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NewLife Statement of Faith

We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments; the Trinity of the Godhead; the Creation of man by the direct act of God; the Fall of man and his need for redemption; the Deity, Incarnation and Virgin Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; His vicarious atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the Cross; the resurrection of His body from the tomb; His ascension into heaven; His personal imminent return; the Existence of the literal devil who is our adversary; a literal heaven for the redeemed and a literal hell for the lost; the infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture to be Scripture itself; and the requirement of implicit obedience to the expressed command of Christ as the standard by which he will judge our love to Him.

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January 1993 ^{μ §} Betty McKnight
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I would like to being by wishing everyone a very happy New Year. I still can't believe that 1992 is over and we are already into the second month of 1993. Guess the old adage "Time flies when you are having fun" should be applied here, however, in my case it has been work.

There have been many changes within the NewLife Network since our last newsletter in October of 1992. Buggs has retired from the Navy, our dear Brother Randy has had some major victories in his life and we praise God for that. Buggs also had major surgery on his leg and God heard the prayers of his people all across the country while the surgery was being done. And don't ya know, God had one of His own children doing the surgery.

We have had some new nodes come online since our last newsletter. IHS, Lucky Hughs from Norco, California; TWANNA, William Clinger from Thorton, Pennsylvania; and INFORM, John Custer from Daly City, California. WELCOME ABOARD!!!!

Some things however, never change. There have been hard drive crashes, message bases lost, mail packets lost, systems hang up and oh the list goes on. However, God has been good to all of us and we give Him the Glory.

**Your Sister and Fellow Servant in Christ
Betty McKnight ->SALT**

FROM ON HIGH

I've thought a lot about what to write for the newsletter, but I think this says it better than I can.. It was taken from them Murray Hill Baptist Church bulletin located in Jacksonville, FL, dated January 17, 1992.

Buggs Bugnon
President of NewLife

THE DANGERS OF CONTENTMENT....

Satisfaction with life is a goal which most of us seek, and rightfully so. There is a need for us to find our place in God's plan and to have a sense of accomplishment in life. Achievements and success in life, however, are very fleeting and soon evaporate unless there is a continuation of creative activity at the center of one's life. Contentment with short-term accomplishments can prevent us from responding to the long-term joys of a life in partnership with God.

We face a number of serious transitions in life which cause us some difficulty because they act as high water marks and give us the impression that we "have arrived." Graduation from high school is one. For 12 years we anticipate that moment, and when it arrives we celebrate only to discover that there is very little satisfaction to be had -- life still lies ahead.

The search for a career in life culminates in real excitement when one finds that place where he or she can exercise their gifts and skills, but that moment dissipates quickly into the demanding grind of daily responsibilities.

The finding of a mate, the bearing of children, both long term goals for most of us, turns into an on-going responsibility which demands far more for us than we had imagined.

The final arrival at retirement, that long-awaited time when one can step back and enjoy the benefits of a life-time of hard work, becomes a challenge far greater than we ever expected.

The truth is we can never be content to stop anywhere along the way in life. Those who understand this concept have discovered that true contentment involves the entire process of life.

Having a partnership with God through Jesus Christ enables us to set short-term goals, work hard to achieve them, and move on to even greater challenges and opportunities. To be satisfied with these short-term accomplishments is to cheat oneself of the great joy of the whole of life. Enjoyment comes in moving from one exciting period in life to the next anticipating the expanding horizons of life. The final step in life's process, death, then becomes a much more positive matter than we have ever thought it could be.

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• ***BY Peggy Flint***

THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS

Sometimes it is so hard to find good books for kids. I used to wonder about what was good. I have done a lot of reading and have come up with some favorite "safe" authors and series of books for my children. The best part is that my kids actually like to read these books and learn.

This month's focus is on a series of books. It is called: The Magic School Bus series.

To my knowledge, there are 5 books in this series put out by Scholastic books. This is a new series which deals with science topics. What makes this series of books so wonderful is that it is colorful and exciting to the children, and they will read these books over and over and over again. (Even my child who hates to reread books will read them over again.)

The books focus on Ms. Frizzle and her class of students. I believe that they are in third grade. Ms. Frizzle likes to give her children hands-on experience in science, and she has found a unique way to do this. She takes them on field trips in a "magic" school bus.

No, she doesn't say and spells to make the school bus go anywhere. It is just "different". With this school bus, the students of Ms. Frizzle's class have been able to explore the center of the earth, outer space, the town's waterworks, and inside a human body. Each time, they have been able to explore these areas because the school bus shrinks, flies, turns into a drill and steam shovel, and floats. Oh yes, there is another book where the students explore the bottom of the ocean - but we do not have it YET - so I can't tell you about it. My children remind me often that we do not have it (it's not in paperback yet). One of the things about these books which makes them so educational is the student's reports on some of the pages. These are miniature reports featured on the sides of the pictures. My daughter just reminded me that you can also learn from the stories. My son was quick to point out that they are not true (AHA - he knows the difference between fact and fantasy - we have achieved one reading goal). I have been informed that Ms. Frizzle dresses funny, and that helps to tell the children what is coming up next. (AHA - we also are predicting the outcome - another reading goal). These books would be wonderful to use to teach sequencing skills.

These books are colorful, educational, fun and downright addicting. May Scholastic books add to this line on a regular basis. From 1 to 100 my children rate this book a 100 (Eric) and 99 (Robin). Robin says that the only thing wrong with this is that it isn't true - and she's not in the class. These books are written by Joanna Cole and can be ordered through any bookstore (I used our local Bible Bookstore). My kids want me to tell you that the GREAT illustrations are by Bruce Degen. Maybe in the future I'll have them write a book review .

HOW TO HOME SCHOOL

by Peggy Flint

How to Home School: A Practical Approach by Gayle Graham

As many people know, this is our fourth year of home schooling, and it has been the most difficult for us. Quitting has often been thought of as an option. BUT, I received this book over the Christmas break and it has helped me get more organized and feel more confident about what we are doing and why we are doing it.

First of all, Gayle Graham has been home schooling for at least 9 years. She has had experience teaching multi-level grades, for she has had students from junior high down to toddler levels. I believe that this adds to her credentials. (She also had all the "right" credentials to teach - but she says that she thinks she has overcome that problem). One of the things that Gayle discusses is that our children are all individuals. We know that - don't we - BUT somehow we so often forget it. What one child did at 6, another child may not do till 7 or 8. Of course, boys and girls differ even if they are the same ages. Gayle makes a point of saying that when we stress the right brain/left brain approach to education - we oftentimes find ourselves limiting the child to working with "half a brain", thereby limiting their true potential. Another point that Gayle makes early in the book - is that in order to be successful in home schooling - we must be organized. She helps us learn how to do this by providing sample forms to help us organize our housework by days of the week, and our schedules so we know the best time for "school" due to weekly music lessons, etc. She stresses the need for 2 SEPARATE organizers - one for home and one for school. I had been trying to combine them both into the same organizer - NO WONDER I WAS GOING CRAZY!!

Gayle is a firm believer in the unit study approach to education. Her book deals with teaching reading (without workbooks even) and writing. Can you believe that daily practice in writing will help to build writing skills? So simple - yet how often do we have our child write? She also deals with teaching math and making it practical. To me though, the most helpful section was on planning unit studies. Gayle recommends spending four days a week on reading which is related to the unit, then have one day be a "project" day every week. So often, I have looked at curriculums and been "bogged down" by looking at the suggested projects, wondering when I'd fit them in. The project day is for projects and games only - no book work. I like that idea, and I believe that I will try to start implementing that in my home school. Two things that Gayle said that really touched me were: "I need to measure success by what I did, not by what I did not do...I must trust that God is in control of available time and look at the positive - what we did do!" and "Do what you can with the time that you have! How can we do that? Allow God to speak the day's/week's/season's priorities and shoot for them."

Would I buy this book again? Yes, Yes, and YES again. In my library of motivational books this is my number one choice that I grab for time and time again. Gayle has truly given me a practical approach to home schooling. Thank you Gayle!!

Gayle's book is available from the Elijah Company, Lifetime Books and Gifts, and from Gayle herself for \$18.95. If you order from Gayle, don't forget to enclose \$3.00 for shipping and handling and ask for her free newsletter. **To order from Gayle: Gayle Graham Educational Consultant 10404 Huntsmoor Drive Richmond, VA 23233**

SOFTWARE REVIEW

by Ken Cooper

I downloaded Envision Publisher recently and took a look at It seems like a very promising shareware DTP program. However, I was very impressed by some features and less impressed in others.

First, it LOOKS great. It has an attractive interface, complete with 3-D buttons. Very intuitive. Has both a menu bar and icons for quick access of features.

Second, it seems like a fairly complete publishing solution for someone looking for an inexpensive yet powerful program. It includes an impressive set of drawing tools, including bezier curves.

Third, for all you get, the price is good. Registration is around \$70.

Now the stuff I wish were a little different--

I was running it on a 286 with 1 meg RAM and it took a while to load and flow text. Seems like it might be a little happier on a 386 class machine... However, it DID run and do the job.

Import/Export filters--Envision only imports PCX, so you have to use something like HiJaak if you want to import any graphics in a different format. I realize the current release is version 1.0, so more filters are probably coming. I would like to see support for TIFF, CGM, and EPS. Text filters I'd like to see include MS Word, WordPerfect, RTF, and ASCII (would strip CRs and LFs).

Looks like the font format is propriety. Would like to see a more common format. Then, programs like FontMonger could convert Type 1 or TrueType for use in Envision.

For budget desktop publishing, I like GeoWorks Ensemble. It isn't perfect, but for about \$120 it gives you: an attractive multitasking windowing environment using the Motif interface (widely used on Unix workstations), scaleable fonts, and a group of productivity tools that can be very friendly and useful. It doesn't have the software Windows does, but it is written in assembly, so it works even on an XT with

640 and a hard disk. Version 2 will soon be released, along with software development tools. Many more commercial programs should be available in the near future.

Global Glance Jan 1, 1993

BEHIND THE SCENES IN SOMALIA (camou-Claus in a four-wheel drive) Many thought Santa had come in camouflage this year. Americans can be justifiably proud of our servicemen and women deeply involved in safeguarding supply lines to starving Somalies. Meanwhile we need to look behind the media hype and beyond the much publicized Marine landing on the shores near Mogadishu.

The estimated U.S. contingent is 30,000 men. Our stated objective of protecting food supplies and insuring safe delivery to those in need could have been accomplished with less than a third of that number. Surely 5,000 highly trained and well equipped troops, backed up by helicopter air support from an offshore carrier in the Indian Ocean, could put the bandits and warring clans on notice: "We're coming through. Do not interfere." As it is, with Operation Restore Hope, we're using a sledgehammer to swat a fly. Which raises the question: "Is there something more?"

First of all, look at your map. Somalia is located on the 'horn of Africa.' This and the Cape of Good Hope, around South Africa at the southern tip, are the two most strategic points on the continent. Here is an excellent position from which to control world shipping where 20,000 ships a year pass through the Red Sea and the Suez Canal.

Second, consider Iran. Now that her old enemy Iraq has been humiliated in the Gulf War last year ('91) she is in a position to extend Islamic fundamentalism to Egypt and Sudan. Remember the old mid-East proverb, "You can't make peace without Syria or war without Egypt"? If Egypt remains moderate then the war option does not exist for the Arabs. During the last two years, the Iranians have stepped up their training and financing of Islamic fundamentalist in Sudan, who have in turn increased their infiltration into Upper Egypt. This endangers the whole Madrid peace talk process.

Third. We know about Iran's intentions, now consider who is arming Iran to help make those intentions a reality.

Traditionally we have thought of Iran as simply being 'a thorn in our side' in the Persian Gulf. Perhaps we've been looking in the wrong direction. It is the Red Sea we should be watching. The alignment between Libya, Ethiopia, Iran and Sudan in the fight against Sudan's Christian minority in the south, has added significantly to the threat faced by Egypt. Remember, UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali is an Egyptian.

In return for the help given to the (Muslim) Sudan government in suppressing the Christians in the south, Iran has been given access to Port Sudan, the most important Red Sea port in the country. In addition, Iran has use of an army base in the Geleit Hills north of Khartoum for training Hezbollah and Egyptian Islamic terrorists. In the past, Ethiopia was an ally of the Christian minority in the south of Sudan. Now, under the communists, it has joined with Libya and Iran in the slaughter of south Sudanese Christians.

In November a Russian Kilo-class submarine passed through the Suez Canal on its way to Iran. It is

one of three sold recently by Russia to Iran.

Almost daily reports reach the West of a continuing arms build-up in Iran. A North Korean ship arrived earlier with 100 Scud missiles, each with a range of 200 miles. Some of this shipment will be passed on to Syria. This consignment is in addition to 250 missiles already received from North Korea, China and Russia. Altogether ten ballistic missile systems, including five Silkworm systems have been delivered to Iran recently.

In spite of our Most Favored Nation status bestowed on China, Beijing and Tehran have signed "a massive arms deal including: 38 warplanes." Remember, Iran also received 115 combat aircraft gratis from Iraq, flown there for safety during the Gulf War.

In all probability, sending such a large contingent of troops to Somalia is more than a grand display of humanitarian action, that happened to coincide with Christmas, but rather a response to the increasing challenge posed to Egypt by Iran in the Red Sea. That response has found much favor in public opinion for the twilight days of the Bush Administration. For President-elect Bill Clinton it will invoke a dread of being sucked once again into confrontation with Iran. He will not want to suffer, at the hands of Tehran, the same fate of his democratic predecessor, Jimmy Carter.

WHAT WE MIGHT SEE IN '93 Traditionally the January issue of G2 has an article in the "Watch For" or "What's in Store" category for the new year ahead. This is a hard one to call, but we'll just say "It looks like." We've been promised 'change' but not all change is for the better. Therefore I sincerely hope I'm wrong, but IT LOOKS LIKE...

(1) Congressman Les Aspin (who vetoed the B-1) is the Clinton/Clinton choice for Secretary of Defense. This is the same Mr. Aspin that seriously suggested we should carve \$1 billion out of our defense budget and give it to Moscow to help Russia get through last winter (G2 10/91). With the proposed admission of homosexuals to our armed forces it looks like we may wind up with an emasculated, effeminized military, unable to respond to anything but its gonadal urges.

(2) Now that elections in Serbia are over and communist President Milosevic retains power, it looks like fighting will resume between Croatia and Serbia. It could start as early as next month when the UN mandate, protecting Serb enclaves in the republic runs out. Croatian leader Franjo Tudjman is hoping that simultaneous fighting in Kosovo will begin, thus opening a second front for Belgrade and focusing world attention on the widening Balkan conflict that could involve Greece and much of the Muslim world. Milosevic is sending armor south and would probably welcome an escalation that would force Greece to side with Serbia and end his isolation. (3) It looks like Germany and Japan may obtain permanent seats on the UN Security Council this year. China's president, Yang Shangkun has urged Chinese military leaders to back his support for German efforts in this direction. Tokyo's massive investment of technology in Red China has already earned Beijing's endorsement.

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