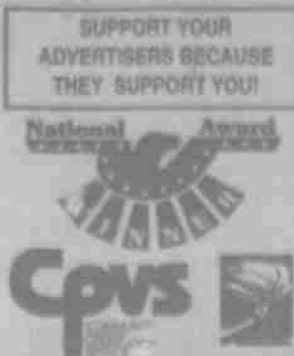


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NATIONAL SCENE

First Nationwide Immunization Campaign Launched In The Congo

For the first time in two years, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) will embark on a nationwide vaccination campaign to immunize nearly 10 million children under the age of five against polio.

The UN World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director of Africa, Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, confirmed that all combatants in the DRC conflict had agreed to a cessation of hostilities to ensure the success of the National Immunization Days (NIDs) to be carried out in three phases August 14 - October 24.

The exercise will be conducted by officials from the Ministry of Health with support from WHO, the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) and Rotary International.

"I am hereby appealing solemnly to all the belligerents to collaborate with us so that we can vaccinate these innocent children," said Dr. Samba appealing to all the warring parties in the DRC to cooperate, so that the vaccination teams will be safe.

House Denies Funds for Army Training Facility

The House of Representatives had handed human rights supporters and unexpected triumph by voting to withdraw funding from the U.S. Army notorious School of the Americas (SOA), the premier training facility for Latin American military officers.

Despite intense lobbying by the Pentagon, the House voted July 29 by a margin of 230-197 to delete all SOA funding about \$2 million from next year's foreign aid appropriations bill. Activists had long accused SOA graduates of being among the worst abusers of human rights in Latin America.

"We're overjoyed that the Congress has voted to cut funding to the school," said Roy Bourgeois, a Catholic priest and the leader and founder of SOA Watch, an independent group which has waged a 10-year fight to have the facility shut down.

The Pentagon declined comment on the vote, referring all calls to the School at Fort Benning, Ga. which according to a spokesman, was "very disappointed with what happened."

Questions Raised About Effectiveness Of Guyana's III President

For the second time in about a month, authorities have been forced to fly Guyanese Pres. Janet Jagan out of the country for medical treatment, but even has specialists remain hopeful, questions about her fitness to hold office are becoming louder.

Cabinet Secretary Roger Luncheon, a physician, said the 78-year-old president's health will almost certainly force a re-evaluation of her role as head of state. While Information Minister Moses Nagampootoo is adamant she must serve out her term.

Confirmed medical reports out of the U.S. where she spent the last week indicate that the President is suffering from a string of illnesses, including angina - a serious heart complaint.

Prior to the trip to the U.S. for medical treatment, Jagan was hospitalized in Guyana last month.

Housing Authority Receives NAHRO Merit Award

Lubbock, TX - Lubbock Housing Authority is the 1999 recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' (NAHRO) Merit Award for Economic Development/Supportive Services.

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in housing and community development programs, throughout the nation. "NAHRO is honored to recognize the achievements of agencies like the Lubbock Housing Authority," said NAHRO President Deborah M. Erlanson, PHM. "Their commitment to improving their community through innovative programs and services should be an example

to us all." Agencies such as the Lubbock Housing Authority are making tremendous headway in responding to the major challenges of today. These are setting standards to be followed by other agencies around the country.

The Lubbock Housing Authority's Economic Development/Supportive Services program is designed to provide supportive services, and viable economic uplift opportunities. These services will afford residents, of public housing, access to the skills and resources to move them toward self-sufficiency, economic independence, and breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. The program uses partnerships and

comprehensive strategies to evaluate the needs of each resident and establish a two and a half-year plan with each household.

This is not the first time the Lubbock Housing Authority has received a national merit award. In 1998, we were honored with the national merit award for two other programs, Family Self-Sufficiency and Drug Elimination Programs. NAHRO award categories include Administrative Innovation, which recognizes creative administrative methods used in areas such as resident and client services, inter-agency cooperation, image building and professional development.

Program Innovation: Affordable Housing, includes programs that produce affordable housing in an innovative manner, i.e., creative financing, public/private partnerships, mixed income developments, adaptive reuse, special needs housing. Program Innovation: Resident and Client Services which focuses on areas as anti-drug programs, homelessness and employment opportunities. Program Innovation: Community Revitalization includes programs that have a positive economic impact on a neighborhood or city; i.e., economic development, creative financing, public/private partnerships,

mixed use developments, neighborhood preservation, and Project Design, which includes efforts in areas such as new housing design, public housing modernization, and neighborhood revitalization.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials is a 65-year old professional membership organization of housing and community development officials throughout the United States who administer HUD programs at the local level. Its membership, numbering 9,000 has long participated in the creation and fine-tuning of national housing and community development policies and programs.

More Happy Married Couples In Lubbock, Texas

If there ever was a time for the family, it's now for them to stand up for mankind. Here are some happy married couples of Lubbock, Texas who are happy about their married lives and have shared a life of love for each other.

The first couple is Mr. and Mrs. James R. Gilmore who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, August 25, 1999. However, their celebration was held Saturday evening August 7, 1999 with a dinner-reception at Godbold Cultural Center. Their children and spouses hosted the event. They are parents of Donald Gilmore, Gladys Hardaway, Gregory

Gilmore and Gerald Gilmore, all of Lubbock, Texas; David Gilmore of Dallas, Texas; and James Gilmore, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio.

Gilmore and the former Priscilla Williams were married August 25, 1949 in Birmingham, Alabama. They have 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Carey Don Childers and the former Joyce McCormick shared their 25th Wedding Anniversary on March 23, 1999. However, the children gave them an anniversary dinner at the 50 yard Line. Afterwards, the Childers took a trip to Nassau Bahamas and Orlando, Florida. They have



Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore



Mr. and Mrs. Childers



Mr. and Mrs. Bunton

three children: Ravelin Childers of Denton, Texas; Carey Don, Jr., and Bran'Don, both of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter-in-law Pauline and three grandchildren.

Also celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary are Leon and Sarah Bunton. They celebrated this anniversary on Tuesday, August 3, 1999. Their children" Tracie York of

Houston, Texas and Marcus Bunton of Lubbock, Texas gave them a dinner party. This was held Saturday evening August, 14, 1999 in their home. They had a super time.

African-American To Lead Veterans Organization

Washington D.C. - George C. Duggins was reelected president of Vietnam Veterans of America at VVA's biennial convention in Anaheim, California. Duggins first assumed the presidency in January 1997 after serving as vice president. He was first elected at VVA's 1997

convention in Kansas City. Duggins remains the only African-American president of a major veterans service organization.

A native of Chesapeake, Virginia, Duggins served with the U.S. Army Security Agency (ASA) from July 1965 to April 1969 with the rank of E-5. He

served in Vietnam from May 1966 to December 1967 with the 8th R.R.F.S. in Phu Bai and from April 1968 to April 1969 with the 330th R.R. Co. in Pleiku.

A life member of the VVA Tidewater Chapter 48 in Chesapeake, Duggins joined the organization in 1985 and

has held many elected and appointed positions. He served on the National Board of Directors for nine years and has served as national chair of the VVA's membership, credentials, convention, scholarship, and minority affairs committees. He was elected vice president in 1995.

"I am honored to have been selected by my brother and sister Vietnam veterans to lead this organization for another two years," Duggins said. "I am confident that together we will continue to fulfill the ambitious goals of our organization and insure that never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

In 1996 Duggins was a

member of a delegation sent by President Clinton to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos to investigate the POW/MIA issue. He is the past chair of the City of Chesapeake Mayor's Committee of Veterans Affairs and is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church. He also serves on the Citizens Advisory Board for Nova Chemicals and the Aeolin Club.

A graduate of Tidewater Community College, Duggins is employed at ValuOptions in Norfolk, Virginia as a computer systems engineer. He resides in Chesapeake with his wife, Blanche, and their two daughters, Stacey and Shana.

Texas Woman Named DAV Auxiliary Member Of Year

CINCINNATI - Dorothea Turner, Senior Vice Commander for Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary Unit 44, Lubbock, Texas, has been selected to receive the DAV Auxiliary Past National Commanders' Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year Award for 1999. She will be presented the award during the opening session of the 78 National Convention of the DAV and Auxiliary on Aug. 21, in Orlando, Fla.

LCU Freshman Receives Scholarship

LUBBOCK, TX - Melissa Veronica Sedillos, who is an entering freshman at Lubbock Christian University, has been granted a First Generation Scholarship from the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Texas Independent College Fund. The scholarship is \$5,000 a year for four years, providing the criteria continue to be met. Melissa is a Pre-Med major from Artesia, NM.

Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year Award for 1999. She will be presented the award during the opening session of the 78 National Convention of the DAV and Auxiliary on Aug. 21, in Orlando, Fla.

"It's an honor to recognize Dorothea Turner as the 1999 Outstanding DAV Auxiliary Member," Auxiliary National Commander Evelyn Dorsey said. "Her love, leadership and dedicated service to the Auxiliary and her community, are a true testament of what the Auxiliary represents."

A native of Solingen Germany, Mrs. Turner came to the United States in 1957 and became a naturalized citizen in 1959. She joined the DAV Auxiliary in 1990, when she and her husband, Garland, a service-connected disabled veteran and retired U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer,

retired to Texas.

Since 1990, she has served as Unit 44 Commander twice, Sr. Vice Commander twice, and on a variety of community service projects and programs that have made her a much loved, respected and well known volunteer in her community.

Among her many volunteer activities is the Women's Protective Service (WPS) in Lubbock, where she volunteers at least one full day a week. Her duties include child sitting (to provide mothers free time), help with meal planning and cooking skills, and lots of concerned listening. She has also involved many members of her Auxiliary Unit in supporting the shelter. Mrs. Turner was recognized as the WPS Volunteer of the Year for 1998 for her efforts on behalf of the organization.

A Day To Be Blessed!



Deloris Rainwater celebrated her 75th birthday on Tuesday, August 24, 1999. There was a surprise pot luck dinner with family and friends in her home.

The hostesses were Alice Rainwater of Slaton, Texas and Joyce Childers of Lubbock, Texas.

Mrs. Rainwater is a resident of Denver, Colorado and is married to George Rainwater.

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit with the members of New Hope. You will be glad you did so. We're always glad to have those who are looking to become members.

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. All teachers and students were in their various classrooms for thirty minutes of instruction.

The praise team was in charge of the devotional period. What a time in the Lord!

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with the Male Chorus singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Brown.

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observations. As always he was something positive to say to the congregation. Let's keep praying for our church and pastor.

Pastor Moton delivered another spirit filled sermon which we will feed upon all week long.

Monday evening, August 30, 1999, the Ruby Jay Circle surprised Sister Jay with a belated birthday party. It was held in the Fellowship Hall of New Hope. Several members were present as well as the W.M.S. President, Sister Joan Y. Ervin. Sister Jay wasn't to say a special "Thank You" for such a wonderful gesture. The many gifts, i.e. money, ice cream, cake and punch was great! "I just want to say, thank you," said Sister Jay.

Let us not get our sick and shut in citizens of the community. This is also true for those who are bereaved.

Let us pray for the Geraldine Colvin family as she was funeralized at New Hope Baptist Church. Rest Haven Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

The 73rd March Against Drugs and Gangs has been set for Thursday evening, October 21, 1999, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The location has not been set. It will be announced in the very near future. This march will be in conjunction of the YWCA's Week Against Violence.

Doctors Recommend Routine Eye Examinations For Back-To-School

Washington, DC - As summer ends and kids head back to the classroom, the Contact Lens Council (CLC), encourages parents to have their children screened for vision problems as part of September's back-to-school routine. A visit to a pediatrician or an eye care specialist can rule out common misdiagnoses of learning disorders in school-age children and better prepare a child for his education.

"Children can be easily mislabeled as 'poor learners', when, in actuality, they may simply have visual problem," says Dr. Stuart R. Dankner, a prominent pediatric ophthalmologist in Baltimore, MD. A past president of Maryland Society for Bight and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), Dr. Dankner works extensively with children and cites two conditions most frequently overlooked

without proper vision screening: amblyopia and focusing problems. "Both conditions can affect how well a child learns," he cautions.

"Amblyopia, commonly referred to as 'lazy eye', is entirely preventable if diagnosed early enough," says Dr. Dankner. Amblyopia is generally caused by one of three things that can make vision weaker in one eye: an eye muscle problem or misalignment called strabismus; occlusion or disuse; or a focusing problem in one eye that causes the other to grow "lazy."

While amblyopia occurs when vision is weaker in one eye, focusing problems involve trouble with both eyes, and fall into three categories: myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), and astigmatism, a curvature of the cornea that can cause vision distortion. Eye specialists can correct each of

these focusing problems.

The CLC and eye care professionals encourage parents to schedule regular vision screenings for their children and to consider contact lenses for vision correction. More children are wearing contact lenses for vision correction, as lens wear become easier and more convenient than ever before. There have been numerous recent developments in contact lens technology that allow for correction of specific problems, such as astigmatism.

The AAO has compiled a list of risk factors for parents of school-age children. These include: misaligned, or "lazy" eye; squinting or recurrent headaches that cannot be explained medically; a family history of amblyopia or strabismus (a misalignment that causes

amblyopia); or premature birth, if a child exhibits any of these symptoms (or falls into any of these categories), the AAO recommends that he or she see an eye specialist.

The Contact Lens Council (CLC) is a non-profit organization serving as an educational resource on vision correction for consumers and is devoted to promoting the safe use of contact lenses. The CLC is sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Allergan Optical, Bausch & Lomb, Biocompatibles, CIBA Vision, Cooper Vision, Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Products, Inc., Wesley Jessen. The American Optometric Association, Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologist, and the Contact Lens Society of America are advisory members of the CLC.

Ten Free Trees

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September 1999.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn

colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 1999.

Truckstops Aid Disaster Victims In Texas

Alexandria, VA - As Texas residents recover from Hurricane Bret this week, area truckstops and travel plazas are helping to keep Red Cross disaster relief personnel on the road by providing them with free fuel and other transportation services.

Those travel plazas providing assistance to the Red Cross include Petro Stopping Centers in Beaumont and San Antonio; Pilot Travel Centers in Baytown, Houston, Laredo and San Antonio; TravelCenters of America in Baytown; and Wolff's Travel Stop in Three Rivers.

"The truckstops and travel plazas in southern Texas wanted to show an in a meaningful way that they care about their neighbors," commented Kathy Beeler, chairman of The NATSO Foundation, the public outreach arm of the travel plaza and truckstop industry. "They realize how important it is to keep the Red Cross moving, providing hot meals and emergency services to disaster victims."

Over 400 travel plazas and truckstops across the nation have

formally signed on to assist the Red Cross in the aftermath of regional or national disasters. Travel plazas have donated over 10,000 gallons of fuel, as well as meals, truck washes and other services to Red Cross personnel since the industry's disaster relief program began in 1996.

The program has provided fundamental assistance to rescue efforts in areas of the South damaged by tornadoes and wildfires last year, as well as areas of the Southeast damaged by Hurricanes Bonnie and Georges. This year in Oklahoma and Kansas, where dozens of the most severe types of tornadoes devastated communities, truckstops stepped up to support Red Cross disaster relief operations. Truckstops in Utah are currently helping disaster relief operations following the tornado that hit Salt Lake City last week.

The NATSO Foundation is the 501(c)(3) non-profit public outreach subsidiary of NATSO, which represents the travel plaza and truckstop industry.

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Tuesday 2:30 p.m. 3-5 year-olds
Wednesday 10:30 a.m. 2 year-olds
Thursday 10:30 a.m. 3-5 year-olds

Sherman Hemsley To Appear In Junior Achievement Public Service Announcements

Colorado Springs, CO - Sherman Hemsley, the actor known for his role as George Jefferson in the 1970s television hit "The Jeffersons", will appear in new Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for Junior Achievement (JA).

The PSAs feature the theme "What If?" In the spots, Hemsley asks, "What If I were Junior Achievement?" His immediate answer is, "I am."

The PSAs will be offered to national television networks and regional cable operators. The spots will also be distributed through Junior Achievement offices across the country to local television stations.

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Obituaries Sharing The Visions For Tomorrow

Dallas, Texas • (Special) Final rites were read for Georgia Ann Hervey Reynolds on Saturday afternoon, August 21, 1999 at Lincoln Funeral Home Chapel with Evangelist Betty Carter Hoovey officiating.

Interment was held in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home of Dallas, Texas.

Pallbearers were Shon Hervey, Andre Hervey, Anthony Hervey, Frank Golden, Jerry J. Ellis, II and Orvis Hervey.

She was born February 1, 1944 to Jewel Edwards and Willie Lee Hervey in Lubbock, Texas. She attended Ella R. Iles Elementary School and Paul Lawrence Junior and Senior High School. In high school, she was a drummer in the Panther Marching Band. She received her spiritual nurturing at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ until she moved to Dallas.

She met and married Edward Reynolds on July 16, 1960. To this union, they were blessed with four sons and three daughters.

Her father, sister, Lillian Beaty; and son, Edward Jr., preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her



memory: her husband, Edward Reynolds; three sons: John L. Hervey, James E. Reynolds and Eddie E. Reynolds; three daughters: Sherri Golden, Toni Reed and Laura Ann Wilson; her mother, Jewel Edwards, three sisters: Vera Burns of Dallas, Texas; Linda Ellis of Lubbock, Texas and Fannie Mae Rudd of Los Angeles, California; two brothers, Alford Hervey of Levelland, Texas and Curtis Holt of Gilmer, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Karen Reynolds; three sons-in-law: Martin Golden, Steve Reed and Eugene Wilson; twelve grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, four sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Today's new and improved 8(a) Business Development Program helps socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs gain access to the economic mainstream of American society and to gain a foothold in government contracting. Eligible small business are owned and controlled by socially and economic disadvantaged individuals. Presumed groups are African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Lubbock will sponsor the Visions of Tomorrow Education Course specifically for caregivers of children diagnosed with brain disorders. The 9-week series of workshops will start in Lubbock on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Lubbock Regional MHMR (In The Boardroom) located at 38th & I-27.

The course will cover information about brain biology; biological factors, genetics and environmental/psychosocial; ADD/ADHD, PDD/Autism, Tourette's Disorder, Conduct Disorder; Bipolar Disorder, Depressive Disorder, Eating Disorder; Anxiety Disorders; Obsessive-Compulsive, Post-Traumatic Disorder, Eating Disorder; Anxiety Disorders; Obsessive-Compulsive, Post-

Traumatic Stress, Separation Anxiety, Panic, Phobia, and Generalized Anxiety; Childhood Schizophrenia/Psychosis' Empathy & Sharing Our Unique Life experiences; PARENTS AS CASE MANAGERS; Communications Skills; Caregiver, System and Sibling Support; Coping; Self-Care; Problem Management; Rehabilitation, Recovery, Transition, Advocacy, Judicial, & Stigma. The curriculum has been written by an experienced TEXAMI staff and family members, caregivers and professionals and the course will be taught by AMI-family member volunteers who have taken intensive training as course instructors. The co-teachers for the Lubbock area will be Rosalinda Erevia, Robyn Jimenez and Toni Kizer.

Mary Krommes Robins, family member from San Antonio, currently co-chairs the TEXAMI Child and Adolescent Network and will serve as TEXAMI's Vice President in 1998-1999, exclaimed, "MY dream has been the development of an education program for families of children with brain disorders. Visions for Tomorrow is a dream come true! We hope caregivers of children with brain disorders will take advantage of this unique opportunity."

The course is designed specifically for caregivers of children with brain disorders. The course is not appropriate for individuals who themselves suffer from one of the major mental illnesses.

The Visions for Tomorrow Education Course is free. For more information or to register, call Rosalinda Erevia at 806-790-5323, or contact Children's Services Director, Ashley Hoffman at the Lubbock office at 1-806-79-4468.

Coca-Cola Sponsors 54th Annual Lady Of Soul Awards



A star-studded reception to announce nominations for the 5th Annual Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards was sponsored by Coca-Cola USA on the set of the Soul Train television show at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles. Donna Byrd, right, brand manager, Coca-Cola classic and Don Cornelius, founder and host emeritus of Soul Train welcome guest hosts Actor Shemar Moore and hit recording artist Deborah Cox to the reception. The 5th Annual Lady of Soul Awards will be held at the Santa Monica Civic Center in Santa Monica, California on September 3rd. Coca-Cola classic is the exclusive soft drink sponsor of the Lady of Soul and the Soul Train Music Awards.

Richard Kelsheimer Top Performing Agent

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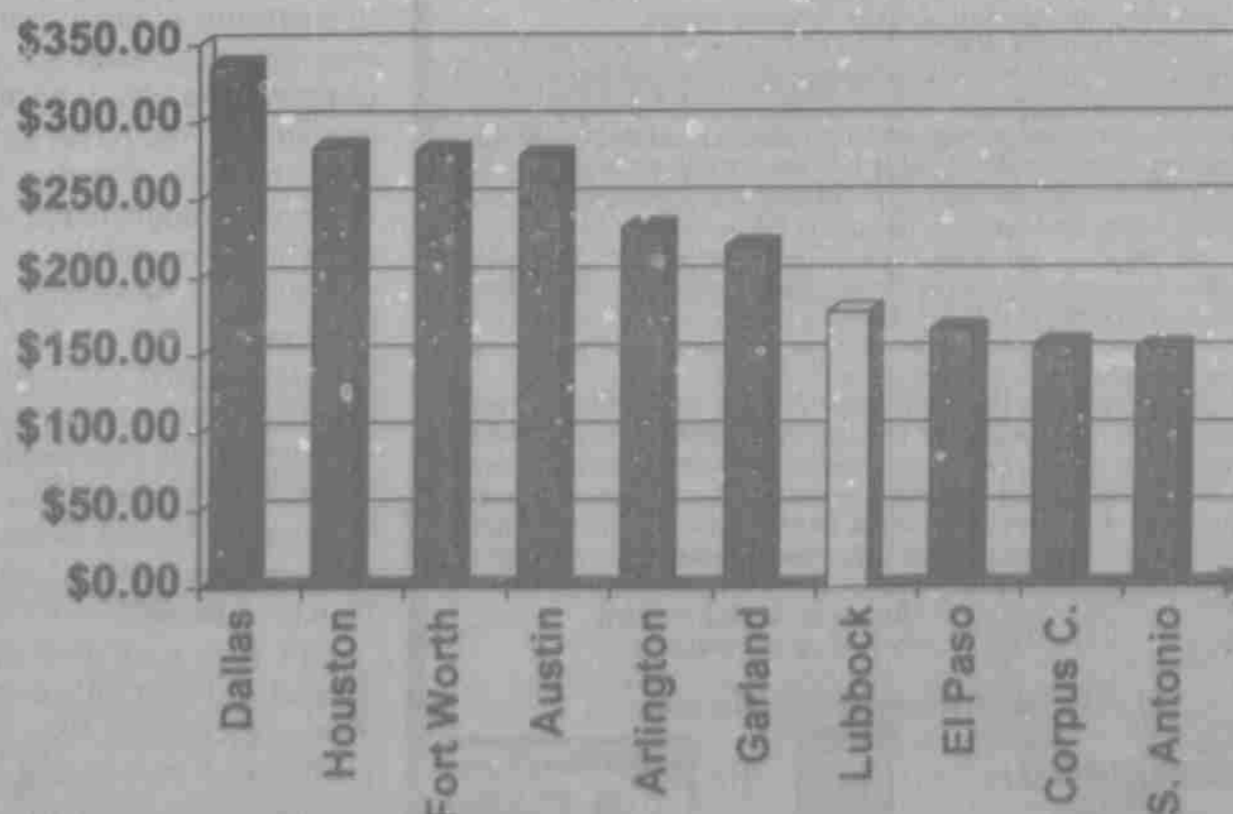
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MUST WEAR SEATBELT! THIS N THAT ... HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT A ... CHILD ... BETWEEN THE AGE OF ... 4 & 15 ... MUST WEAR A ... SEATBELT ... IF SEAT IS EQUIPPED WITH A BELT ... OPERATOR ... OF A VEHICLE CAN BE ... TICKETED ... FOR FAILURE TO ... REQUIRE A CHILD TO BUCKLE UP! ...

PROMOTION TO FULL BIRD! THIS N THAT ... WOULD TO ... SALUTE ... LT. COL. ANITA E. BURGESS ... CITY ATTORNEY ... FOR BEING ... PROMOTED TO RANK ... OF COLONEL ... IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE ... FRIDAY MORNING ... SEPTEMBER 10, 1999 ... AT 10:00 A.M. ... IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ... SHE WILL BE ... PINNED ... CONGRATS ... TO A LADY WHO HAS DONE WELL FOR HER COUNTRY. ...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "IN LIFE ... IF YOU ARE SEEKING AN OPPORTUNITY ... YOU ... MUST LEARN TO ... LEAP ... AND THE ... NET WILL APPEAR! ...

GO BY AND VISIT STUBB MEMORIAL! THIS N THAT ... WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO BY AND ... VISIT ... THE ... C.B. STUBBLEFIELD MEMORIAL ... AT THE FAMOUS LOCATION OF THE ONCE LOCATION ... OF ... STUBB'S BARBECUE ... 108 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE ... YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID SO ... AS IT IS A WONDERFUL STEP FOR THIS CITY ... AND ... ITS PEOPLE ... MORE THAN ... 200 PEOPLE ... WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE ... DEDICATION ... HELD SUNDAY EVENING ... AUGUST 29TH. ...

VERY GOOD PROGRAM FOR CISI THIS N THAT ... WAS IMPRESSED WITH ALL THE ... YOUNG PEOPLE ... WHO TURNED OUT FOR THE BAR-B-QUE ... AT ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ... IT WAS A MEANS OF ... INTRODUCING THE ... COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM ... AT THE ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA ... LAST TUESDAY EVENING ... MORE THAN ... 200 PEOPLE ... WERE IN ATTENDANCE ... THIS PROGRAM IS ON FOUR CAMPUSES ... THEY ARE ... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL ... ALDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ... HUNT & POSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ... WITH A LOT OF DEDICATION ... AND THE ... HELP OF PARENTS ... THIS PILOT PROGRAM ... WILL HELP TREMENDOUSLY WITH TAKING CARE OF THE ... DROPOUT PROBLEM ... IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ... THERE SHOULD BE SIGNS OF THIS ... DURING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ... THIS N THAT ... WILL BE LOOKING FOR SOME ... FAVORABLE SOLUTIONS! ...

STAY TUNED FOR 73RD DRUG & GANG MARCH! THIS N THAT ... IS HAPPY TO NOTE THAT THE NEXT ... MARCH AGAINST DRUGS & GANGS ... WILL BE ... IN OCTOBER, 1999 ... STAY TUNED FOR THE LOCATION ... AS IT WILL BE ... NUMBER 73 ... THIS MARCH WILL BE DONE DURING THE ... YWCA'S WEEK AGAINST VIOLENCE. ...

We Must Pull Ourselves Up By Whatever Bootstraps We Have

By Eddie P. Richardson

The Southwest Digest as well as other Black Media Newspapers over America - more than 65% if all printed media in Black America cooperatively - is dedicated to eliminate these burdensome needs from within Black America. We have chosen as our overall theme for the 1990's: "Casting Down

Our Buckets Where We Are." This new emphasis - or priority - will have to involve getting all our Black community organizations and institutions together to encourage our youth and others to take pride in preparing themselves early to be our community's economic builders.

This means new forms of massive training to take over

our Black community's needs for Black bricklayers, Black carpenters, Black electricians, Black street sweepers, as well as Black policemen, Black teachers in Black schools, Black firemen, Black doctors, Black lawyers, Black merchants, and Black businessmen and women of all kinds. It also calls for new forms of partnerships whereby we, simultaneously can encourage the Black community to selectively support those white-owned businesses and institutions which have policies that tend to build our long denied communities in an equitable manner.

This new priority of rebuilding our communities from within calls for new roles for all in the Black community. It means that the Black Press - Southwest Digest - and others will have to examine every possible way we can "pull up our communities by whatever bootstraps" we have, as we seek the long-overdue and deserved support required of the white community.

However, the leadership to make our communities the responsible and self-sustaining market places must come from within our communities! We have a tremendous task before us. We must all take as our personal creed "if it is to be it is up to me!"

It's way past time to sit around and wait on someone else and criticize. We must all become involved in our communities and do our share for the good of us all!

If We Really Want To Honor Native Americans

Navy Out Of Vieques

Most of us have never heard of Vieques, a little island about twice the size of Manhattan and seven miles off the coast of Puerto Rico. Its 10,000 residents are squeezed between an ammunition storage area of the U.S. Federal government and the live ammunition firing range that the U.S. Navy uses about half the year for military training exercises. The people of Vieques, who also experience higher unemployment rates and higher rates of cancer and other illnesses than their Puerto Rican brothers and sisters truly understand the old saying about being caught between a rock and a hard place.

The Navy's use of Vieques dates back to the 1940s when the U.S. government paid \$1.6 million to the government of Puerto Rico for 26,000 acres of land, before autonomous commonwealth status was established and when governors still were appointed by Washington. For many years the Navy's training program has engendered protests by residents of Vieques and in the late 1970's the governor of Puerto Rico sued the Federal government, asserting that the shells and bombs were endangering the residents as well as the coral reefs and wildlife. That suit in an memorandum of understanding between Puerto Rico and the U. S. government in which the Navy agreed to promote economic development and begin conservation measures to protect endangered species.

According to a special commission appointed by the current Puerto Rico governor, little of that memorandum of agreement has occurred. I concluded that the military training had disastrous economic and environmental impact and that it violated the human and constitutional rights of the residents of Vieques.

Incredibly, the Navy now has admitted that even as late as 1993, 25 years after the Viet Nam war, it exploded napalm on Vieques. Napalm is the sticky substance similar to gasoline which was used in Viet Nam and which caused untold human and environmental damage.

Moreover, in February Navy pilots accidentally fired 263 shells with depleted uranium tips, near people who already have a 27 percent higher rate of cancer than there Puerto Ricans. Two months later one civilian was killed and four others were injured when a plane dropped two bombs a mile and a half from its intended target.

Both Puerto Rican government officials and private citizens have joined in a vehement call for the Navy to leave Vieques, its plight has brought together the three political parties of Puerto Rico as well as religious and environmental groups. For more than two months a group of people has occupied the eastern tip of the island, setting up tents and a chapel and promising that they will not leave until the military exercises stop.

But the Navy contends that it cannot conduct its military training exercises elsewhere. And while it has suspended its maneuvers pending its investigation of the April incident, it continues its exercises in the Caribbean 50 miles away.

In the words of one Vieques man, "Nobody would allow this in the United States."

The treatment of Vieques adversely impacting its employment, its economy and its wildlife while not allowing its citizens to be a part of the decision - is classic environmental racism.

The Navy presence in Vieques is classic colonialism. As we enter the new millennium we must end the last vestiges of the worst of the old



By Bernice Powell Jackson

one. Let's get the Navy out of Vieques. Now.

Africa Lagging Behind In Telecommunications

Making a phone call or surfing the Internet has become a central feature of everyday life the world over except in Africa.

However a recent \$600 million project to install a submarine cable connecting the continent with the rest of the world is one of many projects that are set to revolutionize African communications into the new millennium, industry experts hope.

South Africa has been the largest explosion in connectivity and boasts about 800,000 of the continent's 1.2 million Internet users. And unlike on the rest of the continent, South African users are both rural and urban.

Virtually all of African has access to the Internet, but only in the urban centers and then only accessible to a small elite.

Work on the project is expected to start shortly and the system should be operational by 2001 in line with the Independent Commission for World Wide Telecommunications Development's call for every human being to be in reach of a telephone by the early part of the next century.

Just When You Thought it Was Safe ...

Washington, DC - A new breed of loan shark is preying upon unwary consumers. Most credit scams and specifically, advance-fee loan scams, "guarantee" or represent a "high likelihood of success" that the advertiser will be able to get or arrange a loan or other form of credit for a consumer, regardless of the consumer's credit history. These scams differ from legitimate, guaranteed offers of credit in one critical way: they require payments up-front, before the lenders is identified and the application is completed. Legitimate lenders may require consumers to pay application, appraisal, or credit report fees, but these fees never are required before the lender is identified and the application completed. In addition, these fees generally are made payable to the lender, not the broker or arranger of the supposed "guaranteed" loan or extension of credit.

Legitimate lenders rarely guarantee a loan or extension of credit before evaluating a consumer's creditworthiness. However, there are legitimate guaranteed offers of credit. For example, guaranteed offers of credit cards or other extensions of credit do not require any payments up-front for a consumer to accept the offers. These are firm offers of credit that require a consumer to accept the offer; they are advance-free loans only if they offer the consumer the "opportunity to apply" for credit.

Advertisements that promise loans generally appear in the classified section of newspapers and magazines and on the Internet. Often, the ads feature "900" numbers, which result in charges on your phone bill. Advance-fee loan scam, also are promoted through direct mail and radio and cable TV spots. The appearance of an ad in recognized media outlets - such as your local paper or radio station - does not guarantee the legitimacy of the company behind the ad.

The Federal Trade Commission says you can avoid advance-fee loan sharks. Here's how: Don't pay for a promise. It's illegal for companies doing business by phone to promise you a loan and ask you to pay for it before they deliver. Ignore any ad - or hang up on any caller - that guarantees a loan in exchange for an advance fee. Legitimate lenders never "guarantee" or say that you will receive a loan before

you apply, especially if you have bad credit or no credit record.

Never give you credit card or bank account numbers, or Social Security Number, over the telephone unless you are familiar with the company and know why the information is necessary.

If you have been victimized by an advance-fee loan scam, contact your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau (BBB), or your state Attorney General. You also may file a complaint with the FTC online at www.ftc.gov - click on Complaint Form; call, toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357); or write, Consumer Response Center, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

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Father McClure Visits Local Church

Father Derrick David McClure, OSB visited St. Moses the Black Orthodox Catholic Church last month. Rev. Father McKinley is pastor.

Father McClure's early matriculation was at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Philosophy with special emphasis on religious studies.

Since 1990, Father McClure has engaged in Theological Studies on a post graduate level at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington Bible College and Seminary and Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary. He has successfully completed course work in Homiletics, Bible Interpretation, Systematic Theology, Old and New Testaments, Biblical Counseling, Church History, Church Administration, Pastoral Care and Ecclesiastical Canon Law.

As an ordained Deacon, Father McClure served as Assistant Pastor, implemented chaplaincy programs at D.C. General Hospital Howard University Hospital, and assisted in the establishment of "The



Mission of Saint Benedict the Black" as its first administrator.

In further preparation for the Priesthood, in 1996, Father McClure began serving as assistant to Bishop Alexis Tancilok at Saint Cyril and Methodius for two years, while also serving at "The Church of Saint Simon Cyrenian." During Father McClure's tenure with the American Catholic Church, he was elevated to the office of Archdeacon in June of 1997. In June of 1998, Father McClure was ordained to the Priesthood by Archbishop Jamen Bernardt Butler, O.S.D., DD, Primate Metropolitan, of "The African Orthodox Church, Inc." Father McClure currently serves as the Chaplain in Residence.

New Hope Baptist Members In 97th Annual Session of WTBDA in Odessa



Pictured are some of the events of the 97th Annual Session of the West Texas Baptist District Association which convened in Odessa, Texas August 3, 4 & 5, 1999. Host church was the House of Prayer, Rev. Curtis Norris, pastor.

With the theme,

"Committed Women of God on a Mission To Serve," Esther 4:16, Matthew 28:19-20, the Women's Auxiliary 1999 International Year of Older Persons was held. In a special feature, "Women in Golden Years," Mrs. Vinnie Hibbler was crowned "Golden Year Queen". She is a member of

New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor. Pastor Moton and members appreciate the hard work Mrs. Hibbler has contributed over the years.

Youth Department; congratulations are in order for Miss Kendra Williams of New Hope Baptist Church for

being crowned as "Rose Queen" in the Wedding of Roses Youth Pageant. She is the daughter of Ms. Laverne Williams.

Guan Norris is youth president; Linda Taylor, director; and Callie Howard, president. Rev. W.J. McClendon, Sr. is Moderator.

Recruitment Underway For Fall Volunteer Training Classes

Hospice of Lubbock is currently recruiting for the Fall Volunteer Training Class. All interested persons must complete an application and interview prior to the training classes.

Applications are now being accepted and interviews will be conducted through September 17, 1999. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to become involved.

Classes will be held September 24 - October 7, 1999. There is a \$25 fee for training which helps to offset the cost of the training manual and course materials. Scholarships are available.

After completion of the training, volunteers are asked to provide one year of service to the organization. While volunteers may

choose to work in direct patient care or assist in the Hospice office, most opt to work with the patients and families. Typically, volunteers give two to four hours per week working directly with the patients and their families. Each volunteer works with one patient at a time.

Hospice of Lubbock, the region's only non-profit hospice organization, provides care and support for the terminally ill and their families during the last phases of a patient's illness. The organization also provides comprehensive bereavement programs that are open to the community at no charge. The goal of Hospice of Lubbock is to enable the patient to live as fully and comfortably as possible in their final days, in the lov-

ing environment of family and friends. Volunteers are a vital part of this care and support system.

Through training, volunteers become acquainted with the hospice concept of care, learn to understand the needs of the terminally ill, and discover ways to help families deal with grief. Training also offers the opportunity for persons to improve their communications skills and reflect on their own feelings concerning life and death.

Hospice of Lubbock volunteers experience personal growth in the training and in working with patients and families, all the while providing a valuable and much needed service. Through their gift of time and self, they also gain rewards that will last a lifetime.

As a member of the hospice team of care, volunteers enjoy the privilege of helping a patient and family make the most of their remaining time together. As one patient said, "Hospice cannot add days to my life, but they have absolutely added life to my days."

The main role of direct patient-care volunteers is to provide an atmosphere of warmth. Understanding, sensitivity and support to patients and families who are experiencing the difficulties associated with a life

threatening illness. "Volunteers are encouraged to do all the things they would for a friend or family member if they were in the same situation," said Brenda Threadgill, Director of Community and Volunteer Development.

Hospice of Lubbock provides care though an interdisciplinary team that includes the patient's physician, hospice medical director, nurses, social workers, chaplains, certified home health aides, trained volunteers and others. In

addition to Lubbock county, the organization also serves Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties. Anyone may refer a patient to Hospice of Lubbock by calling the office at (806) 795-2751. The staff will then contact the patient's physician.

To register for the Fall Volunteer Training class, contact Brenda Threadgill at (806) 795-2751 or (800) 658-2648.

Will Your Local Teenagers Create The Next Columbine?

Many horrible shootings are preventable, according to a medical doctor who says that only one additional pill might have prevented the Columbine tragedy.

"Every teenager I've ever seen who wrote death poems and obsessed about violence and death had the borderline personality disorder (BPD) with chronic dysphoria," explains Dr. Leland Heller, an expert on mental disorders and author of the new book, "Biological Unhappiness" (Dyslimbia Press, 1999).

Dysphoria is likely a form of epilepsy characterized by anxiety, rage, depression and despair. It's a symptom of a mental disorder affecting 4-8% of the population.

"Teenagers and adults with dysphoria are misinterpreting reality and seeing things like a cornered animal does," explains Dr. Heller. "It's a temporary form of psychosis, and very common."

"However this is treatable, and parents and doctors need to know about it. Patients need to be on an SSRI antidepressant like Prozac for a

week first. Then the chronic dysphoria disappears within three hours of adding a second medication called Tegretol. Patients often describe it as a miracle."

"I see at least three teenagers a week who have this disorder," says Dr. Heller, who has treated thousands of these patients and written two books on the subject "If more teenagers were effectively treated, many tragedies like Columbine could be prevented."

But how do you spot the disorder before something disastrous happens?

Dr. Heller has a free screening test on line to find out if someone has a neurological disorder leading to unhappiness, substance abuse, violence, or suicide at <http://www.biologicalunhappiness.com>.

The test helps determine if someone has any of a variety of disorders, from attention deficit disorder or bipolar disorder, to the borderline personality disorder or generalized anxiety disorder.

"Spotting the problem is

the first step," says Dr. Heller. "Next, you have to give medication and counseling/brain retraining. Do that and you can prevent another tragedy like Columbine."

Dr. Heller has answered a thousand "ask the doctor" questions for a website on the borderline personality disorder, which may have afflicted Princess Diana. You can email a question to him at the "Borderline Personality Disorder Sanctuary" at <http://www.navicom.com/~patty>.

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RailWatch: Train Accidents Keep Going Up, Up, Up

HOUSTON - Rail safety is headed down the wrong track in 1999, according to a new safety update released by rail safety advocates.

"We knew that train accidents were up last year, and we wanted to check in at mid-year, and see if the railroad industry had turned around in '99," said Sherry Kiesling Fox, executive director of RailWatch, a non-profit railroad safety organization. "Unfortunately, what we found is disturbing. The accident rate is up for the first half of this year, compared to the same period a year ago, according to the latest numbers (January - May) from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). That means more of us are at risk from collisions, toxic spills and other rail safety problems."

The 1999 rail safety findings were a follow-up to Why Is There A Train Accident Every Ninety Minutes?, a report released earlier this

year by RailWatch.

"According to the FRA's numbers, train accidents were up 7 percent in 1998 from 1997 and that growth in accident rates is continuing again in 1999," reported Steven Moss, author of Why Is There A Train Accident Every Ninety Minutes?. "In fact already this year, several railroads have experienced more fatal accidents than either of the past two years. And just as we found in our original report, there continues to be a rail collision, accident or incident somewhere in the United States every ninety minutes."

That earlier report also found that there was a train accident resulting in a spill of hazardous materials, at a rate of once every two weeks - that more than 80% of the nation's public railroad crossings are unprotected by lights

and gates - and that vital rail safety technology, such as traffic control mechanisms, dates back to the 1930's (even though trains now travel faster, and with smaller crews).

"What these latest numbers tell us is that more than ever, rail safety is too important to be left to the railroads (which in effect, is what the Federal Railroad Administration does)," said RailWatch's Fox. That's why we're renewing our call to Congress to hold in-depth hearings on the state of rail safety in this country, and we're renewing our call to the nation's railroads to take responsibility for the safety of their own operations."

More railroad safety information is available on-line at the RailWatch web site, www.railwatch.org.

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2 TIMOTHY 3:1,2 KNOW THIS ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, COVETOUS, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL UNHOLY.

GOD WARNED US THRU HIS WORD'S: THINGS TO HAPPEN IN THE LAST DAYS; THE CHURCHES SEE THESE THINGS; AND THE NEED OF THEIR PRAYING!!!

ECCLESIASTES 3:1, 2A, 7B, TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN; A TIME TO PLANT, AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED; A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED; A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE, AND A TIME TO SPEAK (TO GOD).

THE CHURCHES SEE THE SIGNS; AND THEY KNOW ITS HARVEST TIME; BUT THEY'RE BUSY WITH CAR WASH\$\$\$, BAKE SALES\$\$\$, OUT OF THEIR MINDS!!!

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

PHILIPPIANS 2:5, LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO JESUS CHRIST.

CHURCHES SEE THE FATHERS KILL THEIR CHILDREN; AND THEN KILL HIS WIFE, THEN "TURN THE GUN ON HIMSELF, AND TAKES HIS OWN LIFE!!!"

MATTHEW 24:12, JESUS SAID, BECAUSE INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND, THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX (GROW) COLD.

BUT MANY CHURCHES ARE BUSY: WITH PASTOR AND WIFE ANNIVERSARY; WAYS TO MAKE \$\$\$; WHILE THE WORLD AROUND US IS IN MISERIES!!!

MARK 8:33H, JESUS SAID, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN: FOR THOU SAVOUREST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, BUT THE THINGS THAT BE OF MEN.

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

THE CHURCHES DON'T NEED ANOTHER PROGRAM NOR ANNIVERSARY; THEY CAN SEE THE TROUBLE IN THE LAND; IT IS TIME TO GET ON YOUR KNEES.

LUKE 12:54-57R JESUS SAID, WHEN YE SEE A CLOUD RISE OUT OF THE WEST, STRAIGHTWAY YE SAY, THERE COMETH A SHOWER; AND SO IT IS. AND WHEN YE SEE THE SOUTH WIND BLOW, YE SAY, THERE WILL BE HEAT; AND IT COMETH TO PASS, YE HYPOCRITES, YE CAN DISCERN THE FACE OF THE SKY AND OF THE EARTH; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME? YEA, AND WHY EVEN ON YOURSELVES JUDGE YE NOT WHAT IS RIGHT.

THE WORLDLY MAN FOR THE SUPER BOWL; MADE PLANS: TO THE VERY DIME; BUT THE CHURCHES DON'T HAVE A PLAN; SO IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!!

LUKE 16:8B, JESUS SAID, FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD (THE DEVIL'S) ARE IN THEIR GENERATION WISER (SMARTER) THAN THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT (GODS CHILDREN).

THE CHURCHES ARE PLAYING CHURCH; AND THE PREACHERS: TICKLING EARS; JESUS SAID: IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION, HE THAT HATH EARS TO HEAR; LET HIM HEAR!!!

2 CHRONICLES 7:14, JEHOVAH SAID: IF MY PEOPLE (THE CHURCHES), SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIBE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LET'S PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!!

from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "The World Didn't Know Jesus"

When we read the first chapter of John we discover that "disciple whom Jesus loved" tells of the coming of Jesus into the world and of his rejection by the people of the world he had created. This tenth verse which swings from the first moment of creation to the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, tell the incredible story of the Creator of the universe who came to earth. And that creation - specifically the people of that creation, creatures he had formed from the dust of the earth - did not acknowledge him. When we read the eleventh verse we learn that when he came to his own chosen people, Israel, they did not welcome him.

That rejection, which began when he was forced to be born in a stable, continued throughout his ministry. True, there were thousands who believed in him and accepted him as a special prophet. And some even caught a glimpse of his divinity and acknowledged him as the Son of God. But there was more rejection than acceptance. He died in loneliness surrounded by a jeering mob and a handful of courageous but distraught disciples. Even those who were closest to him could not fully understand his life and mission. Why did his people not receive him? After all, he was the Messiah for whom they had prayed and waited throughout the long and often difficult centuries. He was promised by the prophets and anticipated by ever devout follower of God. Certainly, it would seem that the whole nation would echo the joyous pronouncement of Simeon: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

First National Black Church HIV/AIDS Institute Addresses AIDS Education

With more Black churches across the country joining the movement to stop AIDS, the Balm In Gilead is providing a first-of-a-kind opportunity for members of Black churches to gain skills to start or strengthen their AIDS efforts. The Black Church HIV/AIDS Training Institute will take place Thursday, October 7 through Saturday, October 9, 1999 at the Sheraton Buckhead Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Registration information is available toll-free at 888-225-6243 or www.balmingilead.org.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for African Americans aged 25 to 44. One in every 50 Black American men has HIV (the virus that causes AIDS); one in 160 Black women has the virus. In 1998, the Congressional Black Caucus requested that the Federal government declare a national state of health emergency because of HIV/AIDS in Black communities.

Black churches, with their history of education and mobilizing African Americans during times of crisis, are creating AIDS education and care efforts at an increasing rate. This results in greater need for HIV/AIDS programs tailored specifically to the culture of Black churches - programs such as the Black Church HIV/AIDS Training Institute and other Balm In Gilead offerings. "Perhaps one of the many reasons for the alarming AIDS profile of Black Americans is that Black churches were slow to take leadership in stopping the epi-

demic," says Pernessia C. Seele, Founder/CEO of the Balm In Gilead. "But as more churches make AIDS a priority, the Black Church HIV/AIDS Training Institute will be instrumental in helping them become community centers for HIV/AIDS education, compassion and advocacy." Says Ms. Seele, "The magnitude of the Black AIDS crisis makes Atlanta, home of the Civil Rights Movement, a meaningful and appropriate location for the Institute."

According to Ms. Seele, the Institute will allow some of the nation's leading Black experts on AIDS and related issues to transfer their knowledge to Black pastors and church members. The Institute will feature keynote addresses by: The Hon. Donna H. Christian-Christensen, Congressional Delegate from the U.S. Virgin Islands and Chairman, Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, Washington, DC; Rev. Dr. Elaine Flake, Co-pastor, Cathedral of the Allen AME Church, Jamaica, NY, and Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle, pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH.

Sadly, that was not the reaction of the majority. At other times it was outright rejection and persecution.

Should this surprise us who are entering into the twenty-first century? Is our situation much different from theirs? Today after almost two thousand years of the gospel in the world, at least the majority of the population of the world does not know Jesus.

So the question is not just, "Why did the Jews reject Jesus?" It is also, "Why do so many still reject him today?" Have you rejected him? Do you really want to know him so that he may become the center of your life? If so, go to church on Sunday and let God's man tell you about this rejected Jesus.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are saying we should pray "constantly."

Let's pray for the ones in court in all court cases.

"Father, in the name of Jesus, it is written in your word to call on you and you will answer us and show us great and mighty things. We put you in remembrance of your word and thank you that you watch over it to perform it.

We say that no weapon formed against us shall prosper, and we will have justice against every courtroom lie. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. Isaiah 54:17: We shall have peace, security and triumph over opposition. In our inheritance as your children, this is the righteousness which we obtain from you, Father, which you impart to us as our justification. We're far from the though off destruction for we shall not fear, and terror shall not come near us. Father, you say you will establish us to the end, give us strength, and guarantee our vindication, also our children, be our warrant against all accusation indictments. Father, you contend with those who contend with us, and you perfect that which concerns us we dwell in the secret place of the most high, and the secret place hides from the strike of tongues, for false witness who breathes out lies is an abomination to you. All our words are upright and in right standing with you, Father, by our long forbearing calmness of spirit the judge is persuaded and our spirit filled speech breaks down the most hardcore resistance. Therefore, we're not anxious beforehand how we shall reply in defense or what we're to say for the Holy Spirit teachers us in that very hour and moment what we ought to say to those in the outside world, also in the courtroom our speech is seasoned with salt.

We thank you, Father, that Satan and all his menacing spirits are botod from operating against us and our children, for we're strong in you, Lord, and in the power of your might, your shield of faith quenches every fiery dart. Thank you, Father, that we increase in wisdom and in stature in favor with you, God, and man. Praise the Lord it shall be done. In the name of Jesus. AMEN."

Pray this prayer if you're in trouble or your children have no doubts in your heart. Like in Mark 11:22-26. Our God does answer (prayer).

Report on our meeting for this month will come out next week.

Thought of the week: "Pray for your leader, and don't forget your drive by prayers in our most sin infested areas. God bless each of you.

Write to us: Outreach Prayer breakfast, P.O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

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Child Watch: We Shall Overcome

By Marian Wright Edelman
(NNPA) — In late spring, a hero of mine died. Mrs. Mae Bertha Carter was one of the great unsung heroines of the Civil Rights Movement. She died of cancer at the age of 76, but the legacy of her spirit and courage will have a lasting effect on our society for generations to come.

A daughter of sharecroppers, Mrs. Carter started picking cotton when she was six years old. She got what education she could, but back then school for Black children only lasted four months a year in

order to accommodate cotton-picking season. As an adult, she resolved, with her husband, Matthew Carter, that their children would receive a good education. A door seemed to open for them when Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ordered desegregation of all public schools. But, Mississippi had its own ideas. In response to the new law, the state sent out "freedom of choice" papers allowing parents to decide what schools their children would attend, but heaven help them if their "choice" was to

send their children to a "White" school.

The Carter family's struggle is told in the book "Silver Rights" by Constance Curry. Eight of the Carter's 13 children were still in school when the Carters, alone of all the Black families in Sunflower County, Mississippi, made their choice for a decent education for them. The only Black children in the "White" schools, they were forbidden the use of the library and endured name-calling, threats, and ostracism by other children and teachers. When the family stood together, refusing to give up, their home was shot into, their crops were destroyed, and they were forced to leave the plantation where they worked and lived as sharecroppers. Daughter Ruth remembers those difficult times and recalls how her mother was always there to listen to and remind her children of what was important. "Mama wouldn't let us say we hated White people, or that we wished we had never been born," Ruth told Curry.

In 1967, when I was an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, I represented the Carters in a class-action suit against the Drew School District. As a

result of that suit, Mississippi's "freedom of choice" plans were ruled illegal and real desegregation began in the state. Seven of the eight children ultimately graduated from the University of Mississippi, and Mrs. Carter went to work for Head Start, continuing her mission to provide poor Black children with a quality education.

Mrs. Carter's death came shortly after the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. I was struck then by the malignant threat of hatred running through history — the hatred at the root of all violence, prejudice, and unequal treatment of children born equal in the eyes of God. And I thought about Mrs. Carter's response to that hatred all those years ago; her courage to stand for what is right, and her confidence that right would triumph and that the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome" was true.

Then I found myself thinking about what has happened in response not only to the shootings in Colorado and in Georgia in the past few weeks, but also to the shooting and killing of nearly 13 and the wounding of approximately 50 children every day in our country. We've seen the lack

of political courage as elected officials fear to take on the gun lobby. We've seen endless hand-wringing and analysis on our news and talk shows, and in our P.T.A. and community meetings too, all of which so often seems to come down to a feeling of hopelessness, that "there's nothing we can do."

Well, there are a lot of things we can do. Here's a start: Make sure as a parent, teacher, religious or civic leader that you do not engage in violence or teach children by word or deed that violence is a way to resolve conflicts. Urge the President, Congress, and state and local officials to ensure children's security by working for legislation and regulation to control the manufacture, sale and possession of non-sporting firearms. Implement a range of effective safety plans to protect our children. Safe houses, safe corridors, peace zones, and after-school opportunities must be established and monitored.

Every community must provide children and youths safe and positive alternatives to the streets through summer, weekend and after-school programs to keep children safe and connected to caring adults and role models.

Monitor television shows, movies, video games, the internet, and the music and toys children buy and listen to. Turn off violent programs and explain that violence is deadly and harmful and not entertaining. Create youth jobs and training opportunities to provide legitimate routes to success. Creating a job is a lot cheaper than building a new prison cell.

Work with your friends, neighbors, and others in your community to find solutions. Let all good hearts come together, stand against hatred and the tragedies engendered by hatred, whether the horror is killing a child with a gun or killing a child's spirit with injustice, inequality, and neglect. Let us all resolve today to stand for children with the courage Mrs. Carter demonstrated, with the courage and confidence that the right will triumph, that "We Shall Overcome!"

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC). In 1998, CDF celebrated 25 years of advocacy, service, and leadership to build a movement to Leave No Child Behind.

Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center

Garden and Arts Center Announces Raised Bed Gardening Class

LUBBOCK, TEXAS - The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center will host a Raised Bed Gardening class instructed by Ken Hargeshimer. This class will teach beginning gardeners how to double their yields and reduce labor as compared to traditional gardening. This class will meet Thursday and Tuesday evenings, September 2 - September 21, from 7-9 p.m. at the Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue. The fee for this course is \$25 and all supplies are furnished by the instructor. For more information on this class or any of our other Fall classes, please call 767-3724.

Garden and Arts Center Announces Photography Class

LUBBOCK, TEXAS - The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center will host a Photography class instructed by John Faulkner. Faulkner has more than 26 years of professional freelance photography experience and is the President of the Lubbock Camera Club. This class is a basic introduction to photography with emphasis on areas such as contrast, texture, portraiture, landscapes and photojournalism. Students will work with the 35mm camera in a hands-on learning experience. This class will meet Thursday evenings, September 2 - September 30, from 7-9 p.m. at the Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue. The fee for this course is \$60 and a 35 mm camera and black & white and color film are required supplies. For more information on this class or any of our other Fall

classes, please call 767-3724.

Garden and Arts Center Announces Free Hand Drawing Class

LUBBOCK, TEXAS - The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center will host a Free Hand Drawing class, instructed by Wayne Greene, a local artist. This beginning class will cover sketching and drawing from forms and space utilizing the elements and principles of design to discover techniques. This class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 7 - September 23, from 9:00-10:30 a.m., at the Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue. The fee for this course is \$50 and a supply list is available. For a supply list or more information on this class or any of our other fall classes, please call 767-3724.

Garden and Arts Center Announces Watercolor Class

LUBBOCK, TEXAS - The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center will host a Watercolor class instructed by JoBeth Gilliam, a local artist and well-respected instructor. This class is geared to both beginning and intermediate students and methods of color mixing, painting on wet and dry paper, and compositional skills will be covered with individual attention given to each student. This class will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, September 7 - September 23, from 6-9 p.m., at the Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue. The fee for this course is \$85 and a supply list is available. For a supply list or more information on this class or any other Fall classes, please call 767-3724.

Children Advocacy Centers Of Texas Team Excellence Awards



A member of the board of directors of the Children's Advocacy Center of Lubbock County, Texas, Inc. has been recognized as one of the statewide leaders in the fight against child abuse. Beverly McBeath was recognized for her outstanding dedication to the establishment, development, growth and continuation of the Children's Advocacy Center movement in Texas at the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas August 3.

Each year Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, the state association of CAC's, presents the Professional and Volunteer Leadership Team Excellence Awards to individuals who have acknowledged the merits of collaboration when working with abused children and who brought excellence from their respective fields of endeavor to the multidisciplinary team approach within a children's advocacy center setting in Texas. Beverly McBeath was one of only nine nominees

in the volunteer category.

"Beverly McBeath has continually demonstrated her commitment and dedication to helping abused children through the team approach to investigating, prosecution, and provision of services," said Connie Hindman, Executive Director. "She represents the essence of the mission and philosophy of children's advocacy centers."

Beverly McBeath, a graduate of Texas Tech University is married to Don McBeath and has one son, who attends Coronado High School. Ms. McBeath was the founding board president of the Children's Advocacy Center of Lubbock County, Texas, Inc. Ms. McBeath is employed by the local NBC affiliate KCBD. Ms. McBeath has received "The Cornucopia" award from the Volunteer Center of Lubbock in November, 1998 by the community for her contribution to the Children's Advocacy Center of Lubbock County, Texas, Inc.

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THE TRUTH OF HOLINESS (Continued)

"For I am the Lord your God, ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy: for I am holy." Leviticus 11:44

THE PROVISIONS OF HOLINESS

Sanctification has a meaning of setting apart, of consecrating for holy service. This is very basic in doctrine, but the work of sanctification of the believer is a most complete and definite work. The vessels, the articles of worship in the old dispensation were sanctified for service.

Offerings were set apart, sanctified unto the Lord. Priests, kings and others were set apart and anointed for service. We strongly endorse this thought. No one can receive the cleansing baptism of the Holy Ghost without this first act of setting apart only for God. Jesus refers to this act of himself as he prayed for his disciples, as recorded in John, the seventeenth chapter: "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."


Jesus had consecrated himself to a holy purpose, to a Divine service; to sanctify them: "that they also might be sanctified." Jesus needed no cleansing. "He knew no sin." He was the Holy Son of God. Neither did the vessels or offerings need a purifying of nature. These are inanimate articles. The priests and kings were ceremoniously cleansed. Articles of furniture were ceremoniously cleansed and did not need the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. The ritual of the law only cleansed outwardly the body. The rite of sanctifying of the unclean; the person or article must first be set apart, washed and ceremonially cleansed before being anointed for service. The Divine grace of sanctification completes all that needs to be done that we might live a life of holiness. We as fallen creatures are the only ones that need the purifying of our nature. The senseless articles could not need this. The already Holy Son of God did not. Holy Angels do not: only sin stained humanity needs the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Thank God for the cleansing stream! "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? For this cause he is the mediator of a new testament." Hebrews 9:13-15

Not only does sanctification imply setting apart, but also a cleansing of the heart and a Divine infilling of God's spirit. "The cleansing stream I see, I see, I plunge and oh! it cleanseth me." Dear troubled heart, let no man turn you aside from your search for this rest of the soul. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and he that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask for a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he ask an egg, will he for an egg give him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:9-13

Delay no longer, beloved, ask, seek, and knock now. He wishes to give you his Spirit. Long pursued by sin and Satan, weary, and I longed for rest, then I found this heavenly shelter Opened in my Savior's breast. —Believers, this is the inheritance of the Saints. He, the Testator willy it. "This is the will of God even your sanctification." "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself, a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:26-27

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