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"One of the best horsemen in America"

Local Trainer Won Over 1,000 Races In His 33 Year Career



The stereotype image of blacks in the horse racing industry has been that of only a stable boy. This is not true, says Tecumseh Starks, a native of Boyton, Oklahoma.

Boyton, Oklahoma. Starks had been on the track since the age of ten. "I became interested in horses when I was ten years old in my hometown, and since that time it has been my profession," said the 43 year old Starks. "The first horse I rode was called 'Direct C.'" he said. Starks moved to Lubbock two years ago and has been a trainer at Lubbock Downs. "Of all the races I have been involved in, I've never had a spill," smiles the experienced Starks. "I have worked all the major tracks in America, including Santa Anna (Santa Anna, California),

Oak Lawn Park (Hot Springs, Arkansas), one of the best race tracks in America; and Ak-San-Ben (Omaha, Nebraska), to name a few," he says. A honest horse Starks has had an opportunity of training is "Time Machine." This is a very proud horse and he is proud of the accomplishment of this horse. "The horse is in Colorado, at present time, and it is a honest horse," he said. "You know, horses have a lot of sense. They will even talk to you once they have confidence in you. You take a little colt and train it right, and it'll

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Mrs. Charlotte Roland Named "Parent of the Year"



Mr. Carroll Allan Thomas, principal, is shown above with his portrait and Mrs. Charlotte (Jamison) Roland displaying her plaque received as "Parent of the Year." These presentations were made by the Alderson Junior High School PTA recently.

Mrs. Charlotte (Jamison) Roland, a 1958 graduate of Dunbar High School, has been named as "Parent of the Year" by the Alderson Junior High School Parent Teachers Association (PTA). A very active parent in her community, she was an active member of the Dunbar Band and Combo. After graduating from Dunbar, she received a music scholarship to Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, where she majored in biology. At Langston, Mrs. Roland was an outstanding student in the Marching Band, Stage Band and Combo.

Abuse committee and Budget and Finance committee. She is also active in the Estacado High School Booster Club. Mrs. Roland is a devoted mother of five children and two grandchildren. She is an orthopedic nurse at Methodist Hospital. Alderson Junior High School PTA was quite pleased to have honored Mrs. Roland as "Parent of the Year" at their final meeting on Tuesday, April 29. She was presented a plaque in appreciation of her hard work, enthusiasm and tireless efforts.

Also receiving an honor of appreciation from the PTA was Mr. Carroll Allan Thomas, who was presented a portrait of himself. This organization recognized him for his outstanding service to the junior high school for 1979-80. This portrait will be placed in the hall along with the "Founding Father" and past principals of Alderson. This portrait is only a small way of saying you are doing a fantastic job. Mr. Thomas, thank you!

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Coronado Tenants Cooking Cave Man Style

It's not the stone age in Lubbock, but tenants of Coronado Apartments, 1017 East 29th Street, are cooking their meals on the front porches because the gas was cut off on Monday. The 200 unit apartment complex, approximately 30 percent occupancy, have at least 50 percent Mexican American and 50 percent black. One tenant, A. D. Wilson, 1015 East 29th Street, is very unhappy over the present conditions. "My family is hungry because we can't cook," he says. Wilson has two children, ages 4 and 6. "We can't even take bat's, because of this condition." "I don't know what we are going to do, but we got to do something

quick," he continued. Wilson was quite happy over the way the manager was running the apartment complex. One tenant, who refused to give his name, because he didn't want any trouble with his job told the Digest that he believes the gas was cut off because of a \$5,000 gas bill. The manager, Jesus Cavozos, was unable for comment about this situation. The tenant also said that the manager took over the job without knowing that the apartment complex was in heavy debt. Many of the tenants were very unhappy over the present condition as revealed by a survey by the Digest on Tuesday evening.

Hispanics Will Not Surpass Blacks In 80's

How many times have you heard that Hispanics will soon replace blacks as the country's largest minority group? If something is said often enough it is soon accepted as fact. But, to clear this situation up, the U. S. Census Bureau comes up with some different conclusions. Analysts there say: the black population, now estimated at 25 million, is growing at about 1.3 percent a year. Hispanics are estimated at 12.1 million and increasing at an estimated rate of 2.2 percent a year. Assuming these rates remain steady, official say, "the Spanish population would double from 12 to 24 million by the year 2010, but in that year, given today's assumption, the black population would be approximately 37 million." If the rates remain constant, they say (Census Bureau), it would take 78 years for Hispanics to equal blacks in population and at that time each group would number about 67 million.

Digest Profile

Editor's note: Our guest this week is Mr. Eugene Jackson, district manager of the Universal Life Insurance Company, 1526 East 19th Street, since December, 1977. A native of Waco, Texas, he graduated from Moore High School and Bishop College at Dallas, Texas. Prior to moving to Lubbock, he was an assistant manager in Austin. He is married to Norma Jackson and they are proud parents of a son, Sylvester, 9 years old. The Jacksons are members of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.)



Eugene Jackson

Mr. Jackson, as a young man what made you want to go into the insurance business? "A chance to better myself. I saw that life insurance had an opportunity for me to advance in life. As I can recall, I was in high school that I decided to want to be somebody. This company, Universal Life, was a black owned company and I felt I was able to get ahead and help the people in the community. This was my goal and it including getting into the insurance business. I wanted to be somebody in the business world. It has given me a sense of dignity and being somebody."

What kinds of opportunities are there in the insurance industry for young blacks? "The opportunities are unlimited. If a person comes into the industry with an open mind and willing to work, willing to fid supervision, and, of course, pay the price for success, opportunities are there. If a person does all these things, then the opportunities are unlimited."

Where are the greatest needs for black in this industry? "We need them in field management. Field management is primarily the agent management. There are many opportunities in district management. If they come in and do well and give themselves time, they can only be promoted to the position of district manager. From this position, next in line if vice president. I must point out that the company has a policy to promote from within the organization."

Why is that young blacks don't stay in the insurance industry, in your opinion? "In my opinion, they don't stay because they are not settled minded or come in and think it's a get rich quick business. Or they don't take the time for their feet to get wet in order get promoted. Blacks are just to impatient."

As District Manager, is it hard to find young blacks who are qualified for the insurance industry? "It sure is hard! It is hard to find qualified blacks. I find that my recruitment effort shows me that blacks look at the insurance industry as a door-to-door business. They have the wrong idea about the business. It's like any other profession, such as doctor or lawyer. Blacks have not been exposed to the mechanics of the business. It's just a new industry for blacks. I'm trying real hard to find those who

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Local Custodian Funeralized Here

Final rites were read for Mr. Floyd Harris, a longtime resident of Lubbock, last Saturday morning at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Larry L. Polk, pastor, officiating. Eulogy was given by Rev. Roy F. Davis, assistant pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park, under the direction of South Plains Funeral Home. Mr. Harris was born January 17, 1918 in Bryan, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris. He moved to Lubbock in 1940 from Bryan. He united with the Mount Gilead Baptist Church and remained until his death.



Floyd Harris

Mr. Harris was an employee of the Lubbock Public Schools for many years and worked primarily at Dunbar High School. He passed away last Thursday morning, May 8, in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Amarillo. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Charley Mae Harris; three sons, Floyd Harris, Jr., of Lubbock, Bobby Joe Kirvens of Dallas and Buddy Smith of Houston; two daughters, Evonne Norman and Olivia Thompson, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Solomon Empty of Bryan and Tommy Loy of Mexico, Texas; a sister, Miss Harris; eleven grandchildren, a great grandchild; other relatives and many friends. Pallbearers were friends of the family.

African Methodist Episcopal Church Into Economic Development

Since its founding in the early 1800's, the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church has been active in social and economic outreach programs both in the United States and abroad. Now, continuing in this tradition, the nation's oldest black-organized church has launched a quarter-million dollar venture called "The People's Trust Fund." The economic development program is designed to generate \$5 million by 1985 for church and community projects and to assist black entrepreneurs. This could mean the establishment of a solid economic base for the nearly 2-million-member AME church and its 5600 churches in the U. S., Caribbean, and Africa.

Supported by contributions of church members, The People's Trust Fund was proposed two and a half years ago by Rev. H. Hartford Bronkins, presiding bishop of the AME 5th District, which includes California, Missouri, New Mexico, Washington, Oregon and 12 other states. The Fund is considered the first "unbudgeted, unear-

marked money bank" in the 5th District. Church members may contribute \$36 or more yearly to the Fund. So far, \$275,000 have been deposited in the Douglas State Bank in Kansas City. "We're moving into the monetary market for the 80's," said Bronkins. "The AME Church has the potential to become as economically powerful as other ethnic groups. There's no reason we can't own franchises, convention complexes, various businesses and shopping centers. It is also time we stopped giving away millions in exorbitant premiums and interest rates to while insurance firms and banks when we can start our own lending institutions."

One of the Fund's major features addresses this problem by allowing churches to obtain loans at reduced interest rates. Other goals include providing educational scholarships for black theology students. Minority entrepreneurs, mainly those who have been denied bank loans, will be offered assistance on a "partnership" basis with the church. Elderly

and indigent persons not qualifying for government aid may obtain emergency funds "in a confidential manner without embarrassment or humiliation."

Since the Fund is an investment by church members, it's not designed to extend personal loans, Bronkins explained. Commenting on widespread skepticism of religious sects and the negative image and lack of credibility blacks often harbor among themselves, he added: "Some of the best lawyers, bankers, and insurance minds put this Fund together so that no one can touch it until all the necessary criteria are met and it is feasible to begin. We've taken the utmost precautions to protect this investment with unimpeachable guidelines."

Elected a Bishop in 1972, Bronkins also served for four years in Central Africa, where he was ousted from Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) for supplying medical supplies and clothing to guerillas opposing the white minority regime. He has had his share of difficult experiences, not all in this country.

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concerned about working for themselves. It's not an eight hour job. It's an opportunity."

Where do you look for blacks, those you find? I look everywhere. Including high schools, colleges, Texas Employment Commission, and everywhere I think there's a possibility for a qualified black.

As black people, in your opinion, are we aware of the need for life insurance on each member of the family?

No, we are not! You see an average black man feels that he is going to live forever. It just doesn't work like that. There is a tremendous market for young, enthusiastic, motivated blacks to have in this field and educate the black male. They sense they don't hear about it. They believe life insurance is death. Black men think they have enough right now. One will tell you 'My wife will make it after I'm dead.' On the other side of the spectrum, there are those blacks who wait patiently for an insurance professional to come by. These blacks are those who want to get ahead in life and understand the insurance business. They are the ones who are concerned about their economical independence.

Mr. Jackson, what is the role of an insurance agency in a community?

The role is not only to collect premiums month after month, year after year, but we are to return investments back into that community in terms of health insurance plans, death claims, maturity endowments and educational endowments for students to go to college. We also participate in a program in Texas where we sponsor student loans for college students. Also our company, Universal Life is offering a utility investments, home mortgages and participation in organizations like the NAACP where we give our money.

What problems do you see facing blacks in Lubbock?

The major one facing blacks, first of all, is equal opportunity. We have a housing and job problem here. Getting a better job will help to take care of ones necessities of his family. Again, too, the average black in Lubbock we ran across is complacent. They are not concerned about reaching out and finding a better way of life. They just don't have no sense of responsibility and a sense of awariness. There is a lack of direction here, such as where am I going and how will get there. Blacks are just concerned about a day to day living situation in Lubbock.

What steps have your company taken to overcome some of the economic problems facing blacks here?

One step, we have engineered our agent contract that will give him or her top commissions. If a person is paid top commissions, it will help overcome the economic problems. Not only this, but we have come out with new products. We've taken a new approach to marketing our products. Even though we are a combination company, our main interest is on sales. A person who is paid on a commission basis is highly paid. He or she is in the driver's seat to what he or she will make. These persons have the opportunity to control their own future. They don't have to sit around for nothing. They can raise their salary anytime.

What advice will you share with younger blacks?

I would urge them to get off the dope kick. Also finish high school so they can go to college or some other place educational development. This will give them a better chance in life, rather than the mental jail many of them are in.

Presented In Debutante Cotillion In Midland

Miss Lori Kerr, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kerr of Lubbock, was presented in the Debutantes' Cotillion in Midland, Texas doing the convention of the Texas Association of Women's Clubs, Stokes-Parker District.



Lori Kerr

She was escorted by Mr. Jeffery Crawford, son of Mrs. Joan Crawford of Lubbock.

Mrs. Kerr entertained the ladies at the noon luncheon with a classic piano arrangement, doing the talent hour.

The Magnificent "7" Women's Auxiliary was very proud to have this very beautiful and talented young lady represent their community.

Miss Kerr is a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she is a member of the Young Adult Choir and Sunday School. She is a 1980 May graduate of Dunbar-Stovogs High School, and is involved in many activities.

She plans to attend Huston Tillotson College in Austin, Texas in the fall and major in business management.

Mrs. Charlotte Roland, a member of Magnificent "7", served as co-chairperson of the Debs at the convention. Mrs. Roberta Higdon, president of the Texas Civic Club, represented the Lubbock clubs in the President's March at the convention. In this event, she was financial winner and was awarded a trophy.



Remember When??

How many of you remember when Black men, women, boys and girls would march through East Lubbock and represent their particular lodge or organization in a proud manner? As you can see from this photo, this did happen here once.

Shown above are members of the Knights of Phythian Lodge and Courts of Calanthian, Running Rose and Evening Joy. This was a great day for these brothers and sisters as they were marching for their anniversary services at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church. Brothers George Woods, Bill Goldstein, Leo Sedberry, Eli Mosley, D. C. Fair, Jr. and Sister Corine Fair were at their post of duty. If you look real closely, you'll see someone you know, like Douglas Sedberry and others. What a time this people had together, the last Sunday before Easter. Even the Dunbar High School Band was always marching and playing good music.

Really, what has happened to days and demonstrations of one's pride. Remember when??

East 34th Plans Will Be Revealed Later In May

Jim Betram, planner for the City of Lubbock, told the Lubbock Digest this week that the plans for the East 34th and Southeast Drive (formerly Railroad Avenue) intersection is expected to be revealed the latter part of May.

This is a project initiated in May, 1979 by citizens of East Lubbock. Citizens refused to accept monies for a crossbar and light for the congested area. They voted against it with city

officials present at a meeting at Mae Simmons Community Center.

The act by these citizens developed several community meetings. As a result of the meetings, the city council awarded a \$10,000 feasibility grant to a Houston firm after several bids were accepted.

Representatives of the East Lubbock community will be asked to review the study after its completion.



By M.A. PETTI, M.D.

Many people get dizzy when they first get out of bed. To prevent this, sit on the edge of your bed first, and move your seat a few times. Then stand up slowly. Finally stand still for a moment before you walk.

Serving Young People's Needs

Beginning with the September opening of the school year, teachers, parents and young people in our community may be treated to one of the most substantial positive experiences in black-white relations which have come our way.

The experience is called SCOOP—an attention-getting name, to say the least. SCOOP is the name of an eight-page "newspaper feature for young people" which we hope to add to our news service to benefit our present readers and thousands of additional young people and adults through the local schools.

A Tool for Motivation

The term "SCOOP" suggests or implies getting a "handle" on something... and that is just what this newspaper feature does. It helps young people enjoy reading so as to become motivated to explore and develop new areas of interest, as well as develop academic skills.

SCOOP is an especially exciting newspaper feature. It involves parents and teachers in an especially appealing way. We shall note these and other benefits in several week-by-week editorials to come. Most immediately, however, we would stress the deeply significant race relations value of SCOOP.

Parent and Teacher Involvement

This highly attractive newspaper feature is designed to be distributed through our local schools as a supplement to our newspaper itself. (SCOOP will not be in copies of our newspaper not going directly to the schools which subscribe to our newspaper.)

For the first time, this newspaper will be read and studied—as a part of the SCOOP classroom and school administrative process—by large numbers of white students, teachers and administrators.

During the summer months, white parents will replace teachers in involvement with the SCOOP program.

Black Identity, White Enlightenment

What will be accomplished by SCOOP in terms of race relations?

Through its attractive stories of black heroes and almost legendary figures, white young people and their parents (and teachers!) will be exposed systematically and engagingly to the rich and long-neglected history of black and tan (or Hispanic) communities.

Through the issues which SCOOP raises, the self-concepts of white and black young people may be removed from a choking web of bias, thus enabling all students to work in worth and effective ways toward creating or strengthening a truly pluralistic or inclusive democracy.

A Productive Alternative To Bussing?

One of the offshoots of the SCOOP program for many communities will be the lessening of some of the negative results of bussing and, at the same time, diminishing some of the urgent need for bussing.

We believe that most or all of our readers will agree that we need strong, positive, massive and thoroughly creative and effective fresh approaches to race relations not only in this community but also throughout the nation.

The fine new feature called SCOOP is as nearly an ideal prescription as may be found for beginning seriously to meet just such a need or bill. We are proud to propose this new approach and to prepare to carry forward this exceptionally promising new school-community and parent (or family)-teacher relationship for improved race relations... and for many more benefits to all of us, as well!

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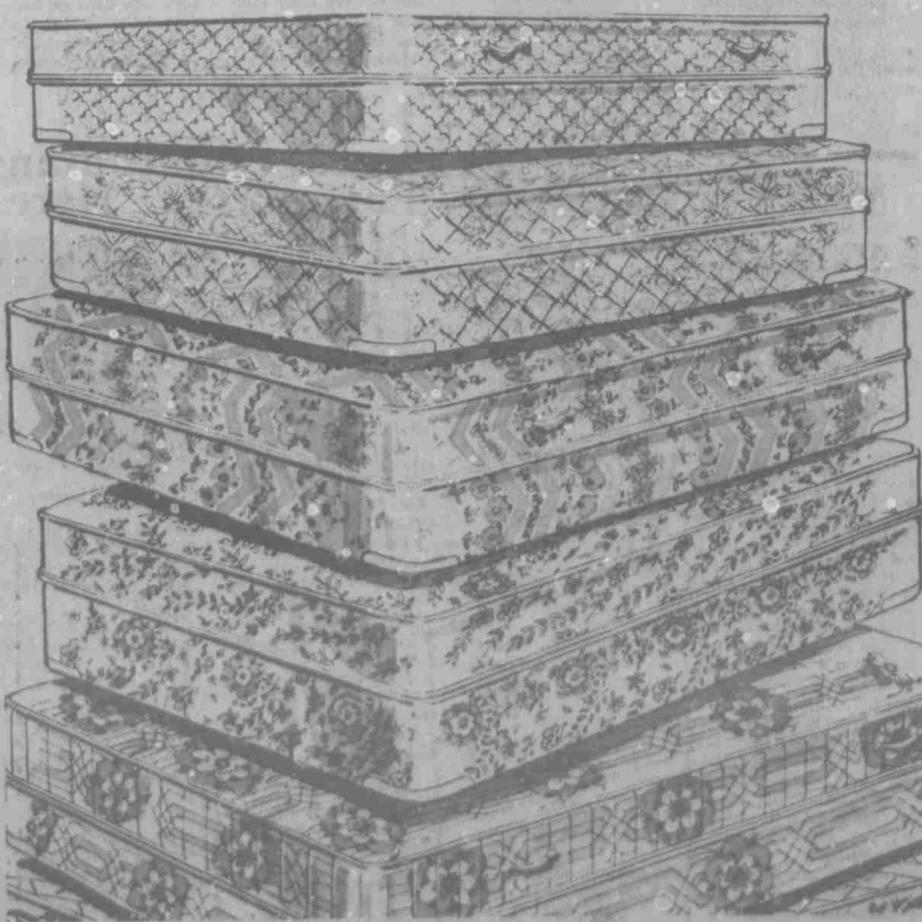
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by Eddle P. Richardson



Pictured above (from left to right) are Carolyn Jones, Senior Account Clerk; John Brooks, Tax Assessor Collector; E. Joe Johnson, Assistant Appraiser; and Willie Kelly, Assistant Appraiser.

Tax Department

Have you lived in your home since January 1? Do you own your home? If you can answer yes to these two questions you are entitled to a \$3000 assessed value exemption for school taxes. This new constitutional amendment is effective for all single family residential home owners including those living in and owning mobile homes.

On top of the above exemption, if you own home and were 65 or older on January 1 you are entitled to an additional exemption of \$3000 on your school taxes and \$10,000 in taxable value on your city taxes. If you have not filled out the material necessary to claim these exemptions call the Tax Office at 762-6411, ext. 2410 or come down to the office on Texas Avenue.

The legislature also passed a new law that each county in Texas will have a county-wide appraisal district. A new state Property Tax Board will hand down the methods to be used in setting the values on all property within Lubbock County. The county-wide appraisal office will use these methods to assure that all property is appraised in the same way. The City Council, School Board and the Commissioners Court in Lubbock County have recently elected a five member board that would govern the appraisal district. One of the chief functions of the new board was to contract with an existing agency to supervise county-wide appraisal on all taxing entities. The city has agreed to provide the service for one year.

John Brooks, Tax Assessor Collector since 1969, will be retiring.

The NBA On CBS

by Myrna Whitehead

The "magic" of Erving Johnson may reign throughout the Los Angeles region, but in Philadelphia, only the "doctor" makes magic. Julius Erving and the Philadelphia 76ers managed to even the series 2-2 with a victory at home.

The first two games of the World Championship Series was held in the Forum in Los Angeles. Each team managed to claim one victory. The series moved east Philly where the Lakers had not won a game since 1975. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and company were not to

be denied. In game three, the Lakers topped the Sixers by ten to take a 2-1 lead in the series. In game four, the Sixers did regroup aided by the most highly praised "sixth man in the NBA, Bobby Jones, Philly marched past the Lakers 107-104. With superb defensive plays from Jones and the added offense of Darrell Dawkins' outside shooting, the Sixers held their own and evened the series 2-2.

Game five will be played Wednesday night in Los Angeles.

Media Reviews:

"MADE BY WHITE FOLKS"

(For those concerned with the roots of racism in European and American economic life.)

A review of *The Invention of The Negro* by Earl Conrad. New York: Paul S. Eriksson, Inc. 244 pages. Cloth, \$5.95.

Earl Conrad is a journalist and popular historian whose great concern is to make available to the general reading public much highly important though largely inaccessible to scholars alone. Therein rests much of the value of this important book, *The Invention of The Negro*.

Mr. Conrad's thesis is that most treatments of racism—as typified perhaps most notably in Gunnar Myrdal's *An American Dilemma*—begin with the assumption that the explanation of racism may be derived from a study of the black man himself. Mr. Conrad believes that this has nothing essentially to do with the matter at all. Rather, the status of black people was a white European invention of economic convenience which has been blessed—officially—by white religion in the past and never sufficiently "unblessed" today to even begin to undo longstanding damages and misconceptions. The present book takes the reader, by means of exciting

and colorful word pictures, through much of European and American history as it relates to the status of blacks in Africa, in Europe and primarily in the U.S.A. Much first hand material of interest is presented on Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. For high school students and for adults of all ages who are concerned with deepening their understanding of the economic roots of racism, here is a fine resource.

"How did Freddie lose all his money? Preferred stock?"
"No, it was preferred blondes."

Overcoming Racial Wrongs

During the racially turbulent 1960's there was a major movement throughout the country toward what were called "community schools."

Some of these schools were under private sponsorship. Some were public schools with local community advisory or management boards.

Their primary purpose was to get around teacher and administrative biases, which worked to the further disadvantage of already educationally disadvantaged black youngsters in our schools.

The need to get around such biases persists today. With the fine cooperation of our local school board, our newspaper is especially pleased to become the instrument and enabler in one of the most remarkable "anti-bias" educational programs in the nation.

Historical and Cultural Tool
In September, this newspaper will carry—for students in the school system—an 8-page youth educational feature called, in a light-hearted way, SCOOP.

SCOOP will be used, along with this newspaper, in the local classrooms in order to acquaint and educate students, teachers and administrators concerning the many thoroughly heroic and immensely positive aspects of

black life throughout the world's history. It will also deal with the rich life experiences or culture of other urban minority groups.

Functional Literates: A Clear and Present Danger
The theory and continuing presence of racial biases throughout the schools of our nation have been costly to a staggering degree.

The negative impact of racial biases and attendant black student failures in learning to read is reflected in:

- a. Increasing and devastating crime rates.
- b. Enormously high unemployment levels.
- c. Demanding terms of welfare.
- d. Non-productivity degrees that spawn inflation.
- e. A strong sense of alienation and
- f. Moral bankruptcy reflected in poor health conditions and general hopelessness.

The most recent result has been that, among other things, President Carter has requested a \$3-billion budget to deal with the catastrophic and costly failure upon our entire nation.

A Unique Teacher-Proof Vehicle

Just how does SCOOP come in? SCOOP gets around

school-related biases perhaps foremost by providing a Teacher's Guide which has been assessed as practically "teacher proof."

SCOOP itself is designed uniquely as a "teacher-proof" vehicle that both enables and encourages youngsters to improve their reading skills, regardless of the racial bias or professional limitations of the teacher. This is true even if that "teacher" is a parent and/or guardian who simultaneously is engaged in self-development of his/her own reading skills.

Summer Parent Involvement And Responsibility

During the two summer months, the Teacher's Guide becomes a parent's guide, so that there is no lapse of interest.

Students and teachers can make inputs not only in SCOOP itself but will also have expanded opportunities to have their voices and interests heard in our regular columns and features.

SCOOP comes at a strategic time. It will be absorbing, either directly or indirectly, the interests of thousands of influential people—parents, pupils and public school personnel—in the process of rectifying old racial wrongs in and through our schools.

Grant Writing Workshop To Be Held

On Tuesday, May 27, the Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council will sponsor a grant writing workshop at the Chamber of Commerce (14th St. & Ave. K). Derek Gordon of the Texas Commission on the Arts and Carl Hill of the Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council will speak on the grants which are available from those two organizations. Gordon and Hill will also provide general information on

effective grant writing.

The workshop, which is free, is scheduled from 10 p.m. until noon. An afternoon session will be available for conferences with groups of individuals who wish specific information on Texas Commission on the Arts or Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council grants.

For further information or reservations for the afternoon meetings, call the Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council.

Chuckles

Bill Lee, brilliant southpaw pitcher for the Montreal Expos, expounding on the subject of the brain's hemispheres: "You have a left side and a right side. The left side controls the right half of your body, and the right side controls the left half. Therefore, left-handers are the only people in their right mind."



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Want To Be Foster Parent??

It isn't as difficult as some may think to become a foster parent, according to Lucretia Dennis-Small, foster care supervisor for the Texas Department of Human Resources (TDHR) in Lubbock.

Foster parents take abused and neglected children into their homes temporarily while TDHR works with the children's families to solve problems which led to abuse and neglect. Dennis-Small explained, and Lubbock is in need of more foster parents.

"Becoming a foster parent isn't very hard," she said. "Anyone who really cares about children and has room for a child can help. We have foster parents who are still raising families, those who are retired and those who are single. The state provides for the financial, medical and dental needs of the children, while the foster parent contributes a home, time, understanding and love."

"Child abuse and neglect result from a variety of stressful situations," Dennis-Small continued, "such as separation and divorce or abandonment, unemployment and financial difficulties, alcoholism, or unrealistic expectations of children. While the children are safe in foster care, our agency tries to help the parent or family overcome their problems and learn good parenting

skills so that the children can be returned to their home.

"We don't have enough foster homes in Lubbock to meet the needs of the community's children. We especially need homes for minority children and homes for what we call hard-to-place children—handicapped children and teenagers."

All potential foster parents are screened by TDHR staff to ensure that all the care, attention and love a child needs will be provided. Foster parents receive at least 15 hours of training each year and other counseling and help from TDHR. Foster parents have the option to specify the age, sex and race of children they will care for. Foster homes must be inspected to assure they meet basic fire, health and safety requirements.

Dennis-Small said that foster care placements may be for as short a time as two or three days, or for six months or longer.

In 1979, 2000 incidents of abuse and neglect occurred in the Lubbock area. Last year, 210 children were placed in foster homes in Lubbock.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent may contact a foster home worker at the TDHR office, phone 762-8922, for more information.

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EDITORIAL

"WHY NOT?"

by
Eddie P. Richardson, Jr.

Good Move Churches, But Not Enough!!

The old quote from the Bible says that charity should start at home, or something like that. This was the spirit and real life action of a small percentage of our local churches here this week. There are more than 300 churches in Lubbock, but less than fifty were represented at this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize a force to help the local poor if the Federal Government should cut off the food stamp program in the upcoming fiscal budget cut.

In my opinion, that is really the way it should be. Taking care of our own local problems and not relying on the Federal Government. A percentage of the collections each Sunday morning, from local citizens, should go into a general pot for all of our poor in the community. This fund could be administered by competent people. Our Black churches and church related agencies should take the lead in the whole affair, because a large number of our people are directly affected. In my opinion, this is more relevant than the renaming of a street, and more in line with what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived and died for.

It appears as though the total population of Lubbock is supportive of this church effort, physically, morally and financially!

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She was told then show them you appreciate their business. Her reply was: "We are busy..... clunk!!" NUFF SED! WHY NOT??

Local NAACP Chapter Needs To Get Down To Local Business

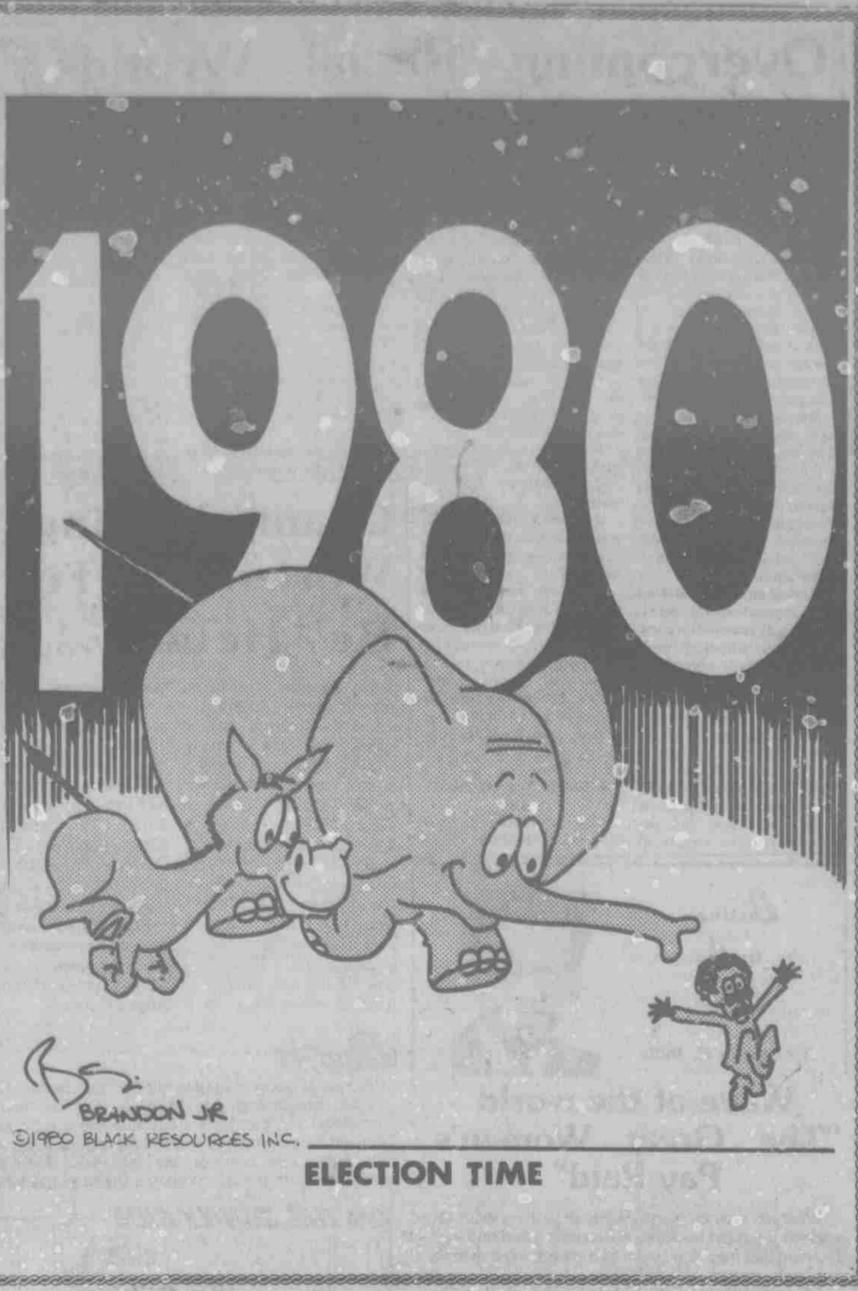
by
T. J. Patterson

Every year, but this year, the Lubbock Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has been about their business of dealing with civil rights issues in the community. This, by no means, is not a popular task. From our perspective, the local officers and members have sat down and has little visibility in the community at present time.

Even the annual plans for the Freedom Fund Banquet is not yet clear. It was tentatively scheduled for June 20th, but apparently it won't come off at that time. This is an important fund raising project which helps the national, regional and local levels. There's no reason why this shouldn't be on the front burner of priorities each year.

We would like to advise the local membership to get on with the business and keep the image of this civil rights organization in the sight of local citizens. Keep the flame of dignity burning so minorities will hope in an area where there are many problems. There's enough business locally for this organization to remain busy twenty-four hours a day.

The local branch's record has been tarnished this



ELECTION TIME

WHY ARGUE? THE FACTS ARE HERE!

A Postal And Federal Viewpoint

by
Robert L. White



Blacks Must Flex Their Political Muscles

I have a very simple message to convey to my readers this week. It is one that has been addressed previously by me in this column. Yet, it is one -- because of its many ramifications -- that can never be repeated too often. That message quite simply is "get involved in the political process, involve everyone you know in the process, and vote on election day."

For many more reasons than I have space for in this column, the 1980 elections rank high among the most important events of the era. Whether your primary concern is minority business assistance, unemployment, housing, food costs, or the nation's foreign policy, the vote is the only effective and available weapon we have to attack the problems facing us.

It does little good to complain about the state of things if there is no corresponding willingness to change them. For this reason, it is imperative that we go to the polls and cast our ballots.

In times like this, there is no room for cynicism and apathy. They are luxuries we can ill afford. We now know that the black vote is pursued as fervently as any other voting bloc. The black vote provided a decisive margin in numerous elections in 1976. Yet, two years later, the black voter turnout was much lower than that in 1976.

If blacks are to become permanent partners in this country's political system, we will have to unleash our voting potential in every section -- local, state and national. We cannot idly sit by and let others determine the political events affecting our lives.

If Black America is to safeguard and advance its own interests, blacks must muster their strength and flex their political muscle. If we do, this nation's elected officials from the local level to the Congress and the White House will have to take note.

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Ringling The Bell

by
Bob Tieucl

The Black Experience Views Police Misconduct Charges: In a recent long distant telephone conversation with bellringer sources in Dallas, it was revealed that there has been a rash of police killings of blacks in the last several months. These same sources report that the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights will be requested to investigate complaints of racial discrimination in police services, police misconduct and unwarranted use of deadly force by policemen. Ironically, some of the policemen charged in Dallas are blacks.

In the meantime, the U. S. Department of Justice recently signed an unprecedented agreement with Memphis, Tennessee under which the city's police department pledged through investigation of police misconduct charges and strict adherence to a new policy limiting the use of firearms. U. S. Atty. Gen. Benjamin Civiletti said the agreement followed 18 months of investigation.

In the department's other investigation of citywide police brutality charges, Civiletti has said that the government decided to take no action against Houston's police force that had charges of misconduct leveled by some black and brown leaders there. And in Philadelphia the justice department has filed an appeal with the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, after the police department there refused to negotiate, when the justice department filed suit that was dismissed. And in Dallas a big effort has been launched to secure more black officers to cope with a rising tide of black crime, but some leaders state that efforts have not been very fruitful so far. There can be little doubt that the mass unemployment among black youth in our larger cities and many with a welfare background, are determined to beat the system of law and order. It's hard to do, we believe.

Chimes: Midland, the Permian Basin and many other parts of the country, will not soon forget the Allisons. Helon Allison, 75 recently passed, following the death of her beloved husband, James N. Allison, who was publisher of the Midland Reporter Telegram until he died in 1975. Then James N. Allison, Jr. took over as publisher until his death from cancer in 1979. Mrs. Allison donated some \$2 million to the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center, \$750,000 to Midland College for a chair of journalism; \$150,000 to Midland Memorial Foundation and other charities. Long live the Allison spirit!

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, the only one in the Americas on the U. N. list of least-developed countries. The average annual income for the country is about \$150 a year per household. Like the Cubans, they are crying to come in.

Recent great quotes: "The mystery of 1980 has not been the candidates' failure to speak to black voters, but the failure of the 23 million Americans of African descent to place themselves in a position to be courted and wooed." Julian Bond

Prophetic Words: "I am a strong believer that race is past as far as being elected is concerned. The key to getting something done is to pick the person who is best qualified." Willie Hammond, black Ector County Commissioner speaking at the Annual Black History Dinner in Pecos, Texas on April 20, 1980. A few days later, Raul F. Perez, led the ticket (demo) in primary for office of sheriff of Reeves County. He described himself often as "a poor Mexican boy" who wanted to be a good sheriff. He was seeking his second term.

From the Brown Experience: "If some of us are to provide real leadership, then we must preach capitalism and explore opportunities from both parties in helping the minorities to profit from free enterprise." Mario Cadena "Perhaps minorities are beginning to 'discover' the GOP."

May Is Older Americans Month

President Carter has proclaimed it, just as each President has done every year since John F. Kennedy's first national proclamation of Senior Citizens Month: in 1963. Even before that, as early as 1950, many state and localities have been honoring their senior citizens with special activities in May. May has been designated "Older Americans Month", to honor senior citizens for their continuing and past achievements and to raise public awareness of their particular concerns.

"Significant changes are taking place in our population which raises new issues," said the President, "and highlight new aspects of existing issues. A decline in the birth rate, along with improvements in health care, are moving us toward a society in which more Americans, and a higher proportion of Americans, will be older. The implications of this will be felt by all segments of society."

The needs of older people are varied as those of any age group. Their needs are recreational, social, cultural and educational. Most need productive activity - paid work, work at home, or volunteer service outside. Urgent needs for some older persons are health care, homemaker services and well-balanced meals.

A comprehensive network of aging services has been established in the South Plains. Many of the programs are funded by the Governor's Committee on Aging, through the Area Agency. Currently there are 17 multipurpose senior centers open in the fifteen county area. Twenty minibuses operate to transport senior citizens. One hot meal is served daily, or three times a week, by fifteen federally funded nutrition sites, and six privately funded projects. Information and referral services are available in fourteen counties, and the Retired Senior Volunteer and Green Thumb programs are active in the South Plains.

year, because of the lack of involvement of the branch. The branch needs to get down to business and quit trying to please everyone. These kinds of games are not needed in this community. If this newspaper can help resurrect this local branch, we'll gladly oblige. But right now, a catalyst is needed badly.

Granted, many people don't get involved or show their face in controversial issues because of many reasons. But this local branch shouldn't worry about that. Too many blacks and other minorities have given their life so the NAACP would stand in hard times. Get something going now, especially the Freedom Fund Banquet.

For those of us who are not members of this local branch or some branch, we should become members. Blacks have been aided in life for better opportunities because of the efforts of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

questions and answers



by
Booth H. Robbins
Field Representative
Lubbock, Texas

QUESTION:

Can a person who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments choose to defer receiving social security benefits until a later time when there would be less of a reduction in the social security payment amount?

ANSWER:

A person who receives SSI payments must file for any other benefits which may be payable and take all appropriate steps to obtain the other benefits. This can mean social security benefits, VA benefits, Civil Service, Railroad Board, private pensions, or other benefits. Failure to file for or pursue other benefits for which a person may be eligible can cause a person to be ineligible for SSI.

QUESTION:

Can a person receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) work to supplement his or her income?

ANSWER:

Yes, however, the amount you earn can affect the amount of your benefit and must be reported in order to make the adjustment in your SSI check. Contact your social security office and file a redetermination.

QUESTION:

I was receiving SSI checks until last month when they just stopped. I called the social

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White House Conference On Aging To Be Held

Community Forums on Aging will be conducted throughout the South Plains regions during May, in conjunction with Older Americans Month. The purpose of these meetings is to increase public awareness of the elderly segment of society, and to highlight the contributions older persons make.

Focusing on the special needs of senior citizens, the forums will provide a sounding board for the public to have discussions on all aspects of the aging process. Suggested topics included employment opportunities for older persons, public services, (such as nutrition and transportation), improving the quality of life for older persons, as well as extending life, and promoting the independence and dignity of older Americans.

The forums are being held in preparation for the next White House Conference on Aging, scheduled for December 1981. The national

conference is held only once every ten years, and in the past the knowledge and grass roots input gained from the conference has influenced major legislation and development of social policy on the issues of aging.

President Carter endorsed the forums in his proclamation of Older Americans Month, saying, "Now is the time to renew a national discussion on aging issues, through local, state and regional meetings leading up to the White House Conference on Aging in 1981. The forums must involve Americans from all segments of our society, business, labor, educational, cultural, religious, political and community leaders, specialists working with the aged; and, most of all, older people themselves."

The regional theme for the Community Forums held in the South Plains area is "The 80's: Decade for Decisions for Older Americans."

Senior Fiesta Set For May

"Senior Fiesta", a one-day get-together for all senior citizens in the South Plains region, will be held on Wednesday, May 28, at the South Plains Junior College in Levelland.

Coordinated this year by the Hockley County Senior Citizens Association, Inc., the event is sponsored annually by the South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging. Now into the Fourth year of providing fun and recognition to area senior citizens, approximately 700 senior citizens are expected to attend.

The day's activities will include a Health Fair, developed by the Hockley County Extension Services, the tradition Senior Olympic Games, a catered lunch, and the Outstanding Senior Citizens Award Reception. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and participating seniors will be able to return home early that evening.

There is no charge to attend the Fiesta, and all senior citizens are invited to attend. Contact your local senior center for transportation assistance or more information, or call the Area Agency at 762-8721.

BILL STONER

Organizer - Director Of Social Activity Will be at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ 1602 Quirt Avenue 3 p. m. Sunday, May 18, 1980

Local Ministers, let us get together in effect to pursue investigation of The Death of Minister Earnest H. Caro, Who Was Murdered By Dallas, Texas Police On April 18, 1980. What Can Supporters Of Human Rights Do To Win Justice?

Guest Speaker Bill Stoner

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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



Last Friday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wells motored to Houston to visit their son, Roy Wells, and attended the commencement exercises of the 1980 graduating class at Prairie View A & M University. The Lubbock couple were joined by their daughters, Mrs. Lela Wells of St. Louis, Missouri and Mrs. Sophia Wells Turner and family of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Sunday morning, the family drove to Prairie View and attended the graduation of Katherine Wells, who graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Katherine will begin her career as an associate engineer, working on mechanical designed related to towed arrays and other oceanic products at the Bendix Corporation in Sylmar, California.

Mrs. Alzada Haynes of St. Louis, Missouri and Mrs. Annie Mary Dotsey McBride of Omaha, Nebraska, are here visiting relatives, including their brother and family. Mr. James McDaniel. They worshipped at New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday.

The choirs of New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor a program on Sunday evening, May 18, at 7 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

A Miscellaneous Shower will be given the Beth Dunn Circle for the newly weds of New Hope Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Taylor. The shower will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 18th, in the church annex, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson are announcing the wedding ceremony of their daughter, Winnie F. Morgan, on Saturday, June 21st, at the New Hope Baptist Church. She will marry Mr. Scott Jackson. The ceremony will take place at 7 p. m.

The body of Mr. Freddie Eddington, 1812 East Amarist Avenue, was carried by Jamison and Son Funeral Home last Friday to Caldwell, Texas. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 10th, there. Mr. Eddington

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On Sunday afternoon, June 1, the New Hope Baptist Church's Sunday School Department will be observing the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sunday School movement in America. Robert Rakes founded the effort in June, 1780.

This program will begin at 4 p. m. The public is invited to come out and put their car in

Mount Calvary Host Mother's Day Program

The members of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church held special services for all mothers last Sunday. Spirit filled hearts were rejoicing as the pastor, Rev. C. B. Coleman, preached a wonderful sermon to all in attendance.

Rev. Coleman's subject was: "A Real Mother." Special tribute was given by Mrs. Arvilla Moore.

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Opening devotion was led by Mrs. Fair, Mrs. L. Childress and Mrs. D. Hood.

Morning Bible lesson was taught by Mrs. Lautina Childress. The morning theme was: "Grace." Scripture was found in Ephesians 2:8 and Titus 2:11-14.

Ephesians 2:8
"For by grace are ye saved through the faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God

Titus 2:13
"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Question of the day:
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 The City of Lubbock is seeking \$1,323,166 (\$661,583 Federal, \$661,583 local) for transportation services in the Lubbock urbanized area provided by Transit Management Company of Lubbock from October 1, 1980 to September 30, 1981.
 No persons, families, or businesses will be displaced by this project. There will be no significant environmental impact upon the urban service area.
 The project is in conformance with transportation planning in the area and is consistent with the adopted programming of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program.
 The City of Lubbock will participate in the vehicle pool system servicing the needs of the elderly and handicapped, and half fare on all regular transit routes. Transit Management Company of Lubbock provides the incidental charter service in the Lubbock urbanized area.
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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

The sun shone brightly last Saturday. The grass was green and the trees were full in their adolescence. Flowers were splashing color and Spring had taken over the land.

By all rights it should have been a bleak and dreary day, an overcast, raining day, a weeping day. Inside the vast sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church a host of relatives and friends were gathered in love and long friendship to pay their final respects to the lady reposing under her blanket of spring flowers beneath the altar piece of Jose Martin's *The Last Supper*.

It was the funeral day of Alene Hoskins, taken swiftly, unexpectedly at 73 after a long life of brightness, love, friendship and service to family, friends and the community in which she had her cheerful and laughing being.

I first met Alene Hoskins away back in 1955-56 when she was the business manager for the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, then the fledgling organization under its founder-conductor William A. Harrod.

In my capacity then as a newcomer fine arts editor of the Lubbock *Avant-Garde* Journal I had quickly taken roots in enthusiasm and eagerness in the affairs and the hopes for the orchestra, qualities which were shared by Harrod and Mrs. Benson, the board of directors then, many of whom were represented at the church last weekend. Alene, widowed and raising a son in pride and joy, was a worker, a skilled manager and knowing one, talents which she embroidered with high humor and an earthy appreciation for the Symphony subscribers, the advertisers, the backers, the orchestra and all its satellite personnel and the guest stars who paraded through the auditorium each successive season.

It is particularly true of Texans that they "never meet a stranger" and there was no more underscoring evidence of this than in Alene's daily contacts with the world around her.

She was -- and is -- loved and the memory of one like her cannot be quickly or easily erased. There were many flowers banking the front of the big church and their bursting loveliness was merely the reflection of the brightest of her, to whom they paid their silent but eloquent tribute.

No lady born to walk alone, she terminated her business association with the symphony orchestra upon the occasion of her marriage to J. B. Hoskins. In her home, their home, she found happiness and contentment, took pride in her grown-now son's accomplishments, his marriage and his life. She drew strength from life and she gave back an equal measure to those around her.

It's hard to talk about a loss at any time, doubly so when the vibrancy and the color of the just-lost one keeps intruding and shoving to one side the sad and vacant feelings. Alene Hoskins, her memory, will not permit grief and despair; her laughter and her living are too deeply ingrained in all of us who shared her life in one sense of another. She lives in the blink of our eyes, momentarily during the day or constantly.

As you will remember, today (Thursday) is the preview opening performance of the celebrated, colorful musical, *The King and I*, produced by The First United Methodist Church Music Department. Today's performance is at 7:30 p. m. and the regular performances will be at 8:15 p. m. Friday and Saturday. The show is being staged in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater. With an all local cast, with the exception of director Jack Eddleman, who also plays the King, the beloved, familiar melodies are worth the price of admission. We'll have a comment or two about the success of this ambitious venture in next week's pillar.

There is a wacky kind of Woody Allen-like film unpooling these days at the UA South Plains Cinema. It's called "Simon," and was written and directed by Marshall Brickman, who, indeed, was the writer on three of Mr. Allen's films before this breaking out of his own.

I can't begin to recount the plot in this short space other than to say it concerns one Simon who is brainwashed by a "think tank" of five geniuses into thinking he is an alien from outer space sent here to correct earthlings of their contemporary ways. It is a delightful spoof, a little slow in getting off the ground and setting the pace, but once into its stride, it's a funny film, indeed.

Hang in there until "Simon" gets its traction and you'll have a very good time, I think. Alan Arkin, that canny, knowing comedian, has never been better than his Simon, and the unbeatable Madeline Kahn (my pet) is fine, though her part is brief, while oldtime Fred Gwynne is a knockout as the hidebound General from the Pentagon. "Simon" is well worth your while. It's rated PG, by the way.

At the same UA South Plains Cinema the film that so captured my enthusiasm in my first viewing, "Being There," the Peter Sellers-Shirley MacLaine-Melvyn Douglas smash comedy, got me back for a second time around a week later. THAT doesn't happen too often, either! If you haven't caught it yet, do so. "Being There" a gem, believe me.

The Outspoken CRAIG WILSON From Hollywood

Those bad check charges lodged against singer Sylvester, following his handcuffing and arrest by New York City police, continue to hang over the singer's head like a dark and ugly cloud, even though the singer has proven his innocence using lie detector and handwriting tests. The story is beginning to sound like a heavy daytime soap opera with a few touches of *The Perils of Pauline* thrown in for good measure.

Keith Gonzales of the Mystic Merlin musical group had folks going for a minute when he said that they had been visited telepathically by the legendary Merlin the Magician of King Arthur's Court. The new group has successfully incorporated clever magic into their act that even includes a few disappearances. Hmmn, don't suppose they could conjure up Sylvester's impersonator do you?

Edwin Starr was slightly injured when he had an accident while driving his completely rebuilt 1967 Thunderbird sedan. Edwin was forced to cancel his local disco show for a couple of days and was replaced by the lovely Martha Reeves and the Cut Glass group. The Starr is now back on his appointed rounds and sounding better than ever.

Tinseltown socialite and airline executive Jo Stalworth Moxley and Issa Ibrahim Keita of Senegal, Africa, were united in holy matrimony wearing hand tailored and embroidered white African royal tribal robes. The popular couple's reception brought out a mixture of the town's entertainment, civic and social leaders. We chatted with the Jefferson's co-star Maria Gibbs, and actress Dea Si. LaFont, whose new series is set to go.

Jessica M. Smith of the Hodges, James and Smith trio arrived home from her European tour. Those rumors that the girls had achieved star status in Europe are definitely true. The following evening the beautiful people of Hollywood turned out for a gala dinner in the trio's honor at the lavish penthouse of popular Mickey Stevenson. Dennis James tells us that she is newly engaged to a Swedish artist and is all smiles when she shows off her multi-diamond engagement ring. We hear that the Swedish lad is better looking than Robert Redford.

Folks are talking about that very hush-hush national NAACP trial held at the Sheraton Hotel to review the conduct of a few maverick members who overstepped their bounds and hauled Hollywood-Beverly Hills branch president attorney Geraldine Green into court. The officials are now deliberating the mavericks' future and possible ouster from the civil rights organization. Seems like some folks went ego tripping and forgot the real reason behind belonging to the NAACP.

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SPORTS from the pressbox by RED LAKELAND

Terrell Becomes A Baseball Footnote

Spurred by deep religious convictions, Jerry Terrell, an aging utility infielder fighting for a job with the Kansas City Royals, has become a footnote in the history of baseball. Trivia experts will someday recall that it was Terrell who cast the lone negative vote in the 1971 tally by which major league baseball players authorized a strike this year. That Terrell was the union's player representative for the Royals will only add to his mystique. Patiently, Terrell refuses to confirm or deny that he was the lone dissenter. But a few days before the team vote was taken, Terrell was overheard telling a teammate: "I'll be a scab if I have to." And a few of Terrell's teammates, while saying that they bear him no animosity, have confided that he indeed is the lone dissenter. And they think he took his stand for religious reasons, and not because he supports the owners in the dispute. A career .255 hitter, Terrell came up with the Minnesota Twins in 1973, at one time or another playing every position but catcher. He signed with the Royals as a free agent in 1978, but he said the most significant year in his life was 1975. "If I hadn't given my life over to Christ in 1975, I would have had an ulcer," he said. "You know me," he said. "God first, family second, and baseball is way down there third on the list."

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A. Description of the Project: The project consists of the purchase of 16 buses to replace the remaining Grumman buses, spare bus components, and land acquisition.

The total project cost is currently estimated at \$2,707,619. Of this amount, it is proposed that the City of Lubbock will provide \$189,533 local share, with \$351,991 to come from the Texas Department of Transportation, and \$2,166,095 to come from UMTA Section 5 funds. This project will support transit services throughout the present service area, generally the City of Lubbock.

The City of Lubbock agrees that neither it nor any operator of mass transportation equipment on its behalf, will engage in any charter bus operations where points of origin or destination will be outside of the designated service area.

B. Relocation: No persons, families, or business will be displaced by this project.

C. Environment: The proposed project will not have a significant environmental impact upon the urban area.

D. Comprehensive Planning: The proposed project is in conformance with comprehensive land use and transportation plans for the area.

E. The City of Lubbock will participate in the vehicle pool system serving the needs of the elderly and handicapped with half fares on all regular transit routes.

At the hearing, the City of Lubbock will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, environmental, and economic aspects in planning and implementing the project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respects to said project.

A copy of the application for a Federal Grant for the proposed project, together with an environmental analysis and the transit development plan for the area, is currently available for public inspection in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 916 Texas Avenue, Lubbock, Texas.



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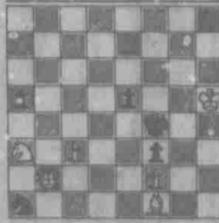
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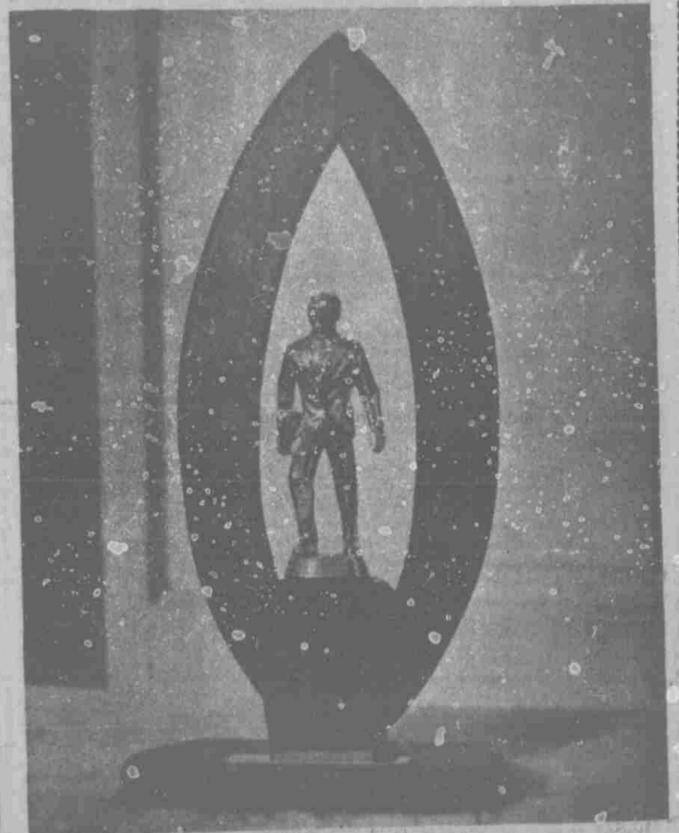
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How To Eliminate Headaches

by
Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Dear Dr. Faulkner:
I am constantly troubled by migraine headaches which I attribute to the stresses and strains in my life. The headaches often keep me from sleeping at night and seem to begin as soon as I arrive at work in the morning. How can I get rid of them? R. Thompson, Atlanta, Georgia

Dear R. Thompson:
Headaches may be caused by the stresses of your daily activities or by a medical disorder. You should, first, consult your physician in order to determine its origin.

Nearly everyone refers to the headaches as "a migraine headache." However, migraine headaches are usually occasional and quite painful. Most such headaches occur in response or reaction to a particularly stressful situation.

They may begin as mild temple throbbings and result in a devastatingly painful condition that envelops the entire head. A troublesome aspect of this type of headache is that it usually begins without any warning and may stop just as suddenly as it starts.

If it is repetitive in nature, the indications are that the subject is either regularly involved in a stressful situation, or is unaware of the particular situation that causes the headache.

Such characteristics would indicate a psychological rather than a physical basis for the condition. It might also be stated that most headaches are tension-related, and most people who suffer tension-related headaches also find it difficult to sleep - whether they have a headache or not. Nearly 70% of my clients who suffer from headaches headaches suffer from insomnia.

It is known that stress-prone individuals have one or more stress-prone parents. Similarly, headache-prone persons had headache-prone parents. This condition is traditional and is handed down from generation to generation.

Negative self-image may be the basis of migraines because of a continuous condition of stresses and tensions constantly bedeviling the individual. Further, such a person may be overly sensitive, self-conscious, defensive, easily angered, easily threatened, unrealistically self-critical and anxious.

These characteristics may be so deeply ingrained that the subject is unaware of the subconscious factors that cause the migraine and may, therefore, attribute it to other unrelated factors. Careful diagnosis required in addition to counseling and personal-problem-solving guidance in order to discover and eliminate the causes which will lessen or eliminate the headache.

When the headache starts just prior to starting work, the job condition is most likely the cause of the headache. Sleepless nights might well suggest that the individual is carrying job-related problems home.

You should identify the problems in your life and seek competent guidance as a means of resolving them. Headaches represent an inability to cope with your problems. Identifying, understanding, and attempting to resolve them should reduce the tensions and eliminate headaches.

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MENU FOR A LAZY MEMORIAL DAY

In recent years, Memorial

Day has lost some of its original significance and has come to be known as the official start of summer. Parks, pools and playgrounds are open for business and another easy, relaxed season is upon us.

Relax this Memorial Day with easy supper for indoors or out and make plans for the coming summer. Pork Chop Surprise, flavored with all-purpose barbecue sauce and canned applesauce, combines a harmony of perfect flavors when served with cheese-

topped baked potatoes and a crunchy salad of sliced cucumbers and green pepper rings. And best of all, is the ease of preparation.

Pork chops are placed in an "oven-to-table" baking pan, the sauce is poured over the top and they are baked. Remember, pork must be cooked thoroughly. And, while they are baking, so are the potatoes, which leaves just the salad to fix. When everything is done, set out the plates, silverware, and enjoy the holiday.

Pork Chop Surprise

Recipe Courtesy General Foods

- 6 shoulder pork chops, 3/4 inch thick
- 1 cup all-purpose Open Pit barbecue sauce, any flavor
- 1 cup applesauce

Place chops in a single layer

in shallow baking pan. Combine barbecue sauce and applesauce and pour over chops. Bake at 350° for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Always cook pork thoroughly. Makes 6 servings.

Marinated Cucumbers

Recipe Courtesy General Foods

- 2 medium cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1 green pepper, cut in small thin slivers
- 1/2 cup prepared old fashion French salad dressing made with Good Seasons salad dressing mix

Place cucumbers and green peppers in a bowl. Add dressing and chill at least 3 hours, stirring once or twice. Makes 3 1/2 cups or 6 servings.

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- 1/2 teaspoon Morton salt
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick curry powder
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 (20-ounce) can Dole pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 (11-ounce) can Del Monte mandarin orange segments, drained
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- 1 lettuce leaves

In large bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, yogurt, lime juice and seasonings; mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients, except lettuce. Chill to blend flavors. Serve on lettuce leaves; garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers. (Makes 10 to 12 servings.)

And for a delicious dessert at any time of the year, try

Chocolate Sundae Cheesecake

Recipe Courtesy of The Borden Kitchens (brand's suggest.) by The Kitchen Beat!

- 1/2 cup Land O'Lakes Butter or Margarine
- 1 1/2 cups Nabisco graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup Domino sugar
- 2 (8-oz.) packages Philadelphia Brand cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-oz.) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

- 3 egg yolks
 - 1/4 cup Real Lemon Reconstituted Lemon Juice
 - 3 egg whites
 - 1/4 teaspoon Morton salt
 - 1/4 cup Hershey's chocolate syrup
- (Whipped cream and chocolate syrup for garnish, optional)

Preheat oven to 300°. In small saucepan, melt butter; stir in crumbs and sugar. Pat evenly on bottom of 9-inch spring form pan or 9 x 9-inch baking pan; set aside. In large bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Gradually add sweetened condensed milk, egg yolks, and lemon juice, beating until smooth. Beat egg whites with salt until stiff but not dry; fold into sweetened condensed milk mixture. Blend 1 cup filling mixture with chocolate syrup; pour remainder in prepared pan. Cut through filling to marble. Top evenly with

heaping tablespoonfuls of chocolate mixture. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Cool thoroughly. Chill before serving. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate any leftovers. (Makes one 9-inch cheesecake.)



Feelin' Good

By M.A. PETTI, M.D.
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BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist

It is always a good part of our education to be able to see ourselves as others see us. With this good and worthy goal in mind, it might be quite helpful for our readers, at least to glimpse the impression—sometimes quite faulty, but always seemingly sincere—which and elderly white lady has shared with us about her view of blacks. Her sense of what and where black people are may represent the realistically serious problem and clear opportunity which face blacks and others who seek a just society.

Our white reader writes in part: "There is no doubt that blacks have been penalized and discriminated against but why not suggest means of overcoming or improving the white man's attitude toward black people?"
"I've lived a long time. I'm no industrialist, but I've heard others who are in a position to give jobs talk freely about their feelings. White people are often afraid to hire blacks because they are trouble makers in a plant (of course not all). They look upon any criticism that refers to their work only, as discrimination.

AS OTHERS SEE US
They rarely take into consideration that their work skills can be improved.
"If one enters a department store where a larger number of blacks is hired than usual, there's a great deal of horseplay going on, much visiting, and I was informed by a saleswoman of long standing (25 years) that there has never been so much merchandise missing (when inventory time comes) as in the last few years when more blacks have been hired."
"My only personal experience: 'I was waiting in the candy department to hand

the saleswoman \$10.00 for a tin of cookies and pay her, when the black woman before me greeted the saleswoman very warmly, handed her a box of pecans, a box of chocolates and the same \$10.00 cookies that I was going to purchase, and then was told it was all \$5.00. I simply put my box down."
"When I was in the hospital last year, the young black girl in the next bed was entertaining her friends and told them she had not purchased a dress in years. She brought scissors with her into the booth where she tried on her

clothes, snipped off the tickets and wore one blouse or shirt or dress over another. Her friends roared with laughter and had similar stories. Not all stores have women counting and checking clothing."
"Those white people who own property tell of the belligerent attitude of blacks when the landlord comes to ask for rent. I'm not talking about there being lack of heat or complaints of any sort. After telling the landlord they'll give it to him in two weeks, they usually move out. If the landlord pays for gas, electricity and heat, the tenant deliberately leaves the lights on all night or leaves the gas burner going in the summer: time out of sheer meanness. The landlord is the enemy."
"Why don't you stress some moral training at home? What about truth and honesty, respect for the property of others, paying

for what you receive and not expecting everyone to support you because your great-grandfather was a slave?"
"Have you ever seen the broken windows and broken plumbing in the new high-rise apartment houses they live in? Why is there a compulsion to destroy?"
"Why is there a need to mug and injure little old ladies? Why are people afraid to leave their homes at night, even to take a dog out? The average white man's experience with the black is not a good one. On television they're shown as the ones who push people off subway platforms, set fires to buildings, vandalize school buildings, cemeteries and synagogues and even ripping off their own people."
"Why don't more black leaders suggest better education and really get after those youths that interfere with the learning process of the ones that do want one?"

"Since you want your people to be assimilated by our society, why aren't they encouraged to study those subjects and go into those fields where they are needed? I have seen black in every profession and trade. If they want to study any of the black studies or speak in a particular rhetoric, let them learn these skills outside of the public schools. Most of them do not try to learn to read, because getting into the sale of drugs is more remunerative."
"Of course, there are brilliant and highly intelligent people among the blacks. But what we are exposed to by newspapers and television is frightening."
"Instead of constantly bemoaning the discrimination against them, someone should make them aware that there is a big, brave world out there (not perfect, and very

weak and confused sometimes) but there is hope because so many of your people have made it. Success is rarely handed out to the majority of any race, without hard work and a goal to strive for."
"Stop pitying the inefficient and unskilled. Your leaders have to guide them along in more realistic paths. No one wants to hire inefficiency, lack of skills and people you have to fear."
Such is the good lady's letter—an open revelation and assessment of our problems of interpretation and of vision. What she perceives is, by her own admission, in part a tragic consequence of images of others which the media thoughtlessly and callously convey. How others see us may not always square entirely or even largely with the facts, but their picture becomes an inescapable fact with which we must contend.

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Local Trainer Wins Races

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never forget you," smiles Starks. "Even if the horse is sick, he has a way of letting you know it," continued Starks. "The biggest race I've ever rode in was the Rainbow in 1968 at Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico," he says.

Now as a trainer, Starks is happy to be able to use his many talents to train horses in West Texas. For two years, Starks has been trainer for Bud Farr at Lubbock Downs.

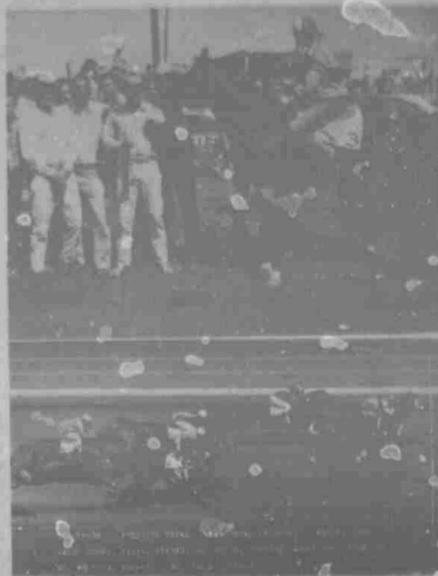
A member of the Jockey Guilds Association, he not only trains horses, but is one of the best in the country when it comes to breaking a horse. "I don't race anymore, but I enjoy breaking a horse in," he

says. "You know racing is a good living. It's honest and you become a part of a very close family. I've been a part of this family for 33 years and I've loved every moment of it," he continued. Placing a large piece of tobacco in his mouth, he paused and said: "I suppose in any livelihood, there are going to be some ups and downs, but you got to hold in there."

Starks will tell you his wife, Elaine, didn't know a thing about horse racing when they married. "She stayed right in there behind me and encouraged me all the way," he says. They have two children. Starks admits he has won over 1000 horse races, but couldn't tell you the exact number.

"I've won so many that I've forgot," he said. One of his closest friends in the business is Bobby Willis, general manager of Lubbock Downs. The owner of

Lubbock Downs since January, 1980 is A. C. Arnett. Both will tell you they are glad that a man with the abilities of Tecumseh Starks came this way.



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Security office and they told me that my check was suspended because I did not file a redetermination. What did he mean?

ANSWER:

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recipients to update their file as to living arrangements, income and resources to keep your checks correct and current. If you contact your social security office to file a redetermination, your checks should resume shortly thereafter.

QUESTION:

Can a person obtain Medicare protection if he or she has not yet retired but is age 65?

ANSWER:

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