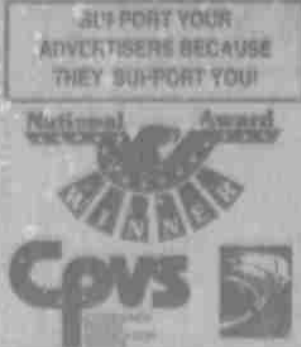


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NATIONAL NEWS

MLK Pilgrimage Planned

A pilgrimage to the Lorraine Motel, now the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., will be held April 3-5 to mark the 30th anniversary of the assassination of famed civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The weekend is organized by the Commemorative Commission Connecting Community (CCCC), led by Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, a friend of King and a witness to his murder. Other members include the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Benjamin Hooks, former NAACP executive director. According to the CCCC, "Pilgrimage To Memphis" will include a service at Mason Temple, the site of King's last speech; tours of the six-year-old National Civil Rights Museum, a number of forums and a march along the path of King's memorial march on April 8, 1968. On Saturday, April 4, ministerial and civil rights leaders will gather for a candlelight vigil at the Lorraine Motel. You can register for the program by writing to the CCCC at P.O. Box 3050, Memphis, Tenn. 38173-3050. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

Third Trial in Gammage Case

Two White police officers tried twice in the 1995 beating death of a Black motorist will be retried, the newly-appointed District Attorney of Allegheny County has announced. Stephen A. Zappala, Jr. said retired Lt. Milton Mulholland and Patrolman Michael Albert will go back to court because his office believes that a crime was committed when Jonny Gammage died at the hands of five suburban policemen just outside Pittsburgh. Gammage, the cousin of Pittsburgh Steeler Ray Seals, died after a traffic stop, Oct. 12, 1995. Another police officer charged in the crime was acquitted by an all-White jury. Community groups in the city however, believe that justice will not be served, even with a third trial. "Until they are trying all of the police men, justice will not be served," said Dorothy Urquhart, a member of the United Concerned Christians at Work. At press time, a march was planned from the site of the trial, the Allegheny County Courthouse to the federal building on Jan. 17. -- the Pittsburgh Courier

International Annan Appoints Canadian His Deputy

NEW YORK (PANA) - UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has announced the appointment of Louise Fréchette, a Canadian, to the newly-created post of Deputy Secretary-General of the world body. Annan recommended the post as part of his reform package for the UN. Until her appointment, Fréchette was Canada's deputy minister of national defense. Born in Montreal, Canada, she also holds a graduate diploma in economic studies. In the service of her country, Fréchette was variously ambassador to Argentina and to the UN. In her new position, she will assist the Secretary-General in managing the secretariat, act for him in his absence and ensure coherence of UN activities and programs. -- Jerome Hule

"HAROLD WAS HAROLD"

by Eddie P. Richardson

Harold Melvin Chatman is no longer personally with us, but his presence and memory will be with us for a long time. For that, we say, "Thank God". Harold was argumentative, opinionated, dedicated and very loyal to Lubbock, Texas.

Harold believed in what he believed in wholeheartedly. You never had to worry about what Harold Melvin Chatman thought about an issue or how he felt. He would let you know in no uncertain terms. If Harold Melvin Chatman believed in something, he would give it his all in all. He did not believe in it, he would not mess with it. One of Harold's favorite sayings was: "New comers becoming instant leaders. Someone just getting to town and start speaking for the community." He would quickly say, without any reservations: "Have they paid any dues." He made it known you had to be in the field of action and get bloody and muddy even if he disagreed with what you said or did. He would say: "Oh, well, at least, you paid your dues."

This writer had an opportunity to work with Harold Melvin Chatman for many years on various projects, i.e. political, civic, social or what have you. The most unusual one was the Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center (LOIC). He was the manpower training specialist. Because of

this position, Harold Melvin Chatman took a leave of absence from the Lubbock Independent School District. No doubt about it, that's the way he was! We traveled to Dallas to visit a center. He had a hidden agenda also other than checking out the program in Dallas. You see, his daughter lived in Dallas.

We worked at the Center over a year. This is when I really got to know and respect Harold Melvin Chatman. He did a marvelous job as the feeder manager. This writer was the executive director. This program became the Number One program in the region in its first year of operation. We had a lot of experiences with the program for various reasons such as workshops, meetings and other programs. We had our own clashes, from time to time. What some people don't know is that this writer was stubborn as Harold Melvin Chatman. After our clashing, we would sit down and work out our differences. We never lost respect for each other. We were in a position to gain more respect for each other.

This writer could go on and on about our friend Harold Melvin Chatman, because he never stopped until the end, and even at the end, he cared about his community. Good job, Harold Melvin Chatman. Now take your well deserved rest.

As you can see, Harold was Harold!

Judge Willrich Will Address Client Council

The Lubbock Area Client Council will have its Annual Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998 at 6pm at Mae Simmons Senior Center, East 23rd St. and Oak Ave. Donation is \$6.50.

Guest speaker will be Judge Penny Willrich who attended Texas Tech University School of Law from 1977 to 1979. She transferred to Antioch School of Law in Washington D.C. She served as a clerk for the West Texas Legal Services of Lubbock, Texas from 1978-1979 under the tutelage and

leadership of Attorney Marvin Rogers.

In 1995, Ms. Willrich was appointed as a Commissioner of the Superior Court in Phoenix, Arizona, and was assigned to the juvenile division.

Her accomplishments are to numerous to make known in this report. She is, however, co-author of "The Texas Young Lawyers Battered Woman's Handbook."

She has a daughter, Amaya, and is very active in the New Life Missionary Baptist Church in Phoenix.

Senior Volunteer Award from SPAG



A longtime resident of Lubbock, Mrs. Annie Day has been awarded the Senior Volunteer Award from the South Plains Association of

Governments (SPAG). Over the years, she has received many awards and trophies for outstanding volunteering with SPAG, Parkway Manor Care Center, Southern Manor Care Center, and just keeping in touch with the sick and shut-ins of the community. She has a concern for the elderly citizens.

Way to go, Mrs. Day for a job well done!

The Family of David M. Sanders Expression

Words are inadequate enough to express our sincere "Thanks" to all of you for the food, cards, flowers, telegrams, and other kind expressions of love and support. We thank you for your presence and prayers. May God be

with you, and grant peace in your daily lives. Shadows fall, and life becomes so difficult to bear. Yet sunshine comes through memories and love of those who care.

Thank You,
Annie and
Thomas Sanders

Lubbockites Say "Goodbye" To Harold Melvin Chatman



Scores and scores of Lubbockites paid their last respect to one of Lubbock's hardworking citizens, Harold Melvin Chatman, 69, who was funeralized last Thursday afternoon, January 29, 1998 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Fred Watson, pastor of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, officiating. The eulogy was given by a longtime friend of Mr. Chatman, Dr. Zan Holmes, pastor of the St. Luke United Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas.

Casket bearers were Alfred Caviel, Lorenzo Sedeno, Jr., Byrnie Bass, Clarence Priestly, Roger Priestly, Rickey Childers, T. J. Patterson, and Harry Stokley, Jr.

Honorary bearers were Dr. Joseph McMillian, Clarence Ervin, Sr., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Dr. Damon Hill, Jr., Dr. Michael Ward, D. Melvin A. R. Hammond, John T. Montford, Joe K. Hearne, American Legion Post 808, Lorenzo Sedeno, Sr., Dr. R. J. Wilcott, Dr. G. L. Maddoux, Rudolph Belvin, Arlee Jackson, and the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church men.

Flower bearers were members of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association, Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church Women, and women of the Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Celebration Committee, Inc.

He was born March 12, 1928 in Mexia, Texas to Dr. Joseph Alvin Chatman and Mrs. Ruth Morton Chatman. He was the eldest of five sons. He graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in 1944, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. He also received a D. T. from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Chatman did advance study at Prairie View A & M University and Texas Tech University.

A veteran of the United States Army from 1950 to 1952 as a sergeant in the Medical Corp, he

Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee where he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Southeast Development Corporation, president of the Chatman Memorial Center, Inc., co-chairman of Citizens for a Change - a group of citizens who offered financial support for a lawsuit for the changing of the At-Large election system in Lubbock, Texas, American Legion, Post 808, chairman of Citizens of Progress (COP) which dealt with community problems, and the Conference Organizations.

One of his most encouraging community involvements was when he took a leave of absence from the Lubbock Public Schools to help the Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center (LOIC) and served as a Feeder Manager. He would say, "I wanted to be a part of helping someone help themselves in life by learning a positive trade."

A member of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, Mr. Chatman was a member of the Administrative Board, where he was past chairman; past chairman of District Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, past vice-chairman of District Trustees of United Methodist Church and was a lay leader.

Among the city organizations and boards he was proud to serve were: Board of Directors of St. Mary of the Plains and Rehabilitation Center, past vice-chairman of Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), member of the Human Relations Commission, Citizen Traffic Commission, past member of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock Food Bank, and Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association where he served as chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Chatman was also the campaign manager of City Councilman T. J. Patterson since his first election in April, 1984.

Others appearing on the funeral program were Rev. Todd Rasberry who read the scripture from the Old and New Testaments; Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, who sang "Precious Lord." Mrs. Loretta Joan Austin sang "City Called Heaven." Mr. Clarence Priestly read a resolution from I.A.T. Vernon United Methodist Church. City Councilman T. J. Patterson spoke about Chatman's political life in Lubbock; and Mrs. Joan Y. Ervin gave a brief reflection of his involvement in local organizations. Mrs. Ruth Priestly and Mr. Wendell Walker also spoke on his participation in other organizations he was involved with.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Members of the U. S. Air Force Honor Guard had a special service for Mr. Chatman at the cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Darlyne Griffith Chatman of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Sherrill R. Hearne of Dallas, Texas; four brothers: Valton Chatman and J. L. Ferrell, both of Los Angeles, California, Alvin Chatman of Lubbock, Texas and Michael Chatman of Fort Sill, Oklahoma; other relatives and friends.

married Darlyne Griffith in 1952. He also taught in the Lubbock Public Schools for 29 years.

Mr. Chatman has affiliated with several national organizations including: National Business League (NBL), Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and is listed in the 1974 edition of Personalities of the South. He had an opportunity to serve as co-owner of Sounds Unlimited, which was the first Black owned recording studio west of Dallas, Texas. He was also a co-owner of C.E.P. Service Company.

Among the many awards received were: Lubbock's Digest Award, Market and Consumer Seminar; Practical Endeavor Award, Huston-Tillotson College; Community Organization Award, East Lubbock Appreciation Banquet; Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award; 1st Harold Melvin Chatman Humanitarian Award - Juneteenth Committee; George Woods Civil Rights Award - Lubbock Chapter of NAACP; President Award for 25 years of service to mankind - Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee; "Man of the Year" Award - Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Spirit of West Texas Award - American State Bank; BOSS VII Award of Distinction - Texas Association of Minority Business Enterprise, and many congratulatory messages from Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas.

A very special recognition, the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church's 73rd celebration memorabilia booklet was dedicated to him October 13, 1997. This award meant a lot to Mr. Chatman.

A very active man in the Lubbock community, he belonged to many community organizations. Among them were president of the East Lubbock Business Association (ELBA), Men Civic and Social Club where he served as parliamentarian, United Political Action League (UPAL), United Black Coalition,

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Ruby Jay's Corner



R. Moton is the host pastor. If you are looking for a church home, you are invited to come and visit the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning with Sunday School and Brother Virgil Johnson was at his post of duty. All teachers and students were in their various classrooms for 30 minutes of instruction. All reassembled at 10:15 a.m. singing "Glory To His Name," as they marched to the main auditorium. Prayer was given by Brother Bruce Tharrington. High points of the morning lesson were given by Sister Joan Y. Ervin of Class No. 4. They were very well received.

Secretary's Report: Sister Lucille Jackson gave all reports from the classes. Youth Department: Juniors and Seniors received the Attendance and Offering Banners. Adult Department: Men's Class also received both banners. They reported \$400.00 for the Offering Banner.

Brother Bruce Tharrington gave farewell remarks as this was his last Sunday in Sunday School. He will be greatly missed as he has been a member of the church with his family for 15 years. His family just fit right in as a part of the Christian family. They will be living in Arizona.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Brother and Sister F.J. Jenkins.

The Male Chorus marched in the morning processional singing out of their souls. After prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Oh, What A Shame How They Done My Lord," was sung. Scripture was read by Sister Doris Dailey. A fervent prayer was given by Sister Lottie F. Barrow. Another song, "Meeting On Old Camp Ground," was sung, and followed by another selection, "It Is Well With My Soul."

Responsive reading was done with the con-

gregation standing and read by Sister Marcelle McEutcheon. The morning hymn was "At Calvary." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He was excited about a financial project which will help to pay off a church debt. He has asked for twelve captains and each person is asked to join in to help meet this obligation in twelve months. Let us all do our part. You will be glad you did. Another song, "Thank You, Lord, All The Days Of My Life," was sung.

The sermonic hymn was "Amazing Grace." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "Jesus Prays For Unity Among The Believers." His scripture text was St. John 17:11-20-23. It was some message!

Sister Clarissa Jay read the morning announcements while Sister C. Howard welcomed all visitors to New Hope.

Don't forget our sick and shut in citizens. Among them include Brother Ulysess Kelly who is still a patient at Methodist Hospital. Gloria Bunton Brookins is in I.C.U. Sister Ada Holt who is the mother of Wanda Jones and Julia Cameron is home from the hospital. Sister Sarah Johnson, an aunt of Wanda Jones and Julia Cameron, is also home from the hospital. Sister Vickey Reed was at church last Sunday morning.

Our prayers and sympathy goes out to all bereaved families. Among them were the Harold M. Chatman and Fulton Berry, Sr. families. Mr. Chatman services were held last Thursday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church. Mr. Berry was funeralized by Rev. D.A. Smith at Smith Temple Church last Saturday morning.

Services for General Ponder were held Saturday afternoon at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Johnson officiating.

Virginia McGraw was found dead in her chair last Friday. At this report, services are pending. Let us keep in mind that God is calling the roll. If you don't know Him, the time is now.

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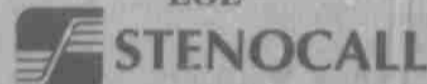
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New Suspect in Clark Case?

By Karen Shields

Instead of citing a judge's ruling on a previously filed motion, the three Bridgeport, TX youth - Michael Kwidzinski, Frank Carriso and Victor Jasso—charged in the Lenard Clark beating, were surprised in early December to discover that police suspect a fourth person may have been involved in the incident.

As a result, attorneys for the defendants filed a motion asking Criminal Court Judge Daniel Locallo to allow them to track discovery, so that they could get more information on that person, while also investigating how the lineup procedure was conducted.

Carriso's lawyer, Ed Jensen, alleged that police were attempting to hide the information pertaining to the fourth suspect. Jensen also said that the fourth suspect in question had allegedly confessed to the beating but police failed to do anything about it.

To resolve both of these issues, Locallo summoned the detectives involved in the case along with Lt. John Regan of Area I Detective Division to testify.

It was found that although police made mention that a fourth suspect was wanted they never recorded the outcome of their findings in any of their reports. Defense attorneys

believe that information regarding the fourth suspect could be contained in the detectives' general progress reports, that are now missing.

Locallo determined that the defense attorneys did have a basis for their motion and a right to see the reports. As a result, he ordered that the prosecution find them and then hand them over.

Earlier in the day, Jensen had also filed a motion asking Locallo to sever the hate crime charge from the attempted murder and aggravated battery charges and have separate trials. Locallo denied the request, saying that there was no basis for multiple

trials. Clark has been left with brain damage following the March 21, 1997 attack. He was viciously beaten by the teens as he rode his bike home from a basketball game.

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SOMETHING HAPPENING ON MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD... **THIS N THAT...** is very happy over the new development...which is being constructed on...**MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD...** near Estacado High School... When the construction is complete...there will be some...**NICE LOOKING DWELLINGS...** for our citizens to...live in... No doubt about...this development...will certainly help this area of the city... **THIS N THAT...** hopes the...**CHERRY POINT/PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION...** is still working with the owners of this project... More on this project in the near future... This will definitely help our area of the city... If you look around this part of the...**CITY OF LUBBOCK...** one can see a great difference in this area... As one man has said...**THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING...**

Goodyear Apologizes for Offensive Ad

Company president offers apology to NAACP, African Americans; promises zero-tolerance for racism

BALTIMORE - In a letter to NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company President Samir Gibara apologized for a racially-insensitive Goodyear television ad that was airing in Latin America.

In the ad, an actor makes fun of black mans lips and compares them to tires. The ad was immediately canceled, according to Gibara, when the company's top official returned from travel and saw the ad for the first time. "I would like to extend my personal apologies to you and the African American community for this improper situation," Gibara wrote in a letter to Kweisi Mfume.

In his letter, he noted several actions that Goodyear has taken to insure a similar situation does not happen again.

"You have our assurances that we have a zero tolerance position for any incidents that tarnish our reputation for diversity," Gibara wrote.

Mfume, who had criticized the company for the advertisement that ran in Peru, said he was gratified that Gibara took the issue seriously, apologized and took steps to avoid a similar incident happening in the future.

"We appreciate the apology from Goodyear and we'll wait to see if it is followed by positive action. We hope that other corporations are paying attention and don't make the same set of racially insensitive mistakes," Mfume said. "It was appropriate for Goodyear to take responsibility for this shameful ad and then make amends to those who were rightfully offended by it."

John Sharp's Zero Tolerance Criminal Justice Reform

- I. Expanded Death Penalty & Longer Sentences for Drug Pushers
 - Expand the death penalty to major drug traffickers.
 - Expand the death penalty to repeat aggravated child molesters.
 - Hand down longer sentences to drug pushers.
- II. Require Prisoners to Work
 - Prisoners should be required to work, not watching TV or lifting weights.
- III. End Mandatory Release Retroactively
 - Texas should pass its own statute eliminating mandatory early release retroactively.
 - Tents should be used to house prisoners when necessary.
 - Inmates from other states should be returned if prison space is needed.
- IV. Lock-Up Violent Sexual Predators
 - Keep violent sexual predators off our streets even after they have served their time.
- V. Crack Down on Juvenile Gangs
 - Try criminal gang members under RICO-style anti racketeering laws.
 - Encourage communities to shut down crack houses and other crime centers using

- tough "nuisance" laws.
- Keep juveniles arrested with deadly weapons under lock and key until their court dates.
- Track all known Texas gang members through a central registry.
- The state needs to enable local law enforcement agencies around Texas to share information about gangs, cutting the mobility of these increasingly sophisticated criminal organizations.
- State law should allow a law enforcement officer to stop and frisk juvenile gang members who are on probation for a felony offense.
- Use juvenile criminal records against criminals if they continue to commit crimes as adults.
- VI. Increase Safety in Public Schools
 - Strengthen penalties against those who assault teachers in our schools.
- VII. Support Neighborhood Anti-Crime Programs
 - Support community anti-crime programs.
 - Promote crime control districts, which allow cities and counties to dedicate part of their local sales taxes to fighting crime.

Something Difficult To Talk About: Your Prostate Health

By Jennifer Brooks

African-American men have the highest incidence and mortality rates of prostate cancer in the world. In addition, "we're seeing an earlier onset of prostate cancer, a two to three times greater incidence of the disease, and a two to three times greater risk of death among Black men with prostate cancer, compared to commonly cited national prostate cancer statistics based on studies of Caucasian men," said Brian Stone, M.D., assistant professor of urology at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

The issue of prostate health has received increasing attention with the publicity surrounding the diagnosis of prostate cancer in well-known celebrities including singer Harry Belafonte, Bishop Desmond Tutu and golfer Arnold Palmer. Former NAACP Executive Director Dr. Benjamin Hooks and Congressional Hispanic Caucus member Edward Pastor (DAZ) have promoted prostate health awareness by recording radio public service announcements in Spanish and English urging men to get prostate screenings.

"Although one in five American men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime, most are only vaguely aware of the disease, its treatment and its consequences. Unlike women, who usually talk freely among themselves about intimate health problems, most men shy away from exchanging information about any of their physical disorders—especially problems involving a gland that produces seminal fluid and affects urinary flow," said Leon Jaroff, M.D. from Santa Monica, CA in an article on

the Black Health Network.

While genetics are said to play a major role in prostate cancer—African Americans, for example, have a higher risk than whites of contracting the disease—environment is obviously involved. "In such countries as China and Japan, where low-fat diets of vegetables and fish are the norm, the incidence of prostate cancer is extremely low. But prostate cancer rates for first- and second-generation Japanese Americans are considerably higher than in Japan," said Dr. Jaroff.

One study found that only five percent of African-American men who screened positive for risk of prostate cancer sought additional medical advice or treatment. The study cited the lack of health education, fear of the rectal exam, fear of perceived side effects of prostate cancer treatment and distrust of the medical community as possible reasons African-American men avoid medical follow up, said Dr. Stone.

Another prostate condition that is seldom talked about but is prevalent among many older men is Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH). While it is a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate, BPH can adversely affect the quality of a man's life if left untreated. It can cause frequent and urgent calls to urinate, trouble starting the urine flow, weak or interrupted stream, and dribbling after a man thinks his bladder is empty. If you think you may suffer from BPH, it's nothing to be ashamed of. By age 60, more than half of all men, and eventually most men, will develop BPH.

BPH is an expensive disease. Each year, an estimated one million men are treated for BPH in the U.S., with about 350,000 men needing prostate surgery. All forms of treatment for BPH cost an estimated \$5 billion each year, and as the U.S. population ages, these costs will increase.

NIH is sponsoring a nationwide study to determine if long term use of medications will prevent the progression of BPH, thereby eliminating the need for surgery. The drugs are FDA approved and are most commonly used to treat BPH.

It is important that African Americans be involved in clinical studies, yet most do not participate. Less than one percent of the men involved in several highly respected and often cited studies in the late 1980s and early 1990s were Black, according to Dr. Stone. "We are concerned that healthcare policy makers will continue to use data based on studies of large numbers of Caucasian males to make decisions for those who are at the greatest risk for prostate cancer," Dr. Stone said.

To find out if you are eligible to participate in the nationwide project to help treat BPH, call 1-800-BPH-1221. There are 17 medical centers around the country that are involved in the study and are providing free screenings for BPH and prostate cancer. However, you must be 50 years or older and have not previously been treated for BPH or prostate cancer. All treatment and medications are provided free of charge.

How To Give Yourself Self-Confidence Part II

By Charles W. Faulkner

This is the second part of a two-part column on building your self-confidence. Below are some suggestions for developing good self-esteem.

1. Do not be intimidated. Many people get a psychological boost from frightening you. If someone is walking down the sidewalk directly in front of you, and toward you, move over and let them pass. If they think that this is a "big victory" for them, that's their problem. They have actually displayed their feelings of inadequacy. Do not let them intimidate you.
2. Try to get used to things that cause you anxiety. Things cause you anxiety

only because you fear them. You fear them only because you haven't conquered them. Maybe you haven't even tried them. Eliminate anxiety and fear by trying new things. If you try something new and it doesn't work for you, try it again and again until it works. Eventually you will succeed.

3. Deal with people "where they are" and you will get along with everyone. No one is totally compatible with anyone, but everyone has, at least, one thing in common with everyone. It is not necessary to get along with everybody (sometimes it's not worth the trouble), but it's fun, it's a challenge. It's also good

public relations. Do you like to paint? Your friend Mary does, too? You also like to ride a bicycle, but she doesn't? What should you do? Have a painting session with Mary. Go to an art gallery with her, but go bike riding with someone else. What's the point here? It is that you will have something in common with everyone. When you do with them what they have in common with you, they are comfortable in your company. When you press them to do something that they don't enjoy doing, you cause them stress. They don't want to be around you.

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The Reach to Recovery Program of the American Cancer Society

The Reach to Recovery program of the American Cancer Society provides information and support for women with a personal concern about breast cancer by someone who has already been there herself—the Reach to Recovery visitor.

Reach to Recovery is a volunteer visitation program. It helps a breast cancer patient meet the emotional, physical, and cosmetic needs related to her disease and its treatment. The program is one woman reaching out to share experiences and give support to another in a time of need.

Reach to Recovery also provides information and support for the loved ones of breast cancer patients.

Terese Lasser, who herself had breast cancer, started Reach to Recovery in 1952. In 1969, it became a program of the American Cancer Society. Today Reach to Recovery is offered throughout the United States and in many foreign countries.

The Reach to Recovery volunteer visitor is carefully chosen and trained by the American Cancer Society. She is warm, tactful, courteous, and thoughtful and is aware of her role in the recovery of the breast cancer patient. She recognizes the right of the patient to make her own choices. The visitor provides information and practical tips, but makes no personal medical comparisons and NEVER gives medical advice. If the patient asks medical questions, the visitor refers her to the proper health care professional. She gives of herself, her time and her experience... she cares.

The volunteer visitor is someone who is at least one year post-treatment for breast cancer and also meets the following criteria:

- She has been screened and trained by the American Cancer Society.
- She is well adjusted and emotionally stable.
- She has a knowledge of professional ethics.
- She will maintain confidentiality.
- She participates in ongoing training updates.

The patient may have a Reach to Recovery visit at any point in the breast cancer experience.

To request a visit, the patient can call the local American Cancer Society office. The patient's doctor, nurse, family member or friend may also call with the request. The visitor might meet the patient in the hospital or clinic, the patient's home, the American Cancer Society office or another agreed upon site. The visit can also take place over the telephone if necessary. The volunteer often makes a follow-up visit or phone call to the patient to answer any questions and to offer additional support if needed. Long-term support, however, is not a part of the program.

All Reach to Recovery visitors are volunteers of the American Cancer Society. There is never any charge for the services they provide.

For more information on the Reach to Recovery Program, contact your local American Cancer Society listed in the telephone book.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY AND FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES RESEARCH CENTER ON AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

NEW ORLEANS, LA-- The president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Marcia J. Fudge, Esq., and the president of the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF), Mrs. Hortense Canady (a past national president of DST), announced the establishment of a Research Center on African American Women, the first of its kind to be instituted. The Center will be housed at 1703 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. The announcement was made in New Orleans where Delta Sigma Theta held its national

executive board meeting in October.

National President Fudge explained that the Research Center on African American Women will become the repository for information about all social and economic levels of African American women. "Currently, there is little comprehensive knowledge about Black women other than the stereotypical profiles of entertainers, politicians, single mothers and/or those living in poverty," said Attorney Fudge of Cleveland. She added that there is no wide range and comprehen-

sive data about the diverse lifestyles of African American women and the roles that they have played in contributing to the building of the United States. The DST-DREF Center is designed to present extensive research on African American women that will be of great significance for policy decision-making on local and national levels.

Researchers who are members of DST and other researchers who have interests in the topics of importance to the Center will be invited to participate. The

Research Center on African American Women will investigate prominent issues on education, technology, career tracks for the 21st century, social policies that impact economic and social well-being. DREF President Canady adds that the Center will also examine the combination of gender and race bias and other emerging issues that need study. One of the initial projects will be a study of African American women role models and their impact on the lives of African American women.

"Congressman Thompson Calls for Federal Hate Crimes Investigation into Jackson Advocate Bombing"

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Today United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announced that he has made a formal, written request to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and Brad Pigott, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, to conduct a hate crime investigation into the bombing of the Jackson Advocate.

"The Jackson Advocate has

been a backbone of the community for nearly 60 years," said Thompson. "Some sad individual has made the mistake of thinking they can hide their cowardly act under the cover of darkness. As of right now, there is nowhere in this country that this person can hide without having to fear the full weight and authority of the federal government."

A preliminary investigation shows that the fire was started at or around 3:08 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 1998. There is evidence that the

front door was kicked open, gasoline was poured all over the office and then Molotov cocktails were thrown into the office igniting the fuel soaked room.

The Jackson Advocate, which was founded in 1939, has been a controversial voice for progressive issues in Mississippi and in the African-American community. Predicated on the equal application of the First Amendment to all Americans, the Advocate has pushed the buttons of many public offi-

cials, most recently, Jackson Mayor, Harvey Johnson. The Congressman went on to address the perpetrator of this crime by saying, "You will be caught, and when you are, you have my personal guarantee that you will be punished to the fullest extent of the law."

Hate crime laws have become stricter over the last few years, and individuals found guilty of committing these crimes will face stiff federal penalties.

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR CONTRACTORS

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PHILIPPIANS 4:19, MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL (NOT SOME ALL) YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS.

HE MAKES US TO LIE DOWN IN THE GREENEST OF ALL PASTURES; HE KNOWS ALL OF OUR NEEDS, EVEN BEFORE WE GET READY TO ASK HIM!!!

MATTHEW 6:31-33, JESUS SAID, THEREFORE TAKE NO THOUGHT, SAYING, WHAT SHALL WE EAT? OR, WHAT SHALL WE DRINK? OR, WHERE WITHAL SHALL WE BE CLOTHED? (FOR AFTER ALL THESE THINGS DO THE GENTILES SEEK;) FOR YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWETH THAT YE HAVE NEED OF ALL THESE THINGS, BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS (YOUR NEEDS) SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.

HE LEAD US BESIDE THE STILL AND THE COOLEST OF ALL WATERS; WHERE THERE IS PEACE, JOY, AND HAPPINESS; -AND NO ONE TO BATHER.

PSALM 28:7, THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD; MY HEART TRUST IN HIM, AND I AM HELPED; THEREFORE MY HEART GREATLY REJOICETH; AND WITH MY SONG WILL I PRAISE HIM.

HE RESTORES OUR SOULS; AND LEADS US INTO THE RIGHT WAY; THAT IS WHY WE SHOULD PRAISE HIM; FOR THE LOVE OF HIS NAME SAKE!!!

ISAIAH 1:18, COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAITH THE LORD; THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET (BLACK), THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY BE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY SHALL BE AS WOOL.

YEA THOUGH WE WALK THU THE VALLEY; INTO THE SHADOWS OF ANY DEATH; WE SHALL FEAR NO EVIL; BECAUSE HE IS GOD; AND HE IS OUR SAFETY NET!!!

PSALM 91:1,2, HE THAT DWELLETH IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS: MY GOD, IN HIM WILL I TRUST.

THY ROD AND THY STAFF: THEY ARE THE ONES THAT COMFORTS US; THEY WORK AS ONE: CALLED THE HOLY SPIRIT; THAT IS WITHIN ALL OF US.

JOHN 14:26,27a, JESUS SAID, THE COMFORTER, WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE, WHATSOEVER I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU. PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU; NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH.

THOU PREPARED THE TABLE, IN THE PRESENT OF ALL OF OUR ENEMIES; THOU HAS BEEN TO THE CROSS; TO THE GRAVE; AND HAVE GOTTEN THE VICTORY.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:55, O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY?

THOU ANOINTEST OUR HEADS WITH OIL; OUR CUPS ARE RUNNING OVER; YOU HAVE GIVEN US A COMMISSION; TO GO AND TELL OF YOUR SALVATION STORY.

MATTHEW 28:18b,19, JESUS SAID, ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH. GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY, SHALL FOLLOW US ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE BECAUSE WE ARE YOUR BRIDE; AND SOMEDAY; WE WILL BECOME, YOUR WIFE. REVELATION 19:7, LET US BE GLAD AND REJOICE, AND GIVE HONOR TO HIM (JESUS) FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME, AND HIS WIFE HATH MAKE HERSELF READY. WE SHALL DWELL WITH YOU IN YOUR HEAVENLY MANSIONS; THERE FOREVER; FOR THAT IS THE PLACE PREPARED FOR US; AND TO LEAVE YOU: NEVER!!!

REVELATION 21:2, AND I JOHN SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN FROM GOD OF HEAVEN, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND. GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, 111 YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of: Parson D.A. Smith

You Can Do Nothing

"I can't help it! That's just the way I am." Have you ever heard this? Have you ever said it? Sometimes we feel trapped and condemned by humanity.

Paul might have felt the same feeling at one point in his life—especially when he compared himself to the perfection of the law.

When Paul originally called Saul, when growing up in Tarsus of Cilicia, or sitting at the feet of Gamaliel in Jerusalem, he felt that he was obedient to the Mosaic law. He described himself as "circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching righteousness which is in the law, blameless" (Philippians 3:5, 6). After his conversion to Christ, he found true righteousness.

Paul described the struggle between the two laws within himself as an appearance of a battle back and forth between the law of God and the law of sin. His spiritual nature was pitted against his sinful nature. It seesawed up and down as he

faced the daily experiences of life. He almost seems to despair of the situation, but at the end of Roman 7 he comes up with the only possible solution for his predicament.

Paul tells us that while we were under the law, our sinful passions (selfish human desires) controlled us. What a miserable existence!

A person whose life is dictated by selfishness (in any form) is never happy. Either he or she is working hard to get what someone else has, or he or she is using all of their energy to hold on to what is theirs' already. The person becomes a servant of self.

However, by dying to the law and living in the Spirit, we have been released in order to served in a new way. What a wonderful freedom! Chains of selfishness can be tossed aside, and we can breathe deeply the exhilarating air of life in the Spirit—a life that is not seeking to gain but is wanting to give.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

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"The Proper Way"

"The proper way for a man to pray," said Deacon Lemuel Keys, "is down upon your knees. With the proper attitude."

"No, I should say, the way to pray," said Reverend Doctor Wise, "is standing straight with outstretched arms and rapturous upturned eyes."

"It seems to me his hands should be devostly clasped, thumbs pointing toward the ground," said Reverend Doctor Blunt.

"Last year, I fell in a well, head first," said Mr. Brown, "with both my heels sticking up. My head was pointing down. And I made prayer right then and there, best prayer I ever said. It was the prayest prayer I ever prayed while standing on my head."

The question to be asked: "Do you feel there is a proper way or position you should be in before praying???"

"Let's Pray"

Father, heal our hearts of any grief caused by problems of this world. Bestow on us a crown of renewed strength. Anoint us with the oil of gladness instead of mourning with garments of praise instead of spirits of depression. Thanks for all your blessings and love for all of us. We pray. AMEN."

Those who are hurting, keep looking up to the One who has the answer, and keep reading the word. II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

Write to: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas, 79408. Hoping to see you there Saturday.

We're going to stop telling God about what the devil is doing, and start telling the devil what God is doing. Pray for all our leaders all over our city, our churches, state, our communities, our only obligation as Christians are to pray and pray now. Think about it, people.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; and Sister Ernestine Fraizer, secretary.

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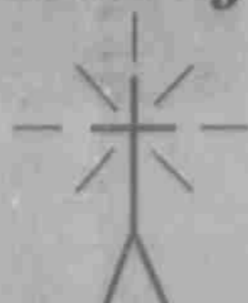


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The author began ministry in his teens and was pastoring by his early twenties. He speaks frankly about his and other ministers' odysseys from sincere, well intentioned

prodigies to cynical, sinful showman. He soon discovered that things in the church were

not as they seemed. In this ground-breaking book, he describes a secular and often profane ministerial community that is often shrouded in psudeo-holiness.

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Annual Musical

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The theme will be: "Knowing and Doing the Will of God." St. John 15:5. Rev. J.H. Ford is pastor.

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