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Decline of Negro National Anthem becomes hot topic for discussion

Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to:

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RAPPIN'
Tommy Wyatt

What's up with "Lift Every Voice and Sing?"

More and more I am hearing complaints from African-Americans that they are embarrassed that we do not know the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing." It is especially noticeable when we are in mixed company.

At many of our events the song is on the program. When that time comes, you can see the audience rushing to find the printed text in the program. Any many are relieved when it is there. While many of them know



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the first verse of the song, they have no clue about verses two and three.

Why is this a concern? It is an indication that we are for getting more and more of our history. When I was in school, we could not start the day before we sang that song. It was referred to as the "Negro National Anthem. It was required that you stand when you hear the first cards of the song. While others sang "Oh Say can you see?" we sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

With school desegregation, we lost a lot of our traditions, and the Negro National Anthem was just one of the things that we lost. But, it is one of the things that we need to reinstate into our culture. We not only

need to teach this song to our children, we also need to teach them the meaning of the song. See Evelyn Martin Anderson's story on this page for more information on its origin.

As we get ready for some great challenges ahead, we need to draw upon some of the experiences that we had in the past. While we are not going back to the past, that experience will help in our forward progress.

There are two things that every nation (tribe) has - a song and a flag. And while we do live under the banner of the American Flag, we and other cultures also have their individual identity. That is the one

thing that sets us apart from the other citizens in the country. We all salute the American Flag and we celebrate the 4th of July. But, we also celebrate Juneteenth, Cinco de Mayo, Kwanzaa and other holidays that are peculiar to many of our individual cultures.

So we must embrace our culture and its many traditions. We can start by learning "Lift Every Voice and Sing" so well that we will not need the printed words.

Editor's note: Tommy Wyatt is a Lubbock native, and a Dunbar graduate. He is the publisher of the Villager newspaper in Austin.

Story of anthem's origin still relevant today

By Evelyn Martin Anderson
Villager Reporter

-We've all had the opportunity to sing the above song on numerous occasions. We do well on the first verse. But by the third verse, what became as hundreds of voices becomes reduced to tens of voices.

The song has become known as the Negro National Anthem, Black National Anthem and probably now, the African-American National Anthem. But how much do we know about this song really? I would imagine precious few even know about the author and lyricist of the song that has come to symbolize who we are as a people.

The song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was originally a poem written by James Weldon Johnson with music by his brother J. Rosamond Johnson. There is some discrepancy about where it was performed and by whom. But, there is no dispute that it was performed in Jacksonville, Florida in February, perhaps on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1900.

Some say the song was a tribute to Abraham Lincoln. Others say the song was written as a special tribute to honor and celebrate almost 40 years of Black people's freedom. Some say the song was first performed by a children's choir as a church program. Others say it was written for a Stanton School celebration of Lincoln's birthday. Stanton School is important because it was the school here James Weldon Johnson had been principal.

The song was adopted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as the Negro National Hymn 20 years after it was first performed.

Others say the song gained popularity and was spread by students who'd learned the song and taught it to other students throughout the South. Despite the discrepancies, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is considered by many our unofficial anthem. But, what do we know about the man who created this historic song?

Background

By anyone's standards, James Weldon Johnson was a Renaissance man. He was destined to become immortalized. Born James William Johnson June 17, 1871, he was the first son of James and Helen Louise Johnson. His maternal grandfather had served in the House of Assembly in the Bahamas for 30

years. His father had moved to Florida from the Bahamas after his sponge fishing and dray business had been ruined by a hurricane in 1866. His mother also from the Bahamas had been educated in New York City and became the first African American woman to teach in public schools in Florida. Johnson was educated by his mother and then by James C. Walter principal of the Stanton Grammar School.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

by
James Weldon Johnson - words
& J. Rosamond Johnson - music

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

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Fell in the days when hope unborn had
died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers
sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears
has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through
the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star
is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the
way,
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our
God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Upon graduation from Stanton Grammar School, he attended Atlanta University first in the preparatory school and then transferring to the college division. Johnson graduated from Atlanta University in 1894, receiving an A.B. degree and returning at age 23 to Florida where he served as principal of the Stanton Grammar School. In that capacity, Johnson expanded the school to include ninth and tenth grades. He also found the Daily American, an African American paper devoted to keeping the

African American community apprised of relevant current events. Unfortunately the newspaper lasted less than a year and had to fold due to financial hardships.

Ever looking for better opportunities, Johnson studied law under Thomas A. Ledwith and in 1897 became the first African American admitted to the Florida bar since the end of reconstruction. Though he had a successful law practice, which he worked at while being a principal at Stanton, Johnson's restless spirit led him into more creative pursuits. Around this time, he joined forces with his brother J. Rosamond Johnson who'd returned home to Jacksonville after graduating from the New England Conservatory of Music. They collaborated on several projects, including Lift Every Voice and Sing. Never in their wildest dreams did they believe the song would become the standard it evolved into being.

By 1906 because of the influence of Booker T. Washington, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Johnson as the U.S. Consul to Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. By 1909 he became Consul to Corinto, Nicaragua. By 1910, he married Grace Nail, the daughter of a successful New York real estate developer. Johnson left the Consular Service in 1913 believing rightly that there would be few opportunities for Blacks under Woodrow Wilson. President Wilson upon assuming office dismissed all Black American federal officials.

By 1917, Johnson had joined the NAACP and became field secretary, responsible for establishing local branches throughout the south. It is believed he increased overall membership in the organization from 10,000 to 44,000 by the end of 1918.

By 1920, Johnson had become the first African American to hold the position of general secretary, chief or operations or CEO of the NAACP. He stepped down as general secretary some-time between 1930 and 1931 but remained on the board of directors.

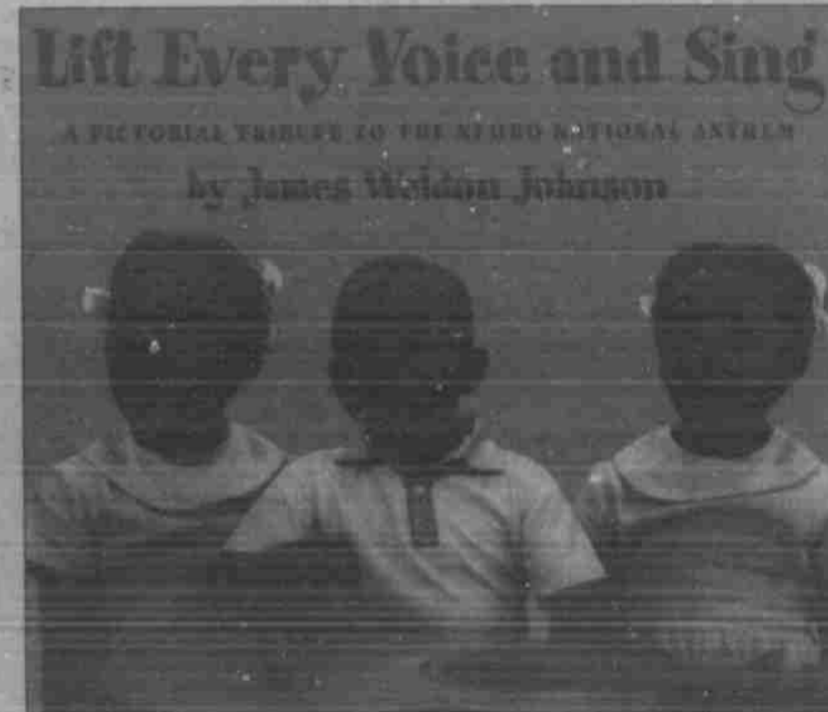
Upon retiring from the NAACP, Johnson became Professor of Creative Literature and Writing at Fisk University, lectured about race relations and wrote. His last collection of poetry was *Saint Peter Relates an Incident. Selected Poems*. On June 26, 1938, Johnson died in an automobile accident while vacationing in Wiscasset, Maine. He was 67 years old.



James Weldon Johnson



John Rosamond Johnson



James Johnson was responsible for publishing a book for children, that included a beautiful collection of black-and-white photographs are matched with the words of the song, which was composed in 1900 by James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson for a special celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The 22 archival photographs bring readers face-to-face with the power, strength, and dignity of a people. A back lashed with ugly scars; a child asleep on a sack of cotton; a pair of worn, weathered hands; three little girls singing in church; a line of marchers against a cloudy sky-these powerful images have an emotional appeal that transcends ethnic background. This stunning blend of poetry and visual images speaks to the human spirit.

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The Southwest Digest

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

All local neighborhoods will again this year participate in the nationwide 22nd annual "Night Out" from 7:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m. Tuesday evening, August 2, 2005. Residents are being asked to lock their doors, turn on the outside lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. This event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, and is sponsored locally by Lubbock United Neighborhood Association (LUNA). For those of you living in the Chatman Hill, Dunbar or Parkway neighborhood areas are asked to contact members to see what will take place in your area.

For general information, call 749-5862.

The Pastor's Aide of New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor a "Pastor's Aide Tea" Saturday afternoon, July 30, 2005, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p. m. in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall. Special guest will be First Progressive Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, and St. John Baptist Church.

The New Hope Baptist Church Annual Picnic will be held Saturday evening, August 6, 2005, at the Booker T.

Washington Park, beginning at 5:00 p. m. There will be fellowship, fun and games for the church family. This year those spearheading this event are: Brotherhood, Male Chorus, Youth, Young Adult Department, and Koimonia Bible Study.

The West Texas Baptist District Association and Congress of Christian Education will convene in Odessa, Texas August 8 through 12, 2005 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 701 Wabash, where Rev. L. H. Degrate is host pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church has several members who are officers in the District. The Moderator is Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor; Sister Dorothy Kinner, Dean of Congress; Sister Callie Howard, President of Women's Auxiliary; and Sister Elnora Dyer, Secretary of Women's Auxiliary. All do a tremendous job for the West Texas Baptist District Association.

Let us get ready for the Women's Prayer Retreat which will be held August 26 & 27, 2005, at the Ark in Amherst, Texas.

The Men and Women

Annual Day at New Hope Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, September 3, 2005.

The West Texas Health Screening Center, 1407 Avenue R, is open every Tuesday morning, beginning at 10:00 a.m., and will include the following services: blood pressure, blood sugar, BMT (Body Mass Index), bone density, balance & fall screening, cholesterol, vision screening, pregnancy and drug testing. Also, a new "Mediation Assistance Program" will be introduced. The first screening date will be Saturday morning, August 20, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. For more information, call 749-5565.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. There are many among us who are ill at this report. If you know of someone, then let's add them to our prayer list. God is able.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones in our community. One of our citizens, Brother M. C. Brock, lost his son last week in Houston, Texas. Funeral services were held there on Wednesday, July 20, 2005.

Caylene Caddell named "Coach of Year"

The Texas Girls' Coaches Association named Coach Caylene Caddell, coach of the Estacado High School girls' track team, Coach of the Year.

Last year, the Estacado track team girls' track team advanced to Austin where the State Track meet was held. The Estacado Girls did not only attend one of two, but participated in three relays. The highlight of track meets was when Estacado Girls' mile relay finished

second place in the State. The efforts of the Estacado High School Girls' track team resulted in sweet rewards! This has not been done since the last of 1982. So a big Congratulations to Coach Caylene Caddell for a super job well done!

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Circles & Dots

That's right! Circles and dots enlivened in a variety of fabrics, are the trend this fall. When it comes to being looked upon



gracefully, dots and circles are the "in" thing. The simplicity of the circles and dots will make wearing them a little more exciting. Ladies when you're out shopping, LOOK FOR THE CIRCLES, CHECK OUT THE DOTS.

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

Manhattan Heights Church of Christ

763-0582 - Tyrone N. DuBose, Minister
1702 E. 26th St. (corner of E. 26th St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.)

Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm

Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Rom. 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey him to inherit heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

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Former Pastor Reassigned

The Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church encourages the Lubbock community to share with them in welcoming Former Pastor V.L. Brown, Jr. and his spouse Rev. Vera Brown who is also an ordained Minister back to the church he Pastored 35 years ago. In their honor a reception will be held July 30, 2005 at the Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive.

Pastor Brown is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. He has Pastored 47 years in the C.M.E. church.

In Remembrance

Autumn Sherice "Audi" Roberts

Funeral services for Autumn Sherice "Audi" Roberts were held Thursday afternoon, July 21, 2005, at the Full Armor Ministries with Bishop Leonard Chatman, pastor, officiating. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Golden Gate Mortuary of Amarillo, Texas. Pallbearers were Rodrick

McGrew, John McGrew, Reggie Williams, Tyrell Bailey, Donald Gray and Fred Dunn.

She was born October 20, 1974 in Orange County, California to Benjamin and Donna Roberts. Audi attended Ricardo Elementary School in Ricardo, Texas. After moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma, she attended Union Middle School, and graduated from Memorial High School.

At the time of her demise on Sunday, July 17, 2005, she was attending Community Care College in Tulsa, pursuing a nursing degree and maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Audi accepted Christ at an

early age. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Dave and Gloria Bailey; and paternal grandfather, Benjamin Roberts, Sr.

Audi leaves to mourn her passing: mother, Donna Bailey; father, Pastor Benjamin Roberts, Jr. (Brenda); brother, Michael Davis; sisters: Gloria Gray (Donald), Latoya and Nicole Roberts; paternal grandmother, Jennie V. Johnson; and maternal great grandparents, Jessie Prosser and Floyd Thomas; three nieces: Bailey Davis, Aaliyah Gray and Brittany Pride; a nephew, Courtland Pride; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____

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Daytime phone (parent): _____

On a separate sheet of paper 1) briefly tell us about your nominee and 2) list the accomplishments of your nominee.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Do you want your nomination to be anonymous? _____

Did you include a good quality photo of the child? _____

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- 1) No purchase necessary. Nomination forms will appear periodically throughout the year in the Avalanche-Journal and at Make Kids Count sponsor businesses around town. Forms also are available at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
 - 2) Nomination forms can be mailed to Spotlight On Kids, P.O. Box 491, Lubbock, TX 79408, or can be dropped off at the A-J Information Center, 710 Avenue J.
 - 3) All information, including a reproducible photograph of the child, must be included. INFORMATION AND PHOTOS WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE A-J WITHOUT VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE FROM A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. Photos will be returned ONLY if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.
 - 4) Only one Spotlight On Kids nominee will appear in the A-J each day.
 - 5) Selection will be made by A-J personnel based on the completeness of information, parental approval and the merits of the nominee, including family considerations, citizenship, volunteerism, classroom activities and accomplishment, good behavior, church involvement, caring for others, etc.
 - 6) All nominees agree to allow their names, and photographs to be published in the Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
 - 7) The Avalanche-Journal is not responsible for submitted entries that are forwarded, late, lost, misdirected, damaged, illegible, incomplete or postage due.
 - 8) By entering, each contestant or their representative understands acceptance of the rules and agrees to be bound by them.

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Way To Go Carli Jordan!

What makes Carli special? Carli is a very bright student, and she spent a lot of her summer studying. She is a very hard worker, and she is a very caring person. She is a very good friend, and she is a very good sister. She is a very good daughter, and she is a very good person. She is a very good person, and she is a very good person.

Age: 5

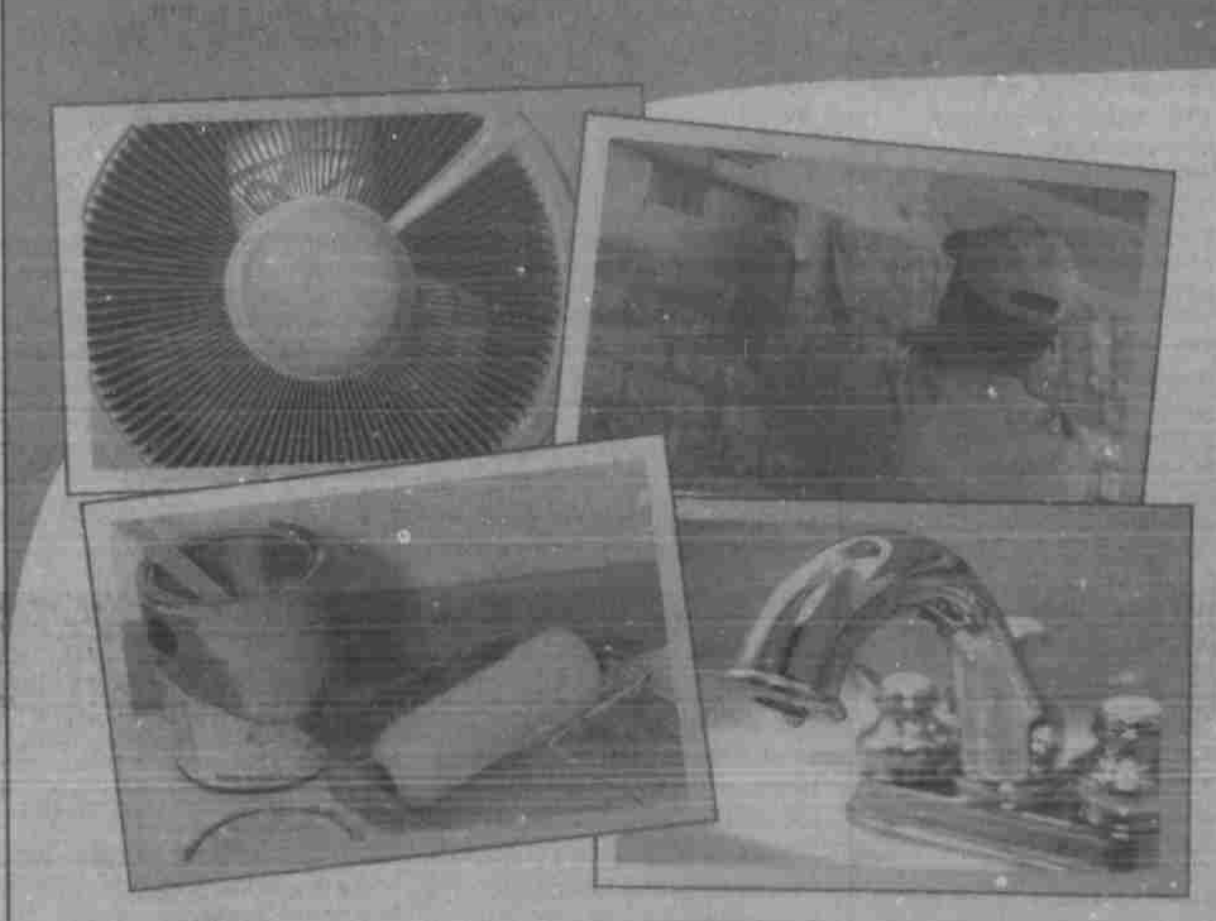
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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Peace of Mind in a Troubled World

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

John 14:27a - Jesus said peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives it.

The world is like a ship tossing and turning, like an angry sea. This world is going crazy because the people can find no peace.

Jeremiah 6:13b-14 - The Lord said, from the prophet (preacher) even unto the priest everyone deals falsely. They have healed the daughter of my people slightly, saying, "Peace, peace when there is no peace."

For when God so loved the world, that is why He gave His Son, so everyone can have salvation, and then the peace will come.

Luke 4:18-19 - Jesus said, the spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He (God) hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Jesus obedience unto death. He went and hung upon the cross. The people of this world

are in misery, because they are lost.

John 15:13 - Jesus said, greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

I, Billy "B. J.", was, at one time, living in this old world's sins, and there was no joy in my life, and there was no peace within!

Psalms 40:1-3 - I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

That day, I heard something nice about the man called Jesus Christ. My hateful prejudice heart was changed as he came into my life.

Psalms 34:18 - The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken hart, and saves such as being a contrite (broken) spirit.

With Jesus inside, He has made my life, so brand new.

Why don't you let him come in yours? He will do the same for you.

Matthew 11:28 - Jesus said, come unto me, all of you that labour (weary), and are heavy laden (oppressed), and I will give you rest.

Mountains never get too high, and valleys never get too low. They belong to Jesus. He is the one who carries me where ever I go.

John 8:32 - Jesus said, you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!

I never worry about wars, nor the world and its recessions. I don't worry about a thing. Jesus leads me through my depressions.

Mark 13:7a - Jesus said, when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled.

Sparrows never go hungry, and it's true as you can see. In God I do trust, because I know He will take care of me!

Psalms 1:1-2 - Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law he does meditate day and night.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The voices of Mexican citizens

The late Rev. C. L. Franklin (the father of Aretha Franklin) said in sermon: "The Apostle Paul did not want to create a dilemma in his message and leave his hearer and readers in a crisis."

The same is true with this writer. To add credence to former writing on the racist Mexican Stamps issued by the Mexican government and sanction by President Vincente Fox, this writer has search for comments from the citizens of Mexico. Listed are the following:

WAKE UP, MEXICO IT IS RACIST

Wake up Mexico it is a really racist country against black people. I am Mexican, I live in Mexico and I have noticed that Mexican people, Brown, White or Mixed ARE really racist. (It is not only about Memin Pinguin, (it) is about Cri Cri's song "negrito sanda") It is obviously racist. He relates black people with watermelons just a cliché that comes from the south of the U. S. wake up don't be indifferent, we have television characters like "Tomas", a black kid who says jokes about black and white things focused clearly in race issue. Mexican people always say: "No, we don't have problems with black people, we get along with them." In Spanish if you understand: "noo no soy racista me CAEN MUY BIEN LOS NEGRI-TOS" isn't that racist? I do not

know how to express it in English but here in Mexico it is a complex thing, the race thing. We need to put on black people's shoes to understand. We do not have a very large black population in Mexico, but if we had it, we would not have Negritos sandias or Memines pinguines. The problem of my country is that we are not serious about nothing, always joking, even with the 9/11 problem. Mexico needs some serious changes. Terms in Mexico as "mejorar la raza" (improve the race) by marrying with white people is still common in Mexico, beside the money you have, you have to be white to (be) worth something. Sad, really sad. WAKE UP and see reality.

Finally, I believe Memin Pinguin it is a stereotype, just as stereotypical as SPEEDY GONZALEZ. But, hey, black people did not create Speedy Gonzalez. Don't justify this with the Mexican Mouse, so is this some kind of revenge? Shame!

Watch Mexican television - blacks are still represented as sea-coast living people, with Cuban accent and dressed like Cuban dancers. ... I am Mexican and live in Mexico, but it seem I am the only one who wants to see things with a different point of view.

AMIN GEORGE FORJI
The Mexican government of Fox has consistently proven to be a

world disappointment. A friend of mine used to say one of the hardest things on earth is to live, as a black person-you need a heart that is stronger than a stone. Cos everything about you is against you, from nature to mankind. "You are a mocked caricature," a "defunct figure," a disfragmented "Memin Pinguin," a 5th class citizen, and asylum seeker...

If there is one country and government that a BLACK person should fear today, I think Sudan (Dafur) and Mexico of Fox will be the best classics.

Well, the Mexican is depicting no better image than this. It glorifies this "beautiful world of blacks' misery and ugly looks." For one reason, I do not reproach Fox for saying the truth that black are doing the very worst jobs in USA, a country they call theirs too (or should be theirs rather). Where I reproach him is his racist assumption that is where blacks should belong. I imagine where he will manage to keep blacks if Mexico (had some) as citizens. I guess he will surely govern them from behind the toilets or sell them as slaves to some foreign land.

This writer notice in the reading of many that dark-skinned Mexicans want to have light skinned babies. The reason appears to be that Mexico is run by what they describe as the crillo llo white elite, the descendants of the conquerors of the neo-colonial government.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Are You Ready For The Battle?

Warfare is a part of the Christians Lifestyle. **Ephesians 6:12** - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

The Christian Lifestyle is warfare. When you come unto the knowledge of the fullness of the word of God than Satan wages an all out war against you. It is no holes barred. He will do everything and anything to defeat you, if you let him.

He will use your body, sickness disease. He will try to hinder your Christian walk and render you inoperative. He will attempt to put you in bondage or under condemnation. Anything that will quiet you in terms of sharing the world of God, he will use it. If you understand his tactics, you are better able to wage the war.

Oftentimes, Christians fall into situations where they make mistakes, which is no big deal. We all have made mistakes. We all have messed up at one time or another. But Satan wants you to dwell on that mistake. So he constantly reminds you of it. He'll say: "How are you going to ell someone about Jesus when you are all bound up in condemnation? If Satan is successful in keeping you in a state of self pity then he will silence your witness for Christ. This is his ultimate goal. That is why Jesus said, "Be ye holy." (1 Peter 1:16). Satan is working day and night to keep you unholy. You are involved in a struggle against him. It is a major battle. But the good news is that Jesus has given us the victory! We have already won, because Jesus defeated Satan more than 2,000 years ago. Still we as the body of Christ need to know why and how the enemy operates in this world. If we know his game plan, then we will know

how to respond.

II Corinthians 10:3-4 - This is not a battle that uses physical guns and ammunition. This is a spiritual warfare and our weapons are mighty through God. The weapon in his word and we have to use it. The weapon is his word, and we have to use it. The word cannot just sit on the table. It has to be in our hearts, and in our mouths. It will work for you! Saints, The word of God!

Keep praying for your neighborhood, family members who do not know Christ, our boys on the street corners involved in things out there. Just pray as you pass by. For those of you who are not feeling well, just pray, Saints!

Remember, you can make a difference. Thanks for reading! Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president, Sister Elnora Jones, teacher, and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again last Sunday morning, July 24, 2005, was another exciting day in the Lord at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. What time in the Lord all had!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday school and Sister Orelha Moore at her post of duty. Sister Nina Davis taught the morning lesson, and a wonderful job was done by her. The lesson was reviewed by our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady.

The morning worship hour

began with the morning devotion at 11:00 a. m. with Sister Bernice and Sister Barbara Johnson in charge. The spirit was high.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir members were at their post of duty last Sunday morning. They continue to sing out of their hearts and souls with God's praises. What a mighty God we serve.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "A Cry Made Too Late." His scripture text was St. Luke 16:24.

What a wonderful time all had in the Lord. Each member was truly blessed by the word.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members as well as others whom we do not know about at this time. It has been reported Brother Gerald Jackson had surgery this week at Covenant Health System. Sister Betty Titus is resting at her home. Let us remember Sister Timmons' son.

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Black Activist: Battling exploitation begins at home

The Mexican government is facing criticism over a series of postage stamps celebrating the cartoon character Memin Pinguin. Created in the 1940s and still beloved in Mexico today, the Pinguin character is drawn to emphasize racist stereotypes about blacks. The Reverend Jesse Jackson calls the stamps an "insult to people around the world" and wants the Bush Administration to intervene. Other black leaders are suggesting boycotts and protests.

The following is a statement by Project 21 member Kevin Martin. Martin agrees the stamps are offensive, but asks black American leaders to remain focused on fighting black exploitation — often self-inflicted — here at home:

"As a black American, I cannot deny being offended by the Mexican government's new postage stamps featuring the black cartoon character Memin Pinguin. Despite Pinguin's cultural significance, its Jim Crow-era depiction of blacks with exaggerated features such as thick lips, wide eyes, big ears and an ape-like skull does nothing now but perpetuate stereotypes we have long sought to extinguish.

"I can understand the anger of my friends and neighbors, some of whom want a boycott of Mexican products and protests at the Mexican Embassy. But black leaders who are now fanning the flames of this controversy appear to forget that there is still exploitation here at home — sometimes by those in our own community. It

would be more productive to deal with these domestic problems before focusing on trouble abroad.

"Why are we criticizing another country when we have so many problems in our own? Where is the criticism of Bratz dolls, which feature some of the same characterizations of big lips and eyes in an albeit more pleasing package? Where is the criticism of the Homies dolls cartoonish characterizations of Hispanics? Black leaders also seem willing to give the hip-hop community a free pass, and even embrace it, while hip-hop music calls black women everything but their birth name and videos feature them as butt-shaking props in tight bathing suits. One can also find t-shirts marketed toward our young people that are emblazoned with labels such as 'Porn Star' and 'Slut.'

"It seems we are willing to allow our community to be exploited as long as the perpetrator looks like us. You don't see black leaders demanding these media corporations, toymakers and others stop promoting this filth to young people.

"Who really controls the black image: the Mexican government or the black community? The real threat is not Memin Pinguin but the fact that our self-described leaders seem willing to allow self-deprecating messages that come from within while only condemning them if they come from outside. Memin Pinguin is an important reminder of that."

Project 21, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, has been

a leading voice in the black community since 1992.

For more information, contact David Ajmasi at (202) 543-

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In between, Rodman was involved in a minor crash and later accused of stealing a hat in what he says is a "misunderstanding" at a gas station in Glenwood Springs.

"It's been that kind of day for me," Rodman said by phone late Tuesday.

A clerk at the gas station told police that Rodman tried on a cowboy hat, said he liked it, signed an autograph, then put \$20 on the counter for gas.

"Unfortunately \$40 worth of gas was put in the car, and there was the cost of the hat to consider," Glenwood Springs Police Chief Terry Wilson told the city's Post Independent newspaper.

Rodman said he went into the gas station to prepay for his gas, then signed several autographs. A female employee gave him a hat, he pumped his gas and left.

"The lady gave it to me," he said, adding that he has the gas receipt. "If they want me to pay for the hat, I'll give them double for it."

Rodman's agent, Darren Prince, said he and Rodman learned of the accusations through the media and hadn't been contacted by authorities.

Prince said Rodman also was in a minor crash when a Ford Mustang with people taking photographs and video of Rodman for his sponsor apparently lost control and hit the bumper and the driver's side of Rodman's car. No



Rodman

one was hurt.

Rodman said he believed Colorado authorities were targeting him because of his flashy car and his celebrity status. He said he would fight the citations.

"They're doing their job," he said, "so there's nothing I can do about it."

Then, Rodman added: "Is everyone picking on me today?"

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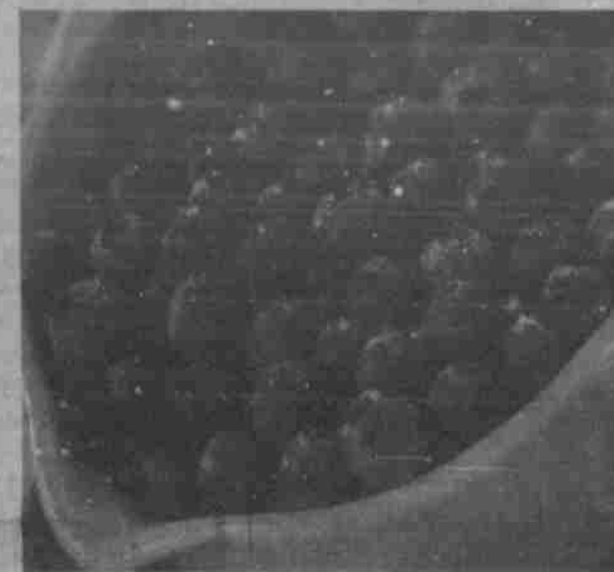


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