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"Nations! January Holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr."

WE MUST SALUTE THE MAN WITH A DREAM

"A Legend in Blues"

MUDDY WATERS TO APPEAR HERE FRIDAY



Muddy Waters

MUDDY WATERS, a legend in blues music, will appear here Friday evening, January 19, at 8 p.m., at the Cotton Club. The master bluesman is now sixty-three years young, who is beginning to show his age but remains a wholly commanding presence with the high cheekbones, half-lidded Oriental eyes and undiminished aura of mainish self-confidence, will be entertaining the residents of Lubbock and West Texas.

"I'm a full-growned man," he sings, "a natural-born lover man," and you believe him when he talks and sings to you. He doesn't brag about his successes, one suspects, because he knows he deserves them. But he certainly couldn't have

imagined it all when he first got off the Illinois Central train in Chicago, back in May 1943. Except for a brief and not very satisfactory sortie to St. Louis and a few quick visits to Memphis, he had not traveled beyond the countryside and small towns of the Mississippi Delta, and he was twenty-eight years old.

MUDDY was born McKinley Morganfield in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, April 4, 1915. He doesn't remember anything about his parents' cabin because when he was a baby his mother carried him to the country near Clarksdale, where her mother raised him. He got the nickname MUDDY right away because he liked to crawl around in the mud and

tried to eat it. As far as MUDDY can remember, he was born musical. "When I was around three years old I was beatin' on buckets and tin cans. Anything with a sound I would try to play it; I'd even take my stick and beat on the ground tryin' to get a new sound." Even today, he still likes mud and earth. Nothing seems to relax MUDDY as much as

getting down on his hands and knees and digging in his garden. He continues: "And whatever I beat on, I'd be hummin' my little baby song along with it. My first instrument, which a lady gave me and some kids soon broke for me, was an old squeeze-box, an accordion. The next thing I had

in my hand was a jew's-harp. When I was about seven I started playing the harmonica, and when I got about thirteen I switched to the guitar and put the harp down. I sold our last horse for the first guitar I had. Made fifteen dollars for him, gave my grandmother \$7.50, I kept \$7.50 and paid about \$2.50 for my guitar." Even today, he's

playing the guitar great! As those who attend this Friday evening performance at the Cotton Club, he will be playing some of his greatest hits. He will be singing such notables as "I'm Ready," "I Just Want to Make Love to You," "I'm Ready," and many more. Tickets are on sale at

Cavel's, Evans and Kinner Barber Shop, and Shirley's Barber Shop. Tickets are \$5.50 advance and \$6.50 at the door.

FREEDOM RALLY ON TAP TONIGHT AT 8 P.M.

With the intrusion of Big Government into the private lives of more and more people in recent year and the high inflation brought on by government spending, a group of Lubbock homemakers and businessmen will hold a Freedom Rally on Thursday (tonight), January 18, in the Lubbock Civic Center Theater from 4 to 6 p.m. The admission to the rally is free, and many in the community are welcome to come to be more informed about coming issues facing the Texas Legislature this spring as well as national issues of concern.

How can the average American speak out today on current issues? How can the average American be informed and be more effective? These and many more questions will be answered by the two guest speakers at the rally, LaNeil Wright, President of the Texas Eagle

Forum and who is a well-known speaker in the Dallas area, as well as Representative Clay Smothers from Dallas will outline issues affecting everyone — from homemaker to businessmen and businesswoman.

LaNeil Wright attended school in Hodges, Texas near Levelland and then attended Levelland schools before moving to central Texas, and she has vivid memories of our area. She now lives in Dallas with her husband, Ed Wright, and three sons. She attended the University of Texas and served on the University of Texas staff for two years. She has worked at Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company in Dallas as coordinator of elementary materials and later as Secretary to the President of Lone Star Steel Company. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church where

she serves on the Administrative Board and is a delegate to Annual Conference. She has served also as Vice President of Dallas Northeast District of the UNW. She is a member of the board of the Highland Park High School P.T.A. as well as the Dallas Council on World Affairs, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and the Dallas Eagle Forum, which she organized two years ago. She serves as State Director of the Texas Eagle Forum.

Governor Dolph Briscoe appointed her last year as one of fifteen women to serve on the Texas Commission on the Status of Women. She is serving on that Commission with Mrs. Don Workman of Lubbock who is one of the organizers of the Freedom Rally, and recently appointed President of the new Lubbock Eagle Forum. Other organizational members are Mrs. Richard Madrew, Mrs. Tom Thomas, and Mrs. George Carpenter. Representative Clay

CDBG HEARING ON TAP HERE JAN 25

During the fall, the City of Lubbock began the planning process for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to be received in June 1979. The Community Development Office conducted eleven neighborhood meetings and mailed out over 40,000 survey cards in an effort to gather citizen input and opinions concerning the use of the CDBG money. Residents of Lubbock were asked to identify their neighborhood needs in terms of housing, neighborhood revitalization, public improvements and facilities, and other community wide improvements.

The Community Development Advisory Committee, a twenty-three member committee, met during the past weeks to review all of the requests for CDBG funds received from neighborhood meetings, agencies, and city departments. The CDAC discussed all of the projects and prepared a recommendation on the 1979-80 program as well as the 1980-81 and 1981-82 years. This recommendation will be submitted to the Lubbock City Council on January 25, 1979 for consideration.

The Lubbock City Council has the responsibility of allocating Community Development funds and must discuss the CDBG program in two public hearings. The first Public Hearing was held on Thursday, December 14, 1978, at 10:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall. The second and final hearing will be held on Thursday, January 25, 1979, at 10

HEARING ON TAP HERE

An opening hearing on Title IV, Parts B and C Funds, for Lubbock public and non-public schools within the Lubbock school district, will be held January 23, 1979, at 1:15 p.m., in the Materials Center, located at 1628 19th Street, Lubbock.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the services offered under the Title IV, Parts B and C grant.

Smothers is in the House of Representatives in Austin having been first elected to the legislature in 1976. He was re-elected in 1977 for a term of two more years. He is a conservative Democrat who believes in limiting the functions of government. Mr. Smothers was born in Malakoff, Texas and has been a native of Dallas for 12 years. He is married and has two children. He graduated from Prairie View A & M University and has participated in graduate studies in Chicago Teachers College.

In 1977, he was one of

all residents of Lubbock are encouraged to attend and express their views and opinions on the expenditure of \$3.8 million to be received by the City from the Community Development Block Grant program in 1979-80. Copies of the proposed application are available to the public in the Community Development Office, Room 207 of City Hall. Information may also be obtained by calling 762-6411, ext. 2290 and 2291.

By Kandis Gatewood

"It's too early to say if King will be a leader, or even if he wants to."

Seventeen years ago Bruce Galphin of Nation magazine was trying to guess what a young Southern preacher planned to do for his people.

While Galphin was guessing, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was quietly looking for the promised land.

Then in 1968, seven years later, on a motel balcony in Memphis, King was able to say, "I've been to the mountaintop.

And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!"

The speech on the rainy day in April 1968 was his last. One gun shot later and a man with a vision was dead.

Now, the nation that is trying to see the vision King saw a decade ago, is taking what King termed

a step of peace.

For the first time in America's history, a Black man may be honored with a National Holiday.

It took ten years for some hurts to heal, some folks to start to talk to each other and for the Black man to be taken from the back of the bus.

Ten long years that two centuries of hatred King marched to correct are only the beginning.

King started his rally for peace in 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama.

"If you will protest continued on p. 7

DEBUTANTE QUEENS HONORED

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week, this article was run and we goofed!! Instead of showing the pictures of Regina Butler and Dana Johnson in the right places, we had them out of order. This week, however, we are running this story again so the correct names will appear in the proper place.)



Regina Butler

"A Night to Remember" was the theme! The Palm Room was the scene for the eighth bi-annual Debutante presentation. This lovely affair on Thursday evening, December 28, was sponsored by the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Fifteen lovely young ladies made their bow into society. Deb Queen for the 1978-79 presentation is Miss Regina L. Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Drisdale. She is a sophomore at Huston-Tillotson College at Austin, Texas. She is majoring in elementary education.

Regina says, "I feel great to be the Queen of the Ball, and I would especially like to thank my parents for allowing this opportunity."

First Maid is Miss Felisa Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Eva M. Mack. She is a senior at Estacado High School.

Second Maid is Miss Dana Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hecnan Johnson. She is a senior at the Dunbar-Struggs Complex.

Wanda Young, daughter



Felisa Johnson



Dana Johnson

affair. Classic Ballous and Sons Band of Waco, Texas furnished the entertainment for the evening. Mrs. Lillian Jones is Basileus of the

local chapter. Proceeds from the affair will be used for community service projects and local scholarships.

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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



WHAT'S GOING ON

This writer appreciates the many comments received about this column, via telephone and personal contact. Your letters are rather encouraging. Just last week, a very lovely letter was received from one of our many readers about this column. This is great, and this column will attempt in 1979 to let you know what is really going on in our city.

contribution to this column, just drop me a line to: Ruby's Corner, Lubbock Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

It's great to hear from you, via mail.

Just as good news is received, bad news also comes. My sister, Ann Phillip, fell and broke her arm. She is my eldest.

How many of you knew that Sunday, January 14th, was the birthday of Rev. A.L.

Dunn. Well it was! During morning worship, members of the New Hope Baptist Church Angelic Choir presented him a delicious cake and shirt. The church also gave him a love offering. The entire congregation sang happy birthday to him.

Not only was he surprised during the morning services, but Rev. Dunn was entertained by the Pastor's Aide, with Mrs. Ruby Washington as president. Refreshments were served. He also received some lovely gifts. Rev. W.L. Grimes and Rev. R.S. Stanley were present for the gala affair.

The Baptist Training Union of New Hope Baptist Church got off to a good start last Sunday evening with our new director, Mrs. Roberta Allen, doing a splendid job. She needs the support of the church and the community.

Mrs. Laura Eddington is in Methodist Hospital. She is reported to very ill at this report. She was a very faithful choir member of her church. Let's pray for her and family.

This writer knows many of you go out to Buffalo Springs Lake and fish from time to time. Perhaps there are other activities which carry you to this recreational area. Whatever the reason which takes you there, it is a must for you to vote in the upcoming election.

Saturday, JANUARY 20, two directors will be elected to represent us. So get involved and vote. You may do so if you really care.

BUS SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR HANDICAPPED

If you are a handicapped person or know of a handicapped person within the Lubbock City limits who is physically unable to use the existing public transportation system, please call the Lubbock Transit Department at 762-6411, extension 2387.

AUDITIONS FOR "LA PERICHOLE"

Auditions for the upcoming presentation of the operetta "La Perichole" will be held Monday, February 5, and Tuesday, February 6, at 7 p.m. in Room 1 of the Music Building at Texas Tech University. Those wishing to audition should come with a song prepared.

"La Perichole" is an operetta which is very similar to musical comedy and involves both singing and dialogue unlike opera which is usually singing throughout. There are several dance sequences in the show. The show will be performed in the English version by Maurice

Valency. The story revolves around a beautiful young girl named "Perichole", and the zany antics of the ruler of Peru, the viceroy who is, in effect, trying to woo her away from her own true love, Paquillo. There are several delightful funny character parts as well as a large and important chorus. There are nine roles for men, two of which are only speaking roles and require no singing. There are eight roles for women. For further information contact John Gillis at the Texas Tech Music Department or the Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council at the Chamber of Commerce.

REP. FROY SALINAS FILES TWO BILLS

It was announced last week that Representative Froy Salinas of Lubbock has filed two bills, HB No. 389 and HB No. 390. HB 389 will entitle a family or an individual who is not a member of a family to the exemption of two automobiles or one automobile and a pickup from any ad valorem taxation. If a family owns more than two automobiles, the exemption will apply to the two with the highest

market value. The other bill, HB 390, will, under certain circumstances, make the murder of an elected public official or a public school teacher a capital offense.

RALLY HERE...

three finalists nominated for best column writing by the Dallas Press Club. He has been nominated in 1978 as one of the three finalists for best column writing by the Dallas Press Club. He was awarded the 1977 prestigious American Patriots Medal by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for his dedication to disadvantaged children. Mr. Smothers is Administrator for St. Paul Industrial Training Schools, a home for the extremely disadvantaged children located in Malakoff, Texas.

Also appearing in the program for the Freedom Rally will be the Lubbock Christian College Choir. The Rally will be educational, but also a chance for many in the Lubbock community and West Texas area to show respect for God, country and family. Many people from New Mexico will be coming and from Dimmitt, Hereford, Morton, Levelland, Synder, Midland, Dalhart, Paducah, Sundown, Amarillo, and Plainview.

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The Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, Buffalo Springs Lake, will hold its Directors' Election on Saturday, January 20. Two directors will be elected. All qualified voters of Lubbock County, Texas may vote in this election.

This is the order in which the names of the candidates will appear on the official ballot:

- Joanna Doss
- Dale Miller
- R.M. (Max) Wiser
- Ray Bowen

All qualified voters residing in all of the customary election precincts in the City of Lubbock and the election precincts at Woodrow, Cooper, Hurlwood, New Deal, Monroe, and Abernathy may vote at either of the two (2) places in Lubbock; ** Courthouse Building in the East Entrance to the hallway, Lubbock.

** Fire Station No. 6, 35th & Indiana, Lubbock. All qualified voters residing in the Wolfforth Community may vote at the City Hall Building there.

All qualified voters residing in the election precinct for Shallowater may vote at the Community Clubhouse Building there.

All qualified voters residing in the election precincts at Becton, Roosevelt, and Idalou may vote at the Kitchen of the Community Clubhouse Building in Idalou.

All qualified voters residing in election precincts of the McClung and Posey Communities and all precincts in Slaton may vote at the Clubhouse Building, 700 West Garza Street, Slaton.

All qualified voters of Lubbock County are urged to participate in this election.

BLACK POETRY

"I WILL REMEMBER"

As long as I can see, I will see.
As long as I can hear, I will hear.
And when the time comes that I can do neither, then I will remember.

—Letha Joyce Perkins
(Remembering is done by recall, by anti-ignoring and by present acts. It is that which gives life its "third dimension," a sense of fullness.)

Black poets, who may wish exposure to our reading public, may send copies of their poetry—for editing and with permission to use—in groups of 12 poems or more to C. May Associates, Box 157, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158. Poetry selected should normally appear within 12 to 20 weeks. Because of staff limitations, no copies are returned.

CAREER INFORMATION DAY SET AT TEXAS TECH

Career Information Day will be held January 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom to answer students' questions about careers, employment outlooks, salaries and use of the university's placement service.

The Texas Tech Career Planning and Placement Service is sponsoring the event, at which represen-

tatives from 50 businesses, industries and governmental organizations will field student questions.

Career Day will provide students access to employers who can supply resource material. Information will be available on recommendations for academic majors in career preparation and current job openings in various

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEEDS MEN AND WOMEN

Community Hospital of Lubbock needs men and women to help in Volunteer Services. According to a spokesperson, one can be a great comfort to patients who need someone to read to them, to assist them in moving about the hospital, or just sit and listen to them talk.

Any age adult is eligible to apply and will be trained to be a good volunteer helper. This will be a great satisfaction in helping others. Community Hospital will have a gift shop open soon and will need volunteers to work any amount of hours of time one will have to offer. For further information, contact Louise Stokes, Community

Hospital, at 795-9301, or come to 5301 University Avenue.

employment areas. More information can be obtained from Gerry Phaneuf, assistant director of the Career Planning and Placement Service, at 742-2210.

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POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK



HOUSE BURGLARY

CLARENCE REDIC, 2511 A 27th Street, reported to Lubbock police that he came home one day last week and found the front door latch off his front door. He checked further at the back door and found the screen lying off.

According to the young Black brother, entry was gained by breaking the glass and reaching inside to raise the window. Once inside, the unknown persons took a television set. Prior to taking the set, however, they ransacked the house and dumped the trash cans on the floor. The television set was valued at \$200.

THEFT

RALPH SMITH, 1913 East 1st Street, is a very happy young fellow this week. You see, someone unknown stole his car while it was parked in front of the pool hall in the 900 block of Idalou Road.

Although he got his car back, he was slow about reporting the crime, because he didn't know his license plate number. The car was valued at approximately \$250. He was a happy brother to get his transportation back.

THEFT

ELLA LOUISE SED-

were valued at \$10. Also taken were four \$4 worth of pennies.

THEFT

OCIE BURGESS, 826 Walnut Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did take her son's bicycle while it was parked in the front yard of the house.

He told police that they were eating dinner when the bike was apparently stolen from the house. The bike was valued at \$78.

HOUSE BURGLARY

ANNIE DAY, 2409 East 25th Street, reported to Lubbock police that her rent house at 2726 East 9th Street was broken into one night last week. She did report that she was in the process of

selling the house. It is believed that unknown persons pulled the cross bars off the bedroom window and raised the window for entry to the house. Nothing from the house. There was approximately \$25 worth of damage done to the cross bars and window.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

TERRY JO FINNEN, 2920 East Baylor Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone caused a hole in the windshield of her car while it was parked in the driveway of her house one night last week. It is believed that the hole was caused by a shotgun blast. There was an apparent shotgun shell embedded in the smashed part of the windshield. The wad

OUTREACH BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Members of the Outreach Breakfast Club met last Saturday morning, at 9 a.m., in the home of Mrs. Willie Mae Thomas, 2402 East 6th Street. It was a great meeting, according to those in attendance, despite the cold windy weather.

Devotional scripture from a shotgun shell was lying on the driveway. It is believed that a person she knows is responsible for this incident as she has had problems with this subject in the past. She was advised by police to file charges against the person this week.

reading was from Paul's writings, 1 Cor. 13. "But the greatest of these is love." We all felt and saw this demonstrated through each other.

Our next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Ella Hill, 2407 East 6th Street.

Guest last Saturday morning included Mrs. Jo Ann Partee, Ms. Lula Jones, Ms. Eddith Corrington, Ms. Ella Hill, Miss Grace Satchell, and Mrs. Betty Titus.

We want our guests to know we appreciate them and they are special to all of us.

On the sick list this week are Mrs. Ockletree, Mrs. Mary Sterling, and Mrs. Ethel Johnson.

A special pray was offered by Sister Ollie Coleman. It was certainly a great thing, even a miracle.

Breakfast was served, piping hot and delicious, by the hostesses, Sister Willie M. Thomas and Sister Lula Jones. It was very enjoyable.

If you are spiritually hungry or physically hungry, come by and sit down with us at the welcome table and be fed.

For more information, call 763-2966. Chairperson is Sister Mary Ward; vice chairperson is Sister Corine Fair; and acting reporter is Sister Dorothy Hood.



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Editorials

TELL IT LIKE IT IS

by
T.J. Patterson

"Don't Forget Where We Come From"

As Black people, we had better quit forgetting from where we come. Just the other day, a young Black brother called me about a young Black brother who was applying for a position with the company he was hired by to screen potential applicants. Would you believe this brother told this writer that he couldn't "feel comfortable with this brother working for him."

What this writer can't really understand is why we (Black people) tend to change once we get into a position to reach out and help some other Blacks who need to have an opportunity.

This young Black brother is in a good position to help others, but he doesn't feel as though he is, in this writer's opinion. He has probably forgotten that many whites don't feel comfortable working around him either. So why in the devil we have this kind of a hang up about other Black brothers and sisters who are trying to get there?

At times, we, as Black people, are so darn petty with our little positions. It's time for us to quit acting like this. In many instances, we will soon fall from this insecure stage we are on. As Percy Sutton, at that time was the Mayor of the Burrough in Manhattan, told this writer: "I never forget where I've come from. So as I ride through Harlem each morning, I remember I'm just a Black man from San Antonio, Texas out from shore of frustration, and I can always fall back to where I once were." So true!!

This writer hopes this Black brother will get off his high horse and start showing empathy for other Blacks who need opportunities. True, white people give Black people a hard time in Lubbock. But, at the same time, many Blacks hurt us worst than the white man. Keep this in mind.

It was a full house at Dunbar High School last Tuesday evening. It was so crowded until several hundred basketball fans had to be turned away from the game. The same thing, this writer is told, happened last year. It would appear to this writer that when ever Dunbar and Estacado High Schools basketball teams play each other, it should be held at a larger gym in our city. If this is not feasible, why not build larger facilities to accommodate the people.

A point at hand last Tuesday evening was why wasn't Coronado High School's gym used? It was vacant on that evening. This is the kind of input which is needed to the system.

Many Blacks, as well as whites, were rather unhappy last Tuesday evening because of the lack of room for the game.

It appears as though Congressman Kent Hance, newly elected congressman for the 19th Congressional District, will be coming back home to visit with his district from time to time. This a good concept. At the same time, however, we hope some kind of a relationship will set up with his office in the Black community in Lubbock and the district.

This writer would like to applaud the hiring of Lorenzo Sedeno as an aid to the congressman. He should prove to be a concerned man about what is going on in the 19th Congressional District.

This writer hopes there will be groups or organizations in the Black community who will, from time to time, meet with Congressman Hance.

This writer is happy that Rev. and Mrs. R.D. Wesson of Clovis, New Mexico will become agents for the Lubbock Digest there. It's just good to know there are brothers and sisters in New Mexico who want this weekly newspaper.

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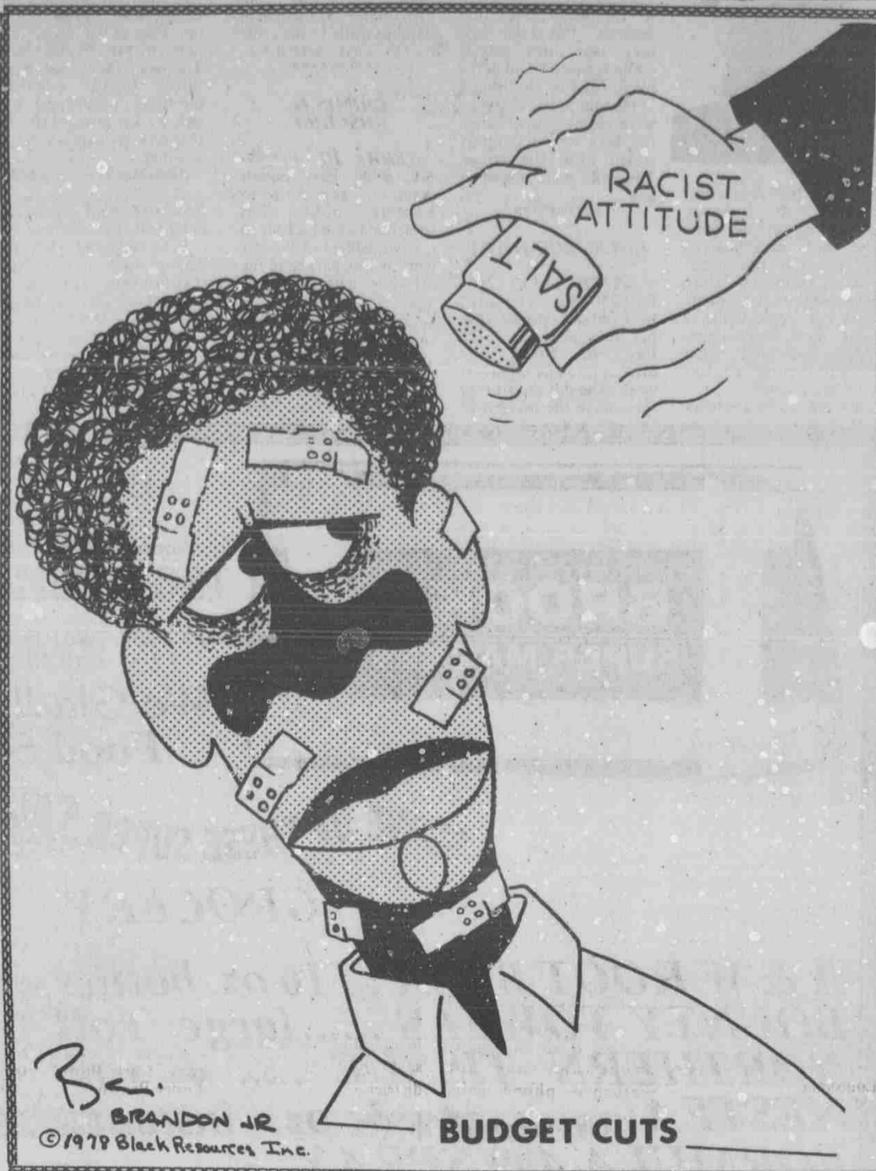
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BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist

IS NAMIBIA TO BE A VIET NAM?

Black Americans should doubtless become increasingly sensitive to and aware of a possibly new Viet Nam type of situation developing in the African country of Namibia. Namibia was known for more than a quarter of a century as the Territory of South-West Africa. This especially attractive black "nation" was placed under the supervisory trust of South Africa by the United Nations.

Whether consciously or unconsciously, in a typically exploitative, self-interested, power-hungry and racist-minded way, it has been said that the South African government did not view the supervisory trust as other than a permanent or perpetual arrangement. This meant, in effect, not only that the Namibian blacks—seen ostensibly as inferior and incompetent natives—were to be wards of the South African white minority government forever. But it also meant that all of the rich mineral and agricultural, as well as human, resources of Namibia were seen by the South Africans as "belonging" absolutely to them.

With the development and rapid extension of independence or liberation movements throughout central and southern Africa, Namibians sought their own independence through the United Nations. The U.N. agreed that a transition should be made to independence. But South Africa objected to this more as an improper infringement upon South Africa's "rights and prerogatives" in the area. The white-minority government of South Africa insisted that the matter had to be negotiated with South Africa and that South Africa's aggregate interests in the territory had to be protected, preserved or compensated for.

A further complicating or disadvantageous factor, so far as black Namibians were and are concerned, is that South Africa quickly saw that the stalling of matters in Namibia could shift growing international concern away from the brutalities and gross inequities relating to blacks within South Africa itself.

That the latter exploitable situation has proved to be an immense success for South Africa is attested to, in part, by the shifting of the press headlines away from South African internal repression to what is called the Namibian question. There was—and there is—no "question" about Namibia's right to be independent, once the world body (the United Nations) determined that the protective supervision of Namibia by South Africa should be terminated.

Of the greatest importance to black Americans—as well as to all freedom-loving people throughout the world—are reports from diplomatic and religious figures of high rank, who have been familiar at first hand with events in Namibia, that the white-minority government of South Africa is engaged in one of the most massive troop build-ups in South

African history. Meanwhile, official alarm has spread throughout both the Western and Socialist world powers as well as within the United Nations itself. The mounting fear is that South Africa may be preparing for an Anschluss or for another Viet Nam type of prolonged warfare.

The intense and sustained feeling of the fires of conflict in Namibia on South Africa's part would bring potential embarrassment to the United Nations, which has never engaged in a full-scale war of liberation or of conquest. It would also place all other world powers in a situation of "perceived interlopers," should any active intervention be undertaken by either the Western bloc or the Socialist-oriented nations.

Just what the early or eventual outcome in Namibia is remains for the moment an uncertainty. What is clear, however, is that the white-governed Republic of South Africa has a "good thing" going for itself in Namibia. A world confrontation, regardless of the ultimate settlement, would win time for South Africa in its affairs at home and South Africa, and in a variety of ways, would be a guaranteed winner to some degree.

This kind of "gamble" is no risk at all. It spells not much less, at best, than potential disaster for Namibian blacks and the placing of a pall, in the minds of many over the non-aggressive and peace-oriented posture of the United Nations.

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"ABOUT ELTON CONGER"

Dear Editor:

I'm a student at Atkins Jr. High. My name is Cynthia Guerrero. I'm in the 9th grade. To start off this letter, it is about one of my close teachers. Earlier in the year, he came out on tv fighting for his rights. This is my first year going to ATKINS. I've been having pretty hard trouble there.

During my 7th and 8th grade, I went to STRUGGS JR. HIGH and met this man (Coach Conger). He was always there to help us when we had any trouble. During that time, I took shop. When anyone of us needed any advice, he was there to help. He is a person who takes time off of work to help them. When this school desegregation started, we didn't want to leave STRUGGS. We wanted to stay there and hoped the school board would build a 9th grade on to STRUGGS. They didn't so we were stuck in other different schools.

I am in C.A. (competitive athletics). This year I didn't get to play in any of the school games. During the volleyball and basketball season, I was eliminated because I was not going to go to MONTEREY, and also because I was not there in the 7th and 8th grades. Mrs. Blocker said if I had been there these two years I could of made the team. Some of my friends asked me if I made the team. I told them no, and I had not made it if I made the team. I told them no, because I had not made the team. They could not understand why? Then the basketball season came and I was eliminated also. One of the players who made it asked me if I had made it. I told her no. She couldn't believe it. Ronda Cannon, the player who asked me if I had made the team, said that the only reason why I didn't make the team was because I was too short (4'9").

Now all we do is exercise in the hall. They just put us aside and forget about us. I tried to express my feelings and emotions and asked WHY?? To top that off, one of my friends has a teacher named Mr. Cox (tennis teacher) who said that he was glad that COACH CONGER WOULD NOT be teaching anymore. THE ONLY REASON HE WAS THERE WAS BECAUSE HE WANTED TO CHANGE THE SCHOOL SO THAT IT COULD ACCEPT OTHER STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Guerrero

P.S. If this good enough to be put in the news would you please publish this on tv also. Thank you very much!!!

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We would like to sell your Lubbock Digest newspaper here in Clovis, New Mexico. Please let me know how to get them.

Thank you!!

Rev. R.D. Wesson & Wife, Jessie Mae Wesson

(Editor's Note: Thank you for your concern to sell the Lubbock Digest. As of this week (Friday), the Lubbock Digest will have its first out-of-state carrier. How about that. At the same time, there at least sixty persons receiving the Digest, via mail, outside the state of Texas. Thank you, Rev. & Mrs. Wesson).



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

THE MALDISTRIBUTION OF
GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

The Congressional Black Caucus has opposed the amendment by Congressman James Jones (D-Okla.) which would significantly reduce capital gains rates, although the reduction would be less than under the Steiger Amendment which also deals with reduction of capital gains rates. Caucus members view the Jones Amendment as violating the same principles as the Steiger Amendment.

plained that the Steiger Amendment's regrettable passage should keep before us the real issues raised by the California tax revolt—the maldistribution of government benefits through tax loopholes and tax expenditures.

The Caucus Chairman said it is deceptive to point to capital gains benefits on home sales as showing the Steiger Amendment will aid less affluent families. He said that President Carter had

proposed tax legislation to lower tax rates for profits from the sale of a personal residence, and that the Steiger Amendment benefits and inequities go far beyond that reasonable step.

The Congressional Black Caucus has provided the following analysis of benefits by income grouping and race under the Steiger Amendment (which we should keep for handy reference):

Expanded Income Group	Percent Distribution of Steiger Amendment Benefits	Percentage of Black Families by Money Income Group (1976)
Below \$5,000	0.4%	26.1%
\$ 5,000-10,000	0%	27.4%
\$ 10,000-15,000	0%	18.9%
\$ 15,000-20,000	0%	13.5%
\$ 20,000-30,000	0.2%	
\$ 30,000-50,000	0.9%	
\$ 50,000-100,000	4.2%	(\$20,000-\$25,000=7.4%)
\$100,000-\$200,000	14.2%	(\$25,000-\$50,000=6.5%)
\$200,000 and over	66.0%	0.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports Series P-60, #107 (September 1977); Tax Reform Research Group calculations from Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation data (May 24, 1978)

Analysis: Note that "money income group" does not include capital gains and other money assets which are included under "expanded income." Nonetheless, figures on capital gains benefits by income group indicate that the

relative proportion of black families in each income group would not change significantly if capital gains income were included. Capital gains are profits from the sale of investments such as stocks, bonds and property.

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LINCOLN - RAYFORD EXCHANGE VOWS HERE



Mrs. Lillian Erline Lincoln Rayford

Lillian Erline Lincoln became the bride of Ronald Gene Rayford in ceremonies at the Bowman Chapel of the First United Methodist Church on December 30, 1978. The Rev. James Hawkins of Tyler officiated, with the Rev. A.W. Wilson, assisting minister.

Honor attendants were Shelia Lincoln of Lubbock, Mrs. Alberta Rencher of Houston, Marion Rayford of Houston and Robert Rayford of Houston, brothers of the groom. Ms. Lincoln and Mrs. Rencher are sisters of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Orabella Clark, Judy Evans, Carolyn Hamilton, Cheryl Jones, Francis Lampkin, and Linda Tatum.

Groomsmen were Harold Allen, John Kyles, Mitchell Loftis, Rodney Garrison, Ivory Tatum, and Jake Debose. Cheryl and Toni Rencher, neices of the bride, were flower girls. Traftan Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trent Cox, was ring bearer.

Hostesses for the occasion were Jacque Cook, Ivy N. Davis, Nelda Quigley, Royla Roberts, Daphne Newton, and Ila Kay Hill.

Wedding house party participants were: Mrs. A.W. Wilson, Mrs. Carolyn Teague, Mrs. Linda Thomas, Mrs. W.M. Washington, Mrs.

Ruby Newsome, Mrs. Teresa Wheatley, Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Mrs. Donna Conger, and Ms. Cheryl Jones.

Mrs. Katherine Richardson and Mrs. Alberta Rencher served as wedding consultants.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Lincoln of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rayford of Houston. The bride was graduat-

ed from North Texas State University and the University of Texas Allied Health Center. The bridegroom was graduated from Prairie View A&M University and is currently employed as staff engineer for Mobil Oil, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Following the wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple will live in New Orleans.

Prayer Poem

One of the best-loved prayer hymns among evangelical Christians is C.D. Martin's "God Will Take Care Of You." It speaks of the providential care and protection of God, as He provides for our every need.

*Be not dismayed, whate'er betide
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.*

*Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,*

God will take care of you.

*Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.*

Refrain:

*God will take care of you
Through every day
O'er all the way
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.
Amen*

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- Is your attic insulated as well as it should be? Check with us.
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- Is thermostat setting on your water heater no more than 140 degrees? Have you insulated your water heater?
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Media Reviews:

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"RESPECTABLE" GREED

A review of *Pirate Slave*, a novel by Parker Rossman, Thomas Nelson, Publishers, Nashville, Tennessee, 1977. Hardcover, 148 pages, \$6.95.

Here is the revealing story of a white seafaring youth who was captured by Muslim pirates and was made an enslaved person in a strange new world.

For those who would like to overlook the sordid facts of real life which prevailed on the high seas a century and more ago, Parker Rossman's *Pirate Slave* will make the return to reality as swift as it is heart-breaking.

Life for seamen became attractive...and human...almost wholly within the past century. Formerly, prison doors were opened for men who would brave the perils of the sea. *Pirate Slave* portrays, in a remarkably lively way, the daily dreadful circumstances which made this

into a prisoner's option for a way of escape from the certainty of degradation of one kind to the possible mixture of degradation with adventure.

Life for poor whites was not altogether attractive either. Even the viable choice of the sea suggests the ugliness and unworthiness of life for the masses, where one was called a rascal but death with as one who was enslaved. That is why the risk of enslavement for a life at sea had its strange charms.

For Joseph Alexander Short, a white American seafaring lad, enslavement at Muslim hands became a life in which he had no choice but one which in his heart he chose over the meager dignity of demeaned "freedom" in a world which had enchained his mind through the constant fear of hunger and the ever-present fact of brutality.

You will be grateful to Parker Rossman, once you have read this bit of history, romanticized only to make it all the more real...and raw.

COP FIGHTS OIL MILL

DISCUSSES FUTURE HIGHWAY

Citizens of Progress are taking an active role in discussing the building of Highway 27 through the City of Lubbock.

Members will attend a Texas Highway Department meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. to see where the highway will run through town.

According to Harold Chatman, members will fight Plains Oil Mill Cop to the end.

Members were told Wednesday that the oil mill went directly to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and has not returned phone calls

concerning the proposed drainage hole. Plains has promised to help the community.

At 8:15 a.m. today, community members are encouraged to go to the Zoning meeting to fight a change that would allow the ditch to be built on M-2 instead of M-1 area.

At the meeting, Dr. Lovings asked for COP involvement and support for UPAL in fighting the Lubbock Independent School District for Elton Conger, who was fired for insubordination, Lovings said, from the school district.

LUBBOCK HIGH WILL PRESENT MUSICAL

The Lubbock High School drama and choir departments will present the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," on Thursday evening, January 20, at 2 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., in the Lubbock High Auditorium. Tickets are

MR. R.C. CROCKETT

Final rites were read last Thursday morning at the St. John Baptist Church for Mr. R.C. Crockett with the pastor, Rev. James Moore, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of South Plains Funeral Home.

Mr. Crockett was born July 25, 1928 in Tenaha, Texas. He met and married Mrs. Willie Mae Allen and to this union a daughter was born.

Mr. Crockett moved to Lubbock with his family in 1955 from Lorenzo, Texas.

He passed away January 8, 1979 in West Texas Hospital.

He was a member of the Hub City Lodge No. 2100 and a Master Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Crockett; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Brown, both of Lubbock; a mother, Mrs. Willie B. Crockett of Lubbock; a sister, Ms. Irene Crockett of Dallas, Texas; and a grand daughter, Staci Denise Brown of Lubbock; many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Wash Brown, Freddie Brown, George Harper, Curtis Smith, Clifford E. Burrow, and George Jackson.

Honorary pallbearers were Carl Brown and Lester Brown.

one dollar for students and two dollars for adults. They will be available at the door for each performance.

The Saturday afternoon matinee is especially for students from elementary age on up to senior high students. A special invitation is issued to all LISD faculty and staff to attend one of the

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performances and to bring the children.

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As PUBLISHERS of this weekly newspaper, we owe to YOU, the reading public, to be factual and fair. You may be critical of some things that are written, but at least you will have the satisfaction of knowing they are truthful and to the point.

People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible; and we will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would do. And this we think is fair.

So this is our resolution to you: Feel free at any time to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you.

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T. J. Patterson

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courageously, and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, "There lived a great people—a black people—who injected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization." This is our challenge and our overwhelming responsibility.

Then in Georgia in 1962, King said, "It may get me crucified. I may die. But I want it said even if I die in the struggle that 'He died to make me free.'"

The attention to King became apparent in Washington in 1963 as the nation began to listen to the man with a dream.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

King didn't limit himself to the nation. He went to Norway preaching nonviolence in solving racial injustice.

Although, as one article in 1968 pointed out, King saw his own people sweep past him and turn ghettos into battlefields, he was the voice and peaceful instrument of the second American revolution.

King wanted to unite his people and the Tennessee rally was what came to be his last and

greatest effort. But the word of the man lives on. And should continue to live as the nation must celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

WORDS OF LIFE

Biblical Inspiration For The Week

"God will supply every need."—Phil. 4:19

1. The "problem" of supply is non-existent. It is fictitious because, as the words of our text remind us, "God will supply every need." There is, then, more than ample supply. In the story of the feeding of the 5000, there were enough "leftovers" to supply or provide snacks for a small army.

2. The real "problem" is the human one of distribution. Some of us—indeed, perhaps, most of us—do not see ourselves rightly as "channels or instruments of God's grace or supply." When God's "supply" comes by or near, we grab for ourselves—sometimes all that is meant or destined for us—and then we abandon our role as a part of the conduit or channel of God's supply. Have you been helping, as

National News... Washington, D.C.—President Carter found himself embroiled in a national black uproar over his summary dismissal of Marsha "Bunny" Mitchell as his black White House Special Assistant. Quiet opposition to her appointment had never abated, especially by black males, over the allegedly "Southern mammy" stereotype's re-enactment in the Presidential by-pass of black males for the supposedly strategic White House assignment.

MDA WILL HOLD DISPLAY JAN. 20TH

On Jan. 20 the Lubbock Area Occupational Therapists, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, AMCO Medical Service and MediQuip will co-host a display at the information booth of South Plains

Mall. The display will feature devices and equipment available to any physically limited person to assist them in skills of daily living such as dressing, eating, writing, and mobility.

Occupational Therapists are specialists trained to assist the physically limited person attain independence in skills of daily living including homemaking, recreational and self-care activities.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association spent 44.1% of funds raised in 1978 on patient services which included Occupational Therapy services and the purchase of special equipment for MDA clients.

AMCO Medical Service and MediQuip are the major suppliers of adapted equipment in the Lubbock area. They maintain a stock of these

Semi-Monthly Summary... International News...

Rhodesia (or Zimbabwe)—Reports from this country struggling for new national adjustments leading to black majority rule become bleak-

items for purchase by the general public.

er, possibly than at any other time since the formation of a transitional black and white governing council.

The Executive Council announced a series of measures that will make it illegal to deny blacks access to public facilities such as hotels, movies and swimming pools. Blacks would also be able to

operate commercial and industrial enterprises in previously all-white districts.

Omitted from the effects of the order were state-run schools and hospitals, and also residential areas. A spokesman for Bishop Abel Muzrewa's United African National Council noted: "It's less than peanuts. We

had expected complete removal of all discrimination." Discrimination's elimination was stated as a top priority when the transitional leaders took power more than six months ago.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE??

The 50's class reunion committee needs addresses on the following persons. If you know the whereabouts of these people, contact the chairperson of your class or Joan Crawford.

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- 1952 - 762-8063 -- Mrs. Joan Kerr Crawford -- 1812 E. 24th St.
- 1953 - 744-8558 -- Mrs. Reble Bussey Coleman -- 3604 Ute Ave.
- 1954 - 762-4546 -- Mr. Raymond Peppers -- 2428 East 30th St.
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- 1957 - 763-1840 -- Mrs. Vernita Woods Holmes -- 2429 East 29th St.
- 1958 - 744-5194 -- Mr. Milton Cook -- 1509 East Amherst Ave.
- 1959 - 752-3600 -- Mrs. Frances (Bunton) Bell -- 1329 East 25th St.

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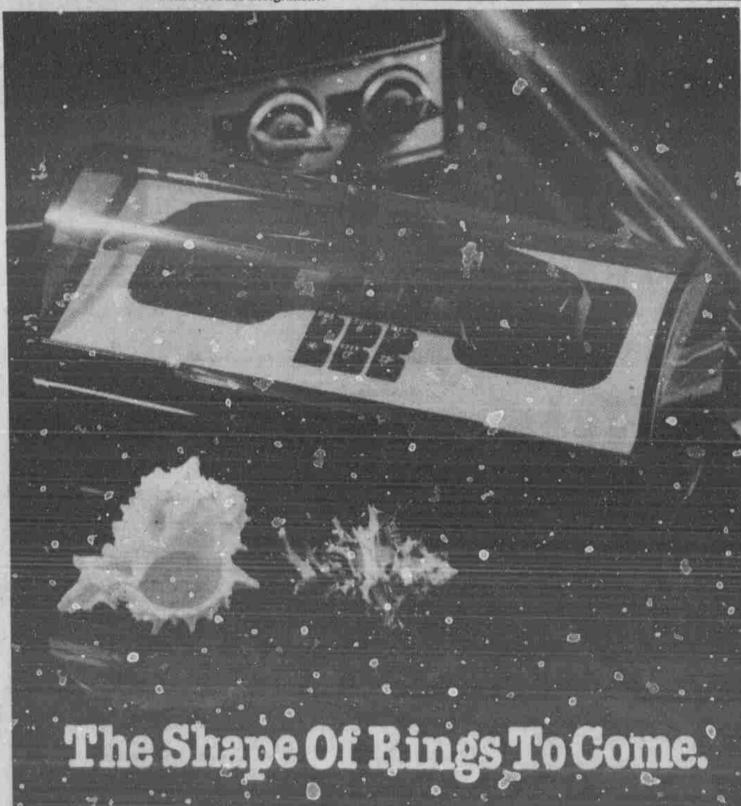
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Jimmy Peppers

NOTE:

If you have not received a letter concerning the reunion or your name is not listed on the missing persons list, please contact the chairperson of your class.

If you and your spouse are 50's graduates or people who attended Dunbar through the tenth grade, only one registration (\$50.00) is required.

There will be a meeting Friday, February 26, at 7 p.m. at 1320 East 15th Street. All 50's graduate or people who attended Dunbar through the tenth grade are welcome.



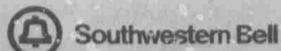
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Copies of the 1979 - 82 Application are available in the Community Development Office, Room 207, City Hall. For more information, call 762-6411 ext. 2290 or 2291.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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January 25, 1979

Across The Nation

News From Home Folks

This feature is a news compilation from more than 100 black-owned and oriented newspapers in this nation. It deals with what blacks, who are all-too-often little recognized, are doing to promote full participation in American life by black Americans. It is this a salute from all of our readers for unsung heroes... and is designed to be a challenge for all of us to keep on doing our very best.

The Kalamazoo, Michigan Focus News, in a front page piece, suggests the outgoing spirit which has traditionally characterized the black press and our need to support our local black press to the fullest possible extent.

The article is captioned: "No More Free Copies: Focus Depends Upon Community Support!" The revealing—and challenging—article reads:

Sometimes we take good things for granted. Therefore, it seems pertinent to remind our readers of the status of Focus in the community it serves.

We are not publishing an ordinary paper, as you know by reading it, and will see in the following described circumstances; therefore, we do need extraordinary assistance and support. Thus, this appeal.

We are dependent upon the people—for the following reasons:

(1) Unlike so many dailies and other publications, Focus is not owned by a conglomerate. Even though we are privately and locally owned and controlled—which we believe is better—

at the same time, we do not have BIG money behind us, which makes it a daily struggle to pay bills, and adding to the prohibitive nature of this time of expanding to include more staff and a larger paper.

(2) We do not have the luxury of being able to continue to distribute the paper free (as we have done in the past for a large percentage of the paper's distribution). The paper must be purchased by individuals to offset the distribution costs either by subscription, at stands, or by newsboys and girls. (The only free ones will be on a promotional basis.)

(3) Because we are independently owned, we do not subsidize on grants, the government, or any other benefits we would receive (even with lower postage rates) if we were (legally) non-profit, church-related, or government controlled. We would have it no other way, for the sake of freedom of the press.

We hope this reminder will impress upon you the importance of your support—through subscriptions, advertising, contributions of news items, or in any other way to promote the growth—and continuance—of Focus.

The Grand Rapids Times provides us with a story which should prod us to move with courage and determination for a broader share—no more than is our due—in the highest economic benefit levels in the nation. The Times relates:

Michigan Bell spent more than \$2 million in 1977 on purchases from minority businesses, the company announced this week.

David K. Wenger, Michigan Bell vice president, said the sum represents a 200 percent increase over 1976 in the buying of goods and services from minority owned firms.

In addition to Michigan Bell's purchases, Wenger said Western Electric, the manufacturing and supply arm of the Bell system, spent another \$485,000 at Michigan minority businesses last year.

According to Wenger, one of the main causes for last year's sharp upturn in Michigan Bell's minority purchases is the continued fine-tuning of the company's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program. Michigan Bell was one of

the first companies in the nation to initiate a program to assist minority businesses in bidding for contracts," Wenger explained. "and as leaders in the field, we've had to learn as we go."

Wenger said Michigan Bell's MBE program includes compiling a directory of every minority-owned business in the state, and giving that directory to every Michigan Bell employee who makes purchases for the company from outside suppliers.

"We've found that our minority business directory makes our buyers aware of minority firms, and that awareness is being translated into familiarity—and ultimately, purchases—with increasing frequency," he explained.

"Our objective is to eliminate the need for the MBE program by creating an environment that will make purchasing from minority businesses a routine occurrence," Wenger added.

According to Larry Leatherwood, director of the Division of Minority Business Enterprise, Office of Economic Expansion, in Lansing, there are a number of obstacles which make it difficult to increase the number of purchases made by large corporations like Michigan Bell from smaller, newer firms owned by minority individuals.

"Quite often, a small company is very capable of providing the goods or services a large corporation needs, but it needs assistance in learning the procedures of placing bids," Leatherwood explained.

"In fact, a small new business may think a large corporation like Michigan Bell is too large a customer to handle," he added, "but with efforts like Michigan Bell's Minority Business Enterprise program, such obstacles may be removed."

Leatherwood said there is a natural reluctance on the part of individual purchasers in large corporations to try a new firm. "A purchaser's first commitment is to obtain quality goods and services for his or her corporation," he said.

"Once purchasers find a supplier they feel comfortable with, they're not easily persuaded to try a new one," Leatherwood added.

"Agencies such as the Division of Minority Business Enterprise in the Office of Economic Expansion, are familiarizing purchasing agents at large businesses

with the capabilities of minority firms, and as a result more minority firms are receiving contracts than ever before," Leatherwood said.

He said the chances of Michigan Bell increasing its use of minority suppliers are

"good to excellent." "The hard part is breaking the ice, making the first contact," Leatherwood explained. "and since Michigan Bell has now progressed far beyond that point, I'm fairly certain they will continue to make steady gains."

The Tulsa, Oklahoma Eagle tells of funds being allocated specifically for American Indian (or Original American) job training. Yet monies designed to meet acute or gravely pressing black needs are siphoned off repeatedly under the guise of "no discrimination." Just how our problem may be resolved may be anyone's conjecture. But the Indians did it, as the following report from the Eagle suggests:

Additional: job training funds totalling \$2,340,902 have been allocated to 10 Indian employment programs in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas by the U.S. Labor Department ... The

funds are part of President Carter's Native-American Economic Stimulus Appropriation of Last May for \$21 million nationally. A first round of projects was funded last November.

Training will be conducted in 10 occupational groups with this second round of funding under Title III of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA).

Our readers may wish to address congratulatory messages and messages of encouragement to the papers which report happenings of interest or concern to us. Such messages may be sent to the editors or other persons directly by simply addressing them, using the name of the paper, c/o Black Resources, Inc., 410 Central Park West, New York, N.Y. 10025

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY

January 17-23

ARIES — March 21-April 20 Maybe your "I Am" energy should try a mental approach towards problem solving during the next three or four days. It also pays in the long run to care more about the feelings of others than the feelings in yourself. "Life is real... life is earnest."

TAURUS — April 21-May 21 In the guise of modern, technological society, you may be reliving those moments when you carried the Sun God back into the Sun after one of his rare visits to earth. Things are going well for you—just curb your instinct to hoard and to be selfishly greedy. The more you give, the more you have to give.

GEMINI — May 22-June 21 You have free time to gather your thoughts about you; soon you're going to have to pick up and get things moving in a right and final direction. Do not be afraid of making a decision. It's better to decide something than nothing. And after you decide, you must do!

CANCER — June 22-July 23 If someone comes to assist you with life's problems, accept this giving and be courteous. It is natural for you to feel that your sense of knowing is better than the well-reasoned judgments of an outsider, but you must also "fess up" to your total lack of objectivity. Reasoning can clarify feeling—sometime.

LEO — July 24-August 23 Sometimes a thing going wrong is not the fault of the one who broke the promise, but the one who believed in the promise. Your desire for constant well-being forces people to deceive you just to keep you happy. You'll never build a strong Will co-opting yourself this way.

VIRGO — August 24-September 23 The good talks you've been

having with yourself should have done some good by now. At least you're still thinking about getting out and getting over. Life is belief in the power of one's Will. Burn a white candle; meditate on the eternal peace.

LIBRA — September 24-October 23 The beautiful sometimes must suffer along with the unidentifiable and obsequious masses. Acceptance of this fact and a willingness to give to make others happy, successful, and secure, will place you on life's highest beauty pedestal. Practice does make perfect, but perfect practice requires discipline.

SCORPIO — October 24-November 22 Do not be so overcome by a petty anxiety that you allow your nerves to be attacked by the forces of evil. Rest when tired, be cautious with your body. The greater your desire to be great, the greater you will be. But true greatness resides in the heart, not in the ego.

SAGITTARIUS — November 23-December 21 Even the young get old, and

you are just beginning to realize that the way to preserve one's youth is to keep the heart free of fear and doubt. Accept all love gifts, and if giving, give to the ones who need the most. Benevolence glows in your character.

CAPRICORN — December 22-January 20 You may be experiencing a hot-blooded surge of energy, and running up and down roads getting things done at a tremendous speed. Do not neglect matters of health, beauty and love. It does not

profit a man to gain if he's eventually going to lose it all via his own insensitivity.

AQUARIUS — January 21-February 19 as things start going backward for other people, you'll have the sense of clarified energy. The way you see could be the brightest and it could be the best, but those on your left side and those on your right side may not see the same. You must always consider others.

PISCES — February 20-March 20 You have often proven to yourself that things can and

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will go wrong if you do not reason and apply critical perspective to your judgments. If you're teaching in lone or strange territory, keep an I.D. on you, and answer all strangers with a common prayer: "Peace be unto you."

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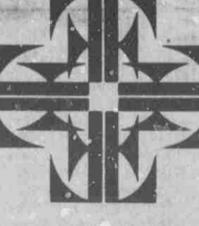
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Come to Church

MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST

On Sunday afternoon, January 21, at 3 p.m., we will have installation of officers for 1979. Dr. Floyd Perry, Jr., pastor of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon. All members and friends of the community are asked to attend this program.

Ushers meet at the church each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Senior Choir practices on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

The Prayer Band meets at the church each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. The Young Matrons, Deacons and Laymen Brotherhood meet at the church on Wednesday evenings at 7 and 8 p.m.

The Youth Department meets at the church meet at the church at 7 p.m.

Teachers meeting is held each Friday evening at 7 p.m.

The Deaconess meet at the church the first and third Saturday of each month.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church.

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST

Mid week prayer services are held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Let us make plans to attend.

There is a young people's meeting each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. All young people are asked to please attend these important meetings. Any adult who would like to work with the young people of the church are invited to do so.

Federation of Choirs will meet on Sunday afternoon, January 28, at 2:30 p.m. First Progressive Baptist Church is host for the month. Let us all attend.

General Mission will be held on Monday evening, January 29, at 7 p.m. President Ruby Jay is still asking all women of the church to attend. Ushers meeting will be held Friday evening, January 19, at 8 p.m. President Hemanes is asking all members to attend.

The West Texas Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Winter Board will convene with the St. John Baptist Church of Odessa on January 23 and 24. Let us make plans to attend.

A bake sale, sponsored by the Young People of the church, will be held on Sunday, January 21, immediately at the close of the morning worship. Let us stop by and help these young people.

Our Brotherhood meets each Sunday morning at 8 a.m. All men of the church are asked to start attending. This is a great day for the men of the church. See you Sunday morning!!

Let us continue to pray for sick and shut in members of our church and community as well as those bereaved families. Those on the sick list include Ms. Calie Cato, Ms. Lomie Smith, and Ms. Laura Eddington. Mr. Besty's father has

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE CHRISTIAN'S THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

Romans 8:18-25; John 14:1-3

Romans 8:18-25

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the Sons of God;

20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope.

21 because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation, has been groaning in travail together until now;

23 and not only the creator, but we ourselves who have the first fruit fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

24 For in this hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience.

John 14:1-3

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many rooms, if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

3 And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself that where I am you may be also."



MEMORY SELECTION

Beloved, we are God's children now: it does not yet appear that what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

passed away. Ms. Fannie Young's brother-in-law passed away.

MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST

Our pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, delivered another splendid sermon last Sunday morning.

Church School begins every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., and morning worship service begins at 11 a.m. Bring someone with you and you both will enjoy the service.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m., and Bible study begins at 6 p.m. Choir rehearsal is also held on Wednesday evenings.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, choir, pastor and members are invited last Sunday afternoon to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration service at Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church. Our choir sung two selections. We had a wonderful time.

The Mother's Day Out and the Adult Program at Mount Vernon will start January 20th. Please inform your friends and neighbors about this program.

Let us pray, visit, and show concern for our sick, shut-in, and bereaved families. Known shut in: Mrs. Rilla Fowler, Mrs. Betty Foley, Mr. Sam Crawford, Rev. Billy Wilkinson, Mrs. Mary Newton,

and Mr. Lewis Walton. "Youth Growth"

Almighty God, make us growing Christians. Enlighten our minds; purify our hearts. Create within us the will to serve thee. Give us the spiritual power which enables us to overcome temptation; and help us to increase in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with thee, and each other. Make our lives in youth and adult examples of the life of love lived out by thy son, JESUS CHRIST. In His name. AMEN.

BETHEL A.M.E

Services were well attended last Sunday morn Rev. J. Rumlage delivering a wonderful message. Her subject was: "I Can't Believe I Ate The Whole Thing." Senior Choir Number One, under the direction of Mrs. Lillian C. Struggs at the piano and Mrs. Rose Lincoln at the organ, was responsible for the music of the hour.

Among our visitors in attendance last Sunday morning was Mr. James W. Jones, member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church and a brother of Sister Elura Kerr.

A special happy birthday is in order for Sister Emma McGowen and David Gentry. **Happy Birthday!!!**

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in members. Brother J.H. Wilson, who has been ill for some time,

asked the church to pray for him and his family. Also on the sick list is Mrs. W.H. Stephens and Mrs. Doris Ragland. Let us not forget these members and others.

Members of the Ma Jones Missionary Society meet each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. They are asking for others to join them each week.

The Stewards meet at the church each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Members of the RAYC meet at the church each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Number One also meets at the church at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

Senior Choir Number One meets in the home of Mrs. Lillian C. Struggs on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Why not start the new year off right by attending this needed service each week. Senior Choir Number Two practices each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium at 7 p.m. All members are asked to be in attendance.

Senior Ushers meet at the church each Saturday evening at 7 p.m. All members are asked to come out and take part in this worthy meeting.

LYONS CHAPEL BAPTIST

Our Youth Day program was dedicated in the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. Floyd Perry, our pastor, gave a very informative and enlightening sermon revolving around Dr. King. We are sure it was appreciated by everyone in attendance. The youth of our church were at their post of presenting us with a very program. Randy Perry delivered the responsive reading for the morning. The morning prayer was given by Sharla Colber. Debra Powell did a nice job reading the announcements to the congregation, and welcoming of the visitors was done by Amy Perry. The Young Adult Choir gave a lovely selection "God Cares". We would like to compliment each and everyone for a job well done!

Sunday, January 21, at 3 p.m., Dr. Perry will deliver the installation sermon at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church. He is asking those who can to go with him. Please do so.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Larry Josey. They are proud parents of a lovely baby girl. We know they are very happy of their new arrival.

We are always delighted to have our many visitors on Sunday mornings. We truly hope you will always find our services very warm and fulfilling. Feel free to come whenever the opportunity permits.

Let us remember our sick and shut in members of the church and community.

Come out to prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. "A Church that prays together, stays together."

GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at seven Let's make 1979 "Prayer Year". Prayer never fails: It is a miracle worker. It looks beyond all boundaries, transcends all limitations, penetrates all obstacles and sees the goal.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "Go reads the soul, and not the face; He hears the thoughts, and not the tongue. In Heaven the features wear no grace, Save that which around the spirit hung; And only they are lovely seen, Whose lives on earth have noble been."

Members of the Queen of Sheba Circle met Monday evening in the home of Sis. Clara O'Neal. They reported a wonderful meeting.

Members of the Racheal Circle met in the home of Sis. M.E. Newsome on Tuesday evening of this week. This group also reported a wonderful meeting.

Members of the Eunice Circle will meet tonight, Thursday, in the home of Sis. Celestine Bennett, 611 Zenith Avenue, at 7 p.m.

Junior Mission meets at the church each Monday evening at 8 p.m. The Brotherhood Union and Men's Chorus meet at the church each Monday evening at 8 p.m.

Members of the A.L. Davis and Hope Circles met in the homes of Sisters Rosa Hill and Helen Davis this week. What a wonderful time these circles had worshipping God.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church. Those on the sick list include Sisters Roxie Reed, Dolly Howard, Ellen Tillman, and Mary Lee. Sis. Mary Carden's father expired and was

funeralized last week. Let us pray for this family.

TWENTIETH & BIRCH CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sister Mary Newton is recuperating from her recent surgery. Let us pray for her speedy recovery and safe return home to Lubbock.

Brother Aurelius Smith of Hobbs, New Mexico, brother of Sister Archie Brown, will enter Methodist Hospital for some test this week. It is our prayer that all goes well with him.

Brother T.E. Ray is still on the shut in list. Remember him in your daily prayers.

The Fourth Annual Elder's Workshop will be hosted by the Sunset Church of Christ January 17 through 19.

A fund raising dinner, hosted by Brother and Sister G.E. Stewart, will be held at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas on February 16. If you are planning to attend, please contact Sister Verna Walters for ticket information.

The National Lecture-ship will be held in Milwaukee, Wis. this spring. Exact dates will be announced later.

TRIUMPH BAPTIST CHURCH Slaton, Texas

Rev. M.A. Brown and church extended their sincere wishes that you would fellowship with them. Morning services begin at 11 a.m. and evening worship services begin at 6 p.m.

The Pastor's Aide presented a wonderful program last Sunday evening. The speaker of the hour was Rev. J. Phenix.

Phenix, pastor of the Church of God in Christ of Slaton, Texas. The Usher Board and Pastor's Aide will hold a garage sale Saturday, January 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. They will also be selling pies and

hot dogs. Mission Two will be sponsoring a program on Sunday evening, January 21, at 3 p.m.

Let us continue to pray for and visit the sick and shut in members of the church and community. We are asking prayers for Sister Glouris Sims and Brother Orange.



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