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#### LISD Media Advisory

Thursday, January 29 Murfee Elementary will have a spaghetti supper. For entertainment the 3rd grade students willdress in ancient Roman and Greek costumes and share information the have learned about Greek and Roman Core Knowledge, through skits and song. Contact person, Kathy Rollo, principal, 766-0866.

Thursday, January 29 DECA Association marketing students and Career Development Conference will be held at Coronado High School. Over 200 students will compete to advance to the state contest in Galveston. Texas February 27-29. The competition is at 1:30 p.m. Thursday with the awards ceremony Friday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Plaza. Contact Marilyn Bames, Monterey DECA 766-0710.

Thursday, January 29 Love and Logic Conference on parent child retationships, 12-1 p.m. Room 214, central office east! Contact person, Sandra Hester, 755-1067

Friday; January 30 The Estacado High School freshman class will hold a fund vaiser. The brisket dinner will raise money for their freshman spring banquet. The event precedes the basketball game between Estacado and Frenship at 7 p.m.

Friday, January 30 Ballenger Head start will feature a Salsa and Sweet Sensation Contest. The event is to raise money for the March of Dimes. It is from 11:30 am-1 pm and will cost 10-cents for a taste and \$1 for 12 tastes. Contact Christine Zarazua, 766-1600.

#### Community Meetings

\* Lubbook Area Cheer Co. Saturday, 1:00 pro \* Mar S. Center \*Hub City Kiwan Communit Night, 7:00pm, 17(3) Aven Alumni Association 2nd Smirday 4p n \*
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We would like to publish your mouthly meetings. If you would like fite an announcement to appear in this paper. please get it to or in writing by mailing if we Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest

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## City Council Names Lou Fox New City Manager

Following a three and a half hour executive session, the City Council voted unanimously to hire Lou Fox as the new City Manager. Mayor Marc McDougal announced that Fox has accepted the post contingent upon the Council putting together a compensation package.

Fox, a former City Manager in San Antonio and a current consultant in urban affairs, thanked the Council for giving him an opportunity to get back into public service. Fox has been a consultant for more than a decade. He told the Council that he recently "looked into my soul and heart and said it's time to get back into the public service busiDuring discussion prior to

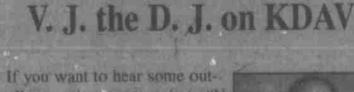
Councilman Victor Hernandez voiced concerns about the abbreviated process that brought Fox to the Council as a candidate and the fact that the Council had not articulated exactly what it was looking for in a City Manager.

Hernandez went on to say that despite his concerns he would support Fox and he would ask his community to support him as

In a lighter moment during the meeting, Councilman Tom

> Martin asked Mayor Pro Tern T.J. Patterson to amend his prayer to include him. Patterson asked Goa to help the Council bring the city together. When he named each member of the Council. Martin was inadvertently omitted.

vote, Fox addressed the Council and then spoke with members of the media.



standing music, then tune in to "V. J. The D. J. over KDAV Radio, 1590 AM, Monday through Friday morning, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Known as Virgil Johnson, a graduate of Dunbar High School and Bishop College in Marshall, Texas. He is a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

A member and lead singer of the Velvets, the first doo-wop

group from West Texas, they (Velvets) made the Top 40 charts. Two of their popular songs are 'Tonight (Could Be The Night)" and "That Lucky Old Sun."



### LISD Orchestra to Perform in "String Fling" On Tuesday, February 10th,

the LISD Orchestra department will present its 19th Annual "LISD STRING FLING!" in the Civic Center Theatre with this year's theme being "Bridging the World!" The lobby will be adorned with a district-wide art exhibit by the students of Lubbock ISD, with the exhibit opening at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Wayne Havens, Superintendent of the Lubbock Independent School District, will present the welcoming remarks at the orchestra presentation, with Derrick fiinter, KOHM Radio, serving as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. "The Star Spangled Banner" will be performed by LISD's four high school orchestras, under the direction of C. Doyle Gammill, Lubbock ISD's Director of Fine Arts.

LISD's thirteen secondary

orchestras will perform in clusters, followed by the All-District Mossed Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Eric Fried, Associate Professor of Music, Texas Tech

Two dollar, general admission tickets (student-age and above) are available from any LISD orchestra student, or may be purchased at the door for three dollars. Proceeds from the concert will assist LISD's individual orchestras with their yearly activities. "No orchestral event in our state is more highly praised or appreciated as our "STRING FLING" stated C. Doyle Gammill, LISD Director of Fine Arts. "Because our student musicians deserve your continued respect and admiration, we urge our citizens to help us celebrate our students' musical achievements!"

## Grand China Buffet Charged with Sex Harassment of Non-Asian Hispanic Women

EL PASO, Texas - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) today announced the filing of an employment discrimination lawsuit under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act against Grand China Buffer Inc., doing business as The Grand China Buffet restaurant ("Grand China").

EEOC's suit charges Grand China with sexually harassing a class of non-Asian, Hispanic female employees by propositioning them for sex and regularly subjecting them to sexual comments. The suit further alteges that Grand China's sexual harassment of those non-Asian; Hispanic female employees left them with no choice but to quit their jobs.

The litigation, filed in LLS, District Court for The Western District of Texas, El Paso Division (Civil Action Number EP-04-CA-0015), seeks back pay, compensatory and punitive damages as well as other relief- including a permanent injunction preventing, among other things; Grand China from subjecting its non-Asian, Hispanic female employees to a sexually hostile work environment and preventing Grand China from constructively discharging any of its female employees because of their gender, race and/or national origin. The EEOC filed suit only after its conciliation efforts failed to result in a voluntary pre-litigation settlement.

\*\*The Grand China Buffet did not take the EEOC's administrative process seriously. Hopefully, it will take the

EEOC's lawsuit seriously," said Leticia Dominguez, Trial Attorney for the EEOC's El Paso Area Office.

In addition to enforcing Title VII, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender (including sexual harassment or pregnancy) or national origin and protects employees who complain about such offenses from retaliation, and sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the EEOC enforces the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; the Equal Pay Act

of 1963; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Further information about the Commission is available on the agency's web site at www.eeoc.gov.

## Unlock Your Vote Campaign Launches 'One Van Caravan' Voter Education and Registration Campaign

The Texas Unlock Your Vote Coalition will launch the kickoff of its voter education and voter registration campaign during the week of planned Martin Luther King, Jr., activities in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio begging on Dr. King's Day, January 19th, 2004.

In 2000, Texas had over \$35,006 citizens who had former felony convictions who are currently eligible. These citizens comprise almost 7% of the eligible voting population. While Texas law states that ex-felons can regain their right to vote as soon as they have completed their sentence, (including prison, probation, and/or parole), very few exfelons are aware of the law and exercise their right to register to vote. Until 1997, ex-felons had to wait two years before regaining the) right to vote. After the law

was changed, there was little effort to inform this newly enfranchised population about their new access to the franchise.

A diverse group of voting groups, religions groups, and service providers who represent constituencies across the political perspective came together to launch the Unlock Your Vote Campaign to encourage citizens with prior felony convictions to register and vote. These organizations feel that voting is a critical part of a former felon's reintegration into society...

The purpose of the Unlock Your Vote "One Van Caravan" Voter Education and Registration Campaign is not only to educate and inform ex-felons of their right to vote but also to reach out to parole offices, service providers. voter registration groups, and community groups to educate them about the law.

The Unlock Your Vote Campaign is composed of the following organizations: League of United Latin American Citizens of Texas, Restorative Justice Ministries of Texas, Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches. NAACP National Voter Fund, People For the American Way Foundation, Winner's Circle, Mothers (and Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems (MASS, Inc), League of Women Voters of Texas, Restorative Justice Ministries Network of North America, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, Texas Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), and Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project.

### State and Local Tax **Collections Continue to** Rebound

(Austin)—"The state collected \$1.25 billion in sales tax revenue in December, a remarkably robust 8.7 percent increase compared to December 2002," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said today. This is the highest sales tax

growth rate in 35 months-since January 2001, when I first warned Texans that the state's economic furnace would soon cool," Strayhorn said. "An economic turnaround is now underway, and Texas has seen four consecutive months of sales tax growth."

Since state fiscal year 2004 began on September 1, state sales tax revenue is up 4.7 percent compared to the same period in FY 2003.

'State sales tax collections hit a low point last summer, when July collections shrank 4.6 percent compared to the same month of the previous year," Str. yhorn said. But in August, the decline was only half a percent. In September, sales tax collections grew by 2,1 percent. They grew by 3.6 percent ut October, by 4.3 percent in November, and by an ambzing 8.7 percent in December."

Local sales tax revenue also continues to rebound. The Comptroller today sent Texas cities, counties, transit systems

and special purpose taxing districts January sales tax allocations totaling \$303.2 million, up 7.1 percent compared to January

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$203.9 million to Texas cities, up 6.9 percent compared to January 2003. Texas counties received January sales tax payments of \$17.5 million, up 6.9 percent.

Eighty-two special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$8 million in sales tax, up 1.3 percent compared to last January. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$73.6 million in January sales tax allocations, up 8.2 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax revenue for December, and January sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales made in November and reported to the Comptroller in

For details of January sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www. window.state.tx.us/ taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

## Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

Lancome; Lip Color

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Fashion Tip... Always

# **Public Service Announcement**

The Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers, a non-profit organization, has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service and has assumed the responsibility of overseeing the VITA (volunteer Income tax assistance) sites in the community. The program Is designed to assist low income, elderly, disabled, and non-English speaking income eligible taxpayers with the preparation of simple tax returns...

Volunteer income tax assistance sites (free tax and electronic filing preparation) are scheduled at the following locations with specific dates and fimes:

> MAHON LIBRARY, 1306 9th Street

Every Saturday beginning January 17th thru April 10th - 9:30 to 2:00 p.m.

PATTERSON LIBRARY, 1836 Parkway

Wednesday, and Friday beginning January 21st thru April 14th -10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Mondays ONLY (beginning January 26th) - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 8!00 p.m.

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LUBBOCK SENIOR CENTER.

2001 19th Street Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning February 4th thru April 15th-9:00am - 1:00pm

> SLATON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

230 W. Lynn Street (Slaton)

(by appointment only - for appointment call 828-3784) Every Saturday beginning January 17th thru April 10th-9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

HALE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER,

1107 Smythe (Plalnview)

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The celebration of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday was quite a fete recently. One of the highlights has to be the hundreds of young people who gathered at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on Sunday evening, January 18, 2004. This was a new initiative, and more this will be seen next year.

This writer wants to thank Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, president, and members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorate Committee of Lubbock for another job well

Also during the celebration on Monday afternoon, January 19, 2004, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream House was introduced. It will be constructed at the corner of 3503

Cornell Avenue. This writer is happy to report that members of the oldest Black Church in Lubbock County, Texas the Mount Gilead Baptist Church - where Rev. J. J. Johnson is pastor, made a very positive contribution to the construction of this house which will become a home

Hopefully, there will be other Black Churches of the community who will make a contribution.

one day.

Another upcoming event is the 50th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs which

begun in 1954 with eleven Black message. Churches. Because of the dedication of these choirs, this calebration will take place on Sunday afternoon, March 28, 2004. More on the location is forth coming.

Those eleven Black Churches are: Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Christ Temple COGIC, Community Baptist Church, Lvons Chapel Baptist Church, Mount Gilead Baptist Church, New Hope Baptist Church, Rising Star Baptist Church, Saint James Baptist Church, Saint John Baptist Church, Saint Luke Baptist Church, and Saint Matthew Baptist Church.

For those who are interested in purchasing advertising or congratulations may contact Bishop McKinley Shepherd at (806) 763-9912.

Morning services began at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, January 25, 2004, with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team was at their post of duty singing God's Praises. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Charles Wilson, Rev. Cheryl Martin offered the morning prayer.

After several selections by the New Hope Choir, Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Walk In His Way." His scripture text was Psalms 37:23-26. It was another inspirational

The morning announcements were made by Sister Glenda Mooney. Brother Virgil Johnson welcomed all visitors.

A Retreat fun married couples has been planned by Churches United for Kingdom Building. The approximate date for the retreat May 7 and 8; 2004. The approximate fee for this retreat is \$250.00 and will include lodging, food, and materials.

It is expected to be held Friday and Saturday More on this upcoming event in the near future.

Let us all whisper a prayer for those in the community wno are sick and shut-in. Among them include Brither Harry Stokley, Covenant Health System, Room 871-S, Sister Pearlene McDaniel, Sister Joan Y. Ervin, and Joecile Lewis.. There are others whom we fail to mention, but include them as well. God is able.

Whisper a prayer for those who lost loved ones recently. Let us pray for the Crockett and Garrett families.

Let us hear from you about events happening in your family, church or organization. Send this information to: Chatman Hill Corner, c/o Clarissa Jay, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Will be looking forward to hearing from you.

In addition to our program,

we also have a

Monthly Support Group

Monday, February 9

"The Importance of Eye Sight"

Presented by Kevin Allison, M.D., Retiral Specialist

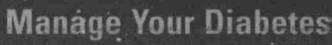
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WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS 'AMERICA IS DAMNED'

JEREMIAH R:66/7.1 HEARKENED AND HEARD, BUT THEY SPOKE NOT ALREGHT NO MAN

REPENTED OF HIS WICKEDORSS, YEA, THE STORK IN THE HEAV-EN KNOWS HER APPOINTED

TIMES; AND THE TURTLE AND THE CRANE AND THE SWALLOW OBSERVE THE TIME OF THEIR

COMING, BUT MY PEOPLE KNOW NOT THE JUDGMENT OF THE

THE RIGHTS IN THE GARDEN; ARE THE SAME WRONGS OF ADAM AND EVE. THE DEVIL TELL MAN TODAY HIS RIGHTS ARE OR; BUT HE IS BEING DECEIVED!

PROVERB 114:12. THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMS RIGHTS UNTO A MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH.

(IF GOD DIDN'T SAY GIVE MANGIND RIGHT: HE SAID, GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL. IF GOD WANTED MAN TO HAVE RIGHTS: HE WOULD HAVE SAID SO BUT HE SENT HIS SON TO THE FOR THE SINS OF ALL MANKIND. THE ONLY RIGHTS MAN HAVE IS TO BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST-THAT RIGHT; EVERYONE

THIS COUNTRY IS BLIND: AND IT IS LEADING THE CHILDREN WHO ARE BLIND, WE SAY, WE'RE AGAINST DRUGS; BUT PUT THEM BEFORE OUR CHILDREN ALL THE TIME:

LUKE 23:28, JESUS SAID, DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM, WEEP NOT

YOURSELVES, AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

AMERICA STOP FOLLOWING THE LORD: SO SHE COULD DO HER OWN THING, SHE IS A DISGRACE TO GOD, SHE IS NOTHING SHAME,

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*AMERICA ROB GOD\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

WITH ALL THE TROUBLE IN AMERICA; WE GO OVERSEAS TO TEACH THE FOREIGN MAN. AMERICA IS A HYPOCRITE: WHEN HER PEOPLE ARE THE WORSE IN THE LAND!!!

MATTHEW 23:15, JESUS SAID, WOE UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITESI FOR YOU COMPASS SEA AND LAND TO CHILD OF RELL THAN YOURSELVES.

I DRIVE THE SCHOOL BUS FOR DURHAM, THE CHILDREN ARE CHILDREN SPEECH RIGHTS; SRAME, SHAME SHAME!!!

PROVERB 29:15, THE ROD OF REPROOF GIVE WISDOM: BUT A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGS HIS MOTHER SHAME.

AMERICA'S CHILDREN LOVE SPORTS; AND THERE IS PLENTY OF IT ALWAYS ON THE TV, AMERICA TEASE THEM WITH LITE-BEER: TELLING THEM THIS IS WHAT THEY NEED !!!

ISAIAH 5:20-22, WOE(CURSED IS AMERICA) UNTO THEM THAT ARE WISE IN THEIR OWN EYES, AND PRUDENT IN THEIR OWN SIGHT WOE(CURSED IS AMERICA) UNTO THEM THAT ARE MIGHTY TO DRIVE WINE, AND MEN OF STRENGTH TO MINGLE STRONG DRINK: WHICE JUSTIFY THE WICKED FOR REWARD, AND TAKE AWAY THE RIGHT EOUSNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS FROM HIM!

#### Bethel **African Methodist Episcopal** Church

2202 Southeast Drive 806-744-7552 Pastor's study 806-741-0208 dpoebethel@aol.com

Intercessory Prayer 8:30am Church School 9:30am Morning Worship 10:50am Evening Worship 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00pm



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## AFFORDABLE FUNERALS



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## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Has President Bush Driven A Collin Nail into Black America?

Someone please help! A nail has been driven into the coffins of black Americans by our own president. President Bush did a serious harm in the stealth of the night in sidestepping Congress and installing Mississippi Judge Charles Pickering to the federal appeals court.

Bush elevated a man whose nomination has been a battleground because of nis racial and religious stance against black Americans and his anti-voting right views. This 66-year-old federal trial judge has been waiting for two years for confirmation. The political pistol toting President Bush (The world know him as a cowboy president) branded Congress while it was out of session with his searing rod. The president in his picayunish way of thinking perhaps feels he has cut the Gordian knot. He had just a laid a wreath in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (A civil rights leader) and then shot a hole in the judicial lifeboat of the 5th U.S. District Court of Appeal for black Americans saying "sink or swim."

What President Bush cowardly done for the sake of political gain from the conservative Typhoid Mary's of racial hatred will come back to haunt him. The fact is he "may win the battle, but lose the war." People who are intellectual astute know that "haste make waste," and that "it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." Right-winged conservatives and cowboys are alleged to be perspicaciously inept to the thought.

In our heart, we want to believe that President Bush was not the author of this

pusillanimous act. Tom Delay, the House Majority leader, more than likely is his "eminence grise" and Delay's minion, Governor Rick Perry, and his political elves.

This political Count Dracula who allegedly orchestrated a Republican "power grab" took on the form of a Wolf in West Texas and met the power seeking "Little Red Riding Hoods" of the area, swallow up one of Congressional District of the area, put on the clothes that says "one district is better" and climbs into his political bed. When the Little Red Riding Hoods of "wanna be important" of West Texas come a knocking and said "Grandpa Delay, what big eyes you have, he said, "the better to see you with," Grandpa Delay, what big teeth you have! The reply will be "The better to eat you with! This will come to be in West

Texas because the Supreme Court refuse to block the Texas Redistrict plan.

A few days ago, the Court ruled that million of Texas minorities (blacks and Hispanics in particular) would not be deprived of their voting rights if the election went forward under the map. The three-judge panel said critics failed to prove the plan was unconstitutional or illegal. There is nothing strange about a negative ruling of this nature when it has to do with the rights of blacks or poor dark-colored Mexicans.

Someone please tell me that West Texas is not going to be the "Hansel and Gretel" of President Bush, Tom Delay and Rick Perry!

# St. Matthew Baptist Church News

What a wonderful we had in the Lord on last Sunday morning, January 25, 2004 at St. Matthew Baptist Church. Services began with Sunday School which begun at 10:00 a.m. The Sunday School lesson was taught by Rev. Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady. What a wonderful lesson taught.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:00 a. m. The morning devotion began at 11:15 a.m. and was led by the Brothers. After these services, the Senior Choir sung several selections. They sung out of their hearts and souls.

Rev. Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "The Consequence of Disobeying God." What a wonderful message it was to all who were in attendance.

The Sunday School Department will sponsor their Annual Sunday School program on Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2004. Guest speaker will be Minister Kevin Jackson.

The public is invited to attend.

Let us continue to pray fro our sick and shut-in members as well as those who are in the community.

There are families in our community who have lost loved ones. Lets not forget them in our prayers.

If you get an opportunity this week, take time to encourage a young person in the church or our community. Just a little time will go a long way for some young person. As these young people have many obstacles in their path. Just introducing them to Jesus will go a long way. Let's continue to pray for our youth.

Thought for the Week: "A lie is a coward, attempt to get out of trouble!"

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet in the home Brother and Sister Delbert Hood, 2132 East 30th Street, on Saturday, January 31, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come as all of you are invited.

This writer thought you would enjoy reading these few

John 6:12 - Do you know why there were twelve baskets left over when Jesus fed the five thousand. He told his disciples to gather the left overs so they could see for themselves that God is more than enough. There was a full basket for each of

The disciples are contrasted with the youngster who brought what he did. They certainly had more resources than he did, but they knew they didn't have enough. So they didn't give anything at all. The youngster gave what little he had, and it made the difference. If we offer nothing to God. He will have nothing Christ never called us to a bed of to use. But he can take what lit-roses. He called us to the Cross. tle we have and make it great.

In performing his miracles, Jesus usually preferred to work through people. Here he used what a young child offered to accomplish one of the greatest miracles recorded in the Gospels. Age is no barrier to being used for Christ's service. Never feel that you are 100 young or old to be of service to

There's a lesson in the left overs. God gives in abundance. He takes whatever we can offer Him in time, ability or resources. If you take the first step in making yourself available to Him. He will show you how greatly you can be used to advance work of His Kingdom.

Don't doubt God! He is more than enough. If you think you're under pressure now, you just die without Christ. Dear Brothers and Sisters, there's eternal pressure. You will never escape.

Piek up your Cross and follow

Anything you have to hide to do it's probably wrong. If it wasn't wrong, why would you have to hide? Like those rubber bands and paper clips from your office which you put in your purse, and why do you lower your voice when you're gossiping?

Five Fold Ministry of devil: (1) Diseases, (2) Deceive, (3) Divide, (4) Distract, and, (5). Discourage and Distrust.

If you are hurting, thentry Jesus. Read Mark 11:22-26 and II Chronicles 7:14. Read your Bible, Saints. It will make a believer out of you.

Don't forget your deive by prayers. They are working. So, let's continue to do this daily. Do for our children.

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

### HALL OF FAME BANQUET



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### In Remembrance...



**David Don Crockett** 

Funeral services for David Don Crockett were held last Monday afternoon, January 26, 2004 at our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Jim O'Connor officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Guajardo Funeral Chapel.

He passed away last Thursday, January 22, 2004, at University Medical Center.

Born October 8, 1951 in Lubbock, Texas, he married Delia Pena on Septemper 19, 1973. It was September 13, 2003, David and Delia renewed their marriage vows before God.

He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1970 where he was an accomplished trumpet player. He also attended Texas Tech University.

· He was the Food Service Director at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, Texas where he was able to bring the hospital and community together. He initiated the Meals on Wheels program through the hospital food service department.

He hosted a radio talk show, "Medical Magazine" where he discussed nutrition issues. He was no stranger to the City of

Big Spring Chamber of Commerce as he often catered his famous famous menus.

He had been named "Employee of the Year for Community Health Systems," and was a member of Who's Who in Food Service Directors.

He is survived by his wife, Delia Crockett of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, Tiffany and Kourtney Crockett, both of Lubbock, Texas; his mother, Ruth Crockett of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: Walter Crockett of Lubbock, Texas, Robert Crockett of Houston, Texas and Ronnie Crockett of San Diego, California; two sisters, Stella Courtney of Albany, N. Y. and Dora Fulcher of Detroit, Michigan; and grandchildren: Shakay Alexander, David Alexander, and Jerris Cole Ridge.

Lavada Garrett

#### FORMER LUBBOCK RESIDENT SUCCUMBS IN FLOYDADA

Floydada, Texas -Funeral services for LaVada Hiblow Franklin Garrett were held Wednesday morning, January 21, 2004, at the First Baptist Church with her son, Pastor Norman R. Garrett, officiating.

Burial was held in Floydada under the direction — she had memberships in the of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Texas State Teachers home of Floydada.

Mrs. Garrett was born September 16, 1921 in Waco, Texas to Willie and Odell Hiblow. She was the eldest of five sisters, all of whom preceded her in death.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Butler College and Huston-Tillotson College where she specialized in Education. Mrs. Garrett honored the profession of teaching for 42 years. She retired from Floydada ISD in 1987. Mrs. Garrett was a pioneer in the area of desegration within many school districts in Texas. She served as a mentor, teacher and confidant for multiple generations of students and and early career teachers of all backgrounds.

A leader among her peers, Association, the National

Education Association, the \*Delta Kappa Gamma and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,

Mrs. Garrett was twice a widow. She married Austin Garrett, Sr. on August 3, 1948 in Whiteface, Texas. He preceded her in death on May

Mrs. Garrett is survived by seven children: William F. Turner of Dalhart, Texas, Austin Garrett, Jr. of Delray Beach, Florida, Clifton H. Garrett of Waco, Texas, Nonnan R. Garrett of Lubbock, Texas, Douglas L. Garrett of Austin, Texas, BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya of Plymouth, Minn, and Elisa Washington of San Antonio, Texas; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a host of dear family members and friends.



Dora Ann Mitchell

Slaton, Texas — Funeral services for Dora Ann Mitchell were hald Friday afternoon, January 23, 2004, at the Ivory Street Church of Christ with Patrick H.

Worthey, Jr. officiating. Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Stork's Nest is a non-profit cooperative national project of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the March of Dimes. Stork's Nest seeks to improve the health of pregnant women and their babies by providing points for attending prenatal visits and educational classes on pregnancy, birth, and infant care. Participants then redeem those points for baby clothing, supplies, equipment and nursery items. Since opening in August of 2000, Stork's Nest has enrolled over 3000 women. Stork's Nest is located at 2315 50th St., Suite B, telephone # 762-6730.

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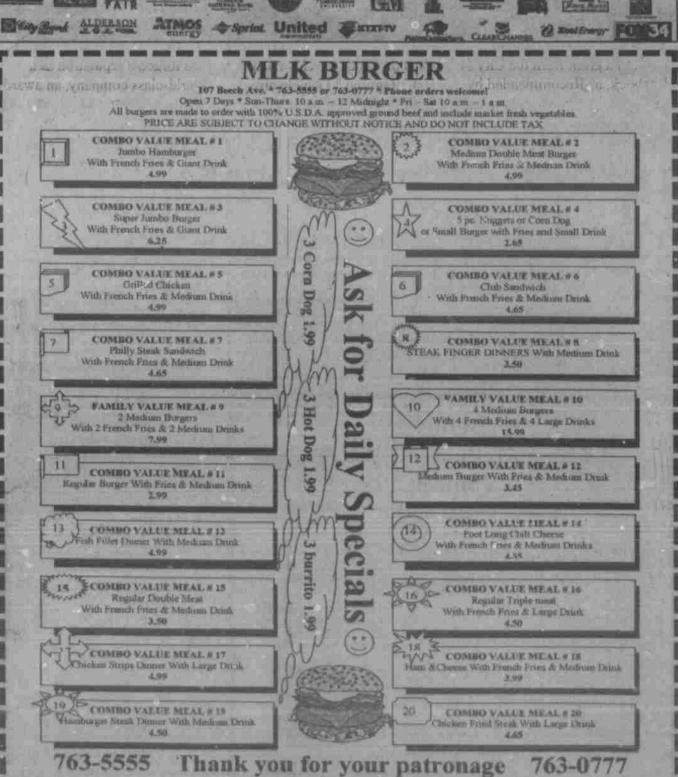
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## Lubbock Nightlife Gets Hotter; Ballet Hispanico's "Night Club" at TTU's Allen Theatre February 12, 2003

Ballet Hispanico's
"NightClub" - where the music
is fierce, the dancing is hot and
the passion is undeniable - performs at Texas Tech University's
Alien Theatre, February 12,
2004.

Conceived by the company's artistic director. Tina Ramirez, the full evening dance-theater work tells three stories in three acts, without an intermission, using powerful Latin rhythms and the intimate language of dance. Choreographers Graciela Daniele, Alexandre Magno and Sergio Trujillo have created worlds full of vivid characters, provocative themes and seductive dancing that seamlessly blend ballet, modern and a full range of Latin social dances.

Ballet Hispanio's
"NightClub" is "funded in part
by the National Dance Project of
the New

England Foundation for the Arts, with lead funding from National Endowment for the Arts and Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Additional funding provided by The Andrew W. Mellon

Foundation and Philip Morris Companies Inc."

"This presentation is supported by the Heartland Arts Fund, a program of Mid-America Arts Alliance funded by the National Endowment for the Arts with additional contributions from Texas Commission on the Arts, and foundations, corporations, and individual throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska; Oklahoma, and Texas.

This program (exhibit) is also made possible in part through a grant form the City of Lubbock, as Recommended by the Lubbock Arts Alliance, Inc. The first story, Graciela
Daniele, compelling
"CadaNoche...Tango" ("Every
Night...Tango") is
set in a Buenos Aires brothel in
the 1920's. In the dark of night
men and women come together
to bond, to choose lovers and to
dance. The potency of Astor

Piazzolla's music is the driving

force in this world.

"Dejame Sonar" ("Let Me
Dream"), choreographed by
Alexandre Magno and set in a
social club in Spanish Harlem in
the 1950's, is an ethereal dance
of hope, kinship and sacrifice.
Infused with the rich and sultry
sounds of Tito Puente and Pink
Martini the characters find home
on the dance floor.

And finally there is Sergio
Trujillo's "Hoy Como Ayer"
("Today Like Yesterday"). We
step beyond the velvet rope of
modern day clubs, into an uninhibited landscape where temptations are not what they seem.
The dynamic fusion of music by
DJ St. Germain, Gotan Project
and XAlfonso electrifies the air
as the dancers reach a high-energy climax.

The libretto for "NightClub" is by Jim Lewis; the set design by Neil Patel; the costumes are by Paul Tazewell; and the lighting is by Peggy Eisenhauer (Part 1) and Howell Binkley (Part 2 & 3)

Argentinean-born Graciela
Daniele has been nominated for
eleven Tony Awards and six
Drama Desk awards both for her
choreography and for her work
as a director. Her credits include
the Tony Award-winning revival
of "Annie Get Your Gun," as
well as award-winning productions of "Once on This Island"
and "Ragtime," Daniele also
choreographed Woody Allen's

films "Mighty Aphrodite" and
"Everyone Says I Love You,"
both of which earned her Fosse
Awards. In 1998, Daniele directed and choreographed "A New
Brain" at Lincoln Center
Theatre, where she is a
resident director.

Alexandre Magno creates dances that combine such varied forms of movement as jazz, flamenco, hip-hops ballet and modem dance. His choreographic work includes Madonna's "Drowned World Tour" and the 62nd Academy Awards, as well as other film and television productions. Magno also formed his own dance company; Personna Production Co., which has performed at the International Dance Festival of Joinville, Brazil, the largest festival in South America.

Sergio Trujillo's recent choreographic work includes "Salome" for the New York City Opera, productions of "The Sound of Music" and "West Side Story" for the Stratford Festival in Canada

and the world premiere of "Peggy Sue Got Married" in London. As a dancer Trujillo has appeared on Broadway in "Guys and Dolls," "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and the original production of "Fosse," as well as in the film "Chicago" and various music videos and television specials.

Ballet Hispanico, founded by Artistic Director Tina Ramirez in 1970, has commissioned over 70 new works, which fuse contemporary American dance and Hispanic culture. Touring throughout the United States, South America and Europe, it has forged a reputation as a world-class company, an award winning school and a leader in

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Award winners Ann Reinking and George Faison, modern innovator David Rousseve and Spanish talent Ramon Oiler. For her inestinable contribution to Hispanic culture in the United States, Tina Ramirez was awarded the prestigious Hispanic Heritage Award for Education at The Kennedy Center in 1999. In 2003, Ramirez was awarded the Dance

Magazine Award.

The curtain for "NightClub" is 8 pm. Tickets are free to Texas Tech Students with a valid ID and \$15.00 for the general public - group discounts are available. All tickets are available at Select-A-Seat locations (770-2000) - TTU students must pick up their tickets at the Student Union Ticket Booth.

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### Showtime Original Pictures for All Ages Celebrates Black History Monh With Premier of Crown Heights on Feb. 16

Based On a True Story the Film Stars Mario Van Peebles and Howie Mandel

NEW YORK, NY (January 12, 2004) In celebration of Black History Month. SHOWTIME is proud to present CROWN HEIGHTS' a SHOWTIME Original Picture for All Ages which stars Mario Van Peebles ("Ali" "New Jack City," the SHOWTIME Original Picture 10,000 BLACK MEN NAMED GEORGE) and Howie Mandel ("St.

Elsewhere," "The Howie Mandel Show,"
"The Tought Show with Jay Leno").
Jeremy Blackman ("Magnolia") is cast as
Yudi Simon and DeQuan Henderson
("Disappearing Acts") plays T.J. Moses.
The film premieres on SHOWTIME,
Monday, February 16 at 9:00 PM
(ET/PT).

CROWN HEIGHTS is produced and directed by Jeremy Kagan ("The Chosen," "The West Wing," "The Journey of Natty Gann" and the SHOW-TIME Original Pictures ROSWELL, COLOR OF JUSTICE and BOBBIE'S GIRL) from a story by Michael D'Antonio and a teleplay by Toni Ann Johnson ("The Courage to Love," "Ruby Bridges")- CROWN HEIGHTS is a Jeremy Kagan production. This film is based on a true story and weaves together drama, music, documentary and interviews to explore the challenges of conflict resolution and overcoming prejudice in the wake of the Crown Height riots of

August, 1991, the dog days of summer have New Yorkers on edge. When a young black child is hit and killed by a car driven by a Hasidic man in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the tensions between neighboring Hasidic Jews and African-Americans break out into three days of rioting. One rabbinical student is murdered and many others are injured.

Two community leaders, Dr. Lazerson (Howie Mandel) and Paul Richards (Mario Van Pecbles), find that they must join forces and look for a way to bring together the youth from the opposing sides. Despite resistance and anger from parents in both communities, they are able to create a forum between Black and Hasidic teenagers. A dialogue is started, which leads to community projects and eventually the formation of Project Cure. Two kids become a target for their work: Yudi (Jeremy Blackman), whose father was attacked during the rigts, and T.J. (DeQuan Henderson), a former gang member. What the boys surprisingly have in common is rap music and together they create a Hip-Hop band. But the pressures of family, politics, religion and friends threaten to undermine their friendship and the group's efforts to transeend bigotry and fear.



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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions





In spite of the negative naysayers, things are moving in the right direction. The local affiliate of Habitat for Homanity International broke ground for its "Dream House" during the Martin Lether King Commemorative holiday. The Lubbeck Housing Authority, Inc. broke ground for its Park Meadow Plaza of homes in the Green-Fair Manor area. After all the ups and downs, the City of Lubbock finally won big time by landing Lou Fox, referred to by former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cincerso as the "best city manager in the United States of America. Yet, after all the negative activities and turmoil. Lubbook has come out as a big winner

and it was a long shot! Thanks to the vision of our young Mayor, we have two of our long denied and over looked communities on the move in the right positive;

### 2004 Is Moving On In Right Direction!

by Eddie Richardson

Lubback with guidance and persuch as Gary Lawrence and the North and East Lubbock Commission, things are looking... up and the future is bright in spite of the negative remarks made at Patterson Library by that woman who don't know what is going or who is doing

And there is the quarterback for the efforts of the North and East Lubbock Commission. He is John Hall who has a proven record for development, and we can assume we are on an upward move in spite of the naysayers. Already, the train is on track with such developments in United Supermarker. Family Dollar, Sonic Drive-Inn. Llano Warehouse, MLK Burgers and William's Chicken. There is also the New Heart Hospital, the McDougal development in North Lubbock, and there are more projects coming.

From a wider view, this writer attended a commissioner meeting of the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission, along with State

Red. Af Edwards, and other board of directors. The Commission is moving with ment of its kind depicting a people and not a person of African decent. The environmental studies and all the preliminaries have been vione. The design phase has ocen completed by local artist Eddie Dixon. We are now ready to pour the wax and then the foundation for the brass to complete the process

The Texas Compaission will have Juneteenth Texas license plates for sale in the near future. We are working on various markers around the State of Texas. Even the Texas TASS Test will have information and later, text books about Juneteenth So we are moving on!

Something To Think About "When the mouth stumbles, it is worst than the frot. An intelligent enemy is better than a stupid friend."

Nuff Sed! WHY Not?



LPD HADN'T RECEIVED ANY CALLS ABOUT DAVIS MURDER! THIS N THAT .... learned from a detective working the murder case of ... . MARY E. DAVIS ... . admitted to ... THIS N THAT ... last Friday afternoon January 23, 2004 ...that the Lubbock Police Department ... hadn't received a call from anyone in the community about this murder. As well-known as she was . . . . surely there is someone in the community....especially in her immediate neighborhood .... should have seen something rather unusual . . . . None of us can live in this city by our selves . . . and should come to rescue of situations as this one which involved the killing of this lady .... who loved children and did sell soda pop and candies to many of them....THIS N THAT .... believes there is someone in the community ... who knows come forward . . . and it will not go unsolved as the ... killing something... Let's hope someone will of a longtime educator ... LUELLA SCOTT .... nearly twenty years ago... As it is suggested ... if you don't want your name revealed ... then call ... CRIMELINE. . . at 741-1000. Come on Lubbock citizens let's help the Lubbock Police Department solve this murder... If anything ...let's do it for ... MARY E. DAVIS .... Will you help? Just think . .. as we mention this . . . . there is someone who killed one of our senior citizens....walking in our community... Let's get involved and help with this killing.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "OFTEN ... those who do ..... NOTHING ... never should prevent you from . . . MAKING POSITIVE ... contributions to you and your family... GET INVOLVED!"

VERY GOOD MEETING WITH JOHN HALL! THIS N THAT ..... attended a very inspiring meeting with ..... JOHN HALL ... executive director of the North and East Lubbock Development program .... and Deacons of the .... COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH ... and pastor ... REV. LARRY BROOKS ... last Friday evening ... January 23, 2004 . . ...in the Fellowship Hall of the church,.. It was a most informative meeting ... and ... hopefully ... these kinds of settings will be seen all over the North and East Lubbock area... Very good meeting!

VERY ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT BY That! THIS N THAT ... wants to say .... CON-GRATS ... to the Lubback Housing Authority ... for the ... GROUND BREAKING & CONSTRUCTION START UP .... of ... PARK MEADOWS VILLAS .... in the 2500 block of Weber Drive on ... Tuesday morning ... January 20, 2004... The .... DEVELOPER of this project is ... LANDMARK HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ... from Austin, Texas ... and is owned by ... KENT HANCE ... his son ... RON ... and daughter-in-law ... AUBREA... LHA ... as well as ... THIS N THAT .... is very excited about this opportunity and partnership .... In order to construct these ... ONE

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CONGRATS' LISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES! THIS N THAT ... wants to also take this time and ... SALUTE ... our Lubbock Independent School District ... BOARD OF TRUSTEES ... during this month . January ... which is ... SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH. Those school board members are ... MARK GRIFFIN, ROY T. GRIMES, JAMES D. ARNOLD, LINDA DELEON, KAREN SLAY,. VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES AND GORDON WILKERSON.



It has been said that 'politics make strange bedfellows.' It appears that much takes place when some of the politicians are sleeping and really not in bed. They can just take a recess and the things that they have worked on for months get action which will take even more months to reverse.

The irony of some of the actions, especially those taken by our President, put a judge on a bench nominated and approved only by him. This seems to be a drastic move when a judge is confirmed by a majority of one, but ironically it is legal. Section 2 of Article 2. of the United States Constitution gives the President the right to fill vacancies: "The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during

the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session." This is an elecby Renetta W. Howard tion year and the judge can serve in his appointed position until a new Congress is in ses-

> Congress makes all laws and the Presidents job is to see that the laws are executed or carried out by the proper authorities. He can make suggestions regarding laws, budgets etc.. but it is the prerogative of Congress to make them into laws.

Business in America wants new laws to permit foreign immigrants to come into this country whenever they need them to work on low-paying jobs in service areas. Our president is willing to see this happen. In addition, he would like for their temporary stays to be made legal and renewable for three year periods, as though? the unemployment rate in the United States is at ground zero.

There are too many people receiving public assistance who could work in many of the

jobs that are given to non-citizen foreigners for minimum wages. Those who want jobs are not hired. What we do not know is how many of these businesses which employ immigrants really pay minimum wages. We know that businesses which have moved to foreign countries from the United States, often do not pay minimum wages, but still charge market or above market prices in the United States for foreign made goods. It is time that we get 'in cinque' because our Congressmen need to know that jobs in America need to be made available to unemployed Americans, especially those whom are in a position to leave the welfare rolls and make a positive contribution to the economy of this country. The legalization of workers who will work for less while Americans live in poverty can not be good for business

or America.

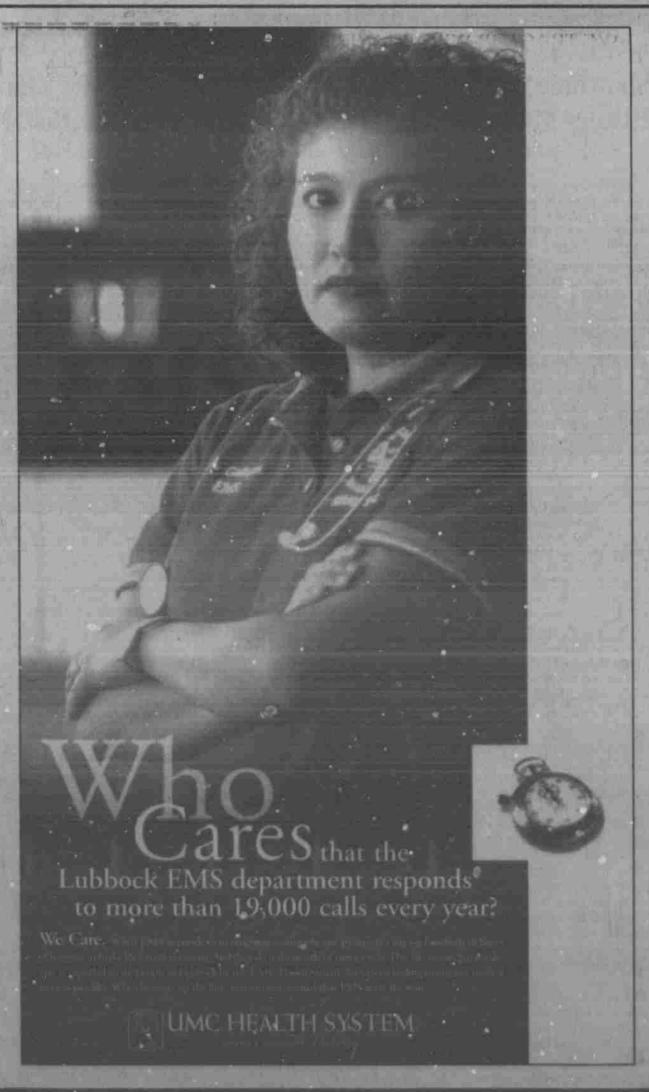
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## NAACP Legal Chiefs Resignation Proves Need for **Probe of Special Interest** Influence Over Senate Judiciary Committee

Project 21 Ethics Complaint Thought to Spur Jones Departure

Members of the African-American leadership network Project 21 say the unexpected resignation of NAACP Legal and Defense Education Fund, Inc. president and directorcounsel Elaine Jones - in the wake of Project 21's ethics complaint against her with the Virginia State Bar provides justification for the investigation of charges of inappropriate influences by special interest groups while Senator Pat Leahy (D-VT) served as chairman of the Senate

"It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that Elaine Jones cast herself on her sword in light of the ethics complaint against her," said Project 21 member Mychal Massie. "While this is a triumph for justice, a full investigation is needed to expose the behind-the-scenes dishonesty and corruption that is so apparent in the Senate

Judiciary Committee.

Judiciary Committee's past." Leaked Senate Judiciary Committee memos from Leahy's tenure indicate that liberal special interest groups such as the NAACP, People for the American Way and the Alliance for Justice exerted extraordinary influence on the scheduling of hearings and votes on the Bush Administration's judicial

nominees. In particular, Jones is identified as having contacted the office of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) on April 17, 2002 in an effort to delay the confirmation of judicial nominees to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals until after that court decided on a challenge to the University of Michigan's affirmative action policy (the school's policy was affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court this past June). According to the memo, Jones - who was participating in the case - was concerned that "if a new judge--- is confirmed before the case is decided; that new judge will be able... to review

the case and vote on it." Project 21 joined the Center for Individual Freedom, the Coalition for a Fair Judiciary and the Congress of Racial Equality in a complaint against Jones with the Virginia State Bar on December 4; 2003. The complaint charged that "Ms. Jones violated both the spirit and letter of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct when she intentionally acted to influence and disrupt an impartial tribunal that was then in the deliberative process of considering a landmark constitutional case in which she was counsel to one of the parties." The Virginia

State Bar required Jones to respond to the complaint by just after the beginning of the new year. The Virginia State Bar has not notified Project 21 of any response from

"Senator Leahy and his supporters have thus far been successful in sweeping charges of special interest domination of his committee staff under the rug. This surprise resignation could be the smoking gun," said Project 21 director David Almasi. "Chairman Hatch should now feel an obligation to give the charges of liberal tampering his full attention."

Project 21 has been a leading voice of the African-American community since 1992. For more information, contact David Almasi at (202) 371-1400 x106 or ---Project21@nationalcenter.org , or visit Project 21's website at http://

www.project21.org/P2 Ilndex.html.

## The Aesthetic Realism Teaching Method and Its Success!

By Ruth Oron

At this time of crisis in our schools-which I see first hand in my work at the New York City Department of Education-I'm very glad to tell you about an interview with Lauren Phillips, second grade teacher in East Harlem, New York. Ms. Phillips, who uses the Aesthetic Realism Teaching Method in her classroom, has had tremendous success with young people in one of the hardest hit areas of our nation. What she told me can give real hope to every teacher, parent, and

"The seven-year-old children I met at the beginning of the year," she said, "had already experienced great difficulties- seeing their parents worried about money enough for food and a place to live. They often came to school tired and angry. Some would simply put their heads on their desks with resignation, and others would yell and interrupt each other during a lesson. As the term progressed," she continued, "these children, who were so turbulent and unable to concentrate, began to learn with eagerness. They've also become

kinder." Ms. Phillips is one of the New York City teachers using this method. It is based on the following principles stated by Eli Siegel, the American educator, founder of Aesthetic Realism: 1) "The purpose of all education is to like the world through knowing it; 2) The world, art, and self explain each other: each is the aesthetic oneness of opposites."

"Every teacher has been looking for what will have children learn best," she told me, "and through these principles students are able to learn reading, math, social studies, and science with ease and excitement. They see that each subject is related to themselves through the opposites."

Ruth Oron: Can you give an example?

Lauren Phillips: Surely. Let's take reading. The New York City Department of Education requires a child to be able to make what is called "self-to-text-connection," that is, relate himself or herself to the text, I've learned that opposites like motion and rest, or speed and slowness, are the means of relation. In phonics lessons we've looked at how individual letters put these opposites together. The letter "m" in "home" is more at rest than the

"c" in "cat," which is faster.

Motion and rest are crucial opposites, as every teacher will recognize, in children. A child can go from being frantically in motion to being lethargic in a way that troubles him or her. They saw how the same opposites indignantly refuses. I asked the that may be fighting in them are composed beautifully in the sounds of words. And in learning how to write a complete sentence-something they earlier had a hard time with-my students saw that what is called the naming part or noun stands for the world at rest, while what is called the telling part or verb stands for the world as active. A complete sentence has to have

Ruth Oron: Do you study other subjects using this method?

Lauran Phillips: Yes! Let's continue with rest and motion. In a geography lesson, for instance, the class saw that the bed of a river stays put, while the water moves. Then, ia a science lesson, Juan\* noted excitedly, "While we are sleeping our hearts are beating and our blood is going through our bodies." The class loved talking about opposites in their subjects. They eagerly pointed out rest and motion in a butterfly, a plant, a bus-and they also listened during discussions, asked questions during lessons, and liked learning from each other! One day my

assistant principal walked in and was so impressed with the change she saw in these students, she said, "The way they are listening to one another-they're like a different class!"

Ruth Oron: These are such important results. Would you like years who dreaded school, were to add anything to what you have angry, separate, dull, agitated, said about teaching reading?

Lauren Phillips, Yes, Lshow my class that every time we read, we are taking the world, in the form of letters, words, and sentences, into our minds, and through that we become bigger. I read this from Mr. Siegel's book, Children's Guide to Parents & Other Matters: Little Essays for Children & Others:

"Every time you read a book, someone else's feelings meet yours, and mix with yours! You are always being affected by other people's feelings; but books are the big way of bringing to a person the feelings he might never have otherwise."

And Ms. Phillips told me about one book her students like very much, which brings to them

feelings they like having, is The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. "In the story," she said, "the rainbow Fish is haughty because he has glittering rainbow-like scales. When another fish asks for one of his scales to wear, he class, "Has anyone here ever felt !'ke this Rainbow Fish—that we are better than other people?" Many children said, 'Yes.' And they saw how this makes the Rainbow Fish feel lonely, which they have felt at times. But later, after many things happen, and he decides to share his radiant scales with other fish, and sees them happy, he feels good because he's been useful and it makes him proud. I asked the class, 'Does the Rainbow Fish show how we want to be?' Many children said, 'Yes.' I think a large reason this book is popular is the ethics in it. It shows in a lovely way that kindness makes us stronger."

And Ms. Phillips told me she wants people reading this to know what sheTs tremendously grateful to have learned-both as a teacher and mother of a young son: "The biggest cause of a child's failure to learn is the desire-which i5 in every person-to have contempt, which Eli Siegel described as "the addition to self through the lessening of something else. She continued:

"The children I teach, as thousands all over the country, endure a great deal. They meet terrible injustice, they see their oarenrs go through so much, and they often feel, "This is not a world I want to learn about." And children can also use the injustice they'er met to feel justified in having contempt themselves. I have seen many children over the have a new excitement, and keenness, as they learn through the Aesthetic Realism method that every subject puts opposites together and stands for a world worthy of respect-one they want to find out about. I passionately feel that for the children of America to have their hopes met, this method should be implemented in all our schools," "The students names have been changed.

For more information, including the bi-monthly Aesthetic Realism and Education Workshop for teachers, contact the not-forprofit Aesthetic Realism Foundation in New York City, 212-777-4490.

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