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## National News

### NAACP Intimidation Tactics In South Carolina Criticized

As the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) prepares to deploy border patrols to enforce the boycott of the state of South Carolina, the African-American leadership network Project 21 is highly critical of the NAACP's intimidation tactics and the risk the boycott poses to the state's African-American residents.

As a way of enforcing the group's campaign to discourage South Carolina tourism, NAACP National Field Director Nelson B. Rivers III told The State newspaper: "The border patrol is our way of standing at Georgia and North Carolina border (asking) that you not stop, not stay in hotels and don't buy gas. Or better still, that you just turn around." NAACP personnel, according to Rivers, will position themselves at major entry points to the state "with protection" to remind people of the boycott.

The NAACP has maintained a tourism boycott of South Carolina since 1999 to pressure the state of South Carolina to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from the State House grounds. The flag was removed from atop the State House dome in 2000, and the flag currently flies from a pole on the building's grounds.

"Intimidation is intimidation," said Council Nedd, a member of Project 21's National Advisory Council. "It doesn't matter if you are trying to keep black people from the polls on election day or if you're trying to stop families from visiting relatives who happen to live in South Carolina."

Ashby Ward of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, commenting on the inappropriateness of engaging in economic sanctions at this time, told The State: "It seems ridiculous in this kind of economy, with the nation focused on this war on terrorism. To drag something from the past out like this is beyond my comprehension."

Council Nedd of Project 21 added: "Just like in apartheid-era South Africa, sanctions against South Carolina are only hurting those who can least afford to have it happen. Decrease the tax base in a state by \$9 billion, and the city of Charleston is not going to feel the impact like the small town of Maysville will."

Project 21 has been a leading voice of the African-American community since 1992. For more information, contact David Almasi at (202) 371-1400 ext. 106 or visit: Project21@national-center.org

## Bill Williams Leaves Lasting Legacy

Glory Foods co-founder built successful career on love of Southern cooking



Glory Foods Co-Founder Bill Williams

William F. Williams "Bill", president and co-founder of Glory Foods, Inc., died on Thursday, December 27 following complications from a heart attack. He was 57.

Williams created a movement in the retail grocery industry with the introduction of Glory Foods, conveniently prepared, canned and fresh vegetables, and frozen dinners inspired by traditional Southern-style recipes.

Williams, a well known and sought after expert on Southern cooking learned his trade early while working at a local Columbus restaurant. The owner was so impressed by his interest in recipes and food preparation, he became his mentor and guided his development. Williams soon graduated from clearing tables to preparing sauces and

recipes. Encouraged by his mentor, he applied and gained admission to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. While there, Williams, joined a select group of African-Americans admitted to the school and when he graduated, he was a certified Chef. He then went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management from the University of Massachusetts and found employment in a number of hotel chains as a Food and Beverage Manager. In 1982, Williams and his wife Elizabeth opened the Marble Gang restaurant in Columbus and nurtured it into a premiere soul food eatery on the East Side of Columbus. Williams sold the restaurant in 1997.

In 1989, Williams and co-founders Dan Charna and Iris

Cooper developed the concept for Glory Foods, Inc., a company that manufactures and distributes canned Southern food products. Seasoned collard greens in a can seemed unimaginable to many, but for Williams, Charna and Cooper, it was an idea whose time had come. Today, Glory Foods distributes a full-line of canned vegetables, frozen entrees and side dishes, and fresh vegetables to over 140 supermarket chains throughout the country. Williams had the foresight to build a company that would withstand time. He leaves Glory Foods well capitalized, financially stable and strategically positioned for dynamic growth.

"We are a company built on excellence and constant attention to detail and perfection," said co-founder, Dan Charna. "This is the foundation Bill Williams established early in the company and continues to manifest and grow in all of us who must carry forth his vision. Bill leaves us a legacy of excellent customer service and hard work. We will continue his dream."

Williams was also dedicated to community and education. Bill Clinton presented him with the Ron Brown Award for Corporate Leadership in 2000, and his excellence in community partnerships earned the 1999 Social Compact Award. Black Enterprise magazine awarded him the Emerging Company of the Year Award in 1996 for excellence in niche marketing.

Williams was also committed to educational programs that enhanced minority representation in the food and beverage industry and chaired fund-raising efforts for Ohio State University's college of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in an effort to raise \$7 million in funding for minority students seeking degrees in Agribusiness.

Harriet Tubman..... Carter G. Woodson

## Celebrate Black

Phyllis Wheatley..... Paul Robeson..... Jackie Robinson

## History Month

Frederick Douglass

RALPH ELLISON



### AHBAI and Eckerd Corporation Donate \$60,000 to United Negro College Fund

The American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI) and Eckerd Corporation recently donated \$60,000 to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). This contribution was made possible by the thousands of consumers who purchased AHBAI member products featuring the Proud Lady Symbol in Eckerd drug stores.

The \$60,000 contribution to UNCF will be used to benefit hundreds of minority college students throughout the country. Over the past eleven years, AHBAI and Eckerd Corporation have donated a total of \$610,000 to the UNCF. The donation was presented to the UNCF on the Evening of Stars telethon hosted by Lou Rawls.

Jeri Duncan Jones, executive director of AHBAI, is enthusiastic about this cause. "Education is extremely important to the entire country. The UNCF helps

hundreds of young people who will become our nation's leaders," said Ms. Jones.

Wayne Harris, Eckerd Chairman and Chief Executive Officer commented, "We are pleased to partner with AHBAI for the eleventh year in support of the United Negro College Fund. Eckerd traditionally becomes very involved in the communities where we operate our drug stores. This takes that commitment one step further."

Eckerd Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of JCPenney Co., is headquartered in Clearwater, Florida and is one of America's largest retail drug chains with 2,640 drug stores in 20 states. The American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI) is an internationally known trade association representing the world's leading Black-owned companies that manufacture ethnic hair care products.

### Enron Debacle Continues to Hit Hard

What began as a Texas-based energy trading company has become an international corporate calamity. The rise and fall of Enron, the multinational energy corporation, represents the worst in corporate manipulation and deception on record in the U.S. As the air in Enron's balloon is let out by way of bankruptcy proceedings, the lonesome losers are ex-Enron workers.

Enron utilized smoke and mirrors to create the false appearance of financial stability. It did so by inflating revenues, and minimizing debt through devious "off-the-books" accounting tricks.

Inflated revenues were used to boost stock prices. The inflated stock prices were used to guarantee loans and investments, which were in turn used to inflate profits, and on, and on, until the balloon burst.

Within the balloon were workers—many hardworking men and women—who gave their trust to Enron. Now they find themselves without their life savings and no way to recover the

savings they invested for retirement.

While the company has filed for bankruptcy (protection from its creditors), ex-workers are placed at the end of the "protection" line.

Under U.S. bankruptcy law, banks are at the front of the line, followed by preferred stockholders, wealthy private investors, small investors, and lastly, the ex-workers.

Well, not all of the workers are suffering. By some strange coincidence, prior to the collapse, Enron executives sold off one billion dollars worth of stock, and the company's stock traders were given millions in financial bonuses to keep them afloat when economic tremors were felt.

Additionally, former Enron CEO Ken Lay declined to appear before Congress to give testimony regarding his role in the collapse. Lay, along with other high ranking members of the organization have taken the fifth amendment against subpoenas in order to avoid self-incrimination.

## National Dance Group To Highlight African Culture In Concert

In commemoration of African American History Month, the Kankouran West African Dance Company will perform at 7 p.m. Friday (Feb. 15) at Texas Tech University's Allen Theater.

In colorful African garb, the

performers captivate audiences with their unique style of dance while engaging spectators to explore rich African culture. Established in 1983, the Washington, D.C.-based group is world renowned.

The dance troupe has presented their work at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Smithsonian Institution and National Symphony Orchestra. The company also has traveled to perform at international venues such as the Japan Cultural Arts Center in Tokyo, Island Center for Performing Arts in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, the Silesian Dance Theater and Dance Festival Krakow both of Poland.

Looking toward the future, the

dance company envisions extending its practice of educating the public about African heritage by establishing the African Cultural Center in the Washington, D.C. area. The foundation will serve as a model of providing the community with a greater appreciation and understanding of African traditions through dance, music, drama, language, history and other aspects of culture.

The event is open to the public. Admissions to the performance is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, children and seniors. For more ticket information, contact the Student Union Ticket Office at (806) 742-3610. Proceeds will benefit the Carter G. Woodson Scholars Fund.

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## Letter to the Editor...

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kimbra Willings-Orozco, I am the Volunteer Coordinator at CASA of Lubbock. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. We are a non-profit organization that trains volunteers to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court proceedings. I am writing this letter to introduce myself, provide you with some information about CASA, and ask for your assistance.

Every year in Lubbock

County hundreds of children end up in the court system.

These children are not there because of something they have done, but because there are allegations that they have been abused or neglected by their parents or caretakers. The mission of CASA is to serve as an independent voice in court for abused and neglected children of Lubbock County.

CASA volunteers are trained and court appointed to investigate, monitor, report, and serve as advocates in court for abused/neglected children. Too often these children are abused

again—by a network of public agencies too overburdened to pay close attention to each child in care. CASA volunteers work to ensure that these children do not fall through the cracks by helping to secure a permanent placement in a safe and caring environment for the child for whom he/she serves as a voice in court.

CASA of Lubbock is trying to raise community awareness of our program and the issues we deal with. Not only do we need increased community awareness but we also need volunteers who

are willing to make a difference in the life of a child.

I was hoping that you would be able to assist us in this matter by printing one of our public service announcements, writing an article about CASA or by announcing our upcoming training in your newspaper.

For more information about CASA in general, along with information about our application and training procedures, please call (806)763-2272.

Sincerely,  
Kimbra Willings-Orozco

## St. Luke's Gospel Chorus Ready for the Stage: Annual Musical to be Performed Feb. 17th

If the fruit of the spirit is love and long suffering, then the food of the spirit is songs of celebration. Come have your spirit fed and celebrate God's love with the Gospel Chorus of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. The choir will feature Minister Gary Bunton as they present their annual musical on February 17, 2002, at 4:00 P.M. at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, 306 E. 26th Street. The theme for the afternoon of music will be "Love: The Fruit of the Spirit" with Galatians 5:22 as the scripture reference.

The program will feature an afternoon of gospel music from the choir, and a special workshop choir led by Minister Gary W. Bunton, renowned opening soloist for John P. Kee, Kirk Franklin and others. Minister Gary Bunton will conduct a music workshop on Friday, February 15, at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, February 16, at 9:00

A.M. Minister Burton is a member of the Hope Deliverance Temple Church of God In Christ in Lubbock, Texas, where Elder C. Tanner is the pastor.

The scope of Minister Bunton's music ministry is embodied in the scripture, "I will bless the Lord at all times and His praises shall continually be in my mouth," for Elder Bunton is truly determined to bless the Lord with all of his resources, whenever and wherever opportunity allows. Minister Bunton's music ministry began at Prairie View A&M University while he worked toward his Bachelor's degree. There he created "Gary's Hope," a campus music witnessing tool. After graduation, a brief stay in Houston led to numerous other opportunities to use his

God-given talents. In addition to opening for well-known gospel groups, he was a soloist with Michael McKay and The Redeemed Family which gave

him the chance to sing for Former President Carter and Bishop Desmond Tutu. He has also worked in such theater productions as "God's Trombones," "Gotta Keep Moving" and "All God's Children."

Minister Gary Bunton returned to Lubbock in 1995 and has continued to show an avid interest in the effectiveness of music ministry in Lubbock, which he has demonstrated by his participation in several community projects including the "Its About You and Me" CD and video for United Way/Boys Ranch Telethon 2001, and 4th on Broadway. He has also made commercials for several local businesses.

Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and Mrs. Grade Taylor, president of the Gospel Chorus, cordially invites the public to come and worship with the choir in this musical celebration.

### African American History Month Activities Continue

Week three of activities coordinated through Texas Tech in observation of Black History Month focuses on community relations and empowerment.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, keynote speaker Anthony Browder will address "Improving Race Relations."

Tickets for the KanKouran West African Dancers, performing Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., are available from the Student Union Ticket Office at (806)742-3610.

All members of the Lubbock/West Texas community are encouraged to take advantage of these events.

In order to effect change, we must broaden our minds and see how far the scope of human existence extends. Accepting and respecting the various sources of knowledge and understanding that touch the lives of those around us, puts us a step closer to living together peacefully.

## Tell Me, Grandpa

Tell me Grandpa, if you will,  
About the long ago,  
And why it makes you feel so proud—  
I'd really like to know...

Come here, my child, come over here,  
And sit down on my knees,  
And I will tell you who they were  
That helped to make us free...

We have been blessed with famous men  
Like Washington and King,  
And folks like Rosa Parks, and oh,  
How Anderson could sing!

And then Sojourner Truth was one  
Who gave her heart and soul,  
And Frederick Douglass joined the group  
Along with Nat King Cole...

Faith Lawrence Dunbar did his share,  
With Mary McLeod Bethune,  
And Louie Armstrong played his horn.

While Bailey sang her tune,  
Now Marshall, Jordan, and DuBois,  
Stand out above the crowd,  
And Mays and Young and Jackson,  
Help to make us very proud...

I could go on and on, my dear,  
But it is getting late—  
Yes, Langston Hughes and Sarah Vaughn  
Are also truly great...

But now, my precious little child,  
It's time to go to bed;  
May all God's angels bring you love,  
And guard your sleepy head!"

by Hope C. Oberhelman



## JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the New Hope Baptist Church. You will be glad you did so. We'll be looking forward to seeing you in attendance in the near future. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. It was Youth Sunday, and our young people did a super job. We are very proud of them.

After thirty minutes of instruction by our teachers, all marched to the main auditorium singing and praising God. After prayer, high lights of the morning lesson were given. It is our hope our young people will use this knowledge about God to help them during the week.

The Youth Department was in charge of the morning devotions, with the help of the Praise Team. It is good to see and hear our young people pray. Thank God for a job well done.

The Youth Choir marched in the morning processional singing out of their young hearts. Praise God for them. Altar prayer was offered. After the singing of a selection, Brother Leonard Wilson read the scripture and Sister Vickie Kendrick offered the prayer. The Youth Choir sang another section. Brother Shondale Robinson led the responsive reading with the congregation standing.

The morning hymn was "In The Sanctuary." Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations, followed by the singing of the Youth Choir. Pastor Moton preached another dynamic sermon.

Announcements were given by Sister Jessica Jackson. Brother David Williams welcomed all visitors in attendance.

Let us continue to pray for and visit our sick and shut in citizens. Among them include Sister Annie McBride who is a patient at Covenant Lakeside Hospital, and Sister Ora Jean Keys, also a patient at Lakeside Covenant Hospital.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study is held at New Hope each Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:00 p. m. The Nurses' Guild is in charge of the devotional period during the month of February.

The pastor, Rev. Danny Poe, and members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church were special guests of the Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday afternoon in Amarillo, Texas. It was the annual celebration of Founders' Day in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Poe delivered the afternoon sermon.

According to Sister Joan Y. Ervin, president of the Women Missionary Society at New Hope Baptist Church, the 2nd Annual "Women in Red Banquet" will be forthcoming.

Watch for the date and time. Great plans are being made for this annual fete.

As the members of New Hope Baptist Church prepare for the 76th Anniversary of the church, among the plans include a "Bull For Jesus," which has been set for April 20, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza. More on this later.

This writer, Ruby Jay, and daughter, Charissa Jay, welcome your prayers as both have been under the weather for the past few weeks. We know that prayer will change things. Thanks in advance for your concern. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

Choice hops?  
7 kinds of barley?

HEY, MAYBE YOU COULD BE A VEGETARIAN AFTER ALL

TASTE A TRUE PILSNER

### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy, cold 32	Cloudy and cold; windy in the evening. 34	Clouds breaking for some sunshine. 48/31	Times of sun and clouds. Chance of showers 51/36
RealFeel: 50	RealFeel: 28	RealFeel: 58	RealFeel: 50
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny 49/35	Sunshine. 53/34	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. 55/43	Plenty of clouds with spotty showers. 46/36
RealFeel: 45	RealFeel: 53	RealFeel: 54	RealFeel: 40

The RealFeel Temperature™ is a composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. The number is the highest for the day and the lowest for the night.

### GARDENING FORECAST

Cool high pressure will bring chilly temperatures moderating during the period, but little rainfall is expected.

### FISHING REPORT

Windy and cold weather is expected Thursday bringing a chop to area lakes. Better weather is expected for the weekend.

### TV INDEX

Highest Thur. .... 3; Minimal Highest Fri. .... 3; Minimal Highest Sat. .... 4; Low Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

### 1-10 Minimal 4-5 Low 6-7 Moderate 8-9 High 10+ Very High

### SUN & MOON DATA

	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.	6:49 p.m.	6:48 p.m.
Sunset	6:49 p.m.	6:48 p.m.	6:48 p.m.
Moonset	2:03 p.m.	2:44 p.m.	3:21 p.m.

### MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 30

### REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Arlington, TX	62/36 c	64/36 pc	62/38 pc	60/38 pc	62/36 s	58/34 c	56/34 pc
Albuquerque, NM	62/36 pc	64/36 pc	62/38 pc	60/38 pc	62/36 s	58/34 c	56/34 pc
Albuquerque, NM	62/36 pc	64/36 pc	62/38 pc	60/38 pc	62/36 s	58/34 c	56/34 pc
Amarillo, TX	54/32 c	60/36 s	68/40 s	70/38 s	60/40 s	64/42 pc	56/42 r
Austin, TX	70/32 c	68/36 s	70/38 s	70/38 pc	60/40 s	70/38 pc	70/38 pc
Branson, MO	58/39 c	59/37 pc	62/41 s	58/42 s	61/47 s	65/50 c	64/50 c
Clarks Summit, PA	70/32 c	68/36 s	70/38 s	70/38 pc	60/40 s	70/38 pc	70/38 pc
Dallas, TX	68/48 c	66/46 pc	66/48 pc	64/48 c	68/52 pc	70/54 pc	70/54 c
Denver, CO	58/32 pc	57/30 c	60/32 s	60/32 pc	60/32 s	60/32 pc	60/32 pc
El Paso, TX	62/46 c	66/40 c	68/42 s	68/44 s	70/48 s	64/48 c	68/44 r
Hobbs, NM	68/40 pc	66/38 c	70/38 s	68/42 s	68/42 s	68/42 pc	68/42 pc
Houston, TX	78/52 pc	72/48 pc	74/50 pc	76/54 pc	76/52 pc	78/56 pc	78/58 c
Indianapolis, IN	68/32 c	66/30 c	68/32 s	66/32 pc	68/32 s	68/32 pc	68/32 pc
Lake Texoma, TX	60/43 pc	59/42 s	63/47 s	64/46 c	66/49 s	67/50 pc	65/50 c
Lubbock, TX	58/34 c	62/36 pc	66/40 pc	64/40 s	66/44 s	68/48 pc	62/48 sh
Memphis, TN	68/32 c	66/30 c	68/32 s	66/32 pc	68/32 s	68/32 pc	68/32 pc
Oklahoma City, OK	58/36 sh	62/38 pc	64/42 pc	62/44 c	64/48 pc	68/48 pc	64/48 sh
Roseville, AZ	68/32 c	66/30 c	68/32 s	66/32 pc	68/32 s	68/32 pc	68/32 pc
Rosewell, NM	66/33 c	66/36 c	65/38 s	64/38 s	65/43 s	66/45 c	60/42 sh
San Antonio, TX	76/54 pc	68/50 c	70/54 c	72/56 pc	75/54 pc	75/55 pc	70/59 c
Shreveport, LA	74/50 pc	68/44 c	68/44 c	68/44 c	68/44 c	68/44 c	68/44 c
Tulsa, OK	58/38 c	60/40 s	63/45 s	62/43 s	61/49 pc	68/50 pc	64/50 sh
Waco, TX	68/40 pc	66/38 c	68/40 s	66/40 s	68/44 s	68/44 s	68/44 s
Wichita, KS	60/36 pc	60/36 s	68/40 s	66/40 s	66/44 s	62/44 pc	60/44 r
Wichita Falls, TX	60/40 pc	60/36 s	68/40 s	66/40 s	66/44 s	62/44 pc	60/44 r

Weather (W): c-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, gf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas is Wine Country

In the past two decades, Texas wine production has surged from 14,000 gallons in 1979 to a high of 1.6 million gallons in 1997. Today, Texas is the country's fifth-leading wine-producing state and is home to more than 40 wineries.





# CHURCH DIRECTORY



## IN JESUS NAME

"IN THE JONAH CHURCHES"

REVELATION 2:1,7a, JESUS SAID, NEVERTHELESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE. HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

JESUS STARTED THE CHURCH. IT WAS TO PREACH OF HIM AND THE GOOD NEWS. BUT HIS BUSINESS WAS PUT ON HOLD AND, THE DEVIL GAVE AMERICA THE BLUES.

JEREMIAH 5:13; THE LORD SAID, FOR FROM THE LEAST OF THEM EVEN UNTO THE GREATEST OF THEM EVERY ONE IS GIVEN TO COVETOUSNESS, AND FROM THE PROPHET EVEN UNTO THE PRIEST (PREACHER) EVERYONE DEALETH FALSELY. "WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD?"

THE LORD TOLD JONAH WHAT TO DO, AND WHERE HE WAS TO GO, BUT LIKE THE CHURCHES TODAY, JONAH DIDN'T CARE FOR LOST SOULS.

ISAIAH 55:7d,8, LET THE WICKED FORSAKE HIS WAY, AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS MAN HIS THOUGHTS; AND LET HIM RETURN UNTO THE LORD, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD.

MANY CHURCHES LIKE JONAH; HAPPY TO HAVE MALVIN K. KING DAY, BUT IF THAT IS JESUS' CHURCH; IT MUST LIFT JESUS IN EVERYDAY.

ROMANS 1:21,22, BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY (CHURCHES) GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL, BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS (DREAMERS), AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE (JONAH), THEY BECAME FOOLS.

CHURCHES HAVE ANNIVERSARY TRYING TO SATISFY THE JONAH NEEDS. YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO PLEASE THEM; THEY'RE FULL OF GREED!!!

ISAIAH 56:10,11, THE LORD SAID, HIS WATCHMEN ARE BLIND; THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS. THEY CANNOT BARK. SLEEPING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER. YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND. THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY (JONAH), EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER (ANNIVERSARY).

JONAH WANTED TO DO WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS RIGHT; IN HIS OWN EYES, CHURCHES MARCH ON T.V., HAVE SPECIAL PRAYER DAYS, AND THINK THAT IS WISE.

MARK 8:33, JESUS SAID, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN (JONAH); FOR THOU SAVOUREST (CARE NOT) FOR THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, BUT THE THINGS THAT BE OF MEN. ARE THE CHURCHES ROBBING GOD???

THE CHURCHES SAW THE SINS OF AMERICA; BUT DIDN'T GIVE A WARNING SIGN, GOD LET THE DEVIL KNOCK OVER TWO TOWERS, NOW ALL AMERICA IS CRYING!!!

LUKE 12:54-56, JESUS SAID, WHEN YE SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YE SAY, THERE COMETH A SHOWER, AND SO IT IS, AND WHEN YE SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YE SAY THERE WILL BE HEAT,

AND IT COMETH TO PASS, YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH, BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?

LIKE JONAH, THE CHURCHES THINK AMERICA HAVE BEEN DONE WRONG, THE HYPOCRITES CRY, "GOD BLESS AMERICA." THEY CRY ALL DAY LONG.

(GOD HAS BLESSED AMERICA. SHE IS ONE OF THE MOST BLESSED IN THE WORLD, BUT SHE IS UNTHANKFUL, NOW SHE IS ON HER DEATH BED. GOD HAS JUDGED HER, AND FOUND HER GUILTY OF SIN IN THE FIRST DEGREE OF EVERY SIN UNDER THE SUN).

ISAIAH 1:5,7, THE LORD SAID, WHY SHOULD YE BE STRICKEN ANY MORE?

YE WILL REVOLT MORE AND MORE: THE WHOLE HEAD IS SICK, AND THE WHOLE HEART FAINT. YOUR COUNTRY IS DESOLATE, YOUR CITIES ARE BURNED WITH FIRE, YOUR LAND, STRANGERS DEVOUR IT IN YOUR PRESENCE, AND IT IS DESOLATE, AS OVERTHROWN BY STRANGERS.

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.



## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

God's Love is Everlasting

"As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts."

—Psalms 103:15,18, NIV  
We are so small, yet God's mercy is so great. As human beings, our lives are fragile, like dust blowing in the wind, like a flower in a field. In a split instant our lives can end. We try to pretend we are strong and can take anything thrown at us, but in reality the human condition is frail and weak. We are constantly aware of our limitations. We hear of new medical breakthroughs that are good prospects for healing of many diseases. In reality we recognize that we cannot heal ourselves or our cancers, we cannot stop

those whom we care for from destroying their lives, we cannot control our children's decisions.

All around us circumstances confront us that we cannot control or terminate. When the wind of time blows over our lives, we come to grips with the fact that we are gone, and in a few generations no one remembers us anymore. If our names should be mentioned, the question is quickly asked, who is that person? Maybe a few friends or loved ones will remember us, but soon those, too, will be gone. Like the flowers, our lives last only for a short time.

David reminds us of this. It does not take much to dry us up. A disease is transmitted to us. We pick up a poison from some pollutant in the air. The hot winds of human anger blow away many lives. And when we are gone, our place is not left vacant or open. The field grass and other flowers the Psalmist declares, closes in. God understands all this because he designed us, he sees how we were made, he realizes our limita-

tions even more than we can ever dream or realize ourselves. God knows our lives are frayed like a rope that is about to break, and he bears with us, patiently understanding us.

God cares for us with his grace, his justice, his word his love, his mercy, and his patience.

God demonstrates his care for us by giving us gifts we do not deserve, by treating us with fairness by communicating his truth, by overflowing in faithfulness, by providing a way for us to be forgiven, and by understanding our limitations. These attributes of God are not limited to one generation.

His grace is for our children's children, too. Yes, they have the opportunity to receive the same promise, the same mercy, the same grace, and the same eternal life.

Experiencing God's care in our lives is not automatic. This care comes as we enter into a covenant relationship with God. When this psalm was written, the covenant was the mosaic covenant. One entered into the mosaic

covenant by becoming Jewish, by being circumcised if you were a man, by entering into the people of Israel, promising to obey the laws of Moses. This made you a part of the covenant community, which ushered you into a personal relationship with God where you experienced his loving care.

Something different happened more than two thousand years ago when Jesus came. He established a new covenant, a new way of knowing God (that is based on having faith in him, in his life, death, and resurrection. Instead of being circumcised, we express our entrance into a new covenant with baptism). We have biblical knowledge that tells us God love everyone in the world however, people only experience the benefits of that love by entering into a covenant relationship with God.

God's mercy is received by a simple act of faith, believing that God loves us enough to forgive our sins. Thus, his mercy is received by humbly accepting his gift of mercy and grace.



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## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

During this Black History Month and beyond let's focus on our Pastors, Ministers, and Leaders of Faith, regardless of their denomination.

This month is a great time and an opportunity for the Church body to say thanks to servants of God who play such an important role in our community and world.

In the early Church, they brought gifts of encouragement and thanks. We can do this in a spirit of togetherness, disregarding doctrine and denomination. How can we hear without a preacher, and how can he preach without being sent?

So, let's cheer them on with words of encouragement and support. Let's get behind them and help them to move up higher in faith and the Holy Spirit.

You might say, I can't do nothing. Can you say, "Lord, bless our leaders," and really mean it from your heart?

Now, that's a good and powerful prayer. Our country is in turmoil, but I believe our God wants to revive us again. If you fall down, get back up. We just want to say to the men of the cloth, thanks from the very depth of our hearts. Without you, what would this world be like?

Saints, as you drive by Churches this week, pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more laborers into the harvest.

Saints, this is the day. Let's really roll, in the power of the Holy Spirit!

When God gets ready to do something, you know he uses one well. He made a man named Adam; called Noah; and used Abraham. So if anyone doesn't show up at your pie walk, let disappointments make you stronger.

In God we trust. Love people, Saints, even if they are unlovable!

Let us not forget all of those who are ill and shut in at this time of trial in their lives. Also, those who have lost loved ones. Remember, God really cares about our condition. Keep the faith!

For all of you who are hurting, remember to trust God and have faith in him.

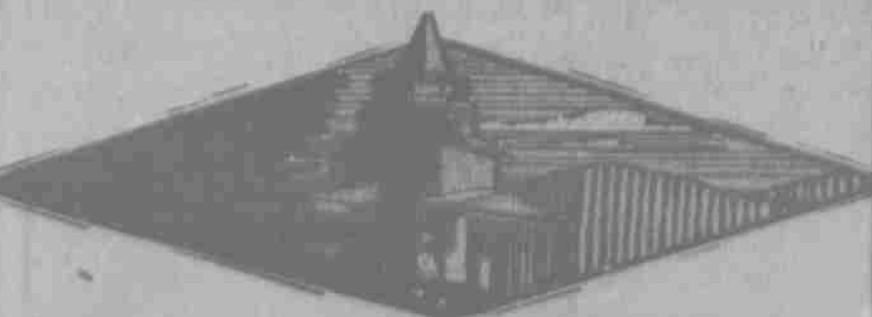
Ask what you want and faith will deliver it. Don't ever forget that. God loves each of us.

God bless you for reading this column each week. We are still on the battlefield for our Lord and Saviour.

If you feel like writing to us, then do so by writing: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

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### A Call for Spiritual Poems From Lubbock-Area Poets

A \$1000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost \$5,000.00. The deadline for entering is March 16, 2002.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter online www.rainbowpoets.com.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Texas has produced many wonderful poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Lubbock area."



## Remembrances...



**SAMEERAH AHMAD**

Funeral services for Sameerah R. Ahmad were held Wednesday afternoon, February 6, 2002, at Divine Love Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Burns, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Calvilio Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Saturday, February 2, 2002.

She was born May 29, 1946, in Paris, Texas, and moved to Lubbock from Paris in 1947. She was a certified nurse's aide.

A daughter, Sandra D. Washington, preceded her in death in 1967.

She is survived by two sons, Stevie Ray and Robert Louis Washington, both of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Armetha Redman of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters, Iris Whitehead and Shirley Thomas, both of Fort Worth, Texas; and three grandchildren.



**ANGA COLEMAN**

Services for Anga Marie Coleman were held Wednesday morning, February 6, 2002, at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ with Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mrs. Coleman died Thursday, January 31, 2002.

She was born December 9, 1959, in Baltimore, Maryland, and was employed by Covenant Medical Center. She was a member of Agape Temple Church of God in Christ.

She is survived by her husband, R. B. Coleman; two daughters, Shawneequa Laquete Dorsey and Casandra Lynn Smith, both of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Adrian Tremayne Smith of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Bettie Dorsey of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Portia Moore of Arlington, Texas; a brother, Irving Dorsey of Lubbock, Texas; and two grandchildren.



**JAMES ROBINSON**

Funeral services were held for James Robinson last Saturday morning, February 9, 2002, at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ with Bishop W.H. Watson officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Mr. Robinson was born August 17, 1961, in Lubbock, Texas. He attended Lubbock public schools and participated in church activities during his younger years. He organized a singing group called "The Faithful Few," which toured Texas, accompanying his mother, Evangelis Petties.

He was a member of Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ and Agape Temple Church of God in Christ serving in the Brotherhood, Sunday School, Sanctuary Choir, and participated in youth activities. He was a licensed minister.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his two sons, Jaime and Taiwan, both of Amarillo, Texas; two brothers, Larry of Temple, Texas and Jerry of Houston, Texas; and two sisters, Alma Nash and Helen Ockleberry, both of Temple.

## The Constitution vs. Having One's Way

By Ruth Oron

(continued from last week)

Our nation can be turned into something fearful, horribly different if we are not careful. There are those who think, "I want things my way, and anyone who disagrees with it should shut up: anything that interferes with my way should be done away with." And in the national field, people who want their way unquestioned, unopposed, hate the First Amendment. They would like the First Amendment not to exist, or to be rendered meaningless. The desire to make one's way the only way is a form of contempt: it is an aspect of the feeling that oneself is much more important than the outside world. From contempt, Alfred Siegel showed, have come both mental weakness and all the injustice in history.

The US Constitution puts together sameness and difference; agreement and disagreement; questioning and affirmation in the

three-branch arrangement of our government. Like the First Amendment, the fact that the executive, legislative, and judicial branches are designed to "check and balance" each other is a saying by the US Constitution: Questioning, criticism, law to be in the very heart of our government, or that government will not be true to the American people!

Recent executive orders by our President bring up richly the matter of the beauty and ethics of our Constitution: of whether the Constitution is an interference to be gotten around, or whether there should be checks on the ability of any person to have his way.

An article in the November 15 New York Times says of these executive orders:

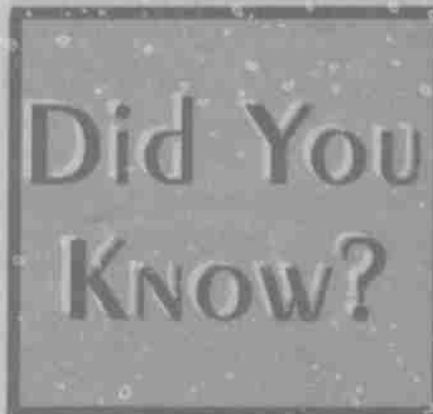
"The Bush administration has moved swiftly to expand its law enforcement powers in ways that are intended to bypass Congress and the courts, officials and outside analysts say."

"Every one of us would like to issue an executive order. 'I want the world on my terms — and fast! And I won't stand for any questioning on the matter!' This feel-

ing in people, though ordinary, is always ugly and has cruelty with it. In the instance of a national leader, the ability to have things on one's own terms and unquestioned affects millions of people, often in the most crucial, intimate, agonizing, life-or-death ways.

"Aesthetic Realism explains that our lives consist all the time of our self and an outside world that includes other people. The most awful things in human history have come from the feeling, 'To take care of myself, I can't be concerned if others are hurt.' There is a feeling in America now, of who cares if foreigners aren't given certain rights — I'm worried about myself and my kids.' There is a desire not to see that, for instance, innocent people could be executed — and also a not caring much if they are.

"The Roman Terence, the Englishman John Donne, and the Americans Walt Whitman and Eugene V. Debs all have statements saying that oneself is not apart: the fate of others is one's own. \*



L. Frank Baum came up with the name for Oz in the "Wizard of Oz" from the label on a filing cabinet: O-Z.

Turtles can recognize faces. They are one of the few reptiles that can be trained to do tricks.



**EVA BYRD**

Services were held for Eva Loris Byrd last Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2002, at Faith First Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Garrett, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Byrd passed away Monday, February 4, 2002.

She was born April 12, 1962, in Tatum, New Mexico, and married Robert Lee Byrd on July 23, 1983, in Lubbock. She moved to Lubbock from from Petersburg, Texas in 1970.

She attended Lubbock public schools and was a member of Faith First Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Lee Byrd; a daughter, Christina Elizabeth of Lubbock; a son, Robert Lee Jr. of Lubbock; a step-daughter, Shiril of Dallas; a step-son, Daryl of Phoenix, Arizona; her parents, Abe, jr. and Eva Jean Morgan of Amarillo, Texas; three brothers: LaDon Wayne, James Curtis and Kevin Lawrence Morgan, all of Amarillo; three sisters: Lulline Hill, Ester Lee Martin and Laticia Wynette Morgan, all of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren.



**GARRY JORDAN**

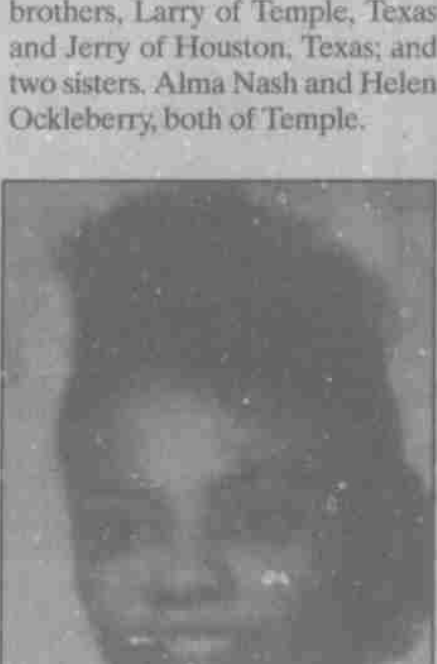
Funeral services for Garry Don Jordan were held Friday afternoon, February 8, 2002, at the A. W. Wilson Chapel of Jamison Funeral Home with the Rev. Johnny Barnes officiating.

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

He died Tuesday, February 5, 2002.

He was born March 24, 1961, in Lubbock, Texas. He married Patricia Ann Tobe in March 1985. He was a 1980 graduate of Estacado High School. Mr. Jordan had been an employee of Hart's Moving and Storage for eleven years.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Tobe-Jordan of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Garry Don, Jr. of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Roneshia Jordan and Tanyisha Tobe, both of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Donny Jordan and L. J. Bailey, both of Lubbock, Texas; four sisters: Delia Faye Jordan, Betty Jean Jordan and Linda Gall Bailey, all of Lubbock, Texas; and Sharon Ann Parker of Amarillo, Texas; and one grandchild.



**TONIA WOOD**

Post, Texas — Funeral services were held for Tonia Wood of Fort Hood, Texas, last Wednesday afternoon, February 6, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Post with Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating.

Burial was held in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post. Mrs. Wood died Wednesday, January 31, 2002.

She was born October 6, 1973, in Slaton, Texas, and graduated from Post High School. She married Staff Sgt. Darren Wood on December 8, 1995, in Post. They made their home in San Angelo, Texas, and then moved to Fort Penning, Georgia.

She attended trade school for two years and they moved to Fort Hood. She worked as a security officer for Whackenhut Security and was assigned to Dell Computer. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Darren Wood; three sons, Devin Ray, Downey Destonn and Dallas Dorsett; and daughter, Chelsea all of Fort Hood, Texas; mother and step-father, Mary Lou Jefferson and Earl Wilborn of Post, Texas; father, Earl Lee Harper of Post; maternal grandmother, Lennie Jefferson of Post; a brother, Ricky Jefferson of Killeen, Texas; and two sisters, Angela and Kindie Jefferson, both of Killeen, Texas.

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**A:** First, let me commend you for taking responsibility for your child. Under Texas law, a child born to a man and woman who are not married has no legal father. Voluntary acknowledgment of paternity (AOP) is one way to establish legal fatherhood so that children are eligible for child support and benefits such as Social Security, veteran's survivor benefits and health insurance.

The Office of the Attorney General's Paternity Opportunity Program trains and certifies employees of hospitals and birthing centers to assist parents

with the AOP process while the mother and child are still in the hospital. Hospital personnel inform unmarried mothers and fathers of their parental rights and responsibilities and give them the opportunity to sign the AOP, which establishes a legal relationship between the father and his child. Doing this at the hospital is the most convenient way. The father is likely to be with the mother at the hospital when the baby is born.

Hospital staff can help parents with the AOP process by providing the necessary forms and submitting the paperwork to the local registrar along with the baby's birth certificate. A signed AOP is needed for the father's name to appear on the child's birth certificate. Acknowledging paternity at birth is also best for the baby. It is tough growing up today. A child born to unmarried parents will have an easier time just by knowing the identity of his or her father.

In September 1999, when the Texas Legislature amended existing paternity legislation to be in compliance with federal laws, an AOP became a legal finding of paternity when filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Also, the Office of the Attorney General became the legally designated entity to train and certify employees of hospitals and birthing centers to assist parents in the AOP process.

More than 105,000 Texas children were born to unmarried parents during the federal fiscal year that ended September 30, 2001. Because of the successful collaboration among the Office of the Attorney General, Texas hospitals, and the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 63 percent of those children had paternity acknowledged.

The previous year, only 52 percent of the 101,479 out-of-wedlock births were acknowledged.

Outreach workers with the Attorney General's Paternity Opportunity Program provide training to more than 2,000 people each year who work in birthing facilities, clinics, schools and child support offices. Each person who is certified in the AOP process is given materials, including brochures and a video, that help unmarried mothers and fathers understand the benefits of legally acknowledging their child's paternity.

For additional information about paternity establishment and the rights and responsibilities of parenthood, call the Attorney General's Child Support Division at 1-800-252-8014 or visit our Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

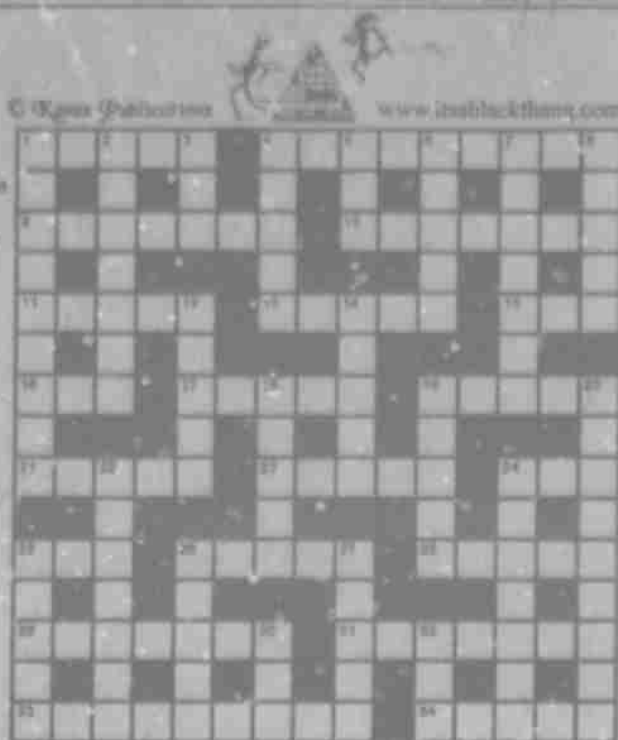
**Q:** What if I want to sign the Acknowledgment of Paternity but I can't be at the hospital when my child is born?

**A:** Sometimes the parents are unable to do everything necessary to acknowledge paternity at the time of the child's birth, or the father cannot come to the hospital. When this happens, the parents can sign the AOP before the baby is born, and the mother can take the AOP to the hospital when she has the baby. She can also take an acknowledgment form home from the hospital to give to the father.

Before signing the AOP, the father must take the document to a child support office, the local birth registry, or another certified entity to receive information on the benefits, rights and responsibilities of parenthood. When the AOP is complete, it can be mailed to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3191.

## AMERICAN TRIVIA

- Across
- Whitney Houston's hit from the *Waiting to Exhale* soundtrack
  - St. Louis' baseball team
  - Premier Governor George Wallace tried to block desegregation of this southern Univ. by standing in front of National Guardmen
  - Eye lesions used on Civil Rights marchers during the 1960's
  - Boardgame for heavy thinkers
  - Although this rapper was shot and killed in 1996, he has had several hit albums posthumously released
  - Halle Berry and Mag. Johnson's sign (both were born on Aug. 14)
  - Rapper's Cube or "T"
  - Group formed by ex-members of the group Slave; they had the 1980 hit, *In the Mood to Groove*
  - Rock, ("big" rapper that cut the hit, *Just the Two of Us*)
  - Jazz and classical record label based in Nashville, Tennessee
  - Shaka Zulu's weapon of choice
  - Early style of Jamaican music that provided the roots for the modern reggae style
  - Undisputed king of reggae music
  - Angel (Lisa Bonet '87 movie)
  - The Shocker* is the title of this rapper's first album; he liked it so much that he added it to his name
  - 10th Century B.C., King of Israel famous for his wisdom
  - ... in *Brooklyn*, (Eddie Murphy horror/comedy)
  - This group's infectious single *Give It All You Got* became a hit-show and club hit in the early 1990's
  - Gordon Sr. directed the movie *S-A-H* and Gordon Jr. directed *Superfly*
- Down
- A role George Clooney played in the funk group Parliament that was the arch-enemy of Sir Nose
  - Venus and Serena's mother
  - Tiger Woods' governing organization
  - Exiled practice
  - Michael Jackson's 1972 hit song *Ben* was about one of these
  - He wrote the soundtrack for *Slip!*
  - She read one of her poems at President Clinton's inauguration
  - He cut the rap hit, *The Young Song*
  - Zulu warrior and king that united several African tribes in the 1800's
  - George ... (stickler, pioneer, and in honor of an important agricultural handmill)
  - Follower of the Rastafarian religion
  - Comedian Tucker or Puck
  - Sounds of ... (40-person group that had the 1991 hit, *Oxydantic and Terrific*)
  - Baked fruit desert topped with rich biscuit dough
  - A ... St. ... (driving 1984 murder mystery starring Howard Rollins)
  - Vibrant, articulate, Caribbean accented rapper whose 1996 debut album was titled *The Coming*
  - Fannie Lou ... (civil rights activist who worked with SNCC to secure voting rights for Blacks and helped to form the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party)
  - He was only thirteen in 1991 when Quincy Jones produced his aptly-titled debut album
  - Professional football league
  - Allen Iverson won this award for the 2000-2001 NBA season



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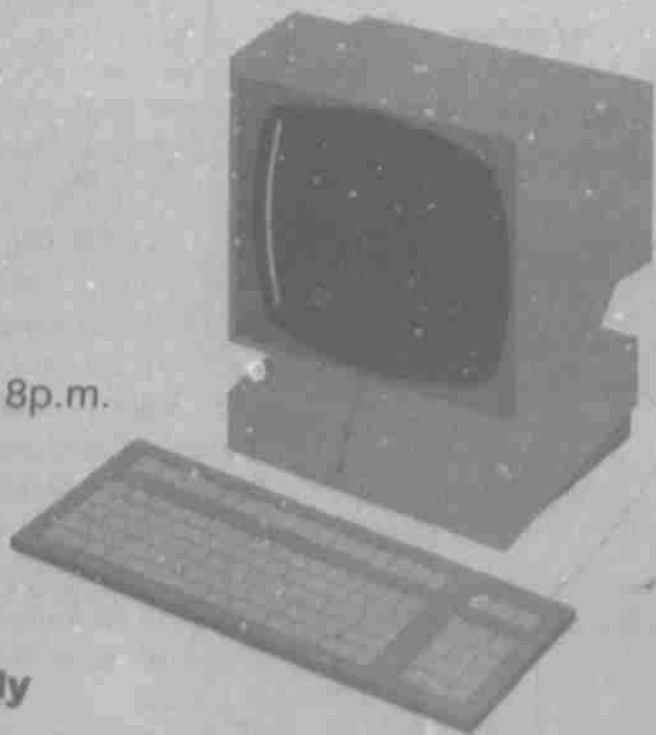
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## "We Must Move Forward"

by Eddie P. Richardson

Who thinks about what I do? No one remembers, but when I do wrong everyone remembers. The answer is: "We must keep doing good until the tide changes."

One of the things that former First Lady Hillary Clinton used in her bid for U. S. Senate in New York was: "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Like an eagle, it flies and flies into the heavens. What happens to the eagle, we figure out what it means we must do what we need to do when we need to do it.

We look around the United States of America, we see one of America's best. Error. What happened?

We did not all come on the same boat, but we are in the same boat. Like it or not, we live in the same neighborhood. We are in this world together, like it, or no. We must work together for the best of all of us.

Now, let's get down to the real deal. Our President, No. 43, made an erroneous speak which in this writer's opinion, was one sided. His speech was centered around terrorism which was good. We have had this problem for many years, but taken for granted and overlooked. The threats have been around since Timothy McVeigh. W. have had Americans since and before him, involved in this kind of an activity. Muslims Arabs are not all our enemies. We have enemies inside the house.

As we looked at President Bush make a great speech on the "State of the Union, he centered around terrorism which was very good. But, these terrorists have been around forever, but did not happen until September 11, 2001. At that time, everyone became concerned, but we must keep in mind the threat has always been around and is still around.

Mr. Bush made all kinds of threats/ but that is not presidential, in this writer's opinion. He should not make threats and the enemy know what you are doing.

A President should talk about peace and not threats. Everything that may seem like a threat may not be one. We need to peacefully kill it. Peaceful negotiations have a more peaceful workings than the threats.

We will be looking to see how our President's ratings will be later on.

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## In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

Some time ago, I wrote an article regarding Social Security benefits to women who had worked for some governmental agency and was entitled to a pension from that agency's pension fund, but had not paid Social Security taxes while working for the government agency. As a result, Social Security benefits would be reduced because of the pension. Further, a woman in this situation would not be eligible for any Social Security benefits from her husband either.

Being a female, somehow, I thought this affected women mostly, especially those who planned to receive a wife's benefits from their husband's entitlement. Men who worked under the same conditions, such as firefighters, policemen, social workers and any other employment with a pension plan which did not withhold Social Security taxes from their pay, rendered them victim to the WEP or Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Law also, which is described in the the fact sheet, A

Pension From Work Not Covered by Social Security publication no. 05-10045). It is called the GPO or Government Pension Offset, or technically, a reduction in your Social Security benefits if you receive a pension from a state or local government and have earned enough quarters to be eligible for Social Security benefits. It also affects your status as a spouse or widower. It makes you ineligible to collect benefits as a spouse or widower. It reduces benefits that you earn for yourself! A wife in this situation cannot get any Social Security benefits from her husband if he dies and he cannot get any from her if she dies. The fact sheet on the GPO is in publication no. 1-800-772-1213.

I vowed to contact every congressman in the United States to bring their attention to the need to rescind or nullify this law which became fully active around 1984. Spouses and widowers who were actively receiving benefits before this time were able to benefit fully from the fruit of the labors of their spouses.

Since September 11, 2001, many firefighters and policemen lost their lives and left dependent families. Some of the widows had pensions which made them ineligible to receive the dead spouse's Social Security benefits. Concern, in the wake of national patriotism has risen its head to help the firemen and policemen's families. Every family in the United States is important and hard earned benefits should not be penalized. All of the senators and representatives in our United States Congress need to be aware that this part of the Social Security Law should be changed.

House Bill 2638 has been introduced and needs to be passed. It will correct the problem. We need to get 'in cinque' and write to our representatives and senators asking them to vote for passage of this bill. If you do not know who your congressmen are, inquire at the public library. The President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security should also be contacted to let them have your input, at: 734 Jackson Place NW, Washington DC 20503.

## THIS N THAT

LET'S KEEP VISITING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT was advised by a Lubbock woman that she has been visiting our public schools. Hopefully there are many others who are doing the same, because if ever there was a time to do so, IT IS NOW! Visiting our public schools is very important for all of us, regardless if we have a CHILD in the public schools.

It will also send a signal to those who teach our loved ones that we are proud of their efforts and want them to know that, as parents, WE stand ready to help anyway we can. Our schools all over Lubbock are important to all of us and we all have a responsibility to do what we can to keep them in a positive posture in Lubbock. So THIS N THAT is still encouraging all of you to VISIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS. If you haven't had an opportunity, then do so this week!

THANKS FOR THE SALUTE! THIS N THAT would like to take this opportunity and say THANK YOU to the BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY and the OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS for paying special tribute to several AFRICAN AMERICAN HEROES OF LUBBOCK last Tuesday evening, February 12, 2002 at the International Cultural Center. Those honored were MR. GROVER C. COLVIN MH. EDDIE DIXON, MRS. JOAN Y. ERVIN, DR. DAMON HILL, JR., M. D., CITY COUNCILMAN T. J. PATTERSON, MR. EDDIE RICHARDSON, MR. GEORGE SCOTT and MS. ROSE WILSON. Good to see these kinds of activities in our community recognizing those who have gone to bat over the many years for citizens of the AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

EXCITING FETE ON TEXAS TECH CAMPUS! THIS N THAT wants to advise those of you who love exciting dancing to attend a concert featuring the KANKOURAN WEST AFRICAN DANCERS on Friday evening, February 15, 2002, at 7:00 p. m. in the Allen Theatre on the campus of Texas Tech University. Tickets are only \$5.00 for children, students and seniors, and \$10.00 for adults. For more information, contact the UC Ticket Office at 742-3610. MONIES from this event will benefit the CARTER G. WOODSON SCHOLARS FUND, so come and enjoy and help a young person attend college.

ESTACADO BAND SPONSORING FUNDRAISING EVENT TONIGHT! THIS N THAT along with many others will be in attendance of the EVENING OF JAZZ sponsored by the Estacado High School Band, tonight, THURSDAY, February 14, 2002 from 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. These funds raised will be utilized to reach their goal of \$55,000.00 to participate in the SUGAR BOWL during the halftime come next January, 2003. So come and support this event for some well deserving young people. Our young people need us to help them, so let's do so by attending this event.

ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTERS MEETING EACH SATURDAY AFTERNOON! THIS N THAT is still being advise that there are ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTERS who are meeting each Saturday afternoon beginning at 3:00 p. m. to come up with ideas to help ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL. Some very interesting information is always being discussed. If you are a SUPPORTER of Estacado High School and you want it to continue to grow, then attend these meetings. You will be glad you did. Just by attending, something will be done to help maintain more than 600 STUDENTS who are attending school outside of East Lubbock. Nothing wrong with trying to do something positive.

LINCOLN/DOUGLAS TEA VERY GOOD! THIS N THAT along with others attended the annual celebration of the LINCOLN/DOUGLAS TEA at the KOKO Palace last Sunday afternoon. This event is sponsored by the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association. This year's event featured two very good speakers. LEON WILLIAMS and CALVIN DAVIS who informed all about the lives of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas. The WHEATLEY HIGH STEPPERS did well with their dance act. Also, the Dunbar-Manhattan Ambassadors For Change, BISHOP ROGER CULBERSON, did well with several selections. It was a very good afternoon.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YOUNG BLACK KIDS: earn all you can about YOUR HISTORY and you will be equipped for the world."

## Guest Editorial

By George E. Curry

The Radical Right's propaganda machine is humming in high gear. It has launched an all-out attack on U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Mary Frances Berry. Not only are some of the attacks deeply personal, many, of her attackers either distort or conveniently omit her position on whether there is a vacancy in the independent agency for George W. Bush to appoint a Black conservative.

When DeWayne Wickham, a highly-respected columnist for "USA Today's and former president of the National Association of Black Journalists, wrote a column that accurately states Berry's position, he was accused of having a conflict of interest by a white journalist who himself had a clear conflict of interest!

Let's begin with Berry Resident conservative sage George F. Will, writing under a Washington Post headline, "The Uncivil Commissioner accuses Berry of promoting 'racism-is-everywhere' end-explains-everything monomaniac."

This is the same George Will who helped coach Ronald Reagan in 1980 for a debate with Jimmy Carter. He then appeared on "Nightline" to praise Reagan's thoroughbred performance. Will neglected to point out that he had helped train the 'thoroughbred.'

What galls the Right-wing is that Mary Frances Berry has one of the sharpest minds in the nation, she uses her voice to champion the cause of the 'downtrodden and she refuses to be bullied by the Far Right.

ASTOUNDINGLY, right-wing commentators who profess to favor free speech are trying to

silence progressive journalists for expressing their views.

Wickham, who has been my friend for more than 25 years and is a fellow panelist on Black Entertainment Television's "Lead Story," earned his own headline on the conservative National Review's Web site: "DeWayne's World."

John J. Miller, the National Review's political reporter, wrote: "Wickham is entitled to his opinion, however obnoxious. But in defending Berry and her views, he ought to admit that he once worked for her."

First, Wickham has never tried to hide his past association with Mary Frances Berry. In the first paragraph of his biography, which is available to anyone who logs on the USA Today Web site, is this sentence: From 1978 to 1980, Wickham took a sabbatical from his journalism career and worked as a special assistant to Dr. Mary Frances Berry, who ran federal education programs in the Carter administration before the creation of the Department of Education."

Second, that association was more than 20 years ago. If having worked for a government official is a crime, even the statute of limitations would have expired by now.

Moreover, Wickham is a columnist and is paid to express his opinion. That's what he did and he did it well.

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Green Fair also serves pre-school children with disabilities. Parents of children with disabilities wishing to complete an application for their child will need the following documenta-

tion: Documentation of diagnosed disability, proof of all household income for the past 12 months, the child's birth certificate, and the child's Social Security card. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st to be eligible for enrollment.

Applications are available between 1:30 and 3:30 pm at the Green Fair Head Start Center located at 2902 A Weber Drive (off of MLK Ave.) in the Green Fair Apartments.

Head Start does not discriminate based upon race, color, sex, national origin, disability, or religion. For more information call 806-763-5261.

## Dog Obedience Trials Hosted by Kennel Club

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock, Inc. will be hosting 2 American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Obedience Trials at the South Plains Fairgrounds, Merchants Building, February 24th and 25th.

Over 100 purebred dogs from 6 surrounding states will be judged at this event from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Many of the top obedience trained dogs in the country will be competing.

Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of the three different levels of competition:

**Novice, Open or utility.** These dogs will be demonstrating their proficiency in such exercises as heeling, high jumps, broad jumps, retrieving and scent discrimination. The dogs are working towards various AKC obedience titles and obedience trial championship points.

**Non-Regular class competitions** such as Veterans, Brace and Team-Dogs that compete in the Veterans class must be 7 years old or older.

In Brace competition one exhibitor works with 2 dogs and Team class has 4 exhibitors working with their dogs in unison.

The newly approved AKC Non-Regular class competition Rally, will be offered at this trial.

Each dog and handler team competing in Rally obedience will complete a routine filled with a variety of modified obedience exercises which includes 360 and 270 degree turns, jumps, heeling backwards, etc. Each routine is new and different each day. There is no admission fee charged for this fun filled and educational event. Free canine educational material will be available for the public; For more information call Sherell Guichard-Thomas, Publicity and Public Education Coordinator at 794-1256 or visit the clubs web site <http://ourworld.CompuServe.com/homepages/spotc>.

### Helen Jones Foundation Gift to Benefit Future Teachers

LCU recently received a \$100,000 check from the Helen Jones Foundation. The large sum of money is an endowment for education scholarships related to Core Knowledge.

The foundation provides gifts to nonprofit organizations in and around the Lubbock area that will have a benefit to the Lubbock community. The endowment scholarship was given to LCU to help expose future teachers to Core Knowledge.

LCU hopes to select the first recipients this upcoming fall. In return for the scholarship, the students will receive 50 clock hours in additional training in the Core Knowledge curriculum and will assist with some of the programs done on the LCU campus or with participating public schools.

### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to Hold Silent Auction

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will celebrate its ninety-fourth anniversary in February 2002. In celebration of the occasion and to continue the tradition of service to mankind, Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha will host an auction on Saturday, February 23, 2002. The auction will be held in the lobby of American State Bank located at 1401 Ave. Q between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. All proceeds will be used to support community projects.

Consider supporting the auction by being a sponsor. Sponsors' names will be displayed at the event, printed on the invitations, and will be listed in the auction brochure. Sponsor names will also be mentioned on the live auction.

This carefully orchestrated event promises to be an evening that will benefit the community in magnanimous proportions. As a part of the Lubbock community, the organization invites the community to join in this effort to realize generous growth for all.

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By inordinately integrating the communities and social and other institutions developed by (and for) other ethnic groups, AOIP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The information listed below about your organization should, as best possible, be focused on what your group is doing to help completed that "unfinished work."

This is a public service courtesy of the Southwest Digest. We will list your meeting dates, time and place; special activities, annual meetings, etc. Anything else will be considered advertisement and will be charged as such. This applies to items such as hand-bills, brochures, promotion, etc. This is necessary, because of the inflated cost of doing business. We have to pay our expenses. There will also be a charge for photos, other than news events. For more information about getting your announcement on this page, call Eddie P. Richardson at 762-3612.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Lubbock Area Client Council

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Hub City Kiwanis • Every Tuesday

Night • 7:00pm • 1708 Avenue G

Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd

Saturday 4pm

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday- 7:30

Forgotten West Riders • First & Third

Monday • 7:00 pm • T. J. Patterson Library

East Lubbock Chapter AARP • Every 1st

Thursday at 1 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 6th St.

Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker will speak at the Civic Center on February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with activities sponsored by Texas Tech in recognition of Black History Month.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this column, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:

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