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Family News

Cigarette Ads to Teens Unchanged by Tobacco Lawsuit Settlement

AUSTIN, Texas — The American tobacco industry appears to be reneging on their 1998 agreement to stop targeting under-age smokers, as most teens continue to be exposed to cigarette advertisements, according to a recent study in The New England Journal of Medicine.

"The Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry appears to have had little effect on cigarette advertising in magazines and on the exposure to young people to these advertisements," the Harvard and Boston Universities researchers said after studying advertisement expenditures in 38 magazines from 1995 to 2000.

In November 1998, the four largest U. S. tobacco companies agreed to cease and desist from targeting youth through advertisements, promotions, or marketing. Research has strongly linked smoking initiation with the advertisement and promotion of cigarettes, which often targets adolescents. More than 90 percent of adult smokers began smoking when legally too young to purchase cigarettes.

For the 15 cigarette brands studied, overall expenditures for magazine advertisements returned to pre-settlement levels by 2000 — when \$216.9 million had been spent.

"As compared with expenditures during the pre-settlement period, the average annual expenditures in youth-oriented magazines during the two years after the tobacco settlement were 53.8 percent higher for Camel, 8 percent higher for Marlboro, and 13.2 percent higher for Newport," the researchers said.

Over the six-year study period, the researchers said, tobacco companies consistently allocated a higher proportion of their expenditures for the advertising of youth brands in magazines than for adult brands.

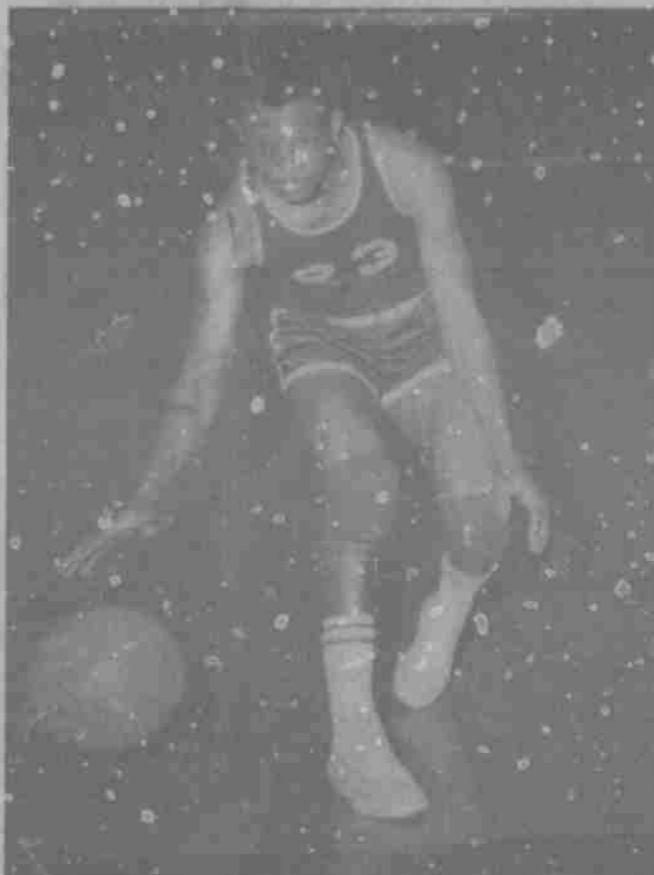
The researchers added that because "magazine advertising remains but one small part—4.5 percent—of the tobacco industry's total marketing expenditures—\$8.2 billion in 1999—no effort to reduce smoking among young people or other groups will succeed without a complete understanding of the entire marketing programs of tobacco companies."

"Our analysis of exposure suggests that although restricting advertising to magazines for which young readers represent less than 15 percent of the overall readership and that have fewer than 2 million young readers would reduce the extent of young people's exposure to cigarette advertising, their exposure would still be substantial," the researchers said. "On average, advertisements for youth brands of cigarettes would still reach 44.7 percent of the nation's young people 7.8 times per year."

Theodore Phea, Jr. Boys' and Girls' Club: Teen Center named in honor of Joe Louis "Coach Mac" McWilliams



JOE LOUIS "COACH" MCWILLIAMS



Dribbling for the Dunbar Panthers



Suited up for the West Texas State Buffaloes



Coach Mac and family

Joe Louis McWilliams "Coach Mac" was born March 26, 1942 in Wortham, Texas to Mary Ann and Nathaniel McWilliams. He was the second oldest of four children. In 1949 the family moved to Lubbock. He attended the Seventh-Day Adventist School until sixth grade. He then enrolled in Dunbar High School. He graduated from Dunbar in 1962.

One of the things that brought Joe joy in life was the game of basketball. His love for basketball began during his early years at the South Plains Branch of the boys Club under the leadership of Mr. Theodore Phea. Often times Joe and his brothers would go to the Boys Club when their mother was working. The Boys Club became a safe place for them. They loved to spend time there playing basketball, building friendship, and learning important life lessons. The Boys Club quickly became a home away from home. Being a member of the Boys Club exposed Joe to numerous activities he probably wouldn't have been exposed to. He had the opportunity to attend banquets, the ABC Rodeo, and to play in basketball tournaments. The importance of representing the Boys Club was instilled in him. In order to participate in these activities he had to have good grades and maintain a positive atti-

tude. Joe and his brother, Bert, were placed on the same team in the first organized basketball league at the Boys Club. The team's name was the 'Celtics.' During this time, he received his first award for being the best basketball player at the Boys Club. Joe was very proud of this award. In 1957 he received the Lubbock Boys Club SPL Branch Basketball award.

The opportunity to play basketball six days a week in a safe and protected environment helped Joe to develop and perfect his ball handling skills. His love of basketball was not the sole benefit of the time he spent at the Boys Club. For him, the Boys Club was a place to receive instructions on character love, and respect. It also gave him security. He found his niche at the Boys Club, and Mr. Phea came to represent the father figure that had been missing in many of the young people's lives.

While in junior high school, Joe's love for basketball increased, in 1959 he became a member of the B Team under Coach Bamest Mallory. From 1960 until he graduated in 1962 he was a member of the varsity team. In 1962 he received the Outstanding Player Award at the Lubbock Invitational Tournament. He was also given the highest honor of

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Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association to Celebrate Black History Month

The Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association will host a "Lincoln/Douglass Tea" in celebration of Black History Month.

The annual event will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2002 at 4:00pm at the Koko Palace, 5101 Ave. Q.

"We can't forget the past, but we can RISE above it" is the theme of this year's event," says

Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association President Emma Jackson, "The purpose is to educate some and remind others about the accomplishments of these great men."

The event will feature presentations on the continuing legacies of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass, and how they impacted the civil rights movement of the 1960's through today. Entertainment

at the event will include "Ambassadors for Change," a group of children from the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood and a children's singing group from Iles Elementary.

Donations for the event are \$5.00, and children under 12 may attend for free.

For more information, call 762-3350 or the LUNA Resource Center at 749-5862.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to Hold Silent Auction

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

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

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

For questions or additional information, call 799-3014.

Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale Underway Nationwide

For the last 66 of the organization's 90 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies—an experience that helps girls build strong interpersonal skills, values and friendships. This year marks the 65th Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, one of America's favorite and most anticipated events.

Girl Scouts are introducing two new cookies this year, the All-Abouts and the Ole' Ole'. In addition, there will be the return of six Girl Scout Cookie favorites including the popular Thin Mint, Original Samoa, Aloha Chip, the Ticalong, the Do-Si-Do, and the Trefoil.

"For Girl Scouts, the program provides funds that support troop activities such as

field trips, camping and service projects," said Becky Burton, Executive Director/CEO of Caprock Girl Scout Council. "For councils, the revenue provides funds to recruit and train adult leaders, maintain our facilities, provide council-wide programs as well as financial assistance so all girls can have access to the opportunities that Girl Scouting pro-

vides." Sales are a major revenue source for the council.

Over 4000 Girl Scouts for the Caprock Council's eighteen county area are selling cookies now through March 3rd. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806 748 0769) or phone (806 745 2855).

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most valuable player.

During his junior year in college he married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Ann Woodard. They lived in Canyon until he graduated. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree he was hired by the Amarillo Independent School District. He and his wife, Carolyn moved to Amarillo where he taught at Robert Lee Elementary School. Here the couple was blessed with their first son, Gregory Louis. After teaching in Amarillo for several years Joe was hired by Lubbock Independent School District. He was very glad to get back to Lubbock. During his tenure he taught and coached at Smylie Wilson Jr. High School and Coronado High School. After working at Coronado for a few years, he was contacted by Coach Johnson at Ector High School in Odessa, Texas. This turn of events was very exciting, for his desire to become a Head Coach had finally become reality. The family packed up

and moved to Odessa. By this time, another son, Michael Linn, had been born into the family. While in the Permian Basin Joe attended Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas and received a Masters of Education Degree.

Joe taught and coached in Odessa for a year, then he was offered a job as the Boys Head Basketball Coach at his alma mater, Dunbar High School. This was truly a dream come true. He jumped at the opportunity to return to his hometown to teach and coach. He wanted to give back to the community that had given him so much. He remained at Dunbar from 1974 until he retired in 1996.

Joe was selected to coach the North - South All Star team for the Texas High School Coaches Association. Another honor that was bestowed upon him during his coaching career was being named and recognized as coach of the year. He was a member of the Texas

Association of Basketball Coaches, the Texas High School Coaches' Association TSTA, NEA & Texas Retired Teachers Association.

After retirement, he still had a desire to make a difference and to continue to impact the lives of children. He and his wife opened Precious Steps Early Learning Center in March of 2000. Joe purchased the building and despite his failing health, he did the majority of the renovations himself with the help of family members and friends.

On Tuesday, September 12, 2000, Joe lost his 16 year battle with cancer. His family and close friends surrounded him. He is greatly missed by his wife sons, daughter-in-law, Shanda, two grandchildren, Kenan J'Louis and Kennedy Alyse, and a very special family, Keith and Charlotte McCarty, Nakeshia and Makayla, all of whom are honored by the naming of the Teen Center for their beloved Coach Mac.

Looking For Mrs. Lubbock

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant has issued a call for Lubbock to find a candidate to compete for the title of Mrs. Texas America 2002.

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant will take place June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2002, at the beautiful Crown Plaza Brookhollow Hotel in Houston. The contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. Mrs. Texas America 2002 will go on to participate in the nationally-telvised Mrs. America Pageant to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, in September.

Ronnie Productions, producers of Mrs. Texas, Mrs. Arizona and Mrs. Utah America Pageants, has experienced significant success in the pageant industry. Mrs. Utah 1999, Starla Santos, was crowned Mrs. America 1999 and went on to win the Mrs. World crown.

Now in its twenty-sixth year, the Mrs. America program has only one purpose to celebrate the beauty of America's married women. Mrs. Texas contestants do not necessarily fit any particular mold. They represent a variety of backgrounds, lifestyles and personal interests. Contestants range in age from 18 to 72 years.

Women interested in competing for the title of Mrs. Texas 2002 are encouraged to contact the Mrs. Texas America office at (480) 563-4216, or visit their website at www.mrstexasamerica.net to request application information.



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. Our doors are still open for those of you who are looking for a church home. Come and visit with us at the New Hope Baptist Church. You will be glad you did.

This being Black History Month, the New Hope Baptist Church wants to remind each of us of the "Negro National Anthem."

Here are the words to the first verse if you have forgotten:

*Lift every voice and sing, 'til
earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of
a liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high
as the skies,
Let it resound loud as
rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith,
the dark past has taught
us, Sing a song full of the
hope that the present has
brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our
new day begun,
Let us march on till victory
is won.*

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Ernest Swain presiding. All teachers were present and gave their thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m., students and teachers marched to the main auditorium singing.

Brother and Sister Ernest Swain were in charge of the morning devotion beginning at 10:45 a.m. They were assisted by the Praise Team.

The Senior Choir marched in morning processional. Altar prayer was offered. After the singing of a selection by the Senior Choir, Brother Robert Cork read the morning scripture. Brother J. C. Quigley offered the morning prayer.

The responsive reading was done with the congregation standing and led by Brother Harry Stokley.

"Lift Every Voice And Sing" was the morning hymn. Everyone sang out of their hearts.

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton who always has something great to share with the congregation. It is always something all can use during the upcoming week.

After the singing of another selection by Senior Choir, Pastor Moton delivered a sermon entitled "A Solution To Your Situation." His scripture text was II Kings 2:19-22. It was another wonderful message for everyone. Praise the Lord!

The Christian Education Department will have its first meeting of the year today, Thursday, February 7, 2002, beginning at 6:00 p.m. All auxiliary and committee leaders are asked to attend this planning session for the 76th Church Anniversary of New Hope Baptist Church.

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill and shut-in this week. Among them is Sister Anna McBride who is a patient at Covenant Lakeside, ICU. Your prayers are appreciated.

Don't forget those who have lost loved ones.

The chairpersons for February Birthdays at New Hope Baptist Church are Sister Ida Johnson, Sister Vickie Berry and Brother Hardin Barrow.

Your prayers are always appreciated for this writer. Continue in prayer.

"Boston Public" Actress has Boston Alma Mater



Josselyn Gilsig first came to the attention of David E. Kelley as a guest star on his series 'The Practice.' Kelley then approached her to appear on his series 'Snoops,' but the show was cancelled before her two episodes could air. Kelley then wrote the character Lauren Davis on BOSTON PUBLIC specifically for Gilsig.

Gilsig has been acting since the age of 12 and graduated from the American Repertory Theater at Harvard in 1995. She then moved to New York and appeared in numerous Off Broadway productions in addition to doing other regional theater work.

Her acting credits for feature films include "A Cooler Climate" and "The Horse Whisperer." She also performed voiceover work in "Quest for Camelot." Gilsig was born in Montreal.



PepsiCo, a winner of the Association of National Advertisers Multicultural Excellence Awards for excellence in Hispanic advertising, receives a \$5000 check for the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund which will benefit multicultural students studying marketing and advertising. The PepsiCo family of businesses includes: Frito-Lay, Pepsi-Cola, Quaker, Tropicana and Gatorade.

Choice hops? 7 kinds of barley?

HEY, MAYBE YOU COULD BE A VEGETARIAN AFTER ALL.

TASTE A TRUE PILSENER.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR LUBBOCK, TEXAS AccuWeather.com

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

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

GARDENING FORECAST

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

FISHING REPORT

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

TV INDEX

Highest Thur. 3; Min. 1
Highest Fri. 3; Min. 1
Highest Sat. 4; Low 1
Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

1-3 Minimal
4-5 Low
6-7 Moderate
8-9 High
10+ Very High

SUN & MOON DATA

	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunrise	7:22 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	6:49 p.m.	6:48 p.m.	6:48 p.m.
Moonset	2:03 p.m.	2:44 p.m.	3:21 p.m.

MOON PHASES

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

REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W	H/L	W
Abilene, TX	55/40	c	55/40	c	60/45	pc	70/45	w	70/45	s	72/45	c	72/45	c
Albuquerque, NM	62/36	pc	64/36	pc	62/36	pc	60/36	pc	62/36	s	58/34	c	56/34	pc
Amarillo, TX	54/32	c	60/36	s	68/40	s	70/38	s	66/40	s	64/42	pc	56/42	r
Austin, TX	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc
Branson, MO	56/39	c	59/37	pc	62/41	s	59/42	s	61/47	pc	65/50	c	64/50	c
Coyote, NM	62/32	c	62/32	c	62/32	c	62/32	c	62/32	c	62/32	c	62/32	c
Dallas, TX	68/46	c	66/46	pc	66/48	pc	64/48	c	68/52	pc	70/54	pc	70/54	c
Denver, CO	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc	50/30	pc
El Paso, TX	66/46	c	66/40	c	68/42	s	68/44	s	70/48	s	64/48	c	66/44	r
Fort Worth, TX	58/36	pc	58/36	pc	58/36	pc	58/36	pc	58/36	pc	58/36	pc	58/36	pc
Houston, TX	78/52	pc	72/48	pc	74/50	pc	76/54	pc	76/52	pc	78/56	pc	76/56	c
Kansas City, MO	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc
Lake Texoma, TX	66/43	pc	59/42	s	63/47	s	64/46	c	66/49	s	67/50	pc	65/50	c
Lubbock, TX	58/34	c	62/36	pc	66/40	pc	64/40	s	66/44	s	68/48	pc	60/46	sh
Midland, TX	58/34	c	62/36	pc	66/40	pc	64/40	s	66/44	s	68/48	pc	60/46	sh
Okahoma City, OK	58/36	sh	62/38	pc	64/42	pc	62/44	c	64/48	pc	68/48	pc	64/48	sh
Omaha, NE	60/36	pc	60/36	pc	60/36	pc	60/36	pc	60/36	pc	60/36	pc	60/36	pc
Roswell, NM	56/33	c	56/36	c	65/38	s	64/39	s	65/43	s	64/45	c	60/42	sh
San Antonio, TX	76/54	pc	68/50	c	70/54	c	72/56	pc	75/54	pc	75/56	pc	70/56	c
Springfield, IL	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc	66/40	pc
Tulsa, OK	58/38	c	60/40	s	63/45	s	62/43	s	61/48	pc	68/50	pc	64/50	sh
Wichita, KS	60/38	pc	66/38	s	66/40	s	66/40	s	66/44	s	62/44	pc	60/44	r

Weather (W): p-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, f-furderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, H-C.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Federal Tax Credits

This year, nearly two million Texas families will qualify for more than \$3 billion in federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refunds.

- Families that earned less than \$11,521 in 2001, with more than one qualifying child, can get a tax refund of up to \$4,000.
- Families that earned less than \$18,241 in 2001, with one qualifying child, can get a tax refund of up to \$2,000.
- Individuals or families that earned less than \$11,712 in 2001, meet age requirements and are without children can get a tax refund of up to \$200.

For more information on EITC refunds, call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) toll free at 1-800-828-1040. Call the Comptroller's toll-free EITC Information line at 1-800-277-6882. Visit the Comptroller's Web site at www.texas.gov.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



IN JESUS NAME

THE ASS KNOWS HIS MASTER

ISAIAH 1:3 "THE LORD SAID: THE OX KNOWETH HIS OWNER/ AND THE ASS HIS MASTERS CRUR/ BUT ISRAEL DOETH NOT KNOW/ MY PEOPLE DOETH NOT CONSIDER. JESUS SAID, I M THE WAY. THEN HE IS THE ONLY WAY TO TRUTH AND LIFE, ITS CHRIS, CHURCH, NOT THE PASTORS, AND NOT HIS WIFE'S.

ISAIAH 1:4 SINFUL NATION, A PEOPLE LADEN WITH INIQUITY, A SEED OF EVIL-DOERS, CHILDREN THAT ARE CORRUPTESS; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN THE LORD. YOU MAY WALK IN THE WAY OF YOUR HEART, OR IN THE SIGHT OF YOUR EYES, BUT IF YOU DONT TELL IT GOD'S WAY, THEN ITS ALL LIES.

PROVERB 1:12/ THERE IS A WAY WHICH SLEMETH RIGHT UNTO MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH A PREACHER TOLD ME MY DEACON, WORKED 3YRS IN CHURCH AND NOT SAVED, BUT TIEN ONE DAY HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO CHRIST, AND SAVED TODAY.

1 PETER 1:15,16/ BUT AS HE WHICH HATH CALLED YOU IS HOLY/ SO BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION, BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN/ BE YE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.

THE UN- SAVED MAN HATH NO BUSINESS HOLDING AN OFFICE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD. IN THOSE 3YRS HOW MANY PEOPLE WALKED IN THE CHURCH, KNOWING HE WAS A HYPOCRITE; AND KNEW IT WAS WRONG. SHOULD NOT THE PASTOR HAD KNOWN IT? THOSE THAT WALKED AWAY, THE DEVIL GAVE THEM AN EXCUSE TO SAY: I DON WANT TO BE LIKE THOSE HYPOCRITES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME OR OFFERING; THEY GIVE, GOD DONT WANT IT, HE WANT YOUR HEART.

MATTHEW 23:13/ JESUS SAID/ BUT WOE UNTO YOU/ SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YE SHUT UP THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AGAINST MEN: FOR YE NEITHER GO IN YOURSELVES/ NEITHER SUFFER YE THEM THAT ARE ENTERING TO GO IN, CHURCH.

"ANOTHER PREACHER TOLD ME, ELDER MORRISON; DONT TELL A MAN HOW TO RUN HE. I TOLD HIM/ YOU'RE NOT LETTING THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD; THAT HURTS!!"

1 TIMOTHY 3:5/6/ FOR IF A MAN KNOW HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD? NOT A NOVICE/ NEW PERSON, LEST BEING LIFTED UP WITH PRIDE HE FALL INTO THE CONDEMNATION OF THE DEVIL. THE CHURCHES HAVE CHOICES, RIGHT & WRONG/ GOD'S EVIL AND HEAVEN & HELL BUT THE BROADWAY CHURCH; IS NOT OF GOD; AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TELL.

JOHN 10:1-5, JESUS SAID, VERILY/ VERILY/ I SAY UNTO YOU, HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOR TO THE SHEEPFOLD, BUT CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER. BUT HE THAT ENTERETH IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP. TO HIM THE PORTER OPENETH, AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE; AND HE CALLETH HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME, AND LEADETH THEM OUT. AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM/ ANS! THE FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM: FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS/ DEVILS.

PREACHERS ARE DOING WHAT THEY WANT, AND THE CHURCHES HAS LOST ITS ZEAL.

THE PREACHERS ARE AFTER THE MONEY? WHEN SOLLS NEED TO BE HEALED!!!

MATTHEW 7:21, JESUS SAID, NOT EVERY ONE THAT SAITH UNTO ME, LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OB MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY T. B. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IS CHRIST JESUS.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

God Gives the Victory

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." —Exodus 14:21-25, NIV

Have you ever had a "Red Sea" experience? If you have not, just keep living! My "Red Sea" experience will forever be etched in my memory and the scars of the encounter will always remind me that God gives the victory if you let Him lead you with His

"pillar of "cloud" by day and "pillar of fire" by night.

Difficult times comes to everyone. Believe it or not! We cannot expect to pass through life without deaths in the family, serious illnesses and accidents, loss of employment, or other problem that we yet to dream of.

Naturally, we try to avoid unpleasant experiences but, the truth of the matter is that crises can provide fertile opportunities for spiritual growth. Crises often underline our own insufficiencies and weakness. The whole of the crises serves to remind us how small we are in this vast universe and how much we need God.

I am able to witness with the Israelites did when they had their backs to the Red Sea while facing the approach of the Egyptian army. God cared enough to part the waters and provide a way of escape from mass destruction of lives and property.

The God of the Israelites parted the waters and provided me a way of escape from my Red

Sea on February 14, 1983. Just as God was faithful to the Israelites when they faced a crisis, the same God will be faithful to you in your crisis.

When we read the story, we discover that God's miraculous rescue of the Hebrews at the Red Sea was a vital ingredient in transforming a multitude of escaping slaves into the nation of Israel.

While it is true that the people had not seen the last of danger and doubt, they had caught sight of God's loving-kindness and His almighty power. To this they responded with genuine worship and trust that bound them to the Lord. Deliverance had made believers out of them.

We have breaking news today! That breaking news is that God has since provided an even greater salvation for His people than He did at the Red Sea. The Lord saved the Hebrew people from slavery and slaughter, but in Christ He has redeemed people of every tribe on earth from an

even greater danger. That danger is the penalty for our sins.

The truth of the matter is that God has acted in Jesus Christ to save from the final judgment all who truly believe in Him. Just as through Moses He delivered Israel from the Egyptians, so now in Christ the Lord has rescued us from sin's penalty. Rather than charging our sins against us, God the Father counted them against His only Son and accepted His death as our penalty.

In dying for us, Christ paid the penalty for our sins to save us from the wrath to come. The question is "has God provided us a way of escape from the every day Red Sea sin that trouble us?"

Yes He has! Christ's death led to His sending of the Holy Spirit. Since Pentecost, God's Spirit has dwelt in believers. And by the Holy Spirit's power in God's people can overcome sin. God has given us the victory through Jesus Christ.

The Bridge Clothes Closet
 1301 E. Redbud Ave.
 (formerly Posey Elementary)
 Open Tuesdays and Thursdays
 10 am - 2 pm
 Call 765-6900 for more information

Cathedral of Praise Church
 www.cathedralofpraiselubbock.org

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning in the home of vice president, Sister Christene Burleson. As many of you may know, the organization meets for fellowship and a meal in two ways — spiritually and physically. Both were on key last Saturday morning.

The morning scripture was read by Rev. Ricky McGee, and prayer was given by Sister Linda McGee. Both are prayer warriors. Teacher for the morning was Sister Elnora Jones who brought a dynamic lesson. We hope it helped all in attendance. Her subject was "Freedom." Her scripture text was Galatians 5:1 and Galatians 3:13.

"Christ has made us free. Now we need to make sure that we stay free, and don't get all tied up again in chains of slavery to laws and ceremonies. Christ died to set us free from sin, and a long list of laws and regulations. Christ came to set us free. Not free to do whatever we want, for that would send us back into slavery to our selfish desires. Rather, thanks to Christ, we are now free and able to do what was impossible before: to live unselfishly. Those who appeal to their freedom as they can have their own way of indulge their desires are falling back into sin.

Do you use your freedom for yourself or for others? Christ set us free to better serve Him. Some slaves stayed on the plantation long after being free. They were saying if they stay, at least they would have food and a place to stay. They were not ready to accept their freedom. They listened to Satan whispering in their ears, saying you can't make it. God has given us these blessings. Slavery was bondage. We are not under these things now. In Christ, we're free! Paul said, "Come out from among them; be separated."

The devil is still out there whispering in the ears of our young people, telling them you don't need an education. Those who are educated can't get jobs.

The devil is a liar. The Jews wanted to keep shackles on the people. We have guidelines and some restrictions. A fish can roam the sea as long as he wants to and live. If he (fish) tries to roam the forest, he will die. As long as we stay in the will of God we're free.

Freedom is something you protect. Don't go back to the old sinful ways. It will lead you in the wrong direction. We are to help others to enjoy freedom by teaching the good news of Jesus Christ. God is not concerned about our dress codes, the high hem lives, the tight pants. He looks at the heart. He cares not if you have red, green or purple hair. He only looks on the heart.

So, Saints, he didn't ask us to judge others, not even serve on his journey.

The Bible says: "Love the Lord with all your hearty and your neighbor as yourself.

Romans 10:9 says: "If you confess with your mouth/ the Lord Jesus and believe in your

heart that God raised him from the dead/ you shall be saved."

Thank you, Sister Jones, for this lesson!

For all of you who are hurting for any reason, God cares. Believe the word and speak the word! Tell the mountains in your life to "MOVE;" Mark 11:22-26 and II Chronicles 7:14.

Let's roll in power! Make the devil pay by getting everybody saved, by getting them into reading the word and acting on it.

Thanks, Precious People, for reading.

This is not a breakfast for women only. It's for anybody who is interested, either women or men. You're welcome as our guest.

Special guest last week included Rev. and Sister RICKY McGee and Rev. and Sister Evans.

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

City Wide Ushers Will Meet: Offices Appointed

The City Wide Ushers will meet at the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, Saturday evening, February 9, 2002, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Solomon Fields is pastor.

This is an important meeting as all officers of the new year will be installed.

We want to thank all of you for attending our meetings and are praying you will continue to come and participate. We must keep in mind that all hands are needed.

Let's pray for one another.

Our new president is Sister L. Harris. Sister Minnie Darthard is reporter.

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Remembrances...



ORA BARNES

Services for Ora B. Barnes were held last Tuesday afternoon, February 5, 2002, at Hope Deliverance Temple Church with Elder A. R. McNeal officiating. He was assisted by Elder Charles Tanner, pastor.

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

Mrs. Barnes passed Wednesday, January 30, 2002.

She was born November 7, 1921, in Trinidad, Texas. She married Floyd Barnes on October 4, 1944, in Ralls, Texas. He died December 10, 1987. She moved to Lubbock 48 years ago. She attended public schools in Ralls.

Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Church of God in Christ and a member of Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ.

She is survived by her two sons, Lee of Lubbock and Refus of Dallas; two brothers, James Whitfield, Jr. of Ralls, and R. L. Whitfield of Lubbock; a sister, Nellie Collins of Hereford, Texas; four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



MARY TINNELL

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary Lou Tinnell last Monday afternoon, February 4, 2002 at Divine Love Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Burns, pastor, officiating.

Brock South Plains Funeral Directors of Lubbock was in charge of all arrangements.

Mrs. Tinnell passed Friday, February 1, 2002.

She was born February 14, 1917, in Ennis, Texas, and married Henry Tinnell on March 30, 1940, in Ellis, Texas. He preceded her in death on December 5, 1985.

They moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1971, and she was employed by Plains Furniture Company until her retirement in 1986.

A son, W. J., preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter, Janice Harvey of Lubbock, Texas; a son, James of McAlester, Oklahoma; two sisters, Stella Hodges and Idella Cooks, both of Thorndale, Texas; a brother, Robert Porter of Floydada, Texas; fourteen grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

The Constitution vs. Having One's Way

By Ruth Cron

One of the most important things I learned when I came to this country is how the US Constitution—particularly the First Amendment—meets the hopes of people, represents democracy at its best. In these months since the horrific attacks of September 11th, people have been confused about how to protect ourselves and at the same time hold on to the beautiful fundamental rights guaranteed by the US Constitution. I am an Israeli and I'm proud to be an American citizen. It means everything to me that the American Constitution be cherished, honored, not disregarded.

In "The Urgent Beauty of Our Constitution", a tremendously important commentary by Ellen Reiss, Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism, which is the basis for this article, there is the honest America is thirsting for. Ms. Reiss writes:

"At this time of worry in America, it is urgent that we be clear about what America's government fundamentally is, what makes the structure of that government beautiful and right, respectful of people's lives — of our lives. There has been, of course, terrific injustice in America; but the governmental structure of this land, outlined in our Constitution and Bill of Rights, is just and has made the countering of injustice possible. If we don't value it accurately, if we take it for granted and don't feel we have to protect it, our nation can be turned into something fearfully, horribly different. (continued next week)

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Traditional All-American Dessert Warms Up Your Winter

(NAPS)—There are few traditions as timeless—and delicious—as sitting down with family for a festive dessert after dinner.

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Since more than 80 percent of those recently surveyed eat dessert once or twice a week, delectable treats are essential after a satisfying sit-down dinner.

Granny Smith apple slices and applesauce are nestled inside a mouth-watering butter crust with a deliciously sweet streusel topping, creating a scrumptious treat that is so simple to make. Effortless desserts like Apple Rustic Tarts allow you to spend less time in the kitchen and more time making memories.

"Individual apple tarts capture the taste of the season, but achieving a flaky crust can be a challenge. "The secret is to use chilled butter," said Nancy Silverton, pastry chef and co-owner of 2001 James Beard best restaurant winner, Campanile in Los Angeles. "While mixing the dough, the chilled butter does not completely dissolve with the other ingredients, leaving butter

morsels throughout. When the tarts are baked, these morsels melt, creating an especially light and flaky crust."

For other delicious desserts, visit www.butterisbest.com. From main course creations and savory sweets to frequently asked questions, browse butterisbest.com to find foods for any occasion.

Granny Smith apple slices and applesauce are nestled inside a mouth-watering butter crust.

Apple Rustic Tarts
Serves 8

Recipe courtesy of
Pastry Chef Nancy Silverton
Campanile, Los Angeles

Streusel (yields 3 cups).

1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
2 sticks (8 ounces) unsalted butter, cut into small pieces and frozen

In a food processor fitted with a steel blade or by hand with pastry cutter, combine ingredients into a coarse meal. Set aside

Tart Filling:

8 Granny Smith apples (2 pounds), cored, peeled and cut into inch cubes about 4 cups
1 cup unsweetened applesauce

Rustic pie dough:

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour; plus extra for dusting
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 sticks (8 ounces) unsalted butter, chilled) cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
2 tablespoons water

To prepare dough: In a food processor fitted with a steel blade or by hand with a pastry cutter, combine ingredients a bowl until mixture just binds together. Turn dough out on a lightly floured surface. Gather into a ball, wrap in plastic wrap and chill until firm, at least 2 hours.

To assemble tarts: Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Lightly dust a work surface and rolling pin with flour. Roll chilled dough to about 1/4 inch thickness; cut into eight 5 in. circles. Spoon 1 tablespoon apples and applesauce over applesauce.

Taking opposite sides of dough of each pie, gently stretch each side up and over the apples, pressing dough together at the center.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place pies at least 2 inches apart on baking sheets. Mound streusel on top of each pie.

Bake until the crust is golden brown, about 30 minutes. Tarts should be served warm

Ask the Attorney General



Ask Attorney General John Corryn

Foreign Lottery Scams

Q: Recently, I received a phone call telling me I won a Canadian sweepstakes. The caller said that he needed my credit card number for verification purposes but that I would not be charged. I just received my bill, and there is a \$300 charge I don't recognize. And I never received my prize. Is there something I can do to get my money?

A: Unfortunately, you are probably never going to get your prize money. Foreign lottery offers are a common scam. The Consumer Protection Division in my office receives an increasing number of complaints about this type of scam every year. The pitch that you describe is typical of the Canadian Lottery scam, with a twist. The lottery scam usually begins with a call from an enthusiastic and convincing telemarketer who informs you that you have won the

Canadian Lottery. In some cases, the caller will tell you that to claim your prize, you need to wire him money for taxes. Instead, you never see your money again, and the prize never arrives. In a similar version of the scam, the caller asks for your bank account number so that the prize can be deposited directly. Instead, the con artists clean out your bank account.

With the ease and convenience allowed by the Internet, the con artists are finding new ways to steal money from unsuspecting victims. There are companies who offer credit card payment services for online merchants. When you purchase something on the Internet, you often do so through these third-party billing companies. They collect the payment from the credit card company and forward it to the merchant you originally did business with. The vast majority of these billing companies are honest businesses that provide valuable services to merchants and consumers. However, when you do purchase items over the Internet, make sure you are dealing with a well established company that offers secure billing procedures.

Unfortunately, con artists are using these third-party billing companies to run their scams. As you describe, the telemarketer asks for your credit card number for verification purposes. Of course, he promises that you will not be billed. Instead, he takes your information and uses it to submit a charge to a third-party billing company, which sends the payment to him. The con artist gets your

money, and you get nothing but an unexpected bill.

So what can you do? Challenge the charge with your credit card company. They may opt to investigate the charge and take action. If they don't, you can file a consumer complaint through my office by calling 300-621-0508 to request a complaint form. You can also fill out a form online through our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

You can protect yourself from falling prey to unscrupulous telemarketers in the future. If someone calls and tells you that you have won the Canadian Lottery or a sweepstakes you never entered, **HANG UP**. Never give out your credit card or bank account information to someone who calls you. Many consumers who lose money through this type of scam are revictimized by so-called "recovery center" scams. Victims who have lost money are contacted by an organization that claims it can recover the money they lost, but there is a small fee. These recovery centers are usually run by the very same people who stole the money in the first place.

Through an organization called Project PhoneBusters, Canadian law enforcement officials are working to combat these scams. You can report this scam to PhoneBusters by calling 888-495-8501 or by sending an e-mail to info@phonebusters.com. There is more information on this type of scam on the organization's Web site at www.phonebusters.com.

Village Life Teaches Students Ancient Art of Kente Weaving



CHICAGO, IL—The International Youth Education Program's "Summer Camp in Africa" offers students ages 8-16 a unique cultural experience for three weeks during the summer by participating in an educational camp in Ghana, West Africa where they learn the ancient art of weaving Kente cloth, a custom in West Africa that has been practiced and passed down from generation to generation for more than 600 years.

Kente cloth is a traditional "ceremonial" cloth hand-woven on a horizontal treadle loom. Cloths come in various colors, sizes and designs. It is also worn for important social and religious occasions and is the traditional garment worn by African Kings and Queens. The Ashanti Kente from Ghana is very popular and its pattern has world recognition. It is more than just a piece of

cloth; it is a visual representation of Ghana's history, ethics, moral values and social code of conduct. The root word of Kente is kenten, which means basket. The first Kente weavers used raffia fibers to weave cloths that resembled a kenten (basket).

During Summer Camp in Africa, students learn the art of weaving from young experienced weavers. Since each design tells a story, weavers demonstrate the importance of each colorful thread in making a cloth. Students learn a valuable lesson in hand-eye coordination, patience, and creativity. "By exploring Africa students will begin to understand and appreciate what the continent has to offer. This program not only teaches the art of weaving, it also provides students with hands on opportunity to live in a village, interact with African youth and experience

a different life," said program director Samayah Agbai.

A welcoming ceremony is held for students each summer when they arrive in the Volta Region of Ghana. They are greeted by the village chief and elders and wrapped in ceremonial cloth that signifies their new beginning. A ceremony takes place where each student receives an African name and a precious bead to commemorate the event. "For African-Americans, this type of heritage was lost during the many years of the slave trade, but it continues in Africa and is a very significant part of the African culture today," said Mrs. Agbai.

Summer Camp in Africa is a three-week educational stay in Ghana, July 13-August 3, 2002, with visits to two neighboring African nations, Togo and Benin. Students are given a cultural orientation upon arrival. After spending a few days in the capital city of Accra, campers will journey to a rural village to learn about everyday life in Africa. They learn the basics of traditional drumming, farming, dancing and signing, participate in community service projects, preparing local dishes and learning the art of weaving Ghana's famous Kente cloth. Students will also have a rare opportunity to visit a rainforest to team about trees used for natural medicines and view nature at its finest.

For more information on how your organization or individual child can get involved or to help send youth to Africa, call (708) 753-0706, email: IYEP@Africamail.com.

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Vaccine helps protect seniors and at-risk populations from variety of infections

It kills 40,000 people in the United States each year — more than all other vaccine-preventable diseases — and, combined with influenza, is the seventh leading cause of death for Texans. But many potential victims of pneumococcal disease don't get the one shot that could protect them from a possibly deadly infection of the lungs, the blood or the covering of the brain, Texas Department of Health (TDH) immunization officials report.

"Anyone can get pneumococcal disease," says Lisa Davis, TDH's adult immunization coordinator. But those most vulnerable are over 65 and anyone 2 or older who has diabetes, heart or lung disease or other long-term health problems or lowered resistance to infection. "Those are

the people who need the protection of the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV)."

The culprit is *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, a bacteria that is a common cause of pneumonia, bacteremia and meningitis. "Drugs such as penicillin once were effective in treating infections such as these," says Davis. But the disease has become more resistant to antibiotics, making treatment of pneumococcal infections more difficult and prevention through vaccination even more important, those who should get PPV include:

- All adults 65 or older
- Anyone 2 and older who has a long-term health problem such as heart or lung disease, (not including asthma), sickle-cell disease, diabetes, alcoholism, or cirrhosis

• Anyone 2 and older who has a disease or condition that can lower the body's resistance to infection, such as Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma and leukemia, kidney failure, multiple myeloma, nephrotic syndrome, HIV infection or AIDS, damaged spleen or no spleen, or organ transplant. Anyone 2 and older who takes long-term steroids or certain cancer drugs or receives radiation therapy.

Davis says that people 65 years and older — especially those living in group settings such as nursing homes and long-term care facilities — and those identified as being at risk for pneumococcal illness are more vulnerable to infection. "The idea is to prevent the infection from happening in the first place, and vaccination is an effective and easy way to do that."

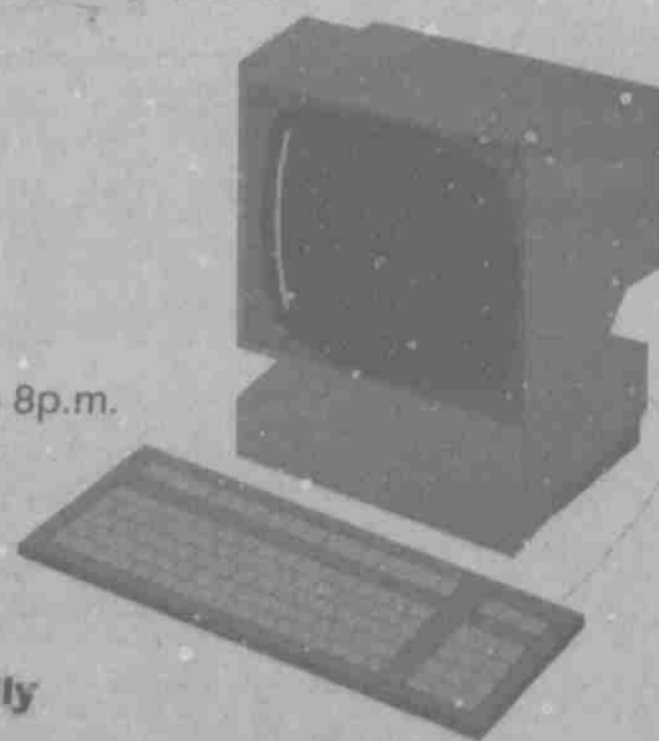
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This Way for Black Empowerment—By Dr. Lenora Fulani Distinguishing the “Black” vote from others serves no purpose

The pages of Big Apple newspapers have been filled with spin on the results of the New York mayoral race. For the first few days, the story (made up by pundits who have nothing much else to do) was that the Giuliani vote put Mike Bloomberg over the top. Then the story switched to the role of the Black and Hispanic vote. Some commentators insisted that the winning combination was really Catholics, conservatives and men. One even suggested that it was Queens that sent Mike to City Hall; as if Queens were a political description instead of a borough.

I have a different spin. Actually, it's kind of an anti-spin. My thinking is that there is no such thing as the “Giuliani vote” or the “Jewish vote” or the “Black vote.” And as a Black person I feel particularly strongly about this last point.

There is no such thing as “the Black vote.” “Black” is not a political category, any more than “Queens” is. Black is a racial category. It denotes skin color, not politics. When people vote they're making a political statement, not a racial statement. Relating to it as such is a form of political racial profiling.

I campaigned strongly for Mike Bloomberg who was the candidate of the Independence Party, the party I helped to build. I was the first Black leader to endorse him and I reached out to tens of thousand of New Yorkers, many African-American to ask for their votes for Mike. Many voted for him.

Roughly 25% of Black voters who went to the poll, voted for Bloomberg, a notable increase in the number who voted against the Democratic Party as compared with the last mayoral election. In 1997, some 575,090 African-Americans voted for Giuliani. In 2001, over 80,000 voted for Bloomberg.

Still, from my vantage points none of that adds up to there being a Black vote. There are Black voters. But no Black votes.

For years my point has been that the Black community should be freed up from partisan control to vote for the best choice. On November 6th, a portion of the Black community did so. African Americans because a part of the broad independent takeover of City Hall.

Many people have asked me what that influence of the Black community will be in the new administration. I think Mike is eager to reach out and work with all communities, including the Black community. He didn't get into office as part of a racist political machine. He shook hands with Al Sharpton more times in the first two days after the election than Rudy Giuliani did in eight years.

Reporters have been asking me what job I'm going to demand in the new administration. I tell them I don't want a job. I'm not interested in patronage, I'm interested in something much, much bigger: opening up the political process and getting rid of partisanship.

Some people are shocked to hear me say that they think Mike owes me. He doesn't. I'm a firm believer in the principle of giving to give—not giving to get. That's a principle I believe in psychologically, emotionally and politically. Mike Bloomberg owes me nothing. And I owe him nothing. The issue now is whether there are some new things that we can do together for our city.

It's becoming more and more recognizable that the Democratic party is built on a racialistic foundation, not on a consensus building process. The party is very controlled by special interests and it's hard to keep it together. Mark Green exposed how visionless the Democratic Party is. Mike Bloomberg together with the Independence Party and the Independent voter-created an alternative.

There's a new political environment in the city today. Independent voters of all races (and all boroughs) created it. It's an environment where people can make choices based on merit and vision, not based on machine loyalty. For the Black community, that is key. It's kind of a postmodern Emancipation Proclamation. We don't have to be slaves to the Democrats anymore. We're free.

THIS N THAT

NEED TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ATTEND ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! THIS N THAT

attended a meeting of CONCERNED CITIZENS who have been meeting for several weeks talking about how to MAINTAIN STUDENTS TO ATTEND ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL. What came out of the meeting was that the feeder school DUNBAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL is evildly encouraging students to attend LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL. Now, THIS N THAT can't understand why this happening. If this continues, these citizens are correct, there will be no school for ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL to draw from. Surely school board member MS. VERNITA HOLMES will take note of this discovery and make sure this kind of activity ceases as soon as possible. With the date approaching for transfer, which is MARCH 1, 2002, PARENTS, you control the destiny of ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL. If you are not involved, then things will happen to HURT THE GROWTH OF ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL. THIS N THAT also saw numbers of young people who live in this area of the city, but are attending schools in other parts of the city of Lubbock. According to the numbers, there are more than SIX HUNDRED YOUNG PEOPLE who should be attending school in this area of the city. It just doesn't make any sense for this to be happening. PARENTS, you have a responsibility to at least ask questions about your child attending Estacado High School, don't just sit back and do nothing. If you don't like the curriculum being taught, then get involved and get it changed. If you want to MAKE SURE ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL IS NEVER CLOSED, you had better get involved today! Another interesting figure was the number of MINORITY STUDENTS attending Monterey High School. Just think, in a few years, MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL could become the MINORITY SCHOOL and just think of what will happen to ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL. THIS N THAT is hoping you as a parent or guardian will get involved today. You can do this by asking questions. If you want your area to grow then get involved today and help our high school. ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! Will you do so? Hope you will!! If you want to become a part of the weekly meetings which are held on Saturday afternoons beginning at 3:00 p. m. at Parkway Neighborhood Center. Come and be a part of SOMETHING GOOD!

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DID A SPLENDID JOB! THIS N THAT, along with many others heard the young people of ELLA R. ILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL play the steel drums in the opening reception of the FIRST ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PROGRAM last Friday evening at the Texas Tech University Museum Sculpture Court and Auditorium. It was a very informative evening and it was good to see all the young people present from throughout the community. THIS N THAT was just happy with the performance of our young people of ELLA R. ILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. May these young people continue to do many more outstanding performances.

STILL CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE UP! THIS N THAT is still waiting for something to happen on the corner of EAST 19TH STREET & MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD. This is still a GREAT LOCATION for things to happen for this part of the City of Lubbock. Surely SOMETHING will happen in the near future. Don't know when, but must keep the FAITH for something to happen. Let's just KEEP AN EYE on East 19th Street and Martin Luther King Blvd. Something will happen.

VISIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL THIS WEEK! THIS N THAT is still insisting that as citizens and parents, WE, take our time and VISIT one of our public schools IN EAST LUBBOCK. Just your visibility will mean so much for our PRECIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE!



In Cinque by Renetta W. Howard

In 1923, The Teapot Dome scandal during the Harding administration was considered one of the worst political scandals in the history of the United States. This scandal involved oil reserves and the illegal sales and buying of favors among government officials and their friends.

Then there was Watergate in 1972 where it appears that the government was attempting to steal the next election and preparing a hiding place for government officials, while refusing to turn over incriminating documents to the Senate Investigating Committee. Not too far down the line, we were involved in the Contragate affair. A fall guy was chosen and we never heard much more of that, though the current president has by executive order sealed the records of President Reagan which inevitably will seal any activities of the vice-president; who at that time was the first Bush who became president.

During the Clinton administration. The Whitewater Affair and the president's sexual affairs dominated the day. It appears however that the general public did not suffer much from these episodes as in the prior escapades. That brings us to the Enron affair which has devastated the lives of many poor people who were employed by the company, but also any citizen using energy produced by gas.

It is apparent to most of us now why our gas bills hit the ceiling last year and we tread on unsure ground now when we look at our current billings. As soon as the current administration took office, the gas bills took off, up, up and away! Many people spent last winter cold. Consequently, some people are still cold because they have not been able to pay last year's bills. Now, the chips are falling, and apparently, some of the bodies.

Our vice-president is currently refusing to turn over documents to the General Accounting Office, while in hiding, perhaps in some of the places prepared by the Watergate administration, or is he hiding, alive and kicking, or just kicking?

It is time that the average American citizen get 'in cinque' and pay more attention to what is going on in our government in order to help us to be better informed voters. Times are hard enough without the added stress brought on by unscrupulous politicians who want to line their pockets with dollars which they are not entitled to, at the expense of the average citizen who voted for them in the first place.

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The drawings and specifications will be issued on or about Monday, January 28, 2002.

The Proposer will be responsible for the accomplishment and coordination of all construction activities indicated in the documents.

A pre-proposal conference will be held Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. (CST) in the Board of Regents Committee Room, East Wing of the Administration Building, Texas Tech campus, Lubbock, Texas.

This project is located north of 4th Street along Indiana Avenue to Erskine Street in Lubbock, Texas, with a total budget of \$2,400,000 for Phase II of project.

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Office of Facilities Planning & Construction
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until 2:00 p.m. (CST) February 19, 2002 where they will be stamped received. Submissions will be publicly opened and read aloud in Room 8 of the Administration Building, 15th and Akron at that time. Proposals received after closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the opening date.

The RFP and further information can be obtained by accessing the Texas Marketplace at

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Video Game Perpetuate Racial and Gender Stereotypes by Akilah Monifa



With Christmas just past us, many children have received video games as gifts. The violence of these games bothers me, as do their representations of people of color and women.

A recently released report by Children Now's Children for the Media Program analyzes race and ethnicity, violence and gender in video games and finds some surprising numbers.

While the percentage of African-Americans characters in video games is greater than the percentage of African Americans in the population, black characters played stereotypical

roles. Only 4 percent of African-American characters appeared as heroes, compared with 87 percent of white characters.

The study shows that 83 percent of African-American males were portrayed as competitors in sports games, while 86 percent of African-American females were non-action and non-competitor characters.

African-American female characters were also more likely than any other group to be victims of violence. Their victimization rate was 86 percent, compared to white females who were at 45 percent. In general, female characters were more likely than males to scream and to wear revealing clothing.

African-American characters were also the most verbally aggressive, screaming, taunting and insulting in many of the games.

Latinos don't fare well, either. Only 2 percent of the characters were non-white

Latinos, and none were Latina. Every one of the Latino characters was in sports games, usually baseball. What's more, 83 percent of the Latinos were shown exhibiting physical harm and pain after an injury, such as colliding into a wall while trying to catch a pop fly.

Children's exposure to violent media, including video games, could lead to future aggressive behavior and desensitization to violence, according to a recent study by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Children who play video games are being sent negative messages about violence, gender and race.

As many children find video games under the tree this Christmas, they should be made aware that these depictions of people of color are far from reality.

Akilah Monifa is a freelance writer living in Oakland/ Calif. She can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.

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

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

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