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Health Briefs

Pets pose problem for people with asthma

HOUSTON—For asthmatics, sharing a home with a furry friend could be risky.

According to Dr. Benjamin Interiano, a pulmonologist and associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, the most important thing to remember, with any allergy is to avoid the source.

"If a person is allergic to a pet, the best thing for them to do is remove the pet from the home," Interiano said. "If that's not possible, the animal should be kept outside the asthma sufferer's living space, including bedrooms and family rooms."

Dogs and cats are the main culprits, however any animal with fur or feathers can aggravate asthma. When pets live inside, it is impossible to avoid contact with their hair, dander and various contaminants emitted from the urine and feces into the air.

To reduce the risk of an asthma attack, Interiano suggests keeping the pet outdoors, bathing the animal once per week; cleaning litter boxes; cages and bedding regularly, and placing plastic covers over fabrics, furniture, pillows and mattresses.

Painkillers' water retention put marathon runners at risk

The combination of certain painkillers and too much water could put some runners at risk of developing a deadly blood condition.

According to researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, a study found that there is a relationship between regular and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, high water intake and the incidence of hyponatremia, a potentially fatal, low-blood sodium disorder.

"These findings mainly affect marathon runners who have achy joints or pain and routinely take nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories," said Dr. Juan Carlos Ayus, Baylor clinical professor of medicine. "These medications can impair the kidneys' ability to excrete water," he explained.

The study examined seven patients who had completed marathons during a six-year period. Each was admitted to the hospital with nausea, vomiting and fluid in the lungs. The six patients who initially received proper treatment survived.

If not immediately diagnosed and treated, hyponatremia can lead to fluid in the lungs or swelling in the brain.

Keeping brain conscious during surgery could preserve speech

Keeping the brain "awake" during brain surgery to treat tumors or epilepsy could help surgeons avoid removing areas of the brain needed to communicate through language.

"We now know that the ability to use language is spread out in the brain, typically on multiple nodes throughout the side of the brain that is dominant for language," said Dr. Daniel Yoshur, an assistant professor of neurosurgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To target areas of the brain that are essential for speech, Yoshur uses an improved version of an old procedure known as "awake craniotomy" in which the brain is stimulated with an electrode probe while the patient names pictures of objects, counts and reads short sentences.

To prepare for the procedure, the patient is put to sleep with intravenous sedatives while the scalp and outer lining of the brain are numbed with an anesthetic. Once the skull and scalp are opened, the patient is allowed to regain consciousness to complete language testing.

Happy New Year!



Los Angeles - Above (left to right) Lou Rawls, Debbie Allen, Yolanda Adams and Bishop T.D. Jakes will serve as co-hosts of the United Negro College Fund's television special, "An Evening of Stars - A Celebration of Educational Excellence" airing in most markets on January 5, 2002. The nationally televised special will feature top celebrity talent including Destiny's Child, Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, Boyz II Men, Tyrese, Chanté Moore, Fred Hammond, Dave Hollister and many more. The show will feature compelling stories of success featuring UNCF students and alumni. The event will not only provide entertainment but will give the public a chance to learn more about the fund and who benefits from it.

Opportunities Abound for South Plains College Music Student



With just one week left in a national singing contest deadline, vocal coach Mickey Vasquez mailed a videotape and biographical sketch of her protegee, CristiAna Perez to The Voice Studio in San Francisco.

Perez, a May, 2000, graduate of Odessa High School, is glad she did. The 19-year-old sophomore commercial music major at South Plains College won the contest and a \$1,000 vocal education scholarship to train with some of the finest vocal coaches in the nation.

The money can be used for vocal lessons and accompanying traveling expenses. The pair flew to Phoenix, AZ on December 16 for Perez' first vocal lesson with Dave Stroud, educational director of the Seth Riggs Speech Level Singing Method. International Inc. Vasquez, an instructor in commercial music at SPC, was certified on Level I of the method during the training.

Perez, daughter of Amy Perez, may soon have a lesson with Riggs in Los Angeles, who has coached Madonna, Natalie Cole, Michael Jackson and other singing legends.

"CristiAna is a gifted, natural singer," said Vasquez. She admits her pupil was a long shot in the contest. "Most of the entries were from the West Coast. She was a foreigner in this thing," said Vasquez.

While her vocal coach was frantically assembling contest materials, Perez was unconcerned. "It never crossed my mind. I didn't know it was such a big deal," she said.

When judges saw and heard Perez's talent on the videotape, "they just loved her; she blew them away," said Vasquez. "It's incredible. Nobody expected us to enter, and nobody expected her to win."

Perez has been singing since she was six. Her first public performance was at an aunt's wed-

ding. "I was really shy but I liked the attention," she said. She sang in choral groups in high school. Country music became her first love.

While a senior at Odessa High School, she visited SPC's commercial music program, well-known for instruction in country, bluegrass, gospel, rock, R&B, blues and others. "I was scared. I didn't know anything about it," she explained.

SPC faculty members soon got her involved in jazz. R&B and other types of music in addition to country. "I said okay, and I loved it," said Perez. "It's important to know different styles of singing," said Vasquez. "CristiAna has a good ear for it."

Perez sang in SPC's contemporary rock touring ensemble and with two televised groups: Country Jukebox and Thursday Nite Live, a monthly musical variety show telecast live on an area cable channel.

She gained both experience and exposure. "My teachers have inspired me and helped me so much with self-confidence. I want to do this now just to prove to myself I can do whatever I put my mind to," she says.

Her experiences at SPC also set the stage for her first professional performance. She sang one night as a guest artist with an SPC ensemble at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock. Don Caldwell, a well-known music promoter, saw her performance and was impressed by the young ingenue: Perez was subsequently hired to sing at the night spot on a regular basis.

Country remains her first love. She wants to go to Nashville after completing her studies at SPC in May.

"I am more comfortable doing that style of music. My main goal is country," she said.

She credits SPC with providing her first opportunities in the music business.

"I have learned more here than I ever thought I would; stuff I didn't know I could do. It was the best choice I've ever made."

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Recycle your Christmas tree

Beginning the day after Christmas and continuing through January 7, 2002, the City of Lubbock will accept fresh cut Christmas trees at five recycling locations. Special roll-off containers will be at each site, and Solid Waste officials ask that residents put their trees in these marked containers.

The trees will be ground into mulch and added to compost. Compost is available free at the City's recycling drop-off centers. Before taking your tree to the recycling center, please remove all decorations and any plastic covering.

Trees will be accepted December 26-January 7 at the following locations:

- Northside Recycling Center, 324 Municipal Drive
- Southside Recycling Center, 1631 84111 Street
- Elmwood Recycling Center, 2002 Elmwood
- Holland Gardens, 4315 50th 5th 01
- 8001 Upland Avenue, North of Heritage Church

Hours at the Recycling Centers are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Drop-off at Holland Gardens and Upland Avenue is 24 hours daily.



Robinson and Walker

Military Chaplain Shares Story of 9/11

WASHINGTON, DC - Most of the 150 ministers who attended a special one-day conference of the Congress of National Black Churches, Inc. have dealt with people in pain; in fear and in need since the terrorist attacks of

September 11th. Few, however had the experience of Army Chaplain Lt. Col. James E. Walker, who ministered at Ground Zero at the Pentagon on that fateful Tuesday morning.

Chaplain Walker does not believe what he did on Sept. 11 and the following weeks was much different from the other pastors and ministers who met at the Park Hyatt Hotel to discuss "Black Pastors United for Hope and Healing: The National Crisis and the African American Community."

Sullivan Robinson, the executive director of the CNBC, said Chaplain Walker brought a unique point of view to the conference. "We were pleased to have Lt. Col. Walker here to give us a military perspective," she said. "He spoke to us from his responsibility as a military officer and his connection through faith in a way that was informative and instructive."

Unemployment Tops Congressional Black Congress Chairwoman's List of Concerns

On behalf of the CBC, Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson delivered the following statement at a press conference on unemployment:

"It is unacceptable that it has been 85 days since the September 11 tragedy and Congress has still not offered any relief to the many American workers laid-off as a result of this calamity. Yet, it took only ten days for Congress to offer a substantial relief package to the airline companies. And, as Members of Congress continue to debate over the particulars of an economic stimulus package, communities are suffering - particularly, the traditionally disadvantaged minority communities.

"As the economy continues to suffer African Americans have been hit hard. Economists agree that the October job loss was most devastating to the African American community. The rate of African American unemployment which is at 9.7 percent nationally in October has for decades persisted at about twice the rate of whites. Studies have shown that even in good times, African Americans suffer the nation's highest unemployment rates and this is exacerbated in bad times. African Americans lose jobs at disproportionate rates and remain out of work longer than other Americans.

"More importantly, it is a concern that scaled back resources for the jobless could make this recession even more difficult for African Americans. Many African Americans are not eligible for unemployment insurance because they worked part-time or short-term jobs. Welfare reform has cut benefits that many low-income citizens relied on as a stand-in for unemployment insurance.

"The Congressional Black Caucus is committed to improving the economy in general, and we are specifically committed to providing relief to the working men and women of America.

"We strongly support a payroll tax deduction, an increase in the minimum wage, the expansion and increase of unemployment benefits and COBRA.

"Immediately, following the unfortunate events of September 11 many of my colleagues strongly argued for the support of the airline companies and Congress agreed, passing a \$15 billion airline stabilization package. Well, now we are arguing for the support of the American worker. It is time to do the right thing."

Companies are Selling Customer Appreciation

A growing number of well-known brands are recognizing that consumers want to feel appreciated. They're discovering that price alone does not ensure brand loyalty.

Some brands have found they need to build a relationship with their customers. To do this they often offer special deals to loyal customers. For example, it's now common for grocery stores to sponsor frequent shoppers clubs, just as airlines have frequent flyer programs and many hotels offer preferred customer programs.

Another method many companies are now trying is creating special events to show their appreciation for customer loyalty. Doral, Jeep and Saturn are three brands that have turned special customer events into annual celebrations.

A growing number of companies are hosting special events to say thank you to their customers.

Called "Celebration," the show featured multi-platinum-selling singer/songwriter Kenny Chesney, country music veteran Mark Chesnut, and the Academy of Country Music's 2001 Top New Female Vocalist of the Year, Jamie O'Neal.

For one day, Doral—a brand of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company transformed Nashville's Greer Stadium into a country music "party with the stars." They gave the company's 2,500 guests from as far away as New York, Florida, Texas, and Wisconsin the chance to meet and perform on the same stage as celebrities, win prizes, and indulge in 1,500 pounds of barbecue pork, 4,000 chicken quarter-pieces, 7,000 hot dogs, 700 pounds of coleslaw, mechanical bull riding and calf roping.

Companies in the 21st century are reaching out to their customers with more than special events. Tailored newsletters and magazines play a part. For example, by including features on customers' hobbies, travel tips, and even collections of personal home-tested recipes, the "Doral & Co." program is able to give its customers a sense of community.

Occasionally these events are a mix of consumer education and entertainment. Other times they are strictly a chance for people who enjoy the same product to get together and have a good time with like-minded individuals and celebrate a shared experience.

For example:
 • Jeep offers vehicle owners a series of Jamborees across the country. Designed for all levels of expertise, these free events include two full days of off-road driving and instruction.

• The Saturn Company created another kind of customer appreciation event called Homecoming. In this event, Saturn owners were encouraged to drive to a location to raise money for Special Olympics. The farther the owners drove, the more the company donated to the Special Olympics.

All of these events were used by the parent companies to draw more information out of customers so they can, in-turn, sell their "loyal customers" more merchandise. In the process, they will convince recipients of their various freebies and invitations to their events that there is a more malevolent motivator, like bringing together people who have common interests. All these corporations really want is more of your money.

Educating Kids Who Learn Differently

by Nancy P. Tidwell

Does your child reverse letters when reading or writing words? Do you wonder why he can talk about advanced subjects, but he can't do a simple math problem? Do you wonder if she will ever learn the days of the week or understand how to tell time?

If your child easily distracted? Does he have difficulty interacting with peers? Does she have difficulty following directions? Is your child an under performing student who is beginning to show behavioral problems? Or, is your child trying but just doesn't seem to learn?

Children who learn differently often experience lives of frustration, confusion, and unwarranted failure. While quite normal, even above average or exceptional in many respects, these children tend to interpret differently what they see or hear. They are often oriented differently to relationships in space and time, and may show poor coordination, lapses of memory, and disorganized thinking. Although neurological tests, as a rule, show no abnormalities, these children are often far behind their age peers in reading, spelling, writing, and math.

According to the experts, fifteen percent of the population in the United States has some type of

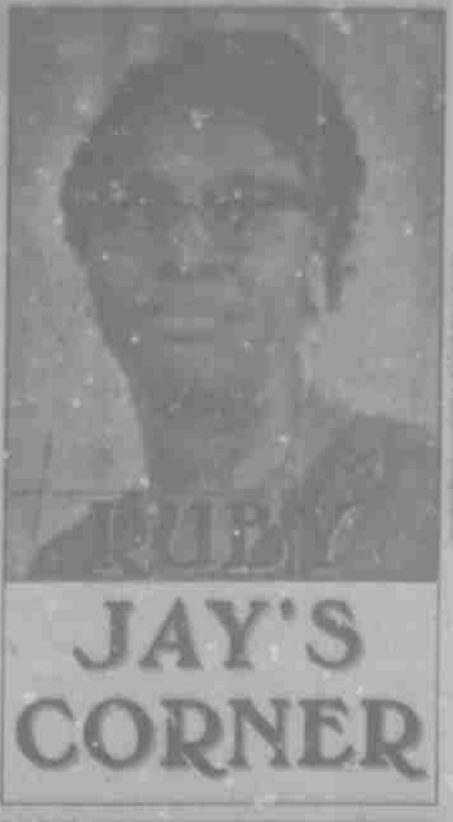
learning disability. These differences do not go away and yet are often misidentified or undetected because they cannot be seen. Children with learning disabilities can be successful in school and lead outstanding careers. Even people renown for their intellectual ability are said to have faced this challenge. A few examples are Harry Belafonte, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Danny Glover, Whoopie Goldberg, James Earl Jones, Michael Jordan, Carl Lewis, and Stevie Wonder.

Children with learning differences can learn—it may take them longer and they have to learn HOW we learn. Unfortunately, many schools are ill equipped to teach children who learn differently. This means that families must educate themselves about "learning differences" and become strong advocates for their own children as well as be a catalyst for change in teaching methods that include all children. Federal law mandates that all children have available to them a "free appropriate public education."

Recently, the National Association for the Education of African American Children with Learning Disabilities was founded to increase awareness and promote an understanding of the specific issues facing our children who learn differently. Research docu-

ments that African American children are sometimes underrepresented in the special education category of specific learning disability while they are often over identified in the categories of emotional disturbance and mental retardation. (These categories are based on the terminology used in federal law.) Discriminatory practices in diagnosis and placement procedures have led the NAAEACLD to begin a major awareness campaign in African American communities throughout the United States. Our goal is to provide parents with information on how to help a child who learns differently, how to define quality instruction, how to access an appropriate education, and how to successfully influence the teaching agenda. The National Newspaper Publishers Association has graciously agreed to support our efforts by promoting this monthly column to its membership of more than 200 minority weekly newspapers.

In the months ahead, this column will address a variety of topics which should be of interest to African American families facing the challenge of educating their children in a society which has seemingly put so little value on the future of its children, particularly those who are economically and socially disadvantaged or culturally different.



JAY'S CORNER

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care" and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. We want to take this time and I wish each of you a Happy New Year. In the New Year, if you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the congregation of New Hope. You will be glad you did so.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a. m. with Brother Ernest Swain presiding as superintendent. All teachers were at their post of duty. After thirty minutes of instruction, teachers and students marched to the main auditorium. Prayer was given by Brother Arthur Brinkley.

High points of the morning lesson were given by Superintendent Swain. It was some valuable information given.

Secretary's Report: Adult Department- Adult Class No. 4 lost both banners to Adult Class No. 2.

The morning Devotion was led by Brother Ernest Swain and Brother Clarence Ervin.

The spirit was very high. What a time! They were assisted by the Praise Team.

The Senior Choir marched in the morning processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered. Sister Fannie Price read the morning scripture which was Romans 10. Prayer was given by Brother Charles Wilson.

After a selection, the responsive reading was read with the congregation and led by Brother Clarence Hatcher. The morning hymn was "Joy To The World."

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. He let the congregation know Jesus is the reason for the season.

Pastor Melon's sermon was entitled "Be Cheerful For Your Words." His scripture text was St. Luke 1:12-20. It was a good message for all of us in attendance.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. If you have an opportunity go by and visit with them if it is possible. There are many among us who are patients in local hospitals. God, however, is still on the throne.

Don't forget those family members who have lost loved ones. Word comes to us about the funeralization of Sister Dorothy Kinner's step-father. He passed away in Fort Worth, Texas. Keep her in your prayers.

Also, Brother D. C. Fair, Jr. lost his wife, Maxine, last week. Funeral services for her are to be held Friday, December 28, 2001, at the Birch Street Church of Christ, She worked for many years in the Lubbock Public Schools. Our prayers and sympathy go out to this family and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin have received word of sickness in their family in Austin, Texas. Our prayers go out to them as well.

Sister J. Quigley is at the bedside of her mother who is a patient in the hospital. God is able.

It has been reported that Sylvester Parker has gone home from the hospital. He and his wife Mary Claudia Parker are former members of New Hope Baptist Church.

Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas.

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Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy, cold 52	Cloudy and cold; windy in the evening. 34	Clouds breaking for some sunshine. 48/39	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

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GARDENING FORECAST

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

FISHING REPORT

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

TV INDEX

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

MOON & SUN DATA

Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Runeset 5:48 p.m.	5:49 p.m.	5:48 p.m.
Moonsset 2:03 p.m.	2:44 p.m.	3:21 p.m.

MOON PHASES

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

REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	HI/Lo W	HI/Lo W	HI/Lo W	HI/Lo W	HI/Lo W	HI/Lo W	HI/Lo W
Abilene, TX	60/40 c	60/41 c	60/40 c	60/40 c	60/40 c	60/40 c	60/40 c
Albuquerque, NM	62/36 pc	64/36 pc	62/38 pc	60/38 pc	62/36 s	58/34 c	58/34 pc
Alton, OH	50/30 c	51/30 c	51/30 c	51/30 c	51/30 c	51/30 c	51/30 c
Amarillo, TX	54/32 c	60/36 s	68/40 s	70/38 s	68/40 s	64/42 pc	58/42 r
Atlanta, GA	70/52 pc	69/52 pc	69/52 pc	69/52 pc	69/52 pc	69/52 pc	69/52 pc
Branson, MO	56/39 c	59/37 pc	62/41 s	58/42 s	61/47 s	65/50 c	64/50 c
Clarks, NM	50/32 c	50/32 c	50/32 c	50/32 c	50/32 c	50/32 c	50/32 c
Dallas, TX	68/48 c	66/46 pc	66/46 pc	64/48 c	68/52 pc	70/54 pc	70/54 c
Dayton, OH	58/30 pc	58/30 pc	58/30 pc	58/30 pc	58/30 pc	58/30 pc	58/30 pc
El Paso, TX	68/46 c	68/40 c	68/42 s	68/44 s	70/48 s	64/48 c	58/44 r
El Paso, NM	68/40 pc	68/40 pc	68/40 pc	68/40 pc	68/40 pc	68/40 pc	68/40 pc
Houston, TX	78/52 pc	72/48 pc	74/50 pc	76/54 pc	76/52 pc	78/58 pc	78/58 c
Indianapolis, IN	50/32 pc	50/32 pc	50/32 pc	50/32 pc	50/32 pc	50/32 pc	50/32 pc
Lake Texoma, TX	68/43 pc	59/42 s	63/47 s	64/48 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
Madison, TN	50/30 c	50/30 c	50/30 c	50/30 c	50/30 c	50/30 c	50/30 c
Oklahoma City, OK	58/38 sh	62/38 pc	64/42 pc	62/44 c	64/48 pc	68/48 pc	64/48 sh
Phoenix, AZ	60/30 s	60/30 s	60/30 s	60/30 s	60/30 s	60/30 s	60/30 s
Rosewell, NM	56/33 c	56/36 c	65/38 s	64/39 s	65/43 c	66/45 c	60/42 sh
San Antonio, TX	78/54 pc	68/50 c	70/54 c	72/58 pc	75/54 pc	75/55 pc	70/59 c
Shreveport, LA	70/42 pc	70/42 pc	70/42 pc	70/42 pc	70/42 pc	70/42 pc	70/42 pc
Tulsa, OK	58/38 c	60/40 c	63/45 s	62/43 s	61/49 pc	68/50 pc	64/50 sh
Waco, TX	70/48 pc	70/48 pc	70/48 pc	70/48 pc	70/48 pc	70/48 pc	70/48 pc
Wichita, KS	60/36 pc	68/36 c	68/40 s	66/40 s	66/44 s	62/44 pc	60/44 r
Wichita Falls, TX	60/40 pc	60/40 pc	60/40 pc	60/40 pc	60/40 pc	60/40 pc	60/40 pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, so-snow, f-fog

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Request for Proposals:

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FOR

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Submissions will be received for the Competitive Sealed Proposal listed below:

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CHURCH DIRECTORY



IN JESUS NAME

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR GIFT??

JOHN 10:10, JESUS SAID, THE THIEF COMETH NOT BUT TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY; I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY (RICHLY).

NOW THAT XMAS IS OVER; THE LIGHTS, TREES, AND SANTA; DON'T MEAN A THING, AND YOU SPENT MONEY ON THINGS YOU DIDN'T NEED; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.

MATTHEW 6:32,33, JESUS SAID, (FOR AFTER ALL THESE THINGS DO THE GENTILES SEEK); FOR YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWETH THAT YE HAVE NEED OF ALL THESE THINGS, BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND ITS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.

THE LORD BLESSED ME TO WRITE; XMAS IS NOT FOR CHRISTIANS LAST WEEK; I KNOW IT DIDN'T PLEASE; GOD WANT YOU TO KNOW THE TRUTH; THAT YOU NEED!!!

JOHN 8:31,32, JESUS SAID, IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED (TRULY); AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. NOW YOUR BANK ACCOUNT IS LOW; AND YOU'RE OVER ON YOUR CHARGE CARDS. YOU GAVE AND GAVE, AND GAVE, BUT DID YOU GIVE YOUR HEART TO GOD???

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED. WHERE IN THE BIBLE DO IT TELL OF A GIFT YOU HAVE TO GIVE? THE DEVIL STARTED THAT LIE AND YOU GAVE, BUT IT DIDN'T FULFILL?

PSALM 23:5, THOU (GOD) PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES; THOU (GOD) ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNNETH OVER.

I ONCE BELIEVED THAT XMAS LIE; AND MY LOVE ONES I DID GIVE, BUT WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, THERE WAS NO JOY. I HAD TO PAY THE BILLS!!!

MATTHEW 11:28, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR (WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

MAYBE YOU'RE LIKE KING HEROD; AND YOU WANT JESUS TO BE DEAD, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO OBEY HIS WORDS; LIKE HE SAID.

MATTHEW 2:16a, THEN (KING) HEROD, WHEN HE SAW THAT HE WAS MOCKED OF THE WISE MEN, WAS EXCEEDING WORTH, AND SENT FORTH, AND SLEW ALL THE CHILDREN THAT WERE IN BETHLEHEM.

SALVATION IS NOT YOU GIVING TO THEM AND THEM OR HE AND SHE, GOD ALREADY GAVE HIS ONLY SON; A GIFT FOR YOU AND FOR ME.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE (PRICELESS) GIFT.

ISAIAH 9:6, UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN (IS HE IN YOUR HEART?); UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN (DID YOU RECEIVE HIM?); THE GOVERNMENT ON HIS SHOULDERS (WILL YOU LET HIM GOVERN YOUR LIFE?); HIS NAME IS CALLED WONDERFUL, (WILL WORK WONDERS IN YOUR LIFE), COUNSELLOR (HE IS THE BEST), THE MIGHTY GOD (HE IS ALMIGHTY), THE EVER-LASTING FATHER (LOVE THAT IS ALWAYS THERE), THE PRINCE OF PEACE (THERE IS ALWAYS PEACE OF MIND).

JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE. XMAS IS NOT PEACE TIME, ITS IN JESUS; WHERE THE WORLD CAN FWD; THAT PEACE OF MIND!!!

PSALM 23:4a,6, YEA, THOUGH WE WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, WE WILL FEAR NO EVIL. SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW US ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE. AND WE WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.

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



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

I would like to thank you who have been a consistent reader of this column for the year 2001.

Writing a weekly column is time consuming and puts the best to the test.

However, with readers like you supporting our efforts in communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ and offer a mixture and taste of what the real world is about, we feel like going on!

Thank you for supporting me when my beliefs were put to the test and misinterpreted by those who have never walked in a Black Man shoes.

We thank those of my political persuasion and the majority of this community for being a friend.

May He who is able to keep you from falling continue to keep you in His care.

Parson Smith

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year from Parson Smith

Out of Control

I began with the end,
I see my future fading,
It's no one fault but mines.

I appear to be healthy on the outside-
When actually I'm dying on the inside,

I'm out of control the end is near.
Tomorrow will I see I do not know.

I have this incurable disease.
A lot of meds I take you see.

I blamed my wife for my recklessness.
For turning me away.
She knows I have this craving for affection everyday.

If I had not broken so many of God's
Commandments and put him first I would not in so much
disrepair.
I believe in you God, in Jesus Christ,
that Jesus died on the cross for our sins,

I know that I allowed lust to take control of
my life. I am asking for forgiveness father.
For you to send your Angels to watch over me in my last days.

This I pray, for I am out of Control.

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to remind you the "Big Day is over. God wants to jump start our ability, our strength, our money, our time.

Some of us ran overtime getting gifts. Was it your birthday? How dare the world pitch a birthday party under false pretence, singing "Jingle Bells" and Frosty The Snow Man" on our Lord's birthday.

What a blessed Christmas we experienced this year. God's blessings don't always bring instant success, fame or favor. His blessings on Mary — the honor of being the mother of the Messiah would lead to pain. Her peers would ridicule her.

Her fiancee would come close to leavign her. Her son would be rejected and die on a cross, but through her son would come the world's only hope. This is why Mary has been praised by countless generations as blessed among women. Her submission led to our salvation.

If your blessings lead to sorrows, think of Mary and wait patiently for God to finish wrokign out His plan. Don't limit God's choices. He can use anybody who trusts him. Mary was a young and poor. It's all over!

Today we're not celebrating ribbons adn bows and Jolly old Saint Nick, but teh Saviour of this world. He's not in a manger, but in our hearts. So let's get down to knowing who Jesus is, and let's roll this year.

God bless you and yours in the New Year. Because of you and this group, we will not let EVIL WIN. We can do all things through Christ who gives us the strength. Let's Roll In Power!

Thanks Brother T. J. Patterson and Brother Eddie Richardson and staff. You all are the greatest. Because of you we are.

Don't forget your drive by prayers for our people all over this city. No matter the color. We're to try and save them all.

Thanks for reading, Precious People. You will receive a blessing by doing so. Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

A Message to Young People: Drug dealers don't like you. God does. Drugs will kill you. Seek help. Talk to somebody today. We're praying for you and the drug dealers. Prayer works if you work it.

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

Come! join us as we sing for joy to the Lord; help us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.



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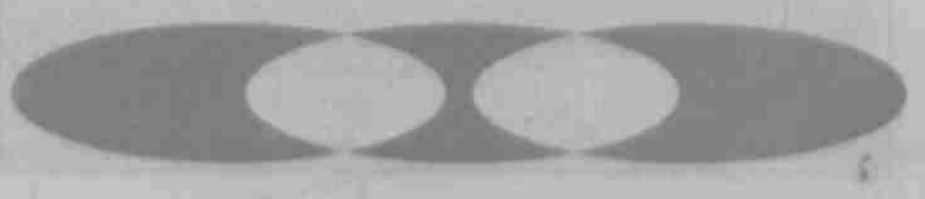
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Remembrances...



JESSIE WOODS

Funeral services were held for Jessie L. "Big Bubba" Woods on Saturday afternoon, December 22, 2001, in the Tull Thornton, Jr. Chapel of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors with Bishop W.C. Green, Sr. officiating.

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

He passed away Monday, December 17, 2001.

He was born November 15, 1954, in Crockett, Texas and was a lifelong resident of Lubbock, Texas.

He is survived by several chill children: Michael and Robert Haskins, Doug Jones, Rebecca Dawson, Rochelle and Jessie "June Bug", Jr.; his mother, Oretta Parker of Clovis, N.M.; four sisters: Frances Dixon of Dallas, Texas, Geneva Flanagan of Houston, Texas, and Linda Washington and Erenette Parker, both of Clovis, N. M.; a brother, Arthur Woods of Clovis, N. M.; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Organization Responds to U.S. Walkout

Brooklyn, N.Y. - Calling his campaign Infinite Justice Quest, Emir Mustafa Ali Hassan, a founding leader of Free African Liberation Organization or African Liberation Movement, has initiated the African American response to the U.S. walkout in September, at the Conference on Racism and Reparation in Durban, South Africa.

Labeling the U.S. walkout an outrageous insult beyond description, and unforgivable, Hassan says that America continues to embrace her racism and ignore the African American demand for reparation because there has never been sufficient consequences that the loyalty and patriotism of Africans in America has; in the past, outweighed our dissent; Hassan says that, starting with Infinite Justice Quest, that will no longer be the case.

Hassan states that Infinite Justice Quest is targeting the financial sector of the U.S. economy in a three phase effort. The first phase will specifically go after credit card

issuing banks, offering total debt assumption and cancellation to African Americans. The second phase will go further, offering all other debt, personal and mortgage, assumption and cancellation. The only exception will be small community banks such as Federal Credit Unions, Savings Associations, etc. In the third phase, Infinite Justice Quest will offer debt assumption and cancellation to all nations that have been victims of what is known as western colonialist exploitation, regardless of the amount of this debt, plus, debt assumption and cancellation will be extended to all non-African American supporters of FALO & ALM.

The financial institutions, banks, and funds, will be given the sole option of recovering their balances out of reparations to be paid to FALO or ALM by the American government. Hassan further states that the amount of reparations due Africans in America from the U.S. government far exceeds the combined debts as outlined above.

Hassan finally says that the intended consequence of Infinite Justice Quest is to undermine, disrupt, destabilize, and permanently put out of business the institutions which have profited the most from the oppression and enslavement of Africans and other peoples, and with the help of The Creator, it will be achieved.

LCU OFFICES CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

LUBBOCK, TX—December 20: 2001-In observance of the Christmas/New Year holidays, all offices on the Lubbock Christian University campus will be closed at noon on December 21. Offices will re-open January 2, 2001 for business. Spring semester registration is set for January 14, 2002 and classes begin on January 15 (Monday night classes begin January 14).

Control Your Energy Bill This Winter

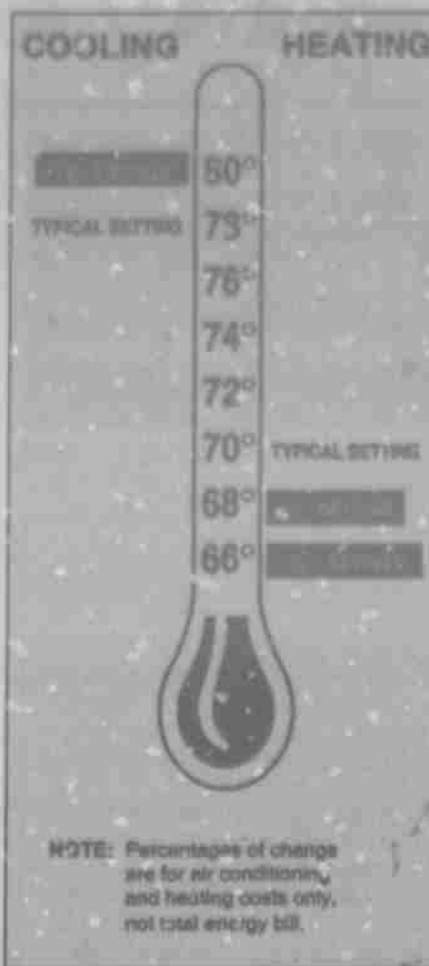
Have you ever found a stashed-away and forgotten \$5 or \$10 bill?

Finding extra cash once in a while is great but what about finding ways to cut costs and reduce monthly expenses all the time?

Your electric bill is a great place to start. Cooling and heating during extreme weather conditions and changing seasons are among Texans' greatest energy costs. You can reduce your electric bill by simply re-evaluating the way you use electricity in your home and making a few simple changes.

Sandy Smith of TXU Energy says adjusting your thermostat is key to gaining control over your electric bill. "For example, you can save nearly a third by lowering your thermostat from 75 degrees to 70. And in summer you can save almost half by raising your thermostat to 78 degrees from 72."

A programmable thermostat can be set to your speci-



cations and your schedule, reaching your ideal temperature just before you get home from work and conserving energy when you're not home.

These can be purchased at hardware stores ranging in price from \$40 to \$100.

Smith also suggests proper maintenance of heating and cooling units, along with weatherproofing your home, to reduce energy costs:

- Check your heating and cooling system filters regularly. Disposable filters should be replaced monthly; permanent filters cleaned monthly.

- When replacing an old air conditioning system, consider a heat pump. It's a high-efficiency air conditioner and winter furnace all in one.

- When weatherproofing, start at the top with attic insulation.

Since heat rises, a poorly insulated attic allows heat to escape during the winter.

- If you can see daylight around the edges of a door or window, it's time to add weather stripping.

Also try caulking around the outside of your doors and windows. It can save more than \$30 annually in energy costs.

Finally, Smith offers this friendly reminder:

"Weatherproofing isn't all about attic insulation and caulk. To keep your home cool, keep draperies or blinds closed on the sunny side of the house. To help maintain warmth, let the sunshine in."

For year-round energy efficiency tips, visit www.txuenergy.com and click on Residential Services.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

New Year, New You

With each new year comes New Year's resolutions. The Texas Medical Association lists the following tips for making those resolutions a reality:

- Make and post a list of the benefits of changing.
- Form a support system to cheer you on and challenge you.
- Counter negative ideas with positive thoughts.
- Reward yourself for your progress.

Sources: Carrie Faeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Medical Association.

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Texas Tech intends to design and construct a new slate of the art Student Wellness Center in Lubbock, TX with a total project budget of \$8,000,000.00 This project aims to consolidate the Student Health Center and the Student Counseling Center into a new or renovated facility. The existing Student Health Center is currently housed in Thompson Hall on the academic campus. This facility is antiquated and inefficient for clinical activities. The Student Counseling Center is located in West Hall also on the academic campus but does not have adequate space for its current operations or future growth. The design professional will be required to conduct preliminary site analysis, prepare programming documents, a schematic design and develop the total project budget.

Interested firms should submit comprehensive Statement of Qualifications after reviewing the Request for Qualifications.

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child support if their children are in the legal custody of another person, such as a grandparent or other relative.

The Attorney General's office is the official child support agency for the State of Texas. We provide free child support services, including locating absent parents, establishing paternity, establishing, enforcing, and modifying child and medical support orders, and collecting and distributing child support monies.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF) recipients automatically receive child support services.

People who do not receive TANF payments have to apply for our services on their own.

Because we want to be as accessible as possible; our office provides several options for obtaining a child support application. If you live in or near one of the following cities, you can contact one of our call centers:

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We encourage people who apply for child support ser-

vices to supply as much information as possible to speed up the process of establishing or enforcing their child support order. The most important information an applicant can provide, aside from the non-custodial parents name and address, is the name of his or her current employer. If you don't know the current employer, try to provide the name and address of the last known employer.

Additionally, letting us know the following information of me other parent will expedite the processing of your case:

- social security number and date of birth; names and addresses of relatives and friends;
- names of banks or creditors such as the utility company;
- names of organizations, unions, or clubs to which the parent belongs; and
- places where the non-custodial parent spends free time.

If possible, be prepared to submit copies of official documents like your divorce decree, children's birth certificates, and a signed acknowledgment of paternity.

As part of the Office of the Attorney General's mission to become the premier child support enforcement

agency in the nation we will continue your efforts to increase child support collections, improve customer service, and upgrade existing systems. The children of Texas deserve nothing less.

Q: After applying for services, how long does it take for my child support payments to be in?

A: Obtaining child support payment, through our Child Support Division involves a wide variety of factors; which makes it difficult to predict the time required to secure payments on individual cases. For example, one case may require the full range of services -locating the absent parent; establishing paternity and a court support order; and enforcing the order. Another case may have a divorce decree with an established support order; a social security number; and an employer for the non-custodial parent; allowing the enforcement of the order through an administrative income withholding order.

Every case is different. But you can be certain my office will do everything possible to collect the financial support your children need and deserve.

Organ Donation Vital to Helping Thousands of Patients

LifeGift Organ Donation Center is urging West Texans to make a heroic New Year's resolution this year — to commit to become an organ donor.

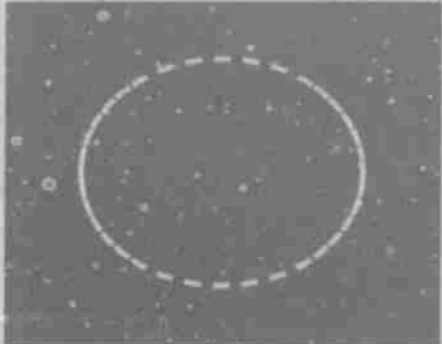
"Since the events of September 11, America is very aware of the many heroes around us," said Sandy Bagley, managing director of LifeGift West Texas. "Each of us can be a hero by committing to become an organ donor and passing on the gift of life."

Nearly 80,000 Americans await an organ transplant. Tragically, 15 people die each day in America because of a shortage of available organs. Lives can be saved by the gener-

osity of ordinary people who agree to donate the gift of life and then tell their families about their decision.

Though an individual may sign an organ donor card, medical professionals are required by law to ask the next-of-kin for permission to donate their loved one's organs. "Therefore," Bagley added "it is vital that individuals inform their families about their decision, to ensure their wishes will be honored."

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BLACK FACULTY AT TEXAS TECH WORKING HARD! THIS N THAT has been advised of some upcoming events being coordinated by the BLACK FACULTY of Texas Tech University. This effort is being led by DR. KAWN'S ALFORD who has done some very positive things getting this effort on track. The BIG EVENT will be held during the month of February, BLACK HISTORY MONTH. In looking at the program, there will be some HIGH PROFILED BLACKS IN MANY AREAS who will be coming to Lubbock and appearing at programs on the Texas Tech University campus and throughout the city of Lubbock. More info on what is coming in the very near future. With the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION, this will coordinate the upcoming events. Also, it has been noted that the MONTH OF MARCH has been set aside for BLACK WOMEN. So stay tuned and there is much more coming. THIS N THAT is pleased with what is happening at Texas Tech University involving our BLACK FACULTY. Hopefully, in the near future, maybe it will be possible to INTRODUCE ALL THE BLACK FACULTY at Texas Tech University. Blacks have come a LONG WAYS since George Scott was employed by the university.

DRUG DEALERS BEWARE! THIS N THAT wants those individuals who are still SELLING DRUGS in the community to know that it will not be tolerated. It just doesn't make any sense for this kind of behavior to continue. THIS N THAT wants those who are still doing these kinds of things to know we are aware of what they are doing and don't be surprised if you get a VISIT FROM AUTHORITIES about what you are doing. It just doesn't make any sense for this to continue, SO DRUG DEALERS be very aware because there are those who are WATCHING YOU and they are very upset with what you are doing.

RICHARD LOPEZ STILL HELPING PEOPLE! THIS N THAT is amazed each year at what a good friend of ours continues to do all year long and not just in the holiday season. This individual is RICHARD LOPEZ, a man with a very interesting background. He is very concerned about those who are HAVE NOTS, regardless of their color. He is the executive director of a program called GUADALUPE ECONOMIC SERVICES CORP., which is located at 1416 1st Street. THIS N THAT wants this gentleman to know that we appreciate what he is doing and hope he will continue to do this kind of work for those. THANKS RICHARD, for A JOB WELL DONE each and every day.

SOMETHING IS WORKS FOR EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT has learned about TWO PROJECTS which will enhance the EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY. For one is the reorganization of the GEORGE WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER and the second will be the BEAUTIFICATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD between East 19th Street and south to the overpass. Both projects are very special for the citizens in this area of the city and will only add to the entire city. More on these projects in the near future.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "LET'S START the New Year off on the GOOD FOOT by visiting some of our PUBLIC SCHOOLS in the city of Lubbock. If you do this OUR KIDS will be very happy to see our face in their school."

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR! THIS N THAT wants to take this time and wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! May the year of 2002 BE ONE YOU WILL DO WELL. 2001 has come and gone, so let's get busy making things happen in this new year. There is so much we all can do, SO LET'S GET BUSY! No matter how small your idea may seem. JUST DO IT! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THANKS TAYLOR RUDD! THIS N THAT wants to THANK a hardworking man, TAYLOR RUDD, and the TEEN PUBLICATION ORGANIZATION for seeing that many young people RECEIVED A BICYCLE for Christmas. More than 300 bicycles were made available by his organization. Now that is a lot of hard work. THANKS!

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Over the last 20 years, one type of pollution has become the leading cause of water quality degradation to our lakes, rivers, and coastal areas.

We've all seen trash in our waterways. Following a storm, other contaminants that are not so easily seen enter our waters in much the same way. When rain falls or snow melts, the water soaks into the ground or flows over the land, picking up and carrying pollutants to our waterways. These sediments and dissolved materials carried to our waterways can directly affect the quality of water. While some of these contaminants are natural like sediment from erosion, many are man-made pollutants and include:

- excess fertilizer, herbicides, and insecticides from residential areas and agriculture lands
- oil, grease, and other toxic chemicals from urban runoff
- motor oil, car batteries and chemical containers that have

- not been disposed of properly
- sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forest lands, and eroding stream banks
- bacteria and nutrients from pet waste, livestock and faulty septic systems

All the seen and unseen contaminants that enter our waters from these diverse sources make up what is called nonpoint source pollution. Unlike pollution that can be traced to a single source, with nonpoint source pollution there is no factory, no single pipe, no single point that can be identified, monitored, and regulated. Instead, nonpoint source pollution is caused by millions of individual actions. For this reason, it is difficult to control because we all contribute to the problem; it is everyone's responsibility.

What can you do?

- Properly dispose of household chemicals

- Choose non-toxic chemicals for your lawn and garden
- Compost grass and leaves
- Sweep (do not wash) fertilizer and soil off driveways and walkways
- Never allow pet waste to wash into storm drains
- Repair oil leaks from motor vehicles immediately
- Recycle used oil and oil filters
- Do not hose spilled brake fluids, oil, grease and antifreeze into the street
- Never throw litter in streets or down storm drains
- Inspect septic systems every year and pump out every two to five years.

Small changes in one's behavior may seem insignificant, but when multiplied by the entire community, it adds up. Do your share to keep our waters clean. For more information on reducing nonpoint source pollution call 1-800-CLEANUP, or check out the Web sites at www.cleanup.org or www.trce.state.tx.us



United Negro College Fund Salutes Outstanding Students on National Television

UNCF kicks off 2002 with its annual fund-raising event, An Evening of Stars: A Celebration of Educational Excellence. The special will honor six outstanding students from UNCF member colleges and universities with profiles on their lives and achievements thus far. Top Row (left to right): Tasha Clemmons, Morris Brown College (Atlanta, GA), Zinia Jimenez, Paul Quinn College (Dallas, TX), Joseph and John Ondinyo, Wiley College (Marshall, TX). Second Row (left to right): Crystal Mashay Robinson, Morris College (Sumter, SC); Tiffany Small, Florida Memorial College (Miami, FL); Brice A. Wilson, Rust College (Holly Springs, MS). The program is scheduled to air on BET and other channels on Saturday, January 5, 2002.

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To Complete the Unfinished Work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

AOIP is an organization engaged in an overall community-building approach to addressing the root cause of all ills among Black and similarly-situated minorities. AOIP's overall objective, via this interorganization coalition, is to begin immediately to transform the discrete communities within Black America, through re-installing "togetherness," into a Shining Oasis of hope that all therein will not only be motivated to learn and become productive parts of our wonderful communities, but also there will be less desire to abandon support for Black-led organizations that have opened economic and other doors for Black-owned businesses, professional entities, Black churches, etc. By inordinately integrating the communities and social and other institutions developed by (and for) other ethnic groups, AOIP has a redemptive mission of completing the "unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The information listed below about your organization should, as best possible, be focused on what your group is doing to help completed that "unfinished work."

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Lubbock Area Client Council
Second Saturday • 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center

Hub City Kiwanis • Every Tuesday
Night • 7:00pm • 1708 Avenue G.

Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd
Saturday 4pm

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

WEST TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES BOARD MEETS IN FORT WORTH

There will be a meeting of the West Texas Legal Services Board of Directors on Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fort Worth Office location: 600 East Weatherford Street, downtown Fort Worth, Texas. The public is invited to attend.

Forgotten West Riders • First & Third
Monday • 7:00 pm • T. J. Patterson
Library

East Lubbock Chapter AARP • Every 1st
Thursday at 1 pm • Mae Simmons
Community Center, Oak and 5th St.



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

Community Meetings
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