in Georgia and elsewhere caused by over zealous federal civil rights enforcers — it's past time caused by over zealous federal civil rights enforcers -- it's past time for Washington to get its nose out of Dixie's ballot business.

It's not too early for states' rights proponents to flood their legislators' offices with anguished phonecalls.

## Nominations needed for Founders Award

Guadalupe/Parkway Neighborhood Centers are taking nominations for the third annual Barbara Sommerville Founders Award to be presented to a Lubbock individual who has demonstrated outstanding service and concern for youth.

The award is in honor of Sommerville, who founded the Centers; Guadalupe 1962 and Parkway in 1970.

Members of the community are encouraged to nominate an individual or couple who is deserving of recognition for their work with youth.

Those nominated should exhibit characteristics of selfless dedication, enthusiasm, optimism and concern for young people.

The Centers are particularly interested in recognizing those individuals who quietly go above and beyond the call of duty but are not outwardly recognized.

Nominees can be from any age group and may be named for work done as a volunteer or paid employee. Work must have been done in Lubbock.

The Founders Award will be presented at a banquet

scheduled for 7:00 p.m., April 13 at the McInturff Conference Center. Tic-kets are \$30 per person or \$250 for a table of eight.

Nominations forms are available by calling Rose Hankson at 763-3963, or writing Guadalupe/Parkway, 405 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Lubbock, Texas 79403. Nomination deadline is February 11, 2000. Dinner reservations must be made by April 12.

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2 Timothy 3:1,2, this know also, that in last day perilous ( Dangerous) times shall come. For men shall lovers of their own

selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.

The word of God tells us, about the last and evil days; the church is not about God's business: souls being saved!!! 1 Peter 4:17, for the time is coming that judgement must (should) begin at the house of God; and if it first begin with us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God.

We can see the Harvest is ready; and know it is harvest time; but the churches are busy with other things; money on their mind!!! Ecclesiastes 3:1,2, to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

The churches see the lost souls; they are not following God; they have left the bible; following the dream of their own hearts!!! Romans 1:21,22, because that, when they knew god, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

\*\*\*\*\* Will A Church Rob God? \*\*\*\*\*

I was at a musical: when a ungodly man ask to sing; he bebbiel and bobbled and rocked and roll; it disgraced god name!!! 2 Corinthians 6: 14,15, be ye unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath christ with be'li-al (satan)? or what part hath he that beliveth with an infidel (unbeliever).

The churches see its children dying; from sin that is around; but they want to go over seas and help; and its needed in this town!!! 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; had 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?

Lord, now that the country is in trouble; churches not seeking you; they won't return to the all knowing God; like wisdom would do!!! Jeremiah 3: 14,15, turn, O backsliding children, saith the lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two family, and I will bring you to Zion, and I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed (the bible to ) you with knowledge and understanding.

Lord, the family morals are gone; and the family ways are dying; please send workers into your vineyard; as we see the end times!!! Revelation 2: 4, 7a, Jesus said, nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast lift thy first love. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

God is not through with us yet. So lets pray for one another always. Written by evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison 111, Your Brother in Christ Jesus!!!

## Mens Day

The Women of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church is sponsoring a day of encouragement and honor with special services for the men of Mt. Gilead.

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The theme will be: "Men of God Faithful and Love." Psalm

Special guest will

include New Hope Baptist Church and Community Baptist Church. Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church, will deliver the message of the hour.

The public is invited to attend. Come and help us share this special day as we give honor where it is due.

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"And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."—Luke 12:13 - 15.

During their long history as a nation, Jews developed the concept that prosperity implied divine approval. Those who were blessed with riches often assumed that they were righteous recipients of God's favors. The problem was that even evil men often accumulated great wealth, and they had no right to claim divine blessings. Jesus sought to reverse this twisted way of thing, especially when he taught that about the kingdom of God and people's relationship to it.

Jesus had been teaching about the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and telling His followers not to fear persecution. A man who had a personal problem and wanted Jesus to help him interrupted him. It seems that a parent had died, the inheritance had gone to one son, and his brother wanted it to be divided with him. We are not told if this man had any right to make this claim. Jesus could read his mind and thus know what was involved.

Jesus responded to the man's request by asking him a rhetorical question. Jesus presented Himself to people as a Teacher, not as a human judge or magistrate charged with settling legal disputes. Jesus left this to Jewish or Roman authorities. His emphasis was placed on moral and spiritual matters, not on materialistic things. It may be that Jesus knew this man was obsessed with the things of this world. His statement in verse 15 would imply this.

The teaching in verse 15 by Jesus was rooted firmly in the tenth commandment given by God at Mount Sinal. He warns his followers against coveting. He illustrated the truth that men who makes material things the focus of their life are going to discover that this center can disintegrate and that they needed something more substantial to integrate all aspects of life in the parable of the rich fool.

Success in our culture is too often associated with money or material things. This is man's way of looking at life. God sees it quite differently. He is concerned with people's hearts. He honors the person who has the right attitudes and actions. Christian needs to remind themselves and others that the truly important aspects of life are in the moral and spiritual realms. If these are la-king, all of the money in the world will not compensate for them.

Let us strive to put material possession into perspective. The things of this world will not bring happiness. The only one who will bring contentment is Jesus Christ.

## THE OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are always happy to be able to visit the good people of the Parkway Manor Care Center the third Saturday of each month.

During the last meeting, the opening scripture was I Corinthians 13, and was read by Sister Elnora Jones. She also brought the morning scripture lesson from Psalms 1.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and

in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season. His leaves shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Please read the entire First Division of Psalms. This speaker said: "The Lord knows the ways of the righteous, our motives, our ideas, and our thoughts. He knows everything about us. So why not walk in the counsel of the Godly men and women. So we will not perish. Think about it. Your soul is a paid for product.

Thanks, Sister Jones,

for the lesson. May God continue to bless you in the word. Remember those prayers for our children, our communities, and city. If anything is to become much better, it's up to the people of God to force them to be with the power of the almighty God.

If you don't have time to pray, do it on your way to work while making your breakfast or drinking your morning coffee. You can pray while dropping your child off at school, or while you are waiting to pick them up. Remember, the word "Pray" is the word of the year. Please pray!

Let us not forget to

pray for or sick and shut-in citizens. This includes citizens all over the city. In the meantime, read II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:22-26 and Mark 16:17-20.

God bless each of you. Remember, we love each of you. God loves all of us.

Why not write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Ernestine Fraizer, secretary; and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary.

## Non-profit Workshop to be Given

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock will sponsor its sixth annual Leadership Connection program starting on Feb. 8. The program is designed to provide people from minority populations with training for work on nonprofit boards and connect them with organizations seeking more diverse boards.

During the free courses, which will take place on

Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks, participants will study all aspects of board membership, from policy-making and team building to raising money and promoting an agency. Leaders from the community will present information on current and past issues addressed by nonprofit boards in Lubbock, and participants will be able to meet with representatives

from area boards.

The Leadership Connection was developed in response to the United Way study that identified a need for more diverse representation on local boards. About seventy-five people have graduated from the program, with backgrounds in faith-based organizations, businesses, government, and education, and about 90% of

the graduates have gone on to serve on local boards.

We think it's been very successful. Louise Cummins, executive director of the Volunteer Center said, "but there is a constant need for well-trained, well-qualified board members.

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The images and quotations in the large-format volume were chosen by writer Kathleen Thompson and photo researcher Hilary Mac Austin, and the book features an introduction by the well-known historian Darlene Clark Hine, who has collaborated with Thompson and Austin on previous books about black women.

*The Face of Our Past* (272 pages, \$35) will be published on January 7 by Indiana University Press.

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Images of ordinary black women are largely absent from the photographic histories of this nation, even those that purport to document everyday or marginalized people. But black women take center stage in **THE FACE OF OUR PAST: Images of Black Women from Colonial**

As Hine says in her introduction, "We know all too well what this society *beli eyes* Black women look like." This book dispels the stereotypes by showing its subjects as individuals, each with her own life, loves, and battles to fight. They are portrayed working as scientists, welders, soldiers, teachers. They are shown resisting slavery and segregation and protesting in favor of abortion rights. Black women of all classes are depicted, from tenant farmers and washerwomen to those who had achieved affluence by the turn of the century. While a few recent

books have been devoted to pictures of famous black women, this is the first one to focus on *ordinary* women. As Hine explains in her introduction, the difficulty in finding images of everyday black women comes from the historic poverty of black families, which limited their access to luxuries like photography. Ironically, then, most extant photographs until well into the twentieth century were created by white men, white women, or black men. So finding a set of representative photographs meant not only locating those rare images of black women but also working around the biases of those who recorded them.

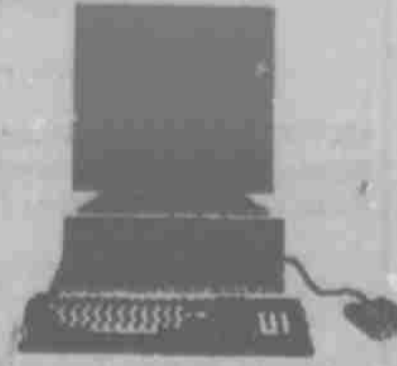
*The Face of Our Past* had its genesis in the books *A Shining Thread of Hope: The History of Black Women in America*, coauthored by Hine and Thompson, and *Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*, coedited by Hine, Elsa Barkley Brown, and Rosalyn Terborg-Penn. Strong reader response to the photographs in both books led Thompson to this collaboration with Austin, who served as a photo researcher for the earlier volumes.

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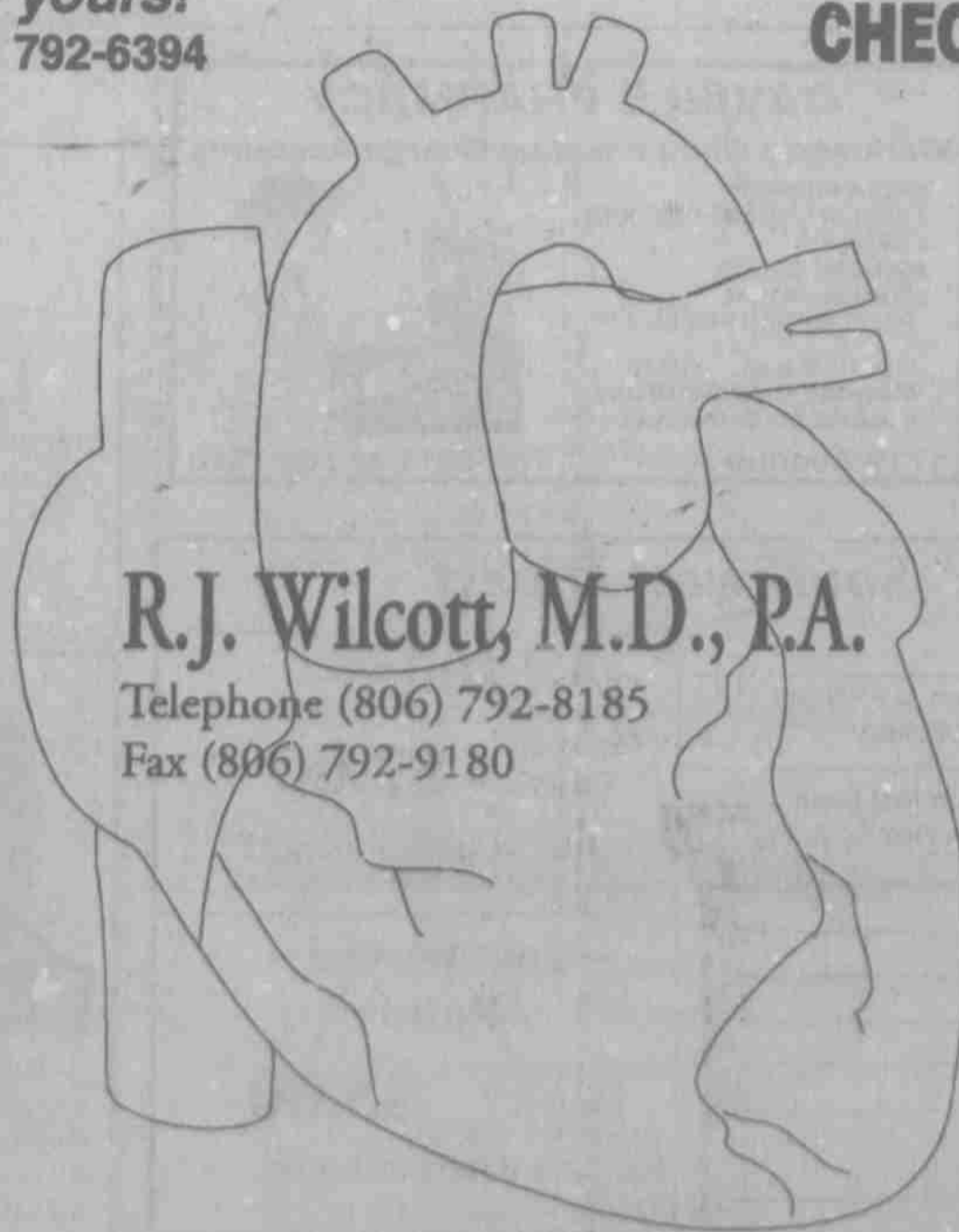
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