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NATIONAL NEWS

Robinson Honored With Gold Coin

Baseball great Jackie Robinson, who died in 1972, is still achieving "firsts." The man whose barrier-breaking entry into Major League Baseball (MLB) helped to open professional sports to talented minorities, has now become the first African American to be honored with a United States gold coin.

"A place on the nation's coinage is one of the highest tributes we bestow on one of our own," said U.S. Mint director Philip N. Diehl. "The program commemorates a remarkable, unforgettable American who elevated both our national pastime and our national ideals."

As a result of an act of Congress, the U.S. government has issued 100,000 gold coins and 200,000 silver coins as part of the continued observance of the 50th anniversary of Robinson's historic 1947 breakthrough of the color barrier in MLB.

And there is still another first. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the coins will help the Jackie Robinson Foundation provide financial support to college-bound high school seniors who have strong academic capabilities and leadership potential. Never before has a U.S. Mint commemorative coin program funded college scholarships.

USDA, Black Colleges Link Rural Communities to Information Super Highway

The information super highway has forged a path into 45 southern, rural communities thanks to a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) of over 80 government surplus computers to Black universities participating in the 1890 Land Grant University Community-Based Organization Outreach Program.

Once the college or university places the computers in community-based organizations, residents have free access to word processing software and BISnet, a Wide Area Network linking the universities and their outreach communities.

Universities participating in this program include: Alcorn State, Prairie View A&M, Fort Valley State, Southern, South Carolina State, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Fort Berthold Community College, Tuskegee, Hampton, Alabama A&M, Langston, Lincoln, Tennessee State, Virginia State, Kentucky State, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, North Carolina A&T, Delaware State and Florida A&M.

AT&T Gives \$80,000 to Historically Black Colleges

Education is crucial for success, and today's technology is crucial in giving students the training they need to succeed. Consequently, AT&T is supporting the Video Conferencing Training, Research and Education Center at Clark University. AT&T recently presented the Center with a check for \$80,000, the second installment of a \$150,000 commitment by the information giant.

Video conferencing is being used at about 40 of the nation's 114 Historically Black Colleges (HBCUs). It allows students to take courses at other schools and meet with corporate recruiters and links faculty researchers with distant laboratories and other institutions.

The Center will use the AT&T grant to further promote the use of video conferencing, particularly at smaller and geographically isolated schools, in addition to helping schools upgrade older systems.

For more information about the Center at Clark Atlanta University, call Dr. Diane Bowles, the program's director

TEXAS TECH FIRST UNIVERSITY IN TEXAS TO APPOINT SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY



Texas Tech Director of Personnel Cathy H. Allen has been promoted to the post of Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Cultural Diversity. The promotion makes Texas Tech the first public university in Texas to create a chancellor-level position to focus specifically on recruitment and retention of minority students, faculty and staff. Allen will be assisted by Janie Ramirez, formerly a human resources coordinator in the department of personnel, in efforts to recruit minority faculty and students.

Allen and Ramirez will build community-based programs aimed at improving Texas Tech's link to the local community. This effort will include marketing Texas Tech to high schools statewide and assessing how Texas Tech can improve in its efforts to recruit and retain minority students.

"Texas Tech needs to do a better job of showing teachers, parents and students what the university offers," said Allen. "We will work very hard to meet with minority leaders and students to find out how the university can be of

service to them." The Texas Tech Board of Regents created Allen's position last year agreeing with the chancellor that enhancement of the university's minority recruitment and retention efforts be a major policy initiative.

"This is something we must do to help all Texans obtain a college degree," said Chancellor John T. Montford. "We must become active in the local communities to show potential students Texas Tech will listen and provide them with the tools needed to attend the university and earn a degree."

Allen received a bachelor's degree in marketing management in 1981 and a master's degree in counseling in 1989 from Stephen F. Austin University. Allen served as the director of personnel at Stephen F. Austin until April, 1996.

Prior to working at Texas Tech, Ramirez served as the manager of operations in the Lubbock office of Dun and Bradstreet, an information services company. Ramirez, a first generation college student, graduated from Texas Tech in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

THEY ARE STILL AROUND... AND WE KNOW IT



Christopher Malco Upton



Joe Luis Serratos



Artis Lee Nathan



Roderick Johnson



Randy Jones



Nestor Fierro

We will stay on the battlefield with marches, prayer vigil, and mug shots on our front page of the Southwest Digest as long as poison is being sold to our young people.

Pictured are some of those who were recently arrested for alleged drug dealing in our

community. They are Nestor Fierro, Randy Jones, Roderick Johnson, Artis Lee Nathan, Jose Luis Serratos, and Christopher Upton.

We need business people in our community, but not these kind of characters. We need business people who are orderly

and bring credibility to our community, not destruction.

Remember we are watching you, and we will keep an eye on you. We will continue to expose you as long as our young people are getting the poison you illegally spread.

A Voice From the Hill For the Love of Money

By George Wilson

Money is the oil that lubricates the wheels of politics. A well-placed contribution or two can get one a favorable response to a question or persuade a lawmaker to slant a rule towards a particular point of view.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee has been conducting hearings on campaign fundraising and how money can influence certain political decisions. One the surface, it would appear that taxpayer's money shouldn't be spent to find out the obvious. However, Senate investigators have stumbled into an area which should cause at least some to raise an eyebrow.

Investigators are trying to determine if a reasonably hefty contribution from the chairman of Chiquita Brands could help crush the economies of several Caribbean nations who depend on bananas for their economic survival.

A visit to your local supermarket will show that the fruit section generally has bananas that carry the name of Chiquita or Dole. These companies control over 90 percent of the world market for the nutritious fruit. The remaining 10 percent is the province of several Caribbean nations. Apparently, Carl Linder, chairman of Chiquita, feels that 10 percent of the market is too

much for Caribbean nations to have. After his donations to Democrats and Republicans, it seems he convinced them that a policy should be pursued through the World Trade Organization that would effectively block Caribbean nations from selling their products to the European market.

What does this mean in practical terms? Hazel Ross-Robinson, who represents the Caribbean Banana Exporters Association, says that some of the countries are so dependent on the revenue from the sale of their bananas, that a loss of market would threaten their very existence.

"In a place like Dominica, 70 percent of all foreign exchange earnings come from bananas. If Chiquita and the United States manage to shut a place like Dominica out of the European banana market, the result will be widespread suffering."

If this misguided policy is implemented what does Chiquita have to gain? The answer is millions of dollars. You don't need a master's degree in business administration to know that to spend less than a million dollars with policy makers in exchange for millions in increased profits, is as good as betting on the Harlem globetrotters to beat your local high school team.

When Caribbean nations that have pursued the recommended course of democracy find themselves unable to participate in the world economy, they will have to find some other way of filling the gap. If you can't grow bananas, then perhaps marijuana might present itself as an option? While Chiquita is looking at its profit and loss statement, the Clinton Administration and the World Trade Organization are saying to Caribbeans, "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

The Congressional Black Caucus and the Caribbean Banana Exporters Association are fighting to keep the Caribbean nations from facing economic ruin. They need all of the help they can muster. The decision is currently under appeal and the results will soon be known. If loyal allies of the United States can be sacrificed at the altar of campaign contributions, words like morality and trust have no meaning. Even if the decision goes against Caribbean nations, the U.S. still has the option of not implementing the policy. Let's hope that righteousness will prevail.

George Wilson is a 16-year Capitol Hill correspondent for the American Urban Radio Network.

SPIRES MAY RUN FOR OFFICE

The Southwest Digest recently learned of the possibility of Abraham Spires may run for Justice of the Peace, a seat presently held by Tom Head.

The Southwest Digest would be interested in knowing of your opinion of such a contest for this post. If this becomes a reality, there will be two African

American males seeking an elective position, subject to the Democratic Primary.

More on this in the near future.

CAMILLE COSBY CALLS FOR "MARCH OF QUARTERS" TO SUPPORT AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Camille O. Cosby has issued a call to African Americans to start a grass-roots tradition for support of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). Dr. Cosby is the co-chair of NCNW's Fund for the Future Campaign along with Maya Angelou and Susan Taylor. Dr. Cosby cited the organization's decades of work in improving the lives of all women and their families through self-help solutions stressing economic and social development. As a direct result, thousands of NCNW Brown Boxes, a coin collection concept, can now be found in homes, schools and churches.

"Almost everyone can save quarters in order to give to a charitable cause they believe in," stated Dr. Cosby. "A quarter contributed and spent wisely can be put to work to cure the evils of violence, injustice and inhumanity. If every African American would contribute, this 'march of quarters' would demonstrate a renewed commitment toward self-reliance of profound impact."

Dorothy I. Height, President and CEO of NCNW, remembered how communities in the days of segregation pooled their money to help establish businesses, churches, social services and other institutions. In the more recent past, Dr. Height also recalled the introduction of the Brown Box, first used when the 82nd Congress authorized NCNW to erect the Bethune Memorial in Washington, DC at no cost to the Federal Government. It is the first memorial to an African American or to a woman of any race to be placed on public land in the Nation's Capital.

In the first few weeks, more than 12,000 have signed on to be part of the Brown Box tradition. At recent conventions of the NAACP, Phi Beta

Sigma Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and 100 Black Men, Top Ladies of Distinction, the Eastern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the response has been so strong that NCNW has ordered the production of additional boxes. Other organizations, including NCNW's affiliates, community based sections and other organizations as cooperating partners have been distributing the boxes throughout the country.

"African American women are often celebrated as the backbone of their communities," stated Dr. Height. "Working most often with very limited resources, African American women have a long track record of finding innovative ways to improve lives and open doors to greater opportunity and social justice. There are so many success stories and programs that are working in our neighborhoods to transform people's lives. If the American public responds favorably to Camille Cosby's challenge, we will move into the 21st Century with a greatly increased capability to realize our goal--to leave no one behind."

The Washington, DC-headquartered NCNW is the broadest-based organization serving African American women. NCNW has an outreach to more than four million African American women through its coalition of 37 national affiliated organizations, including professional, fraternal, church, and both rural and urban social service organizations. NCNW operates 250 community-based sections in the United States and has international offices in Zimbabwe, Egypt and Senegal.

For more information on how to become a part of the NCNW Brown Box tradition, write to NCNW, 633 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20004 or call (202) 737-0120.



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Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Motou is the proud pastor. If you don't have a church home, you are invited to come and visit with New Hope Baptist Church.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with the Youth Department Superintendent Henry High presiding. For thirty minutes, all classes received instruction, and reassembled at 10:15 a.m. in the main auditorium singing "Near The Cross." Special prayer and high points of the morning lesson were given by Sister Dorothy Kinner. They were very good! However, Brother Ernest Swain just couldn't hold his seat, and has something to add to the morning lesson. It, too, was very well done.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department -- Intermediate Class received the Attendance Banner while the Senior Class received the Offering Banner. Adult Department: Class No. 1 retained the Attendance Banner, and Class No. 4 received the Offering Banner.

Last Sunday was the Annual Men's Day and the men were in charge of the morning devotional period.

The morning processional was done with the Male Chorus marching singing "We've Got To Give God The Glory." Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A selection, "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High," was sung. Scripture was read by Brother Bruce Tharrington. Prayer was given by Brother Hardin Barrow. Another selection, "If The Lord Has Blessed Your Soul, You Ought To Tell It," was sung. Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Ernest Swain.

The morning hymn was "Stand Up For Jesus." Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Motou. His remarks were centered around Brother Matthews for the fine work he does around the church without being asked. A song, "I'm Satisfied," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "Pass Me Not."

Pastor Motou's sermon was entitled "Endeavoring To Become A Faithful Witness For The Master," which was the theme for the Annual Men's Day worship services. His text was Acts 1:8. It was quite a message.

The Barbara Jordan Club worshiped at the St. James Baptist Church last Sunday morning. Let us pray for this church as their pastor, Rev. Kado Lang, is in the hospital.

Our prayers go out to all who are ill this week. Among them is Sister Hollie Mae "Sug" Johnson who was rushed to the hospital for an emergency last Saturday. At this report, she is back home.

Sister Pearline Chase was also rushed back to the hospital last week. John Henderson had surgery last week. At this report, he is a patient at Methodist Hospital.

Sister G.H. Davis is doing nicely in the nursing home. Bernadetta Barber is a patient at a local nursing home. Sister Gale Herford asks for prayer for her father. God is able. Just trust Him. All of you are in our prayers.

Last Sunday afternoon at New Hope Baptist Church, the Annual Men's Day program was held with the pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Rev. Solomon Fields, delivering the message. He spoke well on the theme, "Endeavoring To Become A Faithful Witness For The Master." It was another good program by the men of New Hope Baptist Church.

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Obituary



MRS. HORTENSE TOLBERT KING



Final rites were read for a longtime resident of Lubbock, Texas, Mrs. Hortense Tolbert King last Wednesday afternoon, August 27, 1997 at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. D.A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Church, officiating. Rev. N. H. Franklin is host pastor.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ardee Hunt, Hubert Stevens, T.J. Patterson, Robert Deary, Fulton Berry and Bennie Jordan.

Honorary pallbearers were Stewards of Bethel.

Deaconess King was born November 2, 1901 in Harrison Switch, Texas to the late Aaron and Melissa Tolbert. She was one of ten girls and four boys born to this union.

She married Floyd King and in the early

1930's they moved to Lubbock. The Kings purchased a great deal of property including the King's Hotel and employed a number of people. Mr. King preceded her in death.

Mrs. King united with Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in its early years and served during her lifetime in many capacities. She was an usher, a class leader, a missionary and stewardess. She believed in "Christian Education" and was nearly always at Sunday School where she sometimes taught the Adult Class when their teacher was absent. Mrs. King was ordained a Deaconess in the Northwest Texas Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop Henry Murph. She also was a great monetary contributor to Bethel and she donated a "Grand Piano". Her other memberships include the Heroines of Jericho-Texas, and the Golden Rule Circle.

Survivors include a daughter, Pearl Glenn of Port Arthur, Texas; a sister, Alice Gice of Waco, Texas; seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; a son-in-law; two sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

MRS. MATTIE EVE DUKES ADAMS



Final rites were read for Mrs. Mattie Eve Dukes Adams on Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Dwight Pierce, Diedrick Dunn, O.C. Horton, Willie Felder, Cornilious Petit, and Virgil Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were the grandsons of Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Adams was born December 16, 1927 in Luling, Texas. She attended Ella Hies School and was a graduate of Dunbar High School. She united with the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church at an early age.

She was united in holy matrimony February 14, 1949 to Mr. Leroy Adams. To this union, eight children were born. Mr. Adams and Carolyn preceded her in death, leaving seven beautiful children.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters: Rowanda Toler of Lubbock, Texas, Lauretta Adams, Sandra Adams, Denise Adams, all of Dallas, Texas and Annetta Smith of Houston, Texas; her sons: Gary Wayne of Dallas, Texas and Leroy, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; eleven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, four cousins: Bonnie Wright of Denver, Colorado, Alta B. Burse, Allie V. Sims, James and Wilma Wright, all of Lubbock, Texas.

FORICE MOSES, SR.



Funeral services were held for Mr. Forice Moses, Sr. on Thursday, September 11, 1997 at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Pallbearers were Charles Westbrook, Kevin Jackson, Curtis Collier, Freddie Westbrook, Elbert Whitside, and Aubrey Young.

Honorary pallbearers were Derick Pollard, Danny Douglas, Durante Moses, Quinton Moses, Tollie Moses and Dale Morgan.

Mr. Moses was born October 20, 1916 in Phoenix, Arizona. He moved to Lubbock and worked at Kerr Motors, and later worked for Hemphill-Wells until they closed.

He married Ruby Biggers and to that union three children were born. Preceding him in death were two sons.

He leaves to mourn his death: his wife, Mrs. Ruby Moses; three sons: Forice Moses, Jr., Charles Williams, both of San Antonio, Texas and James Moses of Lubbock, Texas; eight daughters: Mildred "Pat" Mayberry of Germany, Fanny Weekly, Joyce Brown, and Bridgette Rucker, all of San Antonio, Texas, Loyce Moses, Beverly Moses and Josie Moses, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Helen of Fresno, California. He has forty-four grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

RICHARD ERVIN, JR.



Funeral services for Richard Ervin, Jr. were held Friday August 29, 1997 at the First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Homer Avery, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Ervin died here Saturday, August 23, 1997 in his residence.

He was born January 17, 1943 in Jefferson,

MILITARY NEWS

Billy Joe Crumley has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock, Texas.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward

a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Crumley will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic military training on September 30, 1997.

He is the son of Phillip K. Crumley of 906 E. 52nd St., Lubbock, Texas, and Doris Ann Davis of 908 N. 31st St., Rogers, Ark.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY THEATRE ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FROM PLAYWRIGHTS FOR NEW PLAY FESTIVAL

The Department of Theatre and Dance at Texas Tech University announces an upcoming new play festival - Raider Red's One-Act Play Spectacular - as part of its 1997/98 Laboratory Theatre season. The department is accepting original scripts from area playwrights to compete for admission in the festival.

Original one-act scripts that perform in 45 minutes or less are eligible. The department requests that musicals and children's scripts not be submitted. The submission deadline is October 1, with the announcement being made by November 3. The performance dates for the One-Act Play Spectacular are March 29 through April 5, 1998 in the Laboratory Theatre.

"We wanted to give our students the opportunity of working with original scripts - not only playwrights, but also designers, directors and performers," says department chair Dr. Norman A. Bert. "Also, we believe we feel a responsibility to our patrons to give them an opportunity to view new works."

The new play festival is the first of its kind for the department, which provides both master and doctorate levels of study in playwrighting. But very few opportunities exist for new playwrights to see their writing staged prior to leaving the university.

Playwrights will agree to provide scripts royalty-free and credit the University Theatre in all future productions and publications of the scripts. Playwrights are required to be in

Lubbock during rehearsals and are expected to collaborate with their director, dramaturge, and actors.

The idea of a new play festival is not a new one. Many regional theatres sponsor original scripts, one of the most famous of which is the Humana Festival in Louisville, Kentucky. Actor's Theatre of Louisville has been committed to producing original scripts from both established and emerging playwrights. Contemporary playwrights such as Beth Henley, Marsha Norman, Jane Martin, David Henry Hwang, and Jose Rivera have had their scripts produced there, many of them going on to be produced professionally and often receiving critical literary acclaim, namely the Pulitzer Prize. Other regional theatres such as the Dallas Theatre Center, Seattle Rep and the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles have included original scripts as part of their regular seasons.

"What we often forget is that the classic playwrights - Shakespeare, Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, Moliere and Chekhov - were once contemporary playwrights of their time," states Bert. "We like to believe we are producing the classics of tomorrow."

The department hopes to continue the festival on an annual basis, expanding it to include playwrights from the general southwest region.

For more information on submitting scripts for Consideration, Contact Deborah Martin at 742-3601.

A Voice From the Hill A Truly Bitter Harvest

By George Wilson

The end of summer marks the beginning of the harvest season for the nation's farmers. However, most African Americans will only reap the bitter fruits of continued land loss and low crop yield.

It seems like only yesterday that members of the Congressional Black Caucus held hearings on the plight of African-American farmers. During them, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman indicated his willingness to address their numerous complaints, including delayed processing of loans, an unusually high number of African Americans losing their farms and a general insensitivity on the part of Agriculture officials.

Lots of gut wrenching testimony was produced, the few reporters covering the event got good quotes, but very little change resulted from the exercise. "The hearings were lip service. What you saw there is a national disgrace on the hands of the Department of Agriculture. The Secretary testified that he was going to give emergency funds and operating funds to Black farmers, none of which were made. When the numbers came out this fiscal year, we noted that there were no loans made. They couldn't find one Black farmer in this country to make an emergency loan to. This is a national disgrace," said John Boyd, president of the National Black Farmers Association.

After getting the bureaucratic shuffle, over 600 African-American farmers have filed a class action lawsuit against the Agriculture Department. "This suit has been filed out of frustration," noted Boyd. "Here we have an

administrative process, out of eight or nine hundred cases of discrimination that the department acknowledges, only four to this day have tried to go through their system and have not been able to do so. They are sick and tired of being sick and tired," he said.

The lawsuit addresses processing time, the lack of investigation into civil rights complaints and the lack of settlements of cases. One of the enduring legacies of the so-called Reagan era was the elimination of the Agriculture Department's Officer of Civil Rights Enforcement. The result has been what many describe as "the last plantation" situation at the agency. Glickman promises to do something about the problem, but many African-American farmers are skeptical.

For the dwindling number of African-American farmers, harvest time is a sad time. They planted late because their loans were late, their yields are low and they won't be able to pay their bills. The result can only be more loss of farms.

"We are a dying breed. Today, we represent less than one percent of the nation's farmers. Sixty-seven percent of that one percent are program participants at the Department of Agriculture. The Department has 1.5 million acres of land in its inventory that taxpayers are paying taxes on. Fifty-three percent of that 1.5 million acres is land that is formerly Black-owned land. This means that they (the Agriculture Department) hold the deed on this land and that in most cases, discrimination took place," Boyd somberly observed.

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N THAT...has come to the conclusion that there is not enough business to...**WORRY**...about the outcome...or...the businesses just don't care about people wanting to eat...**PIZZAS**...in East Lubbock...THIS N THAT...would suggest that if there are anyone who is interested in...**PIZZA BUSINESS**...to take advantage of it now...by taking a feasibility Study...to see if there is a market...Let's not worry about those who don't care about us...and...**START DOING SOMETHING FOR OURSELVES**...say...**OPEN UP OUR OWN PIZZA BUSINESS!** Are there any takers??? Hope so!!

BIG MARCH SET FOR OCTOBER 19TH!! THIS N THAT...would like to advise of the upcoming...**MARCH AGAINST GANGS AND DRUGS**...set for...**TUESDAY EVENING...OCTOBER 19TH**...beginning at 6:00 p.m. More on the location...in the very near future...If you have a...**YOUTH GROUP**...and would like to participate...then please give us a call at...762-3612...Let's get involved in this effort...**SENATOR BOB DUNCAN**...and...members of the...**YWCA**...are expected to participate...It also has been learned that there will be folks from...**LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS**...who will be in the march...More later!!

SHIRLEY CANDADY THE BARBER SAYS: In...**PRAYER**...**GOD**...hears more than...**WORDS**...He...listens to your...**HEART**...

HOW ABOUT THEM MATADORS?? THIS N THAT...is so happy over this year's...**ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS**...who are...**TWO AND ONE**...thus far...They will be on the field this Friday night against...a cross town team...**LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL WESTERNERS**...Let's go out to...**LOWREY FIELD**...and support those...**MATADORS**...on Friday evening...Will you be there?? Hope so!!

WELCOME TO MT. VERNON & COMMUNITY! THIS N THAT...would like to take this time and say...**WELCOME**...to the new pastor of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church...**PASTOR FRED WATSON**...His first official day as...**PASTOR**...was last Sunday morning...September 21, 1997.

More Of The Same Old Tired Tale!!!

By Eddie P. Richardson



If I could make all the parts of Lubbock competitive self sustaining market places, I would, but I can't. Wish I could. If I could utilize land in the eastern one third of the city, the under utilized land, I would also develop the undeveloped areas of the eastern one third of the city. I would also do the same for downtown Lubbock and the Overton area as well as north and northeast Lubbock, and see the differences in the appearance, development at different points of Lubbock and try to figure out why the differences. One area where land is running out and other areas with vast amounts of vacant land. It makes one wonder why the potential is not being fulfilled equitably across the city. The eastern shores of Lubbock has the prettiest natural terrain and natural beauty. What a shame to go to waste. But life is like that. These are the changes we must go through, and if you do not understand, my friends, I am sorry for you. It is really a shame when the total city can not participate equitably on a tax paying basis and not be able to compete at the market place with its goods and services. For Lubbock to totaly be Lubbock for all of its cit-

izens, it has to be Lubbock for all of its citizens across the board with access to all of its resources for all of its citizens. We cannot play racial game for Lubbock to truly move ahead. It will have to move into the future collectively working together for the good of all of us.

The city as a whole is a body and when one part of the body is not well, the total body is not well. The depressed areas need help from the non-depressed. Help, not leadership; help such as any necessary resource, guidance, advice, support, in general. Hands not handouts. That's the problem now. We need to stop addressing the symptoms and get to the causes and start rectifying them together. We can make it happen. Rich, poor, Black, Brown, White and others working together for the betterment of the total city, not part or parts, but the total city.

If I could wave a magic wand, I would wave it over Lubbock and create a perfect total city, but I can't so I'll have to do the best I can. With the help of God and concerned citizens in Lubbock, it can be accomplished.

We are on our way now, but we have come a long way, train is on the track, that's why we are working so hard on drugs, gangs and violence to keep our community moving forward.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS TAKES STAND ON TOBACCO SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS African American Interests Must be Represented

Washington, D.C. --- Protesting the conspicuous absence of African American participation in the national tobacco settlement negotiations, the Congressional Black Caucus has taken a strong public stand, insisting that the interests of African Americans be represented in whatever legislation is introduced by the U.S. Congress.

At a two-hour strategy session on Capitol Hill, a task force of a dozen members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) was joined by top officials of the National Medical Association, Meharry Medical College, Morehouse School of Medicine, the Black Congress on Health and Economics, the National Black Nurses Association, and the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Those present expressed concern about the billions of dollars in the tobacco settlement earmarked for smoking cessation, educational outreach, media campaigns, and research and development and that no African Americans have been "at the table" to discuss how these funds will be dispersed. An editorial published by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade group for African American newspapers, was circulated at the meeting. The NNPA editorial carried a headline saying: "African Americans Need To Be

Present To Discuss Our Fair Share of Funds From the National Tobacco Agreement." Mrs. Dorothy Leavell, president of NNPA, participated in the strategy session.

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA.), Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus said, "African Americans have been conspicuously left out of the tobacco settlement negotiations to date. The Congressional Black Caucus convened this meeting to pool the resources of the Black community and to put together a team of attorneys, physicians, and medical schools that will be able to represent African American smokers, tobacco farmers, and employees at tobacco processing plants in the next phases of the negotiations."

She said although African Americans are exposed to the same predicaments that are presently being negotiated in settlement talks, (i.e., smoking, getting cancer, working in the tobacco industry, farming, etc.), no African Americans have been present in any of the tobacco settlement meetings to represent these interests.

Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), Chairman of the CBC's Tobacco Focus Task Force and a member of the Democratic Caucus' Task Force on the Tobacco Settlement, said, "Everyone agreed (in the meeting) that it is absolutely critical to guarantee that the

interests of African Americans are represented in whatever legislation is ultimately introduced in Congress. We are united on this matter." Rep. Thompson sent on to say, "The CBC has not yet taken a position on the proposed tobacco settlement and ongoing tobacco related litigation. Our role in the legislative portion of the settlement negotiations is strictly to ensure that the interests of African Americans are legitimately represented."

Mrs. Leavell expressed concern that although millions of dollars in the settlement will be directed toward media campaigns to educate young smokers on the health hazards from smoking "the black press and other minority media are subject to be ignored and left out, as we have been in the past and in the present." She said the anti-smoking lobby had spent thousands of dollars advertising in mainstream newspapers and "not a dollar in black newspapers." She added, "These groups certainly are not representing our interests in the tobacco negotiations."

The CBC members plan to meet with President Bill Clinton to discuss their concerns and demand that African Americans be included in all phases of negotiations on the tobacco settlement.

IN CINQUE

By Renetta W. Howard



I never cease to be amazed by the number of children receiving free lunches in the public schools. I have watched this from year to year, school to school and thoroughly believe that a great percentage of these children really do need a free breakfast and a free lunch. Two meals is all some people eat a day and when they are free, the battle for eating has been won. Most students qualifying for free lunch are usually eligible for U.S.D.A food stamps whether they receive them or not. Many do not receive food stamps. Their parents manage to manage without them. Some working families received the reduced priced breakfast and lunch, thus having half the battle won. About one-tenth of the school population pays the asking price of \$1.25 for lunch. The other nine-

ty percent is either receiving a reduced or free lunch.

The amazing thing about this is that too many of these students who cannot pay the full purchase price of lunch can be seen eating at expensive restaurants around the first of each month with their families. One meal is usually the cost of a week of school lunches. Aside from eating in expensive restaurants, the young boys generally sport one of those artistic haircuts which cost about the price of two weeks of lunch or a week of lunch and breakfast. The girls usually have one of those hairdos that they call a 'freeze' and I call it a 'glu-do' which costs about the price of a month of lunches and breakfasts and it lasts about a week and a half, at best. Those name-brand sports or gym shoes are an entirely different story. If they do not cost a hundred dollars or more, 'brother' does not want to wear them. The price of

those shoes would buy lunch for almost half the school year or about four months.

It appears that the way of life for the indigent has become, "I get and buy what I want. Give me what I need." This is what legislators see and ponder and decide that welfare programs should be deleted or cut back. The really needy suffer because of the greedy. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and take inventory of what we do for and to our children. Their values must be shaped in a more positive fashion if this country is to remain solvent in years to come. It is the attitude of one's wants, desires and needs which is causing so much 'Back on Black' crime in our neighborhoods today. It has to stop.

September 7, 1997 If I could wave a magic wand and make all parts of Lubbock equal to south and southwest Lubbock, I would.

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Goal # 1

The entire staff and students will focus on the attainment of AEIS indicator standards so that student performance will increase in every area of TAAS assessment in order

to reach state standards at exemplary levels by 2001.

Goal #2

Student attendance and school drop-out rate will be at the acceptable level determined by the AEIS indicators.

Goal #3

Students will show improvement regarding the AEIS indicators associated with SAT/ACT test taken and passed and AP tests taken and passed.

Goal #4

Communication between all stakeholders will increase in order to improve school climate, AEIS indicators, and stakeholder collaboration.

Goal #5

The entire staff will focus on improved student performance of students identified as Special Education.

Goal #6

Participation in the Gifted and Talented and Career and Technology Programs will increase.

Goal #7

The entire staff will focus on the recruitment and retention of students for the Professional Careers Magnet Program.

America's Drug War In Black & White

By C. Stone Brown

Pressure from the Black Congressional Caucus (CBC), the sentencing commission, and federal judges has finally pushed President Bill Clinton to support an initiative to reduce the penalty disparity between crack cocaine and powder cocaine. Critics have charged that the law disproportionately impacts African Americans and minority communities who are more likely to use crack than powder cocaine.

The prevailing argument for advocates of the current law is that crack cocaine is more addictive than powder cocaine and that it attracts a violent element which has devastated urban communities. The current law, which is the result of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, requires a five-year mandatory sentence for possession of five grams of crack cocaine. For powder cocaine, possession of 500 grams is required for a five-year mandatory sentence. Under the new proposal recommended by Attorney General Janet Reno and drug policy chief Barry McCaffrey, a five-year mandatory sentence for powder cocaine will be reduced from 500 grams to 250 grams. The five-year mandatory amount for possession of crack cocaine will be raised to 25 grams.

It is true that the crack law has had a disproportionate impact on African Americans. However, it is not because Blacks use more crack than other racial groups. African Americans represent 12.8 percent of the US population and 15 percent of the drug-using population. However, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, crack cocaine use is more prevalent among young whites than it is among Blacks in the same age group, not only in total numbers, but as a percentage of population. In 1994, 3.2 percent of whites age 18-25 used crack, compared to 1.8 percent of Blacks in the same age group. Yet, according to the Congressional Black Caucus African Americans are 88 percent of those convicted on crack cocaine charges. The crack

cocaine conviction rate of African Americans is even more astonishing when compared to the conviction rate of whites. Take Los Angeles, Calif., for instance. According to the Los Angeles Times (5/21/95), no white person for nearly a decade had been convicted of a crack cocaine offense in federal courts that served LA and six Southland counties. Even in 17 other cities, including Boston, Denver, Chicago, Miami and Dallas not a single white person was convicted under federal law. Why no federal prosecutions of whites?

With such overwhelming evidence, how long will law enforcement continue the charade of denying that African Americans are the scapegoat in America's drug war? It has become painfully obvious to observers of the drug war, that the current crack law has nothing at all to do with preventing the spread of crack or even powder cocaine. Crack is 89 percent powder cocaine. So regardless of what race or class the predominant user is, if we collectively as a nation are serious about curtailing the spread of crack, then the harsher penalty should fall on possession of powder cocaine, not crack, its derivative.

The notion of equal justice under the law is conspicuously absent in the debate over the crack cocaine law. Equal justice is not just about the penalty for breaking the law, but to whom the law is applied. How and when laws are applied is left to the discretion of law enforcement agencies. This fact has had more serious implications on African Americans than any mandatory sentencing law. With drug laws being enforced more severely on African Americans, it has made their enforcement as devastating as the drugs they purport to combat. It is not enough just to end the sentencing disparity of powder cocaine versus crack possession. The fight to end the sentencing disparity also must include an end to the disparity to target African Americans in the "war on drugs."

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

RE: City of Lubbock/Citibus Section 5307 Capital, Technical Studies, and Operating Assistance Grant Application.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will be afforded, in the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue, on September 30, 1997 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of considering projects for which financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended. The financial assistance is as follows:

CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT Program of Projects: this project will consist of the following: the purchase of 2 replacement vans and 3 expansion vans for the Demand Response Service, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); spare parts and associated capital maintenance items which include engines, transmissions, tires, and other main components; various pieces of maintenance, administration, and operations equipment which include tools and computers; the construction, purchase and procurement of bus-pullouts and shelters; the expansion of the administrative/maintenance facility parking lot; rehabilitation of the bus wash facility; and the purchase of bicycle racks for city route system buses.

This project is estimated at \$2,227,000. Of this, \$1,781,700 will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds, \$441,300 will be provided by local funds. This project is proposed to begin October 1, 1997 and be completed by March 31, 1999.

TECHNICAL STUDY GRANT Program of Projects: this project will consist of the following: training and travel for professional development; development of a five-year capital plan and five-year marketing plan; conducting short-range

planning; Welfare to Work program planning; and the purchase of office equipment, including computers.

This grant is estimated at \$117,000. Of this amount, \$101,600 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds and \$15,400 will be provided by the City of Lubbock. This project is proposed to begin October 1, 1997.

OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT Program of Projects: this project will consist of providing the transportation services in the Lubbock urbanized area, which are provided by City Transit Management, Inc., d/b/a Citibus and includes the following:

1) Providing the transportation services beginning October 1, 1997. This portion of the grant is estimated at \$3,420,000, of which \$1,710,000 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds, \$482,500 by the City of Lubbock, \$600,000 by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and \$627,500 by non-farebox revenues.

Interested persons or agencies may submit, orally or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect before 11:00 a.m. September 30, 1997. The preliminary Program of Projects is available to the public at the Citibus offices, located at 801 Texas Avenue. The final projects will also be available to the public at the Citibus offices.

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The hotline is a public service sponsored by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and its California chapter as part of National Physical Therapy Month. The theme of the hotline and National Physical Therapy Month is "Physical Therapy for Healthy Living" to emphasize the importance of fitness and good health for people of all ages—from infants to older adults.

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PART 2 ISAIAH 58:1a, CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHEW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS.

REVELATION 2:7a, JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

MANY CHURCHES HAVE THEIR BIG SHOTS UP FRONT, THEY'RE SPECIAL: PROUD AND CLEAN; THEY LOVE THE FIRST FIVE SEATS IN THE CHURCH, THINKING THEY'RE KINGS AND QUEENS.

LUKE 11:43, JESUS SAID, WOE(CURSED) UNTO YOU, PHARISEES! FOR YE LOVE THE UPPERMOST SEATS IN THE SYNAGOGUES(CHURCH), AND GREETING IN THE MARKETS.

THEY'RE SO BOASTFUL TO SAY: I'M SO SAVED, AND SO SANCTIFIED; I'VE LIVED ALL DAY FREE FROM SIN; AND ANOTHER THING; I DON'T LIE!!!

MATTHEW 23:27, JESUS SAID, WOE UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YE ARE LIKE UNTO WHITED SEPULCHERS(TOMBS), WHICH INDEED APPEAR BEAUTIFUL OUTWARD, BUT WITHIN FULL OF DEAD MEN'S BONES, AND ALL UNCLEANNESS.

SOME CHURCHES LIKE SAMSON: CHANGED FOR THE PUBLIC'S SAKE; THEY OPEN THEIR PULPITS TO THE POLITICIANS, TO LIE; AND HAVE THEIR SAY.

(WHEN THE CHURCH OPEN THE PULPIT TO THE POLITICIANS, THE LEADERS KNOWS HE IS LYING; PROMISE, PROMISES, PROMISES. HE KNOW HE CAN'T KEEP THEM, AND THE PREACHER IS A PARTAKER OF THOSE LIES; AND THE PULPIT IS A HOLY PLACE. PREACH JESUS AND HIS DEATH, -FOR THE WORLDS SIN'S, WE CAN TRUST JESUS!!!)

PSALM 1:1,2a, BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UN-GODLY, NOR STANDETH IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITTETH IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL, BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD.

***** WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD?*****

(EVEN THE UN-GODLY, STANDING ON THE OUTSIDE AND LOOKING ON THE INSIDE, WANTING TO JOIN-IN; AND SEE SO MANY THINGS WRONG IN THE CHURCH, IF THEY BEING UN-MADE, KNOW THE CHURCH IS NOT RESPECTING GOD; DO THE CHURCH LEADERS KNOW ALSO? IN SOME CHURCHES, THEY LET THE GAMBLER, THE SHACKERS, THE DRUNKARDS, THE ADULTEROUS, THE HOMOSEXUALS, AND THE DEALERS, HOLD POSITIONS IN CHURCH; BUT FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY, FROM TITHE AND OFFERING; THE CHURCH WANT'S THE MONEY!!! THE SINNER IN THE INSIDE NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN; THEN WORK TO BUILD THE KINGDOM FOR GOD.)

ISAIAH 55:8,9, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD. FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.

SOME CHURCHES HAVE TITHING LINES, TO SHAME NON-TITHING SISTERS & BROTHERS; THEY SING THEIR SONG: LORD BLESS THE TITHEERS; BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS???

MATTHEW 6:1,2a, JESUS SAID, TAKE HEED THAT YE DO NOT YOUR ALMS (GIVINGS) BEFORE MEN, TO BE SEEN OF THEM; OTHERWISE YE HAVE NO REWARD OF YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN, THEREFORE WHEN THOU DOEST THINE ALMS(GIVINGS), DO NOT SOUND A TRUMPET BEFORE THEE, AS THE HYPOCRITES DO IN THE SYNAGOGUES(CHURCHES).

MANY CHURCHES HAVE FOOT WASHINGS, AND ITS AS USELESS; AS ANYTHING CAN BE; WASTING TIME; LIKE SAMSON & 300 FOX TAILS; THE PEOPLE HAVE CLEAN FEET!!!

(IF YOU WAS GOING TO A FOOT WASHING, WOULD YOU GO WITH STINKING FEET? I DON'T THINK SO! KNOWING THAT WHO EVER WASHED YOURS, WOULD TELL SOMEONE HOW STINKING THEY WAS; YOU WOULD WASH BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME(RIGHT ?) DO YOU WASH YOUR CAR AT HOME, AND THEN TAKE IT TO A CAR WASH TO GET IT WASHED???)

SO LIKE SAMSON: NOT ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS; BUT WASTING TIME; REMEMBER THE OUTCOME OF SAMSON; BLIND LEADING THE BLIND, (TO DEATH!!!)

1 PETER 4:17, FOR THE TIME IS COME THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD; AND IF IT FIRST BEGIN AT US, WHAT SHALL THE END BE OF THEM THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF GOD?

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!



from the Desk of, Parson D.A. Smith The "Great" Question

"And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest."—Luke 22:24

The measure of a person's greatness is not always shown by the importance of the place they occupies in human society or by the popular acclaim of the crowd. A person's actual worth is determined by the fruits of his or her life-ones' influence for good through service to God and their kindred human beings.

Through the gospel writers we are privileged to enter the upper room on that night before Jesus' crucifixion. Here we find the disciples disputing among themselves as to which one was the greatest.

The disciples had been seated and the meal had begun when the dispute arose. The dispute may have centered around the question of how the twelve were seated at the table. In that day, the order of the seating at a meal signified the honor of the guests. The seating arrangement showed all present who was the highest, lowest, ect. The disciples evidently did not like their positions at the table. So they started arguing about their various degrees of greatness and who should sit on both sides of Jesus.

The Greek word for "strife" literally means "to love strife." This was not just a discussion to pass the time; they loved to argue about this matter. This was not the first time they had talked about it, either. They were more than eager to debate the issue again.

How could the disciples be occupied in such a selfish dispute on the very eve of the death of their beloved Master? It is not difficult to understand how this could happen if we look at ourselves and find our own selfishness and lust for glory and power. This is a universal failing of the human race.

What about us in our churches today? Do we get more concerned about our own dignity than about our service for others, about getting a crown instead of bearing a cross, about who is deserving of honor in the congregation, etc.? Do we keep count of how many times a person sings a solo in the choir or how often a person head's a program or project?

I've never noticed anyone yet feeling slighted because they weren't asked to clean up and carry the garbage to the Dumpster after a fellowship dinner at the church building. But this is the type of activity that Jesus said was a part of the life of those who are great in God's kingdom. Now, who wants to stand in line to become great?

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The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Parkway Manor Nursing Care Center. What a blessing it was to just meet there and praise God together. There were songs of praise sung and the meeting went forward with various scriptures including II Chronicles 7:13-14. Prayer was offered by Sister Christine Burleson. She also taught the morning scripture lesson. Her subject was "The Cross of Christ." Scriptures were Galatians 6:14 and Romans 14:12.

"As for me, God forbid I should boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, because of the cross," she said. "My main interest in all the attractive things of the world was killed long ago, and the world's interest in me is also long dead," she continued.

The world is full of enticements. We are daily confronted with both subtle cultural pressures and overt propaganda. The only destructive influences is to ask God to help us die to them. Just as Paul did. How much do the interest of this world matters to you??? Have you become so caught up in the things of this world, that you, have put your very soul on hold??? We all will stand before God in the judgement and give an account of self to God. So why can't we live in such a way that we never cause our Brother to stumble. There's a lot of man made rules out there, but, if we accept what Jesus did on Calvary for us, and live by His word. I believe everything will be alright.

We love you, Sister Burleson. May God continue to bless you, Sister Burleson, is our prayer.

Thought for the week: "In order to follow Jesus, we will have to take up our cross and follow Him daily."

Why not write to us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Keep reading the word. There's power in it. Are you hurting??? Read II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:22-24. You can get better, believe it!

Are you listening? "We're in this boat together, so precious people. Please don't rock the boat unless you have a ship waiting to rescue us all. Think about it!"

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

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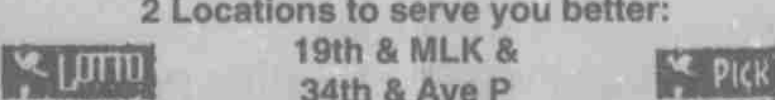
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