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NAACP Mourns Mitchell's Death

New York -- NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks issued the following statement upon learning of the death of Clarence Mitchell, Jr., on Sunday, March 18, 1984.

It is with profound regret that we learned of the death of our dear friend and former co-worker, Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Mr. Mitchell died of a heart attack at his home in Baltimore on Sunday, March 18. He leaves his beloved wife of 46 years, Juanita Jackson, four sons and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Mitchell was an especially unique person. He was the nation's only full-time civil rights lobbyist in Washington for 30 years. He pioneered in the development of that very special art which resulted in the passage of the most comprehensive series of civil rights laws in the nation's history. These were the 1957 Civil Rights Act, the 1960 Civil Rights Act, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

He was a dogged foe of racial oppression in every form and every area. He led in the desegregation of the nation's capital and the end of Jim Crow employment in every federal agency as well as the Armed Services. As a lobbyist working directly with government and agency leaders, he was ideally suited to exert pressure in strategic areas.

His contributions are especially important because of his unending belief in the need for strong, effective civil rights laws. Once he gained enactment of those laws, he utilized his skills to ensure that they were enforced.

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Attorney General Says Voting Rights Amendment Is Constitutional

In a March 18 letter to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, the Attorney General of the United States took the position that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act as amended is constitutional. When the Court of Appeals decides the Lubbock election case, it notified the Attorney General that he would be given 14 days to which to file a request for rehearing in the case, if he thought it necessary to do so.

Federal law requires notification to the U.S. Attorney General whenever an act of Congress is challenged as unconstitutional in a federal court case. The city council did not question the constitutionality of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act when the case was tried in Judge Woodward's court, but raised that issue for the first time during the appeal at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. It was for that reason that the Court of Appeals decided to notify the Attorney General of the situation and give him permission to intervene in the case.

In a letter to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, sent to all counsel in the case as well, William Bradford Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, informed the court that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act "is a constitutional exercise of Congress' power to enforce the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments."

The letter was sent in reply to the court's earlier letter to William French Smith, Attorney General of the United States. The Attorney General's response represents, of course, the position of the Reagan administration on the matter.

Attorneys for Lubbock's minority plaintiffs say that if the city council does petition the

Supreme Court to take the case, and in the unlikely event the Supreme Court grants the petition and accepts the case for review, then the Attorney General of the

Wofforth Chamber of Commerce "Educator Of The Year"

Mrs. Dorothy Kinner, 2318 Birch Avenue of Lubbock, Texas, was named "Educator of the Year" by the Wofforth Chamber of Commerce Saturday night at their annual banquet in Wofforth, Texas.

Mrs. Kinner received her Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Education degrees from Texas Southern University at Houston, Texas. She began her teaching career at Seiber Elementary School in Lubbock which is now called Wheatly Elementary. After twelve years in the classroom at New Deal, Mrs. Kinner decided to become a librarian. She received her library certification from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas. For the past seventeen years, she has been employed by the Franship Independent School District of Wofforth as the Junior High Librarian. She is a life member of Texas Library Association, Texas State Teachers Association and a member of the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She is also a member of New Hope Baptist Church where she serves as Church Clerk, instructor for the Women's Missionary Society, sings in the Chancel Choir and has taught Sunday School for twenty-seven years. She is secretary of the West Texas Baptist Congress of Christian



Mrs. Dorothy Kinner
Education
Mrs. Kinner is the wife of D. C. Kinner, and they are the proud

Mortgage Burning Set

The public is invited to join the pastor and members of Carter Chapel CME Church to celebrate the mortgage burning of their church.

The first service will be Sunday, April 8, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. The church is inviting all the local churches to join them in this celebration. Sunday, April 15, 1984 at 3:00 p.m., Bishop C. D. Coleman, presiding Bishop of the Eighth Episcopal District, will be the speaker for the Mortgage Burning.

"We hope our many friends will join us in this joyous occasion," says Rev. Raymond McKeever, pastor.

Rev. Jonah Parker is Presiding Elder.

parents of two lovely daughters -- Brenda who is employed by Exxon in General Services in Houston, Texas, and Denise who is employed as Service Representative for AT&T Information Systems in Austin.

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Members March To New Church Building

The Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1717 Idalou Road, Lubbock, Texas, Rev. A. L. Patrick, pastor, will begin a series of dedicational services Sunday, April 1, 1984 with a march from the old building, located at 806 Idalou Road, to the present location.

There will be other guest churches sharing in these services. The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will be in charge of the first period. Rev. Kado Lang is president.

These services are open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Guest churches will include churches from Hobbs, New Mexico and local churches who will participate in these services.



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ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. A. L. Patrick Pastor

"Address of New Church"

Digest Analysis Fifth Circuit's Opinion in The Lubbock Election Case

"Polarized Voting"

(Editor's Note: This is the third of four series of the recent decision handed down by the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in regard to the single member district elections for the City of Lubbock. Would appreciate your comments after the entire series.)

Expert testimony provided a substantial basis from which the court could have found polarization. In the initial trial, Dr. Charles Johnson, plaintiffs expert, testified that minority candidates received an average of only 11% of the vote in predominantly anglo precincts in Lubbock compared to an average of 63% of the vote in predominantly minority areas. At the second trial, Dr. Robert Brischetto introduced polarization studies purporting to show that the race or ethnicity of a candidate overwhelmingly determined voter preference.

"Where They Will March"

The theme for the series will be "The Entering and Dedicational Services."

Come one! Come all! and join the members of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in this special event in this New Home of Prayer. But remember:

House of Prayer,
The house of Prayer,
Is no further away,
Than the quiet spot,
Where you kneel and pray,
For the heart is a temple,
When you place yourself

In His loving care...
In Zion Missionary Baptist Church
everybody is somebody,
and where the soul of man
and the spirit of God meets.

13th Annual Miss Black Black Lubbock Pageant

All young ladies between the ages of 18 and 26 are invited to take a part in this event and vie for the coveted title of "Miss Black Lubbock - 1984."

For additional information or official entry, please call either of the directors: Joan Y. Ervin, 763-0853; Thelma Brown, 763-7436; or Margaret Randle, 799-3014.

Young ladies from Reese Air Force Base are welcomed.

The event will be held Friday night, June 8, 1984 at Estacado High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Filing deadline is April 23, 1984.

"Let us make this the best event ever," said Ms. Ervin.

Most Black Churches Can Control \$ Billion

NEW ORLEANS, LA -- How the Black Church can use its \$10-billion dollars in annual resources to address concerns in educational achievement, economic development, personal improvement and political power, will be outlined at the First National Assembly of Black Churches at the New Orleans Superdome, April 4-6, sponsors of the event, announced this week.

Greater utilization of the Church in achieving these goals will be discussed at the three day session called by the Rev. T.J. Jamison, president of the 10 million member National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., and the Right Rev. Frank Cummings, secretary of the Bishop's Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Jamison is based in Baton Rouge, La. and Bishop Cummings is headquartered in New Orleans.

Over 65,000 churches in black communities throughout the nation control disposition of at least \$50 million in spending power each week in addition to billions of dollars in capital investments, the Rev. Jamison declared in issuing the call for "Jorgymen and women to attend L.A. historic sessions in Louisiana."

Some 30,000 clerical and lay leaders have been invited to the Assembly sponsored by the Black Churches of America Publications, Inc. in cooperation with representatives of 25 religious denominations, including the eight major black organizations. These include the African Methodist Episcopal (AME); National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.; National Baptist of America; American Baptists; Black Methodist for Church Renewal; National Conference of Black Churches; Christian Methodist Episcopal; African Methodist Episcopal Zion; National Office of Black Catholics; Islamic of Islam; Coordinator of Black Ministers of the Episcopal Church; United Moravian Church; and World Community of Al-Islam.

"More money passes through the Black Church than any other black institution in the nation," said James E. Hurt, Jr., publisher of Who's Who Among American Black Churches and organizer of

Wilkins Bill Passes Houses

WASHINGTON--NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks praised the House Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee for voting unanimously on Tuesday, March 6, to strike a medal in "poor of Roy Wilkins, the late NAACP leader. Mr. Hooks said the subcommittee, led by its chairman Frank Annunzio (D-IL), demonstrated an exemplary moral commitment to civil rights and racial justice.

Mr. Wilkins was NAACP

1974 EHS Readies For Class Reunion

The 1974 Class of Estacado High School is making plans for their class reunion. If you are a 1974 graduate of EHS, please contact either Phyllis Bentz, 745-8268; Myra Jones, 747-7995; Harvey Wigfall, 757-1316; Brenda Johnson Wilson, 765-9352 or write to the following: E. H. S. Class of '74, P. O. Box 53502, Lubbock, Texas 79453.

Mr. & Miss DHS Set For April 28th

The Dunbar High School Class of '74 announces the "Future Mr. & Miss Dunbar High School Junior Pageant." The big event will be held April 28, 1984 in the Dunbar High School Auditorium at 3 p.m.

According to a spokesperson, this promises to be a beautiful affair with 33 entrants vying for the glorious title of "Future Mr. & Miss Dunbar High."

"The future belongs to the young, so please purchase a ticket from one of these beautiful young people," says Mrs. Olympia Nelson Evans.

Vote April 7th! Your Vote Is Precious!

excutive director from 1955 until his retirement in 1976. Mr. Hooks succeeded him the following year. Mr. Wilkins first joined the Association's staff as assistant secretary in 1931.

Mr. Hooks was one of several persons who testified in support of the medal. He said "I know in my lifetime of no one who has been more devoted to the dream of freedom." Mr. Wilkins, he said, "was a legend in his time." He led the NAACP's struggle for human dignity and racial equality at a time when America needed a man of steady courage, great strength, superior intellect and pristine integrity.

The House bill to mint the Wilkins medal was sponsored by New York Representative Charles B. Rangel with the support of Mrs. Anninda Wilkins, the late leader's widow. He testified that "Roy Wilkins deserves this honor for his service to the United States."

Co-sponsoring the measure is 18th Senator Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D. N.Y.) He notes that the Senate had unanimously

Pythians Set Annual Celebration

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Northeast Little League Signs

Sign up have begun for young fellows who would like to participate in the Northeast Little League.

The various age levels are:

--- Wanted ---

Continuity and Organization News is wanted! If you would like to have your club or organization news in the Southwest Digest, at least once a month, please get it to us by 12 Noon Tuesday before publication day.

These articles will be published upon space availability. Therefore it is important for you to get it to us before deadline.

Please enclose surrounding area news also. This is your newspaper, so get involved with us by supplying us with your news.

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EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

We Must Use The Paper Bullet, Now!!!

by
Eddie P. Richardson

First, we should thank God, thank Congress, the Voting Rights Amendment, and Judge Herbert O. Woodward for our victory. Being a disciple of Malcolm X, more so than the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this writer has a theory that the way we can win our war now is by means of the paper bullet — the ballot. And as a disciple of Malcolm, we subscribe to this way for us to survive is to have our own philosophies. We must organize our people, be black, brown, poor white and others in the political, economic and social arenas despite their religious or non-religious beliefs.

What we must do now is control the politics and the politicians of our community. We will elect the ones who feel will serve our best interest. We will organize and sweep out of office all Blacks, minorities and other politicians who are puppets of the outside forces. We say to our mentor, "He was a dedicated patriot; dignity was his country; manhood was his government and freedom was his land." Rev. Albert Cleage clears up some of the myths of Malcolm X.

No matter how much is said about what Malcolm X was, the speculations about what he could have been will go on for a good number of years. The triumph and tragedy of his short lived leadership have their own mystique, which is, on reflection, both intriguing and sad, like the memory of lost love.

The influence of Malcolm X on the political consciousness of Black Americans has had its greatest growth since his death. His statement, "Freedom by any means necessary," has been both used and abused by young Black militants. His dream of a world where his people will walk in freedom and dignity was temporary defamed by his assassination. The assassination killed the dreamer, but not the dream. The dream is the legacy he left us. People, please remember we can win our wars with the paper bullet which is the precious vote. For the first time in the history of this city, the Mayor of the city is going to have to come by here! By here means District One and District Two. These are two of the largest districts in the city. For the first time, for one to be Mayor, he or she will have to come through this path. In the past, these areas were left out, but now it's a reality. We now have the weapon — that precious paper bullet — which make it imperative for these candidates for mayor to come by here.

For the first time, we will be able to control our destinies and chart our courses, and make a positive contribution to the entire City of Lubbock.

This writer has a personal gripe this week. A Jack leg, non-credible preacher tried to challenge our credibility. One who has never contradicted anything to the community. He even challenged this writer. Grother, I paid my dues. I was in the March on Washington, Resurrection City, and even brought the Ward System — years back — to the floor at the Booker T. Washington American Legion Hall, Post 808 in Yellowhouse Canyon in 1963. Since that time, this writer has been on the case every since. Of course there were people before and after that time in history, but where were you, Reb'n?

Reb'n, your statement on some of your so called outspoken people were probably lying on an or sleeping one off. Who were you? In one of those sleazy joints where you frequent? Or somewhere lying to get a gig to play in a rock group?

You know, Reb'n, it takes one to know one. What dues did you pay for the community? Your challenge, Reb'n, is without substance. Let's face facts, this writer, since the 1960's, has been on the case marching, protesting, talking, writing, getting hit on the head with a five cell flashlight, marching through lye, fire hoses! Where were you? Swaying, leaning, walking, bending or crawling?

This writer was there, but where were you? To look over small people and small minds and small actions, we have to move for and to higher and bigger goals. Once we use our new weapon, the paper ballot. We cannot lose! We will be the recognizing factor.

A voteless people is a hopeless people. Remember when you go vote, our City Council and Lubbock Independent School District have been unjust, illegal and immoral. And has totally ignored, disgraced use and needs, wishes and desires. The most important thing is they (the system presently all white city council). Don't mind you struggling for freedom as long as you struggle according to their rules among yourselves. As long as you let them tell you how to struggle, they go for your struggles.

But as soon as you come to one of them who is supposed to be for your freedom and tell him you're for freedom by any means necessary, he gets away from you. He's for his freedom by any means necessary.

BLACKS' RETICENCE TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE THEIR COMMUNITIES" SAID DOUGLAS G. GLASGOW, DEAN OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, IS A MAJOR FACTOR AND AN IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITIES' UNDEVELOPED STATUS."

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- DOCTORS
- LAWYERS
- ARTISTS
- TEACHERS
- MINISTERS
- WORKERS
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- SOCIAL WORKERS
- FRATERNAL GROUPS
- FINANCE
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATION
- ENGINEERING
- PLANNING
- ARCHITECTURE
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BLACKS MUST BE THEIR OWN GUARDIANS OF THEIR FREEDOM.

but he'll never go along with you to get your freedom by any means necessary.

This writer is for peace, but I don't see how any Black people can be at peace before the war is over, and you haven't even won a battle yet! Arm yourselves with paper bullets.

Back to Lub'n, we marched on Washington, was in Resurrection City, attended Dr. King's funeral, and was in Granada, Mississippi with Dr. King, Eva, was in Bogalusa, La. when the Deacons for Defense confronted the KKK. Were you there, Reb'n?

Closing thought: *We must pay some dues or keep your mouth shut. You can't talk what you don't know; you can't lead where you don't go, and you can't teach what you don't know. Get your stuff together. Get involved VOTE!!*

Business in the Black

By Charles E. Pells



\$130,000 in Pillsbury Flour Bag Take Great American Bake-Off

SAN DIEGO...The brunette behind the registration desk at the San Diego Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel blinched when I told her that I was the Pillsbury dough boy. Albeit, a bit toasted. Considering this was the 31st Pillsbury and General Electric American Bake-off, and I appeared to have attended and eaten well at each one, dough boy could easily have applied to me. Mind you, fattening people is not what the American Bake-off is all about. Dough, yeast, flour and fortune! Forty thousand dollars in cash for the amateur cook who wins the grand prize with his or her original baking recipe.

Really, I could have won if only I could have just figured out how to bake chili! Considering that the panel of independent food editor judges had its first male judge since the bake-off began back in 1949, I knew it was on the up and up. In fact, this time the first male money prize winners were selected, one from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota for his "no knead German rye bread" recipe in the flour category. Another Southern gentleman from Spartanburg, S.C. with his "crescent Gordon bleu" recipe in the refrigerated dinner roll category.

While each of these two men collected two grand in cash, indicating their recipes were winners, in reality they and 107 other contestants for the \$2,000 in Leisure Regional or family group prizes of which there were 15 winners, as well as, the five \$15,000 category winners of refrigerated dinner roll, flour, package mix, refrigerated biscuit and the all new microwave category, in addition to a grand prize of \$25,000 "already were winners" according to John M. Stafford, president, Consumer Foods Group, the Pillsbury Company.

Stafford stands and looks like a man who can give away \$130,000 to any man or woman at the bake-off. No one stood taller (he is at least 6'4", commanding, lean, handsome, navy and got a pocket full of bucks) last's stature and status! When he said the 109 contestants for all that money were winners he meant they were winners. There were to be 110 contestants, but one submitted a "used" recipe so was disqualified from the competition. This contest is strictly on the level-no cheating.

Each contestant once selected from the several thousand entries from around the country is pampered with a fully paid round-trip to the bake-off final, this year in San Diego. To the 109 contestants free air tickets, plus, in the words of the Pillsbury Company, "As guests of the Pillsbury Company, your room and meals are all paid until you scheduled departure. The expense money provided before you left home was planned to cover tips, cab fare and other incidentals of your trip. You should not have to spend any of your own money unless you choose to do some personal shopping. Yeah! Now that's what I call winning! Sea World and champagne while overlooking the yachts from the Light House or Harbor Terrace dining room. It's a good thing Pillsbury threw in that \$25,000 prize money or most of the contestants would have been sampling more of the local cuisine, than creating their own cooking over the three day food fun festival. Flora Grantham from Chevy Chase, MD, along with her husband, were having one helluva good time. She was as sweet and unique as her winning "Japanese fruit marble cake," could have won a prize as Mrs. Congeniality.

Pillsbury products have a lot going for them, even without sponsoring this "Great American Bake-off" for 35 years along with the General Electric Company, however, it's not going to hurt either company to keep on sponsoring a success. Entry forms for the next bake-off are already in the bottom of your Pillsbury flour bag.

By the way, the grand prize winner with \$40,000 in total cash was Susan Forschman from Whitewater, Wisconsin, with a "country apple coffee cake" recipe; she cried all the way to the bank.



JULIAN BOND

Prejudice hasn't disappeared

By Julian Bond

"It happened yesterday, but it's all over now." That's not the refrain from a piece of country music. Instead, it's the song being sung by conservatives who want to roll back civil-rights protections.

Their argument is simple: Racial discrimination used to exist, they say, and we are sorry that it did.

But all of that is behind us, they continue, and we no longer need the laws and regulations that have protected minorities from public and private prejudice.

In the U.S. Senate, this off-key song is being sung about the Voting Rights Act.

North Carolina's right-wing twins, Jesse Helms and John East, complain that the federal law unfairly discriminates against Southern states that may have denied blacks the right to vote in the past. Since no Southern state discriminates these days, say the senators, and since other parts of the country may be guilty of doing what the South used to do, the act ought to apply to all of the states or to none.

In Atlanta, an argument is raging over hollow-point bullets. After a white policeman shot and killed an unarmed black youth and planted a knife on the corpse to justify the killing, Atlanta's first black public-safety director, A. Reginald Eaves, ordered the police to use semi-wadcutter bullets instead of hollow-points.

But after the recent shootings of five policemen within a two-week span — including one officer who was shot by another — the police want the more powerful bullets back. We used to execute blacks summarily in the streets, some policemen seem to be saying, but we don't do it anymore. So, give us back the killing power that we need to have.

In Los Angeles, 16 people — 12 of them black — have died as a result of carotid chokeholds applied by police officers. Police Chief Daryl Gates argues that blacks are more likely than "normal" people to die from the reduced blood flow to the brain that results from the holds.

Back in Washington, the Department of Justice opposes affirmative-action programs. The reason? The "formerly disadvantaged population" — that is, white males — has become "disadvantaged" because of government efforts to help women and minorities. The department thinks that the pendulum needs to swing back to the middle to protect this newly disadvantaged class.

The disappearance of prejudice so apparent to Helms, East and other Washington policy-makers and the altered attitudes toward blacks of policemen in Atlanta and Los Angeles have escaped the notice of most blacks.

While the "whites only" signs and the local laws that celebrated American apartheid are indeed artifacts of a not-too-distant past, their effect lingers on.

Discrimination at the ballot box is a current phenomenon, and not a relic of days gone by.

Police shootings of unarmed citizens — too many of them black — are occurring today in the United States. They have not been relegated to the headlines of yesterday.

Jim Crow still stands between many minorities and a decent education or a well-paying job.

Most Americans probably wish that racism had vanished, that yesterday's shame had not lingered into today.

But wishing won't make it so.

(NEWS-PAPER EDITOR/PRISE MAN)

Things You Should Know

Bessie SMITH
CA 1896-1937



BORN IN CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THERE IS LITTLE KNOWN OF HER EARLY CHILDHOOD — LATER SHE WAS CARED FOR BY THE OTHER GREAT BLUES SINGER, MA RAINEY. SHE BECAME A WELL-PAID STAR OF NEGRO VAUDEVILLE — HER FIRST RECORD SOLD OVER TWO MILLION COPIES — AFTER AN AUTOMOBILE CRASH IN MISSISSIPPI, SHE HAD TO BE TAKEN ALL THE WAY TO CHATTANOOGA, TENN. IN SEARCH OF A "JIM CROW" HOSPITAL — SHE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE DELAY.



Ringing The Bell

by
Bib Tloual

How will Jesse Jackson be judged in history? And as Julian Bond asks in his column "Viewpoint", what standard will be used to decide whether his effort has succeeded or failed, or whether a similar effort should be tried again?

Charles Bond Jackson's every up and down will be measured for demographic significance. His words—public and private, past and present—will be considered and weighed. His public and private life will be subjected to microscopic examination. And like every other candidate, he'll be held accountable for the actions of his relatives and friends. That kind of analysis is standard. Anyone who seeks the presidency ought to expect it.

Jackson will be judged in comparison to other black candidates stretching back to Frederick Douglass in 1848. The votes the abolitionist received at the Year's Republican convention marked him as the first black candidate to gather support for the nation's highest office. "Until Jesse Jackson in 1964, the most notable effort had been U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm's race in 1972. Her 28 delegates and 151,226 convention votes will be compared with the number Jackson gets at the Democratic convention in San Francisco. Jackson will be finally judged by his ability to reach the goals he set for himself when his campaign began.

Jackson said then he hoped to increase the number of black voters, to raise issues no other candidate would raise, and to serve as a catalyst for the election of hundreds of minority candidates throughout the country. The final judgement of these goals won't come until Nov. 8. That will be Ronald Reagan's judgement day as well, end of quote from Julian Bond.

One vote does count! In a recent city in a recent city election held in Hobbs, New Mexico, where there are some ten thousand registered voters, J.W. Brewer lost a place on the council by one vote. Only about a third of registered blacks voted, according to reports. A little larger percent of white voters went to the polls. This was Brewer's third attempt to be the first black to hold a place on the Hobbs City Council, which places members from an At-Large election process. It is also reported that a suit will be filed in the U.S. Courts questioning the validity of the At-Large System. And as we go to press, the At-Large system is being tried in U.S. Courts in Texas, Texas where Mexican-Americans have charged that the At-Large process discriminates against them in city and school board elections.

Press reports recently tallied the millions of starving Africans in the world today. The Associated Press reports "about 440 million Africans, one tenth of the world's people, have measurably less to eat than they had ten years ago." The U.S. Congress today is in the midst of a drive to do something about the great food shortage and drought in many areas of Africa and the situation is staggering, reports Newsweek. There can be little doubt that Africa faces the greatest problem of hunger and starvation than any other place in the world today. Readers, bring your U.S. Congressman today and ask them to join in the fight to bring relief to one tenth of the world's population.

For more information on what Bellingers can do write: Food for the Hungry International—Box 3—Scottsdale, Arizona—85262.

Food for the Hungry is a low-overhead response of Christians love to a world where 12,000 people starve to death each day. One hundred million people are daily getting less than the minimum to eat. Since its founding in 1971, Food for the Hungry has provided over twenty million dollars in the form of food or funds to help needy people in Africa and around the world.

At the meantime our church is forwarding a check today for the fund, not that much, but we try to divide what the Lord has given us. Wait more can you do? Maybe a dollar or 5 or 25 or \$100. Do what you can. Time is running out.

Letter to Editor

— Editorial Somewhat Appalling —

Dear Editor:

In your recent editorial you made a comment concerning Rev. Roy Jones that I found to be somewhat appalling. Let us be reminded that the real issue in this campaign is equal representation and not whether or not Rev. Jones was present at the rendering of the judge's decision. We must also keep in mind that it matters not whose name was used as the plaintiff in this lawsuit but the achievement of victory in the end is what counts.

I feel that the entire community, both black and white of Lubbock, owes a sincere debt of gratitude to Rev. Jones and those associated with him for their tireless efforts in achieving victory in this important event in our community. Certainly Mr. Richardson, this is not a time for personal cheap shot attacks. For remember Mr. Richardson that a house divided against itself cannot stand. You must be reminded that in the history of social justice for the black man and in equality for the poor people it has always been the black preacher and the black church that has been in the forefront fighting toward these ends. And if you will simply take the time to look around you will find that many of our black national political leaders are preachers. For example, Rev. Jesse Jackson, candidate for President; Rev. Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director NAACP; Rev. Leon Sullivan, OIC, to name a few. It is said that we as a community show a lack of gratitude to those that have helped us achieve an important landmark. For remember Mr. Richardson while some of our so called outspoken people were probably "laying off off," people like Rev. Jones were fighting for single member districts.

It would not be right for us to leave the impression with Rev. Jones that "now that you have won the lawsuit get out of our way and let us run with the ball." Mr. Richardson, you have the right to support any candidate you choose but remember that you do not speak for the entire black community.

Be you reminded Mr. Richardson that the majority of your black registered voters are church members. It would not be wise of you in attempting to support your candidate to alienate this block of voters by cheap shots attacking one of our religious leaders of East Lubbock. For the points that you brought out in your so called "making us aware" were simply meaningless and certainly at this time totally uncalled for. I am closing this letter by saying to you that all of us are out to obtain one common goal—and that is equal representation for all people. Thanking you very much for your attention.

Respectfully,
Rev. Joseph S. Ferguson, Sr.
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Editor's Note: Thank you Brother for finally reading and we assume that by reading you are a supporter. Since apparently you do not read us and you are not involved in the community, we can understand why your concept is so different from ours.

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Worship as a Family This Week

OBSEQUIES

Mrs. Louise Reece

Final rites were read for Mrs. Marjorie Louise Reece Tuesday afternoon, March 27, 1984 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Stephen Pierson, pastor, officiating.



and national level. Pallbearers were members of the Steward Board of Bethel.

Sedberry Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

A resident of Lubbock for more than forty years, Mrs. Reece was a faithful worker in her church. She worked in the Sunday School Department and was a delegate to the General Conference for five times. Serving on various departments of the church, she worked at the local, district, state

Mrs. Bettye J. Scott

Carthage, Tx. - Final rites were read for Mrs. Bettye J. Scott Tuesday, March 29, 1984 at the Zion Missionary C. M. E. Church with Rev. A. R. Mayfield officiating. Rev. Walter Jackson is pastor.



of Heroin's of Jericho and was involved in community services dutifully. She passed away Saturday, March 17, 1984. Interment was held in Odd Fellows Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Peoples Funeral Home, Directors, Carthage. Active pallbearers were Casey

Mrs. Scott was the sister of Dr. Heenan Johnson, III of Lubbock. Mrs. Scott was born in Panola County, Carthage, Texas to Heenan Johnson, and Lucy Eubanks Johnson. She graduated from Turner High School and attended Wiley College at Marshall, Texas.

She was a devoted member of the Mt. Zion C. M. E. Church where she served faithfully as Church Secretary for thirty years. She married Fred W. Scott. To this union three children were born. She was employed by Carthage Independent School District until her death.

Mrs. Scott was also a member

Post, Texas Pleasant Home Baptist Church

First on the agenda is the Pleasant Home Baptist Church's 60th Anniversary which will be held April 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1984. The motto is: "Serve Me, O God, by thy name and judge me by thy strength." Psalm 54:1.

We are asking our many friends to come. Rev. Arthur Kelly is most pastor. The musical will be held Saturday night, April 14th at 8 p.m. The Soul Seekers and Spiritual Wonders will be on program. Come and bring a friend.

Services were very good last Sunday morning. It began with Sunday School. The lesson was "Jesus Calls Persons to Minister." Mark 8:27-38. The key verse was: "Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34. It was a good and wonderful lesson.

During the morning worship hour, everyone was at their post of duty. Songs of praises were sung by the choir. They really sang from their hearts and soul to the master. After call was slightly prayed. Truly the master was in our midst. Rev. John James read I Corinthians 9:1-14. The devotion was led by Deacons Willie Burleson and Jim Osby and Sister Fisher Wynn. Sister Wynn read the entire number of 46th Psalms. Our pastor preached from the Book of Saint John 10:9. His subject was "In And Out." He really preached from his heart and soul. The master is still very much truly in the midst in this Holy place.

A very beautiful victor, Sister Myrtle Shelton of Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C., Phoenix, Arizona was present. Among our sick and shut in are the First Lady of the Church, Sister Lela Kelly who is home and recuperating nicely. Also Sister Della Smith, Dorothy Pringler, Elizabeth Iles, Erma Griffin, Iona Smith and Ola Harrison.

Also, Sister Ida Mae Brown, Ali are ill in their respective.

Honorary pallbearers were Fred W. Scott, Sr., Fred W. Scott, Jr., Dr. Heenan Johnson, III, Heenan Johnson, III and Alan H. D. Scott. Flower bearers were the ladies of the Church and Friends.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the home of President Juanita Sowell. This was a gooooooood meeting. Were you there??? Vice president Christine Hysom presided over the meeting. Opening scripture was St. John 14:1-6. Participating were Mrs. Verline Carroll, Mrs. C. Hysom and Mrs. E. Dyer.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Mrs. Annie Lewis Sanders which was a continuation of the previous weeks. The text was Matthew 7, Romans 10:17, Matthew 6:24; Act 2:38; Romans 10:8-14; Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 5:38-48; Matthews 5:13-16; Mark 11:22-24.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew; and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.

This speaker continued in saying when you build carelessly you will find yourself falling all over the place. The rock that you build on is Jesus. You are on solid ground. Ask for what you want according to Mark 11:22-24. Stand on the word, not today and tomorrow isn't do it Jesus is our example. We all have the same example. When you hear the word repeat so you will have the authority to use God's word. Stand on it and act upon it. We are to have life abundantly. Love the Lord with all you have and love those that God loves and this will include them all. Stop giving the adversary a piece of our mind. We need all the peoples to be of a sound mind. Let's not poor mouth. There are no poor Christians. Only

over the city, God is the answer. "Let's Pray"

God of mercy, all of us are pilgrims. We are afraid to face problems that we have never had to face before. Sickness in our bodies that we thought would have never been but by your stripes we are healed. Help us to keep our faith. Out front to challenge the evil one when attacked. Lead us Lord and we will gladly follow in the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN!

Call if we can be of service to you or write: Outreach Prayer Breakfast and Project Blessing, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. You may call either 782-3347 or 747-7326.

We will walk by faith and not by sight. Three nights of Prayer will be held April 19, 20 & 21, 1984. Mrs. Pith Davis of Dallas Texas will be our guest each night. Come and be a blessing as well as receiving a blessing. Closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Annie Lewis.

We will meet in the home of Mrs. Carrie B. Williams, 2509 Globe Avenue, Saturday morning. Mrs. Juanita Sowell, president; Mrs. Christine Hysom, vice president; Mrs. M. Bogus, acting secretary; and Mrs. Dorothy Hood, reporter.

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We haven't words to express our thanks for your many prayers, kind acts and deeds during the illness and death of our love one. We thank God for each of you. May He ever keep us all in His care.

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Lord, I'll Be Back! My Lamps Out!

John 8:12 -- Jesus said: I'm the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Matthew 25:10-11 -- Jesus said: While they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord open to us. But he answered and said, verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Lord, someone's knocking at the door and ringing the bell.

Will you let'em in heaven? Or tell'em to go to hell.

Lord, there's a preacher out there, in his long robe.

He says he preached and prayed and collected the gold. (Not the souls!!!)

Matthew 23:5-7 -- Jesus said: But all their works they do to be seen of men; they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and greeting in markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi.

Lord, someone's knocking at the door and ringing the bell.

Will you let'em in heaven? Or tell'em to go to hell.

Lord, there's a missionary out there, with a Bible in her hand, she says she've feed the word to the children in foreign land. (Not in Lubbock)

Matthew 23:15 -- Jesus said: Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! For the compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Lord, someone's knocking at the door and ringing the bell.

Will you let'em in heaven? Or tell'em to go to hell.

Lord, there's a Deacon out there, standing proud.

He says he's taken the offerings 30 years, and not a penny taken out.

Matthew 23:27 -- Jesus said:

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Sunday School began at 9:30 a. m. last Sunday morning with Supt. Ernest Swain, Sr. at his post of duty. Sister G. H. Davis furnished the music.

Monday worship services began with devotion by Deacon Francis and Deacon Kelly. The choirs were at their post of duty. At the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. L. Dunn brought the message of the hour. His scripture was St. Luke 4:16-30. His subject was "The Marvelous Work and Program of Jesus Christ."

Services were just great at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Baptist Training Union at New Hope was held at 8:00 p. m. Evening worship began at 7 p. m. Devotion was led by Deacon Francis. Rev. Hope's own Rev. E. Richardson brought a wonderful message. His scripture text was Ezekiel 2:1-2. His subject was "How to Stand Up and Take It."

Let us not forget to visit our sick and shut-ins in our community. Mrs. Arne Fleming and Miss Willie Mae Nelson are home from the hospital.

Faith Baptist Church News

Morning services were great last Sunday morning. It was a wonderful Sunday School lesson which was entitled "Jesus Calls Persons to Minister." Each member reviewed the lesson beautifully.

During the devotional period of the morning worship, it was conducted by Brother G. Jackson and Brother K. Porter. The choir sang several beautiful selections. The altar call and hour of prayer was led by Rev. B. Roberts.

Rev. Roberts later preached an inspiring sermon. His text was "New Direction" Joshua 1:1-7 and 6:1-4 were his scripture.

Let us not forget to pray for our sick and shut-ins throughout the our community. Alisa Henderson is reporter.

Voting Rights

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United States probably would intervene at that point and file a brief supportive of Lubbock's minority plaintiffs. The civil rights lawyers point out that it would be very reassuring to have the Attorney General of the United States on their side of the case at the Supreme Court.

The present city council's position in this case becomes even more hopeless with this latest development. Judge Woodward has held against the city council. The Fifth Circuit has held against the city. The Attorney General of the United States has taken the position, now, that Lubbock's minority plaintiffs are correct and that the trial court and appeals court are correct in holding Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act constitutional. Most legal observers believe that the Court of Appeals will quickly deny the city council's last-minute request for an en banc rehearing of the case (a rehearing by the entire Fifth Circuit, instead of the three-judge panel that decided the case). There is no decision on rehearing, as we go to press.

The Attorney General had earlier taken the same position in a case involving vote dilution in Greenwood, Mississippi, *Jordan vs. City of Greenwood, Mississippi*. Thus, his identical position in the Lubbock case came as no surprise to legal observers.

The *Avalanche-Journal* did not cover the story on the Attorney General's letter, either on the day the letter was received by counsel for both sides in Lubbock, or on the following day. Lubbock's daily contained no mention of the development at all on those days.

Little League

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Seniors, age 13-15 years; Majors, age 11-12 years; Minor, age 10-12 years; Pee Wee, ages 8-9 years; and T. Ball, age 6-7 years.

The sign-up will take place at George V. Scob Park.

In order to help this effort, a bake sale will take place at Brooks Super Market Saturday, March 31, 1984 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Lyons Chapel Baptist Choir Presents Fete

Samuel Curtis of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, Rev. Tom Collins, pastor, will present the Community Baptist Concert Choir in a concert of thirty-five members. The president is Sister Verdie Cornelius. Vice president is Brother Charles Lurky. Sister Mae Pearl Jackson, musician and director, and Mrs. Merlyon Williams organist.

The choir will be singing praises unto the Lord, and will give vent to the Holy Spirit.

The concert which is set for Sunday, afternoon, April 1, 1984 at 3 p. m. will also have other talented people. Such as Mrs. Shirley James Davis, who will be accompanied by Mary White, Gwendolyn Evans, Wanda Phenix, Kathy James and Mrs. Myrtle Haynes, organist.

They are members of the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ. All are life long residents of Lubbock, and will be singing praises unto God who has been a part of their life since early childhood.

Rev. Tony Williams is pastor of Community Baptist Church, Bishop W. D. Haynes is pastor of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.

Wilkins Bill

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passed the companion measure last September. He explained,

never, that this gold medal will not be the first national honor Mr. Wilkins has received. President Johnson had awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in

January, 1969.

Mr. Wilkins, he said, was a "voice of reason in the United States. Only those who worked with him can know how powerful

reason can be."

Representative Steward B. McKinney (R-Cow.) said the medal, which would be authorized under the bill H.R. 3240, "is an honor richly deserved."

Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan



The short entry is by way of attempting to explain the absence of **AMERICAN'S RIDE** from the *Southwest Digest* pages the past few weeks.

I hope, when the column fails to appear, it is missed by some. But the circumstances of the commission are understood, I trust.

Sadly, but true this 1st September, this writer suffered a light stroke one day. It has resulted in a lack of circulation and some usage of the left arm and hand, and leg, but not noticeably (thank heaven). Whether medication will restore the hand function is to be seen.

The lack of ability to be fluid with the hand and fingers has all but made impossible typing and since, all of my life, this has been my main reliance in my work, I am badly hampered.

So, if the column is short and occasionally misfires, I beg you to understand and forgive me. I am proud of my association with *Southwest Digest*, with T. J. Patterson and Eddie Richardson and all of you and regret the type of events that makes this comment imperative. Keep me in your thoughts for improvement.

I'll try to keep up the work and you stand by in the meantime. I look forward to the Federation of Choirs afterwards, always have, and extend my best wishes to all concerned.

I'll conclude this - just so you will have been told, more later, I trust.

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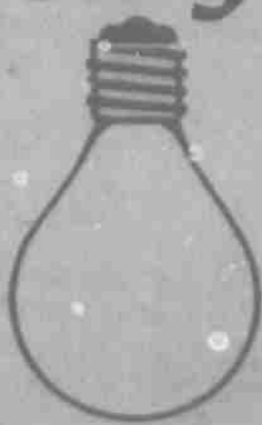
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