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O.J. Simpson Petitions Federal Court

For In-Laws Phone Records A legal team representing O.J. Simpson filed a Rule 27 motion on Monday with the U.S. District Court of San Angelo, Texas order GTE Corporation, the long distance provider for Louis and Judith Brown, to produce their phone records for June 12, 1994, the night Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were murdered. Simpson investigators are focusing on a possible oversight by Los Angeles prosecutors and Dan Petrocelli. It is alleged that lawyers many have introduced fraudulent phone records, masking the fact that Nicole and her mother were talking on the phone at the same time O.J. was being transported by limousine to L.A. International Airport. According Simpson Attorney Mary Cox, "The morning following the murders, Louis Brown stated that Nicole and her mother spoke by phone at about 11:00 p.m. One week later, he recanted his initial statement, alleging the time they spoke was closer at 9:30 p.m." Official copies of the Browns phone records were never introduced as evidence. Exhibits submitted by Clark and Petrocelli were only replicas and curiously stimulated by Simpson attorney Robert Shapiro. The Simpson legal team is hoping to prove that Nicole was alive while he departed for Chicago.

Shifting images Of The Bronx Topic Of Exhibit

The Bronx, the northernmost of the five boroughs of New York City, has long been a focal point of stereotypical urban life in the United States. From the residential area of Riverdale with its large homes and luxury apartments to the slums and urban decay of the southeast section, a wide range of attitudes and perspectives are presented in "Urban Mythologies: The Bronx Represented since the 1960s. It is an exhibition at the Bronx Museum that contains the work of 40 artists responding to changes in the urban landscape of the Bronx since the 1960s. "Urban Mythologies" includes photographs, paintings, sculptures, installations, graffiti, and architectural plans and models. Arranged chronologically, the exhibition was framed by a timeline of important events from recent Bronx history and video monitors that feature clips of media portrayals of the city. Originally known as Keskeskeck by the Noni American Indians who sold their land to the Dutch West Indies Company in 1639, the Bronx is currently one of the most densely populated and ethnically diverse areas in the country.

U.S. Drug Companies Suspend Lawsuit Against South Africa

The decision this month by a group of U. S. pharmaceutical companies to suspend a lawsuit against South Africa for its law permitting the production of cheap, generic AIDS drugs, has raised hopes that such medication will become available to millions of South Africans. The suspensions of the lawsuit might well be interpreted by South Africa as a signal that they can begin the manufacture of cheaper versions of the most widely-used drugs to treat HIV. Richard Levinson of the American Public Health Association (APHA) told IPS. "However, it is not clear to me that the drug companies might later re-institute their suit if the promised changes in relevant South African legislation do not satisfy them.

Special Tribute Paid To Texas Tech Student



Life's lessons have taught us to take the bitter with the sweet. However, coping with tragedy is an endeavor that impinges on us all. In grieving the loss of a Texas Tech engineering student, more than three hundred students and faculty members gathered to honor the death and remember the life of

Michael Gregory Burrows. Red Ribbons were worn over the hearts of all who attended the memorial. The color of the ribbon was significant because of the red Texas Tech hat that Burrows was known for wearing. Burrows was killed as he and five other Tech students were traveling to Houston on Oct. 29th for a regional conference. The accident occurred on Highway 36 near Caldwell, when Burrows was thrown into the front seat of the SW (suburban utility vehicle), according to a Bryan County Department of Public Safety spokesperson. JayLynn Jackson, a 22-year-old senior engineering student from Amarillo, was asleep in the vehicle when the driver too fell asleep, veering off the road and running into a tree. "I believe that everyone else in the car was asleep at the time of the accident," said Jackson. Jackson, who feels truly blessed, walked away from the accident with only a bruised left eye and strained ligaments in his left

shoulder, whereas, others in the car suffered injuries ranging from broken femur and jaw bones to facial injuries. The other four students in the accident, Darren Banks, 18; Taimon Mosely, 21; Brandon Smith, 21; and Brian Vinson, 20, were all taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. All were in stable condition. Burrows, was born on Dec. 4, 1980 in Okinawa, Japan. In 1998 he graduated from Clear Lake High School in Houston, and then entered Texas Tech as a freshman the same year, where he majored in electrical engineering and computer science. The 18-year-old devoted a lot of his free time to being an active member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). At the memorial, President of NSBE and friend Spencer Jones said, "He was an intricate part of our organization, and will be missed greatly. He was one of the leaders of what we call 'get it drunk for NSBE.'" Those who knew Burrows, knew

him as "L", which was short for lyricist. Burrows was given the nickname by friends because of his love and skill for rapping. Burrows touched the lives of many students. Even those who did not know him, such as Jessica Howell, a 2 1/2-year-old interior design student from Houston. "Even though I didn't know Michael personally, this tragedy has touched my life, and I just wanted to come up with a few words that may be of comfort or bring about an understanding to this accident," said Howell before reading an original poem that she wrote in honor of Burrows. During the service Zelvis Applin of Fort Worth performed an original song, dedicated to Burrows. The senior music major said that never in a million years did he think that when he composed the song, it would be for one of his friends. Applin smiled as he remembered Burrows, and said, "there is one thing about him (Michael) that I will never forget.

His socks. He always wore those socks pulled up to his knees. They made me laugh every time Rev. Corey Powell, a minister of Community Baptist Church brought words of encouragement, hoping to convey a positive message in the midst of the tragedy. He challenged the audience to forgive and forget today, because tomorrow is never promised. "Live each day as if it were your last, because one day it will be," he said. "Seize the day." Ebony Lewis, a sophomore pre-pharmacy student from Dallas was one to help coordinate the memorial. She was very pleased with the turn out and was overwhelmed by the amount of money that they were able to raise for the Burrows family. "In donations we raised a little over one thousand dollars and we are still receiving donations from Greek and other organizations on campus." Burrows wake was held on Nov. 2nd and the funeral was held on Nov. 3rd, both in Houston.

Sheryl Lee Ralph Brings Film To Jamaica

An accomplished actress and a woman proud of her Jamaican roots, Sheryl Lee Ralph and her Island Girl Productions company will produce, "Cinema Inna Yard", the Jamaican Film and Music Festival. Launched in association with the Jamaican Tourist Board and the Jamaican Film Commission, The Jamaican Film & Music Festival will celebrate the work of filmmakers throughout the Caribbean and the world. Besides the film screenings, seminars and workshops that make up the meat of the festival, The Jamaican Film and Music festival will fill the nights with receptions and parties and will feature a performance by Steel Pulse, and the Festival Awards Gala whose honorees will include Richard Roundtree and Jimmy Cliff.

Cinema Inna Yard, commences the 17th of November, 1999 and runs through the 21st of November.

For further information, please contact Kenneth R. Reynolds, 323-938-2364.



Local City Parks To Winterize

Park Maintenance officials have announced that the users of the parks need to be aware that the process of winterizing restrooms and water fountains will be completed by this weekend.

Bobby Chavez, park maintenance coordinator, explained that the restrooms are open-air ventilated structures and not insulated. The coming colder weather tends to make the plumbing pipes and fixtures freeze and burst if not properly maintained. The water will be turned off and the structures locked until springtime. Water fountains

will also have the water turned off to avoid freezing.

The affected park restrooms include Atzian, Higinbotham, Clapp, McCullough, Mackenzie and Canyon Lake 1 area. Water fountains are located throughout the parks system.

"We regret the inconvenience but hope park users will understand the reasons why we have to protect the plumbing from damage at these facilities," he said.

For more information, contact Chavez at the Parks and Recreation Department at 775-2688.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 11;
Mahon Library Community Room, 1306 Nith St.
Meeting sponsored by the Community Alzheimer's Resources and Education (CARE) Program for family, friends or caregivers of persons who have Alzheimer's disease or other memory disorders.
Group meeting conducted in English and Spanish.
Free. Call Virginia Chavez, 743-3096.

American Cancer Society's 23rd Great American Smokeout

(Lubbock) - On November 18, 1999, the American Cancer Society's 23rd Annual Great American Smokeout (GASO) will be celebrated. For over two decades, the staff and volunteers of the American Cancer Society have used the Great American Smokeout to help smokers quit cigarettes for at least one day. Since the inception of the Great American Smokeout, the smoking rate of American adults has dropped from 36% to 25%. Unfortunately, 3000 children become smokers and 6000 try out tobacco on a daily basis. The Great American Smokeout is a time for Americans to renew their commitment to a smoke-free environment for themselves and for their children. In Lubbock, the Great American Smokeout Committee is comprised of over 25 different members ranging from professional adults to student volunteers. "In efforts to educate and spread awareness about the hazards of smoking, there will be several different events and activities planned for Lubbock and the surrounding areas," says Kelly Chase, Health Educator for the City of Lubbock and Chair of Lubbock's 1999 GASO committee. A list of

some of the events planned are as follows:
FREE Fresh Start stop smoking class: Dates: Mon., Nov. 8, Wed., Nov. 10, Mon. Nov. 15, Wed. Nov. 17. Time: 12noon-1pm Place: City of Lubbock Health Dept. Conference Room-1902 Texas Ave. RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 4
Information booth and lung capacity testing Date: November 18 Time: 9:30am-11:30am Place: City Hall (downstairs by the breakroom) 1625 13th St.
GASO balloon release - honoring those lives lost to tobacco-related diseases Date: November 18 Time: 12:35pm Place: Texas Tech Memorial Circle
Information booth, "Guess the Butts" Contest Date: Nov. 18 Time: 8:00am-11:00 am Place: Covenant Lakeside and Covenant Medical Center ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
For more information or to RSVP for the stop smoking class, call Kelly Chase at 775-2940 and Chris Rogers at 775-2937.

Johnson Moves Consulting Business To Lubbock

As a new consulting agency to Lubbock, Johnson Consulting Agency (JCA) stands ready to serve every medical need. JCA is a team of registered nurses who provide education, certification and professional experience to you and your attorney in any specific case. Mari Johnson, 27, the founder of JCA, just moved her business from Dallas to Lubbock because of the high number of clientele in Lubbock. Johnson, a graduate of Dunbar High School, Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Health Science Center, said, "Since I got my education here in Lubbock, I have always gotten a lot of support from the Lubbock community. After leaving Lubbock, Johnson gained four years of experience in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and two years of insurance experience. She has also worked with one of the largest Healthcare Maintenance Organization's (HMO's) in Texas.

JCA was started in Dallas where Johnson ran the business only part-time. Because of the great acceptance, this past January Johnson started the business full-time. "The need for this type of business is so great, people have just latched on to what I am doing and ran with it," she said. Johnson gives all credit to God for the business's success. "This is the Lord's business and I am just the manager," Johnson said. JCA provides numerous services to the community, such as defining the standards of care, identifying factors, which cause or contribute to alleged damages or injuries, and summarizing and organizing medical records. JCA also offers a supplemental insurance to Medicaid, and offers inexpensive medical benefits for the elderly. Along with running the business, Johnson gives free seminars to educate people on legal issues, social security, social



Mari Johnson disability and other medical issues. Johnson said that her new business has gained top credentials and is equipped with a team of qualified registered nurses whose commitment is to research and present a quality product that will benefit your specific case.

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. We are always inviting you to come and visit our church if you are looking for a church home. We'll be glad to have you visit with us.

Services began at 9:30 a. m. with Superintendent

Virgil

Johnson at his post of duty. All teachers and students were in their various places of instruction. After 30 minutes of instruction, all reassembled in the main auditorium singing the song, "I Surrender," and marching. Prayer was given. High points of the morning lesson were given by the Adult Class. All remarks were very well done. Secretary's Report: Adult Class No. 1 won the Attendance Banner while Adult Class No. 2 retained the Offering Banner.

The morning devotional period was conducted by members of the Prayer Team with Brother and Sister F. J. Jenkins.

The Male Chorus marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. After a selection by the Male Chorus, prayer and scripture were given. They also another selection which was followed by responsive reading with the congregation standing.

The morning hymn was "Jesus Is Calling." A solo was sung by Sister Shirley Williams who was visiting her and husband's parents. What a blessing to see Pastor Moton in church services. As you may know, by now, he broke his leg in an accident. We are rejoiced. Rev. F. B. Bell, a former pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, brought the morning sermon. His subject was "It's All Good!" His scripture text was Romans 8:28. It was a wonderful message.

Last Friday evening, the annual banquet was held for Pastor and Sister Moton. Guest speaker was Rev. J. Marshall, a former member of New Hope Baptist Church, who was called to preach in San Angelo, Texas from here. What a blessing!

Sidney Hall visited his father, Sidney Hall, Sr., and his sister, Nicole, last Sunday. He is presently living in San San Diego, California.

Last Sunday afternoon, the members of New Hope celebrated the 10th Anniversary of their Pastor and Wife — Rev. & Sister Sister Billy R. Moton. Lyons Chapel Baptist Church was special guest with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor, delivering the annual sermon. It was good!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut. Rev. Billy R. Moton's relatives came here as soon as they heard about his accident.

The Shocking Story Of How Slavery Survived In 20th C. America, And The Murders Of 11 Blacks That Changed History

Lay This Body Down: The 1921 Murders of Eleven Plantation Slaves by Gregory A. Freeman (Lawrence Hill Books, \$22) is the horrifying true story of how slavery existed in 1921—56 years after the end of the Civil War—at the John Williams Plantation in Jasper County, Georgia (as well as other plantations in the South). Freeman compellingly tells this story, revealing the extraordinary events that followed a federal investigation of the plantation: the brutal murders of 11 black men, the sensational trials that ensued, and the historical impact this had on laws ensuring freedom for blacks.

The slavery, existed in the form of peonage, where blacks were fined for vagrancy or other supposed crimes and then forced to

work off the debt on local farms for what often became a lifetime of brutal conditions.

Williams was not alone in using "peons"—poor blacks bailed out of local jails, forced to work under the threat of whippings, locked up at night, and chased down by bloodhounds if they tried to escape. But his reaction to a federal investigation was almost unbelievable. He decided to destroy the evidence, to kill 11 black men who worked on his farm and could testify to the situation. To do the job, Williams enlisted the aid of his farm boss, 27-year-old Clyde Manning,—a poor, scared black man just like those he was told to kill. Williams forced Manning to methodically kill his friends.

As this true story unfolds, each detail seems more shocking. Men were chained together, weighted down with rocks, and thrown over bridges, alive and terrified; others were bludgeoned with an axe, summarily shot, or ordered to dig their own graves. The surprises continued in the aftermath, as even a bigoted rural community found that it could not overlook such a heinous crime. Wealthy Atlanta socialites astounded everyone by attempting to rescue Manning, a black man who had admitted to eleven murders. Two sensational trials ensued, gripping the state and galvanizing national attention. The outcomes were especially surprising: a white man was convicted for first degree murder of a black person - the first and only

such incident in Southern history until 1966 - and a black man who had confessed to murder was allowed to live.

Lay This Body Down is a story that helps to redefine the South, illuminating the long journey of African Americans from slavery to freedom. Clyde Manning and his fellow peons can truly be said to be the last American slaves. They illustrate a turning point in the South's history: white society and the legal system no longer accepted the tacit understanding that a white man could use a black man in any way he wanted. Gregory A. Freeman has written for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and many other publications. He lives in Decatur, Georgia.

City Wide Ushers Will Meet

The members of the City Wide Ushers will meet at the St. James Baptist Church, 117 North Mulberry Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, November 13, 1999, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Reverend E. L. Harris is host pastor.

Ushers, this will be our first meeting for the new year, so please come and bring another Usher with you. Or you may bring someone who would like to become an Usher. This is good because we all enjoy fellowshiping together. Will you help us?

Also, bring your non-perishable items so we can begin to fix our needy boxes...

Don't forget every church is to furnish a song, a talk or a paper. So please come. We will have a wonderful time. We assure you, we will! Sister M. Cage, president; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

Tom T. Hall Lecture Series Slated

Casey Monahan, director of the Texas Music Office, will discuss "Creating Your Career in the Music Business" Friday (Nov. 5) during the Tom T. Hall Lecture Series at South Plains College in Levelland. His talk is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio in the Creative Arts Building. Admission is free, and the lecture is open to the public. The Texas Music Office, which oversees a variety of resources statewide, is the first government office ever created to promote a state's music industry.

The Big Eye Takes Trash Out of Internet

SARASOTA, FLORIDA - The BIG EYE (www.bigeye.com) unique web construct selects the most interesting and well designed sites and presents them in a way users can grasp easily. This ingenious way of unlocking the potential of the World Wide Web helps ordinary users learn the real value of the Internet. It is such a simple and effective technique that the Big Eye's traffic has grown to more than several million hits monthly, simply by word of mouth.

The site was established in 1995 by a man who wanted to give his granddaughter entertaining and informative places to visit on the World Wide Web. The BIG EYE has been developed carefully over the past four years and now encompasses an incredible variety of content. The site recently added an International Center, which

includes links from more than 50 countries, providing a truly global Internet perspective.

Not surprisingly, The BIG EYE has become a favorite of schools, universities and libraries. Many educational institutions refer students directly to The BIG EYE. Although the Internet is often overwhelmed with commercialism, advertising and superficial content, The BIG EYE provides an extraordinarily useful resource while remaining true to its original mission - giving people an entertaining and informative on-line experience.

The best way to experience this new direction in cyberspace is to check out www.bigeye.com for yourself. But make sure you have a couple of hours to spare. Once you access The BIG EYE, it's hard to turn your computer off.

Environmental Initiative Puts Compliance Assistance Specialists in Communities

Small businesses and local governments in Texas have new resources to turn to with environmental questions and problems. And these resources are located right in their own communities, thanks to an initiative of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to focus environmental assistance at the point of need.

"The TNRCC is staffing each of our 16 regional offices with compliance assistance specialists from our Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section to serve as an immediate point of contact and liaison with the regulated communities," announced TNRCC Chairman Robert Huston. "With this hands-on, one-on-one approach, we can answer questions as they occur, before they turn into problems, and ensure the continued environmental protection and economic prosperity

of our communities." Many of the technical specialists are seasoned agency veterans, and all have undergone extensive training in water, air and waste issues, pollution prevention, regulatory compliance, recycling, and environmental outreach.

Celeste Hoehne is the compliance assistance specialist for the TNRCC's Lubbock region, which includes the following counties: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum. Celeste can be reached at 806/796-7626.

The TNRCC's Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section offers free, Confidential help to small businesses and local governments working to comply with state environmental regulations, including:

- a toll free hotline (1-800-447-2827) for technical questions on air, water, waste and pollution prevention;
- free, confidential Site Assistance Visits that identify compliance problems and recommend corrective actions;
- small business industry guidebooks and the Local Government Guide to the TNRCC;
- the Texas EnviroMentor program; and
- The Advocate bimonthly newsletter.

SBLGA also helps resolve enforcement problems, ensures small business input into rule development, and reviews reporting and application forms for clarity. For more information about any SBLGA activities, call your regional compliance assistance specialist or the SBLGA office at 1-800-447-2827.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Rhea at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Army Pvt. Travis B. Rhea has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, and first aid.

Rhea is the son of Reggie T. Rhea of 6908 Elmwood, Lubbock, Texas.

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Via the Information Superhighway Families Stroll Down Memory Lane

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.— Via the Internet, cherished memories can now be shared with family and friends worldwide. Personal Producer.com, a Web-based video editing company, has taken the art of blending photographs, video and music one step further "streaming" or broadcasting each video it produces over the Internet for all individuals with a video-specific password to view.

"The functionality of this concept serves large families and bridal clientele particularly well," said Matt Scroggs, chief editor at Personal Producer.com. "Distance often prevents many family members from attending reunions and special gatherings. By placing a password-protected, professionally edited video

montage of the event on the Internet, the sentimental blend of photographs, home video and music can be shared by all family members."

Personal Producer.com has made the entire process easy for consumers. Online customers simply fill out a short order form and ship the contents to be included in their video (photographs, home video and music) to Personal Producer.com. The video is produced within 72 hours after receipt and shipped back on VHS and CD-ROM along with the original video elements. In addition, all videos come with a unique username and password for Internet access from Personal Producer.com. The firm's various pricing models were derived with modest budgets in mind.

New Alzheimer's Support Group Forming

The Community Alzheimer's Resources and Education (CARE) Program has started a support group for family, friends and caregivers of persons who have Alzheimer's disease or other memory disorders. Alzheimer's is a disease of the brain that causes a steady decline in memory.

The purpose of a support group is to provide individuals with an opportunity to meet regularly to learn about

the disease, to discuss issues relating to the disease, to exchange coping skills and to provide emotional support for each other.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 1999 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Mahon Library's Community Room. Group meetings will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need more information, please contact Virginia Chavez at (806) 743-3096.

National Arbor Day Foundation Introduces New Program

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb.—The National Arbor Day Foundation is introducing a program that helps replant national forests while letting people commemorate important events with the gift of trees.

Through the Trees In Celebration program, 10 trees will be planted in the Targhee National Forest for every \$10 donated to the Arbor Day Foundation. The program is designed to reforest areas that have been destroyed by fire, disease, and other natural causes. The Foundation will also send a gift certificate to the person being honored or to the donor for personal presentation.

"Trees In Celebration allows people

today to benefit the lives of future generations," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. Events commemorated can include birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, promotions, retirements, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs, and holidays.

Additional information is available by writing The National Arbor Day Foundation, Attn: Trees In Celebration, 211 N. 12th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, or by calling the Foundation at 402-474-5655. The Foundation is a nonprofit education organization dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship.

A Great Day For Jazz

Because of a life-long passion to bring jazz to a broad audience, Jean Bach, a jazz journalist in Chicago produced A Great Day in Harlem. Ms. Bach saw this work not only as an opportunity to tell a good story, but also to talk to some of the great jazz musicians who helped to form the art before their voices were lost to us. The program consists of an one-hour Academy Award-nominated documentary which tells the story of the taking of Art Kane's historic 1958 Esquire Magazine photograph of 57 of the greatest musicians in jazz and a jazz performance from Johnny Griffin and his quartet.

Although he was considered one C)l' New York's hottest young Magazine art directors, Art Kane, had not yet taken a professional photograph. Kane conceived the

idea of a group shot "of everybody" in the field of jazz, accordingly, put out the word for all jazz musicians in New York to meet him uptown one summer morning at 10:00am. This time happens to be an exceptionally early hour for jazz musicians, who are used to finishing a days work at dawn. The wonder was if anyone would show up at all. However, word of mouth prevailed, and the turnout was a success. Using an inexperienced assistant who initially loaded the film backwards, borrowed equipment and no benefit of lights or studio, Art Kane shot his first professional photograph.

The documentary film, and the photo which inspired it, present an extraordinary cross-section of people and musical styles that have comprised the development of jazz from its beginnings to

An Insiders Tale of Police Racism

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

(NNPA) — "If it'll make the family feel any better, we shot her with Black bullets." — NHI (No Human Involved) brother (referring to Miller. "I saw her move again and capped her twice in the head."

"She wasn't going to hurt you I had that bitch covered." "Yeah and big mama showed up and started doing the death wail." The officer then mimicked an elderly Black woman that arrived at the scene and wailed loudly while the listening officers laughed. The four officers that shot Miller made whooping sounds, and embraced, and gave each other the high five slap.

"We need to get you guys out of here." (referring to the officers who shot Miller) "These animals are arriving by the busload." (referring to friends and relatives of Miller). "Turn your radio to a rap station in memory of Tyisha." (a remark by an officer when he heard that there would be a vigil in memory of Miller. The other officers laughed.)

Black Riverside police officer Rene Rodriguez arrived at the scene 40 seconds after four White Riverside, Calif. police officers riddled Tyisha Miller, a 19-year-old African-American woman, with bullets in December 1998. The above quoted remarks are what he says he heard the officers that shot Miller and others say about her, her family, friends and acquaintances immediately after the shooting and later at the station.

These bombshell revelations are, officer Rodriguez insists, only the ugly tip of the iceberg of the racist practices

within the Riverside Police Department. He believes that these practices are officially sanctioned by police brass.

He described how African Americans and Latinos are racially profiled by police officers and targeted for unwarranted traffic stops. He said that the practice is openly encouraged by training officers at the police academy. He also noted that one training officer told recruits that Black males with cornrow hairstyles and Latinos who drive older cars are "good stops."

The instructions on how to profile were reinforced during field training, he claimed. Training officers would make remarks when they saw Black and Latino drivers such as, "Look, they are driving without a license." Or, they would order a Black or Latino driver to pull over without any probable cause for the stop.

Rodriguez asserted that officers turned racial profiling into a competitive sport. They kept statistics on how many Blacks and Latinos they stopped, and how many of their cars they impounded. The officers with the highest number of impounds and stops were commended. White drivers in turn who broke traffic laws were often given warnings and sent on their way.

Riverside police officials scoffed at Rodriguez's allegations. They claim that the department has no tolerance for racist acts by officers. But there are three compelling reasons to believe Rodriguez.

Several observers at the scene of the Miller shooting also said that the officers engaged in the behavior

Rodriguez described. And Riverside police officials themselves said they are investigating possible inappropriate behavior by the officers. The U.S. Attorney has launched a deep probe of the department to determine how widespread the abusive racial practices are. And finally, there's the treatment of Rodriguez. He has suffered tremendously for blowing the whistle on the outrageous conduct of the officers in the Miller shooting and refusing to engage in racial profiling. Rodriguez says that he has been the target of threats, intimidation, and harassment by other officers. He says some have put his life in danger by deliberately refusing to provide him with back-up support in dangerous situations. He was placed on administrative leave in March, 1999 and has been denied pay and health benefits. Officer Rodriguez is financially destitute and unable to support his wife and two children to support. Meanwhile, the four officers that shot Miller and their supervising officer, were placed on paid administrative leave before they were fired in June and September. But, even after their firing they are receiving financial support and

encouragement from the police union, and White officers and supervisors. Rumors also are floating around among the press and officers that some White officers have clandestinely formed a support group called SPONGE which is an acronym for Society of Police Officers Against Niggers Getting Everything.

While Black and Latino leaders in the area have long complained of police abuse and racial profiling, Rodriguez is one of few working officers to break the code of silence and renounce the "police culture." He has defied police brass to reveal — in graphic detail — the racist practices and how racial profiling actually works in a major police department. His testimony provides great ammunition for public officials uncovering whether the same subtle and open tactics are used by other police departments to harass and intimidate Blacks and Latinos.

Rodriguez hopes that blowing the whistle on the blatant racial practices of some of officers within his department will encourage colleagues in other departments to speak out against police misconduct. Let's hope he's right.

Obituary

Margaret Geneva Ramsey Walker

Final rites were read for Mrs. Margaret Geneva Ramsey Walker on Monday morning, October 18, 1999, at White Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside service were held in Spur, Texas at 1:00 p.m. at the spur cemetery under the directions of White Funeral Home of Lubbock, Texas.

She was born to Mr. Robert Ramsey and Mrs. Nicie Booker Ramsey on February 12, 1912 in Taylor, Texas. She married J. H. Walker, Jr. January, 1933. He passed away June 17, 1982.

Mrs. Walker was preceded in death by two brothers, Rev. E. A. Ramsey and A. D. Ramsey, Sr.; four sisters: Lucille Chambers, Lenora Harwell, Irene Norri and Oveina Williams.

She leaves to mourn her passing: one son, John E. Walker; daughter-in-law, Brenda Walker; two grandchildren, Dorothy and Regina Walker; two great grandchildren, one special nephew, Windell "Darnell" Walker, and a host of relatives and friends.

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PORTS-TO-PLAINS GOOD EFFORT! THIS N THAT would like to salute the CITY OF LUBBOCK in their efforts on theSECOND ANNUAL PORTS-TO-PLAINS SUMMIT held in Lubbock last weekMore than350 delegates from COLORADO OKLAHOMATEXAS ... and ... MEXICO ... were present for the TWO DAY CONFERENCE... More on this later!

COUNT ME IN! THIS N THATreminds each of us that we are VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE as we approach the upcoming CENSUS 2000 COUNT All of us should make sure we areCOUNTED TheCITY OF LUBBOCK had its CITIBUS 2000 UNVEILING at the Buddy Holly Terrace last Friday afternoon, The theme for the APRIL 1ST COUNT..... is COUNT ME IN! The question to be asked to you is DO YOU WANT TO BE COUNTED IN! Hope so!

"SHE HUNG IN THERE!" THIS N THAT want you to know of another Lubbock Woman who "HUNG IN THERE" and will publish her NEW BOOK ... come this February, 2000. The lady is KATIE PARKSand the name of her book is "REMEMBER WHEN." She didn't give she just hung in there!

CONGRATS SISTER PARKSfor a job well done! PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "The HAVES and the HAVE NOTS can be traced back to the DIDS and the ... DID NOTS."

"WILL BE BISHOP!" THIS N THAT has learned that REVEREND MCKINLEY SHEPARD will travel to Bell view, Illinois later this month to pursue the position of BISHOP in the St. Moses the Black African Orthodox Church.... THIS N THAT wishes him well in this effort...

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We Must Be Ready For Y2K And The 21st Century

by Eddie P. Richardson

As we look around, we see Lubbock, Texas moving into the 21st Century in a positive manner, in spite of some lingering negative naysayers. No doubt about it, every positive move ahead effort that comes to the fore front. Lubbock has one recent reason to feel bad as a result of the recent election on November 2nd. This was when Slaton, our small town neighbor to the South, passed an economic development package by a margin of two to one. This was done while Lubbock voters, after various elections, have failed to pass the same kind of an election. No thanks to our handful of organized againers which utilize much energy to defeat any proposed project for future economic development growth for Lubbock. But guess what, this same group demands better services for the citizens of Lubbock. The most noticeable thing is they demand the best of services, but do not want to pay for it. They want the best free, but one thing for sure is you can't get something for nothing. You pay one way or another. One go, God blessed thing is the Port-to-Plains Trade Corridor project. This is something the again-

ers and naysayers can't touch. You see, it's a coalition of cities, chambers of commerce, economic arms from Lubbock, West Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Canada, and Mexico. It's a transportation piece, for towns and cities with special interest to the non-congested highways along the corridor. The best thing about Canada to Mexico, with money as well as voice support and enthusiasm, they are putting their money, influence, political efforts, and every other way for the good of the people along the way.

The Ports-to-Plains project is very vital to our economy and benefit all entities affected by the proposed route. Lubbock was the gracious host for the Second Annual Summit. Events like this and many others will help the growth and development of this area.

Our Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs should be involved in this effort heads over heels. This writer has an opportunity to attend various events which involved economic development, and there were no Black Chamber representative present.

This writer knows the goals



and mission of the Lubbock Black Chamber, because it was his posture to write the eco-nomic program, worked over 20 years making it become a reality. And at this time, it would be an ideal chamber activity, and it can be done.

This writer welcomes an opportunity to work with the Lubbock Black Chamber in this area of involvement. It can't help but become an outstanding opportunity. Not only on the Ports-to-Plains, but any program dealing with Y2K as it will affect all of us. Why not end 1999 on the go do for, by working together this opportunity. It is one which has do it together! Okay.

Nuff sed! Why Not??

Letters To The Editor

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Sincerely,
Robert Ross
Senior Vice President
& Executive Director
Muscular Dystrophy Association

Dear Editor:

"We're too fat and it's killing us," says epidemiologist Eugenia Calle, lead author of a new American Cancer Society study that found that being overweight puts people at risk for premature death. Sadly, many Americans may be cutting their lives short, because we're now fatter than ever before. But that's not really surprising; after all, most people

aren't exactly following federal dietary guidelines.

Consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables is waning—on any given day, half of all Americans don't eat even one serving of fruit—but we continue to gorge ourselves on meat. The average American eats 226 pounds of meat and fish each year; collectively, Americans consume 82 billion pounds of animal flesh annually.

This mountain of meat is making us fat.

Consider these facts: Fifty-nine percent of men and 49 percent of women are overweight, which puts them at risk for heart disease, diabetes, hypertension—and early death. Some 300,000 Americans die from weight-related illnesses every year, making fat the number two cause of preventable deaths (smoking is number one).

Adults aren't the only ones

putting on the pounds. The number of overweight kids has more than doubled in the last three decades. According to studies published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association, the main sources of fat in youngsters' diets are meat and dairy products.

So what's the answer? Throw away the animal foods and stock up on vegetarian staples like whole grains, beans, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Vegetarian diets are typically 25 percent lower in fat than meat-based diets. Vegans—who eat no animal products, including eggs, milk, and cheese—weigh, on average, 20 to 30 percent less than meat-eaters. Readers who want to cut the pork from their diets are welcome to call PETA's veggie hotline, 1-888-VEG-FOOD, for free vegetarian recipes.

Sincerely,
Paula Moore
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Setting the Struggle Back

The unthinkable has happened in Georgia. A duo of so-called civil rights leaders say blacks should serve on juries, but not to provide justice. Instead, they should make certain that black defendants go free even though they may be guilty.

Georgia state Representative Tyrone Brooks, president of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, and Joe Beasley, the Georgia chair of the Rainbow Coalition, held a press conference in Atlanta on September 28 to make that declaration and denounce attempts by Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker to retry former state Senator Ralph David Abernathy, III.

Abernathy, son of the late civil rights leader Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, Jr., was recently tried on 32 counts included misappropriating more than \$ 13,000 in state funds. The trial ended in a hung jury after Brooks and other prominent civil rights leaders allegedly influenced the jury.

Abernathy represented metropolitan Atlanta. His antics are legend in Georgia, ranging from leading police on a high-speed chase because he was late for a speech to schoolchildren about leadership to walking into a women's bathroom in the Georgia state Capitol building to chat up the occupants and relaying requests to leave.

Abernathy's political downfall came from two major events. In the early 1998, U.S. Customs officials detained Abernathy at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport when he returned from a Jamaican vacation. A strip search found he literally placed drugs "where the sun don't shine," sealed in a plastic bag in his underwear. He was charged with attempting to smuggle marijuana. While the charges were ultimately dropped, he was censured by the state Senate.

During the summer of 1998, Abernathy bounced the check to pay the qualifying fees for his senatorial re-election run. He first blamed it on his wife, then on a conspiracy by both state Democrats and "racists." As a result, Abernathy did not meet the qualifying date for the Democratic primary. A write-in campaign was unsuccessful.

A CALL TO ORGANIZE

What is Black America's image of itself? Where do blacks get their self-image?

What portion of blacks have tried to immerse themselves into the mainstream compared to those seeking a positive image of who and what they are? As millions of African Americans get their information and education about the world from white media, you'd wonder how far the race has come since Dr. Kenneth Clark's 19-9 study that showed black youths' poor self-image. Clark presented three-year-old black children with black dolls and white dolls and asked, "Which of these dolls is pretty?" and "Which of these is smart?" In each instance, the white doll was chosen. When asked which doll was ugly, the black doll was selected.

How relevant is the Clark study in today's society? Do most African Americans harbor negative societal stereotypes of themselves and others with dark skin? Why do Black Americans spend 90 percent of their dollars with others rather than recycling those monies toward the betterment of their communities and businesses? Do the majority of today's Black Americans even know how and where to go to support black communities and economics? In the process of getting their information, attitudes and opinions about the world and their place in it, where do most African Americans

turn?

To evening newscast and daily newspapers, right or wrong? But what image does the majority-community media distribute about blacks? How much do black youth associate themselves with the images they see of themselves coming from majority-community-oriented broadcasts and publications? When will we speak for ourselves and organize economic and social approaches around our images? With minorities accounting for less than 10 percent of the nation's newsrooms, 7 percent of those employed in television and 5 percent of those writing screenplays, when will we realize mainstream media is not our friend? When will we start to take note and support Black Media and Press in a significant way? A negative image among blacks is not a happenstance. The Establishment in America uses all means at their disposal, including the media, to prevent our realizing common concerns and rallying together. While genocide of African-American society is not the driving force of American Media - profits is - negative stereotypes and distortions of us is a all-to-frequent occurrence. Ironically, most African Americans keep going back for more.

Why is it that more Black Americans don't support, and profit from, Black Media and Press? Who combated lynching

and discrimination in the early part of this century and currently covers the everyday life of black communities the white press ignores in favor of crime stories. Who tells you good stories about our community and of those seeking to sell you things you need and use? Who, and what, can help bolster the image of the race? In order to lift ourselves and our communities, isn't it pass time that we stopped letting the majority-community press speak for us and shape our images of ourselves?

Too few of us have positive self-image in things black. Those that do have to organize processes to link-up black media and press with your families, neighborhoods and church congregations. These groups need to subscribe and read black newspapers every week. Utilizing our own media will help our self-image and social development, while our subscriptions and readership will help the Black Press gain more advertisers and financial clout. The media is a business. Let's start to use media that helps us move toward each other and not against each other. It will be to all our benefit. A guide on "How to Organize Community Awards Programs for Profit" is available for \$15 from the International Exchange Network, 2054 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

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

African Americans Take Heart Disease to Heart

African Americans Take Heart Disease to Heart By Surgeon General David Satcher Americans are living longer and are in better health than ever before. But not all Americans are sharing equally in this improvement. In spite of all the medical breakthroughs we have seen in the past century, we still see significant health disparities for African Americans, including in the area of heart disease and stroke.

Earlier this year, I chaired a review of our Healthy People 2000 initiative goals for heart disease and stroke. These national health goals were set at the beginning of the decade and we have been tracking them ever since. From this data, we know that heart disease and stroke is the leading cause of death for African Americans. We know that there is a disproportionate burden of death and disability from cardiovascular disease among minority and low-income populations. And, that the age-adjusted death rate for coronary heart disease for the total population declined by 20 percent from 1987 to 1995, but for African American's the overall decrease was only 13 percent.

Disparities also exist in the prevalence of risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Racial and ethnic minorities have higher rates of hypertension, tend to develop hypertension at an earlier age, and are less likely to undergo treatment to control their high blood pressure. For example, from 1988 to 1994, 35 percent of black males ages 20 to 74 had hypertension compared with 25 percent of all men. Among adult women, the age-adjusted prevalence of overweight continues to be higher for black women (53 percent) than for white women (34 percent).

As our nation's Surgeon General, I have made reducing and eliminating health disparities one of my top priorities. To reach this goal, we need to more effectively reach African

Americans so they may reap the benefits of improved health that comes with lifestyle modification, and to place more emphasis on preventing disease. I will be working closely with community organizations, church leaders and African American doctors, nurses and other health professionals, as well as many others to accomplish these important goals. Patients should receive the messages about diet, exercise and tobacco cessation should come in every clinical encounter and need to be supported by educational materials tailored to African Americans.

Prevention is the best way to reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke. All African Americans need to understand that there are preventable risk factors for heart disease and stroke. By lowering high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol, stopping cigarette smoking, reducing overweight and obesity, increasing physical activity, and controlling diabetes you can reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke. I commend those of you who are making lifestyle choices to reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke.

The progress to date on Healthy People 2000 goals is evidence of what can be accomplished when a broad range of organizations and individuals join forces to address a common problem. But, many disparities remain, and we all need to do more to bring health equity to the lives of African Americans.

I ask for your help. Make a commitment to your own future; to the future of your children, by taking the steps that prevent disease, and by examining your heart disease and stroke risks and making lifestyle changes. Where do you start? You can get screened for high blood pressure, increase your physical activity, and eat less saturated fat. And, educate yourself to make better health choices, so you can enjoy good health now and in the future.

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BUT THEY WENT AND PREACHED: FREEDOM; AMERICA IS NOW UNDER A SPELL!!!

GALATIANS 6:8, FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION- YOU REAP MORE THEN YOU SOW; BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING. THEY MARCHED ON THE GOVERNMENT; SAYING: "WE SHALL OVER COME", THE STREETS ARE FULL OF CORRUPTION; CHRISTIAN ARE ON THE RUN!!!

1 PETER 2:13,16, SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE(LAW) OF MEN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE: WHETHER IT BE THE KING(PRESIDENT), AS SUPREME; AS FREE(CHRISTIANS), AND NOT USING YOUR LIBERTY FOR A CLOAK(TO COVER UP) OF MALICIOUSNESS(LAW BREAKERS), BUT AS THE SERVANTS OF GOD. THEY WANTED TO GIVE MANKIND, WHAT THE WORLD CALLED: "MY RIGHTS", NOW THE LAND IS FULL OF HATE FROM THE HEATHENS; DAY AND NIGHT!!! PROVERB 14:12, THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH. NOW THEY'RE SITTING IN THEIR CHURCHES: "LIVING LUKE WARM." THEY DON'T WANT TO OWN UP TO; WE'RE THE CAUSE OF THIS HARM!!!"

JEREMIAH 23:32, BEHOLD, I AM AGAINST THEM THAT PROPHECY FALSE

DREAMS, SAITH THE LORD, AND DO TELL THEM, AND CAUSE MY PEOPLE TO ERR BY THEIR LIES, AND BY THEIR LIGHTNESS; YET I SENT THEM NOT, NOR COMMANDED THEM: THEREFORE THEY SHALL NOT PROFIT THIS PEOPLE AT ALL, SAITH THE LORD.

******* DID THE DREAMER ROB GOD???*******

WHILE THE WORLD IS DYING AROUND; AND CHRISTIANS PLAYING GAMES, PREACHES ARE THE CAUSE; LIKE THE DREAMER: BUILDING UP THEIR NAME!!!

REVELATION 2:4,5, JESUS SAID, NEVERTHELESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE(CHRIST).REMEMBER THEREFORE FROM WHENCE THOU ART FALLEN, AND REPENT, AND DO THE FIRST WORKS; OR ELSE--I WILL COME UNTO THEE QUICKLY, AND WILL REMOVE THY CANDLESTICK OUT OF HIS PLACE, EXCEPT THOU REPENT.

WHEN YOU FIRST GOT SAVED; YOU COULDN'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF, THE LOVE OF GOD WAS IN YOU; AND YOU WANTED TO TELL SOMEONE ELSE!!!

PROVERB 11:30, THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A TREE OF LIFE; AND HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE. SOME CHRISTIANS ARE LABORED BY THEIR BANR, THEIR BEER, EVEN TEXAS-TECH, WON'T ADVERTISE FOR JESUS; THEIR WORLDLY LOVE THEY HAVE TO PROTECT!!!

(IF YOU WAS ARRESTED: FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN; WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU? ARE YOU JUST GOING ALONG WITH THE WAYS OF THE WORLD?)

1 JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM. JESUS SAID, IF I BE LIFTED UP; I WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME, THE WORLD IS DYING ALL AROUND US: FROM THAT LIE " I M FREE!!!!"

LUKE 14:23, JESUS SAID, THE LORD SAID UNTO THE SERVANT, GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES, AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED.

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

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

"What Are Your Customs?"

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day. And stood up to read."—Luke 4:16 Nazareth, the hometown of Joseph and Ma-

became their home again after their stay in Egypt to escape the murderous jealousy of Herod against the newly born "King of the Jews." At Nazareth Jesus was brought up, much as the sons of godly families have always been brought up. He knew and shared the rugged work habits of Joseph as a carpenter. He was instructed in the Scriptures so that by the time He was twelve years old the scholars at the temple in Jerusalem were amazed at His "understanding and his answers," even as Mary and Joseph were amazed at His independence. Yet as a teenager he continued under the discipline of His earthly parents. Attendance at the Sabbath meetings in the synagogue was habitual in His upbringing. With it all, He developed steadily in mind, in body, and in social graces. The neighbors in Nazareth could not think of anything to distinguish Him greatly from any of the other boys brought up in their town.

The custom Jesus followed in regard to the synagogue services seems to have been twofold. In His youth He was accustomed to be there, with other members of the congregation. Now

He was accustomed to teaching in the synagogues wherever He went. The synagogue services lent themselves readily to that kind of participation. A ruler was responsible for the service and decided who was to speak and who was to read the Scriptures, whether by invitation or by permission. A reading - "the Law of Moses" customarily came first, then a reading from the Prophets, and then the sermon. An attendant took care of the property, and especially the scrolls of sacred scriptures.

It is important to note that Jesus was accustomed to be in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. What are your customs, the habits of our life? If you were to list the things you do most, what would be on the list. Watching the Sunday football games? Watching the CNN or MNBC News? Reading the Sunday paper? Reading the Bible to your children? Playing golf? Fishing? Baking a sweet potato pie? Would your list reflect a Christian mindset? Would it show a yearning for the things of God, as did the priorities of Jesus?

Jesus knew God and the Scriptures as well. Probably some things said and done in the synagogue did not please him, but He was there. He did not disassociate himself from the people dedicated to the worship of God, although they blundered. It is important that we have that same kind of consistency and faithfulness in our worship today. What are your customs?

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Brother and Sister Delbert Hood. It was reported that the spirit was very high and the Lord was in that place. Songs of praise were sung, and the 3rd Psalms was read by Sister J. Childers. Prayer was given by Sister Dorothy Nash. Words were given by Sister McBride. The morning scripture message was delivered by Evangelist Missionary Lautina Childers. She is the Dean of the Women's Department of the Church of God In Christ, Northwest Jurisdiction. We were blessed to have this super lady with us. Her scriptures were St. Luke 12:35-40; Espeian 6:10-18. Her subject was "Is Everything In Order?"

St. Luke 12:35 - "e prepared - all dressed and ready for your Lord's return from the

wedding feast. Then, you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. There will be great joy fro those who are ready and waiting for his return. He, himself, will seat them and put on a waiter's uniform and serve them as they sit and eat. He may come at nine O'clock at night. Or even at midnight.

But when ever he comes, there will be joy for his w reser-vants who are ready! Everyone would be ready for him if they knew the exact hour of his return. Just as they would be ready for a thief if they knew when he was coming. So be ready all the time, for I, the Messiah, will come when least expected."

My word to you today, are you ready??? If not, get ready with everything in order today. This does not only mean stock-

pling our stuff, but the soul - your life. How is your fellowship with your Sisters and Brothers. What do you think a-x about your Pastor? The Choir? Pastor's Wife? the Mission? the Ushers? the Deacons? Brotherhood? your neighbor? And all other departments of the church? How are you feeling in your heart? One negative thought or deed acted out could catch you by surprise. What do you feel about Praise teams? Praise Dances? Those who are not praising the Lord like you would have them to do?? Please read Ephesians 6:10-18. You only put this armour on to protect you, not your church, or any other earthly body. Are you ready? Is everything in order? Are you completely dressed?

Think about it, Saints! Thank you, Sister Childers! We love to those who are hurting and shut-

in, remember, God loves you. Don't give up! Our God is a healer, Jehovah Raph, just call him! Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

Continue to witness to others in every way you can. Your drive bys and walk through prayers from our city and communities. There's a lot of work to be done, but if the body of Christ comes together, it's already done. Think about it!

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An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth More Than A Pound of Cure

(NNPA) — We are blessed to live in a society that can instantly communicate word and/or picture messages to anyone almost anywhere on the planet. In light of such dramatic advances in medical and communications technology it is a tragedy millions of people die before their time.

While it is true that some people may be genetically predisposed to some health conditions, high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, asthma, AIDS, and other life threatening diseases can be prevented or avoided entirely. Eating a low fat, high-fiber diet, exercising regularly and avoiding stress are among the most effective lifestyle modifications.

To remain healthy you must not smoke, abuse drugs, alcoholic beverages, or indulge in unprotected sex. In addition, women must perform regular breast self-examinations and have annual mammograms and pap smears. Men age 40 and over must have prostate diagnostic exams annually or as often as their doctor recommends.

While these messages may appear simple, the current state of the nation's health indicates they are much easier said than done. According to the American Cancer Society, almost 300,000 people died of lung, breast, colon, and other types of cancer during 1998. The American Heart Association (AHA) reported that last year 1.1 million people had their first heart attack, and 250,000 people died of heart failure. The AHA also recorded 160,000 deaths due to stroke.

Each year, roughly 798,000 people are diagnosed with diabetes. The American Diabetes Association (ADA) also reports that 15.7 million or 5.9 percent of the country's population is currently diabetic. Because diabetes is a silent killer, only 10 million of these cases are diagnosed.

The ADA estimates there are at least 5.4 million Americans whose diabetic condition remains undiagnosed. The most alarming fact is that even though we can protect our health, the death rates from these diseases are expected to continue to grow. Despite these statistics, there is

good news. Even if you are experiencing a medical challenge it is never too late to make improvements. The best way to start is by taking responsibility for your own health.

After decades of depending upon your doctor to be completely in charge of your health and well being, times have changed. For many of us, effectively communicating with our doctors is a new way of life. According to former Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, "With the tremendous workload of today's physicians, it is important that people gain the knowledge they need to become more active about taking charge of their own health."

Take a glance at the newsstand or in almost any magazine or newspaper. Virtually every one of them has health prevention articles, exercise tips, and healthy low-fat recipes. Read books, magazines and pamphlets. Any material that will help you learn more about healthy living can add years to your life.

Don't cut your life short by saying you don't have the time, money or resources to become an informed advocate for yourself or your loved ones. Attend health fairs. Virtually every city in the nation — regardless of size — offers a variety of health education opportunities. Take advantage of the free or low cost health education seminars and screenings provided by health centers, churches and civic organizations in your area.

There is really no reason not to get the information you need to help you make better health choices. You don't have to do it alone. There are numerous resources right in your neighborhood that are ready and waiting to help you improve your health. One of the most comprehensive health education resources available are the Health PLACE Health Centers. Health PLACE Health Centers are a network of 12 community based wellness centers located throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Health PLACE offers a variety of free or low cost Health Education programs, classes, and health screenings to the entire community.

America's Promise NEH Form Alliance

(NU) - General Colin Powell is a man with a mission, which happens to match our mission at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in significant ways. Since retiring as chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff where he attained household recognition as a genuine American hero, General Powell has been using his leadership skill wisdom and popularity to fight on another front in our society: the needs of disadvantaged youth.

The NEH has forged a partnership with General Powell and his nonprofit organization, America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, to provide educational opportunities that build character and competence in America's young people.

As a federal agency that provides grants to enrich classroom learning, expand humanities content on the Internet and bring ideas to life through museum exhibitions, public television and radio, and programs in libraries and other community places, NEH is able to work with partners like General Powell to bring the joys of learning and accomplishment to young people.

Among the NEH projects the General endorses is Girls Dig It, a nationwide archaeology program for girls, ages 12 to 14. The project is funded by a \$200,000 NEH grant to Girls Incorporated, a national youth organization represented in 32 states and serving

350,000 girls, the vast majority of whom are from low income families.

In the program, archaeology engages the girls' imaginations about history and folklore. By examining artifacts, girls learn strategic thinking skills as they reflect on the history of a particular place such as an old fort, how its inhabitants worked and lived, and their traditions and culture.

The girls develop a new awareness of how objects can speak to us, how diaries and journals make the past come alive, and what the objects in our own everyday world say about us.

This exercise of the imagination is at the heart of learning and can point a youngster in positive directions. Other projects NEH is developing on this theme are new quality-controlled educational Web sites about history, foreign languages, art and social studies; curriculum projects that engage students in learning about local, state and national history; family literacy projects in which newly literate parents read along with their children; and hands-on museum exhibitions. General Powell has mobilized organizations to join him in a national effort to give America's youth opportunities for growth and fulfillment. In carrying out our own mission, NEH is proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with America's Promise to help young people discover the rewards of intellectual curiosity and discovery.

THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP: LEFT OUT OF THE BOOM

"Household income at Record High," the U.S. Census Bureau trumpets in today's upbeat release. For African-American and Hispanic families, however, the news is not so cheery. Black median income (\$25,351) did not rise from 1997 to 1998, despite the booming economy. Hispanic median income rose 4.8%, but only to \$28,330, just 58% of the white median.

In addition, black and Hispanic household wealth remains extremely low, reveals Shifting Fortunes; The Perils of the Growing American Wealth Gap, a report published by United for a Fair Economy. While the typical white household had \$18,000 in financial wealth (net worth minus equity in owner-occupied housing) in 1995, the typical black household owned just \$200 and the typical Hispanic household had zero.

One piece of good news from today's Census release, that African-American and Hispanic poverty rates have fallen, does not mean that these families are financially secure. The gap in wealth between white families and black or Hispanic families remains huge. The percentage of black or Hispanic households with zero or negative net worth (greater debt than assets) is twice as high as for white households.

Access to homeownership, long seen as the key to achieving the American dream, is still restricted for black and Hispanic families because of employ-

ment, housing, lending and other discrimination. Their rate of homeownership is only about two-thirds the rate for white households.

Shifting Fortunes, by Chuck Collins, Betsy Leonard-Wright and Holly Sklar, features the latest findings of economist Edward Wolff of New York University, a leading authority on wealth distribution. The so-called booming economy has left many Americans behind. The top 1 percent of households own 40 percent of the wealth — twice the share they had in the mid-1970s. Meanwhile, most households have lower net worth, adjusting for inflation, than they did in 1983, and the news is worse for minorities.

FAMILIES OF COLOR ON THE EDGE:

- The median black household had a net worth of just \$7,400 in 1995 — about 12 percent of the \$61,000 in median wealth for whites (1995 is the latest year for which complete figures are available.)

- The median Hispanic household had a net worth of only \$5,000 in 1995 — just 8 percent of whites.

In 1995, 31 percent of black and 38 percent of Hispanic households had zero or negative net worth (greater debt than assets), compared to 15 percent for whites.

OBSTACLES TO HOME OWNERSHIP

In 1998, the homeownership rate was 47 percent for black- and 44 percent for Hispanics, about two-thirds the rate for white households (69 percent). The benefits of owning a home multiply over time as home equity can help pay for college educations, business start-ups, retirement and inheritance.

A 1992 report by the Boston Federal Reserve that systematically controlled for the largest range of financial, employment and other lending variables found that blacks and Hispanics "were two to three times as likely to be denied mortgage loans as whites. In fact, high-income minorities in Boston were more likely to be turned down than low-income whites."

1999, The Kansas City Star analyzed mortgage applications taken by area banks and mortgage companies from 1992 to 1997. It found that "most loans made in minority neighborhoods refinanced existing debt and are made by companies that often charge higher interest rates and fees. In white neighborhoods, by contrast, most loans are made at market rates and go to buy homes."

- A 1999 report by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) said that in 1998 African Americans were denied mortgages 217 percent as often as white-, up from 206 per-

cent in 1995. Latino applicants were rejected 183 percent as often as white-, up from 169 percent in 1995.

"To have a sense of economic security, families need savings to fall back on during hard times and investments for retirement. The gains from the economic boom of the 1990s have gone disproportionately to wealthy white male asset-holders, leaving most black and Hispanic families economically insecure," said Chuck Collins co-director of United for a Fair Economy.

As first steps towards solving the racial wealth gap, the U.S. government should reverse the erosion of the minimum wage, expand the Earned Income Tax Credit, and recommit itself to the development of adequate affordable housing. Anti-discrimination policies must be fully enforced. Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) would allow low- and moderate-income households to have their savings matched by public or private funds. A small wealth tax and increasing capital gains taxes to the same rate as taxes on wages could help pay for such programs.

United for a Fair Economy is a national organization that spotlights increased economic inequality and offers positive solutions for shared prosperity.

Attention! Attention!

The Dunbar Alumni Association will meet at our office space at the corner of East 27th and M.L.K Blvd. On November 13th. All Dunbar guests are welcome and if you're not a member of the alumni Association, please come and join us. We will have information on membership and of course will there will be information and planning for our next great ALL SCHOOL REUNION. Again that's November 13th, 4:00p.m.

White Graduates From Fort Knox

Army Pvt. Quincy E. White Jr. has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Ky., which consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

The first eight weeks of initial entry training, or basic training, included drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During AIT, the soldier completed the seven-week cavalry scout course. The training included subjects and instructions to operate, maintain and fire M2/M3 Bradley fighting vehicles, call and adjust fire on enemy targets, recognize friendly and threat vehicles, conduct reconnaissance security missions, perform foot patrols, conduct land navigation, locate and neutralize mines, and operate and maintain scout vehicles.

White is the son of Quincy E. and Ruby N. White of 6604 Norfolk, Lubbock, Texas. His wife, Mikka, is the daughter of Joe Washington and Bea Washington, both of Lubbock.

In 1997, he graduated from Monterey High School, Lubbock.

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