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A Report To The People

by ISAAH EDWARDS

This is True:

Is our President being honest with us when he says, that he really wants Peace?

Peace is an attribute of God, and only through Him can it be found, for He is the gateway to Peace! Our Nation was founded upon the principles and the teachings of our belief in God. Being such, we should ever be mindful to place at the helm of our government man whose backgrounds not embraces this concept.

Every times we have chosen a leader whose characters is contrary to this belief, our nation has suffered untold misery and great distress. Ex-President Carter, was a christian man who had compassion, and sensitivity for the problems of the poor, minorities, the disadvantaged, the unemployed, and the aged. He brought peace to Egypt and Israel. He completed the SALT negotiation; and stabilized our relationship with the People's Republic of China. This he accomplished without provoking or intimidating a single foreign power; and he with Anwar Sadat of Egypt lead the governments of the world on a rendezvous in search of Peace.

But, not so at this Yule-tide, for the man in the White House with trillions of dollars of military arms and nuclear build-up, has created hysteria from the frontiers of the Soviet Union, to the sand-domes of Central, and South America. Our Nation, though powerful as it may be, must not demand PEACE! from the muzzle of a nuclear missile. We've got to stop intimidating and provoking other nations if we want Peace. PEACE—initiates from a contrite heart, carrying on of a dialogue of common understanding; not the exemplification of diplomacy, and not without the essence of the immutable grace of God. This is the path to Peace. Our Nation must pursue Mr. President, if we are honest about our pursuit of Peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matt.5:9).

May God be good to all of you throughout the New Year.

Isaiah and Marie Edwards.
And Until Then, This is True. Will see you next week.

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by Jody McCrackin

THE NEW YEAR AND WAYS TO MAKE IT HAPPY

There are certain basic things that each of us must do to assure that our New Year is happy. First, among these basics, it seems, is the realization and acknowledgement that we are not Omnipotent, or that there is a Power greater than all human power. Next, we must realize and acknowledge that this Omnipotence provides the resources, the strength, the knowledge, the health and ultimate happiness that each of us may eventually claim. Possessing these basics, many of the facilitating details of living will follow automatically. However, we would deceive ourselves by merely developing laid-back attitudes and believing that everything will automatically fall into place without any positive initiatives on our part to assure that those things we seek actually occur. While this Omnipotent Power is not about to permit the destruction of the magnificent people and world through Nuclear conflict, for example, we earthly creatures must still labor to prevent such destruction.

Therefore, our continued protests and demonstrations against Nuclear confrontations will be necessary until leaders on all sides of current issues have come together in lasting agreement to have Nuclear weapons remain silent. Should our current leaders prove to be too arrogant or insensitive to this obvious advice, then, it will rest with us to change that leadership. Never mind the fact that we control the factors on only one side of the issues, those on other sides of the issues are controlled by the same Omnipotent Powers, and will of necessity be controlled.

What are our job, some may ask? To them we reply, that our job is to remain positive about mankind in general and the world in particular. In spite of man's periodic inhumanity to man, and the limited damage some people have been permitted to do, the world remains as sound today as it was when it was first created. However, there always was, and always will be room for its refinement and maturity of its people. Such, of course, accounts for our various talents, strengths, resources and knowledge, which by the grace of the Omnipotent, we individually possess.

Of such Omnipotence I was never more convinced than last evening with the reappearance, after twenty five years of a marvelous friend from a little town in Louisiana whom I had no right or hope of ever seeing again. Yet, there she was, standing there within the reach of my arms, in every way as beautiful, warm, youthful-looking, petite, vibrant and vivacious as when I had last seen her so many years ago. I was indeed witnessing a Miracle of which only an Omnipotent Power was capable, and for which I approach the coming New Year with extreme optimism and prospects for happiness. A great year is ahead for us all. Stay with Us.



Another Point Of View

by GEORGE BURNEY

THE YEAR IN REVIEW: 1983 EVENTS
WILL GO DOWN AS MILESTONE

The year has gone by so quickly it is hard to even think of the many events that have taken place. On the local scene, Empire Way was finally changed to Martin Luther King, Jr. Way! It was a 16 months battle with up and down court appeals.....A very cold December made headlines in Washington, temperatures went down to 18 degrees. Ice and snow made driving difficult, but compared to the midwest Seattle comes in last for bad weather conditions.

It was not a bad year for the Seahawks who with coach Chuck Knox made it to the playoffs for the first time in its 8th year history. Another reason for the success is Penn State All-Star, Curt Warner.

The most painful remembrance of 1983 was the killing of U.S. Marines in Lebanon and Grenada. Over 200 young men gave their lives, many thought the price was too high that Reagan made the wrong move.

Jesse Jackson pondered on whether he should become a candidate for Presidency. Jackson was told that if he have run he would probably lose, and if he have not, you guaranteed to lose - what a choice.....Sally Ride became the first woman in space when she rode the space shuttle but few remember the first Black astronaut who rode the space Challenger. It seems that Ride got more of the media attention. I'm sure, you heard of James Watt? Well, the former Secretary of the Interior made harsh remarks regarding Blacks and handicapped people. Watt's job was on the line soon after.

In the world of sports, Martina Navratlova has become a tennis ace winning her fourth Wimbledon title this past year. This making her the top-seeded woman tennis player.

As for television, it was a big disappointment. Most of the TV shows have been cancelled for the season. The disappointments were many, but there is one show worth mentioning. There is a medical drama on NBC called St. Elsewhere, that is well worth the time.

I did not even skim the surface of the past year but those which are mentioning do stand out in my mind. Frankly, it is difficult to choose what is important and what is not to be considered.

May God Bless each and every one of you on the year 1984 and for many years to come. Thank you for your support.

Head Start Christmas Program



On Dec.19th, the families of Head Start and Day Care Programs enjoyed a delightful holiday event at the Carrousel Roller Rink. In spite of the weather there were over 400 people in attendance.

Dressed as Santa Claus, Councilman Sam Smith was the highlight of the evening. Other activities included a spaghetti dinner, entertainment by Dino the Clown, and christmas carols.

Dorothy Hollingsworth, Director of Family & Youth Services would like to thank the Community Business, Staff, Head Start Agencies, Child Care Centers and Parents for making this holiday season a merry event.

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Cherry Street Talk
by Barja's Phuntique

SOCIAL CORRELATIONS—RINKY DINK

Forces in society are trying to make a statement about the significance of single-parent families. It has been thrown around that 51% of households in the United States are single-parent families headed by women with children. Did the Governor issue some sort of plan to the fact that budget cuts are only going to sustain single-parent families? In the same budget plan did you notice an increase in funds for jails?

Funds for single-parent families have generally meant being regulated to stay home and raise children with minimal resources. Do children raised with minimal resources make up a spawning arena to justify more funds for jails. Horrendously, a large percentage of inmates come from single-parent families.

More funds for jails equates to more jobs for the professional leeches—lawyers, judges, secretaries, court reporters, construction workers, custodians, medical workers, etc.

Since there has been a growing trend of single-parent families, intellectuals have been motivated to designate more funds for jails to house the predicted problems of "a future need for more jail space" rather than alot funds for whatever it takes to keep the majority of the people out of jail.

What would it take to protect unknowing poverty-stricken or helpless citizens from the long-range jurisdiction of the justice system. How about a child rights law with clout—something to the effect that when professionals say if this kid does not get help or change, the kid is headed for trouble. Trouble usually means a youth center or jail. If pros are smart enough to make these kind of early predictions, then somebody is smart enough to figure out the intervention of positive support.

Support could be mandatory and support services should be required to give the appropriate necessary help—food, medical, dental, safety, arts, education, counseling, household modification or reinforcement.

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NEWS Of Education

A recent \$5 million grant for 1,000 computers for America's inner-city high schools is expected to narrow the "computer gap" between rich and poor school districts.

The grant was made by the Xerox Corporation to the National Urban League.

In making the announcement, David T. Kearns, president and chief executive officer of Xerox and the League's newly-elected chairman, stressed the importance of the ability to use a computer for most jobs in the future.

"Electronic literacy," said Kearns, "will be necessary to do most every job in the future." He pointed out that most of the 130,000 computers currently in the public school system are in the well-to-do districts. More than half of the poorest schools have no computers.

Kearns emphasized that the grant be used for academic programs, not just for vocational training. "The ability to use the computer should help kids do their job—the computer should not necessarily become their job," he added. Guidelines for the grant specify that the schools se-



Computer training will be part of many urban high school programs, thanks to a five million dollar grant.

lected be in major urban centers, have large minority populations and show a financial need. The computers to be used in the grant will be Xerox 820-II desktop models, introduced last year as a personal computer system for offices.

A committee representing the public school system are in Xerox, the League and the education community will select the schools to receive the grant computers. Their placement will begin in 1984. Kearns told the Urban League, "I believe today's black children are the seed crop for what could be the most successful generation of blacks ever, because they are part of the electronic age—an age of unprecedented opportunity for people with the right training."

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I would like to devote this column to information on some valuable substance abuse services currently being provided to students in the Southeast schools. These services are emanating from the Seattle King County, Department of Public Health, through the Columbia City Health Center, and include the following professional benefits:

1. Drug Education: Classes to students; in-services to teaching staff; and PTSA meetings with parents. This educational aspect also offers the "Here's Looking At You Two" drug and alcohol curriculum, as well as the "Impact". The "Impact" is a training which focuses on intervention and prevention. Classes so far have been given at Beacon Hill, Rainier View, Columbia, Withwarth, Maple, Asa Merce, Southshore and Franklin.

2. Assessment and Referral: These benefits are directed toward students who are assessed as possibly suffering alcohol/drug problems. The Center has a cooperative, working relationship with various treatment agencies, youth service bureaus and school staff.

3. Home Visits: Home visits are available to any student residing in South Seattle, and offer full assessment of student needs and environment. This also serves to coordinate care between the school, community and home.

Karey Yashihara, a Public Health Nurse employed by the County, is the key person providing the above services. Karey may be contacted by calling the Columbia City Health Center at 587-4650.

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EXPLORE SEATTLE WITH THE KIDS

By: Sharon J. Collman
County Extension Agent

For a change of pace from TV and video games take yourself and the kids on an excursion into the world of nature and science.

Burke Museum on the University of Washington campus features exhibits on volcanoes, people of other lands, butterflies and many, many other fascinating topics. When I was growing up in Seattle, the highlight of the museum to me was the Egyptian mummy, now it's the insects. Call 543-5590 for more information. Admission is free.

Science Circus at the Seattle Center is a special event held between Christmas and New Years (December 26-January 2). This year wild animals are featured. There will be wolves from the Olympic Game Farm, an insect zoo, 4-H animal projects, indian crafts and folk stories, computer center, lazarium and touch-and-do exhibits. Admission is \$3.00 for kids and seniors; \$4.00 for adults.

Woodland Park Zoo is a great afternoon experience. Bundle up and walk through the park, visit the animals, or find shelter—from bad weather inside the animal house. Small admission fee.

Valunteer Park Conservatory always has great displays of seasonal plants, tropical trees, shrubs and many other plants. Admission if free. Art lovers can visit the Art Museum a block away.

Other Seattle and King County Parks are great places to walk and play. Many have swings and other playground equipment and paths for exploring. It's surprising how many people don't even know they live near a little park.

Grab the kids or a friend and get outside for a change of pace. Drive, bus or walk and explore for the fun of it.