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State News

Combest Helps Secure \$5.4 Million for Lubbock Projects
WASHINGTON, DC. — U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) is very pleased to announce that the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday approved the FY 2003 omnibus appropriations bill, which includes \$5.4 million for Lubbock projects for which Combest fought to secure funding.
"I am very glad my requests for funding were approved by my colleagues in Congress who have seen the importance of these projects to our area and our country," Combest said. "For this fiscal year in particular, there were very difficult spending decisions that had to be made, which clearly demonstrate the value of these programs. As our nation continues to fight the war on terrorism and get our economy back on solid ground, funding these projects will help us reach our goals."
The projects for which Combest helped secure funding, and the funding amounts for FY 2003 are:
Project: Federal Funding for FY 2003:

Campus Projects \$2 million
Texas Tech University, Park and Ride Lot will receive \$1.85 million this fiscal year. That money will be used to expand the campus and remodel several existing facilities. Campus would shuttle students, faculty, and visitors from the lot to campus and back for various events and activities. Campus will receive \$150,000 in FY 2003 for the purchase of alternative fuel buses, which are needed to meet new state requirements.

Ports-to-Plains \$1 million
This funding will be used to conduct a Corridor Management and Development Plan (CMDP) for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. The CMDP will allow the Texas Department of Transportation, in conjunction with other agencies of Transportation for Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, to conduct the environmental and routing studies necessary to make this corridor a reality.

Grain Sorghum Research Programs \$1.212 million
Combest secured funding for two research programs in Texas focusing on alternative uses for grain sorghum. A research program in Lubbock will receive \$1 million in FY 2003. A grain sorghum research project being conducted at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service facility in Bushland will see a \$212,000 jump in funding this fiscal year. The grain sorghum research projects strive to improve yield, drought tolerance, and generate new uses for sorghum. The Bushland-based research is examining possible use of the by product, sorghum distiller dry grain as a possible feed. Combest secured the full amount requested for both projects.

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1705 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday - 7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 9th St.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like for an announcement to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to:
Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408
or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street

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"An Omen For East Lubbock" ESTACADO MATADORS SAYS: "WE CAN MAKE IT IF WE TRY"

Regardless of the outcome in their bid for the State Championship Trophy, the Estacado High School Boys and Girls Basketball program has come a mighty long way. With their hearts in all they have done, the Southwest Digest, believes it has been because they believed they "could make it if they tried." This is why the 2002-2003 Basketball program at Estacado has been successful. As of last Friday night, February 14, 2003, the Lady Mats and Matadors' record reveal a total of 55 wins and only 7 losses. This was a total of 62 games played thus far. Now, this is additional

proof, the Estacado Matadors have come a long way! Although the Matadors were defeated by the Frensh High School Tigers last Friday night by a score of 57-49, it didn't remove the fact they were co-district winners in District 4-4A. It only allowed for the winner of this contest to receive a bye in the upcoming play-offs. Their record this year, at this report, is 27-4. On the other hand, the Lady Mats defeated El Paso Burgess High School by a score of 90-39 as they continue their quest for the State Championship. Not only have the Matadors done well as a

team, but their coaches — Diane Morgan and Tim Thomas — have done well with these young people, on and off the basketball court. What has happened this year on the campus of Estacado High School should serve as a catalyst of what we all can do in East Lubbock. We need to believe in what we want to see happen and get busy in seeing it becoming reality. Not only this, but with the recent report of the North and East Lubbock Development Commission — with Gary Lawrence as chairman and the eight commission members — there's nothing which

can't be accomplished in East Lubbock. This week, Wednesday, February 19th, the Mayor and Lubbock City Council members traveled to Dallas, along with other Lubbock citizens, to take a look at the South Dallas Project which took some twenty years to develop. The director of the project, Jim Reid, while visiting in Lubbock, said if the South Dallas project had infrastructure that the North and East Lubbock areas hadn't it wouldn't have taken so long. Hopefully, the citizens of this city will hear what Jim Reid has said. The Estacado High School

Boys and Girls Basketball program did well this year, and it is not over at this time. Let us take from the theme of these young used during their year of competition: "We Can Make It If We Try," and do what we can to help re-develop East Lubbock. Our hats are off to the Estacado High School Boys and Girls Basketball Program. You have already had a very successful year, and any other wins this year will only add to icing on the cake of success. Thanks for being a catalyst for all of us! Congratulations, Matadors!



State Bound Again!

Good things are happening again this year in the Estacado High School Choir program. February 8, 2003 Estacado students walked away with 37 well-earned Gold Medals at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition held in Wolforth, Texas. Winning gold medals allow students to compete in the State Competition in Austin, Texas in May at the University of Texas. Since December, students have been preparing solos and madrigals with the help of director Debbie Flournoy and Robin Fincher. Each student was assigned a solo chosen to show their strengths and improve their musicality. Individually, they practiced pronunciation, rhythms and solfège. Then, three times a week students met with Flournoy and Fincher for additional instruction. Madrigal groups practiced before and after school. Their selection was a composition from the Renaissance period requiring students to sing in parts with only two or three stu-

dents per part. All solos may be for college scholarship auditions. They were judged on quality of tone, technical excellence and musicianship. Here is a list of the young Estacado High School student: Anthwon Broussard, Adrian Lewis, Terance King, Corey Godfrey, Lanea Bouser, Dakeda King, LaTina R Knighten, Kadondra Hereford, Marsharee

King, Mercedes Patterson, Marcus Ward, Braunshia Norris and Adrian Richardson. Also, April Garcia, LaToya Dupree, Perissea Harris, Reina Capano, Marcus Nerios, Kerin Green, Collette Fingers, Joshua Wilkeson, Jennifer Williams, Calvin Walker, Eric O'rear and Eric Peoples. A job well done, young people, and good luck at State!



District 5 Student Council Meets for Business

With the beat of a drum, or in this case - several drums, the District 5 Student Council mini-convention came to order. Wednesday was the day for business. The council held elections recognized sponsors of the year, and discussed the local and state project. Lubbock High School will be hosting a month long celebration in March for the Red Cross and all its contributions to the community. The highlight will be on March 29 with Search Across Lubbock, a countywide talent show similar to Star Search. LHS is asking each school in District 5 to send an entry to the show. Celebrity judging will select the winners and prizes will be given away. The deadline for

entry applications will be March 7 and the auditions will be March 8.

For the state project, Habitat for Humanity will be building a house in Arlington.



LP&L Director Steps Down

Lubbock Power & Light Director Paul Thompson formally submitted his resignation to City Manager Bob Cass earlier today. Mr. Thompson has served in that capacity for the last five years. The effective date is February 21, although unused vacation will carry on an additional four weeks. Thompson, a native of Lubbock, graduated from Texas Tech University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to returning to Lubbock, he was employed by General Electric, where he sold power generation equipment in international markets. "It has been an honor and privilege to have worked with 250 of the most dedicated employees in the City," said Thompson. "I sincerely appreciate all of their hard work and loyal service. It was their hard work and dedication that made the utility the number one choice in Lubbock. I am also very proud of the tremendous

contribution LP&L has made to the City. LP&L has transferred more than 40 million dollars to the City's General Fund in the last five years. I have also appreciated working with Bob Cass and the rest of the City organization." "We are going to miss Paul," said Electric Utility Board Chairman Marciano Morales. "Under his direction, the municipal utility has grown to 73% market share in Lubbock after gaining more than 10,000 new customers during that time." "I am pleased the City Council recognized Paul by naming a substation in his honor," said Board member Dr. Ken Jones. "It is appropriate because he has made significant technical improvements. The system is better for Paul having been here. It is much more reliable than it was in 1998." Mr. Thompson is unavailable for interviews.

Matt Wade Named Interim Director for LP&L

City Manager Bob Cass named Assistant City Attorney Matt Wade interim director for Lubbock Power & Light late Tuesday. Wade, who has handled LP&L legal matters for the past three years said, "I am proud to be given this opportunity. I will dedicate myself to keeping LP&L going in the right direction." Wade holds an undergraduate degree in economics from Texas A&M University and a doctor of jurisprudence from Texas Tech University School of Law. He obtained his law degree in 1995 and began work

with the City of Lubbock in 1997. He left for a brief stint with the District Attorney's Office in 2000 and returned to the City later that year. Wade has managed LP&L legal issues since his return in 2000. "I have complete confidence in Matt," said Cass. "He has worked with LP&L for three years and he is very knowledgeable about its operation." Cass also said the City plans to launch a national search for a new director for the electric utility and hopes to have the position filled by July 1.

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.

Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

BLACK HISTORY, BLACK FASHIONS, BEAUTIFUL BLACK WOMEN

BLACK HISTORY MONTH is a great time to celebrate fashion regarding the black woman.

History reveals that even as far back as slavery, black women had a sense of style, they were the founders of the HEAD WRAP, and because of our female ancestors, in the year 2003, we are still fascinated with the AFRICAN DESIGNS, COLORS AND BEAUTY of head covers.

AFRICAN AMERICAN FASHION is so much more than the fabric we choose to wear, more than just the displaying of colors, styles and designs.

As black women we are culturally connected and fashion oriented therefore the way we



dress to a certain extent is a natural and of great importance. AFRICAN AMERICAN style of dress is our proud way of exhibiting heritage, legacy and tradition.

It is a honorable way of remembering what was passed down generations and generations and even generations to come.

So ladies wear your African American Attire... dress, hat, scarf and jewelry, just remember to wear it proudly and of course wear it well.

There is something about a beautiful black woman, dressed from her head to her toe

HAVE FUN
Tip... Always wear a smile
FASHION, JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Army & Air Force Hometown News

Air Force Airman Matthew S. Collier has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Diane Collier of 48th St., Lubbock, Texas, and John Collier of Kailua Place, Kailua, Hawaii.

Collier is a 2002 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ronald E. Lappe has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo.

For almost six weeks, the student received training in professional military education that prepares noncommissioned officers

for positions of increased responsibility by broadening their leadership and supervisory skills, and expanding their perspective of the military profession to be better supervisors and mentors.

Training included instruction in advanced military leadership management theories and responsibilities, and the profession of arms; oral, written, and speaking communication skills, and physical fitness training. The sergeants are trained to perform supervisory duties to learn behavior concepts, problem solving, and counseling techniques relative to the Air Force mission and organization.

Lappe is a public affairs supervisor assigned to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kan.

He is the son of Sandra Lappe of Lubbock, Texas.

The technical sergeant graduated in 1981 from Monterey High School, Lubbock, and received an associate degree in 1996 from the Community College of the Air Force.

Army Spec. Patric L. Trattles has graduated from the Ranger training course at the U.S. Army Ranger School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the 61-day course, the training phases are conducted at three different locations. Beginning in the woodlands of Fort Benning, then the mountain phase in northern Georgia, and the final phase in the Florida swamps at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The course is designed to develop confident and capable small-unit leaders assigned to units whose primary mission is to engage in close-combat, direct fire battle situations.

Additional emphasis is placed on developing combat functional skills for planning and conducting ground, airborne, and waterborne patrolling and survival operations. The trainees perform individual and collective tasks and complete missions in realistic environments under simulated combat conditions, and experience the mental and physical stresses associated with the training.

Trattles is the son of Kenneth and Penny Rushing of Lubbock, Texas.

The soldier, in 1999, graduated from Lubbock Cooper High School.



JAY'S CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

(Editor's Note: This column will change its name next month. The same idea of informing citizens of what is going on will be the number one focus. Clarissa Jay, daughter of Ruby Jay, will continue to author this column. We are grateful she will continue to do this as her mother did.)

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. Billy K. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then please come and visit New Hope - you will be glad you chose to do so, God is able.

Services began at 9:30 a.m. last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church with Sunday School. All teachers were at their post of duty. All students received thirty minutes of instruction. At 10:15 a.m. all teachers and students marched to the main auditorium where high lights of the morning lesson were discussed. Prayer was also given.

Brother and Sister John Howard conducted the morning devotion at 10:45 a.m., and were assisted by the Praise Team. What time in the Lord!

The New Hope Choir marched in the morning processional singing out of their hearts. Altar prayer was offered by Rev. Mervelle McCutcheon. Sister Connie Anderson read the morning scripture which was I Corinthians 2:1-10. The morning prayer was given by Sister Cleodina Quigley. After the singing of a selection, Brother Joe Hereford led in the responsive reading with the congregation standing. The morning hymn was "O! I Want To See Him." Praise the Lord!

Pastor Moton gave his pastoral observation. This was followed by the singing of another selection by the New Hope Choir. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Jeff Brown. His subject was "What Is Wrong, Jeremiah?" His scripture text was Jeremiah 8:18-22; 9:1. A very inspiring message.

After an invitation to Discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Vickie Berry. All visitors were welcomed by Sister Celestine Kyle.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. The list this week remains the same as Sister Rosie Reddie, Raymond Stovall, father of Sister Dorothy Stovall, Sister Marion Alien, Sister Maggie Rannels, Sister Dorothy Diamond, Benny Johnson, a cousin of Sister Perlean McDaniel, and Sister Nicole Henderson.

Let us not forget those who, have lost loved ones. Among those who are deceased at this report is Brother Ollie Guy, who was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist Church where he served on the Usher Board. He was funeralized at New Hope Baptist Church last Thursday afternoon, February 13, 2003.

The Christian Education Department of New Hope Baptist Church will be having its first meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This will be the beginning of the 77th Church Anniversary.

Members of New Hope Baptist Church are asked to wear their African Attire on Sunday, February 23, 2003.

The Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday, February 23, 2003, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events at the Public Library

Part Two of Online Shopping Program at Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker will host part two of the special program "Online Shopping, Auctions and Security," at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, presented by Brian Parten. There will be a brief review of part one, followed by more in-depth information on buying, selling and bidding online. For more information, call 792-6566.

Cowboy Program at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will present the program "Cowboys in the Americas" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25. Felix Barboza-Retana of the Texas Tech Museum will speak on the history of cowboys and their contributions to North and South America. For more information, call 792-6566.

West Texas Legal Services Meet

There will be a meeting of the West Texas Legal Services Board of Directors on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, DFW Airport. (Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas)

The Public is invited to attend.

Dating Organizations Refuse to Match Black/White Races

Dear Editor:

What do black people do if mister or miss right is white. You won't find out from a dating service because they will not match the two races.

I would like the new media to inform other black people that some dating services will not match black/white couples. I, as well as most black women, prefer to date black men. Unfortunately, most black men in dating service are seeking white or females of other races other than black. (Some checks interest in every race, eliminating black women.)

If black women join a dating club with interest in meeting a black male, there is high probability that she will not find one. Most black males join dating service seeking white females and they most likely will

not be matched. I don't like the idea that black males are seeking white females. However, if that's what they want, they paid for it just like ever, one else. On the other hand, if a white male contacts me, it should be my decision whether I should meet him, not a dating service. The conclusion is, both sexes on the black race are giving their money away. Black people need to be informed, and networking is not occurring because one of the sexes is left out of the loop. Black people need to check on mating services before they join, and we must communicate with each other in order to accomplish this. Ask a friend, join a chat room or use some other method. I've been taken advantage of (I don't like it) and when I feel that something is wrong, I let other people know. Some black men act like I have a disease, maybe they hate themselves and I remind them of being black. I don't have a problem being black, and if others do, that's their problem.

I have been a member to two dating services: (1) Great Expectation (GE) and recently (2) Match.com.

I joined Great Expectation about 6.5 years ago. They gave me the spill about how great their services were and how many people they had successfully matched. Since I was black, I would receive a lifetime membership for a one-time price. Prior to joining, my main question was, "Are black men in GE seeking black or white females?" and I was assured that there were plenty of black men seeking black women. After I paid a total of over \$1200 for membership and professional photographs. I found out what the real world of Great Expectation was all about. First, there were not many black members and just as I assumed, most of the black males were seeking white, not black females. Profiles of many black males were state "inactive" but still in GE books. (I doubt if they know where these men are living now. They leave these profiles in their books just to trick new members in believing that they have lots of black customers.) When I confronted GE about this, I was told, "Well, contact white men." It didn't take long to realize that they would not match black/white races. So I contacted all black males, and the only way to achieve this was to ask for a match. Only three black males responded to my match and we discussed what was happening with blacks in the GE organization. Two of the three men I contacted were indeed seeking white females. Both told me that when they contacted white females, but never received responses. One man in particular had contacted numerous white females. I made to deal with him to contact all white females who were willing to date black men, and I would in turn contact white men. We would keep a database of our contacts and get an attorney to look into this matter. After about a month, I contacted this man to determine how his search was going, and he had contacted no one as he promised. He stated that he had found someone, not through GE, and washed his hands of the entire situation. Of the many white men I contacted, I received not one match. One day I questioned a young man who worked at the front desk at GE, and he stated that "men had indeed contacted me." When some of the men didn't contacted did not receive a response from me, they counter acted and contacted me. However, I never received such match-

es through GE. Within the 6.5 years I've been a member of GE, I've had only one contact go through their system. This match was a white male 18 years my senior, and the only reason he got through is because he asked a black female who worked for GE to contact me.

My second and most recent experience is Match.com whose home office is in McAllen, Texas. I placed my picture and profile on the internet just to see the response I received prior to joining. Match.com stated that I could receive a 7-day free trial membership. I contacted Match.com twice to let the company know that I could not log on the system for the 7-day free membership, and each time I received responses from Match.com with some general information that did not resolve the problem. I also stated that, "Why would I join when no one contacted me concerning a match." Immediately, after this comment I received one match, a white male about my age. However, I could not contact him because I was not a member. (What happened to 7-day free membership?). The system shows how many people read your profile. The last time I counted it was 129 and only within a few days. Just as I did with GE, I contacted all black males and asked how their search was going. And just as myself, most were doubtful about the level of activity from their profile. Although, they suspected the worse, they didn't contact others to compare and determine exactly what the problem entailed. My ad officially went on Match.com's system Monday, 01/13/03. When I suspected that they were racially profiling, I placed these exact words on my profile, "I will contact anyone who is interested in my profile. If you do not hear from me, it means that I did not receive your match, so contact me again." Each time I add this statement to my profile, Match.com immediately deleted it. I deactivated my profile on the web site on 01/16/03 and requested a refund. Each day I attempt to deactivate my account, and each day it is still there. (Go to Match.com and type in my identification, "seu51", it was still there today. On Friday, 01/17/03, I mailed a certified letter to Match.com and requested that my account be deactivated and money refunded. This is the fourth time I have made this request, but usually over the internet. I contacted all black male 40 years and older, and I immediately let them know that I was not trying to match with them. Of the fifteen I contacted only ten responded. I contacted Match.com concerning my suspicion and threatened to expose them to the news media, still they will not refund me or remove my profile from their web site. I do have copies of changes made on my profile as well as email receipts. These money grabbing thieves organizations want our money, but will not match us as they do other races. If I pay money for matches, I should be allowed to view all matches, not just from one race. I prefer to date black men, but if I choose not to consider another race, this should my decision, not someone else's.

I have placed ads in Westword Magazine in the past, and I am proud to say that Westword does not discriminate. If you are interested in my true story, please let me know thanks for taking the time to read my story.

Elizabeth Hall

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TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERING OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED, TO PREACH THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.

JESUS IS SAYING, COME UNTO ME; ALL THAT HAVE TROUBLES AND SINS, AND TROUBLES AND SINS EVERYONE HAVE; AND JESUS WANT TO COME IN.

ROMANS 3:26, FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY(GOODNESS) OF GOD.

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO GO INTO THE WORLD; AND LIFT HIM UP, BUT THE CHURCH IS SO LUKEWARM, AND THEY WANT THEM TO SHUT UP.

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVETH ME SHALL COME TO ME, AND HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL NOT CAST OUT.

PEOPLE THINK THEY HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS, WITH MANKIND, CAN'T EVER BE TRUE, GOD IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GIVE THAT, IT'S ALREADY GIVEN FOR ME AND YOU.

JOHN 3:17, JESUS SAID, VERILY, TRULY, VERILY, TRULY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD, FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON(JESUS) INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE EQUAL TO OTHERS, WHITE, RED, AND BROWN, LIVING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, WELL WHAT IF LOVE IS NOT AROUND!!!

1 JOHN 2:15, LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD, IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.

(GRACE AND MERCY, IS THE ONLY THING IS THE ONLY THING GOD GIVES TO ALL, RED AND YELLOW, BLACK AND WHITE, ALL ARE PRECIOUS TO GOD'S EYE, RIGHT)

HAVE YOU TRIED THE BIG HOMES, CARS, AND MONEY, AND IS YET YOU ARE IN MILERERE, YOU REMEMBER ELVIS TRIED THE SAME THINGS, BUT IT WAS JESUS HE NEEDED.

JOHN 14:6, JESUS SAID, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY

ARE YOU LIKE THE WOMAN WHO'S BLOOD ISSUE IN LIFE, AND IT WOULDN'T STOP?

WHAT ISSUES OF LIFE THAT IS KILLING YOU? DRUGS, LYING, STEALING, AND YOU CAN'T STOP!

ROMANS 6:23, FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

*****NOBODY TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY ABOUT JESUS' BODY DYING FOR THE SINS OF EVERYBODY*****

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



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Disparagement in Justice?"

However, this was not to come to pass, as in Lubbock, Texas.

I was told by some of my professional friends that if you were charged with a crime in Lubbock you had better have enough money to HIRE a good attorney or you would be "up the creek without a paddle," so to speak.

On Thursday, February 6, 2003, the sentencing of two child molesters took place. One of the molesters was a black 28-year-old male and the other a white 51-year-old male. The black male was charged and sentenced with indecency with a child and sentence by Judge Brad Underwood to 20 years in a correctional institution upon the recommendation of Prosecutor Stacey Barber who stated "I felt like 20 was a good sentence."

The white male who had previously been charged indecency with a child and injury to a child in connection with physical and sexual abuse allegations by two other young boys plead no contest to a lesser charge in exchange for a five-year probation term and the criminal charges are erased from his

record upon agreement of special prosecutor Rod Hobson.

Look at this picture of Lubbock justice. A poor black man gets to spend 20 years in the state penitentiary with no deferred adjudication, which could have erased his conviction after completion of a probation term, and a well-to-do white man gets to go home, eat a steak and drink a cold beer with a deferred adjudication on a sexual molestation and injury to a child and God's know what else that never came to light in the trial.

While we believe with all of our heart that one should be punished severely for molesting a child, we also believe that the "scales of justice" should weigh equally for blacks as well as whites, rich or poor.

Justice delivered on February 6, 2003 to a black and a white does not speak well of Lubbock's Criminal Justice System, nor does it set well with the black community. American elites need to realize that they cannot keep beating on poor blacks and whites and think they are going to get away with it. You may be powerful, but you are not

all powerful! God has a way of bringing the suppressor to his or her knees. When God's children are mistreated, he has a way of making Pharaoh let his people go! Many blacks went on their knees a year or so ago in Lubbock because of injustices and God heard the prayers of the people and moved the stumbling block to justice where they cannot never (Yes! These are two negatives) ever do blacks harm again.

Black Americans in Lubbock who are liken to the Jews in Egypt, need to read again 2 Chronicles 7:13-14: "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locust to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."(NIV)

There should be no "disparagement in justice" for molesting a child! My heart goes out to all of the families involved.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"HOUR OF POWER"
Let's Pray

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Especially those who have children in trouble. Father, stretch forth your hand from above. Please rescue and deliver them out of danger. Execute justice and peace. Those who are flashily accepted, lift up their bowed

down head. And set them free. Isaiah 54:17. No weapon that's formed against thee shall prosper. They will give justice against every court room lie. Heal the broken hearted, the down trodden. Turn around the disobedient and cut off control.

Young people, help us to get your word over to them that they disobey. Their days will be shortened. Father, your word says refrain from weeping and our eyes from tears. For our prayers shall be rewarded. Our children will be saved. Our sons and daughters from the ends of the earth. They will walk in righteousness lifting up your Holy and Righteous Name. Those who error in spirit will

come to understanding. Those who murmur and complain are not in the safety zone, Lord, you love them too so very much!

Satan, we speak to you in the name of Jesus. We bind you, the principalities the powers, the rulers of the darkness, and the wicked spirits in heavenly places, and we tear down strongholds using the mighty weapons God has provided for us in the Name of Jesus. We speak to greedy selfishness, pride, arrogance, boastfulness, abuse, blasphemy, disobedience, ungratefulness, profanity, hatred, treachery, conceit, lust, unworthiness, materialism, error, deceit, spirit of anti-Christy filthiness, cruel-

ty, hostility, depravity, distortion, ungodliness, and falsity and loose you from all diabolical assignments against our people. We cancel all negative talking and doubt and unbelief. Satan, you will not use this against Our People. We commission the ministering spirits to go forth and dispel these forces of darkness and bring our people to themselves. In the name of Jesus.

Saints, bless the Lord. Pray about everything. We are into a New Year. What's your plan. Let us continue to be People of God!

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Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires the reader.

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In Remembrance...



Cecil Gibbs

Funeral services were held for Cecil Gibbs last Tuesday afternoon, February 18, 2003, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with the Rev. Elijah W. Austin and Rev. G. A. Blocker officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Mr. Gibbs died Friday, February 14, 2003.

He was born October 29, 1934, in Durham, N. C. He married Dorothy McGaha in Seagraves, Texas. He graduated from high school in Washington, N. C. and served in the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1962.

He was employed with West Texas Advertising, also known as Multi-Ads, for several years. He also worked for United Supermarkets as an assistant manager, for 7-Eleven as a clerk, in the printing office at The Avalanche Journal, and for Wal-Mart for 17 years.

He was a member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, and was an ordained deacon since 1971. He was a member of the Lubbock Bowling Leagues.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Gibbs of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Reggie of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, La'Veia Saunders of Lubbock, Texas and Vickey McGaha of Arlington, Texas; two brothers, James and Bobby, both of Washington, N. C.; two sisters, Maude Keys of Washington, N. C. and Alice Shelton of Baltimore, Md.; and six grandchildren.



Ollie Dwayne Guy

Funeral services for Ollie Dwayne Guy were held last Thursday afternoon, February 13, 2003, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Guy died here Sunday, February 9, 2003.

He was born April 12, 1932, in Corsicana, Texas. He married Maude Walker Rhome on April 29, 1966. She preceded him in death October 10, 1994.

He moved to Lubbock in 1951 from Corsicana. He attended Dunbar High School and drove trucks for Featherlite Brick Co.

Mr. Guy was a mail clerk for Lubbock National Bank until he retired. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was director of the Usher Board.

Mr. Guy is survived by a son, Larry Rhome of Los Angeles, California; three daughters: Gwen Hunt of Lubbock, Texas, Brenda Safford of Boston, Mass. and Myra Rhome of Los Angeles, California; two brothers, Robert Lee Guy of Lubbock, Texas and Julius Guy of Dallas, Texas; five sisters: Lena Mae Guy, Aline Guy and E Esser Lean Watis, all of Dallas, Texas, Jewlean Brooks of Wichita, Kansas and Odessa Guy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Anthony Haynes

Hobbs, N.M. — Funeral services for Anthony Haynes were held Monday afternoon, February 10, 2003, at the Prairie Haven Memorial Park Chapel with the Rev. Matthew Kelso of Ebenezer Baptist Church officiating!

Burial was held in Prairie Haven Memorial Park under the direction of Duncan-May Funeral Home in Hobbs.

Mr. Haynes died Friday, January 31, 2003.

He was born January 14, 1970, in Hobbs. He married Joy Brewer.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Haynes; two daughters, Shaniqua and Shaynell Haynes, both of Hobbs, N.M.; his mother, Sue Haynes of Hobbs, N.M.; five brothers: Thomas of Wichita, Kansas, Doug and Chris, both of Austin, Texas, Delbert of Las Cruces, N. M. and Curtis of Phoenix, Arizona.

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Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Moves to Permanent Headquarters in Prestigious Downtown D.C. Location

(Washington, DC) The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) has acquired a new, permanent headquarters in a prestigious location with the recent purchase of a building and property designated as a historic landmark. The property, located at 1720 Massachusetts Avenue in northwest Washington, DC, is a five-level, 10,000 square-foot, brick and masonry structure surrounded by embassies and "think tanks" such as the Brookings Institution, The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, the Embassy of The Republic of Uzbekistan, and the Embassy of Chile.

"The acquisition of this structure further affirms the permanence and seriousness with which we regard the growth and development of the CBCF as an important national resource," said CBCF Board Chairman Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-LA). "We are delighted that we will have a larger home, and that we have made an investment that will yield dividends both for the institution and for the larger community," he added.

The property was purchased at a closing price of \$3.3 million dollars. Robert L. Johnson, Founder and CEO of Black Entertainment Television (BET), provided essential financial assistance with the purchase. Johnson will also be spearheading the effort to retire the CBCF mortgage on the new headquarters building. "The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is in a position to build a world-class organiza-

tion, and this new building moves the Foundation one step closer to that goal. My involvement in this process signifies that I am fully committed to helping that process move forward," he said.

CBCF has also changed its logo to reflect the new leadership and direction of the organization. The abstract symbols that now make up the logo represent the Foundation's global emphasis and its focus on the future. "This is a significant undertaking for the Foundation," said CBCF President Weldon J. Rougeau. "It gives us the capacity we need to pursue our strategic objectives in the areas of education, economic development, public health and African Globalism. It also gives us the opportunity to more easily interact and col-

laborate with other public policy organizations, and to serve as a conduit for policy-oriented information to the African American community."

The CBCF was established as a nonprofit corporation in 1976, and was initially created to address the underrepresentation of African American professionals in Congressional Offices. In its early history, the organization also established an internship program that allowed young people to gain knowledge and experience about the inner-workings of Capitol Hill. The Foundation has evolved into a multifaceted, international public policy organization with an emphasis on education, economic development, and public health.



Strength for Today hope for Tomorrow

by Gerald Jackson

Question: Should Christians go to war?

Answer: This question is asked with the anticipated answer "No." It is the presumption that because Christians are peace loving and peacemakers that war should not be part of our philosophy. Were it not for the fact that we live in a fallen world where evil is ever present the need for war would not be an issue, but the truth is that there are evil people in the world.

And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

The assumption is made that if you don't bother others then they won't bother you. This is the philosophy of the naive. You don't have to look for trouble, trust me, trouble is looking for you. "And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." (2 Timothy 3:12) The translation of the word persecute means to chase after with intense ill will. You see then that you can be peace loving and evil will still chase after you to harm you. You don't have to look for trouble, it is actively looking for you.

As a nation we don't have to look for trouble, it will surely look for us. I am not advocating that this explanation of Christians and war is a defense

for the United States to engage in war with Iraq, the decision is not mine to make. But this question of war is brought up against the backdrop of a possibility of war with Iraq. It is anticipated by some that my response to the question should be against war, any war for any reason. Permit me to offer the following principles for determining the necessity for war.

As I have already stated, evil is in pursuit of any peace loving people. Defense against this type of aggression is necessary whether

we like it or not. Wisdom would dictate that we make provision to oppose any aggressor.

Secondly, war may become necessary to defend those who are not able to defend themselves against an evil aggressor. Consider the case of Abram (later renamed Abraham) going to rescue his nephew, Lot, in Genesis 14:13-16. God will honor those fighting in a just war.

Thirdly, God sanctions war against those who are evil. When the Amalekites attacked Israel God enabled His people to fight and win the battle (Exodus 17:8-13).

It is accurately stated, "If you

want peace prepare for war." You are less likely to be a victim if an aggressor believes you are ready to rumble with him. We should not eagerly desire to go to war, but if necessary we must be ready for war. No place in Scripture can you find the notion that God wants His children to lay down and be a doormat for evil. As Christians we are always engaged in a spiritual battle. As citizens of this planet there may be times when we are called to fight in a military war. When the war is a just cause, God will honor the war.

(to be continued)

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The pursuit of sexual health is every person's birthright. Sadly, the youth of Lubbock are hampered in their ability to pursue that birthright, as they are denied vital sexual health information in the public schools. No less than the former Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Davidatcher, said in his *Call to Action To Promote Sexual Health & Responsible Sexual Behavior*, "It is also important to recognize the responsibilities that individuals and communities have in protecting sexual health. The responsibility of well-informed adults as educators and role models for children cannot be overstated."

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COOKING CORNER

Recommended by the SPAM Kid Chef of the Year

Looking for a recipe your children will like to eat? SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey Chili Wraps on a Stick comes kid recommended. And kids will love taking a tip from Jonathan Alien, the winner of the first national Kids' Cook-Off — don't wait to see what's cooking, head to the kitchen yourself.

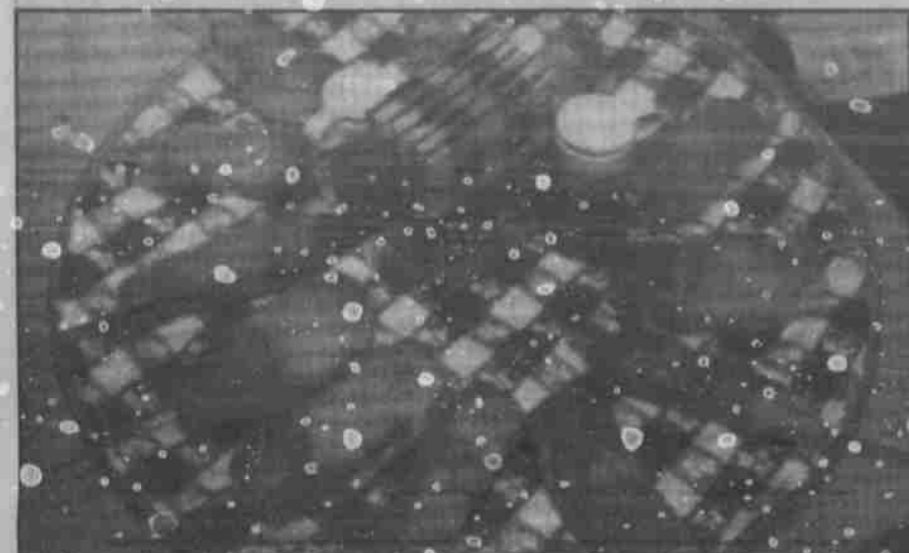
Jonathan, a 7 year old from Pueblo West, Colorado, was named the first ever SPAM™ Kid Chef Saturday, October 12 at the SPAM Museum in Austin, Minn. Alien earned his spot in the national cook-off by taking first place in the Kids' recipe competition at the Colorado State Fair.

Jonathan's winning recipe won him a \$1000 shopping spree at Mall o' America in addition to his all expense paid trip to Minnesota. "The best part of making my recipe is eating it," said Jonathan.

SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey Chili Wraps on a Stick
1 (12-ounce) can SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey, 1 (1.25-ounce) package mild chili seasoning mix, 2 (8-ounce) containers

refrigerated crescent dinner rolls, 4 (1 ounce) slices American cheese, 12 bamboo skewers, ketchup and mustard, for dipping

Soak bamboo skewers in water for 10 minutes. Heat oven to 375°F. Remove SPAM from can and cutting from top to bottom, cut SPAM into 12 logs. Insert a skewer into the end of each log to within 1/4-inch of the other end. Open crescent rolls. Pinch and shape the crescents into one long rectangle. Cut rectangle into 6 even pieces. Continue this with the second package of rolls. Place chili seasoning onto a plate. Cut each slice of cheese into 6 even strips. Roll each SPAM log one at a time in the chili mix. Place a coated log on a piece of dough. Place 2 strips of cheese on the same piece of dough. Roll it up and seal the dough by pinching the sides and ends together. Place logs, 1 to 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 11-13 minutes or until golden brown and baked through. Serve hot with ketchup and mustard, for dipping. Makes 12 wraps.



New "Toss On" Contest Seeks Recipes that are given an Almond Accent

(NAPS)-Some of the best cooks create their signature dishes by taste, using just a pinch of this, or a dash of that. These simple extras often make all the difference.

To elevate favorite recipes to gourmet status, try tossing Sunkist Almond Accents™, flavored sliced almonds, on salads, pastas, rice or vegetable dishes. Sprinkle this zesty topping on side dishes, or use it to coat fish or poultry.

Using almonds to dress up standard fare like asparagus, string beans and broccoli, or side dishes such as Middle Eastern tabbouleh or stir fry, can be a great way to get the family to eat more vegetables. Try this easy and elegant salad recipe:

APPLE, ALMOND AND BLUE CHEESE SALAD

6 cups romaine or mesclun lettuce
2 apples, thinly sliced
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
1/2 cup Sunkist Almond Accents

Arrange lettuce on four serving plates. Top with apple slices, cheese and Sunkist Almonds

Accents. Drizzle with vinaigrette.

There are so many ways that a versatile ingredient like flavored, sliced almonds can be used, that Sunkist Almond Accents plans to award hundreds of prizes through its current "Toss On" contest. The grand prize winner will enjoy a deluxe food-lovers vacation for two to Napa, and a week-long course at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone.

To participate, consumers should submit a completed entry form, two Sunkist Almond Accents UPC symbols, and an original recipe using any of the six Sunkist Almond Accents varieties: Original Oven Roasted, Honey Roasted, Ranch Style, Bacon Cheddar, Roasted Garlic Caesar and Italian Parmesan.

For more information see official rules and entry form available in produce sections nationwide. All recipes should be mailed to: Sunkist Almond Accents "Toss On" Contest, P.O. Box 2366, Mission Viejo, CA 92690-2366. All entries must be received by July 6, 2003.



If you would like to submit a recipe of your own, please mail it to the Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street. If you would like, you may also send a picture of yourself or a picture of the prepared dish.

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In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

Carter G. Woodson, a history professor, educated at Harvard University, spent much of his life and educational research attempting to set the record straight about the history of the Negro in America. He founded an organization, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and edited the Journal of Negro History in his effort to eliminate racial bias in the writing of the history of the Negro (Black History: A Reappraisal p-147; Brimmer, Melvin; Editor)

Because of his efforts to remove the anti-Negro biases from Negro history, Carter G. Woodson is known as the 'Father of Negro History' it was through his efforts and those of the society with which he worked that Negro History Week evolved; a week in which the accomplishments of Negroes were

brought to the forefront by Negroes in their every day activities and in classrooms in all-Negro schools; primarily in the South.

As more Negroes migrated to Northern states and resided in neighborhoods that were predominately Black, or ghettos, interest in Black history began to emerge in the cities. The onset of the civil rights movement catapulted the need for some form of Black history to be evident in the ghetto. Court cases such as Brown v. The Board of Education, 1954, which reversed Plessy v. Ferguson and overturned the 'separate but equal' laws, ushered in school integration. Grants were set up to have visitors to sellouts to tell children about important ex-slaves and modern heroes; such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Dred Scott, Sojourner Truth, Madame C.J. Walker; W.E.B. DuBois, Daniel Hale Williams, Mary McLeod Bethune, George Washington Carver and many others. Black history became a focal point for Black improvement and education.

New heroes emerged on the scene to help to give Black people more pride and reasons to want and

see the need for higher education. Integration required a different way of seeing things and doing things. It has called for a mind set which had not been present among Blacks because inequality had prevented it. It has been almost fifty years since the landmark case made 'separate but equal' illegal, but the memory, knowledge and experiences of those persons still living who lived during the days of Jim Crow, can see the advantages and disadvantages of integration as it exists today. Negro History Week evolved to Black History Month and the "Let go on."

I like to think of Black History Month as Black Emphasis Month, because that is just about what it is. We must get 'in cinque' and realize that BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY! It did not occur separately from White History. It all happened together, in the same places with different roles. There were the servers and the served; 'the haves and the have nots,' the blacks and the whites, and the seldom mentioned browns and reds, just as there is now. Same country, different times.



Phony Canadian Lottery Steals from the Elderly

by Greg Abbott

Last month an elderly central Texas man was nearly taken for his entire life savings. He wanted the "prize money" he thought he had won in the Canadian Lottery to ensure that his wife, who is suffering from an advanced stage of Alzheimers, would be taken care of for the duration of her life. He had already taken out a second mortgage and was preparing to fly to Montreal to personally deliver \$50,000 in "tax money" when we intervened.

Unfortunately, this case is not unusual. In that same month, we were made aware of three other senior Texans who lost anywhere from \$500 to \$3000 to the Canadian Lottery scam. Here is how the Canadian Lottery scam works.

It usually begins with a call from an enthusiastic and convincing telemarketer who informs you that you have won the Canadian Lottery. In some cases, the caller will tell you that to claim your prize, you must wire him money for taxes. Instead, you never see your money again, and the prize never arrives.

In a similar version of the scam, the caller asks for your bank account number so that the prize can be deposited directly. Instead, the con artists

clean out your bank account. In yet another version, the caller asks for a credit card or bank account number "for verification purposes." Again, you lose.

You can protect yourself from falling prey to unscrupulous telemarketers. If someone calls and tells you that you have won the Canadian Lottery or ANY lottery, HANG UP! It is ILLEGAL for a US resident to participate in a foreign lottery. These callers will act like they are very happy and excited that you've won the lottery. They will try to befriend you to gain your confidence and use high-pressure tactics to get your money. Don't be fooled! These are professional con artists who know how to swindle you out of your savings! Never give out your credit card or bank account information to someone who calls you.

Callers to our office occasionally reported receiving a telephone call from one of our own investigators or from the IRS, seeking up-front money to pay taxes or help recover lottery winnings or money lost through lottery or sweepstakes scams. Sometimes these "agers" or "investigators" ask for banking or credit card information under various pretexts.

Neither our office nor the IRS would ever contact you in

this manner. We would never request your banking or credit card information, and we would certainly never ask you for money for any purpose. Report a call of this nature to law enforcement and to our office.

Sometimes, consumers who lose money through lottery scams are re-victimized by so-called "recovery center" scams. Victims desperate to recover their lost money are contacted by an organization that claims it can recover the lost money ~ for a fee.

Needless to say, the fee is due in advance, and the organization does not recover your money. These recovery centers are usually run by the very same people who stole the money in the first place, which is probably how they knew you were vulnerable to the "recovery" scam.

Through an organization called Project PhoneBusters, Canadian law enforcement officials are working to combat these scams. You can report a contact from the so-called Canadian Lottery to PhoneBusters by calling 888-495-8301 or by sending an e-mail to info.phonebusters.com. You can find more information at www.phonebusters.com.

Dunbar Principal Remembered

Friends:

I would like to tell you about a lady who had a tremendous impact in my life as well as many others. Her name was Polly Kiker. I knew her as an assistant principal, mentor, and friend. She touched many lives in her 30+ years of teaching and administration. She was responsible for starting the medical magnet program at Estacado High School and taught hundreds of students to type.

The Polly Kiker I am most interested in telling you about is the concerned principal. Polly was a firm believer that life could turn on a dime. I cannot tell you how many times she called me into the office and told me I was going to adopt a new child at school. The student needed positive reinforcement because of home or school environment. She would count on me to connect with that child in a special way. She always ended the conversation with, "Don't forget this child can be saved."

Polly Kiker passed away October 4, 2002. She fought brain cancer valiantly. She is missed tremendously. Dunbar would like to start a scholarship in her name for our students. We would like to send one student per year to one of the Texas Tech specialty camps (Basketball—Bobby Knight or Marsha Sharp. Baseball—Larry Hays, Football—Mike Leach, or Band/Orchestra Camp). In this way, Ms. Kiker could still adopt a child at school.

In order to form the scholarship we need your help. We are collecting donations for the scholarship and would appreciate your help. You may send your donation to the school. Make your check payable to Dunbar Jr. High School. In the memo notation please designate Polly Kiker Scholarship. Please help us remember this vibrant lady. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Doris Beseda

Doris Beseda
Scholarship Committee Chair



THIS N THAT

GOOD OMEN FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN! THIS N THAT ... is pleased with the tour of the ... SOUTH DALLAS PROJECT... by the Mayor and City Councilmembers this week.... As the director of the project ... JIM REID ... said on his visit here last fall ... that if South Dallas had what we have in place in the ... NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK AREAS ... their project would not have taken so long to develop.... This is a good omen for the ... NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ... who presented their report to the Lubbock City Council last month.... Hopefully much will come from this tour and there will be some positive activity in the very near future ... THIS N THAT ... however, advises the residents of these areas of the city involved that it will not happen over night ... but it will happen ... and it should be on a fast pace.... THIS N THAT ... hopes there will be complete cooperation ... in regard to upcoming projects in these areas of the city... No doubt about it ... THINGS WILL HAPPEN ... but we must stay focused on what's important for all involved ... This is a good omen ... for all of us concerned.

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2003 Auto Show Scheduled for March 8 and 9

The annual Lubbock Auto Show is expected to draw a record 5,000 viewers to this year's showing of all the new cars in one convenient place at the Civic Center March 8 and 9.

There will be several new exhibits this year, including a display by Harley Davidson of its new motorcycles. Two new dealers, Britt Mercedes and Brink Suzuki, have joined the Lubbock New Car Dealers Association, sponsors of the show with the Avalanche Journal. The arena has been rearranged to show more cars

this year, according to dealer association president Mike Edwards.

"We think the show will be the best we have had," he added, "with special purchase discounts and incentives this year," Edwards added. "There will be a larger advertising budget for the show, with the Avalanche Journal's special ads and sections, and a large radio and television budget"

The show draws attendance from the Lubbock trade area each year and has become popular with all kinds of exhibitors. There are only four

exhibit booths remaining for sale, and they will be filled soon, Edwards said.

Exhibitors already committed for the show, in addition to all the new car dealers, are Graves Harley Davidson, Scoggin Dickey Parts, GIMAC Finance, Shamrock Accessories, Alan Henry Insurance, Sports Car Club of America, South Plains College, Texas Dept of Public Safety, City Traffic Department, and Sports Car Club of America.

KTXT-TV Schedules Fundraising Festival

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University's educational television station, KTXT-TV, the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) affiliate for the South Plains, will conduct its annual on-air fundraising event March 1-16. "Festival 2003" will air on Channel 5 (Cox Cable Channel 4 in Lubbock). This year's theme is "Be More, Watch and Support Your Public Television!"

Station officials have set a goal of \$100,000 for the two-week long event, giving South Plains residents ample opportunity to support local public television as an essential community resource. Funds raised during the telethon will go directly to the purchase and

broadcast of programming.

"Public television is a unique cultural and educational resource that can never be replaced by commercial television; either broadcast or cable," said Tim Chambers. KTXT-TV's development director KTXT-TV is now in its 41st year of providing educational television to the people of the South Plains.

The Festival 2003 schedule will feature an encore airing of "Skinwalkers: An American Mystery!" based on the best-selling novels of Tony Hillerman. In addition J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the "Lord of the Rings" books, will be featured in a documentary of his life.

Musical specials including: "Lawrence Welk: God Bless America," "Queens Concerts: Party at the Palace," "Daniel O'Donnell and Friends," "The American Tencors" and "The Irish Tenors; Live from Belfast" will once again highlight the schedule.

Nostalgic concerts to be presented include "He Touched Me: The Gospel Music of Elvis Presley," "Judy Garland: The Concert Years," "American Soundtrack; Rhythm, Love and Soul" and "This Land is Your Land."

Doug Smith and his music will be featured in a documentary produced by KACV-TV in Amarillo, and "Lyle Lovett In Concert: A Soundstage Special" will be part of the special programming schedule.

"Many of the regular favorites such as Antiques Roadshow," "Exxon Mobil Masterpiece Theatre," "This Old House" and "Great Performances" will be part of the Festival 2003 schedule," said Chambers.

Weekday mornings will focus on fund-raising around children's programming, such as "Sesame Street," "Berenstain Bears," "Dragon Tales," "Barney & Friends" and "Arthur." An emphasis will be placed on asking parents, grandparents and caregivers to keep the tradition of outstanding children's programs strong by making a pledge.

The station will be offering DVDs, VHS Tapes and CDs from select programs during evening broadcasting. Pledges also can be sent via KTXT-TV's Web site at www.ktxt.org. For more information on KTXT-TV's Festival 2003 or to make a donation, call Chambers at (806) 742-2209.

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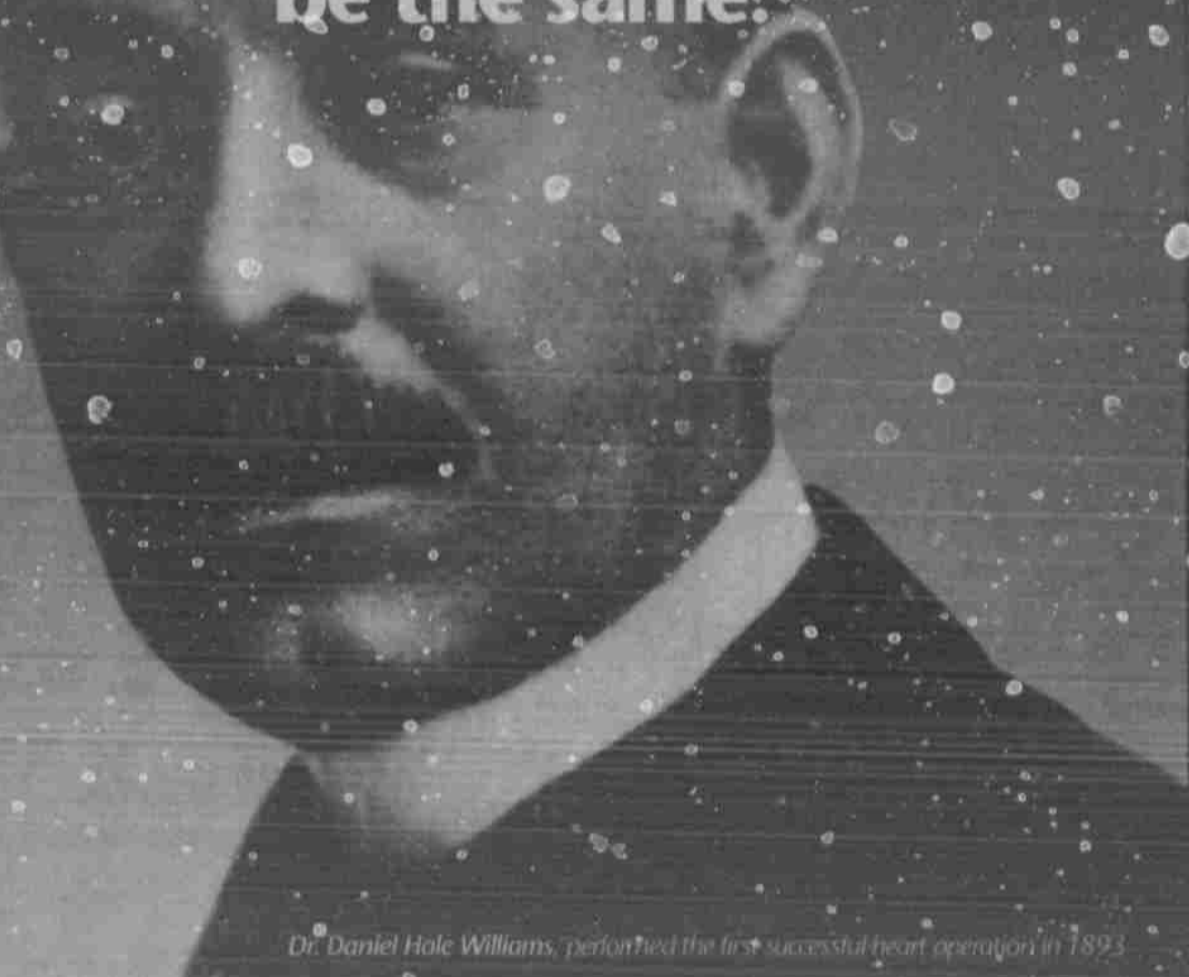
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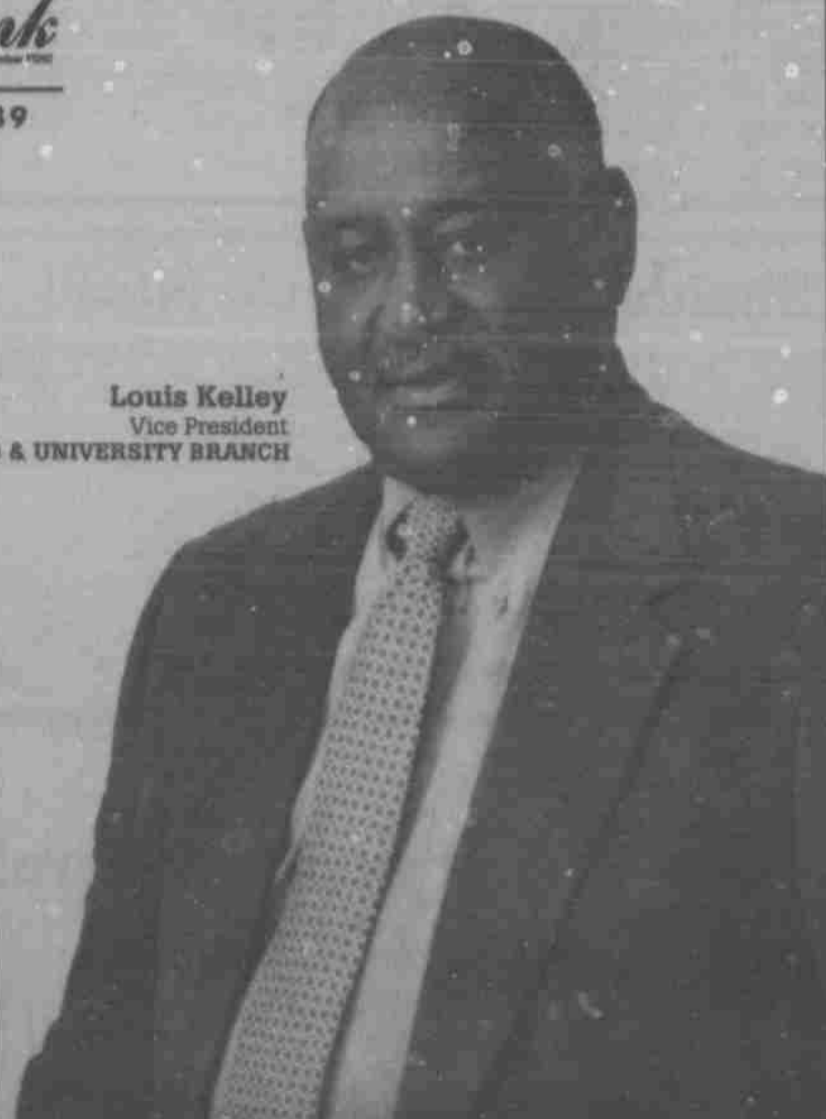
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