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## NEWS WIRE

Clayton Commends President Clinton For Seeking Additional Disaster Funds For North Carolina

Washington, DC (NNPA)—Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton (D-NC) commended President Clinton for including an additional \$252 million for North Carolina in his FY 2000 supplemental budget request. This addition will increase funding to almost \$2.2 billion which is available to help eastern North Carolina recover from the devastation caused by unprecedented flooding last fall.

The additional amount includes \$42 million for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Agriculture for housing programs. These programs include low-income construction loans for affordable rental housing in rural communities in eastern North Carolina, rental assistance for tenants who will occupy the newly constructed units, and housing vouchers for families displaced from their homes by the floods.

The proposed funding also includes \$1.5 million in emergency funds to study the feasibility of various flood damage reduction options for Princeville. These options may include additional structural improvements to the dike that was constructed in 1985 to protect the town from floodwater of the Tar River.

Leading Entrepreneurs To Address Shortfall Of Venture Capital In Minority Communities  
Keith Clinkscales, Darien Dash, Chester Davenport and B. Smith among featured speakers.

New York, NY (NNPA)—Some of today's hottest entrepreneurs of color will be joined by angel investors, venture capitalists, and emerging business owners at the "Show Me the Money" Diversity Venture Capital Conference on March 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the New York Marriott in downtown Brooklyn.

The conference, which is the first of its type, is designed specifically to address the shortfall of capital flowing into the Black, Hispanic and Asian business communities. Despite the booming stock market, less than 2% of all equity capital invested in the U.S. is going to entrepreneurs of color.

Among the featured speakers are:

Keith Clinkscales, chairman/CEO of Vanguard Media, recently completed a five magazine deal with BET to become the largest Black publishing group in the country; Darien Dash, CEO, DME Interactive, the only publicly traded Black owned technology company and the recent recipient of an equity infusion from AOL; Chester Davenport of Georgetown Partners, who recently closed a \$1.3 billion deal with GTE; Cecilia Pagkalinawan, CEO of Boutique YSK, who recently closed on \$15 million in funding; B. Smith, president, B. Smith Enterprises, restaurateur, former model and media personality; and Jeff Yang, CEO of A. Media publishers of A. Magazine, the largest circulation Asian publication in the country.

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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.

## \$175 Million to help poor goes Unspent State defends its reserve of federal welfare funds

More than \$175 million in federal funds for poor Texans is sitting unspent in state coffers because officials say they might need the surplus if the number of people on welfare increases in the future.

Since 1996, when the federal welfare system was overhauled, states have been getting block grants to distribute to poor people as they see fit.

By law, the block grant is fixed at funding levels from 1994, when the number of people on welfare was much higher. Because the caseloads have shrunk dramatically - 53 percent in Texas during that five-year period - most states have been building a surplus of welfare dollars.

As recently as last year, Texas had a \$315.5 million surplus. State officials whittled that down to \$175 million during the last legislative session, but there are no immediate plans to spend the remainder.

"The Legislature has been prudent in maintaining a reserve for contingency purposes," said Charles Stuart, spokesman for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. "If it were more or less than it currently is, it would still be debated."

But poverty experts say the money - which does not have to be spent on welfare recipients - could be used now to help poor people with everything from child care to housing assistance.

"Texas is sitting on [almost] \$176 million - I don't think they really need that much for a rainy day," said Peter Edelman, a Georgetown University law professor. Mr. Edelman, a Georgetown University law professor, Mr. Edelman is part of an anti-poverty coalition that issued a recent report criticizing 45 states, including Texas, for failure to spend the funds.

Mr. Edelman, a former Clinton administration official, and other critics insist they are not suggesting the state "spend every last nickel right now."

But they fault state leaders for failing to systematically project how much money they would actually need if welfare caseloads rise.

"You ought to cost out those contingencies," said Patrick Bresette, associate director of the nonpartisan Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin. "Maybe you'd find, 'OK, we don't need \$175 million, you need \$50 million.'"

Authors of the report also

single out Texas and five other states for using welfare surpluses to pay for programs that were previously bankrolled by the state.

Texas officials acknowledge that they freed up \$162 million in state funds by spending some of the welfare surpluses, primarily on foster care.

Critics say the process, called "supplantation," is legal but argue that it shows a lack of commitment by the state to aggressively support people who are at the bottom end of the work force.

"We've really reduced our ability to use this funding in good, creative ways for its original purpose... finding a way out of poverty," Mr. Bresette said.

But state officials defended the practice, saying it's unwise to spend state dollars when federal money is available.

"There is an expectation that we maximize federal funds," said Mr. Stuart of the human services commission. "In the case of this \$162 million of general revenue, this is a good example of maximizing federal funds."

**\$7 billion nationwide**

Nationally, the welfare surplus in 45 states and the District of Columbia grew to \$7 billion between 1997 and 1999, according to a report by the National

## Criminal District Attorney and City Attorney to Hold Joint Press Conference on up coming 4th Corp Camp.

LUBBOCK, TX. District Attorney Bill Sowder and City Attorney Anita Burgess will hold a news conference on Thursday March 23, 2000 in front of City Hall at 1625 13th Street, immediately following the city council meeting to kick off the 2000 4th Corps summer youth employment and leadership training camp. They will announce the new year long extended program and explain its significance.

The camp is designed for youth from all backgrounds, those from middleclass families, as well as those from low income and/or single parent households. Cadets are paid \$500.00

for their participation in the camp, and an additional \$500.00 for the successful completion of the Extended Program.

The two-week military camp emphasizes self-discipline, teamwork, work ethic, leadership, and effective employment skills. It exposes the cadets to a college environment while training under military staff. The program has successfully developed a sense of pride and self reliance in 4th Corps cadets, and has been honored for its contribution to youth by the Attorney General of Texas.

The program trains 50 cadets who work in community projects such as Habitat for Humanity, South Plains

Food Bank Farm, and neighborhood graffiti removal. The cadets also receive CPR training, participate in the Texas Tech Ropes Course, and attend evening classes on free enterprise, financial planning, and self-esteem and coping skills.

Applications for the camp are available at all area Junior and Senior High schools. Interviews are scheduled for April 11 and 13 at Lubbock High School. See applications for interview times. The training camp will be held from June 21 through July 6, 2000.

For more information contact Linda Smith at 796 0797.

## LET THAT STUPID FLAG FLY!

Are you sick and tired of all the ruckus and brouhaha over that stupid Confederate battle flag?

True, flying the flag above South Carolina's state capitol is not about heritage. It was a racist response by southern "yellow dog" Democrats in 1962 to challenge the growing power of the civil rights movement. Let me remind you that it was the southern Democrats who not only exploited black slaves in the land of Dixie, but also voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (including Senator Albert Gore—Vice President Al Gore's father), Northern Democrats and Republicans together overwhelmingly supported the Act (you can check it out for yourself in Congressional Quarterly, 2/14/64, p. 334). Since those racist southern Democrats put the flag up there in the first place, let today's yellow dogs take it down rather than use it as a political weapon. It makes a lot of sense to me.

Like black economist Dr. Walter Williams has noted, this is not about a flag. If it were so, the NAACP and Jesse Jackson would be protesting the American flag, not the Confederate one, because slavery existed much longer under Old Glory than during the brief life of the Confederacy. In addition, the "Stars and Bars" being protested is the battle flag, not the national flag of the Confederacy.

This flag balderdash is all about the NAACP and their allies and the yellow dog Democratic

establishment finding an issue to demonize Republicans. Republicans rightfully believe that the flag is a state issue. The federal government should not get involved in a state or local issue unless there is a clear violation of individual rights and freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution (as it did with institutionalized slavery and segregation). Republicans, in fact, actually led the vanguard against the racist southern Democrats' opposition to involve the federal government in ending slavery and segregation.

But the Republican's "dog ain't in this fight." If the American people (especially blacks) knew the truth, they would realize this whole controversy is absurd. Contrary to what we have been brainwashed to believe, southern Democrats were responsible for hoisting the Confederate battle flag and standing up for what the flag may or may not represent. As a matter of historical fact, Republicans could not even get elected to Congress in the "Deep South" states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana during the 1960s. Why? It was because southern whites were still angry with Republicans for freeing the slaves! Today, since southern Democrats pretend to love us so much (but it's all phony), all that jackson and the NAACP's Kwesi Mfonse should have to do is ask the yellow dogs like President Bill Clinton, Gore and South

Carolina Governor Jim Hodges to take the flag down. After all, it is the southern Democrats' responsibility to do so nowadays.

And if that Confederate battle flag comes down, so what? What is so frightening about a piece of cloth? That flag is not responsible for the moral decline of our country that allows 400,000 black babies to die from abortions (some paid for with your tax dollars) each year. This is the fault of liberal Democrat social policy. That flag is not responsible for our high illegitimate birth rate of approximately 70% and weak family structure. The Confederate battle flag is not responsible for our high black-on-black crime rate; it's our not demanding tougher black-on-black crime laws. And that flag is not responsible for, according to Education Week, the fact that 58% of black fourth graders in the inner cities cannot read — blame the teachers unions and their supporters who oppose school choice for parents.

There are more serious and pressing issues that our race needs to solve. Unfortunately, there are those who would rather create more bogus racist situations to keep us focused only on what they perceive as racism. We should just let them chase those flags up the flagpoles and focus ourselves on solving our own race's problems instead of letting Big Government try to do it for us. I'm too busy thinking about real problems. They can let their stupid flag fly for all I care.

## Bryant Named Manager of the 4th Quarter



Ms. Vonda Bryant has been chosen Specialty Food

Systems, Inc. "Manager of the 4th Quarter" for 1999! She has been recognized for a job well done!

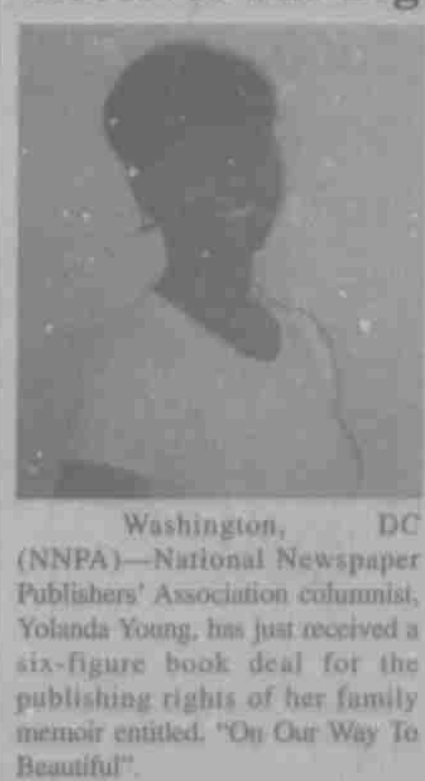
In a letter from Jim Hardy, and official with Arby's, she was advised of this honor.

In recognition of her efforts and accomplishments, she was given the following: \$1,000 US Savings Bond, and Arby's Engraved Clock, a Gold Plaque to post in her restaurant, and a Goldplate & Picture Displayed in the the Corporate Office.

She is the daughter of Frank Jones, Jr. and Carolyn Russell.

The Southwest Digest would like to say Congratulations as well, and wish her the very best.

## Yolanda Young, NNPA Columnist, Receives Six-Figure Book Deal



Washington, DC (NNPA)—National Newspaper Publishers' Association columnist, Yolanda Young, has just received a six-figure book deal for the publishing rights of her family memoir entitled, "On Our Way To Beautiful".

The signing advance given to Ms. Young, a first time author, by Random House is a validation of her lyrical prose and the poignancy of her true story. It is also an indication of the faith the literary industry has in the credibility and marketability of Ms. Young, since the typical advance awarded is usually only five to ten thousand dollars.

"On Our Way To Beautiful" - which is being compared to Maya Angelou's poetically rendered "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings" - recounts Ms. Young's experiences growing up in Shreveport, Louisiana. It speaks of a turbulent childhood and the joys of growing up in a family dominated by strong, protective men and compassionate god-fearing women. It describes the torment of witnessing the shooting of her mother by her father, but also reveals the comfort and love of her large southern family, and the nurturing security she found at St. Peter Baptist Church.

An attorney, lecturer, and nationally syndicated writer, Ms. Young is a weekly contributor to our newspapers.

Her column, which covers subjects as divergent as sports, culture and politics, has inspired and entertained our readers. A substantial portion of her book advance, future earnings, and time, will go to charities and organizations dear to Ms. Young, including the National Black Child Development Institute, The National Breast Cancer Alliance, and The Howard University Sports Foundation.

"On Our Way To

## 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. If you are looking for a church home, then take time to come and visit New Hope. You'll be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a. m. and Assistant Superintendent Henry High presiding and all teachers at their place of duty. All assembled in their classrooms for 30 minutes of instruction.

All classes and teachers reassembled at 10:15 a. m. marching and singing "Yield Not To Temptation." Prayer was given by Brother High. High points of the morning lesson were given by Sister Elizabeth Moton. As always, she did a splendid job.

Secretary's Report: Sister Annetta Phillips gave the report. Youth Department — Primary Class won the Offering Banner with a report of \$53.25.

Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class No. 2 received the Offering Banner with an amount of \$233.00.

The morning devotional period was conducted by the Prayer Team and led by Sister Joan Y. Ervin and Brother Earnest Swain. What a time all had!

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts as they sang "Leaning On Jesus." The altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. The Senior Choir another favorite, "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was given by Sister Elnora Dyer. Another song, "Pray About It", was sung.

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. His remarks always lifts the congregation up for the upcoming week. We thank God for Pastor Moton. Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "God Said, Go Forward!" His scripture text was Exodus 14:15-18. It was another splendid message. An invitation to discipleship was extended and one came for baptism. Several others came for prayer.

Sister Vinnie Hibbler was able to go home from the hospital last week. God is able. Keep praying for her, and all others who sick and shut-in.

New Hope Baptist Church will celebrate its 74th Church Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 16, 2000, begin sing at 3:00 p. m. Special guest will be Rev. Solomon Fields and members of the St. John Baptist Church. You are all invited.

New Hope Baptist Church has been invited to Jenkins Chapel Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas on Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2000, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Pastor Moton will deliver the message. Rev. and Sister J. Battle, pastor and wife, will be celebrating their 9th anniversary.

# British Rock Symphony to Appear at Lubbock Municipal Auditorium

More than thirty years after it began, the British Invasion has evolved into the British Occupation. The same groups that underscored the lives of a generation - The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd - continue to define a sound ... an attitude ... a philosophy.

The integration of orchestral arrangements into classic rock performances, still in high demand by the Classic Rock audience after three decades, inspired the creation of the symphonic celebration that is British Rock Symphony

David Fishof Presents, Inc. (DFP), a music

industry pioneer and innovator, has brought the world some of the most original and successful live shows over the last two decades, consistently pre-vailling as a leader of popular culture trends. DFP and Conductor Keith Levenson bring The British Rock Symphony into the same genre of timeless, musical masterpieces with renditions of over 54 British Rock songs from legendary composers Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Peter Townshend, Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, David Gilmour and Roger Waters.

With the completion

of a very successful 1998 summer U.S. tour and a peace concert in Mostar, Bosnia with the Sarajevo Philharmonic Orchestra, the British Rock Symphony is now rocking n' rolling through what will be the first ever "Symphonic Rock world Tour of 1999-2000". The show is touring the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and New Zealand.

This year's concert here in Lubbock, Texas features guest stars Billy Preston, an extraordinary keyboard player, Darlene Love, vocalist, Simon Townshend, lead guitarist, Alvin Fiedls, singer,

songwriter, producer, and arranger and Jimmy Jewell, composer, producer, and arranger.

The British Rock Invasion all over the world.

The British Rock Symphony will perform in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on the Texas Tech campus on Wednesday, March 29th at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact the University Center Ticket Booth at (806) 742-3610 or email UCTICKETBOOTH@TTU.EDU. This program is brought to you in part by the Student Service Fee and the University Center Fee.

# National Council of Negro Women is Accepting Nominations for the eleventh Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards

Washington, DC (January, 2000) The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is now accepting nominations for its Eleventh Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards (EITA) program.

Sponsored by Shell Oil Company, EITA pays tribute to the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune, by honoring exceptional public school teachers of African-American students who are living the philosophy of the NCNW

founder. The program also highlights the teaching profession as a viable and prestigious career option. Six regional winners and one national winner are selected from around the country and are recognized at ceremonies planned in conjunction with NCNW's Black Family Reunion Celebrations. A national panel of independent judges under the auspices of the NCNW Education Commission select the winners.

Nominations must be received by March 31, 2000.

EITA recipients have distinguished themselves among their peers as leaders in the field of education. Sharon Draper, the 1997 National Teacher of the Year who is featured in the January, 2000 issue of Essence Magazine, was also the 1996 Mid-western region EITA national recipient.

NCNW is a non-profit voluntary service organization

with 38 affiliated national organizations, 252 community-based sections chartered in 38 states and 60,000 members. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life of African-American women, their families and communities. For more information about the EITA program or to receive an application, contact Cheryl Whisonant at (202) 383-9150 or (202) 737-0120.

# Black College Reunion Changes in 2000

Daytona Beach, Fla. — Organizers of Black College Reunion 2000 plan to reinstate the events original focus as a gathering for Historically Black College and University (HBCU) students and alumni. BCR 2000 is scheduled for March 31 - April 2 in Daytona Beach.

According to Dean O'Brien, president of Halifax Event Management Group, BCR is at a turning point. "This year's gathering will set the tone for the future of BCR," says O'Brien. "We plan to restore the original

intent of Black College Reunion as a celebration of education and fellowship through African-American cultural and collegiate activities."

BCR was founded in 1984 through a cooperative effort between the students of Daytona Beach's Bethune-Cookman College and Florida A & M University to celebrate the reunion of their football rivalry. Since the late 1980s, BCR has expanded to include non-collegiate events and activities.

"HEMG wants to provide

quality activities for BCR," continues O'Brien. "Entertainment acts that use profanity, nudity or other illicit demonstrations will not be a part of HEMG's BCR 2000 schedule."

On March 30, HEMG will kick off BCR 2000 with a presidents' conference that will bring together alumni, sorority and fraternity leaders, as well as Student Government Association leaders from HBCUs. Over events and activities planned include collegiate step shows, concerts in the park, cars shows,

basketball and volleyball tournaments, a Mr. and Miss BCR contest, and a gospel festival.

Endorsed by the mayor of Daytona Beach, HEMG is a non-profit group charged with managing BCR for the years 2000 through 2002. The group is composed of Daytona Beach area black community and student leaders.

For more information about BCR 2000 events and activities, call (904) 775-3331 or e-mail dobrien@fmg.com.

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## Early Settlers will Meet

The members of the Early Settlers Reunion Committee will be making plans for the upcoming Reunion 2000. They are welcoming new persons as members to help them make this year's celebration the greatest.

They will be meeting Monday evening, March 27, 2000, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

So please come and become a part of this committee and their plans. You are welcome!

## CYD COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 79415

Austin TDPRS was in town to monitor the Community Youth Development Program 79415. They were scheduled to be here Monday and Tuesday but finished Monday at 4 p. m. because things were in such excellent shape. One statement was "You have set the standards for the rest of the State." While my responsibility, the programmatic portion, was also excellent last year, there was tremendous improvement in the fiscal portion over last year. We are of course very proud of our accomplishments and hope that you share that pride, as your support is very important to us. Thank you for being our friend.

From Cowboy Fred CYD Program 79415.

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**NOTE:** The City of Lubbock Complete Count Committee, in cooperation with the local Census Bureau will be at the South Plains Mall until April 2nd.

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## Black American's PAC Lauds House Vote to Eliminate Unfair Earnings Limit for Working Seniors

Washington D.C. — On March 2nd the House of Representatives voted unanimously to eliminate the so called "Earnings Limit" on Social Security Benefits (Vote 27, 3/1/00). If passed by the Senate and signed by the President, the bill — The Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act of 2000 (HR 5) — will eliminate the penalty that seniors currently pay if they continue to work after age 65.

BAMPAC Executive Director Alvin Williams expressed the organization's support of the House vote stating, "I congratulate Congress for proceeding with solvency of the Social Security surplus. With

an aging post WWII "baby boom" generation, declining birth rates, and increased life expectancies, the number of Seniors Citizens in America will continue to grow. Congress has voted to eliminate a pernicious tax that has relegated thousands of seniors to poverty level subsistence. With the passage of this bill, they will have a greater incentive to return to the work force, and a life of economic stability."

Williams challenged Congress to continue with Social Security reforms declaring, "Congress must not stop there. Americans should have the opportu-

nity to privately invest Social Security taxes. This will give Americans control of their retirement income by allowing workers to deposit their payroll taxes into personally owned and invested accounts similar to 401(K) plans or IRAs. Upon retirement, they will reap benefits substantially higher than the current Social Security payments. Only then, can retiring American realize a true sense of financial security."

BAMPAC is a non-partisan federal PAC founded in 1993 with mission to primarily mobilize African American candidates, as

well as other candidates generally, who have common sense approaches to important issues facing today's America. BAMPAC boasts a multi-ethnic donor base of over 93000, and is committed to promoting the message of limited government, the sanctity of human life, excellence in education, economics self-empowerment of the moral climate in country, and highlighting the importance of the African American vote. BAMPAC supported elected officials include Lt. Governor Joe Rogers, Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell and Virginia Delegate Paul Harris.

## South Plains College to offer "Go for it" Seminar for Prospective Students

LUBBOCK — The South Plains College Lubbock Campus will offer a special workshop for anyone who has considered going to college but feels hindered by financial concerns or family responsibilities.

The "Go For It" workshop will occur Tuesday, March 28, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Lubbock Campus, 1302 Main St.

"This workshop is primarily for single parents, non-traditional students and anyone who has thought about attending col-

lege or obtaining a skill but are facing unique barriers," said Allyn Evans, special services counselor and director of the workshop. "We want people to understand that there are options out there for childcare and financial aid and that they can find programs and agencies willing to help them obtain the skills to be self-sufficient."

Local agencies will be on hand to make presentations on support programs and scholarships. A panel of current and former students will make a presenta-

tion relating their experiences and how they were assisted.

Evans also stated that each person attending the workshop will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with a counselor regarding their specific concerns.

Topics of discussion include Is College For Me?, Am I Ready?, Can I Afford it? and What About My Children?

"We have this workshop every year and out of all the people who attended last, 25 percent came to the registration process."

Evans said. "And that doesn't include anyone who might have mentioned the information they learned about to a friend."

The South Plains College Lubbock Campus is a technical branch of SPC. The Lubbock Campus offers a wide range of programs and courses in technical education, adult and continuing education and allied health.

For more information, call Evans in the Special Services Office at 747-0576, ext. 4654.

## Census Form Available Online

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-TX) announced today that in an effort to make sure that his constituents are accounted for in the Census 2000, he has added a link to the electronic Census form on his website: <http://www.house.gov/combest>. From this link or, from the Census 2000 homepage: <http://www.2000.census.gov>, U.S. citizens can complete their "short form" for the Census 2000 online.

"Completing your Census form is important as it will deter-

mine what government funds are needed for each area. It's a helpful way to tell us what is needed in each region, be it new schools, libraries, roads or even better services for the elderly," Combest said. "Filling out your form on the Internet can save time for citizens and reams of paperwork for the Census takers. I encourage all residents to fill out their Census forms, either on paper or electronically."

The "short form," which asks approximately six questions about each resident, is being sent to

an average of five out of six households. Once each household has received the short form, the residents have the option of completing their forms online or filling out the paperwork and returning it through the regular mail. One of five households will receive the "long form," which asks more detailed questions about population, employment and housing. This form will not be available online.

The Census 2000 website is a secure site, as required by law. The privacy of all persons respond-

ing to the census will be protected. All web communications will be encrypted, thus, some older web browsers (those more than three years old) may not be able to access the Census Bureau's secure web servers and the Census 2000 Internet Form.

Other features will be available on the Census 2000 website, as well as at local census offices, to help people fill out paper forms and answer basic questions about the census.

## YOUTH RALLY In Littlefield

THE THEME FOR THE YOUTH RALLY TO TAKE PLACE IN LITTLEFIELD WILL BE: "TAKE A STAND - MAKE A CHOICE - YOU DETERMINE THE FUTURE"

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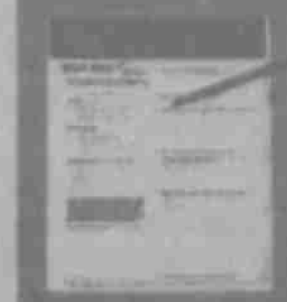
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Census 2000 is an opportunity to help our community grow.

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**Census 2000.**  
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## A memory from the Oklahoma City Bombing is coming to Lubbock

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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 15 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, the 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 Attorneys 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) 796-0797.



# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS N THAT

RACE RELATIONS MUST MOVE IN A POSITIVE AREA! THIS N THAT along with thousands of others heard PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON address the NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES at the Washington Hilton Hotel and made it known that the NUMBER ONE CHALLENGE in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is UNDOING RACISM WHICH will inhibit the growth of any community He also made it clear that the United States Government can't make it happen as it will take LOCAL CITIZENS doing all they can do

SPEAKING ABOUT RACISM! THIS N THAT advises of an upcoming RALLY AGAINST RACISM which will be held Friday night MARCH 31, 2000 at the Mae Simmons Community Center beginning at 7:00 p. m. The entire public is invited to attend This ~ is an initiative of one of our local citizens CHARLES SAUNDERS THIS N THAT would hope you would attend this public forum on racism

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT! THIS N THAT in visiting with President Clinton recently he advised me of one of my relatives former mayor of Kansas City, Mo. EMANUEL CLEAVER who was referenced by the President as a "VERY GOOD MAN." This good to hear for we know BROTHER CLEAVER since he was a child No doubt about it "HE IS A GOOD MAN"and a very good GOSPEL PREACHER

PAUL QUINN COLLEGE LOOKING GREAT! THIS N THAT spent a whole day on the campus of PAUL QUINN COLLEGE in Dallas, Texas last week It has come a mighty long ways since 1990 the year it was REDICATED DR. LEON MONROE has done an outstanding job as its COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. MONROE Advises THIS N THAT he and a team of recruiters will be in Lubbock come Saturday APRIL 1, 2000 More on this later.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "IT this effort is important to change OFTEN and to be PERFECT one must change OFTEN!"

CONGRATS TO THE QUIGLEYS! THIS N THAT want to send a special CONGRATS to MR. AND MRS. J. C. QUIGLEY for 46 YEARS of marriage Now this keeps the BLACK FAMILY in a very positive posture May you have MANY MORE!

ANOTHER CONGRATS! THIS N THAT would also like to, say CONGRATS to MS. VONDA BRYANT for being chosen as "MANAGER OF THE 4TH QUARTER" for the Specialty Food System, Inc. As a manager for ARBY'S she was rewarded for her honor One of her awards was a \$1,000.00 US SAVINGS BOND Hope the Lubbock Black Chamber will honor you as well Who says BLACK FOLK CAN'T MANAGE in Corporate America? are you going to sing in mass choir/ this n that is hoping many of us will be among the MASS CHOIR of the West Texas Festival 2000 with Franklin Graham If you want to participate then call 780-5900. We are proud of the efforts of SISTER MARY WILSON in this effort!

## You Have to Bring Somethings to the Table

By Eddie P. Richards



You can't beg and bargain at the same time. You can't play militant and civil rights 11 months a year, and come back the 12th month and beg for help to produce a souvenir book and a banquet. It just doesn't work. You have to pick a team and play it, and stay on it. Fence riding is out!

You have to make a choice and live with it. Stop complaining if you didn't bring anything to the table. You can't complain if you do nothing. And if you don't put something

in, then why expect to get something out of it?

We are still waiting on the big government handout or give-always. If you did not get it in days gone by, you will not get it now. Those days are gone. Ronald Reagan set the tone for that demise, and the brainy Georgia Newt implement it.

There is no way those monies, resources, and everything we need will be gotten on our knees and begging them to help or assist us. We have to play a part in helping ourselves by bringing something to the table to be a player. We have to bring something to the table even if no money. Positive impact ..... workable solutions, not complaints and criticisms, everyone know the problems, but what are the solutions or answers?

When you have something positive or sensible people will come to you with information or to seek information or ideas, but when you can't bring anything to the

table, but criticism, moaning and groaning. Guess what? You are a loser and no one.

Remember if there is a problem and you have no means or ideas on how to solve it and you only have complaints and criticisms. Did it ever occur to you that you are the problem or at least a part of it.

We must always remember for our long denied communities to become the self sustaining market places. They should be the leadership and initiatives must come from within the community, by us, from us, because the only ones that can save us from us is us! That includes gangs, drugs, drive-bys, and over all violence. We must not react; we must act! We must not complain! We must do for our communities to become what they must and should be it takes us all working collectively for the good of us all.

We should all take as our personal creed: "If it is to be, it is up to me." And live by it.

## PARKWAY MANOR HAPPENINGS

We like to give a special "Thanks" to the Staff and Residents in February.

We even had our State Inspection. Our report reveals that everything was in good order. We passed the task. We're just doing our job well. Thanks to Staff for a great job!

In honor of our Staff Administration, Kandi Melton presented a dinner for the employees on Wednesday, March 15th. It was for their love and care to the Residents.

Sunday, March 5th, was Ms. Helen Hereford's birthday. A Happy Belated Birthday to her. She takes

time out of her life, every Monday and Thursday, bringing movies for the Residents.

Thank you, Ms. Helen Hereford, for your honor and your love. Another Happy Birthday is sent to Mr. Eddie Richardson who will celebrate another year Wednesday, March 29th. We want to thank him for his support. We love you and your mother, Mrs. Helen Hereford.

Remember our love ones in the hospital. We thank God for a good recovery for Mrs. Windy Sitton, Mayor of Lubbock. May God continue to bless her.

\*\*\* Parkway Manor Care Center's Residents Birthday Party will be held Friday afternoon, March 24, 2000, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Special guests will include: The Joyous Sound, 1:00 p. m.; Blues singer, Mr. Edward Higgins, 1:30 p. m. and T. J. Patterson at 1:45 p. m. Cake and ice cream will be served at 2:30 p. m. Come and be served with love. Just come and celebrate with us. \*\*\* Birthdays for the month of March are: Bernadette Barber, March 19th; Susie Joiner, March 23rd; and Scottie Moore, March 31

\*\*\* Gloria Newman is Activity Director.

## In Cinque

By Renetta W. Howard



There has been a strong movement in the past thirty years to help Black people in America learn more and more about their American heritage and to be proud of what they learn. The early slogans of 'Black and Proud' seemed to catch on for a while. There is, however, a catch in the meaning of being proud.

If one is to be proud, that means that one shows a feeling, perhaps of being better than others, or as good, anyway, with a feeling of satisfaction, and proper self-respect or proper self-esteem. That would mean that one would have some pride.

Pride means that one would have a sense of self dignity and pleasure about what one has achieved. Black people in America have extensive achievements. There is so much to be proud of in spite of the many adversities which Black people have had to overcome to achieve anything. Because of the adversities, Blacks should celebrate Black History every day of the year, not just during the month of February.

Emphasis is placed on Black History in February, but there needs to be emphasis placed on Black pride and how the Black achievements came to be. Too many of our Black children believe that the only thing to be proud of today is a pair air Jordan, Nike shoes.

These same children will lie, steal, cheat and do whatever is necessary to get those shoes. They need to know how their ancestors sacrificed to be able to learn to read; how they turned the other cheek to get the opportunity to keep their families together. They endured pain and suffering, physically, emotionally and psychologically. We are still suffering and may be for quite some time. As a sociology teacher, Black Rage by two Black psychiatrist, William H. Grier and Price M. Cobbs is required reading for my classes. It has been on the market

since 1968. It can help one to better understand how Black pride has been eroded and open up some avenues for healing the rage.

It is past time, that we get 'in cinque' and start working more progressively toward this end. We can start in the home and take it to church. Schools try to help but there are too many constraints. Furthermore, church is the only vestige of black culture which is still very strong and very alive. Whether our ministers want to admit it or not, the 'healing ball' is in their court!

## Letters To the Editor

Many consumers are taken by the idea of owning their own businesses. Taking advantage of business opportunities can be one way to successfully reach this goal. But consumers who buy into a business opportunity without checking facts first may find themselves taken in by deceitful promoters.

Recognizing fraudulent business opportunities is not as easy as it might seem. To help consumers spot and avoid fraudulent "biz opps," the FTC has issued the enclosed consumer alert. Copies of this news consumers can use and a brochure with more details are available free from Federal Trade Commission, 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357); TDD: 202-326-2502.

For more information about fraudulent business opportunities, visit the FTC business opportunity website at [www.ftc.gov/bizop](http://www.ftc.gov/bizop). For more than 150 other consumer publications from the FTC, visit [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). Click on "Consumer Protection."

If you have any questions, please call me at 202-326-2583.

Sincerely,

Paula Kurtzweil Office of Consumer and Business Education  
Dear Journalist:

It's not often The Heritage Foundation finds itself on the same side of an issue with Jesse Jackson, but both agree that promoting free trade with sub-Saharan Africa—the aim of legislation now before Congress—is critical to helping that poverty-stricken region.

Despite high levels of U.S. foreign aid, many sub-Saharan African nations continue to rank among the world's poorest, a new Heritage Foundation paper says. According to Brett Schaefer, Heritage's Jay Kingham fellow in international regulatory affairs, and Gerald P. O'Driscoll Jr., director of Heritage's Center for International Trade and Economics, Africa needs free trade to expand economic opportunities and allow its citizens to develop the skills they need to compete in the global economy.

The legislation—the final version of which is now taking shape in conference committee—would also extend free trade policies to countries in the Caribbean Basin. Although these countries have made record economic gains over the last few years, Schaefer and O'Driscoll say lower trade barriers would help them compete with Mexico, which enjoys preferential access to U.S. markets under NAFTA.

Schaefer and O'Driscoll are available for interviews by calling Heritage Media Relations at (202) 675-1761.

Sincerely,

Paul Gallagher Senior Writer

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# Army & Air Force N Hometown NEWS

## Airman Aspin L. Heine



**Airman Aspin L. Heine** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force

Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credit toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Heine is the Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Heine of 4311 59th St., Lubbock, Texas.

The airman is a 1999 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

## Airman Blaine A. Lewis



**Airman Blaine A. Lewis** has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

He is the son of Lowry L. and Cassandra H. Lewis of 8509 Hartford Ave., Lubbock, Texas. The lieutenant is a 1995 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, Texas.

## Airman William J. Booe



**Airman William J. Booe** has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

He is the son of Jack M. and Millie A. Booe of 6904 Geneva, Lubbock, Texas.

The lieutenant is a 1993 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

## Airman William C. McEnderfer



**Airman William C. McEnderfer** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland

Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

McEnderfer is the son of Kay McEnderfer of 7304 Avenue W., Lubbock, Texas.

The airman is a 1997 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

## Airman James S. Bulen



**Airman James S. Bulen** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland

Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bulen is the son of James D. and Barbara J. Bulen of 3003 58th, Lubbock, Texas. He is a 1995 graduate of Lubbock High School.

## Airman Andrew J. Price



**Airman Andrew J. Price** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland

Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Price is the son of Charles B. Price of Lubbock, Texas, and Debra D. Ramsey of Smyer, Texas.

The airman is a 1999 graduate of Smyer High School.

## Army Pvt. Amanda M. Banda

**Amanda M. Banda** has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the Reserve gives many new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education and \$20,000 for repayment of college loans.

After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus. Banda will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for basic training May 30, 2000.

She is the daughter of Joann N. Champion of 1217 46th Place, Lubbock, and Augustine N. Banda of Pleasanton, Texas.

## Army Pvt. Yolanda Lopez

**Army Pvt. Yolanda Lopez** has graduated from the food service specialist advanced individuals training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The service member learned to prepare and serve food in large and small quantities, baking methods, field kitchens operations, and general operations of Army dining facilities.

Lopez is the daughter of Heriberto R. and Eriberta G. Lopez of 513 E. Stanford St., Lubbock, Texas.

The Private is a graduate of Lubbock High School.

## Army Pvt. Matthew L. Thames

**Army Pvt. Matthew L. Thames** has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Thames is the son of Ann and stepson of Wayne Gilbreath of Rural Route 1, Lubbock, Texas.

His father, Mike Thomas, and stepmother, Patricia Thames, reside in 5501 10th St., Lubbock.

In 1998, he graduated from Roosevelt High School, Lubbock.

## When Regulations Border on Racism

When Willie Jones, the African-American owner of a Nashville landscaping business, purchased an airline ticket on February 27, 1991, little did he know that this seemingly routine purchase would lead to a two-year legal nightmare that nearly cost him his business.

Jones' "mistake" was paying cash for his ticket to Houston. He was going there to purchase plants and shrubbery for his business. Jones immediately aroused suspicions that he was a drug dealer because African-Americans carrying large amounts of cash apparently fit the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) profile for such criminals.

Nashville police officers detained Jones and searched his luggage with drug-sniffing dogs, but found no drugs. Still suspicious, they seized the \$9,600 Jones was carrying in his wallet despite Jones' protests that the money was for buying landscaping plants. Jones was never charged with a crime. Under federal civil forfeiture asset law, however, law enforcement authorities can seize the cash, home or any other asset of an individual they suspect of criminal wrongdoing—even if that individual is never charged or convicted of a crime.

Jones filed a race discrimination lawsuit against the DEA. In April 1993, a federal judge finally ordered the DEA to return this innocent man's money.

Willie Jones' story is one of 100 stories profiled in the National Directory of Environmental and Regulatory Victims which is soon to be released by The National Center For Public Policy Research. These stories describe the tragic consequences that result when constitutionally-protected rights are undermined through regulations meant to promote positive objectives like fighting crime.

While Americans of all races and ethnic backgrounds suffer unfairly from poorly-crafted and excessive regulations, African-Americans have seen their share of abuses.

Witness the case of Nathaniel Craigmiles. Craigmiles, a Baptist preacher in Chattonooga, Tennessee, began selling funeral caskets in March 1999. He believed he could attract significant business since he was selling caskets for \$800 when funeral homes were selling them for \$3,200. But his business was bad business for the funeral home industry. Only four months after he started his company, the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance's Funeral Board and Burial Services Division—the regulatory arm of the state funeral home industry—shut down Craigmiles' casket store claiming that he had to be a licensed funeral director to sell caskets.

Funeral home directors must

get a license that qualifies them to embalm and bury bodies. But Craigmiles doesn't see why he needs to go through the lengthy and expensive process of getting a license to embalm and bury bodies when all he wants to do is sell caskets.

Craigmiles even received threatening phone calls and notes from people he suspects were his competitors. "They said unless we shut down, something was going to happen."

Craigmiles is considering joining a lawsuit challenging the state licensing regulations as an unconstitutional restraint of competition. He vows to fight on. "This is our livelihood. This is a hardship for me."

In another case, Willie Brown's WLUV 90.9 radio station was popular with the citizens of Homestead, Florida but not the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The station's 13-year-old mixture of gospel music and community announcements provided the predominantly elderly listeners with a welcome alternative to the limited variety of stations broadcasting in that part of south Florida. But in July 1998, the FCC shut down WLUV because the owner did not have a license—even though he had repeatedly tried to secure one.

A 63-year-old activist popularly known as "Brother Brown," Brown has been a fixture in Homestead for many years. On two different occasions, Dade County declared Willie Brown Days to honor his many achievements. His work was honored on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, and he has even had his photograph taken with First Lady Hillary Clinton.

But established radio broadcasters oppose the licensing of low-power radio stations like Brown's. Paying heed to the wishes of the broadcasting establishment, the FCC continues to adhere to the long-established policy of strictly regulating the entry of new stations. The FCC denied Brown's application for a license three times, even though his station did not infringe on the signals of other area radio stations.

Brown's loyal listeners were quite angry about the closure. The Homestead and neighboring Florida City governments approved resolutions asking the FCC to keep "Brother Brown" on the air. But the FCC was apparently unmoved and WLUV is still silent.

There is no question that regulations are needed to protect public safety, encourage responsible business practices and achieve other legitimate public policy objectives. But when many of those regulations undermine the livelihood of innocent and responsible people such as Willie Brown, it's clear that some laws need reforming.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

A mass choir is being assembled to minister through music at the Franklin Graham Festival each night, April 25-30, 2000. No audition is required. Anyone age 14 and older wishing to sing in the choir is welcome to attend the rehearsals. Attending the rehearsals does not obligate you to sing at the Festival.

Monday, April 3rd, 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Southeast Baptist Church 3601 S. Loop 289 Lubbock, Tx 79423

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 5201 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  
First Baptist Church 2201 Broadway Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

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## FREE CANCER SCREENINGS

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MARCH 22nd & 23rd, 8 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Oral cancer
- Colorectal cancer (age 50 and older)
- Breast cancer (women only)
- 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  
Community Health Center of Lubbock  
at 1318 Broadway



# CHURCH DIRECTORY



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

## "The World Didn't Know Jesus"



### IN JESUS NAME "AMERICA REAPING WHAT SHE'S SOWED!!!"

**JEREMIAH 8:7, YEA, THE STORK IN THE HEAVENS KNOWETH HER APPOINTED TIMES; AND THE TURTLE AND THE CRANE AND THE SWALLOW OBSERVE THE TIME OF THEIR COMING; BUT MY PEOPLE KNOW NOT THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD.**

**AMERICA WAS FOUNDED ON THE WORD OF GOD: IT WAS HER GUIDE LINE; THEN SHE WANTED RIGHTS; LIKE ADAM, SHE WANTED TO USE HER OWN MIND.**

**MALACHI 1:6, A SON HONOURETH HIS FATHER, AND A SERVANT HIS MISTER: IF THEN I BE A FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HONOUR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR? SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS UNTO YOU, O PRIESTS, THAT DESPISE MY NAME. AND YE SAY, WHEREIN HAVE WE DESPISED THY NAME.**

\*\*\*\*\* YES THE PREACHERS ROBBED GOD!!\*\*\*\*\*

**WHEN THE CHURCHES MARCHED: AND DIDN'T OBEY THE POLICEMAN; THAT WAS THE BEGINNING: OF THE DISOBEDIENCE THROUGH OUT THE LAND!!!**

**1 CORINTHIANS 5:6, YOUR GLORYING IS NOT GOOD. KNOW YE NOT THAT A LITTLE LEAVEN(WRONG DOING) LEAVENETH(SPREAD THRU OUT) THE WHOLE LUMP? THE CHILDREN WATCHED THE ADULTS; THE POLICEMAN THEY DIDN'T OBEY; THE CHILDREN NOW USE THE MY RIGHTS; TO BE DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS TODAY.**

**1 PETER 2:13-16, SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE(LAW) OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE: WHETHER IT BE TO THE KING(PRESIDENT), AS SUPREME; OR UNTO GOVERNORS, AS UNTO THEM THAT ARE SENT BY HIM FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF EVILDOERS(MARCHES), AND FOR THE PRAISE OF THEM THAT DO WELL. FOR SO IN THE WILL OF GOD, THAT WITH WELL-DOING (PEACEMAKERS) YE MAY PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN: AS FREE, AND NOT USING YOUR LIBERTY(RIGHTS) FOR A CLOAK(COVER UP) OF MALICIOUSNESS(TROUBLE MAKING), BUT AS THE SERVANTS OF GOD.**

\*\*\*\*\* YES THE MARCHERS ROB GOD!!\*\*\*\*\*

**WE NOW SEE AMERICA: BRINGING FORTH HER FRUIT; THE SIN OF HER LABOR; THE RIGHT TO RAPE, ROB, KILL THE FAMILY; AND THEN THE NEIGHBORS!!!**

**GALATIANS 6:7,8, BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHAT SO EVER 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 EVER-LASTING.**

**(THE MIRACLE OF SOWING AND REAPING: IS YOU GET MUCH MORE THAN YOU SOWED, WHEN YOU REAP IT. YOU CAN TAKE A BUCKET OF OKRA TO THE FIELD, AND PLANT IT; BUT WHEN YOU REAP IT: YOU WILL NEED A PICK UP TRUCK TO BRING IT IN. AMERICA SOWED A LITTLE OF "MY RIGHTS" IN DISOBEDIENT; NOW SHE'S REAPING IT ALL OVER THE LAND.)**

**WE'RE NOW REAPING A COUNTRY OF LIARS AND KILLERS; LIKE ADAM AND CAIN; THEY ARE COMMITTING THE CRIMES OF MY RIGHTS: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

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The people of Israel under Solomon had known peace and prosperity. However, a great amount of money were needed to maintain Solomon's building projects. To maintain the oriental opulence of his court Solomon had used forced labor and taxed heavily.

Proverbs 11:14 says, "In the multitude of counselors there is safety." However, they have to be the right kind of counselors, or there can be trouble. The young king named Rehoboam, son of Solomon, was at Shechem for his coronation. Jeroboam returned from Egypt and the leaders of the ten northern tribes of Israel came to the coronation and complained about the heavy taxation Solomon had placed on them. The Israelites delivered an ultimatum to Rehoboam—"Lower the taxes with which your father oppressed us, and we will serve you. Otherwise we will revolt." Rehoboam asked for three days to think it over. During that time he first consulted

with his older counselors. They advise him to treat the people kindly and be servant to them. His younger advisers, however, suggested the very opposite. "Be tough," they said

Rehoboam never sought the Lord of Israel for counsel and wisdom] as his father Solomon had done. Apparently he felt no need of God help in ruling the nation. And this is where he failed. He also failed when he ignored the elders advice and accepted the advice of the young men. He was tough with his subjects and considered them h slaves. As a result a great nation was divided. The spirit of selfishness overtook the long-term advantage of listening to wiser men. It reported that Louis Farrakhan, Nation of Islam leader, is preparing to depart on a 52-nation tour including stops in the anti-America human rights violating countries of Iran, Iran, China and Cuba. The Muslim leader, interviewed on "Fox News Sunday," charged that was U.S.- backed U.N. sanctions and not the actions of Saddam th have caused widespread hardships among the Iraqi people.

"I don't think that Saddam Hussein is deliberately starving his own people. I would think that a man who gets 99 percent of the people 1 vote for him in an election and the people love him so much, ho would they love a man that is starving them?" he asked.

Could the leader of the Nation of Islam be liken to Rehoboam.

Most of us will never decide the fate of nations, but we need to at ourselves: "Of whose counsel am I listening?" The decisions we make daily add up in our lives.

## THE OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning at the Parkway Manor Care Center, Cherry Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Prayer was given by Sister Dorothy Nash as she prayed for the residents in the center. Morning scripture lesson was "God Speaks To Solomon." The scripture text was II Chronicles 7:12-22.

"One night, the Lord appeared to Solomon and told him, I have heard your prayer and have chosen this temple as the place where I want you to sacrifice to me. If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the

me, if you refuse the Law, I have given you. And worship idols, then I will destroy my people from this land of mine which I have given them, and this temple shall be destroyed even though I have sanctified it for myself. Instead, I will make it a public horror and disgrace. Instead of it being famous, all who pass by will be incredulous.

"Why has the Lord done such a terrible thing to this land and to this temple? They will ask, and the answer will be, because his people abandoned the Lord God of their Fathers. The God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and they worshiped other gods instead. That is why he has done all this to them."

Think about it!

It gives us joy when we can make others live a little bit brighter. This happens every-time we are there. Are you hurting? If so, please read Mark 11:22-26 or Mark 16:17-20.

Thank you for reading,

friends. We love each of you out there! "Pray for us!" Are you reading your Bible and doing your drive bys praying for your schools, communities, leaders and churches?

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

## WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

"I'm pleased to share with you this beautiful, informative, and meaningful website, constructed and maintained by Choyin, a new member of our Black Buddhist group" Connie manager blackbuddhists on-line Texas.

"What a wonderful site. A bright light on a sometimes dark community known as the WWW. Thank you so much for having the forethought and dedication to provide such an environment for like minded people of color." KJ

"Great Website! What I found interesting are the pieces that connect Buddhism, people of color, and social activism. Being a Buddhist woman of color living in Maine, I hunger for information about these issues." June Thornton-Marsh LCSW Multicultural Counselor Colby College Maine.

"If we don't initiate change, Buddhism in America will cultivate racism unintentionally. The past cannot be changed. However, if we do not begin to work on change, we will promote cultural separation." Ralph

Mitchell Steel, Dhama Teacher, Santa Fe New Mexico.

"From what I have gleaned of the Rainbowdharma.com, it is clear I will desire to have affiliation with Rainbowdharma. Additionally, I was inspired, intrigued, and heartened by what you spoke of and shared last evening" Raven, Buddhist Student, Kentucky

"You honor us all with providing a forum through which we may tell our collective stories." L. Saxxon, African American Buddhist, San Francisco Bay Area, California

"Perhaps there is an example here - if substantial numbers of people are committed to spiritual practice - then appeal could be made to people like Tina Turner, Isaac Hayes, the Chicago Bulls, Tiger Woods etc. There would be much merit in giving support and encouragement to teachers who can speak on realities of the experience of people of color." Mclardy

"I've been looking for a website for African American Buddhists but

have been unable to find one until now. I would love to get more information."

L.Porfer Bronx, New York

"Thanks for responding so quickly. I'm a single, educated woman in my late twenties. I recent-

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# All O' We is One Are You A Black Who Blends Into Colorblind Society

By William Reed

Being a "Race Man" can cause you to be an "Outcast" among America's establishment. When Minister Louis Farrakhan advocates African Americans taking their own steps to improve conditions for themselves, he is branded anti-American and anti-white. But, actually what he is saying is that race is a factor that should play in the fore of our social, political and economic behaviors. Wasn't it their being "Race Men" that made Farrakhan, Malcolm X, Elijah Muhammad and Marcus Garvey icons and illustrators of the types of behaviors all of us should exhibit?

"He preaches racism," is what the American mainstream has led many of us to think about Louis Farrakhan. "Racism" is a practice

and behavior of oppression and subjugation based on race and/or ethnic origin that Farrakhan has never promoted nor practiced. Actually, Farrakhan's message is one of race-based solidarity aimed at those who consistently find themselves discriminated against in America's "colorblind" society. He, and others who preach Black Nationalism, may find themselves as outcasts in American society. But, in reality, you can't fight racism without having a race-based mindset. Race-centered individuals are interested in all of us overcoming our common social plight, economic state and educational deficiencies.

In espousing Black Nationalism for African Americans, Farrakhan, Malcolm etc. were mere-

ly pointing out what should be obvious. America's race-based oppression and exploitation can only be countered by race-based solidarity on our part. The alternative to race-based solidarity as a counter-balance to racism is assimilation. No doubt assimilation can benefit a select few, but it cannot change the condition of the oppressed majority as long as racist behaviors remain entrenched in the broader society.

Too often, we measure our victories by when we are accepted by whites. For the bulk of us to reach parity in America, we need to make sure that we, and those supposedly supporting our agenda, are not just trying to blend into a "colorblind" society. It's time to note

that Establishment Negroes are just that: Negroes in positions for the perpetuation of the status quo establishment.

Established civil rights leaders point with glee at the number of African Americans in high positions in the Clinton Administration. In the years since Clinton assumed office, how much has changed for you? Has the level of federal government contracts going to blacks changed? Many blacks - primarily women you'll note if you count - have gained positions in Corporate America. At the end of these African-American's tenures the record will show that they did as good, if not better, job of keeping things in order as would have any white. In

the end, in both the private and public sectors, the same elites that controlled the economy prior to the Civil Rights Movement continue to do so today.

If we each were Black Nationalist, we'd reinforce racial pride in ourselves, our families, communities, churches and work-sites. We need to reinforce toward each other and stop away. Black Nationalism may not be your thing, but as Malcolm would ask: "Where is your mind?" What about exhibiting race-based actions like buying from blacks, banking with blacks and investing and building in black communities, what will your children, brothers, sisters and cousins inherit from your having been here? Racist powers prefer that we play

the assimilation game, staying weak and divided. Our race is separated from the rest of America, by color, in income, employment and business opportunity. People like Farrakhan and Malcolm don't let the wool to be pulled over their eyes with rhetoric about: "all o' we is one." That may be why they put Malcolm X - a man they hated during his lifetime - on the U.S. postage stamp, but it shouldn't be a deterrent to what should be each of our dedication to race-based actions and issues.

(William Reed is publisher of Who's Who in Black Corporate America, 2054 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045 - Nominations being accepted)

# Re-Charting The Course Of American History

By Charles Saunders

A public meeting inaugurating the renaissance of the civil rights movement to rechart the course of American history will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2000, in the Mae Simmons Community Center located on E. 23rd Street and Oak Avenue.

The United States of America must go through an arduous productive process of introspection with the interest of the American people in mind. The real threats to American society are the escalating influence of big money and special interest over our political process and the weakening bonds of family and community across the lines of race and class that constantly threaten the value and quality of human life in America.

Race has always been a central issue of domestic American politics and it has always been a hot button political issue. Institutionalized racial discrimination in the United States is a "control thing" designed to control the political, economic and social achievements of American citizens who are identifiable descendants of former slaves. Racism must be challenged in the work place, schools, the media, and in every institution of American society. Social problems such as poverty,

unemployment, urban decay, deteriorating educational opportunities, crime and violence are all exacerbated by the persistence of racism in our society.

We cannot look to government for solutions in dealing with America's race problem because the government itself is the primary source of the problem. The problem will not get solved until black people make a meaningful attempt to constitutionally resolve America's race problem rather than leave it to white political leaders to come up with a solution.

The American people's, particularly black Americans, point of reference in this time of increased racial tension must be the Constitution of the United States, as perfected by the Civil War Amendments. "In order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

The Petition Clause of the First Amendment is the "Achilles Heel" of institutionalized racial discrimination in America. The Constitution of the United States of America, as perfected by the Civil War Amendments, constitutionally

abolished the ideological concept of white supremacy from America's political, economic and social institutions. The Government of the United States has a constitutional mandate to accomplish that result. When officials of the United States Government fails to, or neglects to, protect, defend, or enforce, provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and an American citizen sustains injury consequent to that failure or neglect, an American citizen so injured has an irrevocable constitutional right to "petition the Government for redress of grievances."

The destinies of the descendants of former American slaves and the descendants of former American slave owners are indissolubly linked together. The American people, both black and white, have allowed themselves to be emotionally threatened and influenced by this bizarre and uniquely American phenomenon: the constitutional hoax that fabricates a theoretical illusion of democracy. The interest common of both, black people and white people, must not permit the seeds of race hate to be planted under unconstitutional sanctions of law. What can more certainly arouse hate? What can more certainly cre-

ate feelings of distrust between black and white citizens of the United States of America?

As we embark on a new millennium it is imperative that Vice President Albert Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush reconcile their campaign rhetoric with constitutional reality. The political culture of racial manipulation must be replaced with political and fiscal reform that will pave the way for a prosperous, fully democratized, and all inclusive America in the 21st Century.

The 35 key words of the American creed that begin, "We hold these truths to be self evident . . ." and end with "the pursuit of happiness," has for black American citizens always been, "An Unassailable Reality: The Theoretical Illusion Of American Democracy." It is interesting that those words have become an inspiration for people the world over to fight for freedom although there is a serious conflict between the words and the reality of the freedom movements that take inspiration from those words, including the long ago suspended civil rights movement in this country.

The unanswered question is, how long is it going to take for the American people - especially well educated black Americans

who have managed to get a foot in the door of opportunity - to open their eyes and open their minds?

Many have pointed to the problems, some have spoken of solutions, and a few have even identified the causes. But if we keep on doing what we've been doing, we're going to keep on getting exactly what we've been getting. No one has come forth with a comprehensive plan to address the causes and move us to the solution of institutionalized racial discrimination in America - until now!

I have filed a class action civil rights lawsuit to re-chart the course of American history in order to "Construct A Kinder, Gentler Nation" for the New Millennium. The Government of the United States is out of sync with the Constitution that created it and more and more creditable information is surfacing every day substantiating that basic premise of this class action civil rights lawsuit: American citizens in general, and black American citizens in particular, have to invoke the Petition Clause of the First Amendment and constitutionally demand due process and equal protection of the laws.

This class action civil rights lawsuit is dedicated to the "Construction of A Kinder, Gentler

Nation," and it has an unassailable multi-cultural political, economic and social concept that preclude a constitutionally sustainable rebuttal. It will make institutionalized racial discrimination, like institutionalized racial segregation, become just another legacy of America's shameful past. Any intellectually discernible constitutionally permissible resolution of this class action constitutional grievance would have a broad ranging cross-cultural societal effect without the deprivation of anyone's constitutionally protected rights and privileges of American citizenship.

All patriotic American citizens regardless of their race, gender, ethnic identity, economic status, social class, or political affiliation are invited to attend this constitutionally enlightened initiative to re-chart the course of American history in order to construct "A Kinder, Gentler Nation" for the new millennium.

We Shall Overcome! Attend the public meeting inaugurating the renaissance of the civil rights movement in America to re-chart the course of American history and it will, by the grace and power of Almighty God, be proven to you beyond any question of reasonable doubt.

# George Jones May fest 2000 Appearance

LUBBOCK (Special) - Steve L. Lewis, Panhandle South Plains Fair manager, announced today that Country music legend George Jones will perform in concert during the 1st annual May Fest 2000, set for May 3 - 7 at the fairgrounds.

Jones, known for his many hit songs as well as for his tumultuous lifestyle, will appear in an 8 p.m. Fair Park coliseum show Saturday, May 6. One of the original country great from the 1950's, Jones has been a favorite Country performer for nearly half a century beginning with his first hit "White Lightning." Since that first hit song he has gone on to have thirteen number one hits, and more than 80 top ten hits, all from more than one hundred albums.

Long considered the greatest living Country star, the thought of Jones' possible demise from a recent car accident prompted an outpouring of love and appreciation from loyal fans across the country and around the world. But true to his nickname, "Ole Possum," Jones not only survived the accident but also has come back in his musical career stronger than ever.

Now, with the release of his new album, "Cold Hard Truth" which Jones said "could be a story of my life," and the hit single from that

album, "Choices," Jones describes in almost biographical terms the decisions people make in life and how everyone must live with the results of those 'choices.'

Over the course of his career as a Country music entertainer, Jones has won many Country music awards and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1992.

Reserved seating tickets for the George Jones show are \$20 and go on sale Saturday, March 25, at Luskey's/Ryon's, 5034 Frankford; Ralph's Records, 909 University or 3322 82nd St; and Luskey's Work Boot & Outlet, 2431 34th St. Tickets will be available during regular business hours at the ticket outlets.

Mail-in or charge-by-phone ticket orders for the George Jones show will be available at the South Plains Fair office effective Monday, March 27. Tickets can be purchased by check or Master Card/Visa. Mail orders should include \$1 per order handling charge, a check or money order for the number of tickets ordered and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Credit card ticket orders should also include card number, expiration date and card holder signature. Address orders to MAY FEST 2000 TICKETS, P. O.

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Tickets to the George Jones show do not include gate admission to the mini-fair. Gate admission is \$2 for adults 12 or older and children younger than 12 are admitted to the fair grounds free of charge.

Admission to May

Fest 2000 will be limited to the entrances in front of the coliseum, behind the coliseum and on 4th Street. Parking fees for the event are \$2 per vehicle and parking will be limited to the area around the main fairgrounds entrance on Avenue A. Hours of operation for May Fest 2000 are 4 - 11 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday- and 1 - 11 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday.

May Fest 2000, celebrating the coming of summer, will feature a limited number of commercial exhibits and nonprofit food booths, coliseum shows, a small carnival provided by popular 1999 South Plains Fair carnival provider, Reed Exposition Midway, and professional talent appearing on

an outdoor stage located near the carnival midway, as well as professional talent in the coliseum. Current plans for the festival call for use of the fairgrounds in the area surrounding the Coliseum, Trade Mart, Food Midway and Carnival Midway. May Fest 2000 is sponsored by Panhandle South Plains Fair Association

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