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National Scene

Rainbow? PUSH Offers \$10,000 in Miss Hanging Death

More than 250 Black and white, ministers and residents of Manon County and surrounding towns united at the infamous "hanging tree" during a prayer vigil led by PUSH/Rainbow founder Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Jackson also returned to Kokomo to offer a \$10,000 reward from his civil rights organization's coffers which he and others hope will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the suspicious hanging death of 17-year-old Raynard Johnson, the Johnson's youngest child.

Johnson was discovered June 16 hanging by a belt from the pecan tree located a few feet away from the front door of his home.

Even though the "belted noose" used in the hanging did not belong to Raynard, Marion County Sheriff Richard (Ripp) Stringer ruled the honor roll student's death as a suicide before an autopsy or any other investigation.

Jackson and more than 1,000 residents have denounced that theory, saying that the teenager's relationship with two young white girls may have led to a lynching.

In Mich. Mail Slaying Sparks Community Outrage

Attorney Geoffrey Fieger last week filed a \$600 million lawsuit against Lord & Taylor for the death of Frederick Finley, who died following a scuffle with security guards at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Mich.

According to the lawsuit, filed in Wayne County Circuit Court June 27, Finley, 32, was choked to death by some of the store's security guards when he ran to his stepdaughter's side after the 11-year-old was grabbed by the guards for allegedly stealing a \$4 bracelet.

The incident has sparked a flurry of community outrage among African American in Detroit, who have complained of being harassed at the suburban shopping center for many years.

Although the security guards involved in the scuffle were Black, some activists have reportedly argued that it is still a racist attack because African Americans can be as guilty of racial profiling as Whites.

Following an interview with Fieger, WJLB morning radio personality John Mason urged Blacks to boycott Fairlane in a show of protest regarding how the store has reacted to the incident.

A former manager of the Footlocker at Fairlane, who wished to remain anonymous, said it is common knowledge that Black shoppers are treated differently at the shopping center.

"Depending on the way you dress or things of that nature, they tend to treat you a little bit differently," said the Detroitite. "It's everywhere as soon as you walk in the mall. Why drive fifteen to twenty miles out of your way to shop in a place where they don't want you?"

Lord & Taylor has said it suspected that Finley and his family were part of a shoplifting ring when security guards apprehended his daughter outside the store, but Fieger vehemently denies the allegations.

Lord & Taylor officials could not be reached to comment on the lawsuit at NNPA presstime.

Va. Black Man Suspected in Fatal Stebbing of White Youth

The April 19 stabbing murder of an Alexandria, Va. 8-year-old White youth allegedly by a Black man continues to have racial overtones.

Police said they found a handwritten note in the suspect's hotel room. The note, written on the back of a Virginia Greenville Correctional "enter memo, begins with the sentence "Kill them niggers white kids my way."

The boy, Kevin Shifflet, was stabbed while playing in his front yard.

The note was found two days before the stabbing, when authorities entered the suspect's room to put out a small fire. While there, county police discovered cocaine, they said.

Police were not calling the killing a hate crime at NNPA presstime. At presstime, the suspects remained in custody at the county jail for drug charges. He was transferred from Alexandria, where he was held for a parole violation for a 1993 assault in which he beat a man with a hammer while shouting "Whitey"

National League of Cities President brings "Undoing Racism" message to Lubbock



Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton, Wichita Mayor Bob Knight, center, and Lubbock City Councilman T.J. Patterson address members of the media during a news conference July 28. Mayor Knight's message of undoing racism was presented in three different forums throughout the day.

"We must truly integrate before we disintegrate" was part of the message National League of Cities President Bob Knight brought to Lubbock on Friday when he addressed local elected

officials, business people and citizens.

racism. "We have so much to learn and unlearn and many wounds to heal," he said, "but we have so much to lose if we don't."

Knights, who is mayor of Wichita, KS, is spending his year as NLC president urging cities across the nation to undo

disability.

Following a busy morning, Mayor Knight spoke to several hundred business people at a lunch sponsored by the City of Lubbock. Throughout the day, Mayor Knight's message remained the same: "When it comes to racism, we have to stop talking the talk and start walking the walk."

Mayor Knight urged open and honest discussion in the community. "I don't have a 1-2-3 plan to end racism," he said. "I'm not an expert. All I can tell you is what we're doing in Wichita. And it all starts with listening to people and getting to know them. Every person has hurts and wounds that make

their life story unique. We all have baggage, and that's what we have to undo and unlearn."

Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton and City Councilman T.J. Patterson invited Mayor Knight to come to Lubbock with his message of fairness and justice. "We do have racism in Lubbock," said Mayor Sitton. "We have problems and we are working on them."

Councilman Patterson, who was president of the Texas Municipal League in 1999, has been a tireless advocate for the minority community since first elected to the Lubbock City Council in 1984. "I have been part of the problem," said Mayor Knight, "and T.J. is part of the solution. We need more T.J.s."

Who Killed Mrs. Luella Scott?



The question is still being asked today: "Who killed Mrs. Luella Scott?" She was murdered August 17, 1983 in her residence in the evening hours. It will be 17 years on August 17th. Don't you think it is about time for this murder to be solved? If you have any information concerning this murder, then either call Crime Line 741-1000 or the Lubbock Police Department at 775-2410.

Young Lady Competes for the Miss Jr. Teen San Antonio Title

Kai Francesca Melton of San Antonio was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2000 Miss Jr. Teen San Antonio pageant competition that will take place on August 13, 2000. Kai learned of her acceptance into this year's competition as Nationals, Inc. announced their selections on Monday afternoon. Kai submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Patty Neident, this year's San Antonio Pageant Coordinator.

Kai will be competing for her share of over \$20,000.00 in scholarships, prizes, and specialty

gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Kai will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of five divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 7 and 23 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Kai will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's San Antonio judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Kai were to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen San Antonio, she would represent San Antonio and

the surrounding communities at the National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$60,000.00 in prizes and awards will be presented at Nationals while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Florida.

In her spare time Kai enjoys computers, drawing and playing music. There is no cost to Kai for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist Kai in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Through

sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support which will allow Kai to become a very confident and well prepared contestant in this year's San Antonio Pageant. Kai is the daughter of Major (Ret., USA) Frank and Ruby Melton of San Antonio, Texas, and the granddaughter of the late Leon Melton and wife, Fannie, of Lubbock. Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Kai may contact her pageant coordinator, Patty Neident at 1-800-569-2487.



Caring Host Families Sought For High School Exchange Students

Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit, Texas-based, student exchange organization is seeking volunteer host families for high school students from Europe. These students, will arrive in August to attend local public schools for one or two semesters and are eager to experience life in Texas. They speak English, have their own spending money, medical

insurance and expect to share their host family daily life including household responsibilities. It is not too late to decide to host an international student for the coming school year. Interested host families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For more information visit our web page at www.emfusa.org or call Marie-Claude Dijoud at (972) 495-3868 or (800) 467-8363.

Garden and Art Center Announces Upcoming Children's Classes

Lubbock, Texas - The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Art Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, will be hosting two upcoming classes for children ages 6-12; *Cartooning for Kids* and the *Back to School Bonanza*.

Cartooning for Kids will be instructed by award winning comic book illustrator and publisher for Lucid Press, William Terrel. Participants will learn how to draw some of their favorite cartoon characters and create some of their own. This class takes place Friday afternoons, August 4th-25th, from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. The cost for this class is \$10 for each

individual class or \$40 for all 4 classes. All supplies are provided.

The *Back to School Bonanza* will be instructed by mixed media artist Florence Lawrence. Participants of this workshop will create a mixed media piece of artwork related to good 'ole school days. This workshop will meet Saturday, August 5th, from 9:30 - 11:30 am. The *Back to school Bonanza* cost \$15 and all supplies are provided.

Please call ahead to register for all classes. To Register, for more information, or a complete class schedule, please call (806) 767-3724.

Special Notice

In the very near future the Southwest Digest will feature a full week's weather forecast, sunrise to sunset times, moon status, etc. Look for it. Just think a full week's forecast each week.

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Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Brother Virgil Johnson presiding in the absence of our superintendent. All teachers were present, and provided 30 minutes of instructions for their students. At 10:15 a.m. all reassembled to the main auditorium marching and singing "Leaning On Jesus." Prayer was given by Brother Johnson.

High points of the morning lesson were given by members of the Adult classes. All were very good. Brother Johnson gave a brief summary about the morning lesson.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department Intermediate Class received the Offering Banner.

Adult Department -- Adult-Class No. 4 received both banners Offering and Attendance.

The morning devotions were led by Brother and Sister Clarence Ervin along with members of the Prayer Team.

The Male Choir marched in the processional singing out of their hearts. The altar prayer and a scripture were done by Brother Joe Donald. Prayer was offered by Brother Harry Stokley. After a selection, the responsive reading was done with congregation standing.

The morning hymn was "When The Roll Is Called Yonder." The sermonic hymn was "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled, "Would It Do You Any Good For God To Give You Another Chance?" His text was St. Luke 13:6-9. This sermon really made one think about it. If you missed it, you sure did miss a dynamic message.

Our prayers go out to all our sick and shut in citizens. Among them is Sister Dorothy Scales' mother. Of course, there are many others who are ill at this report.

Let us not forget our bereaved families. Sister Dora Johnson lost her brother-in-law, Walter Johnson, last week. Our prayers goes out to this family.

Sister Dora Johnson's daughter and husband were visitors here last weekend as he came to his family reunion.

The Clarence Ervin, Jr. and family were visitors over last weekend. They came to attend his wife's family reunion. They also had a wonderful time visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin, Sr.

Army & Air Force Hometown NEWS



Air Force Airman Gabriel V. Hopkins

Air Force Airman Gabriel V. Hopkins has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks

of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the

Community College of the Air Force.

Hopkins is the son of Elizabeth Moody and grandson of Robert Thomas, both of 7906 Ave. H, Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1995 graduate of Lubbock High School.

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Internet courses offered at SPC Lubbock are Introduction to Key Branding, Introduction to Computer Science, Introduction to Computer Programming and Advanced Database.

Fall registration at SPC Lubbock will be Aug. 23 for returning students and Aug. 24 for new students. Fall registration at SPC Levelland will be Aug. 24. Sign-up at the SPC Reese Center campus will be Aug. 21-22.

For more information, contact SPC Levelland at 894-9611 or SPC Lubbock at 747-0576.

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Patterson Library Offers Book Program

Join us for "Share a Book with a Child," a Story hour for children ages 3-5 and their parents, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15 at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. A free book will be given to each family in attendance, courtesy of the Literacy Coalition. This is a free program. For more information, call 767-3300

Lubbock Community to Benefit from AmeriCorps Programs

Austin Texas—AmeriCorps is coming to Lubbock! The Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (TxCVCS) announced today that 34 organizations throughout Texas, including two in Lubbock, have been selected to participate in the prestigious AmeriCorps initiative. Over the next three years, more than \$54 million in federal funds will be granted to these programs ranging from small non-profits to universities and larger community service organizations.

Often dubbed the "domestic Peace Corps," AmeriCorps is a national service program that provides an education award and small living stipends to individuals who commit to a year of improving communities through service. Participants typically work with non-profit organizations, school districts, institutes of higher learning, and local and state governments to meet crucial community needs in areas such as education, housing, health and human services, the environment and public safety.

Funding from TxCVCS will allow the Lubbock regional Mental Health Retardation Center to provide much needed support to individuals with mental illness and/or mental retardation. AmeriCorps members will engage in one-on-one mentoring relationships with these individuals to help them become more independent as they integrate into the community.

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock will spearhead an AmeriCorps

program that promotes mentoring relationships throughout the state. AmeriCorps members will be placed in partnering volunteer centers to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit and refer mentors, a plan activities for youth awaiting mentors.

These programs will begin operations as early as August, and will be looking for people of all ages who want to give back to their community through service. AmeriCorps members provide direct service, learn useful skills, and have fun while doing it! Full time members serve 1700 hours over one year, earn a living allowance of \$9,000, an education award of \$ 4,725, and received health care while serving. Part time members serve between 300-900 hours per year, may earn a small stipend, and receive an education award based on the number of hours they serve. The education award can be used for higher education tuition, to pay off student loans, or for vocational education.

These Lubbock-based AmeriCorps programs were selected by the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service through a highly competitive review process and are estimated to bring approximately \$2 million in federal funds to the area over the next three years. AmeriCorps programs provide highly effective service to their communities as well as a meaningful service experience for members, the Texas Commission congratulates these successful programs, and their Lubbock community partners. For more information on AmeriCorps please call 800-489-2627

OBITUARIES

MRS. — BERNICE MCCUTCHEON LAWSON



Final rites were read for Mrs. Bernice "Doll" McCutcheon Lawson on Wednesday, August 2, 2000, at the St. John Baptist Church with Rev. S.E. Fields, pastor, officiating.

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

Casket bearers were Ardee Hunt, Jr., Don Ardee Hunt, Ronnie Ray Lawson, Billy Ray Thomas, Claude Randall Dawson, and Virgil Lee Merriweather.

Honorary bearers were Alex Kelvin Hunt, Don Albert Hunt, Jr., J. W. Briscoe, Jr., Clarence McCutcheon, Joseph Hutchinson, and Delmar McCutcheon.

She was born August 5, 1924 in Lubbock, Texas to Burton McCutcheon, Sr. and Mahalia Tobert. Her formal education was achieved at I. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth, Texas. She united with the Baptist Church at an early age. She attended St. John Baptist Church where she sung in the choir.

Bernice married Eugene Lawson December 15, 1947 in Lubbock, Texas. She retired as a Dorm Supervisor at Lubbock State School.

Mrs. Lawson died Friday, July 28, 2000, in Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, five brothers and two sisters.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Eugene Lawson, Sr.; three sons: Ardee Hunt, Jr., Don Albert Hunt and Ronnie Ray Lawson; all of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, DeLores J. Moore of Ft. Worth,

Texas and Anneice Thomas of Wiesbaden, Germany; a special friend and adopted daughter, Alice L. Hunt of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Clarence McCutcheon of San Francisco, California; a sister, Vellie Blanton of Lubbock, Texas; twenty-two grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

EDWARD JAMES WASHINGTON



Dallas, Texas .. (special) .. Funeral services were held at the New Birth Baptist Church with Reverend George Pryor, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Washington was born December 27, 1925 in Baltimore, MD. He grew up in Reedville in the Northern Neck of Virginia, in the Chesapeake Bay area.

He attended school in Reedville and accepted Christ at Shiloh Baptist Church. It was there that he first learned to be a soldier, "A Soldier For The Lord." He enlisted in the Military Service, first in the Army and in the Air Force for a total of 22 years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby C. Anderson Washington; three children: Edward "Yuriko", Shelia Fairley and Karen Washington Covington; six grandchildren: Taia Dannie "Daryl", Tajh Fairley, Kera Delaney "John", Sheela Washington, Edward and Brandon Washington; three great grandchildren: Leighton, Isaiah and Jourdan; three step-children: Brenda Hasting Hastings, Bettie Roberts and Penny Hastings; one nephew, Phillip Washington, Baltimore, MD.; three god-children: Victoria Anderson, Jalisa and Melisa Liggins; and other relatives and relatives and friends.

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THIS N THAT

POSITIVE REMARKS ABOUT BOB KNIGHT VISIT! THIS N THAT has received MANY positive comments about the previous day long presentations on UNDOING RACISM with the National League of Cities (NLC) president BOB KNIGHT With the involvement of the Community Relations Commission these -d kinds of dialogue should continue throughout the city When one sits down and communicates many of our problems are solved Let's hope this will this will continue in Lubbock that on racism in our community DIALOGUE

NEW BISHOP FOR AME CHURCH! THIS N THAT wants to first WELCOME Bishop McKinley Young the newly appointed to the TENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT texas of the African Methodist Episcopal Church He y- will hold his FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE in Lubbock this week with Bethel A. M. E. Church as host church All of the proceedings will begin on Thursday night and continue through Sunday afternoon with the appointments of pastoral appointments as a rule in the AME Church when a Bishop is holding his first ANNUAL CONFERENCE many will attend this because then there a should be many AME'S IN LUBBOCK this week

JOYLAND IS A VERY POSITIVE PLACE! THIS N THAT had an opportunity last Sunday afternoon to spend at least TWO HOURS with granddaughter at JOYLAND which is located in McKenzie Park For the first time ever to walk and see this was a VERY POSITIVE PLACE to spend Sunday afternoon quit a place and the young people really love it THIS N THAT invites you to visit JOYLAND this week No doubt about it YOU will be glad you did so! JOYLAND is making a positive contribution to our community!

SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY! THIS N THAT advises all of you who drive to and from work keep in mind that SCHOOL will begin come Monday morning AUGUST 14, 2000 So be careful when driving in the area where there are schools Our young children no doubt are happy because school has begun plus they are busy showing off their new school clothes So MOM & DAD and others DRIVE CAREFUL!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "WHY NOT make plans early this school year and VISIT our young people in their VARIOUS SCHOOLS Our YOUNG CHILDREN will be glad"

UPCOMING EVENTS! this n that has learned that the DUNBAR/MANHATTAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION will team up with the JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE for their OCTOBERFEST the second week in October The Juneteenth Committee will have their JUNETEENTH PARADE and will end up on the South Plains Fair Grounds where the OCTOBERFEST will take place This is a GOOD IDEA and it brings more people together If you sit down and plan MANY THINGS will happen THIS N THAT has been advised that there will be a HIGH SCHOOL BAND in the parade Should be an exciting day in Lubbock, Texas More on this later Stay tune!



Thought You Wanted to Know

By Eddie P Richardson

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 fro James Baldwin, an outstanding and diary cultural icon. On the same sheet was the follop win the following anonymous misfile. 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 cannot- have. There is nothing more powerful, more intelligent, more sacred than you. You are the stuff life is made of. You are the essence of life. You have been-chosen this time, in this place to be among the living. You come from a long line of successful living beings. You are one of

the King's kids. Born into the world to inherit the kingdom. You are equipped to handle anything. You live by grace, built by love. You are the cause and the reason of everything you see. You are with the Source. You are creative. You are alive. What else could possibly matter?

This message was sent to me at etc 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 and through being grounded will doubt disappear. Fortunately, m etc is securely grounded in its mission, i--its intent and its purpose. We certainly believe that we are entitled. We have paid our dues adding to the rite 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 human and financial involvement to leave an institutional legacy for

the next generation. It is with full capacity, all of us working together that jewels will be added to our crowns.

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

As another cultural icon, Ted 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 w east for business development, growth and expansion, not junk 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 moan, 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.



Ask A.G.

State Disbursement Unit

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: I read about problems, mainly sending out child support checks, that other states are having with child support State Disbursement Units. What is a State Disbursement Unit and does Texas have one?

A: Texas does not currently have a State Disbursement Unit, but we will in the near future. The State Disbursement Unit, referred to as the SDU, is a little-known and unwanted federal mandate.

Implementation of the SDU, required by the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, will change the way child support payments are received and disbursed in Texas. In short, the SDU is a centralized child support collection and disbursement system that unnecessarily takes many child support functions away from county District

Clerks or local Domestic Relations Offices.

I have steadfastly opposed the establishment of an SDU in Texas, but federal authorities have been unwilling to waive the requirement. Redirecting payments to the SDU will be costly and will not result in more money for Texas children.

Since the State of Texas has no other choice, my office will implement the SDU. However, we will be guided by two principles: (1) no disruption of child support payments; and (2) minimized taxpayer cost.

Like other federal mandates, the SDU is a one-size-fits-all solution that fails to recognize the geographies historic and government differences among the states. Large states like Texas and

small states like Vermont are required to operate identical child support collection and disbursement systems. That is obviously absurd. The original federal implementation date was October 1, 1999. Texas and several other states asked Congress to delay the implementation date to ensure the SDU could be established properly.

Congress approved the delay and the new deadline is April 1. Failure to comply with the deadline will result in financial penalties from the federal government.

I would like to keep as much control as possible at the local level. The county District Clerks and local Domestic Relations Offices do a good job providing services. There is no reason to change that.

The Office of the

Attorney General has sent four requests to federal authorities asking for the flexibility to maintain the involvement of county District Clerks or local Domestic Relations Offices. The first three requests were denied. The fourth request is pending.

Two aspects of the SDU will have important consequences for all Texas counties. All payments on Office of the Attorney General cases that are collected by the counties must be redirected to the SDU. Payments received by the counties on non Attorney General cases established on or after January 1, 1994 must also be redirected to the SDU.

This means 385,000 cases involving 5,700,000 children will be needlessly shifted to the SDU. To avoid disruption of payments, the transition will

occur gradually. Nonetheless, businesses and local authorities will once again be inconvenienced by pointless federal meddling.

The Legislature appropriated \$35 million to cover the costs of the SDU for the 2000-2001 biennium. The Office of the Attorney General is currently evaluating proposals submitted by three potential vendors seeking to establish

and operate the SDU for the State of Texas.

Employees from the Office of the Attorney General will work with the counties and employers to redirect payments once the SDU is operational. Counties, employers and non-custodial parents should continue sending child support payments to their regular destination until contacted by the Office of the Attorney General.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Eddie:

The American Medical Association has honored Jerry Lewis and MDA with Lifetime Achievement Awards for "significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity."

Thanks to the high energy efforts of hundreds of star performers and athletes, and nearly a million volunteers working in grassroots special events from coast-to-coast, the 2000 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon promises to be the biggest and best yet! This 2 1/2-hour entertainment extravaganza, aired by some 200 TV stations on Sept. 3-4, is not only the linchpin in MDA's annual fund-raising efforts—it's also a beacon of hope for millions of families affected by neuromuscular diseases worldwide.

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Again, please use the enclosed PSAs (specific to the 2000 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, as well as the other ads we've provided for year-round use) when space is available. If you'd prefer electronic files, or if you'd like story leads and contact information for inspiring features, please call me at 520-529-5317 or e-mail jimbrown@mdausa.org.

Sincerely,

Jim Brown Director of Public Affairs

The people to worry about are not those who openly disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know

\$7.8 Million and 232 New Jobs for the Southern Lubbock Community

Austin— The City of Lubbock welcome a new member to the community, Llano Logistics, Inc. After the Texas Department of Economic Development approved Llano Logistic, Inc. as an enterprise zone, Lubbock's southern communi-

ty will generate \$7.8 million in capital investments and 232 more jobs. "The Legislature created the Enterprise Zone Program as a means to offer incentives to attract new expanding businesses to economically distressed area of Texas,"

said Texas Department of Economic Development Judge Jeff Moseley. "In turn, the program encourages businesses to create and retain jobs while investing capital into their local economies. Throughout the five-year

designati-in period, Llano Logistics will be eligible for enterprise zone incentives that include refunds on state sales and use tax. The company plans to construct a new facility and purchase machinery and equipment. Llano Logistics, Inc. a logistics ser-

vice provider, offers warehousing, distribution, inventory and transportation services. The Texas Enterprise Zone Program is an incentive program for new or expanding businesses. Since the program's inception in 1987, the

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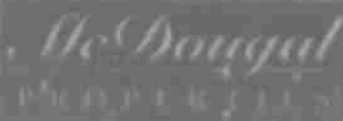
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- 1) either a composite ACT score of 27 or higher or a SAT composite score of 1200 or higher

- 2) to have graduated high school with a minimum GPA of 3.5, or a ranking in the top 10% of their graduating class

- 3) provide written recommendations from one high school administrator and one high school teacher.

- 4) produce a written essay
- 5) interview with the LCU Honors Committee

The Honors Program will provide students of high academic an opportunity to enhance their col-

lege educational experience with challenging and stimulating courses. Although it does not require its student to take any more courses or hours than they would take otherwise, the program provides more depth and breadth of students within the courses they do take. The honor students will also enjoy the camaraderie of being with like-minded students in not only academic settings. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Bullock, director of the program, at 796-8800, ext.291.

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MALACHI 1:6, A SON HONORETH HIS FATHER, A SERVANT HIS MASTER: IF THIN I BE A FATHER, WHERE IS MINE HONOUR? AND IF I BE A MASTER, WHERE IS MY FEAR? SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS UNTO YOU, O PRIESTS(PREACHERS), THAT DESPISE MY NAME, AND YE SAY, WHEREIN HAVE WE DESPISED THY NAME?

THE LORD SAID, MANY ARE CALLED; BUT FEW WORKERS ARE CHOSEN; MANY PREACHERS; WANT A CHURCH; ONLY FOR THE MONEY FROM WITHIN. MATTHEW 22:18b-21, JESUS SAID, WHY TEMPT ME, YE HYPOCRITES? SHEW ME THE TRIBUTE MONEY, AND THEY BROUGHT UNTO HIM A PENNY, AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, WHOSE IS THIS IMAGE(PICTURE) AND SUPERScription? THEY SAY UNTO HIM, CAESAR'S. THEN SAID HE UNTO THEM, RENDER(GIVE) THEREFORE UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS WHICH ARE CAESAR'S; AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S.

MANY PREACHERS DON'T TRUST GOD; THAT HE WILL TAKE CARE OF HIS NEEDS; HE WANTS THE CHURCH TO WORK HARD; TO RAISE HIM A BIG ANNIVERSARY!!!

ISAIAH 56:11, THE LORD SAID, YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND; THEY LOOK TO THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER(4 QUARTERS MEANS ANNIVERSARY).

***** WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD???*****
GOD SAID: GO WORK MY VINEYARDS; AND WHAT EVER IS RIGHT I'LL PAY THEE, IN MY BIBLE; THERE IS NO PLACE; WHERE IT SPEAKS OF ANNIVERSARY.

COLOSSIANS 2:8, BEWARE LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU THROUGH PHILOSOPHY(WISE THINGS) AND VAIN DECEIT, AFTER THE TRADITION OF MEN, AFTER THE RUDIMENTS(WAYS) OF THE WORLD, AND NOT AFTER CHRIST.

AND THE YOUNG PREACHERS SEE THE BIG MONEY; NOW HE WANTS A CHURCH, HE WANTS IT FOR THE SAME REASON; AND GOD'S REASON IS HURT.

ISAIAH 55:8, FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD.

GOD SENT HIS DISCIPLES: TO PREACH TO A DYING SINFUL WORLD; HE WILL FORGIVE THE SIN'S OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY, AND GIRL.

MATTHEW 3:3b, THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.

WITH THE WORLD DYING ALL AROUND US; THE CHURCH IS PLAYING GAMES; THE PREACHERS ARE THE CAUSE; THEY BRING: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

MARK 16:15, JESUS SAID, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD(SIN SYSTEM) AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE(SINNER).

***** DO PREACHERS ROB *****
I BILLY B.J. WAS TOLD BY MY BLOOD BROTHER REV. J.R., I BRING DIVERSION; AND I TOLD HIM; I MUST SPEAK THE TRUTH; ITS NOT MY WORDS NOR DECISION!!!

MATTHEW 10:34, JESUS SAID, THINK NOT THAT I AM COME TO SEND PEACE ON EARTH; I CAME NOTICED PEACE, BUT A SWORD(THE TRUTH).

GOD COULD HAVE USED MY BLOOD BROTHER: TO WRITE THIS COLUMN IN THE DIGEST; HE COULD HAVE CHOSEN: REV. J.R. OF PAUL QUINN; BUT HE: NOT ME, CHOSE THE BEST!!!

MATTHEW 22:14, JESUS SAID, FOR MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN.

***** WAS YOU CALLED OR CHOSEN???*****
I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS JOB; IT WAS GIVEN FROM ABOVE; I SPEAK THE TRUTH; ITS TO BREAK DOWN, REBUILD; AND ITS ALL IN LOVE!!! (MEN WILL CURSE ME IF I M FAITHFUL; AND GOD WILL CURSE ME IF I M FALSE!!!)

MATTHEW 23:34, JESUS SAID, WHEREFORE, BEHOLD LOOK), I SEND UNTO YOU PROPHETS, AND WISE MEN, AND SCRIBES; AND SOME OF THEM YE SHALL KILL AND CRUCIFY; AND SOME OF THEM SHALL YE SCOURGE(DISPUTE) IN YOUR SYNAGOGUES(CHURCHES), AND PERSECUTE THEM FROM CITY TO CITY.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET; SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS!!!



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Motive for Obedience

Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary defines the word "motive" as "something (as a need or desire) that cause a person to act. What is the motive of a Christian as relating to obedience?"

The Christian life is work. It often takes great efforts to live according to God's will. The Bible describes Christian living as taking a yoke, working in a vineyard, reaping a harvest, fighting a battle, bearing a cross, and other such frustrating employments.

Why does a person in their right mind want to work so hard? Why should we persevere in good works? What really motivates us?

Living under law, one is driven by the dual motives of fear of punishment and desire for reward. When I was ordained an itinerant elder in a certain religious sect, the rules of this holy act required one to be submissive to everyone appointed in a position of authority over them. The joke among the sub-ordinates was "if you don't kiss you will be sent to 'Chillin' Switch'n. The fact of the matter was that everything depended on personal obedience. Hence one must obey in order to gain the reward. One may actually hate the things that God's law requires a person to do; but like a sullen slave he or she does them to escape the whip of God's wrath. Such an attitude is true bondage.

The grace of Jesus Christ sets us free from such self-centered motives, and provides the basis for the truly Christian

motivation of grateful love. Faith in Christ continues to work, but it works through love. Galatians 5:6 says, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor un-circumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" (NIV). Jesus says, "If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15, NIV). Freedom from false motives allows us to cultivate this grateful love, which is the strongest, least selfish, and most Christ-centered of all motives.

Those who participants in a religious system of "threat and fear" needs to understand that this practice is about nothing, so to speak. The grace of gospel of Christ frees us to obey God solely from love. Because of grace we are free from the law's penalty on the basis of what Christ has done. Jesus paid it all; nothing we do adds to His payment.

Thus if our justification is secure by faith, we are free to work and obey Him out of selfless love. Our daily obedience is not some kind of payment that God extorts or demands in return for His saving favors. It is simply our way of saying "Thank You" to a Savior who has freely given us everything.

Yes, the glory of the gospel of grace is that it frees us from the legalistic mind-set. It frees us from both self-deception and despair. In Christ we are free from law keeping as a means of being right with God. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes" (Romans 10:4). When we put our trust in Christ, we are confessing that we are not able to obey in a way that deserves Heaven, but grace frees us from worrying about it.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. We were blessed! Sister Christene Burleson opened up the meeting with scripture and prayer. Words of encouragement by the members were great, and prayer for the sick was given by Sister Erma Crawford.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "Standing On The Promises of God." Her scripture text was Matthew 7:7.

She advised the group to let their request by known, and ask in faith. Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find and knock and the door will be opened

to you. Which of you if his son ask for bread, will give him a stone?

We have to knock and be persistence in our knocking. This speaker said, "We can be certain of God's promises. When God made his promise to Abraham, since there were no one greater for him to swear by, so he swore by himself. Saying, I will surely bless you and give you many descendants. And through Abraham's seed, we are blessed. In Malachi, he said, "I'm the God that changes not. He gives us a guarantee. The Holy Spirit seals it. So we have a new life. Old things are passed away. We have peace through God. We rejoice in that hope. We glory in tribulation. It worketh patience, and our character. It's our experiences. He said

we would have trials and tribulation. He said I've overcome them all, and we are overcomerth. No matter what, we are -- more than conquerors. God is a promise keeper. There's a lot of things that come up in our lives, Speak to them in positive way. Is there anything in your life that just seems impossible. Hope goes out and searchers while faith holds on and waits.

He said we could move mountains. If we have faith in God and believe the word, Mark 11:22-26. There are so many precious promises in the word of God that's ours today. If we would only read and believe. Having problems?? Get in the word. Read it everyday. God is a problem solver.

Thanks, Sister Jones. You're a

blessing to the body of Christ, through the word.

Write us anytime. We love you. Keep praying for Lubbock -- East, West, North and South. Do this on your way to work, in the grocery store, in the mall, in the cleaners, in the money stores, in loan companies, in banks, in neighborhoods, in presence of enemies and friends. God bless you today is our prayer. For those who are sick and bereaved, God has the answer. Let's call on him. You may write us: Outreach Prayer Breakfast, P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, acting secretary

Lubbock Habitat for Humanity Gets Recognition in form of National Nomination

Lubbock Habitat for humanity is one of two local housing programs selected to complete for "Best of the Best" awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Also cited is the Lubbock Housing Authority.

Habitat's nomination is in the "best practice" category for its program called "Increasing Affordable Housing through Vocational Education". Under the program, created by Habitat Executive Director John Mallory, vocational education students in the Lubbock Independent School District build a home each year, with Habitat providing the materials and the licensed labor.

Habitat also has an agreement with the Windham School District of the Texas Department of Criminal

Justice. Student inmates build houses, install initial plumbing, wiring, insulation, windows, and doors.

The partnership provides affordable homes to people who could not otherwise afford them, and they teach marketable skills.

HUD official Patsy McDaniel says, "Not everyone is college material and Lubbock needs skilled construction workers; John has given students inmates a sense of self-worth.

The Lubbock Housing Authority is cited for its "Parents as Teachers" program, designed to help high-risk children of low-income families.

28,000 Programs across the nation were nominated for 100 "Best of the Best" award. The list has now been reduced to 404.

City Wide Ushers will Meet

The City Wide Ushers have been invited to the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic on Saturday evening, August 12, 2000, beginning at 6:00 p. m. at the Booker T. Washington Park.

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The City Wide Ushers Director is Sister Annie Sanders. Brother Robert Cork is President, and Sister Minnie Darthard is the Reporter.



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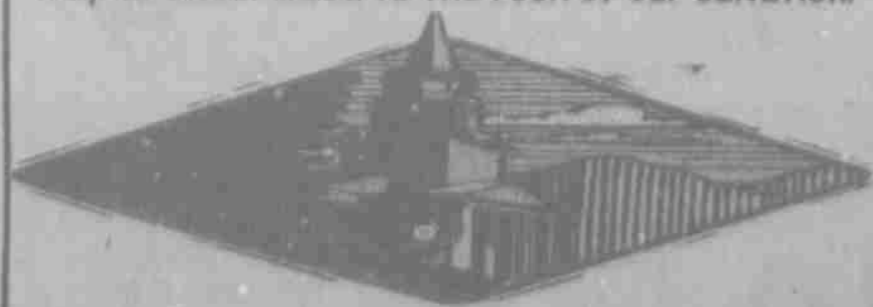
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2000 Juneteenth Celebration Photos

Despite the rains during the 2000 Juneteenth Celebration and no Juneteenth Parade, there were still an exciting time held for those in attendance of the various activities which were held at Mae Simmons Park. Here are some photos taken during celebration June 14th through June 19th.

These photos were taken by B. J. Morrison who writes the weekly column "In Jesus Name."



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