

Vice President Bush & Black Mayors Meet At The White House!



George Bush (2nd from left) met recently with members of The National Conference of Black Mayors to discuss their concerns about the Nation's Cities. "Unemployment is still the number one problem," said Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee and NCBM President. "We are working with the Reagan Administration to find ways to elevate this situation especially with our youths." Also present at the White House meeting (from left to right) Mayor Marion Barry of Washington D.C. and NCBM 2nd Vice President; Webster Guillory, President, of the National Association of Black County Officials; Clarence Mitchell III, President; National Black Caucus of State Legislators and Sam Tucker, Director of NCBM Washington Office.

CAREER CONVERSATIONS

CAREER CONVERSATIONS is a series of 30 minutes programs produced for Group W, Cable TV, Channel 29. The series is produced by Virginia Brookbush, with LaVerne C. Hall as Assistant Producer and Coordinator.

The series features direct dialogue between a young student and a local professional individual. The program was designed to serve several purposes, to wit:

1. Career exploratory opportunity for our youngsters.
2. Provide contemporary role models for our youngsters.
3. Direct dialogue between student and professional.
4. Develop communication skills - oral and written.

The first program is scheduled to air on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1984, 8:00 p.m., Group W, Channel 29. Mr. Curtis Midkiff, pictured above, makes his debut, and will be interviewing the Reverend Samuel B. McKinney, Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Mr. Midkiff is a student at St. Therese School, 9 years old, and in the 4th grade. He also attends the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he is active in the choir, and the Mt. Zion Ethnic School, which holds sessions every Saturday morning.

Mr. Midkiff developed the questions he asked Rev. McKinney. The questions ranged from a discussion of Rev. McKinney's formative years, his education, community activities, and his opinion on the Reverend Jesse Jackson running for president.

Recently, Mr. Midkiff received a standing ovation during a recent Dr. Martin Luther King celebration. He dramatically recited Dr. Martin Luther King's "I HAD A DREAM" speech.

Tune in February 7, Channel 29, and see a very enlightening direct dialogue between Mr. Curtis Midkiff and the Reverend Samuel B. McKinney.

The next scheduled CAREER CONVERSATIONS will be an interview between Ms. Melinda Brown, a third grade student at Van Asselt Early Childhood Education Center and also the Mt. Zion Ethnic School, and Attorney Symone Scales.

For more information, contact LaVerne C. Hall, P. O. Box 1212, Bellevue, WA 98009.

Help A Teenager - Provide Emergency Care!



By: Elaine Streitberger

"Street kids" or "throw-away-kids" have received a lot of attention in 1983. These teenagers have fallen through the cracks in modern family life. They are the victims of broken homes, permissiveness, drugs and self-centeredness. They have left home and their families cannot or will not take them back. It is my job to help them. I work for the State Department of Social and Health Services.

Let's talk about a typical case whom we will call Tammy. Her parents are both divorced and remarried. She lived with her father and step-mother, but could not adjust to the new family. Life at home became progressively worse when she entered high school. Tammy's grades were poor. She began to skip school. When she was kicked out for truancy, family interactions degenerated into shouting matches. She says she hates her parents. Tammy has come to believe that she is no good. Her father and step-mother cannot cope with her anymore. They are at the end of their rope. When Tammy left home she was told not to come back. She stayed with a friend for a few days, and stole food when she ran out of money. She got caught. The store owner refused to press charges. The parents were called, they were not willing to have her home. They did agree to sign a consent to give DSHS the legal authority to place Tammy in Receiving Care (emergency short-term foster care).

There are only four receiving homes for teenage girls in King County available for evening placements. They are usually full. They were full the night Tammy entered the system. Tammy can sleep on chairs at After-Hours and hope her newly assigned caseworker can find her a bed the next day. Or, she can run away, hand around the streets until she is recruited into prostitution or drugs. Those are her only choices. It isn't against the law to run away, so the police won't pick her up again unless she breaks the law.

Tammy needs a chance. When she enters the system it is important that she is offered shelter. She is more vulnerable now than ever. She has been cold, hungry, lonely and rejected. Because of this, she is angry and confused. She might reject any family that offers her help because she believes she is bad. It takes understanding, strength and stability to give a kid like Tammy another chance. You could be that family.

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Men's Brotherhood of First A.M.E. Church, welcome Rev. James H. Oxley (front row-center) to a Men's Breakfast, to discuss plans for refurbishing the Church Sanctuary.

How Will Hispanics Vote?

By Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
Chairman, Republican National Committee

There is no doubt about it, Hispanics are America's fastest growing minority. By the year 2000, they may be our most populous minority, too. The Democratic Party claims 70 to 80 percent of the Hispanic vote, but perhaps the Democrats should not speak too soon.

Congressman Manuel Lujan is Hispanic. He was also the first Republican congressman elected in New Mexico in 46 years. Lujan, a 14-year veteran of the House, sees strong Republican trends in Hispanic communities.

Republicans and Hispanics in general, he says, "are conservative people, and therefore, the two share common ideologies: balanced budgets, the importance of family, good management and the defense of the country, areas in which both groups feel strongly."

By virtue of background, family ties and a common language, Latin American issues rank high on the list of Hispanic policy interests, garnering strong support for President Reagan's tough pro-democracy and anti-Castro stand.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan set electoral records for Re-

publicans, winning 35 percent of the Hispanic vote. According to Lujan: "It is the President's basic conservative philosophy that had a big impact on the Hispanic vote."

Hispanics, who came to the U.S. to work hard and get ahead, and who, by and large, have retained strong family, cultural and moral values, flocked to President Reagan's platform which reflects their beliefs.

Hispanic support also comes from practical as well as philosophical concerns. With more than 250,000 Hispanic owned and operated small businesses, tax cuts, lower interest rates and an infinitesimal rate of inflation provide meaningful opportunity and old-fashioned business sense. For small business owners, Hispanic or otherwise, those economic successes mean support for the President.

While the real facts will be known only on election day, the Republican Party is making real strides in recruiting Hispanics as voters and as candidates, working in Hispanic communities across the country. 1984 may be another record-breaking year.

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