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"In letter, Conger's reinstatement asked by group"

UPAL ADDRESSES ELTON CONGER CASE THIS WEEK

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church TROOP 139 NEWS

As a chartered partner, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is very proud of Troop 139. This troop is one of the outstanding troops of the Lubbock Chaparral District. These young men have been engaged in many clean up projects in the community and have received many first place summer program awards.

On the Court of Honor night, many of the boys were presented different merit badges, some with the highest honors. Those young fellows were Jeff Austin, John McCormick, Greg Loggins, Anthony Brown and Michael Thompson. Also Willie Savage, Tony Williams, Jr., Reginald Williams, L.C.

Collins, Terry Bolton, Michael Long, Sammy Collins, Joe Goff, Shawn Harris, Ricky Garcia, and many, many more.

After awards were presented to these young scouts, parents of some of the young fellows, prepared a wonderful meal. Everybody had a fun filled evening.

There is an open invitation to all boys and parents to get in the news with Troop 139. Help boys help themselves. Be a part of Scouting. It really works for boys. If you are interested, come by No. 30 Briercroft Office Park or call Boy Scout of America, 747-2631, and ask for Ben Roberts.

Our service is to help boys.



AGENCIES IN AREA REPORT DISTURBANCES WITH LOIC

by
Kandis Gatewood

Although the Department of Labor has said the audit of Lubbock OIC for the summer months stands as corrected by Diana Henderson, director, and her staff, agencies within the area report disturbances with the program.

The first audit by the Texas Employment Commission dated October 12 showed one student at LOIC excused and paid for 95 hours of 630 total hours, one student excused and paid for 54 out of 490 total hours, one student excused and paid for 62.5 hours out of total 350 hours and one excused and paid for 37 out of 210 total hours.

The exceptions as noted in the original audit, by auditors, would amount in the neighborhood of \$1000 of unearned pay.

Last week, Diana Henderson said the original audit only showed about a \$190 overpayment.

But, Henderson submitted a doctored audit dated October 27 to the executive board of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) while the board was considering whether or not to extend LOIC the subcontract with CETA.

This audit showed a total of overpayment unrecoverable at \$75.05. In going through the corrected audit, it seems that all overpayments were based on \$1.90 per hour, although some of

the programs were originally funded at different rates.

Last week, Henderson said that as an example, S. Martinez, who was originally reported as having 95 excused hours, only actually had less than 30 hours overpayment.

Henderson said last week that at no time did they change the time sheets. She said, "We can't change the time sheets."

Many of the errors reported as corrected were with the Adult Learning Center. According to a letter from Gene Shuffield to Supt. Ed Irons of the Lubbock Public School District about the corrections, he said, "no attendance records relating to this audit have been changed by personnel at the Lubbock Adult Learning Center."

According to the transcription of the executive committee meeting on October 27, Henderson is quoted as saying "We went over at Adult Learning Center excused, made those changes and those excused they verify that if the student had gone to them ahead of time they would have excused, those people themselves and so we made the changes on those people that were in the program."

Then, Henderson said, "It was on our part for changing the time sheets. We should have been communicating with them about this - so we went over there."

Juanita Forbes, CETA director, was quoted in January as saying at no time has staff used the terminology time sheets.

One work station supervisor (or the program, Barbara Sommerville, executive director of Parkway and Guadalupe Neighborhood Centers (United Way funded) told the Lubbock Digest that one student in her program last summer was paid for more hours than he worked. She said the counselor came to her asking her to sign a blank time sheet. This happened times before until one day she questioned the procedure. The counselor said it would be worked out (the student had not worked the full amount of time). Sommerville checked the checks after the incident and found that the student was overpaid.

Sommerville added that several times the students would be assigned counseling hours in the afternoons

(the peak time of need at the centers) and that no one would show up.

She added that there were at least five different counselors assigned to the students during this one time period.

Henderson said, when confronted with the information, that Sommerville should have filed a complaint.

"Unless she actually filed a complaint, then she is not being fair to the program," Henderson said.

ma, Arkansas, and Louisiana with the Army Reserve Units. Persons applying for these jobs must be eligible to become active members of local Army reserve units.

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SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR YOU

Among the benefits available to those eligible for Social Security (SS) disability, and supplemental security income (SSI) disability are the valuable services offered by the state's Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR). The applicant is automatically referred to this agency. If he refuses these services without good reason, the current law provides the following: **A person's benefit will be reduced, suspended, or terminated.**

The VR evaluates a person's vocational handicap to determine his eligibility for assistance and also offers

in a call meeting of the United Political Action League (UPAL) last Monday evening at the Green-Fair Manor Community Center, members held a press conference to inform the citizens of Lubbock of their disapproval in the manner in which Elton Conger was terminated.

At the press conference/meeting, the letter was read to the press. The letter, addressed to Board of Trustees of the Lubbock Independent School District, was dated February 9, 1979.

The letter, which was signed by Dr. F.L. Lovings, president, recommended that Conger be reinstated as an instructor/coach in the Lubbock Independent School System with complete back-wages. It also stated: "And, that termination in the future be handled in accordance with established personnel policies and procedures."

UPAL, after reviewing the personnel policies for the Lubbock Independent School District and proceedings of the hearing on November 21, 1978, stated in the letter that there are numerous discrepancies in the termination of Elton Conger.

Discrepancies listed by UPAL were:

1. The Board convened at Elton's request to review his dismissal as head 8th grade coach by his immediate supervisor and the other school officials. He requested this hearing because he honestly felt that he would be given an opportunity to finally express his case before a fair and impartial body, whose decision and procedures for all school employees. This proved to be a unwise decision by Elton as he found himself pitted against five attorneys, three on the Board and two invited to represent the Lubbock Independent School District. The young Black instructor had no chance of winning his appeal in view of these incredible odds against him. He was extremely courageous to sit through this hearing from 7 a.m. till 10 p.m. and be subjected to legal cross examination by practicing attorneys without legal

counseling, medical prothesis, training. **Continue on Page 2**

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY MAIL SERVICE HERE

The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a normal holiday schedule on Monday, February 19, in observance of Washington's Birthday.

No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided. Special Delivery service will be provided. Collection service will operate on holiday schedules.

According to a spokesperson of UPAL if the local school officials will not respond to this letter, other steps will be taken by the organization to involve other steps.

counsel himself."

2. "Numerous points of interest were raised during the hearing concerning the conduct of Elton's colleagues and supervisor, but all appear to have been subsequently dismissed in favor of assuring that Board members voted for termination of Elton from the system. The vote in favor of termination for this employee came on December 18, 1978."

3. "It is obvious to us (UPAL) that there were not sufficient grounds initially to terminate Mr. Conger from his duties as head coach in that Mr. Nelson's coaching orders to him were, at best, cloudy and ambiguous. No pattern of documented reprimands for alleged violations were ever presented to Elton prior to requesting his resignation as head coach."

4. "Elton was placed in a precarious position when one of his subordinates was encouraged to circumvent his authority by going to Mr. Nelson with reports of Elton's conduct. We (UPAL) are appalled by the weight of this gentleman's testimony on the decision to ask Elton to resign his coaching duties, especially in view of the fact that he ironically admits involvement himself in conduct unbecoming to a classroom instructor and a coach. We would like to discount the fact that he is the son of the School Superintendent, but in this case it is extremely difficult to do so. It is also difficult for us to dispel notions of discrimination or racial overtones that are in the minds of our membership."

"The Lubbock Independent School District personnel policies and procedures were not valid in Elton's case because he was not afforded the protection of this document. He was not invited initially to supervisory conferences concerning his 'problems' and could not have known that his superiors were extremely disgruntled over his work. All those closed meetings where issues concerning Elton's conduct were discussed are in direct violation of existing personnel procedures."

6 "When finally invited to attend one of the conferences, Elton was presented with two alternatives without being given an opportunity to express his concerns. Those alternatives were as follows: A. To voluntarily resign or be asked to resign effective immediately.

B. To be reassigned as the assistant 9th grade coach with the understanding that he would not be recommended for a coaching position the following year."

A copy of this letter was mailed to the Texas State Board of Education in Austin.

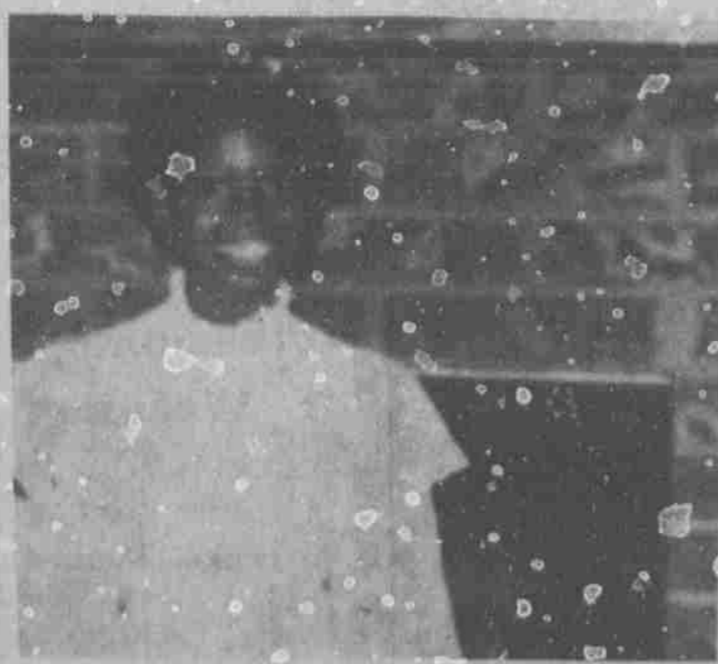
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APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR JOBS

The United States of America, Office of Personnel Management, formerly the U. S. Civil Service Commission, announces that applications are being accepted until further notice for positions of Administra-

tive Supply Technician GS-3 through GS-5, and Staff Administrative Specialist GS-7. These positions pay from \$8,256 to \$13,014 per annum. They are located throughout the four state area of Texas, Oklaho-

"At Lyons Chapel Baptist Church" ROBINSON NAMED "MISS VALENTINE"



Euina Robinson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Robinson of 2629 East Auburn Avenue, was named last Sunday afternoon at

Lyons Chapel Baptist Church as "Miss Valentine."

The eight year old was rather elated about her recent effort.

"Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc." MR. ESQUIRE 1979 ON TAP

"A Portrait of Elegance" is the theme for this year's presentation of "Mr. Esquire 1979."

The biennial event, which is sponsored by the Lubbock Alumnae and Eta Lambda chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, is designed to present to the young men of our community, both high school seniors and college students.

The eighteen young men, who are vying for the title of "Mr. Esquire", have been treated to an evening out to hear Benjamin Hooks.

Mr. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was one of the featured speakers for "Black History Month," sponsored by the Student Organization for Black Unity (SOBU) at Texas Tech University.

Mr. Hooks' speech inspired these young men to achieve great things. Sunday, February 18, the young men will hear from leaders of our Black community. This career day will feature men from our community who are political leaders, business

leaders, and those who have broken racial barriers in the job market in our city.

The activities for the young men will culminate April 14th with the "Esquire Ball" to be held at the KoKo Palace.

The young men to be presented are: Thomas Braxton, Dwight Brown, Kirby Childers, Morgan Clark, Clydel Cooper, Leslie Cross, Kerwin

Deo, Daryl Green, Kirk Guillory, Karl Lusk, Kevin Lusk, Homer Norvelle, Thomas J. Patterson, Jr., Donald Ross, Raphael Scott, Kenneth Swindle, Charles Washington, and DeWayne Williams.

Next week the Lubbock Digest will feature pictures and backgrounds of these young men who will be a part of "Mr. Esquire 1979."

ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE DEDICATED TO LATE ROY BASS

The Lubbock Arts Festival Steering Committee announced this week that the first Lubbock Arts Festival to be held April 27, 28, and 29, will be dedicated to the memory of Roy Bass. Former Mayor Bass was deeply interested in this community project and was instrumental in development to the early plans for its implementation. Mr. Bass was committed to the success of this project and spent many long hours in planning the early stages. He visited the Oklahoma

City Arts Festival in May last year along with other members of the committee to ascertain the potential for success of a festival of this nature.

Plans are being made for special dedication ceremonies to be held at the Lubbock Arts Festival in April.

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RUBY JAY'S CORNER



WHAT'S GOING ON

Yes, we get letters from our many friends throughout the South Plains of Texas. If you

want to have some news printed in this column, just drop me a note to: "Ruby's Corner", Lubbock Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

We just love to hear what you are doing all over West Texas and New Mexico.

Speaking of people making things happen in West Texas, Mrs. Fula Clennors, a resident of Slaton, Texas, will be attending the Texas Classroom Teachers Convention in Galveston, Texas February 15 through 17. Mrs. Clemons is a delegate from LCTA.

The Hub City Beautician League will sponsor an "Expo 79 Hair Fashion Show & Banquet" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Ko Ko Palace, 50th & Avenue Q. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. Let's support this effort.

Mrs. Maggie McKinzy of Cameron, Texas is a new reader of the Lubbock Digest. Residents of the "Hub City" know her as Margie Pendergraph.

Charles Savage is a patient at West Texas Hospital. He fell from a pickup truck one day last week. His mother, Ms. Johnetta Savage, was rushed to West Texas Hospital last Saturday evening. At this report, she is in the intensive care unit.

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Give to UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY



The Zenith and Mae Simmons Senior Citizens gave a beautiful Valentine Party last Saturday night at the Zenith Community Center. Tose crowned Valentine Sweethearts were Susie Williams, Mabel Bailey, Louis Jones, and Fred Ross.

This column is happy to know that one of our longtime ministers, Rev. S.R. Roberts is home from the hospital. Let us continue to pray for him and his family.

In morning worship services last Sunday morning at New Hope Baptist Church, Virgil Johnson was guest speaker for the Youth Day program. He did a beautiful job in his presentation. Seven were added to the church.

Sisters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority attended services at New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

The musical which was to have been presented by the Garnette Music Ensemble for February 11 was postponed for a later date. Will you keep watching this column for a new date.

MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS

Mae Simmons Senior Citizens and Zenith Senior Citizens had a birthday and Valentine party last week. All of them in attendance enjoyed the affair which was held on Saturday, February 10.

Mrs. Mable Bailey was crowned as "Mrs. Valentine" and Mr. Lewis Jones was named "Mr. Valentine."

Mrs. Johnson has brought three new participants to the program. They are Ms. Eva Frank, Mrs. Willie Thompson, and Mr. Raymond DeWittie. They were welcomed to the center. The doors are always open for new participation. Mrs. Johnson was not present, because of illness.

Any senior citizen who would like to stop by and enjoy a hot meal as well as be around friends are always encouraged to please do so. We have fun with our friends each day. If there are those who would like to come and don't have any transportation, you may call the center in order to have someone to pick you up. You may contact Mrs. Johnson by calling 762-

OUTREACH BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Members of the Outreach Breakfast Club met in the home of Sister Dollie Howard, 2206 East 29th Street, last Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Devotion scriptures were taken from Psalms 103:2-3 and John 11:4.

Thought for the Day: "What a friend we have in Jesus who is able to forgive our iniquities and heal our sicknesses and diseases."

We thank God for speaking to us through His written word. Breakfast was served by our new elected food committee. Chairperson is Sister Juanita Sowell.

Working with her last Saturday were Sisters Bittie Titus, Ruthie Howard and Ruby Howard. It was a delicious breakfast.

Plans are underway for an outreach program. Time and place will be announced at a later date. Make plans to attend now.

If you feel down and out, come by and be lifted up and filled up.

Our sick and shut in list include Sisters Vina Williams, Dollie Howard, Gussie Payne, Mary Sterling, Savannah Goody, all at home; and Sisters Fannie Bracy and Jonella Savaige, both patients at

SO COME AND MEET OLD FRIENDS

by Mae Simmons Senior Citizen

Make new friends, but keep the old; Those are silver, those are gold. New made friendships like new wine.

Age will never mellow and refine; Friendship that has stood the test; time and change are surely best; Ones may wrinkle; hair

may gray; Friendship never knows decay; for my old friends may die; New friends must place their supply; Cherish friendship in

your breast; new is good, but old is best.

Make new friends; but keep the old.... Those are silver; these are gold.

THANK YOU

Mrs. Lucy McQuinney has lost four relatives in less than three months. She wishes to "Thank" her many friends for their kindness, cards, visits, but most of all, your prayers. I will never forget you.

Love Mrs. Lucy McQuinney

SOCIAL SECURITY....

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placement and referrals. Even those who do not qualify for SS or SSI may be eligible for help through this state agency.

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RED CROSS SCHEDULES CLASSES

The Lubbock County Chapter, American Red Cross, announced this week that one Multimedia Standard First Aid class and one Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class will be conducted by Red Cross instructors during the month of February. Classes will be conducted according to the following schedule and at locations indicated:

Multimedia First Aid February 19th and 23rd (4 hours each evening), 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Conducted at Red Cross Office, 1313 Avenue L.

West Texas Hospital. Prayer was offered by Sister Oletree.

Guest last Saturday was Sister Quannine. We would like to thank you for becoming a part of us.

Our next meeting will be in the home of Sister Annie Mae Johnson, 1707 East 25th Street.

For more information, call 763-2966.

Sister Mary Ward is president; presiding vice president is Sister C.E. Fair; and acting reporter is Sister Dorothy Hood.

It was reported that the February 3 was held in the wrong location. It was held in the home of Sister Partee, 3302 East Bates Avenue.

CPR February 26th (all day) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Conducted at Red Cross Office, 1313 Avenue L.

Anyone interested in attending any of the above courses should call the Red Cross office, 765-8534, as soon as possible for enrollment. Classes are free, however, a materials fee will be charged for books and course materials.

Special classes, in addition to the above schedule, can be arranged for groups or organizations upon request.

So says the VA... by BERTIE BAILEY and MOST WALKER

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POLICE HAPPENINGS AROUND LUBBOCK

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

MANUEL LOPEZ, JR., 307 37th Street, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown did burst the window out of his car at 410 Walnut Avenue. He told police that he was driving his 1979 car when all of this happen to him. The right front door window was broken out. Approximately \$200 worth of damage was done to the car.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

VIVIAN F. ALEXANDER, 1820 East Amherst Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that someone unknown punctured the left front tire which was still going down while police was there. The left rear tire

was already down. The vehicle had been damaged badly on the hood and front windshield. A large rock was laying on the ground beside the car which appeared to have been used to inflict the damage to the hood and windshield. There were small drops of blood on the pavement near the left rear tire. Damage to the car was approximately \$1000.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

JESSIE M. SIMMONS, 2703 East 8th Street, reported that he son was driving her car at Parkway Drive and Zenith Avenue one day last week when he had a problem.

According to the police report, persons unknown shot out both side door glasses on the car. A witness told police



that he saw no one at the time the incident occurred.

Police did note that both windows were shattered and could not determine if windows had been shot out or broken with other means. Damage to the car was believed to be \$150.

BURGLARY

NAPOLEON SIMMONS, 1906 East Cornell Avenue, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did cut the bottom of his glove box of his car and took some blank checks. He told police that the car was parked in the garage. Damage to the car was believed to be \$150.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

LORETTA SHEPPARD, 2205 Weber Drive, Apt. A, reported to Lubbock police that persons unknown did break the kitchen window to her apartment one day last week. There were bars on the window, therefore; the unknown burglars were unable to gain entry. Damage to the apartment was believed to be \$30.

MARY & MAC BURGLARIZED

DR. L.S. GRAVES, principal of the Mary & Mac Private School, 902 East 28th Street, reported that persons unknown did gain entry to the school one night last week. Entry was

believed to have been gained by breaking a south door.

Taken from the school were eight cases of soda pop and \$11 in change from the coke machine in the auditorium.

Several doors to the school had been pried and damaged.

Approximately \$41 worth of damage was done to the school.

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Editorials

WHY NOT??

by
Eddie P. Richardson

As we approach the end of National Black History Month (February, 1979), with the theme "Torch For The Future", we as a people have come a long way, but believe me, we still have a mighty long way to go.

Looking around and observing events in Lubbock, especially with a view at the Black people, this writer is seeing racism. It (racism) is really showing here in Lubbock. We have a few Blacks doing pretty well, but a lot of them are still catching Holy Hell on the jobs they are employed.

We get a large number of reports everyday about discrimination and racial problems from many places in Lubbock. They advise us about how Blacks are being treated on jobs and the hell they catch. If they are not able to act like little children and follow the old slave days of "yessuh and yessum" tradition. Black people, the way to overcome this kind of a thing is to go to court and go to court again and again. The answer is for Black people to get out of their mental jails, and release the shackles from their minds and become MEN and WOMEN.

Sources close to the Lubbock Digest have informed us that we have another Elton Conger type case brewing within the City of Lubbock with a local political subdivision.

Let's hope the above is not a true story and that everything is really OK!!

We sent out over fifty letters to various employers about our special issue inviting them to send us their Black or key Black employees for this particular issue. We also made telephone calls to local businesses about this issue. It is good to report that there were people who very positive about this issue. Blacks employed by the firms were very much excited about what we are attempting to do...Continue to build images.

Out of all the calling we have done, there was a local firm who responded in a negative manner. This firm, Pay Less Cashways Lumber Store.

This writer talked to the manager of the business, via telephone, about involving Black in this special issue since Blacks were seen working in the business. What really hurt was this writer was in the store to purchase some items several days prior to our telephone conversation.

Anyway, after advising this gentleman about the special issue, he was invited to have Black employees of this firm to participate. It was only proper since this business is located in the Black community.

Would you believe that this manager told me he was not interested in this special issue at ALL. Black people should know about the attitudes of people who operate businesses in the community who cater to Blacks and are negative about positive programs which we attempt to create positive images here. After all, this merchant is operating in our backyard. Can you imagine a merchant not wanting to build the image of his employees who happen to Black and to build the company's image in the community.

Remember "Torch For The Future", the theme of this year's Black History Month. For God's sake, let's remember we have to fight and carry the torch for the future. If we don't, no one else will do it for us. We have to make our own way. We always have and always will have to if we are to survive as a people.

The future is now. The future is us.

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BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.
Human Rights Activist

NEIGHBORHOOD SELF-HELP
Part II of Two Parts

In our previous column we pointed out that empowerment of people and neighborhoods is something that must arise and develop from the people themselves. It is not something that can be delivered to the neighborhood by government.

For too many years government programs have failed to recognize this truth, with unfortunate results especially for black Americans and for poor people as a whole. The tragic results are to be seen not only in terms of funds wasted, but also in terms of the frustration of neighborhood people who might well have done better had the government programs not usurped their own initiatives.

Two highly respected members of Congress recently made a brilliant conceptual breakthrough in the area of neighborhood revitalization. One is Representative Joel Pritchard, a Republican from Seattle, Washington. The other is Representative James Blanchard, a Democrat from the Detroit metropolitan area.

In testimony before the House Subcommittee on Housing last month, Congressman Pritchard recognized one of the key problems with all the Federal funding programs of the past decade. "Up to now," he said, "programs relating to Federal involvement in neighborhood improvements have followed a familiar pattern. The Federal government taxes A, the taxpayer. With the approval of B, the city government, it redistributes the money to C, a neighbor-

hood organization, for the benefit of D, the neighborhood residents. This latter group is comprised of a host of those called "A," the original taxpayers who are the most crucial persons in the neighborhood renewal process.

"If we have learned anything from 14 years of experience," he continued, "it is that this mechanism is simply not viable as A MEANS of supporting neighborhood improvements." The reason, he noted significantly, is that this "round robin" type of fiscal transfer system raises inescapable questions about the legitimacy of the recipient ORGANIZATION, the burdensome regulations imposed upon the grantees to assure accountability to the government, and the ever present threat that the government will swallow up the grantee in such a way that it loses its independence.

The conceptual breakthrough offered by Congressman Pritchard and Blanchard is strikingly simple. Instead of handing out large amounts of money through city hall to selected local groups, simply give the same funds back to neighborhood residents themselves and let them decide which organizations are working effectively to improve the neighborhood and the lives of its residents.

As Congressman Pritchard describes the idea, every adult in the defined neighborhood would get a credit from the Federal government, something like a grocery coupon. The resident would make a small contribution of his own money, to

the organization of his preference, and the credit slip would trigger a "several-times over" contribution from the Federal government to that organization. In lower income areas — largely black — the Federal matching would of course be greater than in the upper income areas.

The two Congressmen have introduced a bill, HR 13894, to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to conduct a three year pilot program in a variety of selected neighborhoods. With positive results, the Congressmen hope the plan can ultimately replace Federal grants to groups and all the problems they bring. But, as Congressman Pritchard says, "the strength of this approach is not merely in that it avoids the problems of the direct grant approach. By its very nature it encourages the spirit of self-help and citizen participation more than any other approach attempted by the Federal government thus far."

What the Congressman is saying is that the idea of putting the resources back in the hands of the people, and having them use those resources in the way which appears to them to best promote their neighborhood interests, would be a true means for genuine empowerment of people. Residents are not required to meet the demands of agency handing out money. They are not pushed and shoved into the bureaucratic mold common to so many programs in the past. How they use their money is their business, and

would seem to be little doubt but that the great majority of neighborhood residents have enough common sense to know what benefits them in the best possible way.

The Pritchard-Blanchard experiment will stimulate opposition. It will come chiefly from those middle-class bureaucrats and public officials who are convinced that people — and especially blacks and others who are poor — are fools who must be cared for by high-paid professionals, namely themselves. But the wise public official will recognize that his or her value to the community lies not in dispensing subsistence and services, but in making it possible for the underprivileged — and indeed, for all citizens of the community — to develop and exercise their own talents for their own benefit as they perceive it.

Congressmen Pritchard and Blanchard thus would seem to deserve the thanks of us all for their efforts to help Congress understand that the wellspring of true power and self-development must lie within people themselves, working in cooperation for a common goal. It was John F. Kennedy, as a young Congressman in Boston, who also recognized this when he said "only by doing the work ourselves — by giving generously out of our own pockets — can we hope in the long run to maintain the authority of the people over the state — to insure that the people remain the master; and the state, the servant."

LEGISLATIVE ALERT



"WELFARE FOR THE RICH"

The Congressional Black Caucus joined President Carter in opposition to the Steiger-Hansen capital gains reduction amendment which passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. Speaking for the Caucus, Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.), a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee of the House, called the Steiger Amendment "welfare payments for the rich with little economic benefit for the majority of the nation. The public will no longer fall for the argument that the way to improve economic conditions for most Americans is to give huge tax breaks for the super-rich in hopes that they will invest part of their windfall."

"This is the trickle-down theory at its worst," Congressman Rangel continued. "When we ask the government to invest in poor people, it is always a fight to get crumbs. But when the rhetoric is capital gains and the government expenditure is through tax loopholes, billions of dollars are spent in a manner which keeps the rich wealthy."

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.), Chairman of the 16 member Congressional Black Caucus and a member of the House Budget

Committee, said before passage of the Amendment, "I cannot believe that this Congress will pass a tax reduction which gives over 94 percent of the benefits to those who earn over \$50,000 per year. This is only 2 percent of all taxpayers. Moreover, only 0.3 percent of black families earn over \$50,000 per year."

"There is no secret why the rich get richer and the poor stay poor," Congressman Mitchell continued. "When we let money earn a higher rate of return than labor, we violate the basic work ethic

of this country. I believe that the \$2.2 billion in 1979 and increasing amounts thereafter which the Steiger Amendment would cost should be invested directly in providing jobs for Americans.

The Congressional Black Caucus has accelerated its emphasis upon "the work ethic vs. the welfare ethic." The temporary setback symbolized by the increase of "welfare for the rich" can be offset by our sustained support of the Caucus and its crucial work on behalf of all black Americans.

You may write to your Congressmen and Senators at: Congressional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 or Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Please congratulate them for their important work and let them know where Black America stands on crucial issues.

TO: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS
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I would like to help—

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Prayer Poem

Willis Boyd Allen has provided us a little-used hymn which suggests that, in every circumstance and place in life, where Christ enters in and finds room, there too is loveliness. The poignant words provide a sometimes ironic background for the loveliness, warmth and ever-radiant presence of Christ.

can bloom;
Room for the Christ Child,
room.

In homes that deepest grief
have borne,
Mid silent forms of those
that mourn,
In the shadows that gather
around the tomb;
Room for the Christ Child,
room.

The blis of the winter are
fierce and cold,
The snow lies deep over hill
and wold,
But a star shines bright
through the deepening
gloom,
Room for the Christ Child,
room.

Room for the shepherds of
Bethlehem,
Room for the angels who
sang to them,
Room for the light in the
wintry gloom;
Room for the Christ Child,
room.

Where man's distrust and
greed for gain
Have frozen the floods of
tender rain,
Till never a flower of hope

Your church shows the
world the way to make room
for Jesus... and for the love-
liness He brings to every
place and heart.

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

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

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

This isn't a propaganda sheet made to chastise or to agitate. This is a newspaper made to educate and not to agitate.

T. J. Patterson Editors
Eddie P. Richardson

Across The Nation

News From Home Folks

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

Our family of readers across the nation are always responsive, either in spirit, deed or both to good causes. A "more-than-good" cause is presented to us by Mrs. Ralph Bunche, Dr. John Hope Franklin and Dr. Robert Weaver on behalf of our world's foremost black archives which are now in grave need.

Let's have their fine letter make its own appeal to your heart... and purse. Their letter reads:

Dear Friend: Within weeks, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture will face a most important deadline. Because we know of your involvement and your concern for the Center's work, we want to share this challenge with you... and provide you with an opportunity, as well.

The challenge is: a matching grant on which the Schomburg Center's immediate future crucially depends. As you may know, the National Endowment for the

Humanities has recognized the significance of the Center's work by awarding it a \$390,000 "Challenge Grant."

There is one major condition attached to the grant—for every dollar the Endowment donates, the Schomburg Center must raise two dollars on its own. And in order to receive any of these Federal funds, the Center must raise its portion of the challenge grant.

Every effort has been made and is still being made to search out those Americans sensitive to the social and cultural values of this vast collection and willing to give to preserve it. Nevertheless, we are short more than \$26,000 required to qualify for the matching grant.

To meet it, the Schomburg Center hopes for your special help, and as a token of thanks for your help in this urgent situation, we want you to share something very special with us and the community of scholars which depends so greatly on the Schomburg's resources.

This is the opportunity: for your special contribution of \$10 or more, we will send you the exciting new issue of the *Journal of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture*, a beautiful and widely acclaimed publication exploring the broad range of black history, culture and achievements. The Journal is published by the Center under the terms of the NEH

grant and is mailed to libraries, colleges and universities throughout the world. The new spring issue which you will receive includes:

- A close look at the first fifty years of the Schomburg Center's history and an insider's forecast of the future, as seen by its longtime Curator, Stanton A. Biddle.
- A groundbreaking essay on the achievements of a controversial black historian, Joel A. Rogers—respected by some, rejected by others.
- A fascinating tour of the Center's collection of rare tapes and priceless recordings.
- A startling photo-essay on the black image in American sheet music—a study in racism as well as high achievement.

We hope you will take this opportunity to learn more about America's black heritage—and help make sure that all Americans continue to have that opportunity—by helping the Schomburg Center meet its "Challenge Grant" now.

We ask you to send your tax-deductible special contribution to the Schomburg Center in the enclosed reply envelope. And because the deadline is so near, please, if it is at all possible, do it today. (address: Committee for the Schomburg Center, 476 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10018.)

Faithfully,

Mrs. Ralph J. Bunche
John Hope Franklin
Robert C. Weaver

The Tulsa, Oklahoma Eagle tells of a local controversy surrounding the Job Corps.

The Job Corps has been the subject of severe criticism by blacks and whites for its internal orientation. Here is pictured some of the outsiders' opposition with which our readers may agree or disagree.

What are your feelings about government location policies at local installation sites?

Both Job Corps and American Christian College officials are wondering how much race has to do with the burgeoning opposition to the sale of the American Christian College Campus site to

the Job Corps Center here.

An attempt was made by the Job Corps to offer facts, figures and a film presentation of its work to the Nathan Hale Neighborhood Association at a recent meeting and were given the cold shoulder.

"They never heard a thing we said," a Job Corps official stated. "Moreover, some of the kids we took with us to show the type kids we have, were verbally abused."

The Job Corps unit here which is trying to buy American Christian College is 40 percent black and 60 percent white. It is this single fact alone, most officials and outside observers believe, that is most responsible for the opposition; and all of the stated objections are mere smoke screens to hide the truth.

The Job Corps, laboring under a mandate from President Carter to double their enrollment and faced with loss of their lease at the Wright Building, now faces a court fight aimed at preventing their purchase of the American Christian College Campus site located at 2808 South Sheridan.

The sale, which has already been negotiated between ACC officials and the U.S. Labor Department for a reported \$2.5 million, is under investigation.

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

Media Reviews:

(For adults who love both stark realism and human beauty)

A LONELY BATTLE

A review of *Meridian*, a novel by Alice Walker. Pocket Books, N.Y., 1976. 220 pages, Paperback, \$1.50.

Alice Walker is one of a growing tribe of black storytellers or creative writers whose gifts and message promises to transform the American literary scene.

All writing, in many senses of the term, are autobiographical. *Meridian*, a brave and beautiful black woman, struggles—often alone—for "her people," a heritage and a heavy load to which she was devoted most deeply, on the one hand, and for which she held in an unbridled and unmasked contempt, on the other hand. The oppressed are always conflicted and so many-faceted. Yet for the courageous and determined ones like *Meridian*, they somehow succeed in transforming ashes into beauty and provide the oil of joy for mourning.

Meridian as a character was, as seventeen, a deserted wife and mother, one who was innocent and afraid. Still she faced a southern tinderbox as the old rules collapsed about her. The story is sensual, convincing and heart-warming.

Those who read *Meridian* will find that their lives have been touched and altered by the alchemy of a young writer's heart and pen. *Meridian* speaks of our changing times, of shifting racial mores, of human hope and endurance... and of an unspoken promise of a better world which Alice Walker's word pictures and wisdom will help to bring about.

BLACK POETRY

i'member

sitting, studying by the oil lamp
trying to do my homework
while the last of the wood is
burning out of the stove,
and as the kitchen grows
cold,
my homework becomes a
blur
and i dream,
and escape,
and smile,
then the morning comes.
i'member.

—Lauray R. Powell

(The little things of life are like the bitter herbs that add interest to things we eat and do... and even stiffen the spine of death. Such kaleidoscopic thoughts as these are brought to mind as this eloquent black poetess speaks.)

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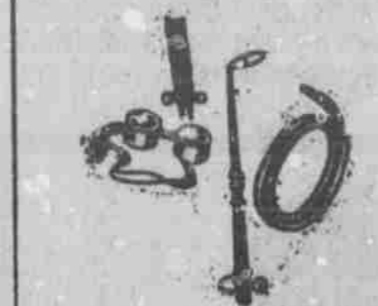
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Come to Church



CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

Our church is getting ready for our Easter banquet which is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, at 7 p.m. It will be held at 1701 Parkway Drive, A-A Building. Admission is \$3.00. Let us get behind this special effort.

Rev. L.F. Bowie is pastor.

MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST

A list of the paying members in the gas bill rally will be printed on next week. The amount of the bill was \$464.00.

On the fourth Sunday in February at 3 p.m., we are asked to get to Littlefield, Texas to worship. Keep this date in mind so we will be well represented.

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

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

The Youth Department meets at the church at 7 p.m. Teachers meeting is held each Friday evening at 7 p.m.

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

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

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with our pastor, Rev. A.W. Wilson, delivering a splendid message. Senior Choir Number One, under the direction of Mrs. Lillian C. Struggs at the piano and Mrs. Rose Lincoln at the organ, was responsible for the beautiful music of the morning.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick families of the church and community. Among our sick include Mrs. O. McAllister who a patient at Methodist Hospital, room 236; and Mrs. Doris Ragland who is at home.

Let us pray for Mrs. Elurd Devenport who lost her mother last week.

The Adult Sunday School Class made a presentation to their monthly Sunday School project last Sunday.

Members of the Ma Jones Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. Louise Rocco, 2203 Birch Avenue, last Monday evening. They had a wonderful meeting. **Thought of the Week:** "Religious employment means spiritual enjoyment."

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

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COLOSSIANS 1:9-20

Colossians 1:9-20

9 And so, from that day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; 16 for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or

dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven making peace by the Blood of his Cross.

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MEMORY SELECTION

Lead a life worthy of the Lord, pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10.



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

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Why not start the new year off right by attending this needed service each week.

Senior Choir Number Two practices each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium at 7 p.m. All members are asked to be in attendance.

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

GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST

Our Brotherhood meets at the church each Sunday morning at 8 a.m. All men of the church are asked to meet with president and men of the church.

Our annual Forrest Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 18. All members of the church are to take an active part in this church family day.

National Brotherhood Week is February 18 through 25. Let us give our support to the men of the church.

General Mission will be held Monday evening, February 26, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All ladies

are asked to be present. Remember the sick and shut in members of our church and community. Among those on the sick list include Ms. Callie Cato, Mrs. Laura Eddington, Ms. Mattie Reed, Ms. Lomie Smith, and Ms. Igie Scott.

LYONS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Our "Little Miss Valentine Pageant" was presented on Youth Day last Sunday. The queen for the year of 1979 is little Miss Ulena Robinson. She was crowned by our last year queen, Kim Titus. The parents, along with the children, look forward to this grand occasion each year. We hope this kind of a program will continue to inspire others to get involved in our youth programs.

Youth rehearsal and Bible study is held each Saturday at 6 p.m. at the church. If you need transportation to get there, you may contact Ms. Roberts Hightower, youth director.

The New Zeal Baptist Association Fellowship was held at Lyons Chapel last Sunday, February 11, at 3 p.m. Rev. J. Gibbs was our distinguished speaker. He delivered a very impressive and inspiring sermon. We had a wonderful turn out.

Our pastor's appreciation service is on tap for Sunday, April 1, 1979. We

are all aware of our obligations, so let's prepare to make this a delightful celebration. We are sure each and everyone will put their shoulders to the wheel and pull for a big success.

The church directory is still incomplete. If you haven't submitted your name, address and phone number, please do so today.

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

"A church that prays together, stays together."

TWENTIETH & BIRCH CHURCH OF CHRIST

The fund-raising dinner for Southwestern Christian College, hosted by Brother and Sister Stewart in the Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth, will be held Friday evening, February 16. Sister Verna Walters has tickets and other information to those who are planning to attend.

Our Wednesday evening class attendance has improved a great deal. Still, there are others who could and should be here. Let us all strive for perfect attendance.

MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST

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

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

Let us pray for our shut in, sick and bereaved family. Our known shut in are: Mrs. Leroy Roberts, Mr. Sam Crawford, Rev. and Mrs. Billy Wilkinson, Mrs. Mary Newton, Mrs. Betty Foley, Mrs. Rilla Fowler, and Mr. Lewis Walton.

GREATER SAINT LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Pastor's Desk - "The person who gives thanks each morning for the new day with its opportunities to work, to learn, to serve, to worship in all likelihood at night welcomes sleep, and at the end has no fear of death."

Mission Two will present Sister Mary McKinney in recital on the fourth Sunday in February at 3 p.m. Sister McKinney Williams will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Bernice Kelly.

Welcome visitors, come again! Have a spiritual suitcase, and you will know where you are going.

Members of the Deborah, Rachel, Lydia, Good Samaritan, and Queen of Sheba Circles

met in the homes of Sisters Ester Knox, M.E. Newsom, Lillie Hall, Madge Crowder and Carrie Mims this week. Each circle reported having a great time in the Lord.

Members of the Eunice Circle will meet in the home of Sister Clarice Burrell, 1513 East 1st Street, tonight, Thursday, at 7 p.m.

Usher Boards One and Two will meet at the church each Monday evening at 7 p.m. in a joint meeting.

Circle presidents, don't forget to call your meeting placed in to Sister Annie Sanders.

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

The Young Adult Brotherhood Union meets at the church each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Let us not forget that Sister Annie Sanders is elected to run for National Usher Board Queen. The entire State of Texas will be assisting Sister Sanders in being crowned queen. We are going to give our support also. Aren't we?

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members. Those on the sick and shut in list include Sisters Dolly Howard, Roxie Reed, Ellen Tillman, and Mary Lee. They are shut in this week.

RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday, we had a wonderful service with our pastor, Rev. Herman Phillips, bringing a dynamic message. His subject was "Where Are The Witnesses?" We also had Rev. R.D. Bottle doing a great service on "Crown In Lay-A-Way" for the Brotherhood on Sunday afternoon.

There were four visitors with us last Sunday, and six of members were absent.

Attendance has improved a great deal. Still, there are others who could and

REV. GIBBS SPEAKER HERE

Rev. Willie Gibbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, was guest speaker last Sunday afternoon at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church for the New Zeal District Baptist Association.

Rev. Gibbs is a cousin of Mrs. Clara Etta Brown. She prepared a lovely breakfast for the New Zeal District. Guest included Rev. Floyd Perry, Jr., Rev. A.L. Dunn, Rev. Adolphus Cleveland, Rev. Wilson Baldwin, Rev. M.A. Brown of Tahoka, Rev. C.C. Peoples of Slaton, and Rev. George Coleman.

due to illness. We have been asked to be at Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rev. E.D. Toines, pastor, in Snyder, Texas, Sunday, February 25. It will be their church anniversary and installation of officers.

We are also invited to Mount Rose Baptist Church in Sweetwater, Texas, Rev. F.R. Williams, pastor, on Sunday afternoon, March 8. It will be for their 34th Annual Board of the Lovely Sunset Baptist District Association.

GREATER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Littlefield, Texas

Our pastor, Rev. Wilson Baldwin, delivered another splendid sermon last Sunday morning. The morning prayer was given by Sister Annie Lewis, president of the Deaconess.

Sunday is Youth Day. Let us support our young people.

On Wednesday evening, prayer meeting and teachers meeting is held.

Attendance has improved a great deal. Still, there are others who could and


should be here. Let us all strive for perfect attendance. Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members of the church and community.

From the Pastor's Desk: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.



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FOR THE WHOLE SOUL NATION

It is only right to do exactly as one wants to do when we're acting in accordance with the whole. But like of Abe Lincoln said: "... Some of the people, some of the time..." Self-indulgence and self-actualization are polar opposites—the former destroys, the latter builds an invincible character who can achieve success in the world against the meanest odds. The Path toward self-actualization begins with the power of Love—Love we receive from parents, brothers, sisters; the daily folk we come in contact with. If there is no one to Love you other than

yourself, the task of self-actualizing becomes harder, but it is not impossible. It means that one becomes centered in their desire, and they move toward that desire without ever consciously hurting man, woman, child, friend, etc.

When a people finds itself without a leader, it becomes absolutely necessary for each person in the race to act as if he were the leader—not leading, but setting positive examples for others to follow. This is how Love exists among a people—the actual living out on a daily basis of activities that inspire, uplift, expand—and by so doing, gather the race into a solidified unit in which the charac-

ter of each individual waxes so virtuous that truly each and every one can lead. Therefore, it is necessary for each and every human on the planet to spiritualize their own consciousness. These are the days of decline—famines, earthquakes, overt selfishness and corruption, massive murders being committed in the home. To refuse to look at and see the Reality of present day existence, does not diminish that Reality. It only means that the deluded can neither lead, nor follow. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:34)

ARIES — March 21-April 20
It would be fair to say that in order for you to Love, or be in Love, the object of your affections must arouse your passions—and at the same time require nothing beyond your presence. However, there are forces moving in on you to teach you Love's finest virtues: compromise and sharing. Submit!

TAURUS — April 21-May 21
If you're in Love with someone who is always bringing out your anger or other negative traits, you should re-examine the Love you're in, and perhaps realize that pleasure and pain trying to occupy the same space creates destruction.

GEMINI — May 22-June 21
If you're in Love with someone who can't love you back, you should meditate on the causes of inhibition and restriction. Giving all to Love is not a bad idea as long as

you expect nothing in return. **CANCER — June 22-July 23**
If you are the older love in a young person's life, or the younger love in an older person's life, realize that chronological differences do not interfere with vision, but with our approach towards actualizing the vision. Give but don't hurt.

LEO — July 24-August 23
You have been known to hurt in the heart from loving so hard—but alas! you've also survived. The greatest Love is that which is happiest giving—and whenever you start wanting to be loved especially in return, the Love principle vanishes.

VIRGO — August 24-September 23

Of course someone loves you! But who do you love? How often do you express Love verbally and feelingly to the ones you claim to love? Love requires that the Lover give Love—and remember the giver is "thrice" blessed.

LIBRA — September 24-October 23

You can truly rely upon the power of Love to transform

your human condition, even if you don't move from the projects into a palace. A lost Love may come back into the life. Love is not pain; Love is the absence of pain.

SCORPIO — October 24-November 22

There are forces and magnetisms raising serious questions in your mind on the subject of Love. One answer is that you should not seek to possess the one you Love, but that you should desire Love because it raises your Spirit and Soul up to an effulgent Light.

SAGITTARIUS — November 23-December 21
You know Love is real—you just don't know who the real Lover is. What you should do is think good thoughts and wait, and while you're waiting you may realize how

TEXAS BANK WINS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Last Tuesday evening, the Texas Bank team easily defeated Lincoln Furniture, 85-67, to clinch their second straight City League Basketball Championship. High point man for the team was Pat Shelby with 22 points. Larry Lawrence followed with 18 points and James Conwright scored 15 points.

The bank team now travels to Plainview on Saturday, February 24, to play in the regional tournament. The team winning the regional playoffs will advance to the state finals in Nacogdoches, Texas on March 17 and 18. Last year, the team was sponsored by

Planning Consultants. They took second place in the state tournament, losing to White Gloves of Houston.

There are nine players on the team: James Conwright, Dan Leach, Grady Newton, Reggie Ramey, Eddie Randle, Pat Shelby, T. Taylor, and Langston Williams. Congratulations and good luck in the Regional and State play.

Semi-Monthly Summary

HISTORY-MAKING BLACK HAPPENINGS:

Semi-Monthly Summary... (For your continuing calendar of major black events. Please cut out this column and keep it in your own notebook. Please mark the date of each entry.)

International News...

Uganda — President Idi Amin reportedly stepped up his psychological campaign against the U.S. by intensifying pressures on the few remaining citizens in Uganda.

Mr. Amin had become more bitter against the United States after its announcement of support, along with Britain some weeks ago, of Tanzania, upon which Uganda had engaged in warfare, annexing some 700 square miles of Tanzanian territory.

Earlier President Carter had approved a trade embargo against Uganda. The U.S. had been a major importer of Ugandan coffee.

Although other coffee buyers could readily be found, the U.S. embargo was seen by Ugandan authorities as a rebuff to their regime.

The United Nations — For more than a year now, a behind-the-scenes confrontation has been going on between a number of free

The KITCHEN BEAT



In today's black American home, cooking is no longer the responsibility of one person. Because of busy and varied schedules, usually every member of the family at some time or another has to prepare personal meals or meals for other members of the family. The Kitchen Beat is designed to meet some needs of the various cooks of the modern black family.

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You'll probably find that your Junior-Chef will want to make this frozen dessert as often as you let her. You'll frequently give your "OK"

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Frozen Pudding with Fruit

- Recipe Courtesy General Foods
- 1 package (4-serving size) Jell-o French vanilla or vanilla flavor instant pudding and pie filling
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 envelope Dream Whip whipped topping mix
 - 2 cups sweetened sliced fresh strawberries

Prepare pudding mix with 1 cup milk as directed on package. Prepare whipped topping mix as directed on package; blend into pudding mixture. Pour into 8-inch square pan. Freeze until firm. Serve with strawberries. Makes 3 cups pudding or 8 servings.

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The Black Community Needs To Own A Radio Station In Lubbock



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Several years ago, I had an opportunity, through a program called the "Soul Patrol" with the help of Officers Fulton Berry and Floyd Price. This program was heard each Sunday evening over KSEL in Lubbock.

After a short, but highly successful tenure, the "Soul Patrol" was discontinued here. My reasons for what really happen, in my opinion, is that the new station owners did not share in our total involvement in the Black community. Therefore, our type of programming didn't appeal to their philosophy. We believe, however, their purpose was for capital gain. For total involvement - NO! Total commitment and involvement would have

meant the Black community would have had a greater control and some say Blacks could have been a part of policymaking.

We've had some long and very successful efforts over the years since the "Soul Patrol" has no longer been heard here. Since that time, this writer, has worked hard to find a means of seeing that Black people will have some kind of a voice, through the airwaves, in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas. If we would be sincere with our evaluation of all radio stations in Lubbock, one would discover that there is lack of Black Radio Programming. It is possible that the local white owners of radio stations in Lubbock don't really understand nor do they wish to. It has been a lack of Black Gospel Music in our city. These kind of programs, in my opinion, have been thought to be "too Black Oriented" by some Lubbock station owners.

Ours is not the only effort to bring a "Black Owned" station to Lubbock. However, we should all try to avoid the pitfalls that are in front of us - "lest therein we shall fall."

Lack of management and engineering skills in radio broadcasting can be just as detrimental to the Black Community as a Black "fronted" bank. It is our believe that the Black Community should own a radio station.

Today, you can help yourself, family and community by filling out the questionnaire below. We can make it happen - but only with your support.

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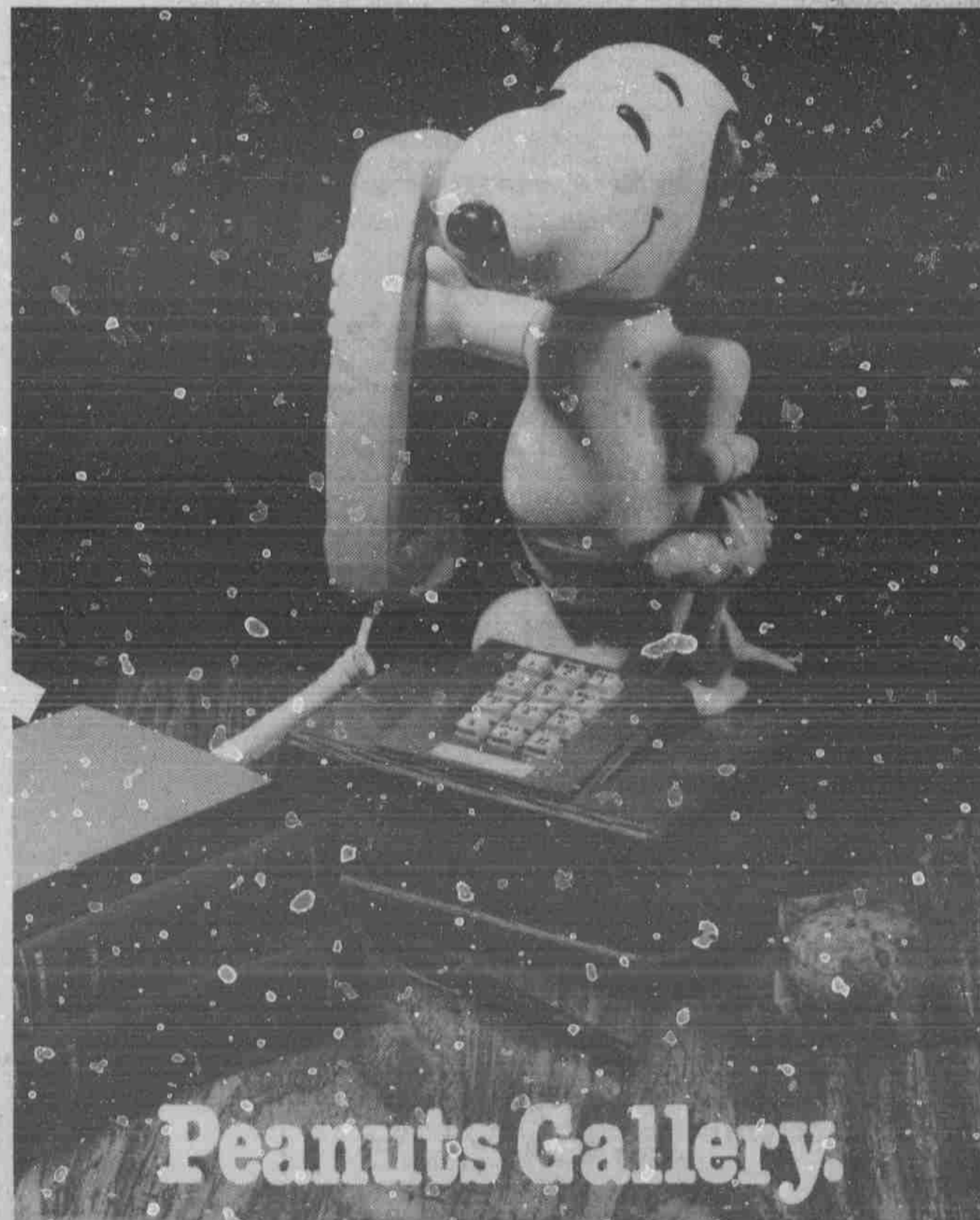
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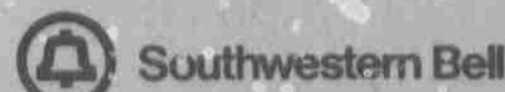
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world nations, including those of black Africa, and the U.S.A. concerning a pending decision by the U.S.A. to proceed with the manufacture of "the most powerful weapon in human history," the neutron bomb.

When President Carter announced, more than a month ago, his decision to step up the production of the bomb which had been held in check, consternation is said to have reigned here. The

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decision, while feared, had not been immediately expected. International peace groups had joined with those in U.N. diplomatic circles to engage in what was seen as one of the most widespread

and concerted campaigns in U.N. history, in a major psychological effort to head off the U.S. production of this weapon many times more powerful and destructive than the hydrogen bomb.

The United Republic of Cameroon -- This quiet African country of some seven million people has been reported to be a weather vane as to Africa's future. If so, Africa would seem to be headed for a fresh stability, a steady economy... and increased pressures or propaganda efforts aimed at the U.S.A. for its alleged timidity toward South Africa and Rhodesia.

The major headlines here concern the apparent lack of serious initiative by the U.S.A. particularly in its dealings with the two white minority dominated states. U.S. allegations of Cuban and Russian influence are downgraded.

One government official, speaking in the American Ambassador's presence, said: "Why is the United States so timid? We think you are too timid. You can go back and tell the Americans this. Yes, perhaps a peaceful settlement (in southern Africa) is still possible, but only after a fight. We, as Africans, will fight. In the end, the victory will be ours. Of that I can assure you..."

Another younger official added: "The Americans should stop complaining about the Cubans and the Russians... We must beat the South Africans. We must get rid of Smith and (Botha), even if we need the devil's help to do it. That is the only issue that counts."

National News...
 Detroit, Michigan -- U.S. Representative John Conyers assessed the revised crime code, a portion of which was handled in the last congress by the sub-committee which he has chaired, as being inadequate to deal realistically with the crime problems in minority communities.

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