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NATIONAL NEWS

Linguistics Experts Bring Clarity To Discussion of African-American Linguistics

ASPIKE Books recently released *Ethnicity: the History and Development of African-American Linguistics* by Ernie Smith, Ph.D. and Linda Sanford Taylor, M.A.S.L.P.C.C.C., to respond to the demand for accurate information on the theories of language formation by African-Americans. The five monographs are based on 20 years of research by Smith, a faculty member at King-Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, and Taylor, holder of a certificate of clinical competence in speech and language pathology from the American Speech and Hearing Association. Using Smith's theoretical framework, Taylor used her knowledge of physiology and speech dynamics to research phonetic structures and relationships between African language families. Her result is a comprehensive dictionary of sounds, words, phrases and language forms that comprise the African-American approach to language. Smith includes an extensive literature search of various approaches to the issue of language formation in the Diaspora, including the creolization, transformationalist, and ethno-linguistic theories. An architect of the State of California's Standard English Proficiency program since 1981, Smith also makes the case for the bilingual approach to language education for African-Americans. To order the book, call (800) 840-0465 or use the World Wide Web to go to <http://www.blackmoney.com>.

Ratteray Granted \$50,000 to Prepare Students For Global Market

Support by a recently awarded \$50,000 planning grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Institute for Independent Education (IIE) will develop a cutting edge curriculum for teaching mathematics, enabling students to become globally competent in the discipline. "Our schools already have good math curriculums and our students are doing well," says Joan Davis Ratteray, president of the Institute. However, says Ratteray, "there exist now a considerable amount of new research on how children solve problems and we want to take advantage of that." Ratteray, whose organization provides policy making, research, teacher training and other services to more than 400 African American independent schools, says today's students need to learn problem solving strategies and how to think critically about solving mathematics problems instead of just coming up with one "right answer." The grant will be used to develop a leadership team of schools, primarily in New York and Philadelphia, to examine several NSF sponsored curriculum projects that feature innovative approaches to mathematics.

Farrakhan Wants Lockerbie Families to Know the Truth

National of Islam officials welcomes the United States Government's constructive interest in Minister Louis Farrakhan's recent visit to Libya. The State Department called on Minister Farrakhan to raise the issue of a downed airliner that was allegedly sabotaged by Libyan agents during his meetings with officials in Tripoli. Following a discussion with Libyan Head of State Muammar Gadhafi, Minister Farrakhan told reporters, "we believe that the Clinton administration should seek the trial of the Libyan nationals who have been accused of the bombing of PanAm 103 in a third or neutral country. The families of the victims deserve justice and closure to this tragedy. And the only way that closure can come to this tragedy is if the truth is made known." Libya has incurred U.N. sanctions because it has not surrendered two men charged with planting a bomb on the PanAm flight for trial in the U.S. or the United Kingdom. London and Washington have repeatedly refused offers by Libya for the men to be tried in a third country.

TRUE GRIT

by Bernice Powell Jackson

Maybe you remember the scene from the HBO movie about the Tuskegee airman — black World War II airman, ready to die for their native land, but having to ride in segregated railroad cars while German prisoners of war rode in the better "white" cars. A real life scene about racism faced by African American World War II veterans took place at the White House, nearly half a century after the war ended.

Seven black World War II veterans were awarded the Medal of Honor by President Clinton, who proclaimed, "History has been made whole today and our nation is bestowing an honor on those who have long deserved it." In 1993, in response to a request by African American veterans, the Department of the Army began an investigation into why not even one African American veteran of World War II had received the nation's top honor for soldiers. Two African American Korean War veterans and 20 Vietnam veterans had received the medal and President George Bush had awarded the medal to one black World War I veteran who had been nominated for the medal in 1918 but had never received it.

Investigators found that a climate of racism had prevented the extraordinary heroism of some African American soldiers from being recognized.

One awardee was Ruben Rivers, whose captain, David Williams, a white officer, had worked diligently to make sure that Rivers' heroism was recognized. "This was the toughest battle I ever had," said Capt. Williams, explaining, "The Germans — I knew my enemy. But this time, racism, it's tougher to defeat." When Staff Sergeant Rivers' tank was hit by a mine, he refused to evacuate, taking command of another tank and directing fire at the enemy for three days. He was killed while defending his company.

Another was First Lt. John Fox, who died in Italy in 1944 when he stayed behind to direct defensive fire as his unit withdrew and then insisted that all firepower be directed at his post because it was the only way to defeat the attacking Germans.

A third awardee was Vernon Baker, the only awardee still living, who destroyed four machine gun posts, killed nine Germans and drew enemy fire to

allow his comrades to evacuate.

Those who argue that racism is a thing of the past or that their ancestors were not slaveholders deny the racism that these African American soldiers experienced and which denied them this nation's highest honor until this year. The ignominy of black soldiers giving their lives for the nation which denied them human rights is striking.

Lt. Baker, when asked what that felt like, replied that it was "kind of rough" risking his life while serving in a segregated unit. "I was an angry young man. We were all angry. But we still had a job to do and we did it."

This nation had a job to do — to recognize these black heroes — and half a century later, it finally did it.



by Bernice Powell Jackson

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES PRESENTED MEDAL OF HONOR

President Clinton this week honored seven African-American World War II veterans with the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for bravery.

These recipients were chosen after the Department of the Army commissioned a study to look into why no black soldiers who fought in WWII had received the Medal of Honor. As the President said in awarding the citations, "history has been made whole today."

"No African American who deserved the Medal of Honor for his service in World War II received one," President Clinton said. "Today we fill the gap in that picture and give a group of heroes who also love peace but adapted themselves to war the tribute that has always been their due. Now and forever, the truth will be known about these African Americans who gave so much that the rest of us might be free."



Pictured from left to right are Valencie James, the widow of Willy F. James, Grace Woodfork, the oldest sister of Ruben Rivers, Edward Carter III, the son of Edward Carter, Jr., Arlene Fox, the widow of John Fox, Sandra Johnson, the niece of Charles Thomas and Vernon Baker, the only surviving recipient. (Not pictured is Sergeant Major of the Army Gene C. McKinney, who received the award on behalf of George Watson, for whom no family could be located.)

LUBBOCK BLACK CHAMBER BLACK HISTORY PARADE SET

The Lubbock Black Chamber is inviting the community to participate in this year's Black History Parade. There are no restrictions as to type of entry or how many entries you can have. Our desire is for as many businesses, churches and organizations within our community to participate in the parade.

The parade will be held on February 15, 1997, starting at 12 noon. It will originate in the

Dunbar Junior High School east parking lot, starting at 11am. The route of march will be from Dunbar to MLK north to Estacado High School. We anticipate it will take approximately one hour to reach Estacado High.

Your support in our 1997 parade will be greatly appreciated. For further information, contact Dwight Pierce, 744-0766.

St. Mary Hospital Announces "Excellence In Nursing" Award Recipient



Marsha Wren

LUBBOCK, TEXAS—During the Employee Recognition Luncheon, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, St. Mary Hospital Executive Vice President Patsy Lock, RN, named House Supervisor Marsha Wren, RN, recipient of the 1996 "Sister Maureen Van der Zee Excellence In Nursing" award.

Wren began her St. Mary career as a CCU Staff Nurse in March of 1991. For more than two and one-half years, she has served as 3 to 11 supervisor.

"Marsha is an excellent role model who remains calm in stressful situations, and negotiates well," said Lock as she presented the award. "She acts as liaison between all disciplines, patients and families — always exuding the values of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange."

"Four tremendous nurses were chosen as eligible to receive this award," Lock added. "Marsha should be extremely proud of this honor because it is awarded by her peers, to identify a nurse who stands for excellence in nursing."

National Black Chamber Meets In Dallas

The National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. the Washington, DC, based Black business advocacy group has announced that its next quarterly conference will be held at the Ramada Inn, 1011 Akard St., Dallas, Texas, February 6-9, 1997.

The host affiliate for this conference is the Institutional Missionary Baptist Convention of Texas. The founder of this convention of over 300 churches is Rev. Dr. H.J. Johnson, Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church, Dallas, TX, who is also a board member of the NBCC. Dr. Johnson chairs the Church Empowerment Committee for the NBCC and much of this conference will deal with potential partnerships of Black entrepreneurs and the church community.

Another key feature of the conference is the official unveiling of the NBCC business insurance program which offers life, dental and medical policies for small businesses who are affiliated with the chamber. Those wishing particular information on the insurance program before the conference can call Yvonne at Risk Management at tel. 800-484-7517.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce was founded in May, 1993, with 14 chapters. Today, it has over 146 chapters representing 40,000+ Black owned businesses. Some of the latest chapters that have formed

are: Natchez, MS, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Seattle/Tacoma, DC, based Black business advocacy group has announced that its next quarterly conference will be held at the Ramada Inn, 1011 Akard St., Dallas, Texas, February 6-9, 1997.

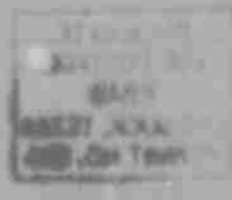
According to the board member, Dr. Arthur Fletcher (author of federal affirmative action laws): "The NBCC is on the cutting edge of Black economic empowerment. There is no other organization that is focused on the key issues that will affect Black communities throughout this land."

The NBCC has 18 board members representing various parts of the nation and is structured via 3 divisions and 9 regions. This 501(c)(3) organization is designed to provide education and research toward the development of Black entrepreneurship in communities throughout the nation. It is also a "watch dog" on government and corporate procurement in terms of inclusiveness for Black owned businesses.

Those interested in hotel lodging information (\$79.00) for the Winter conference can call the Dallas Ramada at 214-421-1083. Those wanting more information on the NBCC and how to form a chapter can call 202-416-1622.

Big Event For Digest Coming Soon

The Digest has a major event planned for the near future. This will be a major project. Watch the Digest for more information.



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School. The newly elected Superintendent, Brother Bruce Tharrington, did a fine job. There were thirty minutes of instructions, and the classes reassembled at 10:15 a.m. singing "I Come To The Garden Alone." High points of lesson were given by Class No. 3 with Sister Vernetta Cooper as teacher. They did a wonderful job. She is a spirit filled woman of God.

Secretary's Report: The Primary Class lost the Attendance Banner to the Senior Class. Adult Class No. 1, Men's Class won the Attendance Banner and Class No. 4 lost the Offering Banner to Class No. 2.

During the devotional period at 10:45 a.m., Brother and Sister Clarence Ervin led the devotions.

The Senior Choir marched in the processional singing "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "For Thine Is The Glory." Scripture was read by Sister Clara Lee Blackmore. A prayer was given by Sister Clara Colquitt. Another song, "Lift Him Up," was sung.

Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother F.J. Jenkins. The morning hymn was "Father I Stretch My Hands To Thee."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton who brought greetings from the Winter Board Meeting which was held in Nashville, Tennessee last week.

Thy hymn of preparation was "Amazing Grace." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "We All Need Help." The scripture text was Psalm 121. This was a wonderful message, and it was so true. Just think if it wasn't for the Lord. It was surely a great message.

Remember those on the sick and shut in list. Among them is Brother James Sterling who will be a patient this week in the hospital.

Sister Rosa Reddie's brother in California goes in for surgery this week. Pray for the Mannie Williams family. It is reported he is very sick. Remember his wife and pray the Lord will give her strength.

For the month of February, the Nurses' Guild and Deaconess will be in charge of the devotional period each Wednesday evening for Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, from 7:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Think about it, and come and join them in prayer. We need to pray.

Brother Joe Hereford, president of the Brotherhood of New Hope, is making a plea for all men to join him February 10th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is an effort to make 1997 a great year by using your ideas on how to do this. Refreshments will be served. Remember, the Brotherhood needs all of you!!

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Army Pvt. Ryan L. Wischkaemper has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Wischkaemper is the son of JoNell Wischkaemper of 306 E. 18th St., Littlefield and Bill Wischkaemper of 4402 85th St., Lubbock.

He graduated from Littlefield High School in 1995.

Army Pvt. Maurice V. Pearson has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Pearson is the son of Lillie M. and Elroy Parks of 5711 87th St., Lubbock.

He is a 1995 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock.

Clinton Suspends Helms-Burton Again

Declaring victory in efforts to forge a multinational alliance to democratize Cuba, on Jan. 3 President Bill Clinton said he will suspend for another six months a key provision of the notorious Helms-Burton law. The "international community is more united behind the cause of freedom in Cuba than ever before in the 38-year history of (Cuban President Fidel) Castro's oppressive regime," Clinton said in an issued statement. Given the "real progress" made in the past six months in isolating Cuba, Clinton said he had decided to suspend for another six months the right of U.S. citizens whose commercial property was expropriated during the Cuban Revolution to file suit in U.S. courts against foreign companies and individuals who "traffice" in that property. IPS reports that the European Union (EU), Canada, Mexico, and

other countries have all attacked the law as an illegal effort to apply U.S. law overseas to non-U.S. individuals and firms. Until its final passage, Clinton himself had strongly opposed Title Three and a companion provision which denies visas to the chiefs and families of foreign corporations which "traffick" in expropriated properties. The visa provision took effect last August and has so far been invoked against executives of Sherritt International, a Canadian mining firm which has made new investments of about \$500 million in Cuba. The EU, Canada, and Mexico have all passed retaliatory legislation that would permit individuals and companies from those countries to counter-sue for damages anyone who sued under Title Three in U.S. courts.

YWCA BREAST AND CERVICAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Young Women's Christian Association of Lubbock, Texas

The Breast and Cervical Health Initiative at the YWCA of Lubbock had its inception in January of 1996. The program began as a six month special campaign aimed entirely at providing breast cancer screenings. A part-time program coordinator was hired for this special project and 97 women were screened from April through August. In September 1996, the YWCA received additional funding to continue the breast screening program and to begin providing cervical screening services as well. A full-time program coordinator was hired in August and the Breast and Cervical Health Initiative was officially launched with the first screenings begun near the end of September.

The program has a twofold purpose: 1) to make mammograms, Pap tests, and other diagnostic tests available to the medically underserved women in Lubbock and the surrounding communities, and 2) to provide breast cancer education to women in our area.

The educational thrust of the program is accomplished through informational lectures to women's organizations, church groups, at job sites; the distribution of literature at health fairs, and the media.

The YWCA contracts with Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock for the clinical breast exams and cervical screenings. Contracts are in effect with University Medical Center for mammography/interpretation, diagnostic procedures, and for cervical referrals. Contracts are also in effect with Dr. Catherine Ronaghan and Associates to provide surgical consultation and breast biopsies. Mammogram screenings are set up at Dimensions at UMC on two or three days a month depending on need. Each client's report is sent to the physician of her choice, and a copy is kept in a confidential file in the office of the program coordinator at the YWCA.

Funding for the mammograms, Pap tests and other diagnostic procedures (ultrasound, biopsy, colposcopy, etc) is provided by a federal grant for the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA. The grant is administered through the Texas Department of Health. The YWCA of Lubbock is one of 39 contractors in Texas which receives CDC funds. The YWCA also has funding from the Texas Cancer Council for further diagnostic procedures.

The Breast and Cervical Health

Initiative targets women who would not otherwise have access to breast and cervical screening services. The grant stipulates that for women to be eligible for the program they must be under the 200% federal poverty guidelines, have no health insurance, (or insurance that does not provide Pap tests and mammograms), be 50 years old for breast screening and 40 years old for cervical screening. Women under 50 may be eligible if they have already found a breast lump.

Each client completes a comprehensive needs assessment to determine what barriers they may encounter in the screening process such as need for transportation, language barriers, fear of cancer and so on. Those needs are then addressed in an effort to find solutions. In addition, all clients receive follow-up assistance as needed. Clients with negative reports are contacted when it is time for their next regularly-scheduled mammogram (annually or bi-annually). Clients receiving reports calling for additional diagnostic procedures are contacted and assisted throughout the process. Follow-up calls will be made periodically to all women who have experienced a malignancy.

Community Health Outreach

CALENDAR

<p>FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 31 MONDAY</p>	<p>Education - The Key to the Diabetic Puzzle Health Education Room, 1318 Broadway, Suite 101 Every Monday from February 24-March 31 5:30-8:00 p.m. A six week, comprehensive course on diabetes. Everyone is welcome, free of charge. For more information please contact Josie Valdez, R.N. at 765-2613.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 4 TUESDAY</p>	<p>Love Your Heart-Lower Your Cholesterol 2nd Baptist Senior Citizen Center (All senior citizens are welcome) 10:00-12:00 noon. Learn how to lower your cholesterol and maintain a healthy heart. FUN-GAMES-PRIZES. For more information please contact Josie Valdez, R.N. or Estelle Ayers, L.V.N. at 765-2613.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 26 WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>Deal Out A Healthy Start-Control Diabetes Homestead Senior Citizens Program All senior citizens are welcome. 10:00-12:00 noon. SCREENING-EDUCATION-GAMES. For more information please contact Josie Valdez, R.N. or Estelle Ayers, L.V.N. at 765-2613.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 13 THURSDAY</p>	<p>Love Your Heart-Lower Your Cholesterol Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center 10:00-12:00 noon. Learn how to lower your cholesterol and maintain a healthy heart. FUN-GAMES-PRIZES. For more information please contact Josie Valdez, R.N. or Estelle Ayers, L.V.N. at 765-2613.</p>

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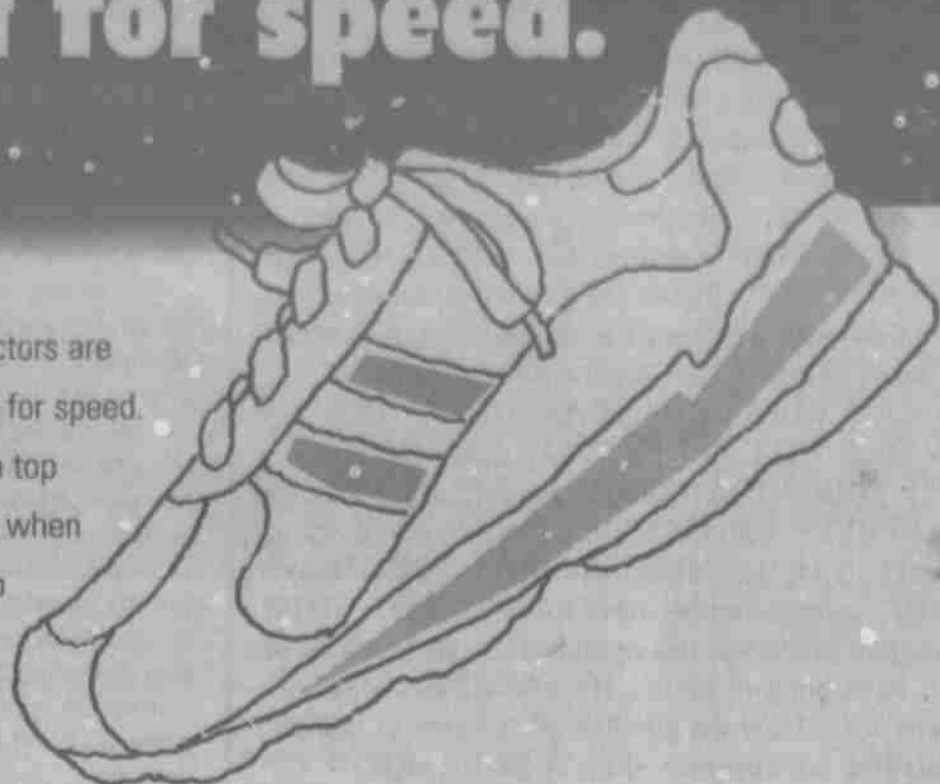
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Obituary



TWALA GLASPIE

Final rites were read for Twala Marie Glaspie last Friday morning, January 24, 1997, at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ with David Fultz officiating. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Ms. Glaspie died Sunday, January 19, 1997 at St. Mary Hospital after an illness. She was born February 28, 1958 in Lubbock. She was a student of Mary Mac Private School in her younger years, and graduated from Dunbar

High School. She attended Lubbock Christian University. Ms. Glaspie was a former employee of the Lubbock State School. Survivors include a daughter, Shaneka Marie Glaspie of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Mrs. Ruby Glaspie of Lubbock, Texas; three sisters: Grace Johnson and Patricia Austin, both of Lubbock, Texas and Linda Miller of Denver, Colorado; other relatives and friends.

ONA LEE HOLIDAY

Funeral services were held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for Ona Lee Holiday Thursday, January 23, 1997 with Rev. N.H. Franklin, pastor, officiating. Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Curry Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Joe Benson, Larry Moore, Richard Rollison, E.J. Donaldson, T.J. Patterson and S.L. Sanders. She was born January 1, 1914 in Centerpoint, Arkansas to Lamb and Marie Dowd. There were six children born to this union. She moved from Arkansas to Lubbock, Texas in 1935. She married the late Governor Holiday on December 19, 1955. He preceded her in death in

1972. Sister Holiday was a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church from 1957 until her death. She also served on the Usher Board and Board of Trustees for many years. She is survived by a daughter, Annie of Clarksville, Texas; four grandchildren: Ivona and Jimietria, both of Clarksville, Texas, Lawrence of Fort Stewart, Georgia and Reginald of Levelland, Texas; a sister, Billie Ray Dowd of Quitaque, Texas; Otis Dowd and William Dowd, both of Los Angeles, California, and Screen Dowd of Rio Alto, California; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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THIS N THAT

NO BLACKS ON CITY COUNCIL PLAINVIEW!! THIS N THAT...was worrying about the situation just 50 miles from our city....in....PLAINVIEW, TEXAS....when a friend of ours....ALTON JACKSON....who resigned last fall. And because of this....there was a special election on January 18th....and there was a....NEW COUNCILMAN ELECTED....An African American....QUITTON DUNLAP....sought the position but lost it by a....mere....SEVEN VOTES....Now if citizens of the....AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY....in Plainview had of gone to the polls....this could have been different....The question to ask now....is....WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS....Now there is no....AFRICAN AMERICAN....on the Plainview City Council....Maybe now we are thinking of it....but sooner or later....it will become a problem....Especially since....BROTHER ALTON JACKSON....served for....TEN YEARS....Now if you are resident of Plainview, Texas....you will miss his presence....no matter what you think about him....Anyway....AFRICAN AMERICANS OF PLAINVIEW....no matter how you look at it....there needs to be some regrouping of the priorities in that community....

Congrats to Lubbock habitat FOR HUMANITY!! THIS N THAT....would like to say....CONGRATS....to the members....including....JOHN MALLORY....for another step in the....CHATMAN HILL ADDITION....as they broke ground last Saturday morning for the....SEVENTH HOUSE....to be constructed on Hickory Avenue....Actually this address will be....2405 HICKORY AVENUE....with the family bearing the name of....MR. AND MRS. OMAR PEREZ....and their four children....THIS N THAT....is still elated over what is happening and what has happened in this CHATMAN HILL ADDITION....If you got some time....why not drive through this area....and you'll see a lot of things happening....It just does one

good to see the little children riding their bicycles and having fun like it used to be in this area of the city....THIS N THAT....is just proud of....LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!!

CAROLYN LANIER WILL RETIRE FROM FOOD BANK!! THIS N THAT....would also like to say....CONGRATS....to a friend of ours....CAROLYN LANIER....executive director of the South Plains Food Bank....after fourteen years of dedicated service....She has set an example of what a community can do when it comes to....FEEDING THE HUNDRY....THIS N THAT....hopes she will write that deserved book....from a lady who has been there....and no doubt about it....has seen many things which involve the homeless of our community....A JOB WELL DONE....CAROLYN LANIER!!!

HOW OLD WILL FEDERATION OF CHOIRS BE THIS YEAR?? THIS N THAT....knows the officers and members of the....ELEVEN CHURCHES....who are members of the....FEDERATION OF CHOIRS....will have a....BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION....come Sunday....MARCH 23, 1997....THIS N THAT....is happy to see that this organization....through all of its problems....have hung in there....Hopefully....this organization....with help of God and the good people of various churches will continue to support the....FEDERATION OF CHOIRS....NO DOUBT ABOUT IT....this is a most worthwhile organization....and we need to keep supporting it....By the way....there was a....FULL HOUSE....last Sunday afternoon at the....ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH....where Rev. Solomon Fields is host pastor....How many of you know....HOW OLD THE FEDERATION OF CHOIRS....will be this year....If you do....then let....THIS N THAT....know....Will you do so???

D.C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS: "KNOWING WHAT'S RIGHT....doesn't mean much....UNLESS YOU DO....what's right!"

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



Driving along an interstate highway, listening to the 4:00 o'clock news, was the inspiration for this article. I almost put on brakes when I heard the commentator say that an 'unmanned space craft which had cost 90 million dollars to build and had 40 million dollars worth of equipment on it, had exploded shortly after lift-off. I calculated that this was about 130 million dollars; more money than I or most people for that matter, had seen or would ever see in a lifetime. As naive as I am about high finance, I know that this is a lot of money to go up in smoke!

One hundred and thirty million dollars could, should and would work wonders to alleviate many of the social ills which are racking our country now. It could solve so many problems until the few left would not be enough 'to write home about.' Many of the homeless Americans, especially those with jobs, could have a home. Projects to renovate

property which has been abandoned and being 'demolished by neglect' could become shelters for the homeless. Struggling workers whose tax dollars were used to 'go up in smoke,' could receive some tax relief.

It does not seem real or logical that tax-paying, hard-working poor people should have to suffer when our government can afford to 'blow-up millions.' It is time that we get 'in cinque' and persuade our congressmen to spend more on the needs of their constituents and less on the efforts that 'go up in smoke.' The fire on the ground, in the various communities need to be given more attention. There should be government funds for every project which can eliminate or alleviate the conditions that spawn poverty or crime. These funds should be available regardless of race, religion or resident. Your congressmen need to know how you feel about it. Take time, write to them and let them know. This is your right as a citizen even if you do not pay taxes.

What Would W.E.B. Du Bois Have to Say About The 'Black English' Debate

By Sidney E. Morse

When the Oakland, California School District sanctioned so-called "Black English" as an official language, its stated justification for this controversial move was to "negate the stigma" placed on African-American students who come from communities that have developed their own dialect.

Sometimes, in order to strategically understand where we are going, it is beneficial to understand where we have been. Dr. W.E. Du Bois, arguably the most famous African-American intellectual of the 20th century, attended both Fisk University and the University of Berlin before becoming the first person of African descent to obtain a doctorate from Harvard. Throughout his life, both his vision and scholarship emphasized education as a key to improving the standard of living for African Americans nationwide.

Dr. Du Bois, seemingly always wise beyond his years, anticipated the ramifications of change and positioned himself on "the cutting edge" as the period ruled by agriculture gave way to the "Industrial Revolution" in the late 1800s. If he were alive today, in his wisdom, he would see similar dynamics occurring as we witness the age of information taking control in preparation for the arrival of the 21st century.

In the summer of 1906, W.E. B. Du Bois

would give a now famous speech, "The Hampton Idea," assailing the reliance of Hampton Institute and others like it on the delivery of practical education in an effort to prepare the then considered "less capable" African American for jobs; a perception I might add, that has since been changed. He would go on to use these same themes across the country to warn African Americans of the dangers of this ideology and how it would not only result in the handicapping of intellectual ambition, but also create a comfortability with "second-best" status in society as a whole.

In this debate, Dr. Du Bois would astutely observe that as was true at the turn of the century, the power and ability of a people to move up the socio-economic ladder in America is profoundly impacted by its ability to read, write, interpret and calculate.

So, as this rather surprising issue reappears, it is apparent that what we are really talking about here is literacy. Dr. Du Bois would have most assuredly declared that the promotion of "Black English" as an official language is to say that illiteracy is "Okay" for African Americans.

He would also strongly denounce it as a condition that is unacceptable in the context of our struggle. He would not retreat to a secondary language that would imply in any

way, form or fashion that we cannot compete with any measure of intellectual prowess.

Just as he did then, today, Dr. Du Bois would recognize that English is the verbal currency of commerce the world over. He would have grave concerns about Ebonics because he would also know that so-called "Black English" will not be the contextual language of the near 60 million people now using the Internet to create a new venue for a global economy.

No, in the end, William Edward Burghardt Du Bois would not be happy to see an investment in regression, occurring at the very dawn of progress he foresaw and hoped would be realized in his own lifetime. He would promote a language that stimulates growth, opportunity and participation in an ever expanding socio-economic universe. Lest we completely forget our common sense, contemporaries concerned about African-American progress and that of the nation as a whole, would be wise to do the same.

Sidney Morse, a Los Angeles-based activist, is a strategic development consultant and the author of the forthcoming book, "Strategic Progressivism: A Solution For African-American Empowerment."

HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION Would Dr. King Have Participated in the Million Man March?

By Dr. Keith Orlando Hilton

The 1995 Million Man March (MMM), like the 1963 March on Washington, was bigger than any one man, however, four men deserve to be recognized at this time — A. Philip Randolph, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Minister Louis Farrakhan.

We strongly urge readers to take the time to re-read Dr. King's entire "I Have a Dream" speech. Don't just recite the sound bites that you've hear each January.

As to the Million Man March: You can't separate the message from the messenger. In other words, those who were in favor of the 1995 March should continue rallying around Minister Farrakhan rather than distancing themselves.

It should be noted that even when pressured, Mandela refused to denounce Castro, Arafat, Gadhafi and others who supported South Africa's liberation movements.

To paraphrase attorney Johnnie Cochran, who said in his closing arguments in the 1995 O.J. Simpson trial, "If you cannot believe the messenger, you must reject the message." Therefore, "If you cannot believe Minister Farrakhan, then you must reject his correct call for Black re-empowerment."

It is important to note that Dr. King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was supportive and right on stage at the Million Man March.

If in 1995 SCLC remained true to the legacy of King, then it stands to reason that he would be proud of his organization, the Nation of Islam and the other groups that came together on Oct. 16th.

By 1968, five years after the 1963 March on Washington, Dr. King, however, was also being criticized by some groups that praised him earlier. They didn't like the fact that he was "straightening his Black back" when he opposed the Vietnam War.

Some who now criticize Farrakhan and evoke King's name also distanced themselves from King because he made such an "anti-American statement; "...My nation is the greatest purveyor of violence in

the world." Those who say that the MMM was bigger than one man are correct, however, one man stepped forward in the tradition of Randolph, Delaney, Trotter, Muhammad and Garvey and initiated a call for re-empowerment just as another man did 32 years earlier.

Although Minister Louis Farrakhan continues to downplay his role in this march, he deserves full credit for jump-starting this event. Only the disciplined, strong Fruit of Islam could have organized such a massive march.

"One million Black men will not be ignored," he said. "We must rise up in this time and seize the hour, seize the moment, because this moment can never be again."

Some may be surprised to find that King's message about Black empowerment was very consistent with that of Minister Farrakhan's speech about Black re-empowerment.

The 1963 March on Washington was about jobs and freedom. Yes, racial equality was an important issue then and remains so today, however, the March was primarily about empowering the Black community.

On Oct. 6, 1995, over two million Black men together rekindled that reempowerment process.

And anyone who continues to say that ONLY 400,000 people turned out for the March needs to be looked at with suspicion.

As a follow-up to the MMM, the NOI convened two other major 1996 world events, the National Political Convention in St. Louis and on Oct. 16, at the United Nations Plaza in New York, the observance of World's Day of Atonement. The world also watched these events with great interest.

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A REAL TIGER—Boxing promoter Don King, who garnered a reputation for being a winner, is pictured in the above photo sequences with students, band members, and football players from famed Grambling State University. King, who was at the Bayou Classic in the New Orleans Superdome to receive Grambling's first Lifetime Achievement Award, told Grambling students and athletes that they represent a university with a well-deserved place as winners in the annals of college football and that despite Grambling's 17-12 loss to arch-rival Southern University in the annual Superdome clash, which drew upwards of 70,000 fans. King told the students that they are winners now and have the potential and the opportunity, in America, to always be winners.



"SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S PETER SHEPPARD RECOGNIZED AS BAYOU CLASSIC MVP"
 Scott Robinson, left, senior marketing manager, Coca-Cola USA, presents the Bayou Classic MVP trophy to Southern University's Peter Sheppard, center as Heavyweight Boxing Champion Evander Holyfield surprises the winning Jaguars with a personal congratulations. Sheppard led the Southern University Jaguars to a stunning 17-12 upset over the Grambling State University Tigers during the 23rd Annual Bayou Classic, a Thanksgiving weekend tradition of football and pageantry at the New Orleans Superdome. Coca-Cola USA is the exclusive soft drink sponsor of the Bayou Classic.

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The BBB/Houston has issued a warning to property sellers of a marketing scheme that has

recently attracted law enforcement attention. Federal indictments allege that two companies, AMERICAN LAND LIQUIDATORS and NATIONAL LISTING SERVICES based in Montgomery, Texas have lured land owners into paying up-front "marketing fees" after promising to find buyers for unwanted property. According to the FBI, the companies bought records of property owners who had purchased time shares or resort property from the county clerks' offices. The property owners later received personalized post cards claiming to have buyers for property like theirs and promising to advertise it on television and in periodicals. The owners were encouraged to call a toll-free number within 72 hours. When they did, telemarketers promised high prices for their property and urged them to send a "marketing fee" of \$295-\$595. The companies purportedly never made any actual sales; instead, the money was distributed between the telemarketers and company owners.

Ebonics: Scholarship vs. Hysteria

By Ernie A. Smith, Ph.D

Bereft of logical reasons to oppose the adoption by the Oakland Unified School Board of its nine-point plan to improve the academic success of African-American students, critics have seized upon the use of the word "genetic" and "genetically-based" in the board's resolution.

As a consultant, researcher and author whose work had no small part in the deliberations of the task force that created the plan, I have been dismayed at the failure of the mass media to adequately describe the term and its usage. Our use of terminology correctly is a major reason that the recognized authorities in the field of linguistics like the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association and the Modern Language Association have found the Oakland resolution consistent with the most current research in the discipline. Peer-reviewed scientific research depends upon the adoption and consistent use of agreed-upon terminology to describe observed phenomena. J.H. Greenberg in the 1966 book "Essays in Linguistics" (University of Chicago) established: "There are three methods of language classification which are of major significance: the genetic, the typological and the areal. Of these, the genetic is the only one which is at once non-arbitrary, exhaustive and unique...This is because genetic classification reflects historical events which must have occurred or not occurred."

William Welmers wrote of David Dalby's critique of Greenberg: "Of course, Greenberg and the body of scholars who generally share this theoretical bias never intended the word genetic to be associated with the 'genes' or 'genealogy' in the way Dalby assumes; it is associated with genesis or origin and genetic relationships have to do with linguistic characteristics that are inherited by one generation of speakers from another, as opposed to those which are acquired from other sources."

What precisely is meant by the term "genetic" and upon what specific criteria or transmitted linguis-

tic features is its use evidenced? "Genetic classification is based on criteria on sound-meaning resemblances of linguistic forms...In principle, geography is irrelevant, although it is a normal result that related languages are in the same general area...Were people to be discovered on the moon speaking a language with the vocabulary and grammar of English, a conclusion of genetic relationship would perforce be drawn, regardless of geographical circumstances." Genetic kinship is based on a common origin or "genesis" and continuity in the use of an identical deep phonetic, phonology and morpho-syntax (grammar). In their 1993 text, "Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction," O'Grady, Doborovolsky and Arnoff state, "In investigating linguistic competence, linguists focus on the mental system that allows human beings to form and interpret the words and sentences of their language. This system is called a grammar." The decision that African-American and European-American speech is different is based on five factors: 1) the phonetic component; 2) a phonological component; 3) a morphological component; 4) a syntactical component and a 5) semantic component. In each of these five levels of language structure, African-American and European-American speech fundamentally differs. Although it is one thing to dispute the specific features used to make those decisions, it is another to not adhere to the same principles to classify a given speech community's language.

Mervyn Allyn notes, "English itself is considered to be a continuation of Anglo-Saxon and in turn of old Germanic, although in fact the vocabulary is predominantly Romance or Latin." If indeed, common origin and continuity of the rules of grammar constitutes the relevant evidence for positing genetic relationship, when Euro-centric writers ignore the fact that Afro-American and Euro-American people are originally from different linguistic backgrounds and claim, on the basis of the etymology of the dominant lex-

icon and mutual intelligibility that Afro-American speech is English, they are denying the African antecedent. Although the bulk of the lexicon of African-American speech is traced to the Indo-European stock, the grammar is not.

Jahneinz Jahn noted in 1961 while reviewing the grammar of Creole, Surinaams, Papiament and other languages of the Caribbean and Central America, "The vocabulary consists predominantly of European words, but the syntax and word formation follow the rules of African grammar. It is wrong therefore to call these languages 'spoilt' English or 'spoilt' French...if one considers the grammatical structure of a language more important than its vocabulary, then the three languages mentioned do not belong to the Indo-European group." As an all-encompassing non-pejorative label, the term Ebonics refers to "linguistic and paralinguistic features, which on a Congo African, Caribbean and United States slave descendants of Niger-Congo African origin," according to Robert Williams' 1975 seminal book "Ebonics." Paralinguistic refers to the non-verbal sounds, cues, gestures and pragmatic features used systematically in the process of interest in this decision to slyly act out their notions of supremacy, rooted in a basic denial of the humanity of peoples of African descent. We find that empirical, peer-reviewed research is the best arena for the discussion of this important topic and we urge all concerned to consult the wide array of source material before forming opinions.

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Lord knows his word was a WARNING for us; IN THE LAST AND EVIL DAYS, THE CHURCH NEED TO BE FASTING AND PRAYING; SO SOULS CAN BE SAVED.

1 Peter 4:17, For the time is COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF GOD.

We see the HARVEST IS READY; AND WE KNOW ITS HARVEST TIME. MANY CHURCHES ARE BUSY WITH CAR WASHES BAKE SALES & ANNIVERSARY WASTING TIME.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7,8, TO every thing there is a season, a TIME to every purpose under the heaven. A TIME to read and a TIME to sew; A TIME to keep silence, and a TIME TO SPEAK. A TIME TO LOVE, AND A TIME TO HATE; A TIME OF WAR AND A TIME OF PEACE.

It all started like ADAM: THE CHURCH DIDN'T STAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD, THEY FOLLOW A MAN WITH A DREAM: AND TAKEN THEIR EYES OFF THE LORD.

Romans 1:22,23a,25. Professing themselves (THE CHURCH) TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, And change the GLORY OF THE UNCORRUPTIBLE GOD INTO AN IMAGE MADE LIKE TO CORRUPTIBLE MAN. Who change THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, AND WORSHIPPED AND SERVED THE CREATURE MORE THAN THE CREATOR (JESUS), WHO IS BLESSED FOR EVER. AMEN.

*****WILL A MAN ROB GOD?*****

We can see the CHILDREN DYING; AND ITS IN EVERY AMERICA'S TOWNS, BUT WE WANT TO GO OVER SEAS AND HELP; WHEN ITS NEEDED ON HOME GROUND!

Matthew 23:37,38, Jesus said, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered THY CHILDREN TOGETHER EVEN AS A HEN GATHERETH HER CHICKENS UNDER HER WINGS, AND YE WOULD NOT! BEHOLD, YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT UNTO YOU DESOLATE (FORSAKEN).

THE FAMILY MORALS ARE GONE; THE NEXT GENERATION: THEY'RE WILD, THIS WORLD IS GONE CRAZY; THE PARENTS WILL NOW KILL THEIR OWN CHILD.

Luke 12:54-56, Jesus said, when ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN (RECOGNIZE) THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?

*****ITS PRAYING TIMES!!!!*****

2 Chronicles 7:14, THE LORD SAID, If my people (THE CHURCH), which are called by MY NAME, shall humble themselves, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.

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"Children Of Light"

"Let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

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In a spiritual sense, human beings are either diurnal or nocturnal. We are either children of light or children of darkness. We cannot be identified with both groups.

The spiritual warfare taking place in the world features attempts both to persuade children of darkness to become children of light and to persuade children of light to act as though they were children of darkness.

In Romans 7:14-25, the Apostle Paul talks about the spiritual struggle brought about by the clash of the two kingdoms in his life. He says, "I do not under-

stand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it no longer I who do it, but is sin living in me that does it...When I want to do good, evil is right there with me." Paul was not speaking from a holier-than-thou point of view. He too experienced spiritual peaks and valleys.

In writing to the Thessalonians, Paul had words of encouragement concerning the believers' identity in the Lord and how this should affect their living. Since in Christ they were children of light, not darkness, they needed to avoid the things that characterized unbelievers, the children of darkness.

Paul summarized what should set believer's lives apart from those of unbelievers by way of a metaphorical contrast. The contrast in living is first stated negatively: "Let us not sleep, as do others." We understand that Paul was not writing about physical sleep. He was concerned with something we might call spiritual sleep, a state of being out of touch with the Lord.

On the positive side, two elements are given. First, "let us watch." To watch means to be spiritually alert, that is, to be sensitive to the Lord's will and to what pleases and displeases Him. The second is to "be sober." We are to avoid the things that would influence us to become spiritually drunk.

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The physical prosperity around you may consist of your home, school, church, or community. Your respect for them says a lot about the kind of person you are. If you do not respect yourself, neighbors, or God who have given you things to enjoy, you're a danger to society.

In your home. Your home is where you live, work, play, share, love, have fun, share meals with family. Make this a pleasant, surrounding. You must help to keep the home clean, the lawn mowed, keep the yard free of trash, pick up trash from alley, pick your clothes up, toys, games, clean up your room, stop writing on the walls, inside and outside. Pull your pants up, dare to be different. When you apply for a job, look your best, because rebellion will last for a season, "young person", you will have to have something positive on your mind, instead of "Calvin Klein". Our God is still in control. He alone has all power, less you forget. He has given us the power according to Mark 16: 15-18 we are going to activate this scripture this year, you watch.

Thought: We didn't all come over on the same ship but we're all in the same boat. So don't rock the boat (Cuz) (Homeboy). Keep smiling friends, we love you and God does too.

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In 1872 John Fawcett, the famous pastor of a small poverty-stricken Baptist congregation in a Yorkshire village in England, wrote a hymn which speaks of life's oneness. He had been called to a wealthier parish but found that he could not leave the people he loved. Brown University honored this worthy man with a Doctor of Divinity degree six years before he died in 1817.

He wrote:

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

Like John Fawcett (1740-1817) and his growing family, most of us find many things far more precious than economic security and other material things. We know that life's greatest security and rewards are to be found in a oneness with others whom we esteem and love. Hence our prayer must be "that they may be one, even as...thou art in me."

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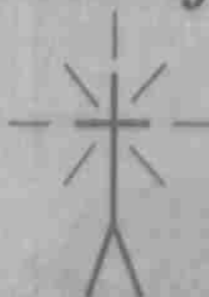


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