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National News

Black Women Mayors' Caucus

In the early years of the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc., women were not a viable force in the formation and programs of the organization. However, in the mid-1980s, this began to change as more women won mayoral seats across the nation. Most of these newly-elected women mayors became active members of NCBM. In 1988, 12 women caucused at the first Leadership Institute for Mayors. These women of vision formed an Ad Hoc Committee to consider establishing a Black Women Mayors' Caucus to address issues, oftentimes, overlooked by their male counterparts. Not only did they want to provide exposure to issues related to families, children and women, but they also saw a need to support women for leadership positions within NCBM.

NCBM subsequently conferred official Caucus status on the women mayors' group. Its organizational leadership goal was realized shortly afterward, when Mayor Unita Blackwell of Mayersville, Miss. was elected president of the organization for its 1990-1992 term, becoming the first woman to do so. Looking beyond an internal agenda, the BWMC also sought support from the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to conduct workshops addressing workforce and other issues confronting women. Through these workshops, held as pre-conference activities at NCBM's annual conventions, the BWMC continues:

- To highlight and enhance the role of its mayors through specialized programming;
- To focus national attention on the challenges facing African American and other women of color;
- To expose young women to the rewards inherent in public service; and
- To examine issues which are of particular concern to women.

The BWMC continues to grow with more than 130 black women leading cities and towns with populations ranging from 100 to over 300,000.

BWMC Caucus Chair
The Honorable Sillierine R. Bennett Mayor, Village of Ford Heights, Ill.

The citizens of the Village of Ford Heights, Illinois have placed their municipality in capable hands, electing Sillierine P. Bennett to a four-year term as mayor. With two decades of experience in creating, coordinating and implementing housing development, community initiatives and resource programs, Mayor Bennett is a career advocate for families.

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National Twin Tower Hero Visits Lubbock During 4th on Broadway Celebration



Eddie P. Richardson & NYC Police Officer Dwayne Palmer

Not many of our young people are aware of the fact that one of the heroes in the Twin Tower event in New York City, N.Y. was a young African American New York City Police Officer. He was in the City of Lubbock during the Fourth On Broadway annual affair. He was guest of Fourth on Broadway.

The young man is NYC Police Officer Dwayne Palmer. He is a 33 year old African American who has been on the NYC Police Department for the past 13 years. In addition to being a police officer, he was also a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Unit out of New York City. In January, 1991, his reserve unit was activated as part of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and was assigned to 29 Palms,

California. At the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm, his unit was deactivated and he resumed his career as an NYC Police Officer. Upon returning to the police department, he was assigned to numerous duties including routine patrol, community policing, anti-crime, auxiliary police coordinator, precinct community affairs officer, and his most recent assignment at the Deputy Commissioner of Community Affairs Office.

After the September 11th event Dwayne was assigned to ground zero, which began September 11th. After a couple of weeks, he was assigned to the team which opened the Family Center. This was the location where families would

report lost friends and family members as well as look for clues in identifying the deceased. This was an emotional place.

Lubbock police officer Everett New spent some time with Officer Palmer who relayed many chilling stories about September 11th. According to Officer New, Dwayne wrote the following phrase on his hard helmet which he wore in the rubble: "Though I walk through the valley."

Officer Palmer is married and has three children, two girls and a boy.

Co-publisher Eddie P. Richardson of the Southwest Digest had time to spend with this National Hero who came to Lubbock, Texas.



If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

Members of Congress, Local Politicians and Citizens Celebrate Rebirth of Americas Oldest Town Settled By Slaves

(Princeville, NC) Like the mythical bird that flies into the flames and emerges more magnificent than before, Princeville, the North Carolina town settled by slaves in 1885, and washed from the face of the earth in the great floods of 1999 recently celebrated its rebirth. The resurrection of this historic town was marked by an event billed as a "National Day of Hope and Renewal."

Convenors of the celebration included Rep. Eva Clayton (D-NC), whose District includes Princeville; Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC); Rep. Mel Watt (D-NC); Rep. David Price (D-NC); and Senator John Edwards (D-NC). In a show of solidarity, Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC) and Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) joined the North Carolina delegation. State and local politicians, business leaders, members of faith-based organizations, nonprofit community groups and hundreds of local citizens were on hand for the celebration.

Sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF), and the Faith and Politics Institute, this return to Princeville brought together once more all of those groups and individuals who participated in the clean

up and rebirth of the region. They returned to this historic location to view the progress and promise that rose from the destruction. "The stories of how our communities coped with adversity, marshaled their inner strength, and mobilized public and private partners to rise up from loss and devastation, may be held up as a model," said Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton (D-NC) who represents the First District of which Princeville is a part.

Activities for this special event kicked off on Friday afternoon with a symposium at Edgecombe Community College in Rocky Mount. The gathering, dubbed "Smart And Economic Growth" addressed the issue of contemporary land development in rural communities, and featured a slate of bankers, government officials, and economic development specialists. Rep. Clayton greeted the group with words of encouragement and led the audience in a stimulating discussion of how to rebuild with a focus on the future. "The lessons we learned should be a source of inspiration and hope to our friends in Texas, a state recently ravaged by floods," said Congresswoman Clayton. The day ended with an appreciation reception during which all individuals from local, state, and federal

agencies were presented with awards that recognized their outstanding contributions to the recovery effort.

Saturday saw two loaded Greyhound buses leave Washington, D.C. in the predawn hours filled with more than 100 Congressional staffers, federal workers, private citizens, and others who helped in the initial clean-up efforts. Meanwhile, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Members of Congress were convening an early-morning Breakfast Roundtable that explored ways to leverage financing for housing and economic development in the affected areas. The Congressional Roundtable featured special guests Senator John Edwards (D-NC), Rep. Mel Watt (D-NC), Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC), and Rep. David Price (D-NC).

About mid morning the buses from Washington, D.C. arrived at their designated sites in Rocky Mount and Greenville, and took their passengers on a guided tour of the neighborhoods that had made a remarkable recovery from the waste brought on by the hurricanes. The Greenville route featured tours of Meadowbrook Subdivision an area that was wiped out and rebuilt after the floods, the refurbished Pitt Greenville Airport, and other affect-



Press Conference Participants: (l to r) Douglas Tanner Faith in Politics; Joyce Mitchell, Staff Member of Senator John Edwards; Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC); Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-SC); Rep. David Price (D-NC); and Rep. Eva M. Clayton (D-NC); at podium Rep. Mel Watt (D-NC).

ed communities. In Rocky Mount, citizens toured residential and commercial sites, including public housing projects, and private subdivisions that were all recently restored.

Both buses converged on Princeville's Powell Park in time for a press conference featuring Members of Congress, local citizens who played key roles in the clean-up; state and national politicians,

and representatives from faith-based organizations. The two-day activity was billed as an event that showcased the can-do spirit and resilience of the people of Eastern North Carolina. Other Partners in the undertaking included Fannie Mae, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, Greyhound Lines, Inc., and the U.S. Pork Association.

Lincoln Celebrated Black FilmMakers at the 2002 American Black Film Festival

Lincoln joined leading filmmakers, actors, producers, industry executives and political figures at the sixth annual American Black Film Festival in South Beach, Miami. The five-day festival showcased the works of talented filmmakers and honored legendary film executives and rising stars. For the third consecutive year Lincoln served as the exclusive automobile Festival sponsor as well as title sponsor for the ABFF Awards Show. The coveted Lincoln Filmmaker Trophy, given to the Best Picture of the Festival was awarded to Roger M. Bobb for the film The Riff, a classic story of friendship and betrayal, and one man's struggle to come to terms with a tragic past, all set against a backdrop of the New Orleans jazz scene. "The Lincoln Filmmaker Trophy celebrates artistic vision, creativity and achievement in filmmaking," said Nicole Conniff, multicultural marketing manager for Lincoln. "The Riff embodies all the characteristics the Trophy celebrates." In addition to the grand prize Trophy, Roger Bobb received a two-year lease on a 2003 Lincoln Navigator.



Top left - At the kick-off press conference. Pictured from left, producer/actor Robert Townsend, actor Mekhi Phifer, Nicole Conniff, multicultural marketing manager, Lincoln, Jeff Friday, President, Film Life and Festival co-executive producer, Byron Lewis, chairman & CEO, UniWorld Group Inc., actor Chris Tucker.

Photo credit: Kerika Fields

School Bell to Start Ringing August 19

by Angel Wolfe

It's that time of year again - time for students to head back to school. All 55 Lubbock ISD campuses will open its doors for students to begin classes on Aug. 19.

LISD designated Aug. 7th as School Wide Registration Day for new LISD students, but there is still time to enroll before school starts on the 19th. Students must be registered at the school they will be attending. If a student is going to be changing schools, but registered at the correct new school during early registration in the spring, they do not need to register again. Students who are being promoted to junior of high school do not need to register at this time either. Parents can contact the school their child will be attending to find out if they still need to be registered.

Ann Graves, assistant superintendent for elementary students, said that every student must register for classes. "If the student

is going to attend the same school as last year then they have already registered. Only students new to LISD or will be attending a new school this fall need to register, she said.

Someone will be at each campus in order to register new students until the first day of school to help make things easier on parents' schedules.

Every school will have an open house before school starts. Parents are encouraged to attend the open house session for their child's school, Graves said that while most parents can pick up school supply lists at Wal-Mart and many grocery stores, parents would find some of the actual needs would be different. "A lot of the PTA's have school supply fund raisers. We are really encouraging parents to attend the open house to find out what is needed. We want this to be as low cost to the parents as possible," she said.

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

FUR AND FUR TRIM

Writing this article about fur was a bit difficult for me, considering the hot weather we're experiencing. But believe me, cooler colder temperatures are just around the corner.

As we continue to wear and enjoy this summers comfortable, breezy, lightweight clothing, merrill, we must always be a season ahead regarding fashion.

Actually some retailers are already displaying fall merchandise.

I for one like what I see, and what I'm seeing excites me tremendously, lots and lots of fur.

Fur is every where...fur cuffs, fur collars, beautiful fur hats, head wraps, hand bags and earrings, fur shoe clips long scarves trimmed with fur and suits designed with small elegant fur balls.

Hats matching suits, suits matching hats and of course delightfully gorgeous fur



skillfully connecting the two. The colors selected this fall for fur are bright and as intense as summer colors and fur also emerges in soft lovely pastels. Breath taking colors, how great is that?

Ladies, it is wise and more importantly economical to purchase your suits with detachable fur trim, it's like getting two suits for the price of one!

Keep in mind that there is something unique, cozy, special, wonderful and romantic about a woman who wears fur.

NEXT ISSUE...LEATHER

Tip...Remember to always wear a smile

FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Relay For Life: American Cancer Society

Lubbock, Tx - June 10, 2002—Everyday we are reminded that the American Cancer Society is all about the willingness and goal to prevent cancer, save lives, and reduce suffering. Nothing exemplifies this more than the American Cancer Society's signature event, "Relay For Life." "Relay For Life" 2002 is scheduled for August 9th and 10th at the Monterey High School track at 50th street and Indiana Avenue.

"Relay For Life" is an overnight event of fun and activities designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs to benefit the Lubbock chapter of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of 8 to 15 people camp out at the high school track and take turns walking or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the 24 hour event. "Relay For Life" is a community gathering rather than an athletic event, anyone can participate. Teams are formed from businesses, clubs, churches, organizations, families, and friends. Events begin Friday, August 9th at 4 p.m. for team campsite

setup and registration. At 7 p.m. the ceremony opens with a cancer survivor victory lap followed by a Luminary lighting ceremony at 10 p.m. and a Midnight Madness event at 12 a.m. On Saturday August 10th at 8 a.m. the final lap is walked followed by breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and closing at 9 a.m. with a ceremony and awards event.

"Relay For Life" began in May of 1985 by Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Colorectal Surgeon and Cancer Volunteer who ran and walked around a local track for 24 hours, trekking 83 miles and raising \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. It was from this endeavor, he developed the concept of teams participating in a relay over a 24 hour period. Dr. Klatt's effort has since made "Relay For Life" a "National Signature Event" and is now held in more than 53 divisions of the American Cancer Society. You can make an impact in the fight against cancer by participating in a community event that will change your life. For more information or registration about how you can become a part of "Relay For Life" contact the Lubbock American Cancer Society at 806-792-7126.

LP&L Projects Record High Electric Usage

As temperatures continue to hold around the century mark, LP&L expects to see the highest electric consumption in the utilities history. Yesterday LP&L customers broke the all time record set on September 6, 2000 of 317 megawatts. A new record of 323 megawatts was set 4:50 pm, Thursday. "If the current trend continues, the home-owned electric company will continue to set a new records" LP&L Director Paul Thompson said.

LP&L encouraged customers to conserve last summer and the record was not surpassed even though last summer was a hot one. The record will likely be broken several times this year because LP&L has 6,103 more customers since the record was set in 2000.

The same common sense tips that LP&L proposed last year still make good sense today. Those tips include closing the fireplace damper; caulking and using weather stripping around windows, doors, pipes and other places air flow can move in or out; closing windows when using refrigerated air conditioning; having ductwork tested for air leakage and making the necessary repairs; installing storm windows; using curtains, shades and blinds to block sunlight; sealing electrical receptacles and switch boxes with foam gaskets or insulation; and turning off pilot lights on gas furnaces.

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 pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and be with us on a Sunday morning. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. ALL TEACHERS were present. The students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where the highlights of the morning lesson were given.

The morning devotional period was conducted by Brother John Howard and Brother Robert Cork, and was assisted by the Praise Team. What a time!

Last Sunday morning was Men's Sunday, and the Male Chorus marched in the processional singing out their souls and hearts. Praise God for the men of New Hope Baptist Church. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Mervelle McCutcheon. After a selection by the Male Chorus, the morning scripture was read by Brother Garnett Lee, and prayer was given by Brother Johnny Roberts. There was another selection by the Male Chorus, The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing, and led by Brother Harry Stokley. The morning hymn was "My Burdens Rolled Away."

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations, and always has something the congregation can take home with them for K the upcoming week. After the singing of another selection by the Male Chorus, Pastor Moton delivered a powerful sermon entitled "Prayerlessness Leads To Wickness." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 12:19. What a message. Praise God for Pastor Moton. After an invitation discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Brother Napoleon Cooper. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Hardin Barrow.

Special prayer requests are from Sister Gloria Parks and family; and Sister Helen Skief. God is able!

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. God is always able to help us. Just trust Him! Don't forget our citizens who have lost loved ones.

The 3rd Annual "Women's Prayer Retreat", with the theme "Renewed Strength", Isaiah 40:31, will be held August 16 and 17, 2002, in Amherst at the Ark. The final session will be held at the church on August 18, 2002.

Dress attire is: Friday, August 16th, casual dress or skirt, lounge wear of your choice for Friday night, August 16th, at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 17th, denim skirts with retreat T-Shirt.

For more, call either Sister Elnora Dyet or Sister Joan Y. Ervin.

Plans are underway for the Women In j Red Banquet. You are asked to join the working team. Presidents Margie Thomas and B.J. Cavjel are the chairs. Additional information will forthcoming.

The West Texas Baptist District Association is meeting this week, August 5 through 8, 2002, in Odessa, Texas.

The General meeting of the Women Missionary Society will be held August 26, 2002, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The National Baptist Convention will be held September 2 through 6, 2002, in Philadelphia, Pa.

What's In The Lunch Box

LUBBOCK - A trip to the grocery store is no easy task when children are involved. The phrase "the eyes are bigger than the stomach" is one that parents might often say to their children. Carmen Roman-Shriver, Ph.D., assistant professor of nutrition at the Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences, suggests a few things parents can teach their children about healthy eating habits.

"Children need the same vitamins and minerals as adults but the dietary requirements of children vary based on their age," said Shriver. "Minerals such as iron and calcium and

vitamins such as Vitamin A and Vitamin C may be of special concern." She said there is a concern with these vitamins and minerals because children can be picky with the foods they eat.

So what can parents do to teach their child about eating healthy? Shriver said that the first thing we should do as parents is to set an example. "Well balanced meals, or meals that contain a variety of nutrients, are to be a high priority in a diet," suggested Shriver.

The second thing that we should do as parents is allow the child to participate in planning meals, said Shriver.

"Preparation and purchasing of the meals and allowing the child to make choices of healthy foods that they enjoy will encourage a healthier diet."

Shriver said the third thing to do is to give children choices at home as well. "Make sure there are fresh fruits and vegetables available," said Shriver. "A good rule of thumb is five a day of fruits or vegetables. These fruits and vegetables can be offered as 100% juice, as a snack like a yogurt-fruit smoothie or included in meals such as in soups or casseroles."

The fourth thing to consider in teaching your children to eat

healthy is to prepare the food in an attractive way, said Shriver. "Letting children follow menus with silly names for the food and making stories around the food will also encourage the child to eat healthier," Shriver said.

Preparing school lunches is a challenging task for parents because of time restraints, said Shriver. "Planning and preparing ahead of time are the key to packing a healthy lunch," she said. "A handy thing to have with you is the food guide pyramid. This will be a helpful guide for the whole family's diet."

LOOKING For A place to call home?

Boardwalk 5540 19th Street 793-2214

Boardwalk is a 229-unit community located east of Texas Tech University on 19th Street a major thoroughfare that connects Lubbock east and west. The community is directly across from Lubbock Christian University and just west of the medical district and Texas Tech University. It offers a peaceful, full, prime rental environment with large one and two bedroom units. The property is fully fenced and central air conditioning, in-unit laundry and is beautifully landscaped with boardwalk and parking area.

Bay Tree is southwest of Texas Tech University in near Lubbock specifically in Toledo Avenue and 54th Street -- a major east-west thoroughfare. The community is located in proximity to elementary, junior and senior high schools and is within walking distance of community retail services. These apartment homes are appointed in one, two, three and four bedroom units making it easy to meet the needs of almost any professional resident.

3333 Toledo 795-5605 **Bay Tree**

Gatewood is located west of Texas Tech University in south central Lubbock. The location of the community is within walking distance of community retail services. Gatewood apartment homes are appointed in efficiency, one, two and three bedroom units meeting even the most demanding living requirements. The property includes green recreational areas for the enjoyment of children and adults.

Gatewood 2701 44th Street 795-5514

Twin Oaks is west of Texas Tech University in near Lubbock -- specifically at Bradford Avenue and 22nd Street. This property is located a block off of 19th Street, a major east-west thoroughfare. The community is located in proximity to elementary and junior high schools and within walking distance of community retail services. These apartment homes are appointed in one, two and three bedroom units -- meeting the requirements of even the most demanding residents.

5817 22nd Street 792-2738 **Twin Oaks**

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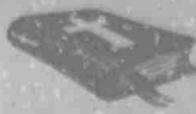
St. Luke Mission II Will Hold a Give Away

The members of Mission II of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, will be having a "Give Away" on Saturday, August 11, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

No food will be involved. Only clothing and other items. So come and take part in this program.

Rev. J.H. Ford is pastor.





CHURCH DIRECTORY



HOUSE OF PRAYER OR DEN OF THIEVES?

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

SO MANY CHURCHES START OUT GOOD; WALKING WITH GOD, BUT CHANGE THEIR WALK, SAYING: GOD'S WAY IS VERY HARD.

MARK 3:27, JESUS SAID, NO MAN CAN ENTER INTO A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE, AND SPOIL HIS GOODS, EXCEPT HE WILL FIRST BIND THE STRONG MAN; THEN HE WILL SPOIL HIS HOUSE.

WHEN THE CHURCHES WONT DO, WHAT GOD TOLD THEM TO, THE DEVIL WILL TELL THEM; START SOMETHING THAT IS ANEW.

REVELATION 2:1b, JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

MATTHEW 28:19, JESUS SAID, GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

THE CHURCHES DIDN'T UNDERSTAND; THE WORDS: THOU SHALT NOT KILL, SO THE CHURCHES WANTED TO BE A HERO; RATHER THAN TO DO GOD'S WILL.

GALATIANS 1:6, I MARVEL THAT YE ARE SO SOON REMOVED FROM HIM THAT CALLED YOU IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST UNTO ANOTHER GOSPEL.

CHURCH IF THE LORD SAID, GO PREACH; THEN GO AND DO THAT THE LORD DONT NEED YOU TO THANK FOR HIM. IN MATTHEW 2:16, WHEN KING HEROD SENT HIS MEN TO KILL THE BABIES IN BETHLEHEM, GOD KNEW IT, BUT HE DIDN'T SEND ANGLES TO STOP IT, AND HE DIDN'T SEND THE CHURCHES TO THE ABORTION CLINICS. THOU MEANS: YOU; YOU SHALL NOT KILL. THE GOVERNMENT SAID: ABORTION IS LEGAL; DON'T BE A TROUBLE MAKER. ALCOHOL IS ALSO LEGAL, BUT DO THE CHURCH MARCH ON THEIR PERSONAL LIQUOR STORES?

EVEN THE CHURCHES MARCH ON THE DOPE HOUSES; IS THAT THE WAY OF GOD? ALCOHOL IS NO GOOD; BUT THE LIQUOR STORES, IS THAT MARCH TOO HARD?

REVELATION 2:17a, JESUS SAID, HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES.

MARK 7:6, JESUS SAID, WELL HATH YE SAID: PROPHESED OF YOU: HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN, THIS PEOPLE HONOURETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME.

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

GOD WANTED HIS CHURCHES TO BE A PLACE FOR PEACE AND BE RELIEVED, BUT NOW IT HAS BECOME A PLACE FOR THE BAND OF THIEVES.

LUKE 19:46, JESUS SAID, IT IS WRITTEN, MY HOUSE IS THE HOUSE OF PRAYER; BUT YE HAVE MADE IT A DEN OF THIEVES.

MANY CHURCHES ARE LIKE SAMSON; PLAYING THE MISSION GAME, THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO BE LIFTING JESUS; BUT ITS SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!

JOHN 12:31,32, JESUS SAID, NOW IS THE JUDGMENT OF THIS WORLD; NOW SHALL THE PRINCE (THE DEVIL) OF THIS WORLD BE CAST OUT. AND I, IF I BE LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME.

THE CHURCHES SHOULD BE TURNING, THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN, THEY NEED TO DO IT GOD IS WAY; BUT FIRST TURN YOURSELVES AROUND.

MATTHEW 15:13,14, JESUS SAID, EVERY PLANT, WHICH MY HEAVENLY FATHER HATH NOT PLANTED, SHALL BE ROOTED UP. LET THEM ALONG; THEY BE BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND. AND IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH SHALL FALL INTO THE DITCH.

ARE YOU A DISCIPLE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST? OR ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A CHURCH; HOOKED UP IN ALL THAT DEVICE?

(IF YOU WERE ON TRIAL, FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE, TO CONVICT YOU?)

JOHN 4:24, GOD IS A SPIRIT, AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST HILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS.

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith PART OF A MIRACLE

In G. M. Tolbot, "Stories I Love to Tell," one is about three trees who wanted to be something in life. The first tree wanted to be a pretty cradle when it grew up. One day some people came to the forest and cut the tree down. The tree was hewn into rough pieces and carelessly put together to form a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. The little tree was disappointed because it was shoved into a dark cave with no one to see it but some cattle. One day however, God laid there His own Babe - the Son of God. The manger quivered with delight. "Oh, this is wonderful! In all my dreams I never thought to hold a Baby like this. This is better than all my planning. Why, I am part of a miracle!"

Years passed by, and men came to the forest to cut down the second tree. This tree aspired to be a great ship when it grew up. But the little

tree did not do great things. It was not made a great vessel, but instead it became a tiny fishing boat, owned by a simple Galilean fisherman named Peter. The little boat was unhappy. One day it stood by the shores of the Sea of Galilee dejected and disappointed. A crowd had gathered by the shore and because of the multitude; a Man, called Jesus, stepped into the little boat and taught the people from it. "This is wonderful!" it whispered. "In all my dreams and planning I never thought I would be used as part of a miracle."

After some months, men came to the forest to cut down the third tree. This tree just wanted to remain on the hillside and point to God. But men did not leave the little tree alone. They tore away its branches; they cut into its bark, and deeper, into its very heart. They hewed it apart and put it together again, in the form of a crude cross. The little tree quivered through all its being.

"This is terrible!" it whispered. "They are going to hang someone. Oh, I never wanted this to happen to me - I only wanted to point to God! This is awful!"

One day, outside of Jerusalem, a great crowd gathered. In the midst of the crowd was Jesus and beside Him was the cross. After nailing Him to the cross, the little tree heard words of forgiveness and peace that were offered to the whole world. Then Christ completed His work of redemption and "gave up the ghost."

And the cross began to understand! "This is wonderful!" it whispered - "In all my dreams I never thought to point to God in this way. I am part of a miracle." This is better than all my planning.

Those who have accepted Christ as their Savior are part of a miracle. Jesus set aside His kingly prerogatives, came to earth as man, and died on the cross so that we might have new life in Him.

The Lord Jesus, did not remain in the grave. He conquered sin and death when God resurrected Him. Through faith in Christy we are identified with His death and resurrection.

This means His victory over the forces of evil also becomes our victory. Christ is worthy of our adoration because of the salvation He has made available to us.

Yes, we live in uncertain times and there are days when the future seems bleak. We should not lose hope, however, for Christ was worthy to take the scroll and open its seals.

This means God allowed Him to carry out His plan for the world. The future is not in doubt, because Christ will bring to pass all that God has planned for His people. We are a part of a miracle. "This is better than all of our planning."

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Come by Airtel, Motorcycle, Bus, Train, Car, Van, Bike, walk, but please come. We're observing our 100th homecoming celebration to be held Sunday August 18, 2002 at 11:00 a. m. We are looking forward with great anticipation, to fellowshiping with you. Enclosed please find a post card for your R.S.V.P. Just write your name on the card & send it back to us. Our theme is "At For Me & My House" Joshua 24:14-18.

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Morning Worship 10:50am
Evening Worship 6:00pm
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"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother"
Pastor: Danny R. Poe

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Brother and Sister Roosevelt Carroll. All were blessed by just being present. Vice president Christene Burleson presided. We were blessed to have our Sister Dorothy Hood back with us. Also, Mike, a Sister Young and Sister Linder. What a blessing!

Songs of praise were sung. All participated in the devotional period. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "When You Pray, Expect An Abundance."

God gives us longer blessings than we expect. It's not how big our faith is, but how big our God is. For faith is simple. But our God is extraordinary. God's telephone number is 333. That is, Job. 33:3. Call upon me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thy knowest not. The word mighty means in accessible. Has God given you exceedingly, abundantly, all that you could or ask? God delays are always filled with purpose. When God provides deliverance it is so complete.

When Jesus told the disciples to feed the 5,000, they just knew he was asking the impossible (8 months wages). But Jesus was preparing to give beyond what they would desire, ask or think. They experienced an all you can eat fish dinner. What a wonderful God we serve.

We must first act in faith and obedience. Abraham acted in faith and obedience when he was asked of God to sacrifice his son. We as Christians must also act in faith as the old patriarchs.

Give me this mountain. Joshua 14:12, insisted Caleb, because he boldly claimed the mountain, his children were blessed, (I will give Caleb and his descendants the land he set his feet on because he followed the Lord whole heartedly.) Duet 1:36. God fulfilled his promise through Caleb's daughter. One day she urged her husband to ask her father for a field. Just asking she was given the upper and lower springs. Where did she get the initiative to ask for a field? Because her father, Caleb, had the aggressiveness to say "Give me this mountain."

Our determine prayers will make a difference in and have an effect on our families. Caleb reminded Joshua that Moses had promised the land which your feet have walked will be your inheritance, and your children forever. Joshua 14:9. Inheritance not only for the individuals, but for offsprings as well.

Joshua 24:15 — Choose this day who you are going to serve. As for me and my house, we are going to serve the Lord. Eternal life is promised to everyone.

John 3:16 — In the book of Acts, the Lord saved whole households, because of the ministering of the word. Are we teaching the word of God to our children? Are we teaching them to love and fear God? The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10.

Caleb's request was granted. Give me this mountain. We can also ask for a mountain. Exodus 3:20. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

God bless each of you and continue to pray and keep the faith.

Thanks to our teacher, Sister Jones, for such a lesson with power. Thanks to each of you for reading, saints. You know, there is a blessing in doing so. Keep those drive prayers for our city, community, our homes, our precious children and anything you can think of. Please pray!

For those of you who have lost loved ones. Remember God specializes in things which seem to be impossible for us to go through. Such as a broken heart, he can put you back together again. Those of you who are sick in your body, remember that by his stripes were healed. Are you holding anything in your heart against anyone? Forgive, Forgive, Forgive Them! And be healed in the name of Jesus.

Any questions, please write: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, 2132 East 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Joyce Ross, secretary.

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Religious Poems Sought from Lubbock Area Poets
Good news for sincere poets! The Bards of Lubbock is offering a \$1000 grand prize in their Religious Competition 2002, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is August 10, 2002. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less. Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506, you may enter at www.freecontest.com.

In Remembrance.



EMBRY KING SNEED

Final rites were held for Embry King Sneed on Thursday morning, June 13, 2002, at the Carter Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Christopher Neal, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Billy Joe Harvey, Bennie Jones, Larry Isaac, William Raven, Rufus Myers, Sandy Sneed and Cosby Morton.

Honorary pallbearers were the Men of Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Stewards of Carter Chapel, D.C. Kinner, Freddie Washington, R. J. Givens and Trustees of Carter Chapel.

Mr. Sneed passed here Sunday, June 9, 2002.

He was born in Marshall Texas on September 16, 1913 to the union of the late Will and Ellen Smith Sneed.

He attended elementary school and graduated from Central High School in Marshall, Texas. He accepted

Christ at an early age.

Embry worked for Lubbock Oil Mill and Plains Co-Op Oil Mill faithfully for 35 years.

He was a sportsman as he loved fishing and hunting. Traveling and playing dominoes were his part time activities.

In 1944, Embry united with Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. C. R. Rutherford. For more than fifty years, he has been a pillar of Carter Chapel. He served on the Trustee Boards Steward Board and the Senior Choir.

Embry united in Holy Matrimony to Webber Jackson on July, 1940. To this union two children were born, namely; Ronnie Sneed and Sandra Sneed-Brown.

He is survived by a son, Ronnie Sneed of Missouri City, Texas; two daughters, Sandra Sneed-Brown of San Antonio, Texas, and Mardessa Jackson of Carson, California; two brothers, Rev. Willie L. Sneed of Marshall, Texas and Rev. S. T. Sneed of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Clementine Sneed of Marshall, Texas; four grandchildren, Chrishonna Sneed, Lacey Sneed, Sylvester Brown, Jr. and Stephanie Brown; and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Fees for U.S. Passports to Increase

Fees for U.S. passports will increase on August 19, 2002. The U.S. Department of State recently noted that the changes are the result of an independent fee study done to ensure that the true costs of providing consular services to Americans are recovered.* This includes services to Americans provided at U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad, as well as the passport application process at home.



The application fee for first-time adult customers will

increase from \$60.00 to \$85.00. The fee for minors under age 16 will increase from \$40.00 to \$70.00. The adult renewal application fee will increase from \$40.00 to \$55.00. The additional cost for expedited service will increase from \$35.00 to \$60.00.

Most customers apply at the over 5,000 designated passport application acceptance facilities across the U.S. With routine processing, passports are received within 6 weeks. Those needing expedited service pay the additional fee, plus two-way overnight delivery, and receive their passports within 2 weeks. Those needing their passports in less than 14 days - for travel or to obtain foreign visas - need to make an appointment at the Houston Regional Passport Agency by calling 713-751-0294.

For other passport information, downloadable application forms, locations to conveniently apply, a list of all Regional Passport Agencies, and a wealth of other passport and travel information, customers may visit the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at travel.state.gov. Customers may also call the National Passport Information Center at 1-900-225-5674 or, with a major credit card, at 1-888-362-8668.* as mandated in 31 U.S.C. 9701 and 22 U.S.C. 4219.

Strength for Today; Hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Have you ever seen or do you know those types of people that seem to have a magnetic personality? They are the types of people you just want to be close to or spend some quality time with. What is it about these types of people that makes you want to spend time with them? I have had the opportunity to observe these kinds of people up close and at a distance and I have found that they all have at least one thing in common, they have the ability to make you feel that you are important, that you're somebody special. It doesn't matter who you are or are not, what you have or do not have, where you live or do not live, you are important, you are valuable, you matter. The people who make you feel this way have the ability to draw you into their presence and make you feel as if you belong.

Don't you wish there were more people like that around? Actually, there are lots of them around, they are just hard to find sometimes. All of us need people to come into our lives and bless us by their presence. There are times when we are so low that we have to look up to see the curb. What a joy it would be to have someone encourage you at these times. As important and wonderful it would be to have these special people around us there is something that is even better. Instead of having this kind of person around us, what if we became one of them. Instead of waiting for someone to make us feel special, how about you trying to make someone else feel special. Whenever I challenge people to become what they believe they need to have for themselves, they usually have a list of excuses why they can't be that for someone else. Permit me to share with you information that

will enable you to become a person that makes other people feel valuable.

Firstly, you don't have to do all of the talking to make someone feel special. In fact if you really want to make them feel special let them do as much of the talking as possible. People are made to feel important when someone is interested in their lives. Most of us don't think our lives are important enough to talk about, but each person is unique and has a life experience that is important enough to share with others.

Directly connected to the idea of allowing others to talk is probably the hardest thing to do, learn to listen before speaking. Remember, you are trying to encourage them, not seek your own good. Listen closely to what they are saying and meaning.

The next step to take is to really value them as a person. You don't have to agree with all they think, say or believe. After all, you don't know what they have had to go through in life that caused them to feel, think, or

conversation they have given you enough information about themselves that you can find common ground with them. When you have accomplished these steps you will have imitated the apostle Paul in becoming all things to all men (1 Corinthians 9:21). When you invite people into your life you help them to see the value in themselves. The ability to encourage people in this way makes the world a better place one person at a time.

The people at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ desire to become all things to all people in order that we may win some to Jesus. This is our mission and ministry. In order to allow you to get a better picture of us I will focus on the people and ministries that are here at Parkway Drive.

Try to make someone feel valuable this week. Let them know that you believe they are important. Give them strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

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Grace and peace Gerald

believe the way they do, but every person is valuable because they are made in the image of the Living God (Genesis 1:24-26). Let's allow them the right to be who they are before we feel the need to change them.

After you have encouraged them to talk about themselves, and you have listened closely to what they have said and you value them as a person now look for the opportunity to relate to them. Somewhere in their

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER PRESENTATIONS

ON JUNE 28, 2002, THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER HELD A PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE MISS AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER PAGEANT. PAGEANT COORDINATOR, DWIGHT PIERCE STATED, "THESE PRESENTATIONS BY NO MEANS REFLECT THE CHAMBERS GRATITUDE FOR THE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED BY ALL INVOLVED IN THE PAGEANTS."

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Ask the Attorney General



Ask Attorney General John Cornyn

Helping to Meet Medical Needs

Q: I know that the Attorney General's Office collects child support that single parents need to feed and clothe their children. Does your office help parents meet their children's medical needs?

A: Most people are aware that the Attorney General's Office assists parents in obtaining financial support for their children. Last year the Attorney General's Child Support Division collected a record-breaking \$1.23 billion for Texas children.

Many Texans do not know that my office also addresses a child's health care needs by including medical support in each child support order. Approximately 740,000 children on the Attorney General's case-

load are subject to a child support order that includes a provision to provide medical support.

Access to health care is essential to a child's well-being. For that reason, Texas law requires that each child support order address medical support in addition to child support. In crafting the child support order, courts consider the cost and quality of health insurance

that may be available to the parents, so that each child receives the best possible coverage.

In most child support cases, the non-custodial parent is ordered to provide health insurance for the child through a policy available through the parent's employer or membership in a union, trade association, or other organization. If the custodial parent has coverage that is better, or available at a lower cost, the courts will order the non-custodial parent to

pay additional child support to cover the cost of the health insurance premium for the child.

Sometimes neither parent is able to obtain private health insurance at a reasonable cost. In those situations, the custodial parent is ordered to apply on behalf of the child to a government-funded medical program such as Medicaid or the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The cost of the CHIP premium is added to the non-custodial parent's monthly child support payment.

In addition, both parents may be required to pay a percentage of "out-of-pocket" medical expenses that are not covered through insurance. The percentage is determined by the financial circumstances of each parent. If neither parent has private insurance and the children are not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, the courts will order the non-custodial parent to provide cash medical support in

addition to the monthly child support payment.

The Child Support Division of the Attorney General's office uses various methods to ensure that parents follow through with the court's order to provide medical support to their children. When the non-custodial parent is ordered to pay cash medical support, a notice of income with holding is sent to the employer according to the same procedures for withholding regular child support payments from the parent's paycheck. If the parent is ordered to provide insurance through the employer, the employer is directed to enroll the child in health insurance coverage and withhold the necessary premium payments from the parent's income.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), was created in 1999 by the Texas Legislature, to cover children whose families meet certain income requirements. The Child Support Division notified the families on its caseload about the new program by sending more than 75,000 application packets to custodial parents whose children lacked medical coverage. Ongoing outreach efforts include providing a CHIP information sheet to parents in new child support cases and referring approximately 1,000 potentially eligible children per month to the CHIP program. As of June 2002, close to 526,000 Texas children were enrolled in CHIP, partly due to the efforts of my office.

To find out more about services offered by the Attorney General's Child Support Division, visit the agency Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. Or you can contact your local Child Support field office. Consult your local directory for listings.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DESIGN CHANGES TO THE MARSHA SHARP FREEWAY

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CITY OF LUBBOCK

Public Hearing: Thursday, August 29, 2002, Cavalos Junior High School Auditorium at 210 North University Avenue in Lubbock.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Lubbock will host an Open House beginning at 6:30 PM and conduct a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 29, 2002. The Open House and Public Hearing will be held in the auditorium of Cavalos Junior High School located at 210 North University Avenue in Lubbock. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present proposed changes to the current and approved design of the new Marsha Sharp U.S. Highway 87/East-West Freeway in Lubbock. The original environmental documentation for the freeway was approved in July 1999. A new environmental document re-evaluating the project, potential environmental impacts to the human and natural environments in light of the proposed design changes to the freeway has been prepared. These design changes are intended to more closely replicate the design of the Marsha Sharp Freeway to the character and needs of Lubbock.

The limits of the freeway project extend approximately 1.75 miles across the city of Lubbock from approximately 1.23 miles southwest of Southwest Loop 289 to approximately 0.5 mile east of Interstate Highway 27. Project limits also extend along Southwest Loop 289 from Slide Road to just north of 34th Street.

The freeway design is comprised of two main lane roadways (each with two travel lanes) separated from major cross arterial streets by highway grade separation bridges. The freeway design permits uninterrupted flow of traffic on the main lanes within the limits of the project. Complementing the main lanes, freeway frontage roads will typically be comprised of two and four roadway lanes.

The freeway design changes to be presented at the public hearing are intended to correct local access to properties adjoining and on the property of the freeway, to accommodate changes to the Master Land Use Plan of Texas Tech University, and

the goal of building the freeway and improve the operational efficiency of traffic interchanges among other design improvements. Although the proposed design changes for the most part upgrade local access to and from the freeway, there are a few changes that reduce local access. With a few changes may reduce local access to and from the freeway, the principal trade-offs are overall improved access to the freeway's main travel lanes and improved operational efficiency of the freeway.

Before the start of the right-of-way acquisitions, the right-of-way boundaries along U.S. Highway 87 were typically 110 to 120 feet in width. The right-of-way width of the new freeway varies substantially within the project limits. These variations in right-of-way widths range from approximately 270 feet through undeveloped segments of Texas Tech University to approximately 450 feet at other locations. Such greater right-of-way widths are necessary at large public improvements such as Loop 289 where right-of-way widths are more than 600 feet in some locations. Approximately 90 percent of the right-of-way needed to build the freeway has been purchased. As a result of the proposed design changes, approximately 326 Texas acres of right-of-way will be purchased and was planned for in the 1995 Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Copy of the freeway's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the 1995 Final Environmental Impact Statement which includes maps and drawings showing the freeway's location and proposed freeway design changes are available for inspection and copying at the Lubbock District of the Texas Department of Transportation at 135 Shack Road in Lubbock. Maps and drawings showing the project's location and proposed design are also on file with the City of Lubbock at the Lubbock Municipal Building, 6162 11th.

Following the approval of her Final Environmental Impact Statement in 1995, TxDOT began the process of purchasing right-of-way and obtaining interested families and individuals. Approximately 796 objections have occurred to date. The freeway's proposed design changes would cause

the relocation of an established business near the western end of the project while one last business relocation would occur near Slide Road. Approximately seven additional families would be relocated as a result of the proposed design changes. Relocation assistance is available to all businesses, families, and individuals displaced by this project. Information about the state's Relocation Assistance Program, its benefits and services is available concerning the relocation assistance office as well as information about the original schedule for each of any acquisitions and tentative construction schedule can be obtained at the Lubbock District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) located at 135 Shack Road in Lubbock.

Verbal and written comments may be presented at the Public Hearing or submitted to TxDOT by Monday, September 9, 2002 at 5:00 PM to Mr. Win Frank Phillips, E.P., Consultant Contract Administrator, Texas Department of Transportation, 135 Shack Road in Lubbock. Comments can also be mailed to Mr. Win Frank Phillips, E.P., Consultant Contract Administrator, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 771, Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 (mail must be received by the Texas Department of Transportation by 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2002).

The freeway would intersect on two roadways and be adjacent to a third roadway. The freeway crosses a portion of one wetland physical and digital cover and runoff water by its route in the Yellow River Corridor in Lubbock.

Persons interested in attending the hearing will have special communication accommodations for an announcement in printed Davis Mallon, Environmental Coordinator at 806-742-6416 by 5:00 PM, Friday, August 23, 2002. Because the public hearing will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpretation or other special accommodations should also be made by 5:00 PM, Friday, August 23, 2002. The Texas Department of Transportation will make every reasonable effort to accommodate those needs.



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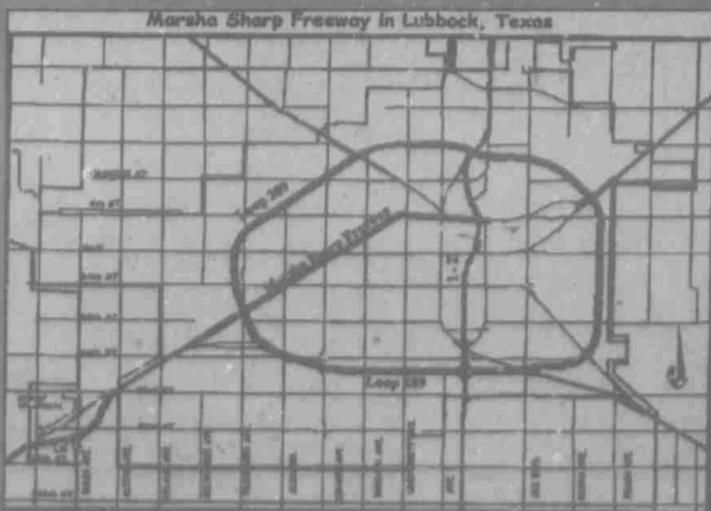
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By Eddie P. Richardson

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This message was sent to me at the Creative Arts and after reading it several times, with increasing appreciation, I began to understand its relevance to our mission and the work we are doing. Both Baldwin's and the anonymous statement are testaments of faith and affirmation. If one is uncertain about the ability to reach personal and collective goals and objectives, only by aid through being grounded will doubts disappear. Fortunately, we are securely grounded in its mission, its intent and its purpose. We certainly believe that we are entitled. We have paid our dues adding to the title of those on whose shoulders we stand. It is with clarity that we move forward to strengthen and

expand our facilities and programs. It is with certainty that we anticipate your future and financial involvement to leave an additional legacy for the next generation.

It is with full capacity, all of us working together that jewels will be added to our crown.

I thank the person who sent the statement's parcel to be shared with you. I am inspired and inspired by these words. I hope that you will read them often as a hint to guide all of your endeavors. Let us put on our crowns and wear them wherever we go.

As another critical icon, the Ward playwright, would say when he heard something most profound: "That's the whole thing right. A negative to the above is very sick, but very true. People are looking to the west for business development, growth and expansion, not just but legitimate businesses. But, on the other hand, so called leading Blacks in the area are discouraging, and running the area down and saying, "Don't go there." Then, if they feel that way when they moon, groan, and cry as well as complaining about what east Lubbock does not have, and what they are not doing for us. We need to learn to do for and help ourselves and not let the criticism hinder us as a people.

We saw this article from the President of extra Creative Foundations, Inc. publication in its etc. Magic Notes, and was so moved by it. We will substitute this in place of our weekly article this week.

Your crown has been bought and paid for. All you must do is put it on your head." - James Baldwin

A few months ago, someone I don't know who sent me the above quote to James Baldwin, an outstanding and diary cultural icon. On the same sheet was the follow up to the following anonymous missile. "There nothing you need that you do not already have. There is nothing you need to know that you do not already know. There is nothing you want that does not already exist. There is nothing that exists that is too good for you. There is nothing anyone has that you



In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

It is an eerie feeling when you find yourself in a place where no one speaks your language but you. It is probably something like finding Yourself in the restroom for men only when you realize that you are definitely a lady. It is a feeling that is difficult to forget. It was having this feeling that made me realize that my knowledge of the English language and my budding knowledge of the French and Spanish languages would get me nowhere. I soon realized what is meant by actions speaking louder than words, sometimes. This was one of those times wherein body movements and gestures got the idea across much better than any word that I knew, that I could have spoken.

The spoken word is taught in all of our public schools, but are we teaching enough words?

In this global world, where you can have breakfast in the United States, lunch in Europe and dinner in Asia or some other continent one language, English, is not sufficient.

Most children have already learned the spoken version of their family's language before they enter school. Most children begin to learn the written word when they enter school. Some are already acquainted with the written word when they enter school as well as the spoken word.

Then there are children who speak at least two languages when they get to school. They are the fortunate ones. Most countries utilize two languages in public places on signs etc., except Russia. Your second language in Russia needs to be Russian.

Just in case you are not going to Russia, a second language other than English would be very convenient. This brings me to the premise that Latin should be taught in public schools across the nation beginning in first grade and continuing through the sixth grade. Latin is the so-called dead language, but it is the basis for the Romance languages. I am not talking about the language of romantic love, but the language of the Romans. One who

masters Latin can easily translate, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Catalan, Provencal and Rumanian languages. That is a wide spectrum of languages excluding English which is a Germanic language.

Though English is a Germanic language, there are plenty of Romance words found in the everyday use of English, making it one of the most difficult languages in the world to learn, especially American English because it is a hybrid and does not necessarily follow any set rules for the use of verbs and gender as in other languages. Learning Latin would make the learning of English grammar a lot easier for English-speaking children.

Currently, two languages are posted in public places in the United States by law; English

and Spanish. A few places display other languages, but it is now necessary, especially if one plans to leave the continental shores of the United States, to be able to speak a language other than English unless you have a personal interpreter which may be hard to come by if you do not represent a government agency. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and make public education multilingual.

Letter to the Editor

East Lubbock Early Settlers

To Whom It May Concern:

Please give our representative a moment of your time to share with you the mission of the East Lubbock Early Settlers. On August 29th, 2002 at 6:00 pm Mae Simmons Community Center we will celebrate our 26th year of recognizing those first families to live in the Lubbock community. We are celebrating the struggle and perseverance of those African-American pioneers who came to Lubbock looking for work and hope for a better life for their children. Many years ago life in the east Lubbock community was rich with family owned business; as doctors who cared for the physical well being of the people; and most importantly faith institutions that cared for the spiritual health of the community. We want to fellowship with our most treasured resources i.e. the community and remember how far we have come and where we must go to give honor to our fore parents.

It has been said "it takes a village to raise a child." That child has a responsibility to honor those who are the originators of the village. We would like for your business or agency to consider giving a donation in support of our efforts. We have always given free tickets to all the City of Lubbock Senior Citizens Centers so that every pioneer can take part in the celebration.

We need your help to defray the cost of the dinner and to continue this great event. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. You and a guest are welcome to attend so you may witness how your contribution has up-lifted the community and the City of Lubbock as a whole. We hope you will consider our request and we will see you at the dinner. If any questions do not hesitate to call Isaac G. Garnett at 762-1191 ext.212 (w) 763-9615(h) or Annie Sanders 744-6980 (h).

Sincerely,

East Lubbock Early Settlers Steering Committee:
Annie Sanders, Isaac G. Garnett, Willie Rogers, Gladys Henderson

Dear Friends,

The staff and homebuyer families of Lubbock Habitat want to include in our celebration a special salute to you for your support.

Your past support has been a tremendous help. For fifteen years, Lubbock Habitat has been partnering with families in need to build affordable, decent homes. To date, 64 families are now a part of the American dream and stand proud beside their homes.

In our efforts to eradicate poverty housing in the City of Lubbock, we have exciting plans ahead that we want to share with you. September 7 through 14 will be a Celebration of Solidarity as the community join us as well as fifteen new homebuyers in a star studded performance in building affordable, decent homes. Lubbock's tax base will be increased by over \$600,000.

Several spectacular events will take place during this week. First, as a Celebration of Solidarity, our community is coming together and embracing the differences that we possess, with a common goal. "Abraham House" will be jointly sponsored and built by Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Congregation Shaareth Israel, and Islamic Center of the South Plains. This symbol of unity is made possible with a matching Cornerstone Grant provided by United Supermarket and Sprint PCS. The true colors of our community will fly high!

Second, Millard Fuller, Founding Partner of Habitat for Humanity International, has chosen to join Lubbock in our Celebration of Solidarity. On September 11, Millard will visit Lubbock and the neighborhood where fifteen houses will be under construction. Later that evening, a special service is planned with Millard Fuller as the featured speaker.

As we join together this July 4th in patriotic pride, we want to express our gratitude to you for your faithfulness. Your financial support has allowed us to move one step closer to eliminating poverty housing in Lubbock. The citizens of Lubbock can stand proud as a strong and solid community that together to bridge the lines that usually divide communities.

Again, we salute you for your generosity. Lives are being changed because of your investment in our ministry. Saluting you, Sally Bradley, Director of Development

THIS N THAT

SPEAKING TO BLACK NATION! THIS N THAT had an opportunity last week to attend the NATIONAL BLACK CAUCUS/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (NBC/LEO)..... during its Summer Meeting in Dallas Texas BLACK MAYORS AND CITY COUNCILMEN FROMthroughout the United States of Americawere present..... THIS N THAT had an opportunity to y.....SPEAK TO THE BLACK NATION and was well received..... THIS N THAT.....understood the national agenda is on HOMELAND SECURITY but he cautioned the large group of elected officials IF WE DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO OR WORK WITH OUR YOUNG BLACK BOYS AND GIRLS THEN EVERYTHING

WE DO IS FOR NAUGHT! No doubt about it.....the annual session was just great.... but is only the beginning of much work needed in the BLACK COMMUNITY TI Dean of Black officials DONALD TUCKER of Newark, N. J.....who is one of the founders ofNBC/LEO also reminded us of what is going on in America and what we must be about these days.....AN OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE..... THIS N THAT SALUTES our fellow councilman LEO CHANEY of Dallas, Texas who served as our hostperson....

AL LIPSCOMB IS OUT OF HOUSE ARREST! THIS N THAT was advised that longtime city councilman of Dallas, Texas..... AL LIPSCOMB is out ofHOUSE ARREST.... THIS N THAT was glad to note that....

INTRODUCES NEXT U. S. SENATOR! THIS N THAT had an opportunity of introducing last Saturday night RON KIRK Democratic Nominee and former Mayor of Dallas, Texas to theNBC/LEO..... He was well received by that august body of Black elected officials.....If nothing happens to deter him.....our next.....U.S. SENATOR.....will be in Lubbock and surrounding areasLABOR DAY WEEKEND.....THIS N THAT.....believes this will become a reality..... AnywayTHIS N THAT believes he will win come November 5th.....that isIF WE GO TO POLLS AND VOTE FOR HIM!

JOHN SHARP LOOKING SHARP IN AIRPORT! THIS N THAT had an opportunity last Sunday afternoon to visit with the Democratic Nominee for LT. GOVERNOR OF TEXAS which isJOHN SHARP.....as he was in Love Field awaiting for his destination..... While therehe happened to visiting with some good people from Odessa, Texas.... No doubt about it, JOHN SHARP was looking real SHARP!

CANTALOUPE LOOKING GOOD! THIS N THAT.....and our partner..... EDDIE P. RICHARDSONhave had an opportunity of.....SEEING AND TASTING some.....CANTALOUPE grown byREV. & MRS. EDWARD & SHIRLEY CANADY.....PASTOR AND WIFE of the St. Matthews Baptist Church..... Forthcoming will photos taken of cantaloupe.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS! "WITH SCHOOL beginning in just a few weeks let us make a GOAL TO VISIT our young people as many times as we can this school year. You know^ it will pay off one day!"

TRAFFIC IS A GOOD OMEN FOR EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT was driving on.... MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. last Monday afternoon between 2:15 p. m. and 2:40 p. m. and observed a large number of cars and trucks moving in this area.... Hopefully this is a very GOOD OMENthat things are on the way in a much faster pace as we have had in the past....Hope the good SONIC PEOPLE are aware of this kind of movement....

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