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NATIONAL NEWS

NAFEO takes the lead in AIDS/HIV prevention education

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) has received a grant from the Center for Disease Control to help educate Black college students about the dangers of HIV. NAFEO will develop a system for higher education policy and decision-making designed to support programs that prevent infection among college students. The body enrolls about 300,000 students at 117 historically predominately Black college and universities yearly. AIDS is the sixth cause of death among 15-to-24-year-olds in the United States. African Americans and Latinos together account for nearly 50 percent of all AIDS cases today.

Actress enjoys sweet taste of courtroom success

Cicely Tyson has won a judgment in court against actress/perfume magnet Elizabeth Taylor, reports the Tri-State Defender. A court awarded Tyson more than \$600,000 for being improperly fired in 1983 after critics panned the stage version of "The Corn is Green." Tyson was under contract with Taylor's production company to act in a stage and screen version of the play. After critics panned the stage version, she was fired for taking a night off to attend a Washington tribute to her then husband, Miles Davis.

National day of protest against police brutality

Members of the Black and Latino communities, and a coalition of progressive groups and individuals including like Dick Gregory, Bobby Seale, filmmaker Haile Gerima and the National Lawyers Guild, endorsed the Oct. 22 "National Day of Protest Against Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation." Activities included a rally at the New York City Hall; a march in Oakland, CA; a rally at Seattle's Central Community College and a series of rallies in front of various police departments in Florida, Chicago, Grand Rapids, MI, Philadelphia, Hawaii and Houston, TX. Ball State University in Indiana and various cities in Kansas also held events. Jitu Weusi of the National Black United Front said Blacks in New York have "known for at least the past 20 years, that it is open season by the NYPD against our young people. Police need not fear punishment in assaulting or killing our youth with impunity." The protest was called to say "No more!" to police brutality and police murder, said Carl Dix, a member of the National Coordinating Committee for the October 22 Coalition.

JR. MEDLOW: THE LEGEND IN LUBBOCK

Medlow Williams, Jr. is perhaps today's most recognizable musician from the Southwest. He is established on the blues circuit and has worked with artists like James Brown, Diana Ross, the late Steven Ray Vaughn and many others.

This legendary performer has earned the respect of the music industry and anyone who enjoys good music. His musical talent has taken him throughout the U.S.A. and parts of Europe.

Medlow has come to be recognized not only as a prolific singer but also as an innovative songwriter and guitarist.

Raised on the west side of town during the sixties he and his sister Diane were the first African Americans to integrate into the West Lubbock public school system. "Being raised on the West side of town and forced into a situation where I measured my self worth daily", he says, "built an explosion in me that could only come out through music; it was my salvation."

He attributes his success in the music industry to his respect for his audience. "The music business today has no respect. It has no moral concept of its affect on the world as a whole," he says.

Medlow credits his ability to remain in the music business for more than thirty years to his desire to communicate with each and every culture.

Diagnosed with cancer two years ago he cherishes each day as a gift from God. "It woke me up to the term temporariness of my existence and understanding that without the Lord Jesus intervening with his healing spirit, I would not be here today."

Medlow resides in Lubbock with his mother Mrs. Zelma Williams, whom he credits for his strength. Although his illness has caused him to postpone his second European tour he still performs locally and throughout the state of Texas.

-Our Prayers are with him-



Medlow Williams, Jr.

President Clinton Signs Act



President Bill Clinton signed the Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 on October 20, 1996. This bill authorizes the creation of several commemorative coins, including a silver coin to mark the 275th anniversary of the birth of Crispus Attucks and a coin to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in major league baseball. H.R. 1776 also directs that coin sale surcharges be paid to the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation to support construction of the Black Patriots Memorial. Standing behind the President from left to right are: Joanne Jones, Co-chair, Black Patriots Foundation; Wayne Smith, President, Black Patriots Foundation; William Noack, General Motors Corporation and a fundraising advisor to the Foundation; Phil Diehl, Director of the U.S. Mint; George Dumas, past President of the Black Patriots Foundation; and Rep. Donald Payne, D-NJ, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The DIA-Drug Connection: A History of Suspicion

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Despite evidence surfacing that suggest some CIA operatives and Contra leaders knew about drug sales in Black neighborhoods during the mid 1980s, CIA officials deny the charge; Clinton and the Justice Department are mostly silent, and much of the major media ignore or downplay the story as a "Black issue." But the suspicion of CIA activities and Reagan-administration indifference, deliberate ignorance, and obstructionism toward the drug trade, can't be easily dismissed. Here's why:

*National Security Council staffer Oliver North directed much of the illegal planning, organizing and fund-raising for the secret Contra war. In May 1984 North noted "CIA's Latin American chief indicated that contact indicates that (deleted) is involved with drugs." In June 1984, North noted "Drug case—DEA program on combating cocaine." This referred to the shift by Colombian officials of their drug operations to Nicaragua. North has kept silent on suspected CIA-Contra-drug operations. But his notes strongly hint that at the very least he and other Reagan administration officials knew about them.

*Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger in 1984, rejected a joint Chiefs of Staff recommendation that the Pentagon commit more resources to stopping shipments of drugs from Asia and Latin America, and the enactment of new anti-drug legislation.

*The Pentagon opposed loaning military equipment to foreign governments in 1981 to combat drug trafficking, to deploying American troops in Bolivia and the Reagan secret directive that branded drug trafficking a national security threat in 1986.

*Secretary of State Alexander Haig ignored pleas from the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics Matters for closer coordination to stop drug shipments into the U.S.

*The 1986 anti-drug law required the White House to certify that 25 countries the State Department identified as major drug producing and shipping countries cooperate in fighting the trade or lose half of their economic and military aid. Reagan never did. The right wing, military governments in Laos, Paraguay, and Lebanon openly refused to cooperate. Reagan refused to penalize them because of "national interest."

*A 1985 report by the U.S. Army's Southern Command in Panama presented taped interviews, and photo surveillance of drug transactions between Panamanian drug dealers and high ranking military officials closely tied to Manuel Noriega. According to a National Security Council official, the CIA refused to do anything to stop it claiming that Noriega was an "important asset." Later, a less reliable and much expendable Noriega was overthrown, kidnaped, and imprisoned by the Bush administration.

Even while the current revelations swirl and Black anger mounts over the suspected Contra-cocaine connection and Congress, the CIA and the Justice Department promise investigations, the pattern of government indifference, deliberate ignorance and indirect complicity toward drug sales may presently be repeated in the U.S. relationship with the military-controlled civilian regime in Guatemala. The military and civilian leaders, condemned for the murder and

disappearance of thousands of peasants, have also been implicated in cocaine and heroin trafficking. Opium production in Guatemala totals an estimated \$1.5 billion annually and could supply about 60 percent of the U.S. market.

During the past half century the policy of the CIA and successive administrations toward drugs has been riddled with conflict, contradiction, and possible complicity. It is hardly a surprise that many Blacks mistrust the government to conduct an honest and thorough investigation of suspected CIA-Contra-drug links. This is why the demand should be for: The appointment of an independent counsel to investigate; full prosecution of any government official or private citizen found complicit in drug sales; a major funding increase for health care, drug education, rehabilitation, and prevention programs; Congress and Clinton to approve the U.S. Sentencing Commission's recommendations to end racial bias in the federal mandatory drug sentencing laws; new legislation requiring iron-clad regulation of covert actions and operations by the CIA and other government agencies, and mandatory cut-off of aid to nations identified as major drug producers and traffickers.

These measures can't restore or repair the thousands of lives destroyed, the families shattered, and the societal damage done by the drug scourge. And it can't wipe away the nearly half century of indifference, deliberate ignorance and indirect complicity of the CIA toward the drug trade. But this can be a start toward insuring that this dirty history is not repeated again.

SIXTH ANNUAL HARVESTE TEA SET FOR CARTER CHAPEL

The members of the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, 420 North Martin Luther King Blvd, will celebrate their Sixth Annual Harvest Tea on Sunday afternoon, November 17, 1996, beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Michael R. DeVaughn, minister at Amarillo's Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, will be the speaker of the hour. A graduate of Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, he received his Master's Degree in 1988 from Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas.

Rev. DeVaughn is the former director of Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority, a community based prevention project. He has also been a board of director of Stepping Out; YES-79107, chairperson; Salvation Army as a board of director; Panhandle Aids Services Organization; NAACP member; Junior League of Amarillo Advisory

Board; Amarillo Opera Company; Community Advisory Board. He has served churches in Tyler, Midland and Abilene, Texas.

Rev. DeVaughn is the Chairperson for the 1997 Black History Month Community Celebration.

Rev. Clarence Weatherspoon is pastor of Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, and invites the entire city to come and worship with the church. "Our doors are open for all of you to attend this Sixth Annual Harvest Tea," said Rev. Weatherspoon.



Dr. Angelou NCNW Chairwomen



Dr. Maya Angelou, Chairwomen of the NCNW Fund For The Future Campaign Addresses the Leadership Luncheon. From left to right, National television personality, MSNBC-TV Anchor Maureen Bunyan, NCNW and President/CEO, Dr. Dorothy I. Height.

ESTACADO MATADORS IN PLAYOFFS FRIDAY NIGHT

These fighting Estacado High School Matadors will be in battle Friday night, November 15, 1996 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, Texas against Duncan High School (8-1) in a Class 5A Division II bi-district playoff game at 7:30 pm.

Tickets in advance are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. At the gate, adult tickets are \$6 and students are \$3.

All supporters of the Matadors (7-3) are asked to make the journey to Amarillo as was done last week at Wallfort, Texas against Friendship. "When we travel out of the city, and large numbers of our supporters travel with us, it means a great deal. It means a lot to look up and see all of our supporters," said Coach Louis Kelly.



Ruby 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.

Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent at his post of duty. After the devotional period, classes marched to their place of instruction for 30 minutes. All classes reassembled at 10:15 a.m. singing the song, "Old Time Religion." High points of the lesson were given by Deacon Earnest Swain. They were very well presented.

Secretary's report was given and all classes adjourned for regular morning worship hour.

This being Youth Day, they were in charge of services. The youth did a wonderful job, beginning with the morning devotional services. The Choir marched in the procession. After prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "Know A Man," was sung. The scripture was read and a prayer, and followed by the singing of "God Never Fails." Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "At the Cross."

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations as he always has something mighty good to say. Another song, "Thank You, Lord," was sung.

Last Sunday was the closing of the 7th Anniversary for Rev. & Mrs. Billy R. Moton and family. The morning sermon was delivered by one of New Hope's own, Cleo Marshall — who is a Texas Tech University graduate, and a very good member of New Hope. He moved to Georgia where he attended college and graduated from law school. He is still preaching the Gospel. His scripture last Sunday morning was St. Mark 2:1-5; 11-12. His subject was "I've Come Too Far To Look Back Now." It was mighty good, and all learned a lot from it.

After the extension of the invitation to dis-

cipline, two came forward — one for baptism and another by Christian experience.

The 7th Anniversary for Pastor Moton and family was held at 3:00 p.m. last Sunday afternoon. Guest church was the Community Baptist Church and pastor, Rev. Larry Brooks. Pastor Brooks delivered the sermon. He brought a wonderful message painting a picture of Pastor Moton. It was very well done as New Hope has a Christian Pastor, loving family. This writer hopes will keep him many more years. Thank God for Pastor Moton.

Keep praying for our sick and shut ins of the community. Brother Clyde Robinson is back in St. Mary Hospital. Remember Sister G.H. Davis who really needs our prayers. She was brought home last Friday, but has to go back to the nursing home.

Sister Bernice Kelly was absent from church services last Sunday due to illness. She called in for prayer.

Sister Igie Scott's husband, George, passed last week. Funeral services are pending at this report. His nickname was "Whirl."

Pray for sister Ora Jean Keys as she was shut in last week. At this report, she is reported to be doing nicely. She was able to attend her church, Bethel A.M.E. Church, last Sunday morning where she gave a joyous testimony on how good God is, and where he has brought her.

If you would like to subscribe to the Southwest Digest, just give this writer a call at 744-4127. It would make a nice Christmas gift.

Legal Notice

The Lubbock/Garza Private Industry Council Inc. (JobSource+) is releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Job Training Partnership Act, Title IIB, Summer Youth Employment and Training Program 1997. One hundred percent of the cost of this program will be financed with federal funds. JobSource+ is seeking proposals for educational, vocation, and work programs for economically disadvantaged youths. Proposal packets will be available beginning Monday, November 18, 1996, weekdays from 8:00-5:00 p.m. from the JobSource+ office, 1218 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79401, 806/765-5038 (or Relay Texas 1-800-735-2988 for the hearing impaired). Deadline for proposals is Monday, January 3, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. A pre-proposal conference will be held at the JobSource+ office 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 1996, to answer potential proposers' questions. Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Release of the RFP makes no commitment nor does it obligate JobSource+ to fund any proposal.

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Army Spec. Robert L. Tindall has graduated from the U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles, and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

Tindall, an infantryman, is the son of Beverly C. Tindall of Columbus, Ohio, and Robert J. Tindall of Lubbock, Texas.

His wife, Lori, is the daughter of Walter and Irene Shrieve of 4634 St. Francis Lane, Whitehall.

He is a 1987 graduate of Whitehall-Yearling High School, Whitehall, and 1993 graduate of Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Army Pvt. George S. Torres has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the

Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Torres is the son of Mary S. Torres of 524 48th St., Lubbock, and Richard Torres of Seagraves.

His wife, Virginia, is the daughter of Fred and Elida Reyna of 4701 E. Rice, Lubbock.

He is a 1995 graduate of Lubbock High School.

AirForce Staff Sgt. Oliver R. Hernandez has deployed to the Arabian Gulf Region in support of Operation Southern Watch/Vigilant Warrior. It is a temporary duty assignment to the air tasking order production branch of the Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia.

The task force performs the Southern Watch mission of monitoring and controlling airspace south of the 32nd parallel in

southern Iraq using air forces, deployed by the U.S. Navy and Air Force, the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force, and the French Air Force to the Arabian Gulf region. This allows coalition forces to safely ensure Iraqi compliance with a United Nations resolution prohibiting repression of Shiite Muslims in southern Iraq.

To counter Iraq's military move when Saddam Hussein started massing his troops along the Kuwaiti border, the U.S. responded with Operation Vigilant Warrior, a massive deployment of aircraft, personnel, and military cargo to the Arabian Gulf region to deter any Iraqi aggression.

Hernandez is a communications center supervisor normally assigned to the 89th Communications Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Md.

He is the son of Elida Cantu of 2218 18th St. and brother of Belinda R. Guerra of 2322 81st St., both of Lubbock.

The sergeant is a 1978 graduate of Lubbock High School.

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NAACP TO MEET SATURDAY

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP meeting will be held Saturday, November 16, 1996 at 7 p.m. at Smith Temple Community Church located at 6508 Avenue P, Lubbock, TX.. All members are asked to be present.



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Bridge Back: An Island of Hope for Returning Ex-Offenders

By Dennis Schatzman

While on the reelection circuit, Gil Garcetti, the embattled Los Angeles County district attorney of O.J. Simpson fame, promised a powerful group of Black ministers he would draft legislation that would require offenders who are high school dropouts to earn a general equivalency diploma (GED) before being released.

If Garcetti makes good on his promise, he would be prudent to find a community-based correctional care facility with a proven success rate to implement the program. One such facility is Bridge Back, an inmate outreach center right smack in the middle of South Central Los Angeles.

But I warn you, although the place houses up to 77 non-violent offenders serving the last four months of their sentences prior to parole, you have to look very hard to find it, unless you know exactly where it is. These inmates are rarely seen and seldom heard.

Bridge Back is operated in a quiet unassuming building that sits near the busy corner of Western and Vernon Avenues. One doesn't see young Black men standing around chillin', drinking 40 ounce beers, shooting craps or engaging in any other near-do-well type activity. Instead there are dozens of young men inside working, studying, going out on jobs, attending schools and the like.

As they carry out their daily activities, you don't hear a peep out of them.

A reporter who used to catch the bus at the corner every day never knew the place was there until he heard the residents were about to be moved back to county jail by the Department of Correction as "a precautionary measure" during the final days of the federal trial of the four LAPD officers charged with beating Black motorist Rodney King.

Celes King III, state president of the Congress of Racial Equality of California and the members of the local businessmen's association heard about the discriminatory move (similar centers located in white neighborhoods were not forced to relocate) and "persuaded" the state to put a stop to such action. They argued successfully that the Bridge Back residents were never involved in the April 29, 1992 riots that followed the officers' Simi Valley acquittals. So why the harsh treatment, they asked?

King, a local bail bondsman and prominent civil rights leader, has been a long time friend of Roy Evans, Bridge Back's founder, administrator and proprietor. "I have known Roy for nearly 30 years," beams King, whose office is walking distance from the facility. "We answered his call for help on that matter mainly because Roy is the

kind of guy who doesn't cry 'wolf.' When he says 'let's,' we say 'go.' When he says 'Hal,' we say, 'leluha.' It's as simple as that. And CORE makes no apologies about its support of Bridge Back."

Evans, a Willie Wood (of Green Bay Packer fame) look-a-like founded Bridge Back 14 years ago. He operates the facility of a \$950,000 yearly budget. A staff of 16 persons provides 24 hour service (which includes job preparation, placement, substance abuse assistance, stress management, victim awareness training and computerized educational services), seven days a week. Two parole agents are assigned to the premises. Since its inception, over 5,000 people have passed through its doors, receiving food lodging, counseling and training before being reintroduced to their home communities.

"Bridge Back has come a long way from its beginnings as an anti-substance abuse program," Evans explains. "In the early days we took advantage of the opportunities provided by the War on Poverty and Model Cities programs to create and establish programs of our own through which attacked some of the problems overwhelming our community. We networked, we opened our organizations, staffed them and started to work on the needs among our people."

In a community where nearly one-third of all Black men are either in jail, on parole or on probation, correctional services has unfortunately become an unwelcome growth industry. Yet it is usually the court system, the lawyers and the jail houses that reap the lion's share of the benefits. Evans believes more Bridge Back-type facilities are needed, especially in Black communities.

"California and other states must take immediate steps to treat low risk, non-violent offenders differently than violent predatory offenders," Evans says. "We must expand the number and type of community corrections programs for these offenders. For every bed the state established in a community-based corrections facility, it can save the cost of building a new prison cell."

In an era where politicians are promising to build more jails, they need to look closely at the Bridge Back concept. It works, and at a fraction of the \$400,000 per year it costs to house a man who is convicted of cashing a bad check.

Dennis Schatzman, a legal affairs writer based in Los Angeles, is a journalism professor at California State University at Fullerton and co-author of "The Simpson Trial in Black and White."

BACK TO BASICS COOKING

(DM)-Spicy Mexican Meatball Soup is more than a soup, it's a meal. Taking less than an hour to prepare, this hearty soup gets its lively flavor from chili powder, hot pepper sauce and Kikkoman Soy Sauce. While not a usual seasoning in Mexican cuisine, naturally brewed soy sauce makes several important contributions. Because it's aged for full flavor, brewed soy sauce has distinctive taste characteristics that add a meaty richness to the soup, while also bringing the diverse ingredients into a palate pleasing harmony. To finish this fiesta of flavor, serve the soup over rice and sprinkle the top with shredded cheese.

MEXICAN MEATBALL SOUP

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| 1/2 pound ground beef | 1 can (8 3/4 oz.) whole kernel corn |
| 2 teaspoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce | 1 can (8 3/4 oz.) red kidney beans |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder, divided | 3 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce |
| 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce | Hot cooked rice |
| 1 cup chopped onion | Grated Cheddar cheese |
| 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) whole tomatoes | |

Combine beef, 2 teaspoons soy sauce, 1/2 teaspoon chili powder and pepper sauce; shape into 8 equal-size meatballs. Brown meatballs in medium-size saucepan over medium heat. Reserving pan drippings, remove meatballs; set aside. Stir-fry onion in pan drippings 5 minutes, or until translucent. Stir in tomatoes, corn, kidney beans, 3 Tbsp. soy sauce, 1 cup water and remaining 1/2 teaspoon chili powder, breaking tomatoes in half. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add meatballs; simmer just until heated through, about 3 minutes. To serve, spoon into soup bowls over rice and sprinkle cheese over all.

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in mind that those are...YOUNG FELLOWS...and it is only a football game...We...as adults...must let these young people know that...GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP...is what life is all about...Now...you see adults calling a kids game...acting like what was seen last...FRIDAY NIGHT...in Wolfforth, Texas...should not be the norm when it comes to officiating...Thank God...for those young people...and we are most appreciative of...COACH KELLEY AND STAFF...for what they have done for our YOUNG MATADORS...this year!! What you did last Friday night...will be...LONG LIVED...in the Community...MATADORS!!

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CONGRATULATIONS, URSULA MONROE PATTERSON!! THIS N THAT...would like to say...CONGRATS...to...URSULA MONROE PATTERSON...for passing the...STATE BAR OF TEXAS...last week...More on this...young lady next week...THIS N THAT...wishes her the very best...along with her husband...T.J., JR...

"IT'S TIME TO MOVE AHEAD"

Eddie P. Richardson



We just celebrated Veterans Day which is the backbone of all of Americas freedoms. Many veterans gave their lives, were POW's, were maimed and endured many sufferings.

I am proud that I gave 10 years to my country. I gave freely of myself for all Americans to be free. But we had another war on our own shores. Jim Crowism, segregation, race and class separation, and racism, etc. Most races came to these shores looking for a thrill, or a better way of life or had their land taken or stolen from them. We came as slaves. Everyone on these shores contributed to the building of America in one way or another.

The African descendants were the only ones that was legislated out of being a total human and robbed of their names and degraded to less than human status.

We were not allowed to read and write or vote. We went through more changes trying to obtain our right to be first class voting citizens. We went through being denied the right to vote, through illiteracy test, poll tax and many other forms of denial. The sad part is now we have the right to vote. After dogs, fire hoses, billy clubs and even loss of lives we do not exercise this right after such a price was paid and we have the nerve to complain.

Hope you exercised your power in the last election. If not, you still have a chance in the up-coming run off election.

"AN OPEN LETTER TO LUBBOCK COUNTY TAXPAYERS"

Dear Lubbock County Taxpayers:

As I am sure you have heard from recent media stories, county Court at Law Judge Sam Medina and certain members of the criminal defense bar have proposed sweeping changes in the bail bond system for Lubbock County. Those changes include provisions that would allow all misdemeanor defendants to receive Personal Recognizance Bonds upon hiring a member of the criminal defense bar and posting a registration fee to be refunded to the defendant.

The proponents of these changes have claimed that they are needed in order to "SAVE" the Lubbock County taxpayers the expenses of providing court appointed attorneys for misdemeanor defendants. Unfortunately, such claims will reduce court appointed attorney fees marginally, if at all, but will in fact significantly raise the expenditures of the taxpayers.

The proponents of the proposed changes have maintained that if defendants did not have to pay private bail bond companies for their services,

those defendants would use that same money to hire lawyers. The reality is that while an indigent defendant may borrow money, reduce personal expenses, or sell personal possessions in order to raise bail to be released from jail, the defendant will not undertake those activities to hire a lawyer. Particularly, after being advised by the court of their constitutional right to court appointed counsel.

Further, any "SAVINGS" from a marginal reduction in the number of court appointed attorneys is illusory. The current system provides that as a condition of probation a convicted defendant must repay Lubbock County any court appointed attorneys fees related to their case. The recoupment of those court appointed attorneys fees from the defendant, will of course not be available for Defendants who fail to return to court following their release from jail.

The cost to the Lubbock County taxpayer of the proposed changes is very real. An idea of the size of those costs can be learned from looking at the experience of Harris County with a similar sys-

tem. According to a September 7, 1996 edition of the Houston Chronicle, Harris County began their program with a single employee. today, their bureaucracy has grown to 110 employees at a direct cost to their taxpayers of 3.3 million dollars each year. The State of Texas incurs an additional \$569,000 annually in cost related to their program.

The program proposed for Lubbock County, if enacted, will create at least nine new jobs funded with tax dollars. Currently, the private sector provides some seventy jobs to individuals within excess of three hundred fifty years of combined experience in the bail bond business. Many of those jobs will be lost from the private sector if the government goes forward with the proposed changes.

Finally, even if you believe that it is a better to have a larger more costly government, you can not reasonable support this proposed plan because it will not only be costly to the taxpayers, but grossly ineffective. The current system provides a very real economic incentive for bail bondsmen to effectively screen prospective bailees and to

assure those defendants appearance for the applicable court dates. A bondsman who fails to do those two things is penalized by the forfeiture of their bond to Lubbock County. The system proposed by Judge Medina would eliminate that screening process and would result in no one being accountable if a defendant, who has been released from jail fails to return to face justice.

A system that is more costly and less effective, and one that removes accountability cannot be reasonably supported by anyone who believes in cost effective government.

Please contact your county commissioners and County Judge Don McBeath's office to express your feelings regarding this costly proposed government expansion.

Sincerely,
Lubbock Bail Bond Association

LEGALMATTERS

THE TEXAS TOP TEN CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 1996, which ended August 31, our Consumer Protection Division received more than 32,000 complaints - the most ever. That's the bad news. The good news is that we mediated more than 19,200 of them. Best of all, one category of complaints - telemarketing scams - fell from second place to sixth place.

We at the Office of the Attorney General have been actively involved in public education and have filed lawsuits against several fraudulent telemarketing outfits. We are very pleased to see this significant drop in the number of complaints about telemarketing fraud.

But this is no time to rest on our laurels - the frauds continue. That is why we would like to take advantage of this opportunity to warn you about this year's most prevalent problems. According to our Consumer Protection Division, the following ten categories include the most common complaints in Texas during the past year.

The Texas Top Ten Listed in order by the number of complaints received, the top ten consumer categories are:

1. Direct mail advertising services. Texans' number-one consumer complaint deals with unsolicited mail. The most common problem involves fake prizes trumpeted by lines like, "You are a winner." All too often, the only winner is the owner of the expensive 900 phone line.
2. Long-distance service companies.

Most complaints in this category are about excessive pay-phone charges and "slamming" (long-distance carriers that switch your phone service without your knowledge).

3. Debt collection agencies. We all know that when we incur a debt, we owe money and should pay the creditor back. But all too many Texans are illegally harassed by unscrupulous bill collectors.

4. Used motor vehicle dealers. While most used-car dealers are honest business people, some pawn off clunkers and junkmobiles. Your best defense is knowledge and a reliable mechanic who checks over the car. The fact is that most used cars are sold "as-is" - and no used car is covered by the Lemon Law.

5. General automotive repair shops. We receive numerous complaints about bad repair work and double billing.

6. Telemarketing companies. Most telemarketing calls are legitimate, but some are not. Telephone offers of sweepstakes, "free" travel, advance fee loans and others are all too often telemarketing.

7. Landlord/Tenant disputes. Common gripes include missing deposit refunds, shoddy repair work and unsafe living conditions.

8. New motor vehicle dealers. Warranty problems and lemons top this category.

9. Mortgage companies. You may not realize it, but nearly all mortgage notes are sold to another company during the life of the loan. That can cause problems

if the lender's payment records are inaccurate or unexpected transfer fees crop up.

10. Credit car companies. If you have been laid off from work, the last thing you need is a hounding creditor threatening you with jail, garnished wages or worse. Such threats are illegal.

For more information In many cases, we can help mediate disputes between customers and business people - but you must take some steps first. Call us at 1-800-621-0508 to begin the process.

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If you have a computer and access to the Internet, you can also find information at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>. In addition to our brochures, you can also find the text of past Legal Matters columns under the "News" section.

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Black-College Football Yearbook
1996 Coca-Cola All-Academic Football Team

Atlanta, GA. (Special) - The Sports View Black-College Football magazine today presented the members of the 1996 Coca-Cola All-Academic Team.

The Coca-Cola All-Academic team is an award program designed to showcase and promote academic excellence and to highlight the positive relationship between athletics and academic achievement. The team is comprised of 23 student-athletes: eleven (11) offensive players, eleven (11) defensive players, and two (2) specialists. To qualify, a player must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 through the 1996 spring semester. Student athletes are eligible after completing their sophomore year.

Morgan State University defensive lineman Willie Thompson led the parade of scholars with a 3.8 GPA in electrical engineering, which is the highest average among the student-athletes selected.

Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL receives team honors for placing five (5) players on this year's All-Academic Team, followed by Howard University (3), Langston (2), Tennessee State (2), and Fayetteville State (2). Morgan State, Hampton,

Bethune-Cookman, South Carolina State, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Virginia State, Tuskegee and Virginia Union each placed one player on the team.

Coca-Cola Company has sponsored the All-Academic Team since its inception in 1993. "The Coca-Cola Company applauds these student-athletes for excelling in their studies as well as on the football field," says Ron Coleman, Media Relations Manager for Coca-Cola. "The discipline and balance these scholar athletes exude virtually assures them of success in the 21st century marketplace."

Bretland Moore, Sports View's Publisher states, "The results that these young men are achieving is really uplifting for me, and I hope that is the case for the students and other young people with whom they come in contact. We are very proud to join with Coca-Cola in spotlighting their accomplishments."

More detailed information on the Coca-Cola All-Academic Team can be found in the '96 edition of Sports View's Black-College Football magazine. For more information regarding the Coca-Cola All-Academic Team contact Gwen Robinson at 404-344-1230.

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Richard Franklin (right), sales development manager, Atlanta Account Group, Coca-Cola USA, along with Alabama State University Athletic Director Curtis Williams (left) congratulate Alabama State University football players (left to right) Tywanis Lockett, Devin Flowers, Demon Williams, Alfonso Pouge, and Carlin Hertz on being selected to the 1996-1997 Coca-Cola All-Academic Team. The Coca-Cola All-Academic Team is comprised of 24 junior and senior football players from historically black colleges and universities achieving the highest overall grade point average. Alabama State University led all institutions with five (5) players on the team. The entire Coca-Cola All-Academic Football Team is featured in the 1996 Sports View Black-College Football Magazine.

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Isaiah 30:1, WOE to the rebellious children, SAITH THE LORD, that take counsel, BUT NOT FROM ME; and that cover with a covering, but not of MY SPIRIT, THAT THEY MAY ADD SIN TO SIN.

The DEVIL told Adam and Evil, don't do as GOD SAID, BUT EAT OF THE TREE. GOD don't want you to have YOUR RIGHTS; HE DON'T WANT YOU TO BE FREE.

Proverbs 10:29, The way of THE LORD is strength to the upright; but destruction shall be to the workers of INIQUITY (LAWLESSNESS).

There is nothing new, that can be found under the sun, EQUAL RIGHT'S IN GOD; LIKE CANE AND ABLE, THEY ARE FOR EVERYONE.

John 14:6, Jesus said, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

Man can boast and brag, of things he's got and PLACES HE CAN GO, BUT HATE IS YET IN MAN'S HEART; YOU CAN ASK THE MAN FROM TEXACO.

John 8:31,32, Jesus said, If ye continue in MY WORK, then are ye MY DISCIPLES INDEED; and ye shall know THE TRUTH (JESUS) AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

Many Christians DIDN'T WANT MR. BILL CLINTON; AS THEIR PRESIDENT, BUT MR. CLINTON IS A TOOL OF GOD; THAT'S WHY HE'S BEEN SENT.

*****IT'S PRAYING TIME*****

The old way was to TRAIN UP THE CHILDREN; THEY BELONG TO GOD, BUT WE'VE GIVEN THE CHILDREN THEIR RIGHT'S; UP TO THEM TO SERVE THE LORD.

Jeremiah 6:16, THUS SAITH THE LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for THE OLD PATHS, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. BUT THEY SAID, WE WILL NOT WALK THERE-IN.

WE'RE LOSING OUR CHILDREN! SO LETS REPENT; AND PRAY TO THE LORD, HE LOVE'S ALL MANKIND; ALL SOULS BELONGS TO THE GOD.

Hosea 6:1,3, COME, and let us RETURN UNTO THE LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he has smitten, and he will bind us up. Then shall we know, if we FOLLOW THE LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the RAIN, AS THE LATTER AND FORMER RAIN UNTO THE EARTH.

GOD is not through with us yet. So lets PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS.

By Evangelist Billy B.J. Morrison, III Your Brother In CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Children of Light"

"Let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

Zoos are fascinating places to visit. These are places where animals are kept in captivity. Modern zoos are designed so as to allow animals room to move around in environments approaching their natural habitats.

A visit to the notable zoos close to the South Plains (San Diego, California and San Antonio, Texas) can be an interesting as well as an educational experience.

Animals are either diurnal or nocturnal. Diurnal animals are active in the daytime; nocturnal animals are active at night. Nocturnal animals are not very interesting in large outdoor zoo exhibits, for they are asleep when visitors are watching.

Some zoos solve this problem by exhibiting nocturnal animals in indoor setting with subdued lighting. At night, when no visitors are present, the lights are turned on bright. Day and night are switched.

In a spiritual sense, human beings are either diurnal or nocturnal. We are either children of light or children of darkness. We cannot be identified with both groups.

The spiritual warfare taking place in the world features attempts both to persuade children of darkness to become children of light and to persuade children of light to act as though they were children of darkness.

In Romans 7:14-25; the Apostle Paul talks about the spiritual struggle brought about by the clash of the two kingdoms in his life. He says, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree

that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it...When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. Paul was not speaking from a holier-than-thou point of view. He too experienced spiritual peaks and valleys.

In writing to the Thessalonians, Paul had words of encouragement concerning the believers' identity in the Lord and how this should effect their living. Since in Christ they were children of light, not darkness, they needed to avoid the things that characterized unbelievers, the children of darkness.

Paul summarized what should set believers' lives apart from those of unbelievers by way of metaphorical contrast. The contrast in living is first stated negatively: "Let us not sleep, as do others." We understand that Paul was not writing about physical sleep. He was concerned with something we might call spiritual sleep, a state of being out of touch with the Lord.

On the positive side, two elements are given. First, "let us watch." To watch means to be spiritually alert, that is, to be sensitive to the lord's will and to what pleases and displeases Him. The second is to "be sober." We are to avoid the things that would influence us to become spiritually drunk.

Let us that are Christian watch our lives so that we may always be children of light.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Another year is almost about to slip away. Friends, have you checked your life's record? Only you and God and a few close friends know. This writer will ask you a few serious questions. Are you a tallbarrier? Gossiper? Lover of money? Peace breaker? Carrier of Gossip? Fornicator? Adulterer? Do you lie? Are you covering your brothers house? And hiding behind your good works? Do you know a lot of good works will be burned up? If none of these applies to you, you're in good shape. Let's pull ourselves together and sower beyond Elementary principles and mature in our understanding and go in the coming year injecting new and lasting values that God will be pleased with. God needs a few good men's strong shoulders that will stand in the face of danger and say I won't step down of the principles God has laid out in the scripture regardless of what the government passes.

Don't look for the government to obey the laws of God. But God is looking for us to do so as Christians; this world's system is not designed for us to be victorious, but God's system says I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. Our prosperity is in the hand of God and not the elected officials of this world. Trust God, and live. Read Mark 11:22-26.

Final thought:
Wealth without health is like a check without a signature.
Sorrow is a clean wound and will heal with time; guilt is a festering smelly wound that gets worse with time. (Think about these)

Keep smiling and loving all.
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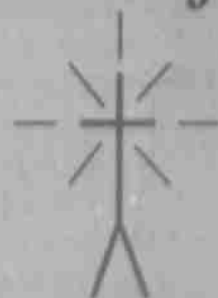
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If You Want to Wear The Crown, You've Got To Bear The Cross

By Julian Bond

In a few weeks, Ralph Reed and the Christian Coalition will meet with Black ministers to distribute money Reed's group has raised to restore church buildings burned in the recent series of suspicious fires.

Earlier this year, Reed apologized for his membership, saying those who make up the Christian Coalition had stood on the sidelines while the great battles for civil rights and equal justice were being waged.

Some - hopefully not members of the Christian Coalition - did more than stand and watch; they maimed and murdered and some burned and bombed churches.

Silence was a mistake then, Reed said. It shouldn't have happened. He's sorry.

Case closed? Apology offered and accepted? Confession approved? Isn't repentance good for the soul?

But now the Christian Coalition has sinned again. And again. And apologized again. And again.

A week ago, the Christian Coalition sent out sample voters' guides to churches in Texas and other states. In the samples, the "good" candidate, who agreed with the Coalition, was a white man; the "bad" candidate was Black.

It reminded many of the 1988 George Bush political advertisement that featured Black convict and rapist Willie Horton, and a 1990 ad for North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, whom the Christian Coalition supported, featuring a white man who had been denied a job because a minority member or woman had been hired instead.

Reverend Joseph C. Parker, pastor of David

Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, said he was "offended and aghast at the efforts of the Christian Coalition to use race as a basis to incite voters."

And Texas NAACP official Gary Bledsoe called the Coalition guide "yet another example of race-baiting for a political end."

Wade Henderson, director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, called the guide "a not-so-subtle message about the coalition's attitude toward Black candidates. It's outrageous."

A Texas Christian Coalition leader said "We're guilty of an honest mistake."

Ralph Reed issued the required apology: "It was a mistake. It was wrong."

The Christian Coalition voters' guides, used to help elect the Newt Gingrich-led Republican Congress in 1994, are under federal investigation. Reed had endorsed Gingrich's "Contract With America" that called for drastic cuts in federal services to the poor.

As many as 28 million Christian Coalition voters' guides were distributed favoring George Bush over Bill Clinton in 1992; 20 million Presidential and Congressional guides were distributed by the Coalition during 1996's primaries; they plan to pass out 45 to 50 million just before the Nov. 5, 1996 election.

In July, the Federal Elections Commission charged the Christian Coalition's guides were "illegally" coordinated with the Republican Party. And since 1989, the Internal Revenue Service has had the Christian Coalition's tax-exempt status under review. If the Federal Elections Commission's charges are

upheld, the Coalition, founded by right-wing religious broadcaster Pat Robertson, could lose its tax exemption.

While denying formal ties to the Republican Party, Reed declared that 570 of the 1,900 delegates at this year's Republican Convention were Coalition members, and claimed credit for the Republican Platform, generally viewed as extreme. Reed called it "the most conservative" in history. To distance himself from it, Republican candidate Bob Dole said he had never read the platform.

The Christian Coalition plans to spend several millions to elect candidates opposed to humane, responsive government - the government that defends civil rights and provides a safety net for the poor.

The \$600,000 Reed plans to parcel out to burned black churches represents a tiny fraction of this amount - less than 50 cents per Coalition member.

That difference between money spent to destroy and money spent to rebuild is worth remembering on election day, Nov. 5.

And it is something you ought to keep in mind when someone hands you a Christian Coalition voters' guide on Nov. 3 - the last Sunday before you make your election choices.

Reed and the Christian Coalition have targeted black clergy and Black churches in recent years. They've managed to ensnare some in fights to deny civil rights to homosexuals by pitting rights for gays and lesbians against rights for Blacks. If "these people" get the protection of the civil rights laws, they argue, Black protections will diminish.

That's the same argument some have made in

recent years that rights for blacks and women shrink rights for whites.

Thankfully, there is enough protection from bigotry to cover everyone who needs it. Everyone gains. No one loses.

Sadly, not everyone who needs protection from bias receives it, and if Ralph Reed and the Coalition have their way, they won't.

The Urban League's Hugh Price said the race-specific voters' guide "calls into question the overtures they made to Black churches. I recall people being skeptical of those overtures and how genuine they were. An incident like this affirms that skepticism."

And Jill Hanauer, director of the Interfaith Alliance, a faith-based organization drawing membership from more than 45 different religious communities, said the Christian Coalition's use of race "should come as no surprise coming from an organization that first made its mark politically in 1990 supporting the man who turned race-baiting into an art form, North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms."

The Christian Coalition wants to wear the crown; they just don't want to bear the cross.

Over 50 years ago, the poet Ogden Nash offered some thoughts on repentance. Nash wrote:

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