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NATIONAL SCENE

Church fires continue

Authorities have ruled arson a fire at a white church used by black missionaries in a Texas suburb, making the total of church burnings well over 40 at NNPA presstime. Meanwhile, two volunteer firefighters, one of whom is black, have been charged with burning black churches in Alabama and Texas, while two white teenagers accused of burning a Greensboro, N.C. white church said they did it for attention. Race was not considered a factor in the Alabama and Texas fires, said authorities. While speaking at the NAACP annual convention in Charlotte, President Clinton applauded bi-partisan legislation to fight church burnings in several states. He called the arsons the result of "a flaw in the human spirit that all of us have got to fight. We have got to find a way to stamp out intolerance and bigotry." Also, Vice President Al Gore recently announced that the insurance industry will help find insurance for churches destroyed by the racial arsons. Gore made the announcement after a meeting with insurance industry officials. The insurance officials are offering a \$10,000 reward for information on the arsons. They also set up a toll-free insurance help line for the churches: 1-800-324-2605. The announcement comes in the wake of growing criticism from victimized black pastors who have claimed insurance companies were cancelling policies because of the arsons. There have been scores of fires, the vast majority arsons affecting predominantly black southern churches, within the past two years. The Associated Press reports the total has reached 70 for black churches, with an equal number of fires at white southern churches.

NAACP: a 'new day begun'?

The above headline was the theme for the NAACP's national convention, held recently in Charlotte, N.C. "This is a new day begun and I will fight until hell freezes over not to let anything divide us," said Kweisi Mfume, the group's president and CEO, to the members gathered. He replaced former executive director Benjamin Chavis, who was ousted because of financial impropriety. He and Myrtle Evers-Williams, who replaced the ousted William Gibson as national board chair, are the group's new leaders. But do old problems remain? As wrote the AP: "Members from a dozen Midwestern states protested [during the convention] against Mfume's decision to move their regional office to Baltimore [the site of the group's national headquarters] from Detroit. The move was part of Mfume's plan to streamline operations. Some members of the 64-member board are also upset that Mfume reports only to a 17-person executive committee, instead of the full body. The NAACP recently lost Wade Henderson, the longtime director of its Washington bureau, and is about to lose Ed Hailes Jr., the bureau's counsel. The departures will leave the organization without a major lobbying presence in the nation's capital in the months leading up to November's elections." Although the NAACP has made new advances (such as getting itself on-line, etc.), their policies haven't changed: "Voting" was the one major theme of the convention.

Veto awaits for assault weapons ban, says Clinton

"We are prepared to stand by the ban on 19 deadly assault weapons. It is the right thing to do," said President Clinton recently at the NAACP national convention in Charlotte, N.C. "I will veto any attempt to repeal the assault weapons ban. You can't tell me it doesn't make a difference." Clinton made his remarks in an attempt to contrast himself from GOP Presidential candidate Bob Dole, who has talked about wanting to repeal the ban. Dole was a no-show at the NAACP convention, turning down the group's invitation to speak because of prior campaign commitments.

Rodney King in trouble again

A California jury convicted Rodney King, the world-famous motorist whose violent 1991 arrest, caught on videotape, led to the 1992 South Central riots, of running over his wife with his car during a dispute. He was acquitted of battery and assault with a deadly weapon (the automobile). King, who will be sentenced on Aug. 6, faces up to a year in jail or a \$10,000 fine. King had received a \$3.8 million settlement from the city of Los Angeles from the beating case. He has been in and out of headlines since 1991 for a variety of small offenses.

United Celebrates 80th Year with Grand Opening

Lubbock-based United Supermarkets will celebrate its 80th anniversary with the Grand Opening of its newest location at 2630 Parkway Drive today. The new, 38,000 square foot store is the fourth and last in a series of capital improvements to the company's Lubbock locations that began less than two years ago with new stores at 50th and Q, 82nd and Boston, and North University.

The Parkway Drive store gives shoppers an expanded array of products and services. Residents will have access to a hot and cold deli, specializing in barbeque and pizza, a bakery, expanded produce and market areas, and a wide assortment of grocery and non-foods products. The new addition of United's store has also brought jobs to the area. According to United's Human Resources Department, United has hired

more than 100 people to fill positions in the new location. Most of the new employees have been in training at other United locations for the past two months.

The Grand Opening coincides with United's 80th Anniversary. In a brief history released by the company, the roots of the family-owned enterprise date back to the founder, Henry D. Snell, who opened his first store in Sayre, Oklahoma, in 1916. By selling groceries for cash instead of credit, as was customary at the time, Mr. Snell could sell his merchandise for less than his competitors. The founder's philosophy of always offering the customer exceptional quality at the best value has sustained the company, which Robert Snell, the grandson of H.D. Snell, Sr., now leads.

Henry D. (Jack) Snell, Jr., Robert Snell's father, was the driving force in United's

growth from just two stores purchased from the patriarch in 1948 to nearly 40 stores at the time he passed away in December of 1976.

Since then, United has continued to grow in the size and quality of its stores. The company now employs more than 3,750 people and maintains stores in 20 cities scattered throughout northern Texas. Dan Sanders, Director of Marketing, said, "Despite the tremendous growth, the beliefs and goals of H.D. and Jack Snell are very much alive in the United Supermarkets of today. The spirit of the company and the total commitment to customer service that evolved out of their leadership still serve as the cornerstones of our operations."

THANKS UNITED FOR ALL YOU DO!

With the opening of the new United Supermarket, 2630 Parkway Drive, held Wednesday, July 31st, we say this is Great! It should serve as a catalyst for other retail outlets on Parkway Drive.

This new 38,000 square foot modern facility is welcomed by residents of east Lubbock as well as those who reside outside this area, but yet, applauds what is being done.

This is a \$5 million investment in East Lubbock, With this kind of an investment, surely others will look East for opportunity.

It (investment!) should darken residents who are business minded to want to do the same.

While we applaud what United Supermarket has done and will continue to do, we thank God for those businesses who are in the area. May they continue to grow. Not only are we appreciative of United, but Norwest Bank for their participation. They, foresee good corporate citizens.

Of course, we can't forget other corporate citizens at American State Bank, NationsBank and Plains National Bank for what they've done. At one time, there were no Financial Institutions, except Fiesta Supermarket.

All in all, we thank United Supermarket for what they've done and will be doing in East Lubbock as well as throughout Lubbock. THANKS UNITED FOR ALL YOU DO!

Pete Laney of Hale Center Honored as Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year



TEXAS HOUSE SPEAKER Pete Laney, (center), of Hale Center was honored as Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year. He is joined by Cullen M. Godfrey, president of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission, (left), and John M. Kest, Commission chairman, (right).

DALLAS-James E. "Pete" Laney, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives for House District 85, was honored Thursday as Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year by the Greater Dallas Crime Commission. Speaker Laney's legislative district includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby,

Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer and Swisher counties.

"His efforts while speaker on behalf of criminal justice reform and prison funding have been a great benefit to the State of Texas," said Cullen M. Godfrey, president of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission.

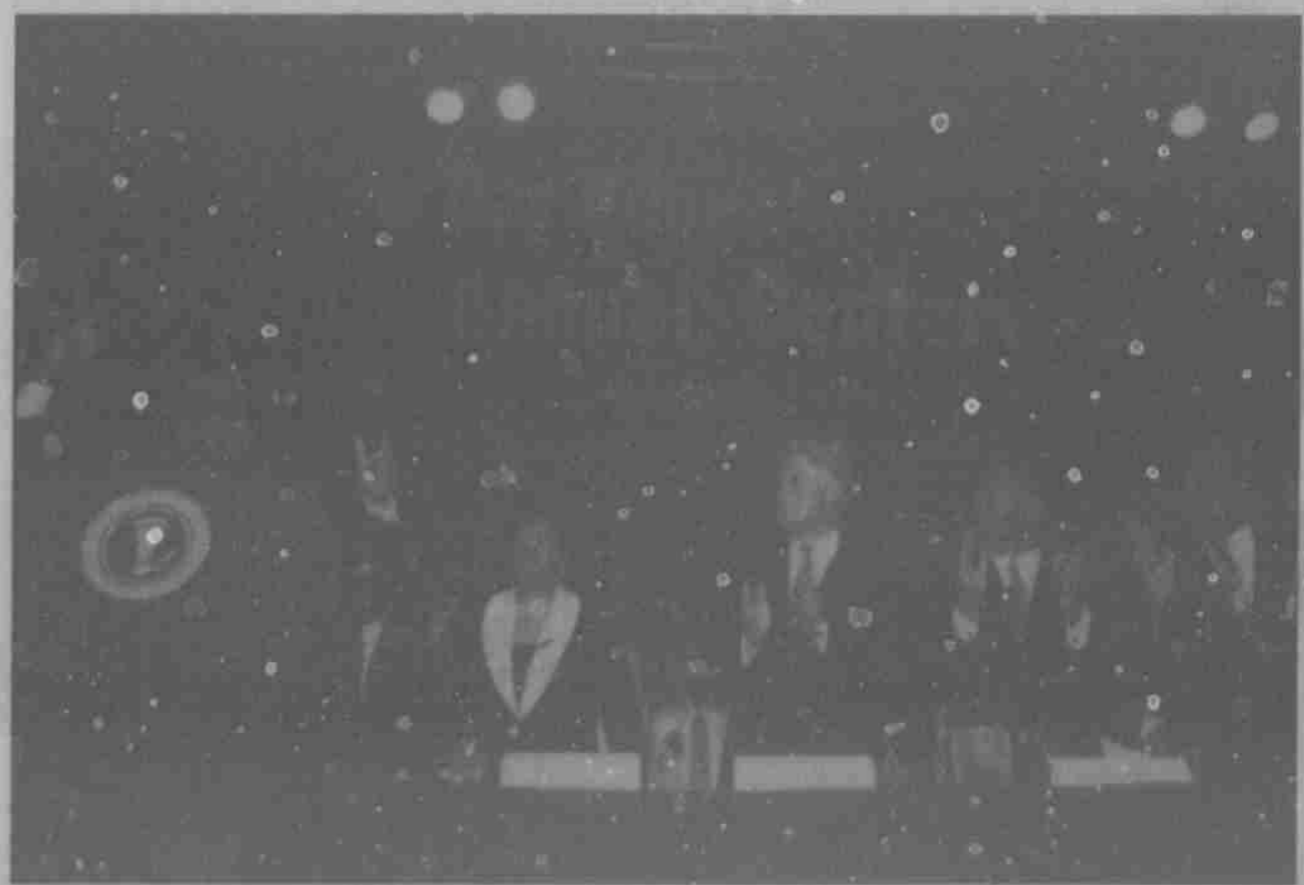
Speaker Laney accepted the award Thursday at the annual luncheon of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission. Speaker Laney, expressing his gratitude for the award, said, "Texans are standing up and saying our streets, our neighborhoods and our communities belong to us and not to the criminals. Our job in the Legislature has been to translate those feelings into laws and programs to make it a reality. A major factor in our success in passing legislation to address crime in Texas has been the spirit of bi-partisan cooperation in the Legislature."

Under his leadership, the state's penal code was completely rewritten in 1993 and finetuned in 1995. Lawmakers further restricted parole of felons. They also adopted new laws governing penalties and parole for sex offenders as well as new laws on victim rights, victims of family violence and stalking. More than 100,000 prison and state jail beds have been constructed.

Lawmakers also rewrote the Texas Family Code, which governs juvenile offenders. Lawmakers increased funding for programs for youth offenders. The new laws require that violent youths receive longer sentences and the age at which a juvenile can be tried as an adult is lower.

Most importantly, there has been a significant decrease in violent crime in Texas. Lawmakers hope this trend will continue as the new laws are employed and as Texas works to ensure that all young Texans receive a good, basic education.

PRESIDENT CLINTON SPEAKS AT NAACP MEETING



President Clinton (front left to right) Bishop William Gray, Kweisi Mfume, President and CEO of the NAACP, Myrtle Evers-Williams, Chair of the NAACP, and Reverend J.R. Williams.

President Clinton addressed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) annual convention in Charlotte, North Carolina this month.

The President saluted the NAACP's historic role in promoting racial unity and its partnership with his Administration to create equal opportunity for all Americans. He also cited the Administration's commitment to the African American community, particularly his support of the assault weapons ban, the expansion of Head Start programs, and an increase in Pell Grants. These joint efforts, he

said, were positive initial steps towards a more prosperous nation.

"So we're moving in the right direction. But we have to keep working until all of our people can reap the rewards of this time for change, including those who have not been reached by the recovery, those that have been downsized in competition, those that are stuck in place because they don't have the education and skills to move up. So we have to keep on working... to take the burden off of these young people you're trying to get interested in their own future."



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, and one of God's Chosen. If you are looking for a word from the Lord, then visit the New Hope Baptist Church.

Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Supt. Virgil Johnson and a staff of teachers at their post of duty. The subject was "Never Alone." What a wonderful, wonderful subject. Wonder if you have ever had that feeling?

After reassembling for the rest of Sunday School, the classes sang "Never Alone." High points of the lesson were given by Class No. 1, Men's Class. Brother Cork gave the opening remarks while Brothers Dailey, Ervin, Beaty, High and Swain put the finishing touch on the lesson. It was very good and all men were great!

Secretary's Report: Youth Department-Primary Class received the Attendance Banner while the Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner.

Adult: Class No. 1 retained the offering

Banner and Class No. 2 received the Attendance Banner.

During the 10:45 a.m. devotional period, Deacon Swain and wife were responsible for conducting it.

During the morning worship hour, the choir marched in the processional singing. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. J. Brown. After the singing of "We got to Praise Him," scripture was read by Sister Ida Johnson.

She read the 149th Psalms. Brother Virgil Johnson gave the prayer. Another song, "We Come to Sanctify and Praise His Name," was sung. Responsive reading was done by Brother Curtis Gipson. The morning hymn was "Blessed Be Thy Name."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton as he brought greetings from the State BM and Congress which was held in Marshall, Texas last week. The hymn of preparation was "Guide Me Over."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "When The Church Go Down in Prayer." His scripture text was Acts 4:31-37.

Invitation to discipleship was extended.

The Men of New Hope have signs up for the Annual Men's Day which is set for September 8, 1996. Don't miss it!

Our prayers and sympathy go out to our bereaved families. Sister Bernice Kelly lost a nephew in California.

Among our sick and shut-ins this week include: Sister Igie Scott, a patient at St. Mary Plaza, room 321; Brother Hardin Barrow, Methodist Hospital, room 788 south; Brother Eddison Jarmon, Methodist Hospital, room 581 south. Mr. Eli Woods is also in the hospital.

Ms. Ruby Washington and granddaughter enjoyed the reunion in Longview, Texas last week. They had a great feast.

Sister Jermye Chase visited in California last week and witnessed a relative in a wedding. She said it was beautiful.

Brother Hardin Barrow's daughter is at his bedside at the hospital, along with his wonderful wife.

Keep Sister Winnie Knighton, along with Sister G.H. Davis, in your precious prayers and visits. Just remember God is able.

Little Codie Jay was shut in at Methodist Hospital last week with an asthma attack.

Sister Ida Johnson has a real sick nephew in Dallas, Texas, and desires your prayers.

CHARLEY PRIDE: 30 YEARS OF OVERCOMING RACISM TO PLAY COUNTRY MUSIC



Charley Pride

When Charley Pride first began performing, his introductions always were followed by a swell of applause and then a stunned silence as he reached the spotlight.

After a few shows, he realized why: "Now ladies and gentlemen, we realize it's a little unique me coming out here on a country music show wearing this permanent tan," he told his audiences during his first year on the road.

"Automatically, it's another gib applause because I'm saying exactly what they're thinking," he said during an interview in his dressing room at the Charley Pride Theatre in Branson, Mo.

After 30 years of performing and selling more records than any other RCA recording artist except Elvis Presley, the shock has worn off, but the mystique remains.

Pride was the first African American to break into the white industry of "America's music," as he likes to call it. Yet he never intended to clear the way for future black artists and resents being made a role model.

"I never made it a point to figure out into the political side of why this and why that," he said, "because it's enough just to make it in this work, to pay your taxes, than to become so many things."

Pride was born into poverty in Sledge, Miss., one of 11 children. He picked cotton, milked cows and listened to country music. His plan was to be a major league ballplayer until he was 35, then perform.

"When I was growing up in Mississippi, I didn't know what I was going to be, but I said I was going to be something other than a cotton picker," he said. "Baseball was going to be my way out."

In a way it was. While playing on a company-sponsored club in Montana, Pride would sing the national anthem before games and Hank Williams' songs on the team bus. A club owner in Helena asked him to sing professionally, and other invitations followed.

After an unsuccessful tryout with the California Angels, Pride returned to Montana where he worked in a smeltery by day and

played clubs at night. His break came when a disc jockey got him a meeting with Red Sovine and Red Foley. Pride sang two songs for them between their sets - and was added to that night's second show.

Sovine also gave Pride his first contract in Nashville, and in the mid-1960's he released his first single for RCA Records, Snakes Crawl At Night, written by Mel Tillis.

Now and old friend and fellow theater-owner in Branson, Tillis said his publishing company was reluctant to allow Pride to record the song.

"It had something to do with (his) color," Tillis said. "I think there was an enigma there, a mystery, and they just didn't want to waste a song."

"I said...I needed the money. I had three girls. I said, Yeah, he can have my songs all day long."

After three recordings, Pride quit his smelter job and soon was opening for Merle Haggard, Buck Owens and Willie Nelson, among others. Lawrence Welk gave him his first network appearance.

By then, he was addicted to audiences. "I think music is a means of selling emotions and feelings and memories," he said. "As an entertainer I try to go on stage and inject in a given lyric the best I can to get out and give and receive back the best feelings I can get from my audience."

His fans have responded in staggering numbers:

In three decades, Pride has sold more than 30 million records, and earned 35 No. 1 singles, three Grammys and 31 gold and four platinum albums.

"He just can't hardly be beat - his voice and everything," said Eudell Dalton, 59, of Forsyth, who has seen Pride perform several times. "He's just a super country singer."

Not lacking for self-confidence, Pride also will say he's still a good ball player and great golfer. Now 59, he has been married 39 years to Rozene, has three children and two grandsons. The largest photo in his dressing room is of himself, centered over his southwestern-style sofa.

Ego aside, friends like Tillis remark on Pride's generosity and heart.

"He cares, boy does he care," Tillis said. "If it isn't right, he wants to know why and what he can do to fix it."

"I'm a fan of Charley Pride and consider myself lucky to be considered his friend," said Fran Boyd, executive director of Academy of Country Music here in Hollywood.

But Pride ways it is he who has been blessed by being able to do something he loves while making others happy and making a good living at it too.

"There ain't many things that you can find that can satisfy a human being any better than that," he said.

(Editor's Note: This story appeared in the Los Angeles Sentinel Thursday, July 11, 1996. Charley Pride will appear at the 79th Annual Panhandle South Plains Fair Sunday, September 22, 1996.)

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

LUBBOCK - The Fiestas del Llano is now accepting applications for the annual scholarship pageant to be held September 14, 1996 in conjunction with the 16th de Septiembre celebration. For an application or for more information about the qualifications and requirements, please call Maria Teresa Leos.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

It will be "going away party", and the public is asked to join in this event. It is called "National Night Out Against Crime." It will be held at the Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 North MLK Blvd., Tuesday, August 6, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring their lawn chairs and themselves. Gloria Onoh, chairman of event; Shirley Cleveland, President of Parkway and Cherry Point Neighborhood Association.

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 - **Anger Management**
 - Community Health Center of Lubbock, 1318 Broadway 11:00-12:00 p.m.
 - For more information please call Duane Armstrong at 765-5433
- AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26**
 - **Coping with Depression Work Group**
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- AUGUST 7, 14, 21**
 - **Cardiovascular Class**
 - Emphasizing prevention and treatment of risk factors, including hypertension, cholesterol, and triglycerides.
 - Community Health Outreach, 1318 Broadway, Suite 101 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 - For more information please call Josie Valdez, R.N. at 765-2613
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her heritage and explored other cultures through books.

One of hundreds of 8 to 13 year old entrants from around the country, Akousa received a \$2,500 scholarship and a \$2,500 savings bond for her school St. Aloysius Education Clinic from Beautiful Beginnings, the children's line of Dark & Lovely

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Pictured from left to right are Kathey Porter, assistant brand manager for Beautiful Beginnings; Contest Winner, Mary Lynn Akousa Enyi and Mary Beth Pettus, director of St. Aloysius Education Clinic.

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HOMETOWN NEWS

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The course is designed to teach the crewman to serve as a member of an armor unit in defensive and offensive combat operations. In addition to basic combat training, the soldier was taught to drive the armored weapon, load and fire the weaponry, perform ammunition supply duties, and to process intelligence and operations data.

Martinez is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez of 1617 Zenith Ave., Lubbock.



Army Sgt. Scott C. Diem has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Diem is a fire support specialist in Schweinfurt, Germany. He is the son of Shirley Walker of 2403 89th St., Lubbock.

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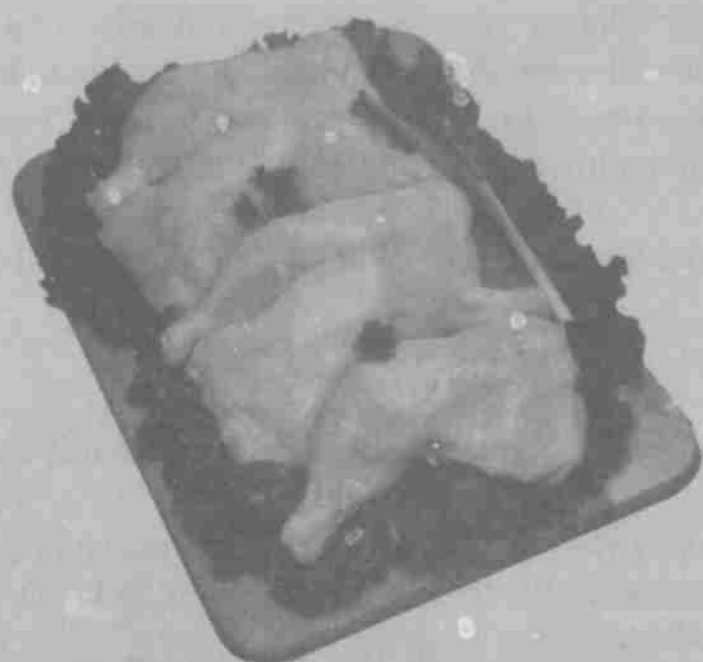
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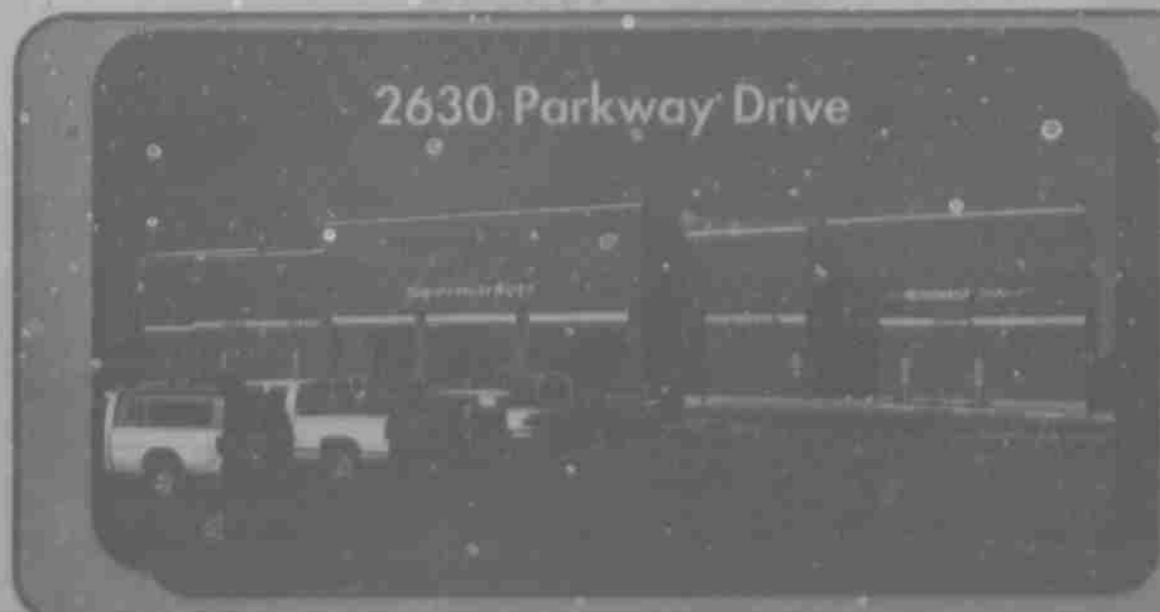
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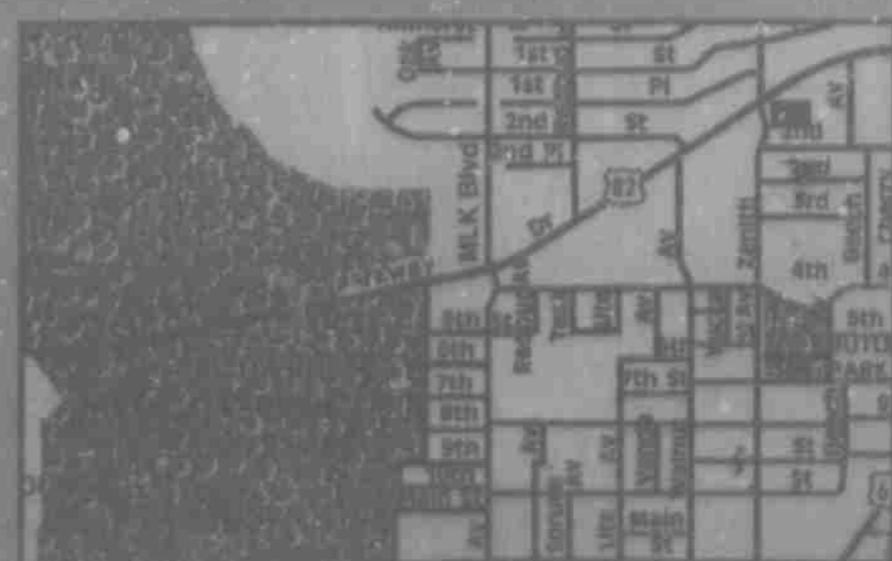


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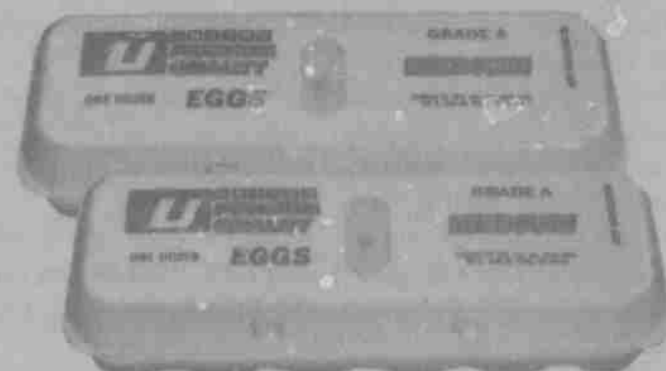
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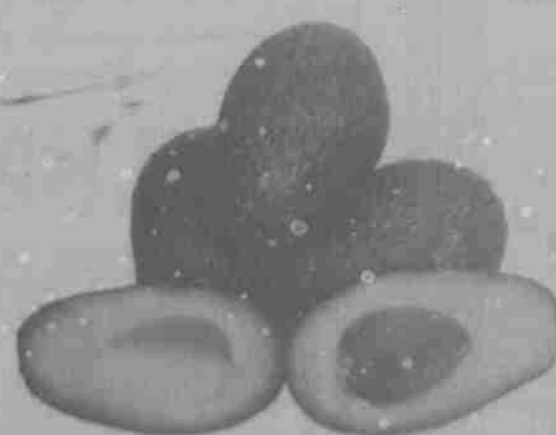


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The Lord is my shepherd; I will never ever want, He make me lie down in green pastures; in the others I don't.

Psalm 23:3,4. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the path of Righteousness

for His name's sake. Yes, though I walk through the valley (The World) of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil: for thou (GOD) art with me; thy rod (The Holy Bible) and thy staff (The Holy Spirit) they comfort me.

As I walked in the 60's; following the man that had a dream, my life became so confused and frustrated; it was a nightmare; it seemed.

Micah 7:5. Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors (the Lips) of thy mouth: from her that lieth in thy bosom.

AS I BECAME BLACK AND PROUD; and said: We shall overcome, sin began to build up in my life; and I knew death was soon to come.

Romans 6:23. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I cried out Lord: Please help me; I don't want to die, that day my life was changed, Jesus Christ came into my life.

Psalm 40:1-3. I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined into me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a Horrible Pit, out of the Miry (Hog Pen) clay, and set my feet upon a rock (Jesus), and established my goings. And He put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: Many shall see if, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

I was worrying about my problems; and this country's; this and that, but let me tell you people, I was on the wrong track.

Matthew 11:28. Jesus said, Come unto me, all ye that labor (weary) and are heavy laden (oppressed), and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you and lean of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (not Heavy).

I received Him and His word's into my life; and now it is so neat, He's given me the power to put the devil under my feet.

Luke 4:8. Jesus said, Get thee behind me, SATAN: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and only him shalt you serve.

Now let me tell you, I'm trusting and walking, in the light, The Word of God; it has become my food; it is my daily delight.

Psalm 37:3,4. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight (Delicate) thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of the heart.

God now directs my path; His blessings follow me and all I do, put your trust in God! And only God; He'll do the same for you.

Psalm 52:8,9. I'm like a green olive tree in the House of God: I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. I will praise Thee forever, because thou hast done it: And I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

God is not through with us yet, so let us Pray for one another always. Directed*Arranged*Produced*Guided by Our Lord Jesus Christ. Written by Evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, III, Your Brother in Christ Jesus Always!!! 8/1/96



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Texas-The Poverty State?

Chris Kelly, Urban Affairs Writer of the Dallas Morning News reports in Sunday edition (7/28/96) that by the year 2030, Texas could be a sobering place if worrisome socioeconomic trends aren't addressed. The report is based on a study called "Texas Challenged," prepared for the Texas Legislature by the Texas State Data Center at Texas A & M University.

Cities across Texas population will increase with people living in abject poverty. There will be a reduced number of highly educated, well paid employees and a growing number of minimally skilled workers.

The reason for this troubling trend in the future for Texas is based on the current trend of Texas not doing enough to increase opportunities for its minorities even though they will play a dominant role in the state's future over the coming decades.

The author of the report, Dr. Steve Murdock, director of the Texas State Data Center at Texas A & M University says, "If we don't want a society that is less educated, poorer and increasingly violent, we're going to have to identify things to invest in the future of Texas right now. We must recognize that these

investments will be larger and more long-term than we would prefer them to be. But it will be less than the cost of investing."

Demographers say unless the socioeconomic fortunes of Texas minorities improve of the next 34 years, the state as a whole faces a sobering future. According to state projections, Hispanics and other minorities would total about 90 percent of all new residents by 2030. By 2008, whites would cease to be the majority in Texas. If current demographic trends continue, Texas as a group in 2030 would be poorer with average household income declining from \$35,667 in 1990 to \$32,299 in 2030; less educated where workers with less than a high school education would increase from 26.1 percent in 1990 to 35.3 in 2030; and caseloads for welfare and medic-aid programs would increase faster than the general population.

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Jesus teaches about worry, so my counsel is: don't worry about things- food, drink, and clothes, for you already have life and a body, and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. Look at the birds! They don't worry about what to eat- they don't need to sow or reap or store up food, for your heavenly Father feeds them, and you are far more valuable in His than they are. Will all your worries add a single moment to your life. Why worry about your clothes? Look at the field lilies; they don't worry about theirs.

Because of its ill effects, Jesus tells us not to worry about those needs that God promises to supply. How many ill effects are you experiencing? Worry not only affects you physically- making you unable to sleep or eat, it causes the object of your worry to consume your thoughts, it disrupts your productivity, it negatively affects the way you treat others and it reduces your ability to trust in God. Here is the difference between worry and genuine concern- worry

immobilizes, but concern moves you to action. If you really pray, you really will not worry.

God's Love (Gal. 6:7) is like a farmer. He only reaps what he sows. If he does not plant he won't reap. He not only looks at what you sow, but how you sow. He gives seed to the sower, you say I have been given a lot, but what about that attitude in giving. Watch that attitude you may be sowing to the wind, if so you will reap a whirlwind. Think about it.

Thought: If the church does not hit the streets, the street's going to hit the church in a negative way. Don't look at your church building your pastor the church is within you. Look at yourself.

To all sick: believe the Word of God and get on it. Mark 11:22-26, B Chronicles 7:14

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We will meet Saturday at 2:32 E. 30th in the home of Mr. And Mrs. Delbert Hood at 9 a.m.

IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard



Educational theory as taught in colleges and universities perpetuate the idea that a school is supposed to reflect the values of the community it serves. In the past couple of decades, the very opposite has been true. The most visible effects of this trend has been in the area of morality.

When Mrs. Madalyn Murray and her son William J. Murray, III, avowed atheist, protested the reading of the Bible in public schools, it seems that many people felt that they were not supposed to read it anywhere. The country's values as well as personal values began a trek downhill. Schools had not lost sight on moral values, but it would appear that its constituents had.

Are schools supposed to reinforce callous spirituality in a country which was founded on religious values and principles? Did the justices underestimate the ramifications of allowing the good for two individuals to prevail over the rights of the majority?

It is difficult to teach new ideas and even more difficult when there is no transfer of ideas or motivation to learn new ideas. When children go to school to a set of values which are completely foreign to them, they have a difficult time assimilating the new ideas. Thus, they have a difficult time learning what is taught in school.

It appears that a decline in moral values in the country has effected a decline in the outcome of education in this country. We need to get "in cinque" and have a positive effect on raising the level of moral maturity in our communities even if it means going to court to retrieve rights lost to Mrs. Murray and her son. Otherwise, we will be "without a prayer!"

What the Digest Is; What the Digest Is Not!

By Eddie P. Richardson



Some of you have read our flag on the editorial page of the Southwest Digest. If you have not read it, then here it is:

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Will you join the "Reach one Teach one" group?? This N That...would like to...invite...all of you to come out on...Friday...August 9, 1996...in the Prayer Vigil...after one year of marching in the neighborhoods...AGAINST DRUGS AND GANGS....There are those among us...who would like to be with this program...but because of many problems...haven't been able to do so...Therefore...if you can...join us at...6 p.m...at the...T.J. Patterson Park...East Spruce and East Auburn Avenues...Why not...bring someone with you...and help with this...SPECIAL PROJECT...So come out...and be with...Reach one Teach one...in this special effort...

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YOU MUST GET INVOLVED!! This N That...received several calls the other day about drugs in the community...This N That...would hope there are people in the community...who are not afraid...TO GET INVOLVED...and take back their neighborhood...As citizens...WE...just can't sit back and wait on someone to do it for us...WE MUST DO SOMETHINGS...ourselves...and this can happen...if we would just get up...and let the...Alleged Drug Dealers...know we are tired of what they are doing...and are willing to do something about it....

13-YEAR-OLD RAP ARTIST A+ LAUNCHES DEBUT ALBUM "THE LATCH-KEY CHILD"



Latch-Key Child. Presently, Kedar Entertainment Universal Records is preparing to launch A+ (Andre Levins), the first act signed to Kedar Entertainment- a newly formed joint venture with Universal Records headed by Kedar Massenburg, former manager of the critically-acclaimed platinum artist, D'Angelo.

A+ has already created a strong buzz with the "All I See" video which made an impressive debut on The BOX last week ranking #25, while simultaneously debuting at #17 on BET. *Billboard*

First Single "All I See" Debuts at #17 on BET & #25 On The BOX!! While most teenagers are anticipating a summer-break filled with malls, sega genesis, camp and unlimited play-time, 13-year-old rapper/lyricist A+ will be promoting the first single, "All I See" from his forthcoming debut album

magazine describes "All I See" as a "carefree R&B-based single" that "showcases A+'s raspy, 'Method Man Jr.' delivery." The song blends carefree antics with socially relevant lyrics—co-written by A+ ("I was on my way to being a thug until you showed me leave..."). On the song, he attempts to win over the object of his affection ("Don't even stress it cause all I see is you and me/like Latifah you a Queen, let's bring some unity..."). The single pairs A+ with a 14-year-old newcomer Shakira Atily singing the hook. "All I See" was produced by up and coming producer Carl Carr, and was executive produced by Kedar Massenburg.

Elsewhere on the album, the Long Island-based artist deals with serious topics with the unique perspective of a 13-year old. Additionally, he has earned the respect of seasoned rappers, such as Q-Tip from A Tribe Called Quest ("Me & My Microphone"), Prodigy from Mobb Deep ("Gusto"), and AZ ("From A+Z") all of who perform on *The Latch-Key Child*.

A+ explains how he chose his name and the album's title: "You can't get any higher than an A+, and I'm striving for perfection while I'm still young. There are a lot of kids out there who raise themselves, and those are the kids who end up selling drugs, doing stick-ups and in jail," he says. "I wanna grab all the latch-key kids, and let them know that they don't have to live like that."

After his eight grade graduation ceremony next week, A+ will kick off a national skating rink tour in key cities across the country. *The Latch-Key Child* is scheduled to be released in August.

DEATH CASE SETTLES FOR 3.6 MILLION

Nationally renowned Florida attorney, Willie E. Gary, and his associate, Jean A. Laws, teamed up with the legendary Alabama attorney, Fred D. Gray, and his partner, Ernestine Sapp, to consummate a settlement of \$3,615,562.00 in an Alabama wrongful death case.

The Gary team, armed with a van load of trial exhibits and boxes in preparation for battle, sent defendant, U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company, Triple E Transport, Inc., and Ernest Booker, shirking for settlement posture.

After extensive negotiation talks between the high powered lawyers from Florida and Alabama, Triple E Transport and Ernest Booker settled at their respective policy limits. U.S. Pipe and Foundry settled for an undisclosed, confidential amount.

Kathy Brown, the mother of Eric and Breka Brown, ages 21 and 12 years old, respectively, was killed in an automobile accident on her way home from work on October 8, 1993.

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(L to R) Rosemary Wheeler, Ernestine Sapp, lead counsel, Willie E. Gary, Fred D. Gray, Jean A. Laws.

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'Domino's' delivers— but not everywhere, says black S.F. official

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distributed free to
underprivileged children or
the physically impaired in
the area. Professional fund
raising concerns have found
that the underprivileged
children pitch is a "golden
gimmick" which they have
used profitably over the
years. The BBB has found it
difficult, if not impossible,
to verify that all tickets sold
in advance are in fact
distributed and in what
manner to those the seller
claims are to be recipients.
Since these tickets are
usually sent unsolicited,
there is also no accounting
for the number of tickets
actually used. Lubbock has
a city ordinance that
requires charities and
professional fund raisers to
register. If you have been
solicited and you are not
sure who it is, ask them to
wait and give your BBB a
call at 763-0459 or
(800)687-7890 to check
them out.

Hundreds of thousands of
Americans now shop at
home by television. In what
is one of the fastest growing
ways to shop in the nation,
an estimated 10 million
cable-TV households
receive programming which
is best described as a TV
"sellathon". Products are
displayed and offered at
what announcers describe as
"discount" prices. Viewers
can order the merchandise
by calling a toll-free
telephone number and
charging it on a major credit
card. Some programs accept
personal checks. The BBB
stresses the importance of
comparison shopping in
order to determine that low
price claims are indeed the
best deal. While bargains
may be had, consumers
should try to determine the
true value of an offered
product before ordering.
One reason to be cautious is
that the quoted list price
might not give the full
picture. Consumers might
be able to find the product
sold locally at retail outlets.